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PRODUCTION FIGURES RE-CHECKED BY BOARD

Proof of County's Production Made
For State Heads

WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS LARGE

Official Figures Low For Base Period
In County

After a conference with state college officials the local allotment committee have decided to prepare the figures for each year of the base period in such a manner as to be ready evidence of the wheat production of the county. At first it was thought necessary to prepare only those for 1931 as that was the only year in great dispute. These figures will be sent to the state board of review for the purpose of raising the allotment of the county.

The board has warehouse receipt records for each year showing nearly as much wheat was warehoused as was credited to the county by the government. When the amounts shipped by truck, seeded and fed are added the figures for each year total considerably more than the number set by the government statisticians.

There is a probability that the county board will not be able to have the county figure increased to its total as it has been authoritatively stated that the quota of the state will not be raised under any consideration and that no deficiency in Willamette valley counties will be transferred to eastern Oregon. Some of the eastern counties that have finished their work have found that they had a total smaller than the government quota and their excess may be given to counties having a total larger than the official figures. So far, Wasco, Sherman and Unadilla counties are over their allotment.

The data being prepared by the local committee seems to conclusively prove that this county raised more wheat than has been credited to it but it may be difficult to convince the powers that be of this fact.

Union and Wallowa counties of the eastern Oregon group are still unable to send in their data and clear, once cannot be given the other counties are under their quota. It is apparent that the deadline of December 1 will have to be set ahead in this state. It is reported that many of the papers sent in from Kansas and Texas have been returned because of errors and padded figures and it is hoped to have those of Oregon correct before they are sent to Washington.

State Championship Football Game Notes and Observations

It was a great game, that of Saturday, between the undefeated University of Oregon eleven and the likewise undefeated Oregon State team. The stadium was full. The day was clear. The teams good and so evenly matched that few cared to back their favorite with any thing but noise.

Above all from the spectators viewpoint it was a good game to watch. Nearly all the play was in the open for Oregon made many of its gains by off-tackle runs and Oregon State depended to a great degree on the end running ability of Norman Franklin. Even Mikulak, the Oregon line smasher, could be watched for the impact of his drive was so over powering that there was seldom a pile of orange and green about which nothing could be observed.

The best team won for the state players were incapable of fathoming the Oregon offense. Oregon has a real four man backfield and its plays are run from a formation that looks to be the same. O. S. C. had to depend largely on Franklin and he just couldn't do it. When he gets loose he is both fast and shifty, a fine play-

Moroites See Duck Eat Beaver

Moroites who drove to Portland on business over the week end were more numerous than usual owing to the attraction offered by the state and northwest and possibly Pacific coast championship football game between the University of Oregon and Oregon State college. Among those who lent their presence to the game and their voices to the cheering were: Messdames and Messrs Collis Moore, Elmer Barzee, Bart Purrel, Carroll Sayre, Marion McKee, Darold Belshe, Wendell Balsiger, Willy Knighten, Perry Johnston, W. H. Bagdale, George Updegraff, Giles French, Mrs. Marius Douma, Mrs. Louie Hastings, Miss Cecil Cothran, Miss Ione Miller, Miss Helen Osborn, Miss Eleanor Biggness, J. C. McKean, Keck McKean, Fred Pickett, Richard Barnes, Phil Ruggles, Alton Axtell, Ariel Morgan, Gordon and Paul Fraser, Austin Poas, Joe Morrison, John Walker, Tom Stephens, Mrs. L. L. Peetz, Leora Peetz, Signa Woods, Grace Cothran, Lyle Woods and several others.

Interest Rates On Farm Loans Reduced

The livestock men and farmers of the northwest who have access to credit through livestock loan companies, agricultural credit corporations or qualified cooperative marketing associations doing business with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, realize the importance of President Ehrhardt's announcement of a reduction of the bank's interest rate from three and one-half to three percent, effective November 15. The rate has been lowered two and a half percent in two years, as on November 16, 1931, the rate was five and a half.

The Credit Bank's system relies primarily on funds for its use from the sale of debentures, which have always been regarded as high class investments. Debentures are readily purchased by commercial banks and investment houses because of their liquidity.

The Credit Bank has discounted loans from livestock loan companies, agricultural credit corporations and banks in excess of \$115,000,000 from organization to date—a ten year period. It has also loaned approximately \$41,000,000 to cooperative marketing associations.

