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CIVIL WORKS BOARD APPROVES MORE JOBS

10,000 Hours Labor Allotted Here Already

PROJECTS ARE STILL NEEDED

Entire Work Will Require 17,000 Man Hours of Labor

The Civil Works Administration is ready to begin on its second batch of applications in this county as soon as they can be approved. This does not mean that all of the first ones have been completed but that more men are to be put to work soon and that new jobs must be provided for them.

One project has already been finished. The job of cleaning out the drainage ditch in Moro was finished Monday night and the men transferred to a county project near Rufus. Work on other work has progressed rapidly because of the favorable weather for dirt work.

At a meeting Monday in Wasco several new projects were approved by the county committee. The Grass Valley school was allowed 170 hours for shingling, the city of Grass Valley 842 hours for painting the auditorium, the city of Moro 1760 hours for lowering pipes, the county 1800 hours for work on the Hay Canyon road and the Kent school 360 hours for a paint job. In each case the above mentioned hours are man hours.

It was explained at the meeting that the statement that men will be paid straight time until February 15 was not exactly correct. They will be paid for each working day, but they must work on some project as they are directed by the manager, R. O. Scott. If there are no projects the men will be paid any way. It is the duty of the county committee to keep projects ahead for all the men. On or before the 15th of December 63 men will be at work in this county. Their labor demands that over 17,000 man hours of work be provided before February 15. As only 10,000 hours of labor have been allotted so far there is still room for more suitable projects.

Last Saturday 30 men in the county received pay for civil works labor and three others were compensated for supervisory work. This was not contemplated in the applications and it is probable that a change will be made in future plans.

Robert Helyer Shot In Serious Accident

An accident that lacked little of having serious consequences happened at Kent last Thursday night when Robert Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, accidentally shot Robert Helyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer, with a small caliber rifle.

The boys were going to a party and met the North boys who had been hunting. The 17 year old Mitchell boy took the gun and without intending harm shot young Helyer. The bullet entered his chest and lodged near the spinal column within a fraction of an inch of the danger point.

The injured youth was taken to The Dalles hospital where doctors predicted that he would survive unless complications developed.

Argentine Starts Wheat Allotment

An important feature in the world wheat situation was the addition of Argentina to the list of countries having some form of price fixing for wheat. The newly created Grain Board in Argentina was authorized by executive order November 28, to purchase grain for export at fixed minimum prices equivalent at current exchange to about 63 cents per bushel for wheat, 45 cents for corn, and \$1.17 for flax. Funds to meet the difference between the purchase price and the export price are to be obtained from operations in exchange. The foreign exchange obtained in payment for grain exports will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Free trading in exchange will be established and the Argentine peso will not be pegged to any gold currency. Since this action the peso has declined about 20 percent in foreign exchange.

Several European countries have price fixing regulations. In France, a range at current exchange values, at from about \$1.95 to \$2.23 has been established for the crop season. December deliveries are on the basis of about \$2.05 per bushel. With the abundant supplies of wheat available in France however, producers have been forced to offer other commodities or make certain concessions in order to dispose of their wheat at the fixed market prices. Germany also has a system of fixed prices which vary in different marketing areas. These ranges at current exchange at from about \$1.85 to around \$1.95 per bushel. The fixed price in Spain for the season ranges from \$1.75 to \$2.05 per bushel. December deliveries range from \$1.78 to \$2.05 at present exchange values. Italy still has an open market for native wheat but prices are held above the world parity through the operation of high tariffs.

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W. B. Wilcox Buried In Grass Valley Cemetery

W. B. Wilcox died at Newberg the evening of Monday December 4 after an operation. For 90 years he has been a Sherman countian having arrived in Grass Valley from South Dakota with his family in 1908. He farmed first near Bourbon and later bought land near the head of Cottonwood and accumulated a large ranch before his retirement several years ago.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Indiana, September 11, 1851. In 1889 he was married to Miss Jennie Allhusen, in Iowa, and the young couple moved to South Dakota where Mr. Wilcox worked in the mines for a number of years.

