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UNEMPLOYED PUT TO WORK

Civil Works Provides Funds For Immediate Relief

31 MEN AT WORK TODAY

Hastily Called Meetings Result In Ample Plans

ALL PARTS OF COUNTY AIDED

County Officers, Mayors, School Heads Outline Jobs

Civil Works Administrators for the county returned late Wednesday night with relief jobs for 31 men in this county. Jobs passed by the state board include the straightening and cleaning out of the ditch in Moro to employ 4 men, the painting of the Moro school house to employ 3 men, the work on the Scott Canyon road to employ 4 men from Rufus, 4 men from Kent and 3 from Wasco, the lowering of pipes in Wasco to employ 6 men and the street work in Grass Valley to employ 7 men. This latter work will be done with teams instead of with hand labor. All work must begin Friday morning.

Other work passed by the county committee was not submitted to the state committee because only 31 men may be put to work at present. However, the other projects will be approved later in the opinion of the county committee attending the state session.

Monday there was hurried discussion and organization as George Wilcox, newly appointed Civil Works administrator for Sherman county, talked to county officials, mayors and school directors about the regulations of the latest government initiated corporation.

County relief committees Wilcox, Dunlap, Axtell, Potter, Powell, Freeman and Mrs. Hailey were appointed as the Civil Works board for the county. They met with officials in Wasco, passed out advice and applications and named Tuesday night as the final date when the applications could be returned to them for approval.

Tuesday night applications were received from political subdivisions and the following were approved by the county committee who promptly took them to Portland for approval by the state committee that met Wednesday. New Disbursing officer R. O. Scott accompanied them.

The inception of the Civil Works Administration, CWA, was the president's desire that unemployed should have something to do this winter. It had to be put into operation quickly. Saturday the relief committee of Oregon received their orders and regulations, Sunday the county relief heads got theirs, along with an appointment as CW Administrators, Monday and Tuesday they aided in the preparation of applications and Wednesday they met with the state committee for approval. Work must start on some works by Monday next.

Civil Works will hire the unemployed 30 hours per week at 50 cents per hour. Skilled labor will receive more. Counties, school districts and municipalities will provide the work. In most cases they will also provide the materials. The work will continue until some time in February and may be continued thereafter if the need seems great enough. Sixty three persons of Sherman county will be put to work, half of them immediately.

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Mrs. Simon Elcock Buried Last Week

Word was received here by R. J. Ginn that Mrs. Simon Elcock died at her home in Roseville, Cal., on the 14th of November and was buried there on the 16th.

The Elcock family lived in Sherman county for many years, coming here in 1883 from Umatilla county. Mr. Elcock died at Roseville, April 6, 1929. While here, they farmed in the Hay Canyon district where the family still own land and later Mr. Elcock was interested in a store located in Moro. Four daughters survive Mrs. Elcock. They are Mrs. George Brown, of The Dalles, Mrs. Minnie Biggerstaff and Mrs. Nora Axtell of Roseville, Cal., and Mrs. Anna Saddington of Portland. A son, Robert, also lives in Roseville.

Non-High School Board Passes Budget

The non-high school board held another of its contentious sessions Friday and consumed the entire day listening to proposals and plans for changing the school system of the county. Results: passage of the budget as published and final decision on the method of payment to districts for high school pupil transportation.

The non-high school board will pay to high school districts for payment to rural districts (this is the only method possible under the law) two and a half cents per mile for the first pupil, one cent a mile for the second pupil and one half cent per mile for additional pupils. All mileages figured from the school house in the district. Transportation will be paid for the entire 1933-34 term.

Exceptions to this rule: when a bus from one district picks up pupils in another district payment is for additional pupils only. This will prevent a bus from getting 2 and a half cents for any pupils after the first one. All high school pupils must receive transportation or no payment will be made to the district. This ruling is to prevent pupils living in out of way places from being passed up by the bus driver.

There were many divergent opinions expressed during the course of the meeting. A. G. Futter proposed that the board pay no high school tuition for three years and allow parents to send their children to school where they chose at their own expense. At the end of that time the board would have money enough on hand, \$33,000, to build a good high school for non-high district pupils. Others contended for a continuance of the present school plans.

