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COUNTY COURT NAMES APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Election Officials, Stock Inspector, Road Viewers Named

ROAD PROJECTS PRESENTED

North Enders Have Reid-Striker Road Approved

The first meeting of the county court for each year is always a time for detail work. A new list of election officials must be appointed, new officers must be named and the usual rush of small matters has to be arranged for the coming year.

This year was no exception. Court officers labored over the poll books, naming new election boards or giving the old another try at the job. James Stewart was named stock inspector. The Sherman County Journal was made the county official paper for the year, D. E. Vintin, Roy Powell and Homer S. Wall were made the road viewing board again and the other officers were reappointed.

Three groups of road petitioners appeared each asking for improvement of roads in their territory. All came from the north end of the county in the section where the county road program did not reach before it was abandoned.

The court agreed to make a CWA project of the road that leads from Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller's place in Scott canyon up the canyon and over the hill to Dave Reid's farm. It was estimated that the cost of this project would be \$4890.00. The road will take the place of the one that runs on the hill near the aeroplane beacon.

Other committees asked for consideration of a Scott canyon road that would be up to market road specifications. It was explained that the present work being done on the Brackett canyon leaves less than four miles between that point and Rufus. A road graded up and gravelled was considered necessary by the committee which feels that their section of the county has waited patiently for road development during the past years. Another project was one to make a cut-off on the Rufus road that is used by one of the school buses making the run to the Rufus school. Both of these projects were taken under advisement by the court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elder Married Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elder of Forest Grove celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 30th, 1933 at their home. Their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Gardner holding open house from 2 to 4 o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated with gold chrysanthemums and gold rose buds. The table from which the two ladies dined was spread with a lace cloth and was a wedding present 50 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder were married at The Dalles December 30, 1883 and lived on a farm one-half mile east of Wasco, Oregon. They were charter members of the M. E. church at Wasco.

They moved to Forest Grove in 1907.

Sunday December 31, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lamborn Elder gave a dinner at the A. E. Gardner home where places were laid for 24 relatives and friends. The table was beautifully decorated with a large wedding cake and gold candles and chrysanthemums.

W. H. Ragsdale drove to Spokane early this week on a business trip.

Moro Council Approves New CWA Project

Moro city council met Tuesday night for a general discussion of CWA work and formation of plans for continued employment of the men on that work in this part of the county. Permission has been granted to Moro to put in a supplementary project and continue work on the water pipes of the city which will be done. Clarence Messenger was appointed as foreman of this work.

It was voted to try to obtain CWA funds for the water system project that was discussed last fall. This is designed to install larger pipes in the main line between the cistern and the business section of town in order to materially reduce the insurance rates and to give better fire protection as well as reduce the risk of disease caused by dead spots in the water system. A circulating system has been recommended by the insurance bureau.

A free and untrammelled discussion of the hotel rent situation was held with no definite results achieved.

Fat Beef Clubs Being Started

In an effort to start several fat calf clubs Wily Knighten and Perry Johnston, county school superintendent and county agent, respectively, have traveled about this county in search of boys or girls who will become sufficiently interested in a calf to put it in shape for the stock show next fall.

Calves to enter this project should be full blooded calves and should receive the best of care in order to be able to compete with those from other parts of the west.

The 4-H club leaders will be glad to assist any boy or girl in this project or others regarding other live stock. They were at Arlington Tuesday looking over beef herds there and spent Wednesday at Kent and Grass Valley.

Deposits Guaranteed With New Year

Insurance of bank deposits in Oregon became a reality on January 1st when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation guaranteed bank deposits up to \$2,500. E. B. MacNaughton, President of the First National Bank of Portland, announced today that the First National Bank had made first premium payment which insured, after New Year's Day, 97 percent of the bank's depositors 100 per cent and insured the other 3 per cent of its deposits up to \$2,500.

This aggregation of depositors in the First National Bank of Portland parallels almost exactly with a similar classification of all banks in the Twelfth Reserve District as shown by information developed under a recent survey which states that "in the Twelfth Reserve District 96.6 per cent of all deposits accounts did not exceed \$2,500 on May 13, 1933. Nearly 99.4 per cent of the depositors carried balances smaller than \$10,000 leaving only six accounts in every thousand with deposits of \$10,000 or over. On the other hand the \$2,500 group of accounts included only 33.3 per cent of the dollar amount of the deposits, while but 55.4 per cent of the dollar deposits came within the \$10,000 or smaller class of account." The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, created under provisions of the 1933 Banking Act, guarantees deposits of \$2,500 or less in banks and became effective January 1st 1934.