Nine children were born to them, six of whom survive. W. B. Jr., Lloyd and Wesley did not survive their father. Living are Mrs. J. A. Wilkie, of Olympia, Mrs. C. W. King, Portland; Fred, Olympia; Lawrence, Portland; Frank of Newberg and George of Grass Valley.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church in Grass Valley under the direction of Zella, Rev. Ed. C. Cofer, former minister there, officiated. Pall bearers were: John Hays, R. A. Stow, D. E. Vinton, Fred Krusow, Fred Cox and Henrik Peters. Local members of the I. O. O. F. lodge were in charge of the ceremonies.

Passenger Rates Reduced On Union Pacific Lines

Giving promise of a great increase in travel, a general reduction of railroad fares, together with removal of the Pullman surcharge, became effective December 1, in territory west of the Mississippi river.

By elimination of the surcharge, Pullman fares are reduced one third on western lines, it was stated, and the cost of rail transportation is cut more than 25 percent in some cases. Along with this program special Christmas excursions to and from eastern points, leaving December 14 to January 1, with return of January 15, have been announced by the Southern Pacific Company.

Wasco Pioneer Buried There Monday

The funeral of Uncle Ben Hailey was held in Wasco Monday and elder residents who remembered the deceased attended the services at the cemetery. Mr. Hailey was one of the pioneer citizens of the Wasco neighborhood and for years operated a saloon in Wasco.

For the past 25 years he has lived at Camas, Wash. He is survived by one son, Hart, of Camas. Mrs. B. E. Hailey is a daughter in law.

Level Of Farm Prices Slightly Higher

The general level of prices received by farmers at 71 percent of its pre-war level, was one point higher on November 15 than in mid-October according to the farm price index of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Prices paid for articles purchased by farmers were 117 percent of pre-war on November 15, compared with 116 a month earlier and 104 in November, 1932. The ratio of prices received to prices paid was computed at 81 percent of pre-war in mid-November, or 9 points higher than a year earlier.

A general increase in farm prices of grains, cotton, cottonseed, and hay and moderate seasonal upturns in prices received for apples and eggs account for this slight gain in prices received by farmers, since the general trend of prices of potatoes and meat animals was downward during the month. Grain prices averaged 6 points higher while cotton and cottonseed prices were up five points. Prices of dairy products showed no change, but meat animal prices were down 4 points and prices of fruit and vegetables, 5 points.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer returned from a visit to Portland Friday.

E. O. WHEAT LEAGUE CONVENES HERE TODAY

Program of Wide Interest Ready To Be Presented

FINANCE PROMINENT SUBJECT

Transportation Problems Will Interest Many

Welcome, Wheat Leaguers, is the attitude of Moro as he wheat growers of the inland empire drive into town for the opening of the 1933 session of the growers own association, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

It is evident from reports that have reached here that this meeting will be as well attended as have other wheat conventions in the past. The program is designed to meet the present day needs of farmers just as previous meetings have discussed the questions of current interest.

With banks still closed in a large part of the wheat section of the state farmers are especially interested in problems of finance for the production necessities of the coming year. Friday afternoon will be given over entirely to an explanation of the government's plans for relieving this distress.

Talks by E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank of this district, Paul F. Matson, of the Intermediate Credit Bank and by W. A. Schoenfeld, of Oregon State college, will clear away many of the cob webs in the minds of listeners regarding this difficult subject. Farm financial problems should be simplified by application of their information.

In the morning, J. F. Cox and D. C. Mumford will talk about the problems arising under the domestic allotment plan. The evening will be given over to a banquet to be held at the Moro Hotel at 6:30.

Saturday's program will consider problems of co-operative buying and questions relative to the new method of selling wheat in the Pacific northwest. D. E. Stephens will tell of the new developments in experimental work at the station here.

Assemblies will be in charge of Frank Emerson, of The Dalles, president of the league for the past year. He has expressed himself as anxious to have the meetings held to the strict schedule as given in the program so that all the business of the meeting can be transacted in the two days allotted to it.