Allotment Committee Works All Night

The members of the allotment committee returned from their last week trip to Corvallis bearing instructions to procure additional data from sources foreign to that contained in the applications and bring it to Corvallis this week.

They labored over adding machines and charts compiling the data for the past period, trying to find evidence to prove that farmers of the county had actually produced the amounts of wheat they said they did on the filed applications. The regular office force and girls, hastily recruited, wrote down items of feed, seed, trucking etc. until everything listed on the original applications could be told for the county.

Monday night, after a days struggle with figures that did not come out just right, the committee came back to the office for a final bout with their sheets, charts and machines. Others dropped in and were utilized at various jobs that needed doing.

At four o'clock in the morning, after a night of work, Committeemen Davis and Pinkerton and county agent Johnston left for Corvallis where they were to appear before the board of review for a hearing on their claims about wheat production in Sherman county.

The figures gotten from the warehouses in many cases are almost as

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WHEAT LEAGUE GROUPS HAVE WEIGHTY SUBJECTS

Usual Series Discussions Will Be The Rule Again

PROGRAM NEARS COMPLETION

Interest of All Farmers Needed To Settle The Serious Problems

The various committees appointed for the Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting at Moro, December 8 and 9 are swinging into action reports Chas. W. Smith, Secretary of the League.

The Taxation Committee with J. B. Adams of Moro as chairman and Mac Hoke of Pendleton as vice chairman, has had a preliminary meeting and is gathering information about taxation and legislative problems. Definite recommendations will be made about all the points of the Governor's unemployed relief committee and definite recommendations will be made to legislators from the Columbia Basin district. This arrangement has certain taxation convictions, including the very certain one that eventually local taxes must be partially met by indirect taxes such as income and sales taxes; thereby lifting part of the load from real estate.

The Transportation Committee with L. J. Kelly of The Dalles as chairman and John Withycombe of Arlington as vice chairman, will discuss new developments on the Columbia River. Many people do not know that boat loads of wheat are moving down the Columbia every day now and have for some weeks. How to extend and safeguard this boat movement of wheat with its resultant lower freight rates is a problem which looms large in the minds of wheat growers.

The Committee dealing with wheat handling, warehousing, etc., with B. Proudfoot of Wasco as chairman and Earl Hoag of Blalock as vice chairman, has perhaps as its biggest problem, new conditions in wheat marketing. With the program of Administration going into effect to reduce wheat acreage, a determined national effort is underway to eventually reduce wheat production to a domestic basis. If this happens, we must sell wheat from this district to

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Economic Institute Due This Week End

Mr. Roy R. Hewitt, an attorney at law of Salem, and a student of the present economic and social situation, and Dr. Fred B. Messing, executive secretary of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society with office in Portland, will be at Wasco and Moro Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, to hold an institute at which problems of public interest will be discussed. Dewey Thompson of Moro, Dr. J. A. Butler and Walter Warner of Wasco, form the committee sponsoring the institute. The people of the county are asked to hand in the questions they want asked of these men for discussion. George Wilcox of Grass Valley, Marion McKee and A. M. Wright of Moro, and J. O. Yocum and E. D. McKee of Wasco will receive these questions and hand them in to the leaders.

The following is the program of the institute

2:00 p. m. Dr. Messing
4:00 p. m. Dr. Messing
6:30 p. m. Pot Luck dinner
7:30 p. m. Dr. Messing

Silver offering will be taken at his final address.

Sunday, Wasco Methodist Church. Continued on Page four.

Production Loans Important To County

One of the plans to be discussed by Mr. Ehrhardt, of the Federal Land Bank when he comes to the wheat league meeting will be of particular interest to farmers of Sherman county this year. It is the proposal of the government to make production loans to farmers to allow them to continue to raise crops. It will largely take the place of the R. A. C. C. loans that were made last year.

Provisions of the bill as learned here are that at least ten farmers must form an association as under the federal land bank act. Each borrower will take out stock of 5 percent of his loan which will be deducted from his money when it is received by him. Upon payment of the money it will be returned to him.

Security for the loans will be growing crops and growing livestock. This form of government credit will take the place of local bank loans to a great extent and will be handled much the same.

As considerable time is required to set up associations under government regulations it is likely that steps will soon be taken to establish such an organization in this county to be prepared to handle necessary credits in the spring.