After July 1, 1934, plans of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will be completed for effecting the 100 per cent insurance of bank deposits up to \$10,000; 75 per cent insurance of deposits from \$10,000 to \$50,000; and 50 per cent insurance of all larger bank deposits.

Miss Dorothy Foss returned to Monmouth normal where she is taking a teachers training course, after spending her vacation at home.

Telephone Companies Have Bad Breakdowns

The telephone lines of this county suffered heavily during the one fog and freeze last week. On top of Gordon ridge and the cemetery hill north of Grass Valley the lines are nearly all down. Company crews were here immediately and strung up temporary wires so that communications could be restored but the job of making permanent repair is waiting until work can be caught up a little more. The heavily weighted wires pulled poles over and broke cross arms for long stretches. Telephone conversations were limited to a small territory for several days and communication between towns had to be relayed as far as Madras in some instances.

Two Weddings Arranged For

To off-set the tendency toward divorces in this county the county clerk has a few marriage license applications to announce.

Boyce W. Blaylock, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock of Grass Valley and Miss Catherine Elizabeth Jones of Multnomah county will receive their license today, Friday.

Miss Pauline Edna Newcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb of Grass Valley and Lysander Smith Logan of Oakland, California may wed Saturday for their three days will have ended then.

Legion Has Important Meeting Next Week

Moro legionnaires will hold a meeting Wednesday night at the hall for the first meeting of the new year.

Legionnaires are used to being told that such a meeting is going to be important. This one really is. Two payments are due on delinquent taxes and something will either be done by the Legion or something will be done by the county before long. Some of the boys are thinking of giving a play this winter as a means of first aid to the exchequer. Some have other notions.

All ex-service men are urged to come out, Wednesday, January 10.

Fire Hazards Reduced This Year

Salem, Ore. January 2, (Special)—State Fire Marshal A. H. Averill announces with much pleasure that the Holiday season has passed without the reporting of any deaths, serious injuries or heavy property losses in Oregon due to carelessness in the use of the customary inflammable Christmas trees and decorations.

This has been accomplished only by the fire cautiousness of the public at large and the general good supervision by the parents and others old enough to realize the dangers, particularly to the small children.

Although the holidays have passed in this fortunate manner these same hazards are very often increased due to the trees having become dry and highly inflammable and being discarded in the basements or other convenient points or being burned in open fireplaces, stoves or furnaces with a flash of intense heat which sometimes envelops the clothing; causes fires from overheated conditions in general or starts fire fires. Many disastrous fires have been started from these careless practices.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 3

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 28	28	22	.0
" 29	43	25	.12
" 30	46	36	.00
" 31	42	30	.00
JAN. 1	38	33	.06
" 2	46	38	.10
" 3	50	42	.30
Total for week			.58

HOG GROWERS TO HEAR REDUCTION PLAN TALK

Speakers To Explain Method of Reducing Number of Swine

THREE LITTERS IS MINIMUM

Growers For Home Use May Not Enter Agreement

Farmers who grow hogs in this county will have an opportunity to listen to an explanation of the corn-hog program at the court house January 17 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

While this county is not a large producer of pork there are a number of farmers who can cooperate in the hog reduction plan and receive some benefits from it. Hog raisers who raised three or more litters of pigs in 1932 and 1933 can join in the plan.

There is a provision regarding the number of acres of corn raised that does not apply to Sherman county. There are undoubtedly a number of farmers who have exceeded three litters of pigs within the past two years. These are asked to join in the reduction program if they desire.

As with the wheat plan it will be necessary for farmers together information about the disposal of their hogs for the period from December 1, 1931 to December 1, 1933. Upon this information the allotment is made.

The processing tax on hogs is to be enforced by the internal revenue department. The county agent's office has nothing to do with collecting the hog tax. Those who butcher hogs are responsible for that tax.

New Policy Featured By Insurance Company

Featuring the new Reconstruction Policy recently presented by Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Co., the Smith Agency of that Company directed by Edgar W. Smith, General Agent, in the seven weeks—November 13 to December 30—wrote 157 policies. The campaign ended the first seven months of the Agency's business, and 40 salesmen will be guests of the Company at a Sales Conference to be held in LaGrand on January 5 and 6 as the result of each having written two or more policies during the campaign.