Arrangements have been made by a housing committee to care for those unable to find rooms at the hotel. Meetings will be held in the school house where plenty of room is available for assemblies and committee meetings in the same building. Special committee rooms will be provided as needed.

Storm Beneficial To Sherman County

Sherman county fared well in the recent storm that wrought so much damage to other parts of the Pacific northwest. While wind blew with considerable violence Tuesday it was not strong enough to do any serious damage to property in this county. However, it did rain.

And rain, he it known, is welcome eleven months out of the year in this section. It has drizzled more or less for the past week and Wednesday afternoon there came from the west a real rain storm that soaked the ground in fine shape for an hour. Twenty seven hundredths of an inch of rain fell in Moro and from reports other parts of the county had as much.

Wheat is coming along rapidly for this time of year and a heavy shower of moisture before winter sets in is just what the farmers would order if they were prescribing the medicine.

County Court Has Light Day; View Road Site

The Sherman county court in serious session assembled passed their December meeting day without over working. Important business either was finished with the budget hearing in November or will wait until the end of the year.

A group of men from the north end of the county met with the court and petitioned for a new road or rather a new location for an old road. Dave Reid, C. M. Kuypers and T. A. Striker were members of the committee. The court accompanied them on a trip to view the road in the afternoon.

Children Threatened With Infantile Paralysis

Illness of children in Moro and surrounding country has alarmed many persons within the last week.

The school board, upon advice from County Health Officer Policy and State Health Officer Frederick Stricker, decided to keep the schools open as no beneficial results would be obtained from keeping them closed. Parents had different notions, though, and approximately a third of the seats were vacant when school convened Monday morning. Accordingly the board decided to hold no school for the remainder of the week for it would have been necessary to go over the work again.

Sherman Countian To Sing At Concert

In a joint concert (Oregon State-U of O) to be presented on the Oregon State campus next Sunday by Professor Paul Petrie, Mrs. L. J. Murdock will appear as soloist, singing "Come unto Him" from the Messiah with violin obligato by Miss Peggy Sweeney. Mrs. Murdock who was Florence Tate of Wasco has often pleased Corvallis audiences with her beautiful soprano voice. She is director of the Madison Street Methodist church choir and is a pupil of Prof. Petrie of the State system of Higher Education.

Young Men May Enlist In U. S. Marines

According to information received by Postmaster Bourhill, applications to fill vacancies as they occur are now being received at the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, 208 New U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon, and young men desiring information may apply in person or by communicating with the recruiting officer.

In order that only the highest type of young men be accepted for enlistment in the Marine Corps, recruiting has been limited to approximately ten (10) men each month from the states of Oregon, Idaho and southern Washington.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 6

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
NOV. 30	46	27	.00
DEC. 1	41	28	.00
" 2	42	28	.09
" 3	45	32	.00
" 4	44	30	.03
" 5	53	33	.01
" 6	55	33	.27
Total for week			.40

City Council Receives Petition For Tennis Court

The council meeting of Tuesday night consumed an entire evening in ardent discussion with little important result. Tennis enthusiasts presented a petition bearing 143 names requesting that the city apply for CWA funds to build a court. The council approved with some exceptions. Mrs. George G. Updegraff and Mrs. Marius Douma and Clyde Gillmor represented the petitioners.

The liquor debate ended in no action. Water bills caused some worry. The city voted to sponsor a Christmas tree which will be lighted by the power company. It was decided that appropriate signs should be placed near the school house and the proper authorities will be approached with the proposition. Council wearily adjourned.

Secretary Wallace Views Farm Situation

The money question also claimed the attention of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in his recent address at Des Moines, Ia., when he warned that "there is danger of laying too much emphasis on dollars and cents and not enough on the problem we face."

"As a result of the Administration's monetary action," said the secretary, "prices will undoubtedly rise. The trouble with most inflation is that they delude you into believing that there is a brand new market for your products, but when you have produced the stuff the market has vanished. In large part that was the tragedy of the war-time inflation. It brought at least 40 million additional acres under the plow in this country. Every since we have been striving desperately to produce for that foreign market which really existed only during the war period.

