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HOMEMAKERS CONFER HERE WEDNESDAY

College Sending Authorities To Aid Home Planning

DISCUSSIONS TO BE FEATURE

Lessons on Food and Clothing Will Be Given

A county homemakers conference open without charge to all women of Sherman county is to be held in the court house in Moro on Wednesday, March 21, announces County Agent P. N. Johnson. Three members of the Oregon State college extension staff in home economics are to give lectures and demonstrations, while various exhibits, some of which were shown recently at the state home interest conference at Corvallis, will be set up. The program begins promptly at 10:00 o'clock and will continue until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Cora B. Guyton, chairman of county home economics committee of the grange, will preside at the conference and Mrs. Collins will be in charge of registration. Mrs. E. H. Moore is chairman of the committee for the noon meal. Mrs. Lucy A. Case, state nutrition agent, will demonstrate one dish of the preparation of vegetables and this will be served at noon, in addition to the meal planned and arranged for by Mrs. Moore.

The program of the day includes addresses by Miss Claribel Nye, State Leader of Home Economics Extension, and a lecture by Miss Lucy A. Case on "Can food change a person and his personality." Mrs. Aza Sager, state clothing specialist, will discuss "Recognizing quality in materials" and will demonstrate the tests for materials. There will be singing and games and the service available to homemakers of the state through the home economics division of the extension service will be explained. Exhibits of self-help clothing for pre-school children and methods of removing common stains on various materials will be included. The exhibit will also include material that is available for distribution in the state for homemakers.

This is one of a series of 15 county wide conferences being held throughout the state where no home demonstration agents are maintained.

Horace Strong Dies Suddely At Eugene Home

Horace W. Strong, well known resident of this vicinity for many years, died suddenly at his home in Eugene Monday morning.

Mr. Strong was a native of Oregon having been born in Douglas county January 2, 1869. His parents were among those who made the trip across the plains in 1852. In 1881 the family came to Sherman county and took up land and as the deceased came of age he started farming on the place he has owned since. It is just below Moro, one of the best improved farms in the county.

June 6, 1892 Ida Miller became Mrs. Strong. She survives her husband. Four children also survive. They are Leon B. of Washington, D. C. Truman, of Moro, Mrs. Ted Ball of Grass Valley and Mrs. Harold Potter of Eugene. Since 1919 the Strong have lived in Eugene.

Two brothers, Perry, of The Dalles, and Harvey of Walker and one sister, Mrs. Ella Wolford of Walker, and the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Margaret Slater are still living.

Funeral services were held Tuesday March 13 in Eugene and interment was made in that city.

Pictures Of Grass Lands To Be Shown Monday

The department of visual instruction at Oregon state college has just completed a set of 28 glass slides which show different phases of range improvement in eastern Oregon. E. R. Jackman has prepared a lecture to accompany the slides and give additional information about the pictures shown. These slides are made from actual pictures of grass lands in eastern and central Oregon. Typical views of range land and fields of crested wheat grass are shown as well as other grasses.

These pictures will be shown at the court house Monday evening March 19 at 7:30 in the evening to all members of the 4-H stock clubs and any others who are interested. On Saturday night, March 24 they will be shown to the Kent grange. If it is possible to show them without electricity they will be shown at the Klondike grange Saturday the 17th and at Highlandview grange Friday night the 23rd.

Examiner Coming

C. M. Bentley, examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Friday March 23rd, 1934, at the courthouse between the hours of 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.

WHEAT LEAGUE TACKLES JUTE TAX RULING OF AAA

Brief Proclaims Theory of Growers on Taxation

COMMITTEE FAVORS FAIR TAX

Northwest Is Held Favored Section By Agricultural Department

Eastern Oregon Wheat League Executive Committee meeting held at Arlington last Sunday was well attended, all the wheat growing counties being represented, but Jefferson, and all except two of the committee members being present. A number of non-committee members were present, including E. S. Gilliland of Pilot Rock, Chas. Smith of Heppner, E. R. Jackman of Covallis, Perry N. and W. H. Ragsdale of Moro and a number of Gilliam county grain growers.

After some discussion of the matter of the Burlap Bag Processing Tax, which amounts to 2.185 cents per bag, it was decided that this is not justified here in the Pacific Northwest at this time, that protesting it and asking that it be rebated a grain grower will not endanger the loss of the Export Corporation nor the loss of the export subsidy here in the Northwest. A brief setting up the position of grain growers over this part of the country was prepared and ordered sent to the officials at Washington who have in their hands the application of the tax.

