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CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS TO EMPLOY MORE MEN

Sixty Three in County, Twenty Outside To Be Hired

SCOTT IS COUNTY MANAGER

Men Will Receive Pay Every Saturday From Disburser

The speed with which the civil works administration put men to work after less than a week of planning has left many persons still unacquainted with the regulations under which the work is being done. Even the men working, in some instances, do not know their exact status, but they are glad to be at work again nevertheless.

The meeting in Portland last week when civil works projects were approved by the state committee was a very hastily called one and many of those who attended did not have an opportunity to learn all they would like to know about the work.

R. O. Scott was confirmed as disbursing officer for Sherman county and was later named as national re-employment manager for the county. As disbursing officer he will have the duty of checking the time books of job foremen and making out checks for the men. As national re-employment manager he will be in charge of registrations by unemployed as his office will be a federal office for reemployment. He will be in direct charge of all civil works in the county. With George Wilcox, county civil works chairman, he will see that public bodies have work projects completed in time to keep men at work steadily until February 15th.

He will pick the men for the job according to their fitness and under definite rules set forth by the government. First to be put to work will be veterans with dependents, second, men with dependents, third, veterans, fourth, single men. All workers must be citizens of the United States and must be residents of the county where they are employed. No one with a job when the civil works started may quit and go on civil works and men with other means of support are not eligible. This is construed to exclude farmers or others who have anything to sell except labor.

Thirty one men are now at work in the county and 32 others will be put on jobs before December 10. These will be taken from the list of registrants in the county. Unemployed may

City Council To Meet For New Legislation

The city council of Moro will meet next Tuesday night, December 5. One of the things to be discussed is the advisability of repealing the city liquor ordinance in conformity to the state law that will change the situation within a short time.

Senator Yates Aids Power Project

Senator Yates, not usually given to introducing many bills, has his name on a bill designed to empower the state voters to sanction a bond issue for the purpose of giving the state money with which to transmit power from central stations or establish power plants of its own. Senators, Zimmerman, Brown, Burke, Hess, Hazlett and Representative Hilton are the other authors.

Civil Service Can Use Some Agriculturists

The United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications until December 12 for positions of conservationists (forestry) of various grades, to fill vacancies under the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. These new positions have been created by the emergency work approved by the Public Works Board as part of the National Recovery Act program, and appointments may be only for the duration of such work.

A separate list of eligibles in each grade will be established for each of the following optional: Erosion control, silviculture, range management, forest or range ecology, forest economics, forest administration, forest recreation, and forest land acquisition. The salaries range from \$2,600 to \$6,400 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3-1/2 per cent.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in any city which has a city of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

register with R. O. Scott at the City hall in Wasco, J. C. Freeman at the store in Moro and George Wilcox at Grass Valley.

The decision of Judge Hendricks in the Everett vs Eakin case that was tried in September has been filed. It gives Everett damages to the extent of \$265.00 and cancels the lease under which Eakin has been farming the Everett place. In order to collect the amount due Everett an order of sale was made against the Eakin possessions in the county both real and personal.

Moro Ready For Wheat League Meeting December 8th and 9th

Moro has another week to get ready for the wheat league meeting. That should not be too difficult a job for preparations have been under way for several weeks and plans are well completed. The first change the frequent visitor to the city might notice is the wheat growing in the parking strip along the street. It was planted when the first committee meeting was held and is now up and gives the city rather a rural look.

Many store keepers have kept a part of their space bare to show the allotment taken out. Foss & Co. have the letters "Wheat League" spelled out in their parking strip as a novelty.

Window decorations are going in rapidly for the meeting. A representative of the Crown Mills was here this week and made up two displays for merchants who gave the use of their windows. D. E. Stephens is putting a window display for the experiment station in the window of the Moro Hardware Co., Joe Truitt has fastened an armful of old harvest pictures which he will display, McKee and Balalige will decorate the drug store windows with a scene representing the transportation difficulties

of the farmer and many others will take some recognition of the advent of the wheat growers from other counties who will be here Friday.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the school house with committee meetings held in the class rooms. School will be dismissed Friday.

The program this year is a good one, with the emphasis being placed on the governmental activities that affect the wheat grower. Attendees will learn of the new farm credit facilities and of the working of the domestic allotment plan. They will discuss their transportation problems and their production troubles as they relate to the new deal.

A large crowd of farmers is expected. Because of the conditions in the wheat belt it is thought that a majority of the visitors will come from Wasco, Gilliam and Sherman counties. Local farmers are especially invited to attend the meetings and learn of the work of the league as it is the farmers professional society and is maintained for their benefits alone. All meetings are instructive and interesting and well worth the time and expense.