"Controlled inflation is absolutely necessary if we are to shoulder our present burden of debt, but don't fool yourselves into believing it is everything. I am for it, as I always have been, but I insist upon preparing for its consequences. By wise planning, by realistic weighing of the dangers as well as the benefits of inflation, farmers can minimize the dangers and profit by the benefits.

"By wise planning I mean the adjustment of production to the market that actually exists, here and now. That is the way to raise prices and keep them up. There is no other permanent way."

Lamer Sayrs, Vic Barr and Chas. Burnett were here last week end from their work in the forests of the Cascade range.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer December 13, 1894

C. J. Bright, of Wasco, has been in Moro several days this week on legal business.

Robert Morrison of Umatilla county is here this week on business.

Stanley Webb of De Moss Springs was one of the winners at Pease & May's guessing contest, carrying off the \$90 velocipede.

Grass Valley now has a regularly organized Dancing Club, officiated as follows: C. W. Moore, President; J. B. Coon, Vice President; O. P. King, Treasurer; Tim Brownhill, Teacher and floor Manager; Blake Cramer and Ethan Knight, Callers. Dancing in Moore & Rollin's Hall. Music French Bros. Band. Membership 50 cents.

Henry Gosch of Monkland has been presented with a lovely girl by his better half.

From the Observer December 16, 1904

A. B. Wolford is going to get well, but both feet and one leg had to be amputated.

Wm. Slater, formerly of Moro, is moving his shoe store and harness business to Newberg.

Mrs. Waterman's mother and a brother, accompanied her home to Moro after her recent visit to the Bridge creek country.

S. S. Hayes and Geo. T. Parr are holding seats at the Moro hotel tables, during the long protracted absence of their better halves.

A coyote running wild with a team bell attached to its neck, was seen on the Allison farm Tuesday.

W. A. Kentner went to the Valley of Oregon to soak his webs last month. His wife accompanied him, and it is well she did, according to the snake stories W. A. tells since their return.

From the Observer December 11, 1914

Granville Phillips was a visitor in Moro last week from Kent.

W. G. C. Woods for the past month has been nursing a painful attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Wm. Morrison returned from The Dalles Tuesday, accompanied by her nephew. Miss Eliza is visiting with her Uncle Jack in British Columbia.

Milo Elliott and wife are visiting at the home of his parents near Monkland. Milo now lives at Ashcroft B. C. and drives an auto stage, a distance of 220 miles, between there and Canal.

COUNTY ALLOTMENT RAISED BY STATE

Larger Bushelage Means Several Thousand Dollars To County

CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED SOON

Speed Essential To Regain Time Lost By Successful Petition

Home from state allotment headquarters in Corvallis, feeling somewhat elated, the county allotment committee buckled down to the job of rearranging their figures in preparation for contract signing next week. The elation was caused by the establishment of new official figures for Sherman county due to the arguments and briefs and evidence prepared by the local men with the assistance of help from officials.

The former official total for the four years was 7,290,477 bushels which has been raised to 7,949,262 bushels for a gain of 658,785 bushels for the county.

The old five year average was 2,109,896 bushels, the new is 2,245,652 bushels. The old four year average was 1,820,119 bushels and the new is 1,987,315 bushels. Instead of a factor of 116 for this county this has been changed to 113. A large part of the increase was allowed for 1931 when production was reported as low for the county.

Procedure now, after all applications are thoroughly re-checked, will be to reduce average yields as given on the applications by a small amount to come within a base figure. Then average yields will be increased by 13 percent to make up for the difference between the four year and the five year average.

Rules regarding the signing of contracts are, briefly, that two community committees and two county committees must sign all contracts in either ink or indelible pencil. Corporation signatures must be by an officer of the corporation and the seal must be affixed. All owners must sign, in case of partnership. Agents and guardians must attach a copy of their power of attorney to one of the contracts they are called upon to sign.

It is expected that contract signing will begin next Monday, December 11. The Wasco, Locust Grove and

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