G. G. Updegraff Made Veteran Agent

George Updegraff has been appointed by Jerrold Owen, head of the World War Veteran's State Aid Commission, as agent for Sherman county of all property in the possession and property that is delinquent. This is a part of the commission's plan to decentralize the work and get it closer to the holders of property bought under this plan. In most cases those who were already representing the state were appointed, in most cases, and Mr. Updegraff has been attorney for the commission here for several years.

County Warrants Called

Funds are now available for the payment of all Sherman County General Fund Warrants Registered "Not paid for want of Funds," prior to September 1, 1933. Serial Nos. 813 to 1214 inclusive. Registered Nos. 219 to 820 inclusive. Interest stops on this date. Dated this 5th day of January 1934.

A. M. Young, County Treasurer.

Sherman Countians Go 50 Miles For Breakfast

Four Sherman county men braved the early dawn last Saturday morning and drove to The Dalles to attend the Lion's Club breakfast, an event that is held close to the advent of a new year. The after breakfast talk made by Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, of Oregon State college, who said that development of the Columbia river for power and transportation would not seriously damage existing companies. He thought that enough new uses for power and transportation would be developed to offset any temporary loss to railroads and power companies. He said that fruit could not be hauled by barge without refrigeration and later transferred to cooled ships for ocean shipment as too much damage to fruit would result. He strongly urged the larger locks at Bonneville.

Amusement features centered around a prophesy of new industries that would come to The Dalles and the mid-Columbia in case locks and power were made available as requested. Those attending from this county were: J. B. Adams, W. H. Ragsdale, J. C. McKean and G. L. French.

1934 Starts Off Wet '33 Ends That Way

Now that 1933 is finally over it is time to make a definite check on the rainfall of the crop season beginning September 1. The average for this four month period is 5.04 at the experiment station here. This fall, 5.52 inches have fallen giving almost half an inch over the average. As before mentioned it is nearly all in the ground. Except for the small rains that came in September and evaporated out the total rainfall has been absorbed by the soil wetting it down to a greater depth than for several years.

Also 1934 although new at the game and supposedly unacquainted with the urgent needs of the wheat farmers has started off generously. For the first three days of the new year 40 of an inch fell most of it coming Tuesday night when it rained all night.

There is a probability that more rain has fallen at Wasco and points in the north of the county than in the south end. Several days ago seven inches had been reported at the Wasco station.

George E. Thompson Buried In Vancouver

George E. Thompson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Thornton. He was born in The Dalles April 23, 1860 and was over 73 years of age at the time of his death.

His mother and father died before he was two years old and he was adopted by John Dickerson who raised and educated him. In 1884 he came to Sherman county and took up a homestead southeast of Moro on the place that still bears his name. He was married to Mary Bolton May 3, 1881 in The Dalles. Nine children were born to them of whom seven survive. They are Mrs. Edith (Says) of Moro, Mrs. Mabel Barnett of Grass Valley, Mrs. Alice Thornton, Mrs. Grace Nickelson and Miss Ruth Thompson of Portland, Morris of Portland and Bert of Moro. Interment was made in Vancouver, Washington.

Cook Succeeds Adams

A new man is at the helm of the North Pacific Grain Growers. Since the resignation of A. C. Adams who has been secretary and manager since A. Eugene Kelly resigned several years ago there has been speculation as to who would be selected to fill the position. All speculation ceased Saturday when the board of directors selected Charles M. Cook to act as manager. Mr. Cook has been manager of the Pendleton local and is well known among grain growers of this area.

Homer S. Wall Leaves County Employment

Homer S. Wall, who has been county engineer and county surveyor for these many years has resigned and accepted a position as engineer for CWA work in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. He will have the responsibility of approving or refusing to approve all the civil work projects in that district and reworking the project plans as submitted by the several municipalities or other units that apply for CWA funds. It is probable that later the PWA work will come under the same engineers. Mr. Wall will be stationed at Bend for the present. Mrs. Wall and the three Wall girls will remain in Wasco, at least until the end of the school year.

It is thought likely that Sherman county will not hire a county engineer at the present time believing that other arrangements for engineering can be made as needed and that competent road foreman can be hired as needed.