PROGRAM FOR WHEAT MEETING COMPLETED

Wide Interest Displayed In Finance Matters

DECEMBER 8-9 TIME OF MEET

Transportation and Production Will Be Talked

The 1933 conference of the wheat growers of eastern Oregon will have farm finances as a central theme with transportation and the government selling subsidy as other topics to be discussed.

The program as released this week indicates that nearly all afternoon Friday, the first day of the meeting will be given over to a thorough explanation of the new financial corporations set up by the federal government for the relief of the farmers mortgage difficulties. Leading this explanation will be Mr. E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank, of Spokane.

The assistant manager of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, Mr. F. B. Matson, will give the first complete explanation of production loans and the establishment of production loan associations. These loans are designed to give the farmer credit facilities much the same as was formerly had from county banks.

Dr. W. A. Schoenfeldt, of Oregon State college, will talk on the adjustment of farm mortgages and Eugene Courtney, manager of the First National branch in The Dalles will have for his subject the country bank and the new financial set-up.

Saturday's program will include transportation topics, co-operative buying of gasoline, a talk on subsidized wheat exporting by Orris Dorman and Harold Sanford and a talk by D. E. Stephens, of the Sherman county branch station on the new developments in experimental work.

The four committees will meet and perform their labors while the general meetings are not in session. They will work nights and at other times gathering information and preparing resolutions for the consideration of the wheat league assembly.

The complete program follows: December 8.

9:00 - 9:05 Call to order by President Frank Emerson of The Dalles.

9:06 - 9:25 Address of Welcome—Giles French, Mayor of Moro.

9:25 - 9:45 Response—E. M. Huldén, Arlington.

9:45 - 10:00 The Work of the Wheat League—Frank Emerson, President.

10:00 - 11:00 Wheat Production Control Assn.—Cox or Mumford, Washington, D. C.

11:00 - 12:00 Committee meetings.

1:15 - 2:00 Farm Finances—E. M. Ehrhardt, President Federal Land Bank, Spokane.

2:00 - 2:45 Setting up Production Credit Associations—F. B. Matson, Assistant Manager, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Spokane.

2:45 - 3:05 Farm Mortgage Adjustments—W. A. Schoenfeldt, Corvallis.

3:05 - 3:25 The County Bank and the New Financial Set Up—Gene Courtney, The Dalles.

3:25 - 6:15 Committee meetings.

6:30 Banquet December 9.

8:30 - 9:00 Committee meetings.

9:00 - 9:30 Columbia River Navigation—Shelby Wiggins, Portland.

9:30 - 10:15 Gasoline Cooperatives—J. O. Kincaid, Ione; S. S. Cully, Athena. Cooperative buying—Roy Penny, Hermiston.

10:15 - 10:45 Subsidized wheat Exportation—continued on page four.

Bigger Locks To Be Asked For By Group

Believe it or not, but the United States Engineers have started construction of the dam at Bonneville on the Columbia River, working under specifications that call for locks of smaller dimension than those now in existence at Cascade Locks. Word residents of the mid-Columbia learned this from press reports they carried their story to Chas. L. McNary, who is accredited with a successful contact with President Roosevelt that resulted in the allocation by the latter of the \$31,000,000 for building of the great power structure.

However, President Roosevelt, as has been revealed in press reports, and Senator McNary never had any other thought than that the locks at Bonneville would be sufficiently large to permit the passage of ocean going vessels. The dam will be 72 feet high and will impound a depth of 35 feet.

Those who have given Columbia river development keen study were astonished that plans only called for such insignificant locks, and immediately a campaign was launched to secure a substitution of specifications for the larger locks Portland shipping interest, headed by Kenneth Dawson, vice president and general manager of the States Steamship Co., joined in the campaign and Mr. Dawson citing the tonnage for foreign trade and intercoastal markets is already available in the mid-Columbia definitely committed his organization to docking ships in the mid-Columbia as soon as the big locks are provided.

A brief will be completed this week for presentation to the United States Engineers in a demand for the larger locks at Bonneville.

Chance For Youths In Army

Major Paul Hathway, U.S. Army Recruiting Officer of Portland Ore., states that response to recent announcements that the army is accepting men for enlistment has been so great that it is very probable that remaining vacancies will be filled in a very short time. Vacancies are still available in the 10th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Wash. and in the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

"Many deserving young men were disappointed in their efforts to be enrolled for duty with the C. C. C. due to the limited quotas and due also to the fact that one of the first requirements for enrollment was that the applicant have bona fide dependents. These men who were disappointed in their hope to get into the C. C. C. still have an opportunity to enlist in the regular army. Application for enlistment should not be delayed, however, as it is believed that remaining vacancies will soon be filled and that it will be necessary to establish a waiting list as has been done in the past two years.