Loans outstanding at the close of business October 31, were: \$28,000,000. "Due to the recent increased demand for agricultural products, cooperative associations have not borrowed as heavily this past season," stated Mr. Ehrhardt.

"A reduction of one-half of one percent in the Spokane bank's interest rate means a saving in interest charged to farmers over a twelve month period of approximately \$140,000."

Perry Johnston Appointed County Agent

Perry N. Johnston has received the appointment as county agent for Sherman county. He was locally recommended and F. L. Ballard, county agent leader for the state, named him to carry on the work he has started. Mr. Johnston has been in charge of the wheat allotment office since the first days of that organization. He is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College and while formerly a resident of Sherman county has been farming in Gilliam county for the past fourteen years. He has been active in boys and girls club work and is interested in that line of his new duties. Salary will be \$2100 per year and the appointment dates from November 17.

The office of the agent will remain in the court house for the time being and Mr. Johnston will be busy with details of the wheat allotment work. The county will spend but \$1500 for his office and the other expenses being made up by the federal and state.

Wheat Growing On Moro Parking Streets

Local business men have made some effort to decorate for the wheat league meeting by planting wheat on the parking strips about town. The damp weather of the past week has been helpful to its growth and it is hoped that it will appear in all its emerald splendor by the date if the wheat league meeting. The Lou Peetz farm plot seeding has begun to show above the ground and will serve as a model to allotment contract signers.

County Business For November Term

Claims Presented and Allowed at the November Term of Court, 1933.

General Fund	
Othniel M. Chambers Speaker at county Institute	\$26.00
Art Johnson Additional janitor work at school on account county Institute	5.00
Moro Womens' Auxiliary Meals for guests at teaching institute 4 at 35 c	1.40
The Dalles Type Exchange Work on Treasurer and Superintendent's machines	7.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats County charge	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck County Charge	20.00
W. J. Underhill County Charge	20.00
S. E. Eakin County poor	10.00
Jim Tomlin County charge	25.00
Dr. C. L. Poley Vital Statistics reports	2.50
W. E. Tate Vital Statistics reports	1.00
Oregon State Board of Control Care of non-violent patients	60.00
Pacific Power & Light Co. Court house bill	\$6.00
DeMoss	\$2.50
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co. Total telephone bills	16.55
City of Moro Courthouse water bill	4.85
J. C. Freeman & Co. Supplies for feeble minded at Salem	.90
West Coast Printing & Bind Co. Clerk's supplies	12.66
State Indus. Acc. Com. Balance due and Oct contributions	16.91
West Coast Print. & Bind Co. Clerk's record books and blanks	27.13
Flora Williams Work in Superintendent's office	30.00
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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 15

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 9	54	31	.00
" 10	60	35	.00
" 11	62	32	.00
" 12	41	31	.04
" 13	36	31	.06
" 14	35	30	.03
" 15	37	32	.03
Total for week			.16

FINANCES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEET

Government Agency Heads To Speak
Here in December

ENRHART AND PEAK EXPECTED

Government Has Many Forms of Farm
Credit

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference at Moro, December 8 and 9, will attempt to get to the heart of the farm finance problem as it affects eastern Oregon wheat growers. Recognizing this as one of the outstanding problems of the day, the League's executive committee has arranged to devote the entire afternoon of the first day to the presentation of the problem, to a discussion of the government measures already invoked to help in the solution, and to a discussion of any proposed measures.

E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane has accepted an invitation to deliver one of the principal addresses of the afternoon on "Farm Finances." Someone, probably Geo. N. Peak of the National Farm Credit Administration will discuss the organization of production credit associations.

All those in attendance—and Moro is preparing to entertain a big crowd—will be fully informed of the types of loans now available to farmers through government agencies, and it will be attempted to unravel all red tape in an understandable manner.

Three types of loans were made available to farmers through the Emergency Farm Mortgage act of 1933, to be administered by the federal land banks, and the land bank commissioner under the farm credit administration. These loans were for the purpose, first, to refinance indebtedness of farmers; secondly, to provide working capital for farm operations; and thirdly, to redeem or repurchase foreclosed farm property. While the machinery for making these loans has been in operation for some time, the executive committee feels there is not sufficient general understanding of the set-up to make the relief as far-reaching as it should be.

