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CWA PUTS 32 MORE MEN ON PAYROLL

Timekeeper, Clerk and New Federal Re-employment Man Hired

JOB START BY FRIDAY, 15TH

Five Men To Handle Administration of Work Here

Thirty two additional men are being put to work this week on projects approved by the state CWA administration. These jobs include work on the school house and auditorium at Grass Valley, work on the Kent school house, lowering of pipes in Moro, widening of the Hay Canyon road and some work on the Wasco school house.

These men are being chosen from the relief rolls of the county and from those who have registered with the national reemployment office of the county.

Word was received this week that it will be necessary to hire a timekeeper for the county projects and that the office of disbursing officer and re-employment officer will be separated and that two men will hereafter handle this work. R. O. Scott has been head of both for the past week. It is thought that he will be disbursing officer and that a new re-employment man will be hired. Robert Foister has been appointed as chief clerk for the disbursing officer and has been working this week.

These men and the former will be taken from the re-employment lists of the county according to George Wilcox, county chairman of the CWA and the relief committee.

It is thought that men will be taken from the county to work on government road and other projects throughout the state and that more than 68 men will be at work on federal jobs within a short time. As wages are at a minimum of 50 cents an hour this work will give an income of above \$200 per day to laborers of the county.

Final Allotment Data For Sherman County Gives Acreage Allowed

Notice of Farm Allotments and of Maximum Acreage of Wheat for 1934 Under Contracts for Members of the Wheat Production Control Association of Sherman County, State of Oregon.

Listed below are statements of the allotments which have been determined for the members of the Sherman County Wheat Production Control Association. These allotments are to hold for the duration of the present wheat contracts, and they are the basis upon which adjustment payments are to be made. They have been determined by the County Allotment Committee after careful consideration of the application statements. Every effort has been made to have these allotments as accurate as possible. The maximum acreage which may be sown to wheat for the 1934 crop on each farm, under the reduction requirements of the contract is also listed.

The Sherman County allotment, which has been calculated from records of the United States Department of Agriculture, is 1,212,652 bushels. This is the total number of bushels allowed to the county under the wheat plan. The total of the individual allotments, including those allotments which could have been assigned to farms, which are not participating under the wheat program, must be in line with the county allotment figure. The number of non-participating farmers in the county is 5; the average total wheat acreage for these non-participating farms during the base period is 1189 acres; the total average wheat production on these non-participating farms during the base period is 1,149 bushels.

In listing the information below, "A." means acres in farms; "Allot." means the individual wheat allotment for the farm; "Max." means the maximum acreage of wheat which can be sown on the farm for the 1934 crop, under the contract.

Signed: J. L. DAVIS

Adams Elected President Of Wheat League

Officers elected by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at the close of its session here last week end are as follows: James B. Adams, of Moro, president; Mac Hoke, of Pendleton, vice president; and Charles Smith, of Hoppner, secretary. The nominations were made by a committee composed of one representative from each county of the district.

The next meeting will be held in Arlington some time in the fall of 1934. This follows the precedent established with the group of meetings.

One New Case Of Paralysis Probable

What may be a new case of infantile paralysis has developed here with the illness of Dickie Oveson who is in bed with what is thought to be an attack of it. He is reported to have some symptoms. Dean Pinkerton and Gordon Thompson, the first children to be ill with the disease, are getting along well and gaining strength in their legs. Other cases thought to have it have proven to be ill from other causes.

License Examiner Due Here Next Wednesday

Mr. E. R. Thurber, Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Wednesday, December 20, 1933, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10-5, 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.

Hog Tax In Effect Now At Dollar Rate

The taxes now imposed and to be imposed on processors of pork are Nov. 5 to 30, fifty cents per hundred live weight; Dec. 1 to 31, one dollar per hundred; Jan. 1 to 31, one dollar fifty cents per hundred; After Feb. 1, two dollars. All persons slaughtering hogs for market must keep a record of hogs slaughtered each day.

Chairman County Allotment Comm. J. M. YOCUM HARRY FINKERTON

HARLAND VIEW MORO POST OFFICE Community Committee

A. C. Kruger, chairman; O. L. Belshie, S. A. Hall

AMIDON; EUGENE H. 1200 A. Allot. 1873 bu. Max. 531 A.

