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REDUCTION IN CWA HAMPER PROJECTS

Race To Finish Team Work Before Farmers Withdraw Teams On

WASCO WAITING ON ROAD JOB

Moro Pipe All Installed, But Ditches Still Open

Local CWA headquarters has received information that the quota of laborers for the county will be still further cut for this week. Last week 28 men were still working on CWA projects in the county which was a reduction from 71, the county's quota during the height of the relief campaign.

This county's quota was drastically cut down because of the small number of relief cases here. Other counties, in fact, most other counties were allowed to retain a larger part of their workers as need was adjudged greater.

The county allotment of men for the week beginning March 2 will be 25 men, a reduction of ten percent below that of the last week. Also the following week there will be another reduction of three men or ten percent of the 25. After that, unless regulations are changed again, the reduction will be two men per week.

Men from the south end of the county are working on the Harmony road project trying to finish it before farmers take their teams for farm work. The same conditions prevail on the Brackett road job where officials are trying to finish before teams are needed and before the CWA quotas are too low for effective work. The Wasco city viaduct job is still unfinished and the ditch project still needs more work. The Moro pipe project is completed as far as laying of pipe is concerned but the backfilling is only partly completed. Three men will work this week on it however.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bryant of Hood River a son, Robert Vaughn, February 24.

Sage Rats of Many Varieties; All Poisoned With Same Bait

To one raised in eastern Oregon a sage rat is a sage rat. If of the masculine gender he has practiced methods of torture on the rats in all forms that come to boyhood imagination. The little animals have been hauled from their holes at the end of a string and kept for pets although they were not very well tamed. Every boy has at one time contested to see how many he could shoot in a given time. Still regardless of the number of autopsies held over the dead rodents a sage rat remained a sage rat.

Well it isn't so. Sage rats, or ground squirrels have different classifications like horses or cows. There is the Douglas, which is the scientific name given to the grey digger of Wasco county and the Willamette valley. There is the Oregon. There are some of them in this county. They hibernate in the winter and lie dormant, or aestivate, in the summer. They do not store food for winter. This type of rat is very prolific producing litters that average eight in number.

Then there is the Columbian, a sort of red squirrel and a couple of others, the Piute and the Townsend. The two latter varieties are found in this county. The Piute is much like the Oregon but there is a difference. The Piute has a white belly and its tail is the same color as its back while the Oregon is grayer underneath and its tail has a reddish cast with a black tip. The Townsend squirrel is a smaller rat and is found in the area closer to the Columbia river. In Sherman county a majority of the sage rats in the north end of the county are Townsends.

Yes, yes, says the reader, but what

Jay Upton Will Address Commercial Club

Jay H. Upton, state senator from Deschutes, Klamath, Lake, Crook and Jefferson counties, and a candidate for the republican nomination for representative from the second district of Oregon will be the speaker at the Commercial Club next Tuesday evening at the Moro Hotel.

Mr. Upton has long been a leader in the state senate and is known as a speaker of ability. His talk here will be on some phase of the economic situation and not on his candidacy.

He is well known in this county through his long experience as a legislator and has made frequent visits to this county. Mrs. R. O. Scott, of Wasco is a sister of Mr. Upton.

The club has issued an invitation to the entire county to attend the meeting and hear Mr. Upton's talk. The Moro Hotel will be the scene of the gathering as usual and 6:30 has been set as the hour. Dinner will be served at that time and the program will begin shortly after that event.

Southern Wheat

Looking Better

General improvement in domestic winter wheat prospects, together with the continued slow movement of world supplies into consuming channels, were the principal influences in the wheat situation during the week. Beneficial rains or snow occurred in Western Kansas and Oklahoma and Texas and winter wheat prospects were improved materially in these areas. Moisture is still needed in Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. Moisture conditions continue mostly favorable in the Pacific Northwest and in California. No important changes were reported in European crop prospects. Alternate freezing and thawing caused additional damage in large areas in France, but crops in other sections are reported in satisfactory condition.