The resolution, after giving the facts of the situation, that the tax on jute for bags does not apply to wool bags, that the tax is a burden on the farmers of the north west where burlap bags are used, the brief continues. The northwest is co-operating with the AAA to a greater extent than other sections for 83 per cent of the northwest wheat is under the reduction plan while the national average is much less.

Farmers of this region are paying their tax on cotton goods, without protest. The jute tax is declared to be unfair as it throws a larger burden on grain growers who sack their wheat, than others. Those who are in a position to bulk their grain can escape the tax and others cannot making an inequality in the tax. Growers of oats and barley receive no benefit from the AAA yet are taxed to support it.

The brief was sent to representatives in congress and to interested persons in the northwest. The tax on burlap which is being levied on all imports of jute or burlap sacking will increase the cost of producing wheat by a cent per bushel if it is sacked.

Petitions have been sent to Washington from granges in the wheat district asking that the tax on jute be rebated and other agencies are co-operating with the wheat league in the fight.

It's Time For Baseball Boys! Let's Go!

How about a baseball game? For several weeks or since the sun began to shine down in spring like splendor the boys have been talking about baseball and in Wasco and Grass Valley the candidates for baseball teams have been out chasing the ball around and getting limbered up.

There was some talk of organizing a six-team league in the county this spring. It was to have been comprised of teams from Kent, Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco, the Klondike and Rufus communities and the Highlandview grange. Probably one of the best ways to interest younger players in baseball would be to have enough teams to give the youngsters a chance. Anyway, regardless of who plays or where, it is about time we had a ball game.

Cooking Schools Well Attended

Since last Tuesday evening the family stomach has been a proving ground for new ideas local cooks heard of while attending the cooking school held here Monday and Tuesday evening. Observers who watched the ease with which Mrs. L. A. Humphries manipulated the dough into various shapes for baking we all prepared to go home and try out some of the recipes themselves. Many of them did and if your neighbor has a bit more pleasant smile than usual it may be because his wife found some particularly tasty dish.

The school was held at the Moro Hardware and Furniture company store under the auspices of the Crown Mills, Standard Oil with local agents W. A. May and Farmers Elevator co-operating.

Prizes were given out to fortunate spectators. These were cakes, cookies, pies and other pastries and a full dinner was one present.

The school here was one of a series being given in the county. First Wasco was visited, then Moro and Thursday and Friday Grass Valley will be the scene of another school with Kent on the list later.

Districts Rebekahs Convene Saturday

Marion Rebekah lodge of Wasco will entertain the members of the lodges of Moro, Grass Valley, Kent and Antelope Saturday in a district conference. Mrs. Esther Frisbie Bond state president of the assembly will be present. In the afternoon the conference program will be held. Mrs. Nellie Fields will preside as chairman, Mrs. McCulloch, of Kent, will act as vice chairman and Mrs. Fern Wilde as secretary. In the evening the regular annual visit of the president to the Wasco and Moro lodges will be observed and dinner will be served.

Deadline Set For Hog Allotment

The deadline for entrance into the hog-corn reduction plan has been set for April 3, which means that all farmers who contemplate cooperating with the government in reducing the number of piglets raised each year must be filling out their papers and getting them in to the allotment committees. It has been learned that it takes several days for the average farmer to rustle the needed information and get the required statements regarding sale of hogs. For this reason it will be necessary for hog raisers to busy themselves if they are to finish their applications.

Rufus Community Entertains 4H Clubbers

Parents of 4-H club workers in the Rufus neighborhood played hosts to their project completing offspring Wednesday night with a banquet in their honor. A table was spread in one of the wide halls of the school building for the occasion.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader was present and made the address of the evening reviewing the accomplishments of club workers of this state and setting forth the advantages of club work to all children who follow it through to completion.

Wily Knight acted as toastmaster and called upon Albert Thompson, Georgina Blackburn and Florence Thompson for assistance in entertaining the guests. Other speakers were Miss Georgia Striker, George Wilkerson, Perry Johnston and Gies French.

Ti. the end of the program pins were given out to the boys and girls who had finished their projects.

A half a billion dollars has been loaned to American farmers by the Federal Land Banks since the organization of the Farm Credit Administration last May, according to Governor Wm. I. Myers. Of this amount, \$140,000,000 has been advanced in the month of February, just passed.