Statistics from the United States Department of Agriculture show that in this section of the northwest the annual mortgage charge is more than twice the amount of all taxes paid. In Oregon the total farm mortgage indebtedness increased from \$4 million dollars in 1910 to 116 million in 1930, though the latter figure is somewhat less than the peak reached in 1928.

"The burden of fixed charges resting upon farmers depends, of course, upon the relationship of these charges to the farm income available for meeting them," Secretary Wallace has said in commenting on the problem. "As compared with previous situations fixed charges in the form of interest on farm debts and taxes on farm property are roughly 2 1/2 times as large, while the gross income in 1932 falls nearly 25 percent below the pre-war figures. Furthermore, these charges must be met out of the income remaining after current farm and family expenditures are deducted, and still further, they can be paid only from cash income."

This gives some of the reasons why the executive committee deems the farm finance problem vital enough to demand half a day of the conference time at Moro. Other vital problems will be up, too, for the discussion of which Moro has provided good quarters. Assurance is also given that adequate rooming and eating facilities will be provided for all who attend—and the latch string is hanging on the outside.

Read the ads in the Journal

Legonnaires, Auxiliaries To Wasco, Forward, Hrhc

Attention Legionnaires!
Wasco post will entertain the service men of the county and the members of the Auxiliary next Saturday night, November 18. The place will be Fraternity Hall in Wasco. Entertainment will consist of a program, a dance, some card playing and an oyster feed. Veterans of Sherman county and Antelope are invited.

This is the second of the general county meetings that are being held this winter to get the posts together for bigger and better meetings. The first one was held in Moro last month and was voted a success by several of those present.

Uncle Sam Has Place For Agricultural Experts

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Assistant Psychologist, \$2,600 to \$3,100 a year, Public Health Service, for duty at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Senior Agricultural Economist, \$4,600 a year. Agricultural Economist, \$3,800 a year. Associate Agricultural Economist, \$2,600 a year. Agricultural Adjustment Administration and Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Senior Inspector, \$2,600 a year. Inspector, \$2,000 a year. Junior Inspector, \$1,620 a year. Optional branches—ship construction (hull), ship construction (mechanical), ship construction (electrical), engineering materials (mechanical), and hull materials.

Saturday Night Fire Burns Vacant House

Fire destroyed the Conrad house in Grass Valley Saturday night. About 9:30 the alarm was given that there was a fire in town but when fire fighters arrived at the scene the house was all in flames and nothing could be done but watch it burn. The house has not been occupied for some time. It was built on the Allison land west of town and moved to town by Herb Maricle when he bought the Allison farm, now a part of John Conroy's ranch.

Suspicion is growing that the numerous fires in unoccupied houses in Grass Valley are not all accidental. This latest fire is the fourth that has destroyed vacant houses and two other houses have been a fire during that time.

Crop Report Gives 515,000,000 As Total

The November 1 crop report of the United States Department of Agriculture gives 515,000,000 bushels as the total wheat crop of the United States. This compares to 726,000,000 bushels for 1932 and 861,000,000 bushels for the average in the 1926-30 period.

Oregon raised over two million bushels less wheat at Washington farmers produced nearly 4 million bushels more than in 1932. The winter wheat crop in Oregon was less than 30 percent of last years and that of Washington was about half of the previous years production.

License Examiner Coming Wednesday

E. R. Thurber, examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Wednesday, November 22, 1933, at the Courthouse, between the hours of 10 to 5, respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Thurber during these hours.

Let the Journal do your printing

Automobile Owners Owe Another \$5 Soon

Automobile owners in Oregon will receive reminders this week of the approach of another registration year when more than 250,000 letters are released in the mails by Hal E. Hoss, Secretary of State.

A twelve month license may be purchased for \$5.00 for private passenger cars to be registered for the year 1934, the new rate being the lowest enjoyed by the car owners for many years. A return to the earlier plan of registering motor vehicles on a calendar year basis brings a renewal season twice within the twelve months, as well as restoring Oregon to a registration year on a similar schedule with other states in the union.

Those desiring to make application for plates for the new season at an early date may send in their remittances and their registration cards, properly signed, at any time and plates will be mailed from Salem to reach the applicants on December 15, the first date on which 1934 licenses may be used, suggests Mr. Hoss.