The slow demand for the surplus wheat in the principle exporting countries continues to be a weakening influence in the wheat market. World shipments to date this season have been the smallest of any recent year, totaling only about 300,000,000 bushels, compared with over 360,000,000 bushels for the corresponding

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Vernon Flatt Successful Bidder For Mail Contracts

Vernon Flatt was successful bidder for the mail contracts recently offered for bid. The Grass Valley-Antelope contract has been held by L. C. Dickson who will have completed his four year contract on July 1. The other contract, that out of Moro toward Mendocino has been held by Mr. Flatt for two terms for four years each. It is considered likely that in as much as Mr. Flatt has the railroad freight contract for alternate days that he will continue with it on the same truck. The short route west of Moro has been consolidated with the longer run.

City Pays Part

On New Pipe

City councilmen busied themselves Tuesday night with city affairs which included renewing insurance on the hotel and indorsing the application of beer dispensers who were applying for a state license to purvey the brewer's product.

First payment of \$500 was ordered on the pipe bought for the GWA project and other bills were paid. Action on increasing the number of hydrants in town was withheld awaiting additional information to be gotten from an insurance engineer.

Hog Allotment Plan

May Be Changed

Some changes are being made in the corn-hog allotment set-up and it will be necessary for signers of the contracts to include all of their land in the maps and contracts as they make up the agreements. It is urged that this project be completed as soon as possible so it will be out of the way before the beef and dairy program begins an event that is expected to happen by April 1.

New Gas Tanks

Ready For Installation

Work is progressing on the job of the Moro Grain Growers who are excavating for a tank to hold gasoline supplies on the hillside south east of town. The county compressor and power man, Chester Bargenholt, are on the job. It is expected that the tank will be installed within a short time.

Dairy Association

Writes Policy

Oregon's two largest dairy associations are on record as favoring a single list of suggestions for the forthcoming dairy production control program under the AAA as the result of endorsement by the Oregon butter and icecream makers association of the eight point program adopted by the Oregon Dairymen's association.

The manufacturers in their annual convention and short course at Ore. State college agreed with producers

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Warrant Call

Warrants to and including Warrant No. 25 will be paid on presentation to Dist. Clerk.

Interest ceases from date of notice. Dated at Grass Valley this 2nd day of March, 1934.

C. P. Adams, clerk of Dist. 24, Sherman County.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 28

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
FEB. 22	49	30	.00
" 23	55	32	.00
" 24	49	33	.00
" 25	43	29	.00
" 26	42	29	.00
" 27	55	30	.06
" 28	57	36	.00
Total for week			.06

CONTRACTED ACREAGE REGULATIONS GIVEN

Use Of Land Restricted By Wheat Section AAA

HAY MUST BE CUT WHEN GREEN

Inspection To Be Made On Every Farm During Season

No question has caused as much worry on the part of farmers since the farm adjustment act was passed as what to do with the land taken out of production—contracted acreage. It was a problem last fall when farmers wanted to know just what they could do and now that seedling time is here again they want complete information about the government's ruling on this land.

E. R. Jackman, of the state college, has prepared a letter for county agents and allotment committees that gives all the available information about contracted acreage. Important facts are set forth as follows.

Wheat may be seeded for certain purposes on contracted acreage only in summer-fallow regions.

Wheat may be seeded this spring as an erosion preventing crop—but must be plowed under before maturity. Wheat already growing must be plowed under, except that wheat may be seeded as a pasture crop for work horses kept on the farm or for other farm use. Wheat so used must be kept pastured down and in no case can it reach maturity before pasturing. It must be in addition to other pasture land.

Wheat may be seeded for hay or work stock kept on the farm or for other animals consumed. Wheat so used must not replace other acreage normally cut for hay. It must be cut green, not later than the soft dough stage. If inspection shows wheat in mature stage it will be considered a contract violation.

Other grains may be planted under the same conditions as govern wheat. Potatoes or garden crops may be grown for home use. Grasses may be grown and Crested Wheat is recommended for dry land. Trees for wind breaks and erosion control are available.