PRODUCTION CREDIT READY TO FUNCTION

Applications Being Received By C.C. Crew, Secretary

BLANKS AVAILABLE IN COUNTY

Loans Will Only Be Made On Good Security

Applications for production loans to farmers in Sherman county the now being received by C. C. Crew, secretary treasurer of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association. According to Mr. Crew all loans will be made on a business basis and according to the security furnished by the applicant.

"The loans that will be made in this county and the other six counties served by the Mid-Columbia association must be good loans and loans that are collectable if the association is to continue as a permanent service to farmers in this and other communities, as intended," Mr. Crew said.

"Fortunately, not all the farmers in this county need credit," he continued, "but for those who do the association stands as a business organization—not as a charity institution. Loans may be obtained for periods of 3 to 12 months by any eligible deserving farmer who needs credit and has security; but if a farmer is eligible for credit it must be extended on a business basis."

"Each applicant has to state in his application what property he is offering to secure the loan," Mr. Crew said. Security for these loans must consist of first liens on crops, livestock or other personal property on which a lien or chattel mortgage may be taken to secure the loan adequately. The lien may be taken on property already in the possession of the borrower, or to be purchased with the money borrowed. It is not intended that production loans shall be secured principally by mortgages on real estate. Where this type of security is taken it will be regarded only as additional collateral.

Mr. Crew said that the charges on production loans would be as low as possible in keeping with business credit. A small fee is charged to inspect the property offered as security by the applicant, but usually no charge will be made for inspection if the loan is not granted.

The minimum amount of a production loan is \$50. The interest rate at present is 5 1/2 percent, charged only for the actual number of months the loan is outstanding. The interest is not collected until the loan is due.

Each farmer borrowing for the first time automatically becomes a member of the association, since each is required to own voting stock in the association equal to 5 per cent of the amount he borrows. The stock may be purchased with a part of the loan proceeds. It is the only voting stock of the association and may be purchased only by borrowers, each having only one vote regardless of the amount borrowed.

Blanks for the loans may be obtained from W. H. Ragsdale, J. C. McKean, either of the banks, B. H. Grady, County Agent Johnston, J. W. Shepard or J. E. Norton in this county.

Aged Man Found Dead

Saturday a man was found dead in the little cabin near the water tank east of Carlisle's service station on the Columbia highway and Coroner Wilcox and Sheriff Chrisman were called to make the usual investigations. The man was about 60 years old of average height. No papers of any kind were found on him or among his possessions which consisted only of the bare necessities. He was buried in The Dalles by Zell's in a grave marked unknown.

"Pat" Sissel Buried In Wasco Wednesday

Perry B. Sissel, former resident of Wasco, died in a Bend hospital Monday afternoon from the effects of an emergency operation for stomach ulcers. He was proprietor of a business in Redmond. Before moving to that town he was in the confectionery store in Wasco with Steve McMillan.

Mr. Sissel was a member of one of the pioneer families of Sherman county being a son of Elmsley Sissel who came to the county in the early eighties and remained to develop the country.

The deceased was 47 years of age. He leaves his widow to whom he was recently married, his mother, living at Wasco, and two sisters, Mrs. G. L. Coleman of The Dalles and Mrs. T. S. Eaton of Alhambra, Cal., and one brother Charles. Funeral services were held at Redmond Wednesday morning at 10:30 after which the body was brought to Wasco where graveside services were conducted by the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Mrs. Marie B. Cooper and Mrs. O. G. Hilderbrand, cousins of Mr. Sissel and Mrs. Steve McMillan and daughter drove to Redmond Tuesday to attend the services.

Taxpaying Popular As March 15th Nears

Paying taxes was an activity for the past week. A larger number of persons have presented themselves at the sheriff's office with check book in hand than for several years and the delinquent roll is showing effects of a reduction in taxes as well as the 1934 roll. The new law that permits quarterly payment of taxes appears to be popular and the 3 percent discount for pre-payment attracts those with the money to pay. A turnover will be made shortly after the 15th that will distribute the money to the taxing units.

Star Lodges Entertain Worthy Matron

Eastern Star members of this county are having a week of fraternal entertainment because of the annual visit of the assistant worthy matron of the state lodge, Dr. Edith I. Phillips. A meeting was held in Wasco Tuesday night, when candidates were initiated. Another meeting was held in Moro Wednesday night, Antelope was visited Thursday night and the Grass Valley lodge will be host Friday night.

Afternoon meetings of instruction are held each day in the several towns all of which were attended by a large number of members.

News Of Other Days, Other Times, Other People, Yet Sherman County

From the Observer March 21, 1895: A son was born to the wife of Horace Strong on the 16th.

