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4H CLUB CHILDREN HONORED AT BANQUET

Seymour Praises Club Work As Aid To Character Building

CLUBBERS REPORT ON WORK

Eugene Courtney Speaks of Cooperation of Bank

Four-H club boys and girls of the vicinity were entertained at a banquet Monday night under the auspices of the Moro Commercial Club.

This meeting was an outgrowth of a plan that developed some weeks ago when Perry Johnston and Willy Johnson who felt that inasmuch as the club workers of this county had achieved state recognition through winning of prizes they should be recognized by the home community. All the children who had completed their projects in 1933 were invited and members of the club and other citizens brought the visitors.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, made the principal address of the evening and reviewed the work of the club children throughout the state for the past year. He said there were 19,970 boys and girls who started projects in Oregon in 1933 and that over 17,000 of them finished with their self allotted tasks. These children were members of 2,109 clubs whose activities ranged from home making to forestry.

He paid a tribute to the club leaders and the parents of club workers who assisted in the work. Four-H clubbers are now going out of their classes at the state and international fairs to compete successfully with their elders he said, giving examples of such success. Boys and girls won the first prize in the Guernsey contest at the state fair and won Pacific international prizes as well.

He recalled some of the outstanding boys and girls of state club work and told of their trips to national exhibitions. Oregon has an enviable name in club work the leader said because of the success of these youngsters. Sherman county has the largest percentage of clubbers in the state and probably in the United States said Mr. Seymour.

Eugene Courtney, manager of The Dalles branch of the First National bank, spoke briefly expressing confidence in the future and charging the coming generation with their responsibility for the continuation of successful agriculture in the future. Mr. Courtney has made loans to boys interested in beef calf clubs and promised those boys his support through the year.

The boys and girls themselves made up a large part of the program and several of them gave reports of their various experiences as well as furnishing the music for the dinner. Those speaking were: Mary Pinkerton who gave the response to President Courtney's address of welcome. Gayle Amidon who told of the early history of club work, Melba Thogerson, who told of a typical summer school day, Dorothy Fraser who spoke on canning demonstrations, Lavin Sayre, who described her prize winning dollar daisy and Gordon Fraser who told of the winning the crops judging contest at the Pacific International rather easy.

Mrs. Grace May Zevely, former school superintendent of Sherman county schools, gave some of the early day reminiscences of club work in this county and Perry Johnston, county agent, outlined club plans for the year.

The singing was led by Marjorie Byers with Mary Pinkerton as pianist. Medals were presented to those who had won them and club pins and cards were given out by the leaders to the members of their successful clubs.

It was one of the largest meetings the commercial club has held for many a day as the room was full to overflowing. Willy Knighten acted as toastmaster.

Car Accident Results In Minor Injuries

An automobile wreck—that completely wrecked the car but did no permanent damage to the occupants occurred Saturday night when a group of young people returning from the grange play at Harlandview drove over a steep embankment east of town. Robert Schilling of Kent, owner of the car was driving. Most seriously injured were Miss Elma Axtell who received cuts and bruises that kept her in bed for a day or two, Miss Melba Thogerson and the driver. Other members of the party were Ted Kelly and Jack and Kenneth Sather of Kent.

Murder Suspect Arrested In Grass Valley

Dreams of sudden riches were the part of some Grass Valley citizens Wednesday when they detained a purported laborer whose features resembled those of a man wanted in Louisiana for murder. The man claimed to be named Ashby although the local men thought he was named Burns. He was brought to Moro by Marshall Garrett, Ray Blake and J. W. Shepard. State policeman Hollenbeck met them in Moro and took the man on to The Dalles where he was finger printed and his print compared to those of the wanted man.

Lemuel James Foss Buried In Athena Sunday

Lemuel James Foss, father of John Foss of this city, died at his home near Redmond Thursday February 15th and was buried in Athena Sunday.

Mr. Foss was born in New Hampshire, July 25th, 1845 and came to Oregon in 1884 on April 4th, after living in Missouri and Wisconsin for some years. He was engaged in the hardware business for many years in Athena.

Surviving him are three sons and three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grand child. J. F. Foss of Moro, J. A. Foss of Redmond, A. A. Foss of Freewater, Miss Essie Foss of Spokane, Mrs. Nellie Taggart of Spokane and Mrs. Mattie Hill of Nampa, Idaho are the children.

4H Beef Calf Club Holds Meeting

Luther Davis Jr.