The procedure farmers must go through if they wish to use contracted acreage for hay is as follows:

Growers must apply in writing to the allotment committee for permission to grow hay and the allotment committee may grant or refuse such application. If granted it must be in writing.

Hay may be grown to replace straw or chaff for feed.

Hay cannot be taken from the farm where grown. It must be stacked separately and marked for inspection to see. Growers may not accumulate hay for use after contract period. If hay is cut grower may not sell ANY hay off the farm.

Contracted acreage must be clearly marked at corners for inspector. It must be clearly designated on maps and allotment committees must be sure it is marked. Contracted acreage must be average land but it need not be in one block. A farmer may not take all of such acreage in one year and none the next. It must be 15 percent of normal acreage each season. Land left unplowed for financial reasons in 1933 may call it contracted acreage.

Contracted acreage for 1935 should be left unplowed this spring. It may be pastured until harvest. As the contracted acreage will probably be 20 percent next year it may be advisable to leave this amount. Winter wheat may be planted for erosion control to be plowed under next spring.

Changes in ownership of land or tenancy should be registered with the allotment committee. Wheat must be grown up to 54 percent of base period. Inspectors must be allowed access to land at all times. Records of (Continued on page two)

Value Of Livestock Decreases In Nation

The annual live stock inventory of the United States has been taken showing the number and value of different kinds of animals on the farms of the country. Horses show a reduction of 2 percent to 11,942,000 head with an average value of \$66.42. Mules show a like decline in number but their average price is up to \$81.56 a substantial rise in price.

Hogs decreased in number 9 percent and the value per head is lower than at any time since 1897. An average hog is now valued at \$4.16. Sheep also showed a decrease in number by a small percent, but this was caused by fewer on feed market. Stock sheep increased.

Milk cows, worth an average of \$27.09 were more numerous than at any time before in the history of the country. There was an increase of over 3 percent in the last year.

In Oregon hogs decreased 20 percent, milk cows increased a little, and sheep increased 2 percent.

These prices are not market prices but are average prices of all ages and sizes of stock.

City To Be Re-rated

By Engineers Soon

A letter from H. F. White, engineer in charge of rating cities and towns for the rating bureau, informs city officials that Moro will be re-rated soon, but that several other towns are listed ahead of this city and must be finished before work can start here.

Red Cross Re-appoint

Chairmen In District

Appointment of local chairman for the Red Cross work in this district resulted in the re-appointment of Mrs. E. B. Haily as chairman of the Wasco district, George Bourhill as chairman in Moro and Mrs. C. L. Poley as chairman of the Grass Valley district.

Crop Loans Will Be

Made Again This Year

Farmers seeking loans from the \$40,000,000 emergency crop loan fund will be directed in the near future where to apply in their respective communities, stated Wm. F. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit administration. Rules and regulations covering such loans will soon be announced. Application forms are now being prepared.

It is required by the law that borrowers, as a condition to receiving an emergency loan, must furnish proof of cooperation with the Agricultural adjustment administration.

The nature of proof of cooperation will be similar to that recently announced as applicable to other borrowers who apply for loans under the Farm Credit administration.

Each applicant must obtain clearance through or furnish a certificate of cooperation with the Agricultural Adjustment administration. The production control associations will make available lists of those who have signed acreage control contracts. Farmers who are on this list, if otherwise eligible to borrow, will be able to obtain loans.

County councils of the production control associations will certify to representatives of the Farm Credit administration the names of any farmers who, while not signing acreage control contracts, are cooperating by not increasing their production contrary to the acreage control program.

Where county councils have not been set up, Farm Credit administration representatives will be instructed to make no loan to farmers who are planning to increase production.

For the time being, according to Myers, the various regional emergency crop loan offices will handle the applications for loans from the \$40,000,000 fund, and these offices will be under the immediate direction of the Emergency Crop Loan division, which is placed under the supervision of the Production Credit Commissioner, S. M. Garwood, and the Governor.