L. K. Moore has moved to his new home in Grass Valley. Dr. Smith has purchased his residence property here in Moro.

Ed Kohansky of Grass Valley and Mrs. Bouton, a lady just arrived from the east, were married a few days since.

Wheat is steadily increasing at river points. The Columbia Commercial Company were paying 39 cents yesterday.

Keep it before the people that Sherman county don't owe any body anything she can't pay on demand.

From the Observer March 24, 1905: John Fitzmaurice, Jack and Robert Hickson left Moro Monday to fill engagements in the field of survey in the Bend region of Central Oregon.

Farmers generally are this year paying particular attention to breeding horses, a business now full five years behind the necessities of the time, as good animals are scarce.

Judge Blackburn, of Grants, who was the first Sherman county Judge,

MOISTURE INDICATES FAIR WHEAT CROP

Soil Wetter Than Average In North End of County

13.7 PERCENT MOISTURE AVE.

Eleven Tests Taken In Different Fields In County

From now on every one interested in estimating the wheat crop for the year. The game doesn't get hot for a couple of months but along in May and June farmers are walking over the wheat fields talking thirty bushels, fifteen bushels and comparing fields for excellence.

There is a rough way of estimating the bushels a given field will produce. An inch of soil moisture in the spring less the amount the plant cannot use, produces on an average about 3 bushels of wheat per acre. Some years much less, some more, but that is the average.

So, the thing to do is to determine the soil moisture. Last week M. M. Oveson, of the experiment station, drove over the north end of the county and made eleven soil tests. The average of these shows that there is 13.7 percent of moisture in the soil. There is 5.5 percent of this that cannot be used, leaving a little over 8 percent available for wheat plants. If the average is maintained this part of the county should have better than a 20 bushel crop this harvest. Some of our dry years when soil moisture was low the production for each inch of moisture has been as low as 1.5 bushels, however.

This 13.7 percent of moisture is better than average in itself. The normal amount does not run that high but in practically every good year it has been up to 14 or 15 percent in the spring. We are increasing our soil moisture this year over the previous four years.

Moisture tests were taken on the Roy Powell farm where 14.7 (percent in each case) was found in six feet which is the usual depth unless rock is encountered. On the Peetz place it was 13.4, on the Carroll Sayrs allotment land it was 12.5, up on Gordon ridge in the Proudfoot field the moisture was 11.0—this because the ground was dry in the fifth and sixth feet—on Paul Alley's place it was 11.5, just north of Lave Barnett's place moisture was 14.8, on Kenneth

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COURT NEWS

Claims Presented and Allowed Against the General Fund at the March 7th, 1934, Term of County Court.

Mrs. S. L. Coats, County charge	\$15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, County charge	20.00
Jim Tomlin, County charge	25.00
Old Age Pension	
Ella Vanlandingham	10.00
May Albertine, Whiting	10.00
Mrs. Flora Bell Eakin	15.00
William J. Bownlee	15.00
William S. Hall	15.00
Mary Jane Young	15.00
Julius Rubburg	15.00
David Aaron Fields	15.00
John Hood Henderson	10.00
S. Garrett, County needy	20.00
Williams Drayage Courthouse	1.00
Pac. Power & Light Co. Courthouse light bills	13.92
The Flax Company Clerk's office supplies	6.76
The T. K. Gill Company Supt. office supplies	1.35
Rent for re-employment office in The Dalles	7.50
Antim Sealers Weights and Measures	2.80
Pac. Stationery & Print Co.,	

Sheriff's supplies	1.15
W. S. Print. & Bind. Co., Supplies for office and court house	48.51
W. S. Printing & Binding Co., Sheriff's and Treasurer's supplies	174.90
Chas. R. Logan, Auditor first payment on 1933 audit	150.00
Hugh Chrisman, Cash for express and over time	10.25
Geo. G. Updegraff, Dist. Attorney's expenses	7.12
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone office	16.45
Wasco Pharmacy, Supplies for Biglow, County poor	4.79
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge expenses	8.75
Wasco county Indus Farm care of Chas. Patterson	40.00
Homer S. Wall, 64 mi. at 5c viewing road to be closed	3.20
Sherman County Journal, County Printing	19.80
Sherman County Journal, Printing and supplies	64.80
Pac. Stationery & Print Co., Supt's supplies	5.15
State Industrial Acc. Comm. Contributions to price office	12.08
City of Moro, Courthouse	

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