MORO-WASCO PLAY TIE GAME OF FOOTBALL

Score of 6 to 6 Ends Close Game With Both Sides Unhappy

What happens when an immovable body is brought into contact with an irremovable force was exemplified last Saturday when the high school teams of Moro and Wasco met on the Wasco field. Both got badly dented and somewhat battered and often the on-lookers are a bit out of control as well. It all happened.

Moro, taking advantage of a tail wind, quick kicked over the Wasco safety's head as soon as they received the ball in the first quarter and by that move put the Wasco boys on the defensive at the start. The visiting team was able to put over a score before the quarter ended, Barnes carrying it over on a run through the left side of the Wasco line. Goal was not kicked making the score 6-0.

Until far into the remaining minutes of the game this was the only count made and the teams saw-sawed back and forth in the middle of the field with neither side having a decided advantage. The wind was quite a factor throughout the game.

In the last quarter after Barnes had been taken out of the game with a sprained ankle and little Howard Conlee had been put in his place at left half the Wasco boys renewed their passing attack with Moro backed up against their goal line. Aided by three severe penalties on the Moro boys principally for interference with the pass receiver, Wasco was finally able to put the ball over the line to even the score. They were unsuccessful in kicking the ball over the stick so the score remained tied.

Moro was penalized nearly 100 yards during the game. Two fifteen yard penalties were for holding, two for interference and one for unnecessary roughness. Penalties really spoiled the game as Moro fans and well wishers became extremely doubtful of the fair intentions of at least one of the officials while Wasco adherents yelled for more penalties against Barnes for roughing.

Wasco excelled in passing, showing a success in making their passes work that was almost uncanny. Moro was superior in interference running and blocking. Barnes was the most successful ball carrier for Moro and offensively he had a good day. Defensively he was given to tackling above the ears. Spencer and Wilde did a nice job of running the ends for Wasco and added to the flashy play of the game.

Officials were Hughes, Grass Valley referee, Barnett, Wasco, umpire and Schunke, Wasco, head linesman.

Kent Grange, No. 688 will hold an all day meeting Saturday, November 25.

Read the ads in the Journal

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS WITH BUT ONE CASE

Jury Gives Whiteman 10 Percent of His Request

LAMBORN CASE IS SETTLED

Plea of Guilty To Assault Charge Made By Defendant

The circuit court session of Sherman county for November attracted more attention for what was not done than for what was tried. Many persons attended the session to listen to the State vs Lamborn trial and sat patiently through the Whiteman vs State Industrial Accident Commission trial, listening to medical testimony and lawyers arguments they did not care for. In the end the Lamborn case was not tried at all.

Whiteman vs State resulted in a jury verdict of 10 percent of the damages asked for. Whiteman, a young man from Hood River county was injured while working for a contractor on the highway work near Rufus last spring. He contended that he suffered a partial permanent disability. The State held that he had the same symptoms before his injury.

Jury members were Don Clodfelter, Howard Conlee, R. O. Scott, Harold Eakin, A. J. Murray, Martin Meizer, J. L. Brackett, T. M. Rolfe, Clyde Smith, George McKay, George Blackburn and Roy Tiller.

A large number of Portland and Hood River doctors appeared on the witness stand and talked about symptoms in the jargon understandable to members of their profession alone.

The grand jury, with W. L. Wilson, of Rufus, as chairman, found a true bill against George Lamborn. Members were: Frank Haynes, W. E. Bruckert, Karl Eaton, Ove Hansen, W. C. Helyer and W. C. Miller.

An agreement was reached between prosecution and defense in this case and the defendant pled guilty to assault on the girl on or about the same day as the previous indictment for rape had charged.

Active jury members, tired from their two day attentiveness to legal testimony, members of the jury panel weary from decorating the unyielding chairs of the court room while waiting their chance at duty, and spectators, robbed of their anticipated thrill, left for home Tuesday evening. Circuit court for this year was finished.

Commercial Club Backs Knox Committee Report

The executive committee of the commercial club met Friday night to discuss its stand on the liquor situation. The report of the state wide committee that studied the liquor question was read and the committee voted to recommend to legislators from this district that a system of state control and operation be passed by the legislature.