Warrant Call
Funds are available to redeem outstanding warrants No. A55 to A52 inclusive on Dist. 19 Moro, Ore. Interest stops on this date. Dec. 1, 1933
C. J. Thompson, Clerk

Call For Warrants
Warrants to and including No. 240 of School District No. 7 Sherman County, called for payment. Interest ceases at date of notice.
Margaret E. Tuel, Clerk.

Notice
Funds are now on hand to cover warrants No. 1 to 16 inclusive. Dated August 1st 1932 to December 13, 1932. Present same for payment to District Clerk. No interest after this date. Dated at Moro, Oregon this 1st day of December, 1933.
M. E. McKee, clerk

WARRANT CALL
Outstanding warrants of School District No. 17, Sherman County numbered 92 to 159 inclusive endorsed not paid for want of funds, will be paid by the clerk upon presentation. Interest to cease after this date. Dated at Moro, Oregon this 1st day of December, 1933.
M. E. McKee, clerk

REEMPLOYMENT AND LEGISLATION DISCUSSED

Commercial Club Listens To Talks On Current Topics

WILCOX EXPLAINS CWA WORK

Other Speakers Tell of Liquor and Tax Measures

A rather small group of citizens gathered at the hotel Moro Tuesday evening to listen to talks on the current topics by local men. These subjects included new liquor legislation, the reemployment situation and a talk on the tax legislation proposed by the wheat league.

George Wilcox, in explaining the civil works administration, said that in March there were 17,000,000 men out of work and that 4,500,000 families were on relief in May. In Oregon there were 57,000 families on relief in May and now these were but 12,000. In Sherman county relief agencies have distributed \$800 since March 1 of this year and in the state \$7,000,000 has been distributed.

Sherman county's share of the civil works money will be approximately \$15,000. Within a week or ten days 63 men will be at work on various projects throughout the county which will make a payroll of about \$200 per day from that work alone.

After the first week all men on the payroll will remain there for the entire period. For this reason it is necessary that cities, school districts and the county keep projects ahead so that there will be no delay. Men will be paid every Saturday whether they work or not making the early completion of projects very important. No man can be removed from the work for any reason except inefficiency.

Only 63 men will be employed in the county and all other men or families needing assistance will get it from the regular relief agency which is still in existence.

Mr. Wilcox was insistent that this civil works is not relief work and that these men will not be alternated. They are assured of a job until February 15 except for inefficiency. They will receive at least fifty cents per hour thirty hours a week. The workers are urged to spend money as freely as possible for it is the intention of the government to insure them against unemployment and make them feel safe so they will spend their wages. Those who persist in saving or in trading outside of their trading area will not be looked upon with favor when additional work comes up.

Wages will range from .50 to \$1.50 per hour depending on the work performed. No man can be paid for over 37 hours per week. Wages are paid every Saturday. Insurance is provided under federal act. Ten per cent of the reemployed may be women if any projects are submitted suitable for feminine labor.

Men are hired according to qualifications. They must have been residents of the county for a year, must be registered in a federal employment office and must be citizens and must have no other means of support. Fred Pickett, Sherman county representative at the liquor repeal convention last August, explained the provisions of the Knox bill that is being continued on page 2-ur.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 29

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
NOV. 23	65	44	.00
" 24	56	41	.00
" 25	52	32	.00
" 26	58	34	.00
" 27	48	35	.00
" 28	43	31	.02
" 29	45	26	.00
Total for week			.02

Winter Wheat Retarded In Middle West

Little change occurred in the general wheat situation during the week. Growth of winter wheat in the Ohio valley was checked by colder weather, while lack of moisture retarded developments in western and southern sections of the main belt. Winter grains were reported in good condition in Washington and Idaho but more moisture was needed in both Oregon and California. Agreements signed by growers now indicate that about 8,100,000 acres of wheat will be taken out of production for the 1933-34 season under the acreage reduction program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In foreign countries, probably the most important feature was the official estimate showing a record wheat crop of nearly 298,000,000 bushels in Italy this year and the prohibition by that country of imports of wheat for human consumption. The 1933 production is slightly above the average estimated Italian consumption of the last five years. The ban on imports closes the Italian market to American Durum and reduces the already small foreign outlet for that grain. The new crop harvest is under way in the Southern Hemisphere but the final return is yet uncertain. Trade reports suggest a total Southern Hemisphere harvest around 50,000,000 bushels below a year ago.