The Kent 4-H Calf Club No. 2 met with its leader J. L. Davis at the grange hall to fill out their first report cards, receive instructions for feeding their calves, keeping their record books and to arrange a meeting for Sunday February 25. A judging lecture with slides will be given during this meeting, and the parents of the members are also invited to attend.

After the meeting of the 4-H club was called to order, the members practiced the Pledge which is to be given next meeting. Then the members worked out a program to last until April 28. After this there will be another program made which will change the meeting to Saturday instead of Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Molesworth Dies In Seattle Feb. 6th

Friends of Mrs. Arthur Molesworth will be grieved to learn of her sudden death in Seattle, February 6th from either pneumonia following a major operation.

She was born a few miles east of Wasco in August, 1885 but has made her home in Portland for the past thirty years.

She was married to Arthur Molesworth in May 1912. Is survived by her husband and one son Frank, a medical student at O. S. C. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Peddicord of Corvallis, a sister Ruth and brother Corvallis also of Corvallis, Grace Kamp of Petaluma, Cal., and Beulah Griesback of Portland.

Production Credit Group Organize

Final organization of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association was made Monday when a meeting of the directors was held in The Dalles. L. J. Kelly was elected president, W. H. Ragsdale vice president and C. C. Crew, of The Dalles was made secretary-treasurer and manager. Offices have been opened in the First National Bank building.

Mr. Crew was sent to Spokane to attend a school for secretaries of such associations and upon his return will have complete information for prospective borrowers. Two directors at large were elected at the meeting. They were Harry D. Proudfoot of Wasco and Howard Shoemaker, of Hood River. Loan committees were appointed for both the wheat live stock and fruit industries. Two men for each industry will act with the president. For the wheat and live stock division the loan committee will be W. H. Ragsdale and Ray Duke of Fossil.

Wasco Parents Banquet Scout Sons Wednesday

The Father and Son banquet sponsored by the Wasco Boy Scout troop as a finale for Scout Week was held last Wednesday evening at Fraternity Hall. More than 125 attended. Paul McCulloch presided as toastmaster, and introduced Francis Galloway of The Dalles as speaker of the evening. Short talks were also given by E. D. McKee, M. G. Tuel, Stephen O'Meara and Francis Watkins. W. W. Belcher Scout Executive of The Dalles, also attended and spoke briefly. Music was provided by the high school orchestra.

Hog Raisers Signing Up Allotment Contracts

Signing of hog reduction contracts has been going on in this county at a rapid rate this week although it is not quite fast enough to satisfy the leaders in the move. Farmers are finding it rather difficult to get the necessary information from those to whom they have sold their hogs. So far over fifty contracts have been signed with the vast majority of them being in the Grass Valley territory where 38 contracts have been completed. Signing has been slow at Wasco where comparatively few hogs are raised. Kent was signed Thursday.

Money Paid From Old First National Bank

Those persons who had money in the First National bank in The Dalles which was closed a year ago in October received joyful news Thursday morning when they opened their mail for they received a check representing a 25 percent payment on their claims against the bank. This was made possible through the negotiations of a loan by the bank liquidator O. A. Carlson, with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Arlington bank declared a dividend the same day of 30 percent which brings its total payments up to 55 percent.

Crop Prospects Held Poor In Southern Zone

New crop prospects in the Northern Hemisphere and current market developments for Southern Hemisphere Continued to page two.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 21

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
FEB. 15	47	30	.02
" 16	53	34	.00
" 17	56	34	.00
" 18	50	33	.00
" 19	52	39	.04
" 20	53	37	.02
" 21	49	33	.00
Total for week			.08

CWA REDUCES NUMBER OF LABORERS HERE

Only 29 Remain On Jobs After Cut of This Week

SOME PROJECTS ARE HALTED

Men To Be Retained On Basis of Need Hereafter

After this work week, which ended Thursday night, Sherman county's quota of Civil Works employees will be 29 instead of 71 as it has been since the middle of December. This will make necessary the cessation of many of the projects within the county and will curtail the number of men on other projects to a great extent. A conference between county civil works heads and A. C. Carlson state supervisor in charge of this district decided these facts Tuesday in Wasco.

The fact that this county had proportionately fewer men on the relief rolls than other counties in this section was the cause of the drastic reduction in the number of workers allowed here.

Only those men who are distinctly numbered among the needy will be kept on the work it is said. Where as the method of giving work has been on an unimpaired basis heretofore it is now changed so that only those in need are to be hired.