Legislative Bills May Be Found At Journal Office

Senator Yates is sending copies of all bills introduced in the legislature to this office where they can be read by anyone interested in them. To date there have been several important measures introduced. Probably the one having the most interest to the average person is the Beekman bill for state liquor control. It follows the Knox committee report closely.

Kent Grange, No. 688 will hold an all day meeting Saturday, November 25.

Woman's Club Listens To Liquor Control Talk

The Moro Woman's Club enjoyed a varied program last Friday with topics ranging from the present day political problems to the perils and joys of the Pilgrim children.

Fred Pickett, as secretary of the Moro Commercial Club, had been requested by Governor Meier's Liquor Control Investigation Committee to ascertain which of the proposed methods would be approved by the Commercial Club and Woman's Club and to ask them to forward their recommendations to their legislators. The Woman's Club went on record as favoring the state owned store method of distribution.

The program features of the meeting consisted of two delightful numbers by Mary Louise Sayrs, "Family Traits," a pianologue, and "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf." A most interesting paper by Mrs. T. B. Searcy of excerpts from a Pilgrim Girl's Diary and a short story of old time New England; a dramatic reading by Mrs. Foley, "Her First Appearance" which held the audience breathless; and letters from absent former members. Those heard from were Mrs. Arthur Hicks, Mrs. J. R. Morgan, and Mrs. A. M. Zevely.

Attention of members is called to a change in the date of the next meeting which will be Guest Day. This meeting will be held Friday, December 8, at 2:00 p. m. at the Presbyterian church. A guest speaker will be present and a silver tea will be served by the club. Mrs. T. A. Reese requests loans of antique china and glass ware by members and others to be used as a display for the occasion.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 22

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 16	49	31	.01
" 17	45	29	.01
" 18	39	34	.00
" 19	45	32	.03
" 20	50	35	.01
" 21	59	35	.04
" 22	64	45	.01
Total for week			.11

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer November 29 1894

Four newly wedded couples attended the Presbyterian church in Moro on Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hunting, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holder, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schaeffer, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ginn.

The Scarf and Necktie party, at Moore Bros. hall Thursday night, was a decided success and the managers, Elvin Barnum and James Darnelle, are deserving of a note of thanks for their painstaking effort to make things pleasant for all. Moro was well represented, and there was a goodly number present from Grass Valley, Wasco, Erskenville, Biggs, Dufur, Dechutes and other points.

An oyster supper was served at Campbells Main Street Restaurant.

Moro will soon lose Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Leet. They are preparing to return to their old Valley home.

Mr. Fairchild took possession of the City Hotel on the 24th.

A. Houghton formerly of South Dakota has located near Kent. He is breaking horses preparatory to hauling lumber to build him a house.

Mrs. Denohue's health is improving. Her daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey is still with her.

From the Observer December 2, 1904.

S. S. Hayes is expected home from the valley of Oregon this week.

Del Calbreath and family assisted at John Johnsons on the 24th, with others in discussing the Thanksgiving turkey.

J. F. Belshoe and wife had a family reunion Thanksgiving day, at which representatives of four generations in the family were present.

Hubert Smith has cut out foot ball

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL DISCUSS BILLS

Liquor Control, Relief and Taxation Are Subjects

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT DUE

Talk on Mitchell-Antelope Road May Be Heard

The Moro Commercial Club will hold a meeting at the hotel Tuesday night November 28 at which several of the most important bills now before the legislature will be discussed by local men. Also final plans for the entertainment of the wheat league will be formulated. This will be the final meeting of the club before the meeting which will convene here Friday December 8.

Discussion will center on the explanation of liquor control bills now in process of formulation. This subject will be handled by Fred Pickett secretary of the club and delegate to the state repeal convention last August.

George Wilcox, of Grass Valley, chairman of the county relief work and newly appointed CW Administrator for the county will talk on the relief measures before the state legislature and the general relief needs of the state.

Taxation bills in the legislative hopper will be the subject of Giles French. He will take up particularly the measures proposed by the governor's committee that proposed taxation measures and bills for new state taxes.

It is expected that Ben Taylor, of Mitchell, will be present to speak about the Mitchell-Antelope road that has been the topic of some debate in this county since the latest controversy on road building began.

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