Sherman County Wheat Through The Ground

The wheat sown in Sherman county this fall is getting through the ground in good shape with the continuation of the favorable weather of the past month. While the fields are not green a large part of the wheat is reported up and through the most dangerous stage. Where seeding was done before the rains and was put in the ground deep it is not up yet, however.

Thanksgiving Quiet Here

Thanksgiving day in Moro was one of family parties and neighborly visiting among relatives and friends. There was no public program and services marking the day. Plentiful provender was the rule in all homes even though times are not all that could be asked by farmers and business men. Pleasant weather, hopeful prospects and a better price for wheat than last year were things that gave reason for thanksgiving.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer December 1, 1894.

C. A. Buckley of Grass Valley, made a buggy trip to The Dalles on the 3rd.

Neil McDonald and Miss Thompson were granted a license to wed on the 28th.

"Tim" the favorite old Maltese cat, for many long years identified with the Moore household, has passed in his chips, and received decent burial at the hand of a friend whom he so faithfully served.

Bro. Kuney made a cheerful trip to Kent in the cold cheerless gray of autumn, returning in the morning of winter's frown, in his customary happy mood last week, just as if he had been trouting at a summers outing. Good humor is half of the wealth of life.

Those wishing a good home where there is a good school, will do well to look to Moro. For the next three months good residence lots can be bought for \$15 to \$20.

Sheriff Wm. Holder was a very sick man the most part of last week, but the volume of business accumulating in his office compelled him to take the road on the 4th and he drove to Rufus.

From the Observer December 9, 1904.

Mrs. Clarence Merchant died of quick consumption at Kent Sunday night, and was buried Tuesday. She was a popular person in the neighborhood.

ALLOTMENT GROUP FILE REVISED BRIEF

Higher Allotment Asked By Local Board

DEADLINE IS ADVANCED AGAIN

December 20 Set as Final Date To Ship Contracts

The allotment committee is home again. While in Corvallis and after several days work they prepared a brief for the board of review asking that the so-called official figures for this county be revised upward.

The comparison between the official figures the allotment figures and the figures determined after a survey of the county by the allotment committee is interesting in that it shows that perhaps farmers did not include all their wheat in their allotment papers. For 1929 the official figures 1,838,317 bushels, the allotment papers showed 1,982,755 bushels and the survey showed that 2,029,363 bushels was produced. The survey included reports from warehouse companies, companies, truckman along with an estimate of seed and feed.

In 1930 the figures were 2,150,160 official, 2,233,949, allotment and 2,392,817 survey; for 1931, 1,246,600 official, 1,711,976, allotment, 1,670,035 survey; 1932, 2,038,000 official, 2,117,216 allotment, 2,188,590 survey. The committee expect that the board will allow them a part of what they have asked for and that the report will be returned some time this week. Work on contracts will proceed soon after that time.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has already issued some checks to farmers in the middle west. Before the 20th of November 7,308 checks had been sent out totaling \$392,541.

The deadline for Oregon has been advanced to the 20th of December according to information received at the local office Tuesday and it is thought that this will allow the Sherman county committee to finish their work. Umatilla, Wasco and Sherman counties are the ones still with unfinished business and all are asking for larger allotments.

Following are a list of committees to arrange for Christmas tree and festivities at the Presbyterian church. Committee on Finance—Nannie Fitz Maurice, Hallie Barzee, Grace Sells, June Brock, Leah Cushman and Buelah Hayes.

Committee on Tree—J. F. Foss, Wm. Henrichs, Dr. Logan and C. L. Ireland.

Committee on receiving presents: Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mrs. I. K. Moore, Miss Julia Woods, Mrs. W. O. Hadley, Mrs. H. S. McDanel, Mrs. Flora Bolton, Mrs. Jennie Foss, Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mrs. Laura Ireland.

Committee on Music: Misses Ella Anderson, Lulu Bolton, Belle Fitz Maurice, Jennie Williams.

Committee on Program: Miss Edyth Brock, Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Daye Idleman.

Committee on calling off names: L. Barnum, G. N. Bolton, James Mitchell and J. O. Elrod.

Distributing the presents: Misses Edyth Brock, Lulu Bolton, Ella Anderson, Hallie Barzee.

Committee on decorations: Jack Hickson, Harry Fitz Maurice, Roy and Charlie Powell, Roy Hulme. Everybody invited.

Christmas festivities at the M. E. church, Manager R. J. Ginn. Committee on arrangements: Messrs Evans, Dunahoo, Blue, McGinnis. Continued on Page Four.