It is considered likely that the work will be continued on the Brackett road which has been one of the major jobs of the county road program and on the Harmony road which is in no condition to leave as a bridge has been built and no approaches made. It is believed certain that the committee will allow the completion of the pipe job in Moro as it is nearly done. The water has been turned into most of the new mains leaving only a few hundred feet of pipe to be laid and the filling to be finished.

There are several jobs still needing additional work. The Rutledge road job, the Wasco viaduct, the Grass Valley school drainage job and others. What will be done with these projects is still unknown until the county committee meet and make their decision. Another conference will be held the later part of the week when additional information will be given to local men about work. Approximately nine weeks remain before all civil works jobs must be completed.

State Engineers Taken Over Monkland Road

County Court members made a trip over the state secondary road from Wasco to Cottonwood bridge and over the Moro-Monkland road Tuesday with two men from the engineering staff of the highway commission. This trip was an inspection trip and was in confirmation of an agreement made at last court meeting wherein the court agreed to ask the state to designate the Moro-Monkland road as a part of the state secondary road system in addition to the designation of the Wasco-Cottonwood section. Results will not be known for some time.

Believe It Or Not Public Sale

Believe it or not. A public auction sale is going to be held in Sherman county again and the sheriff won't have anything to do with it. Yancy & Son of Prineville are owners of the bunch of horses to be sold and Geo. Gochnour of Sunnyside, whose voice is known to all sale attendants in the county will cry the wares. The sale will include machinery as well as horses. Bills are being scattered over a wide territory to announce the event.

Moro Woman's Club To Meet March 2nd

The Moro Woman's Club met last Friday at the school house and enjoyed a program and exhibit prepared by Mrs. D. E. Stephens as chairman of the international relations department and with Mrs. Theodore Johnston acting as director.

Mrs. Perry Johnston reviewed Lothrop Stoddard's very interesting book "Lonely America"—a presentation of America's relative position among the nations; and the international idea was further carried out by a large and diversified exhibit of objects of art. These ranged from Swiss needlework to Chinese Cloisonne.

Club will meet Friday, March 2nd at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer. All members are requested to bring a tea towel and any clothing suitable for boys or girls between the ages of 6 to 16 that they may happen to have, with no further use for these articles will be sent to the children's Farm Home at Corvallis which is in urgent need of all sorts of clothing and household linens.

Liquid Cheer For Arid Throats Now On Hand

Three-Star Hennessy, Dry Martini, Golden Wedding Rye, names that roll off the seasoned drinkers tongue as easily as the liquids roll down his throat, are once more in evidence in this county in reality. Gone is the day when they were but memories and gone is the brief waiting period of names and pictures in the magazines without appearance in the flesh.

Three liquor dealers, E. D. McKee in Wasco, M. E. McKee in Moro and George Wilcox in Grass Valley were supplied this week with their first stock of state owned drinking liquor. None of the men know when they will be permitted to sell the stuff but it is promised that ere long the impatient tippler will be allowed his dram of potent spirits.

No one may buy the liquor without first having bought a permit which will cost a dollar. No one will be permitted to drink on the premises where it is sold. No one who has the habit of drinking to excess or who is drunk may purchase liquor. But anyone with an ear and an eye for the names made famous by drinking men of another generation may look at the stuff. That is free.

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What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer February 26, 1915
Dick Abel, E. W. Lewis, and W. A. Barnett were visitors in the city Monday from Kent, attending the masque ball.

Foss and Benson are moving the old Heydt house to adjoin their black smith shop and will use it as an office building.

Mrs. W. B. McCoy is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Webber from Portland.

L. V. Moore left Tuesday for Prineville in charge of his registered Percheron stallion which he has sold to a Mr. Russell of that place.

Robert B. Haily and Miss Belva Estelle, two very popular and well known young people of Wasco, were united in marriage at The Dalles last week by Rev. B. A. Warren of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

From the Observer February 28, 1905
Lloyd Smith, the Moro linguist, is the only man in Sherman county who can pronounce Artimushenrywardbecherbarnumforpawscircusbillyne and not contract lockjaw. But then, Lloyd is in the hardware business.

At the baptism of young Mr. W. T. Lyons at the Baptist church in Grass Valley on the evening of the 24th, the church was densely packed. It was the largest audience that has yet assembled in that edifice.

Leroy French of Michigan Flat visited his brother-in-law L. W. Huntling this week.