4-H Children In Newswriting Contest

Some boy or girl in Sherman county will be given a scholarship to the summer school for 4-H club children this June. This boy or girl will be the one who wins a news writing contest. The doings of the clubs will be subject for each contestant. It is all a part of a state wide contest inaugurated to aid children in expressing themselves and describing their club work.

Each club in the county is asked to elect or otherwise select a club reporter. Reporters will write the club notes, send them to the Journal or to the county school superintendent. Those adjudged worthy will be printed in the paper each week. The contestant who has the most notes published between now and the end of May will be given the scholarship. Each contestant must keep a scrap book in which they are to paste, as neatly as possible, their published news notes. Points to watch are clearness of expression, grammar, general interest to readers and brevity. Such notes must be in the Journal office Wednesdays.

Moro Business Men

Show Ambition

Moro merchants, filled with laudable and worthy ambition, took it upon themselves to clean up the streets in front of their places of business early this week. The dirt remaining after the backfilling was done by the CWA workers was hauled away and the streets washed clean with the fire hose. The job was done to keep the fresh dirt from being carried into stores and being blown about. Also it improved the appearance of the town no little.

Bovine T B Tests

Available Soon

The county agent announces this week that within a short time it will be possible for Dr. Derflinger to be in this county for the purpose of testing cattle for tuberculosis. A part of this work was completed last winter but there are still many cows untested. Persons wishing to avail themselves of this service should get in touch with Mr. Johnston soon.

Those wishing to seed certified potato seed may find a list of certified potato raisers at the county agents office and make their purchases accordingly.

Saturday afternoon at the court house members of the boys and girls livestock clubs may see the pictures that teach proper methods of showing live stock.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer March 3, 1915.

Hy Donley has sold his barber shop and furnishings and the two shops in Moro are now consolidated as a three chair shop.

Mrs. S. S. Black and son, from Ashwood, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. G. Woods.

G. E. Lowellen was called to Portland the first of the week by the illness of his father.

Wesley Fuller and Miss Eunice Kessinger were united in marriage at Wasco on Sunday, February 28th by Rev. Crowder. The young couple have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this vicinity who wish them joy and prosperity.

State Senator Ragsdale and family have returned from a spell of forty days in Salem where the Senator has busily engaged himself in helping to give us some better laws and to smooth up the rough edges of some of the other ones.

From the Observer March 7, 1895.

The Neece School will be taught the coming term by Prof. W. J. Peddicord.

Miss Maud B. Belshie taught Prof. Brown's classes three days last week.

R. C. Kinney of Emmigrant Springs

4-H CHILDREN FETED AT GRASS VALLEY-KENT

Two Banquets Given This Week By Womens' Organizations

CHILDREN TELL EXPERIENCES

Program Mapped, History of Club Work Told

The Grass Valley Women's Club were sponsors Monday night of an entertainment and dinner for 4-H club members of that vicinity. Those club children finishing their projects in the past year were invited along with their parents. The Masonic hall was the scene of the affair.

The program was handled by superintendent Knighten who took charge after a welcoming talk by Mrs. Gaylord Davies, president of the club. Clubbers sang their songs for the musical part of the entertainment, accompanied by Mrs. Ray Blake and led by Marjorie Blake.

Doro-hy Olds told of her summer school classes. Cora Bayer spoke of cooking projects; Vera Pike talked on sewing work, and Ivan Gervais covered the field of boys activities. Rachael Poley responded to the address of welcome on the part of the club members.

Glen King recounted some of the experiences of boys at the state fair and marvelled at the training that some of the stock show. Mrs. A. M. Zevely recalled early day club work in this county and gave Grass Valley credit for organizing the first 4-H club in the county.

Perry Johnston discussed the program of club work for the year and proposed that a judging demonstration be held at Yakima some time during the year. He asked that all starting projects finish them. Miss Viola Hansen spoke of the club contests and prizes that may be won by clubbers who strive hard enough. However, Miss Hansen, a former winner in state and national competition stressed the importance of the work whether prizes are won or not. Giles French explained the news writing contest. Between seventy and eighty persons attended the dinner.

The third 4-H club dinner to be held in the county this winter was held at Kent Wednesday night when

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