AKTELL; P. C. 640 A. Allot. 1903 bu. Max. 166 A.

BELSHE; CLAY, 640 A. Allot. 1441 bu. Max. 123 A.

BELSHE & KENNY; Hennagin, 320 A. Allot. 1479 bu. Max. 126 A.

BELSHE & KENNY; Ragsdale, 1760 A. Allot. 3886 A.

BELSHE & KENNY; Hansen, 480 A. Allot. 1374 bu. Max. 115 A.

BELSHE; O. L. 2600 A. Allot. 6790 bu. Max. 700 A.

BELSHE; WILFORD, Morrison 480 A. Allot. 1933 bu. Max. 196 A.

BELSHE; WILFORD, Hales Farm 160 A. Allot. 430 bu. Max. none

BELSHE; HOMER D. Belshie 301 A. Allot. 1538 bu. Max. 322 A.

BELSHE; HOMER D. Hansen 480 A. Allot. 1552 bu. Max. 235 A.

BELSHE; HOMER D. Papu 320 A. Allot. 995 bu. Max. none

BELSHE; HOWARD B. H. B. Belshie 1400 A. Allot. 638 bu. Max. none

BELSHE; HOWARD B. Penland 1120 A. Allot. 3533 bu. Max. 382 A.

BOWERSOX; LYNN, 350 A. Allot. 598 bu. Max. 102 A.

BRUCKERT; C. R., Bruckert 852 A. Allot. 876 bu. Max. 139 A.

BRUCKERT; R. J., Peters 580 A. Allot. 1415 bu. Max. 234 A.

BRUCKERT; R. J., Miller 160 A. Allot. 427 bu. Max. none

BRUCKERT; R. J., Elliott Place 520 A. Allot. 1409 bu. Max. 98 A.

BRUCKERT; R. J., Elliott Estate 160 A. Allot. 779 bu. Max. 115 A.

BRUCKERT; R. J., Dillinger 320 A. Allot. 1236 bu. Max. 128 A.

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WHEAT LEAGUE FAVORS SALES TAX FOR SCHOOLS

Need of State Aid Shown In Taxation Committee Report

BIGGER LOCKS IN DAM ASKED

Production Credit Associations Urged To Evade Red Tape

Since the beginning, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League has held to the committee system of handling its work. Therefore the reports of the committees are directly the work of the members and as passed by the general assembly, are the voice of the league itself.

This year four committees worked on different phases of business for the farmers of the district. These were the taxation and legislation committee with J. B. Adams and Mac Hoke as chairman and vice chairman and E. R. Jackman as secretary; the transportation committee with L. J. Kelly and Roy Rither as heads and W. Wray Lawrence as secretary; the production committee with Harry Proudfoot and Earl Hoag as leaders and George Hyslop as secretary; and the finance committee with Charles Hart and Harry Pinkerton as chairman and E. L. Potter as secretary.

The taxation committee brought in a report that was calculated to call to the attention of the assembly the necessity of new tax legislation to equalize the tax burden in this state, and save school districts from closing schools because of the weight of warrant indebtedness. It asked for a sales tax for the relief of schools giving as reasons: Income from tourists who use the roads and pay nothing now, a one percent sales tax would raise the same amount of money as a 3 mill property levy and reduces the farmers contribution, a sales tax would cause many now exempt to pay, a sales tax would reduce property taxes and save schools now threatened with closing, Oregon is the lowest state in regard to state support of elementary schools.

The committee also recommended the passage of the county district plan for school management as it was held to save tax money, give more value for money spent, equalize taxes over the county and give better training to children.

The league in passing the resolutions of this committee asked for lower taxes, for allowing the state to take from the counties only its percentage of the taxes collected, against bonding the state for power or power line and against allowing the highway commission to issue more bonds.

The finance committee praised the export subsidy plan and expressed approval of the domestic allotment plan of the administration. They also asked that all possible red tape be eliminated from the production loan associations. It voted a resolution empowering the president of the league to appoint a committee to aid the production loan set up in the district and protect farmers in their rights. They asked that some appraisals of the land bank be reviewed.