In charge of CWA engineering for this county will be C. M. Hurlburt, of Hood River. Mr. Hurlburt has been county surveyor for Hood River county until his appointment. He will have charge of Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco and Hood River counties.

Production Loans Making Some Progress

There has been something done about production loans in this county after all but it hasn't begun to show yet. Sometime in November the directors of the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers of Wasco sent in a list of prospective borrowers who agreed to organize such an association in this county. The wheat league finance committee is concerned about the set up of the associations and are working to make it liberal enough that it can be used by those needing it. A group from Moro are ready to organize.

The slowness apparently is caused by headquarters at Spokane where they have not yet received their instructions nor completed their organization of the western corporation that will handle the local associations.

Susanne Searcy, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy, is with her grandparents here recovering from her recent illness.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer January 8, 1915, T. C. Lee in charge of the W. W. M. Co., wheat warehouses for this vicinity, assisted by Harry Kunsman, Geo. Frantz and Jim Tomlin, were busy this week loading out the E. O. L. Co. wheat stored in this section.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cochran, at the L. J. Pape farm Wednesday morning, a ten pound girl. Dr. Foley attending.

W. H. Ragsdale and family left for Salem Tuesday, where he will represent this senatorial district during the legislative session commencing Monday.

Misses Grace and Lulu May and brother are visiting at the home of their parents. L. D. May near Spaulding.

Subscribers in this vicinity to the Millers' Belgian Relief Fund will be interested in knowing that the W. W. M. Co. shipped a car of 250 barrels of flour on the 24th of December, from The Dalles.

From the Observer January 13, 1905, Miss Belle Fitzmaurice left for an extended stay in Portland this week. She will be missed in Moro.

Robert Urquhart has bought the S. S. Hayes farm joining the south boundary of this city, and will soon be at home nearer the schools and churches of Moro. The farm consists of 150 acres. Consideration \$4,000.

WHAT HAPPENED TO WHEAT IN 1933 TOLD

Review By Department of Agriculture Gives Stocks

MONEY AFFECTS PRICES PAID

Fluctuation of Currencies Changes All Prices Greatly

The year 1933 witnessed the first general upward trend in domestic grain prices from the low levels prevailing since the sharp decline of 1929-1930, states the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Weekly Grain Review of December 29. Wheat prices doubled from March to the middle of July and held more than half of the gain, despite plentiful supplies and continued low world markets. The smallest domestic crop in nearly 30 years, enactment of farm relief legislation and the upturn in the general commodity price level, all contributed to the advance.

Foreign grain markets were unsettled throughout the year, with sharp fluctuations in currency exchange values obscuring actual price trends. World supplies of grain are still plentiful, despite extremely short crops in some of the independent grain producing areas and market stocks remain large. World trade in grain held at low levels throughout the year reflecting lack of an effective market inquiry from consuming areas, maintenance of high tariffs and other drastic barriers and continuation of extreme nationalistic policies. World trade was characterized during the year by continuing slow demand from important consuming areas as a result of restricted trade barriers. This in turn, stimulated extension of the policy of Government aid to exports, designed to reduce large surplus stocks which have been a depressing market influence during recent years.

Important legislative measures which tended to restrict grain imports, included the German decree providing for complete control of the

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Hon. R. J. Ginn sold 1040 acres of wheat lands this week to Blake Cramer and I. M. Lemon, two and one-half miles from Bourbon. Consideration \$25,000.

As Alaska cat with superb fur, mink, otter, beaver, coyotes and porcupines, and gopher snake are some of the game birds homing on Mr. Rohr's Villa farm this winter.

H. W. Naylor didn't change his purpose, but left for Texas last week.

From the Observer January 10, 1895

Mrs. John O'Leary arrived from Montana the day before Christmas, to spend the holiday with her husband and sons in Oregon, missing Mr. O'Leary enroute, he having started upon a similar mission to visit Mrs. O'Leary and daughters in Montana. However, both will have very enjoyable visits, notwithstanding. Mrs. O'Leary with the boys and Mr. O'Leary with the girls.

Postmaster Marquis of Grass Valley is having a very serious time with his hand and may yet be obliged to submit to amputation.

Grass Valley has made the right move toward providing a fine building for a public hall. A company has taken steps to incorporate with capital sufficient to erect a building 40x70 feet in size, two stories high with seating capacity for 1000 people on the ground floor.