A drawing or low license numbers will be held November 27 and all applications received at that time will be included. Special numbers will be assigned in order to continue the expeditious handling of plates.

Senator Yates Ready For Legislative Session

Senator J. P. Yates, of Wasco, expects to leave Saturday for Portland from where he will drive to Salem Sunday in time for the opening of the Oregon Legislature. Senator Yates is hopeful that the session will not exceed the 20 day limit and that the work before the legislators can be handled expeditiously.

Circuit Court Meeting Next Week

The circuit court for Sherman county will convene Monday morning November 20 with Judge Carl Hendricks on the bench. Three cases are on docket. One criminal case will go before the grand jury for indictment and if a true bill is found the man will be tried. Civil suits are Harder vs Harder and a suit against the State Industrial Accident commission. It is presumed that the session will last the entire week.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer November 22, 1891

Our worthy townsman R. J. Giny has been carried off by the matrimonial contagion. His bride is Miss Carrie B. Coleman, a very estimable lady from the east, well known in Sherman county.

Marriage licenses were issued the 20th to Ed McMillan and Mary Hines and to Eli Hines and Emma McMillan. A double wedding.

L. D. Holder and Miss Alice McCallum were married on the 14th. We voice public sentiment in wishing them success.

Jack Gibson was taking a shot at a coyote one day last week when the gun was not discharged. In throwing the shell out it exploded a fragment hitting him in the eye which had to be removed.

Misses Hattie Hill, Josie Bush and Kittie Coon were given certificates to teach after the examinations last week.

From the Observer November 25, 1904

Mr. M. A. Bull and Miss Della Elliott were married on Thanksgiving day at the residence of George Meloy near Monkland.

A reasonable amount of water was secured at 195 feet on the farm of Dan McLachlan by Tomlin's drill. Dan has kept a team on the road for 22 years hauling water and will ap-

WASCO-MORO FOOTBALL CLASH DUE SATURDAY

Championship of County At Stake In
Annual Game

TEAMS ARE EVENLY MATCHED

Big Crowd Expected To Watch Gridiron
Battle

Sherman countians, having displayed their enthusiasm about football games in the city, now have an opportunity to attend one in the county that has the same significance locally as did the Oregon-Oregon State game to the state. Wasco and Moro high school teams will do battle next Saturday on the Wasco field for the championship of the county.

Wasco has been in the habit of winning the annual game in years past but Moro upset the apple cart last year in a close game which has helped their mental condition and has aroused the Wasco lads to a stronger determination. Records of the two teams this year show little difference in their strength.

Teams that have played both Wasco and Moro are Dufur, which won by about the same score from each. Wasco, however, held the Dufur boys for three quarters, but when Watkins was injured they collapsed and lost heart. Grass Valley was defeated by Wasco 25 to 0 while Moro won by a score of 41 to 0, whatever that means.

The injury to Watkins, one of the strongest players of the Wasco team, may give Moro a slight advantage as all of the Moro lads are able to play in the final game of the year. There is little difference in the weight of the two teams.

The game will start promptly at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Harold Hughes, of Grass Valley, as referee and Collis Moore as one of the field force. Admission will be 35 cents for adults.

Mrs. George Williams had a slight operation performed on her right thumb Saturday in The Dalles. It was found necessary to remove the nail to stop an infection.

preciate the difference.

Robert Kaseberg and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson will be starting home from Illinois next week.

Teachers of the county met in convention with J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent, present. A number of well known names dot the list of instructors present. The discussion was largely about the low wage offered women teachers.

A social dance at L. L. Belshe's farm Friday night sped the hours until early morning.

From the Observer November 20, 1914
Harry Horner and Miss Mabel Young were married at Kent on the 11th.

Circuit court meeting brought up five cases one of which had to do with the route of the Hay Canyon road. Those contesting the road were not satisfied with the location or the damages allowed. Four jury cases were before the court.

Through E. O. McCoy and L. Barnum the county was being asked to subscribe for the support of the suffering women and children of Belgium. Flour was to be sent to the needy in the war zone.

C. E. Sheets, is a magician as well as an engineer. He pokes a wire through a wall and pretty soon a light comes off a wire. This time it is lights at the C. R. Belshe residence.