The production committee criticized the government for its lack of accuracy in estimating acreage and production data for the counties and asked for greater care in the future. It made a study of grain grades and made recommendations regarding fairer grades from the standpoint of the farmers. The use of crested wheat grass on lands taken from wheat production by the allotment plan was recommended by this committee.

The league, on a resolution by the transportation committee voted for bigger locks in the Bonneville dam than was originally contemplated. It also wants some work done on the upper Columbia river to aid river transportation from Cello to Wallula. It did not favor reduced rates for eastern dressed meats which will be shipped into the west if a reduction is granted by the interstate commerce commission.

As a rule committee meetings were well attended and nearly every one lent his presence and aid to some one of the different groups studying.

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Guest Day Features Woman's Club Meeting

A real red letter day was enjoyed by the Moro Woman's Club last Friday. Members and their friends had the pleasure and privilege of hearing Mrs. Frank Duff, president of Umatilla county health association, speak on social service. She spoke of welfare work in the phases of particular interest to our western Oregon communities.

Prior to the program Mr. Knight spoke on the proposed sales tax with such convincing effect that the members voted unanimously to wire the club's hearty support of a sales tax for the relief of public schools only and as a direct offset to property tax. The telegram also stated that Sherman county's outstanding warrants have increased over 253 per cent in the past 12 months.

The art committee had assembled a display of antique china, silver and glass that was full of interest as the members and guests who had brought their treasures related the history attached to each. An exhibit prepared by the art committee was two dining tables, one set in the style of long ago, complete with caster, spoon holder, plates turned upside down etc. and another arranged in the most approved modern fashion. There seemed to be a preponderance of sentiment in favor of the modern arrangement. In keeping with the spirit of the day Mrs. Knight read a paper on the American home. At the conclusion of the program tea was served, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaffer and Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson presiding.

At the next meeting Friday December 15th the club will again meet at the church. Response to roll call will be a nursery rhyme and the program committee suggests that members dress to illustrate their rhyme if so inclined. Members are asked also to bring some inexpensive gift—15c the maximum.

Funeral Of Charles Tom Held In The Dalles

Charles H. Tom, Sherman county farmer for many years, died at his home in The Dalles Saturday night after a lingering illness. He was born in Ohio February 7, 1855 and came to Sherman county in 1881. The family home is just above Rufus.

Mr. Tom was married in 1877 to Mary Montgomery in Illinois. Four children were born to them. The funeral of the deceased was held in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Zell's funeral home. C. A. Everett, R. F. Dingle, W. A. Morris, H. H. Brackett, C. M. Kuypers and J. S. Fowler acted as pallbearers. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Tom was the father of Curtis Tom, one time representative in the legislature from this district, and was a brother in law of Charles Montgomery.

Eastern Star Elect 1934 Officers

Annie Fulton Chapter O. E. S. at Wasco held election on Tuesday night. Officers chosen at this meeting were: Worthy Patron, Ellen Harlow; Worthy Patron, Herbert Root; Associate Patron, Daisy Burnett; Secretary, Mabel Wall; Treasurer, Amelia Root; Conductress, Estelle Bailey; Associate Conductress, Esther Stanley.

A surprise of the evening was the original floral degree prepared by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot in honor of her officers. In opening "Star of the East" was sung by Margaret Johnson. Assisting the Worthy Matron was Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg who carried a basket filled with nosegays and bougainvillea which presented to the officers in turn while appropriate verses were given by the Worthy Matron. The ceremony closed with "Perfect Day" sung by Mrs. M. G. Tuel. Mrs. J. T. Johnson presided at the piano.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 13

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 7	45	34	.06
" 8	43	33	.03
" 9	59	34	.03
" 10	58	47	.00
" 11	55	44	.00
" 12	55	42	.00
" 13	47	34	.27
Total for week			.39

INFORMATIVE TALKS GIVEN BEFORE LEAGUE

Dorman, Sanford, Stephens, Matson and Ehrhardt Explain Matters

COURTNEY GIVES BANK VIEW

Topics of Wide Interest Expounded By Program Speakers

"A successful meeting" is the consensus of opinion regarding the 1933 session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League that ended Saturday afternoon its seventh convention.