Menerva Jane Medler Buried In Wasco Tuesday

Menerva Jane Medler, 88, pioneer of Sherman county, died at her home northeast of Wasco Sunday morning about 8 o'clock from an illness resulting from her age.

Mrs. Medler, nee McLavey, was born April 15th, 1845 near Huntington, West Virginia and lived there until her marriage to Bruno F. Medler on November 26, 1864. The young couple lived on a farm in West Virginia until 1876 when they came west settling near Walla Walla where they lived until 1880 when the new land just beginning to open in what is now Sherman county brought them here.

Mr. Medler was successful in this new location and increased his first three quarters of pre-emption land many fold and at the time of his death owned a large tract of land north and east of Wasco. He died in 1908. Since that time Mrs. Medler has lived on the home place with her eldest son, Julius.

Nine children were born to them, six of whom are still alive. They are Julius, on the home place, Walter of Wasco, Fred, of Portland, Mrs. Ida Woolen of Portland, Mrs. E. E. Barnum of Moro, and Mrs. C. W. Johnson of Wasco. Sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Christian church in Wasco under the direction of Granda. The Rev. R. A. Hutchinson gave the sermon. Mrs. J. T. Johnson had charge of the singing. A quartette composed of Harland Johnson, Mrs. Vinton Watkins, Mrs. M. G. Tuel and John T. Johnson Jr. sang. Pallbearers were John T. Johnson, A. S. Johnson, Frank Lamborn, Clyde Fridley, Ben Andrews, and Charles Everett. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery.

Water May Be Off In Part of Town Friday

If civil works continues so that it is possible for men to work on the Moro pipe project Friday and Saturday the water will be turned off on Court street and upper First street on those days. Larger pipe is to be laid for several hundred feet and it is thought that one day will finish the job so that water will be available from faucets again.

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SURVEY OF FARM HOMES BEING MADE IN COUNTY

CWA Workers Seek Information On Rural Living Conditions

INCLINATION TO BORROW LISTED

Farm Home Owners May Be Given Use Of Federal Funds

Receipt of orders to continue the rural housing program in this state has resulted in the survey being conducted in this county. The government wants to know the conditions under which farmers live and is using CWA funds to procure this information.

Workers have already covered the Willamette valley territory as represented by Clackamas county, the fruit country in Jackson county, the irrigated areas in Deschutes and Crook counties and are now engaged in surveying the living conditions of Sherman and Gilliam county.

The workers are women, preferably those with degrees in home economics or with experience as farm women. They will question 250 homes makers in Sherman county and a like number in Gilliam to find out what sort of a house each one lives in. They ask about the house, its foundations, its paint, its chimneys, screens, walls, floors, roof and stairs.

They ask about the rooms, dining, living and bath; porch, front and back. They want to know about the water supply, whether it comes from a pump or a faucet; about the light and heat. It is quite a complete survey and when it is over and the information has all been tabulated the officials will be able to say that there are so many farm women who have to carry their water and average of so many feet, so many farm houses need so many shingles, so many gallons of paint.

Ten per cent of the farms in the United States are being visited and ten percent of these will be looked at by a contractor who will make a report on the costs of needed improvement. This method will give the government a good estimate of what is needed to put farmers into better houses it is thought.

The government also wants to know if credit is available for the farmer to make improvements himself. If not would he like to borrow money to improve and how much interest he would be willing to pay. Nobody knows whether the government intends to loan the money. So far a majority of the farmers have not wished to borrow for improvements to the house and some are saying that they want to get good enough prices that they can do it themselves.

Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, advisor to the department of agriculture says of this survey, "This survey is the first step toward determining the potential demand for better housing on our farms. National leaders hope that such a study will lay the foundation for the working out of a system by which the unemployed people in the cities can be given real jobs making the things which farmers have been doing without and as the purchasing power of these people in the cities and towns increases the prices of farm products will have a corresponding rise."

All the homes in precincts Locust Grove, Klondike, Monkland, Erskine and Rutledge will be surveyed in this county. State chairman of the work is Claribel Nye, of Corvallis. Assisting her are W. J. Gillmore, head of the agricultural engineering department and Miss Ruth Middlekauff, both of whom visited this county this week. Three women from Deschutes county have been transferred here to train local women and to aid in the survey. They are Mrs. Fred Shepare, Mrs. Mabel Dunlap and Mrs. May Fryrear.

Local women helping to gather the (Continued on page two)