Moro was the host city for the second time in the history of the league for it was here that farmers decided that such a permanent organization was decided upon after a wheat growers conference in February 1926.

Speakers for the Friday session of the league in the main spoke on financial subjects. E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank in Spokane, told of the work of his organization since the new land bank law became effective. He said it was not the intention of his bank to force worthy farmers from the land and if the land was well farmed and what ever money remained after actual expenses were paid was given to the bank no trouble would ensue.

Since the influx of applications within the past year the personnel of the land bank has been increased many fold in an attempt to handle applications speedily. Before Christmas, Mr. Ehrhardt said, his office will be caught up with all pending applications and more speed can be expected.

Paul F. Matson, assistant manager of the Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane, gave the requirements of the new production loans. This type of loans are for the purpose of aiding farmers to continue raising field crops or livestock. Ten farmers must band themselves together and form a company similar to the land bank companies. The government will provide most of the capital through sale of bonds. A member may borrow up to 20 percent of the capital stock of his company with ease and more necessary. Fifty dollars is the minimum loan; interest is to be not more than 3 percent higher than the interest rate on the bonds sold; loans are for one year unless additional time is given for necessary reasons.

These companies will loan to livestock growers or livestock feeders and to producers of any farm crop. He urged that such production loan companies be set up in each district where needed and that the companies be large enough to be economically managed without undue overhead.

D. J. Norton, of Washington D. C., representative of the Farm Credit Administration, spoke briefly on the work of his department in giving credit to farmers of the west.

Eugene Courtney, manager of the First National Branch in The Dalles, in an interesting talk, gave his views of the relation between the banks and the farmers in the future. Prophecy that the country bank "has passed into the discard along with the hoop skirt and the livery barn" he said that in the future, for a time at least the government would handle long time loans for farmers.

Short time loans can be handled by banks and banks are anxious to make good loans, he said. Bankers must deal with economic facts and their judgment must be sound and they cannot make capital loans or risky loans in the future. As agriculture is the basic industry all bankers eventually come in contact with it and are directly interested in the success of those tilling the soil.

The program for Saturday featured discussions of the new North Pacific Emergency Export Association by its president, Orris Dorman and Harold Sanford of the Continental Grain company.

Mr. Dorman showed the absolute necessity of the export association and gave it as his belief that it was worth more to the farmers of this section than the domestic allotment plan. He told of the effort of Argonne to provide some such a marketing system for its farmers and said

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Wheat League Banquet Happy, Snappy Affair

The banquet given for the members of the wheat league by the Moro Commercial club Friday night was adjudged by those who have attended several of these affairs to be among the most successful ever held.

O. M. Plummer, head of the Pacific International Exposition, was toastmaster and he carried his part of the entertainment with the manner of a veteran. Because of the crowded condition of the dining room it was necessary for diners to pass plates up and down the table and this home like ceremony added to the general lack of formality.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Vivian Trucone of Wasco, Mrs. Edna Colter, of Hood River who sang two solos and by the girls quartet of the high school, who also sang at the assembly.

Speakers were: Frank Emerson, Eugene Courtney, Paul V. Maris, Roy Rither, Mrs. W. L. Woodward, J. B. Adams, Miss Viola Hansen, Mac Hoke, Art Barnum, George Hyslop, John Withycombe, Jim Hill, E. R. Jackman, E. M. Hulden, Walter Holt, R. A. Hutchinson and Giles French.

Grass Valley Masons Elect Officers

Sherman Chapter met in regular session Tuesday night and initiated Flora Ayers and elected the following officers for the following year: W. M. Floye von Bortel; W. P. A. A. Dunlap; A. M. Dorothy Dunlap; A. P. Don Clodfelter; Treasurer Alva Eakin; Secretary, Dell Eakin. Next meeting night will be officers night.

.27 Inches Rainfall Comes Twice

Twenty seven hundredths of an inch of rain seems to be the daily quota for Sherman county. Maybe it won't continue for very long but the fact remains that on several nights just that amount of rain has fallen. On the 6th of December the records show .27; on the night of 12th .27 fell and again on the night of 13th the same amount of rain sprinkled the fields again. "Pretty nice," says the farmer.

The rain week, as published in the Journal, ends Wednesday at 5 p. m. Last week's total was .40; this week it is .39 and as another .27 fell Wednesday night we have a good start on another moist week. As there is no frost in the ground these rains should make the top soil as wet as a bootleggers convention. Now for a good wet snow!

FIREMEN ELECT

Elected as officers of the Wasco fire department for 1934 were: W. R. Reid, president; Joe Mee, secretary; Dice Schunke, chief; Kenneth Woods, assistant chief.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer Dec. 20, 1894
Miss Maggie Huff is visiting her brother at Blalock, en route east for an extended trip.

L. D. Holder has just completed an addition to the Altamont stables.

Clyde Smith shot a Jack rabbit on the 18th. They are a rare bird in these parts this winter.

Farm lands in Sherman county are this year averaged on an assessment at \$3.71 per acre, against \$4.26 last. The gross assessment of the county was \$1,115,371 reduced to \$973,196 net.

Pat W. McDonald has purchased John C. Uren's farm, east of Monkland, paying \$1,200 for it.

A new boarder was added to the Register of the City Hotel, a daughter, to C. N. Gilman yesterday.

Johnston, Brys of Dufur were up gunning, and visiting C. E. Jones, at Emigrant Springs recently.

From the Observer Dec. 23, 1904.

John McDermid and wife who spent much time traveling in the east and visiting St. Louis fair, are now again comfortably fixed at home.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to Frank Harris and Viola Fairchilds, Herbert Shute and Nellie Whitney, of Kent; Robert Hartsock

CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR ALLOTMENTS

County Will Receive \$335,939.80 If Contracts All Approved

FIRST PAYMENT .20 CENTS

Money Should Arrive Before February First

Actual signing of allotment contracts was the order of the week among farmers. The county committee of members of it met with growers of the Wasco, Locust Grove and Klondike districts in Wasco Monday and nearly all the contracts were signed. Tuesday members of the committee divided into groups and spent the day at Harlandview, Grass Valley and Kent where contracts were signed. The Moro district members were signed Monday at the office.

With one exception all of the contracts were signed by the farmers. In this case there was no disagreement with the contract but the extra acreage will be used to produce stock feed that is needed. There may be some contracts by out of town land owners but no large number will be found unwilling in the opinion of the committee. It is feared that some of the absentee owners will be unduly slow in signing. This will delay payment of money to the slow one and thereby penalize him and his leasees.

The figures of the county committee have finally been checked and re-checked with the result that the following data is considered the last word for this county. There are 574 contracts; five farmers of the county did not apply for contracts. Signers have averaged 132,076.5 acres of wheat for the base period and non signers have averaged 1181 acres making the county total 133,276.5 acres.

Production figures show that 1,640,590 bushels have been produced on the average and evidence is on hand to prove it. 355,919 bushels have been produced for which evidence is not entirely conclusive. The non cooperators have raised an average of 11,170 bushels for the four years. The average total production for the county for the four years is 2,007,679 bushels.

On this basis signers of contracts may expect to receive \$242,498.80 as soon as the Washington office can approve the figures and mail out the checks and \$93,439.03 some time later in the spring. This totals \$335,937.83. These figures are based

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and Bertha Axtell, of Moro.
Judge Wm. Rudolf and D. W. Garfield are building a two-story store building and lodge hall in Kent. Mr. Garfield will carry a furniture stock and Mr. R. a stock of confections etc.

The best Christmas present that Santa Claus has hung up for Moro this year is the Steam Laundry. It will reopen Monday morning for business on a practical basis that will guarantee continued satisfaction and the patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

From the Observer Dec. 11, 1914

Perry and Theodore Johnston, attending the O. A. C. from Moro, as members of the advanced class in animal husbandry, attended the livestock show in Portland last week.

Miss Minnie Hogue, from Kent, is a guest of Mrs. Julia Hansen while in Moro taking the teachers examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ginn entertained December 11th in honor of Elwood's 27th natal day. Among those present were R. J. Ginn, Rev. Robertson, Miss Addie Hockman and Wm. Taylor and wife.

Mrs. W. F. Jackson was visiting this week at the home of her brother George, near Wasco, while W. F. was in Hood River.