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SURVEY REPORT SHOWS DESIRE FOR HOMES

Water Systems Wanted For Many Farms

MANY HOUSES 50 YEARS OLD

Workers Find Few Farmers Wanting To Borrow

The preliminary report of the survey recently made in Sherman county by CWA workers instructed to find out how people in the country live shows some interesting things about the county. The results in other counties are not available for purposes of comparison as yet.

The 254 farms surveyed had a total of 204,914 acres or an average of a little over 800 acres each. Of this amount about 600 acres were tillable on the average. There were 220 painted farm houses, 39 unpainted ones and three brick houses on these farms. In age they ranged from 27 that were under 10 years, 96 between 10 and 24 years old, 124 between the age of 25 to 49 years and 15 were over 50 years old. A majority of the farm homes were over one story in height the count being 161 with two stories at least and 101 with one story.

According to the survey there is now needed 96 foundations and 65 roofs on these houses and 192 are in need of paint. The county shows however that many houses are in good column as far as houses and house equipment is concerned.

The water supply for these houses is carried a total of 11,283 feet on average of 33 feet for each house although 214 of the farm houses have cold water piped into them and 16 have a pump in them. There are 170 bathtubs in these homes, 20 showers, 123 lavatories and 230 sinks. Disposal of waste water is not so well taken care of in most of the homes for 103 have only surface disposal while 98 have septic tanks.

The farms taken average a distance of 52 miles from a power line although the homes in the extreme south end of the county were not taken. Kerosene and gasoline lamps do a vast majority of the lighting in the country according to the report.

If farmers were given \$500 for improvements they would spend it as follows: 138 for interior walls, etc., 89 for bath rooms, 82 for water systems, 88 for furnishings, 77 for sanitary facilities, 78 for exterior walls, 72 for additional room down to six who want a new chimney and 8 who wish new cooking equipment.

When asked if they would like to borrow money to finance repairs 213 farmers answered no while 49 said yes. The 49 who wished to borrow would use \$33,250 for improvements. Later the entire report will be available so that this county can be compared to the other counties taken to determine whether we live comparatively well or not.

Ford Raises Wages To Aid Recovery

In reestablishing the \$5.00 per day minimum wage scale for all his employees, Henry Ford is doing the most material thing possible to restore public confidence in the general recovery of business and living conditions throughout the country is the opinion of eastern economists.

Government and NRA officials commended Ford on his new policy, which sets a precedent among manufacturing and industrial concerns.

"No one loses anything by raising wages as soon as he is able," said Ford, when he made the announcement, "low wages are the most costly an employer can pay. It's like using low grade material—the waste makes it very expensive in the end."



Jay H. Upton, of Bend, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative from the second congressional district. Mr. Upton declares that the president's hand must be upheld in his attempts to bring recovery as that transcends all other issues.

The candidate has favored old age pensions and unemployment in Oregon and believes that these would remove possibility of another period of hunger. Ship locks at Bonneville are favored by Mr. Upton who also believes that the entire Columbia river should be developed as soon as possible.

Pointing to his record of support of the Grange power bill, the Thompson bill for the regulation of utilities, the gasoline cowboy bill and general legislation favorable to labor he compares it to that of the incumbent.

Mr. Upton is 54, has served four terms in the Oregon senate, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He has lived in Bend and Prineville for nearly twenty years.

Competition In Race For Commissioner

It is now definitely decided that there will be some competition for a county commissionership after several elections in which one man was named without competition. A. A. Dunlap, incumbent, has at the courthouse this week, filed for the republican nomination.

There is still a possibility that others will get into the race for the final date for entrance into the race by candidates is not until April 3 which gives plenty of time for ambitious persons. There won't be much doing until November unless others do file, though, for Arthur Justesen is a democrat and A. A. Dunlap is a republican so they will put on their show next fall if both are nominated. Both are from Kent.

Gas Refund Claims Must Be Filed In 6 Months

Although a change in the motor fuel refund law became effective last June 9th, providing that claims for return of tax be made within six months from the date of purchase, many users of gasoline for commercial or agricultural purposes are still unaware of the provision, states P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state.

Numerous claims are received daily by Stadelman's office for motor fuel purchased prior to the six month period and under the act of the 1933 legislature, all such requests for refunds must be refused. Many claims carry items of gasoline purchased both prior to and after the time limit set and these must be segregated and adjusted before they can be audited for payment. Requests for refund cannot be allowed either until the gasoline has been actually used.

Work of the refund auditors in the secretary of state's office, has been materially increased by the more frequent filing of claims, as formerly many of the claimants made but one application for refund a year, while now in order not to lose the refund privilege under the new regulations, these same applicants file two and often three and four claims annually.

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County, Like State, Pays All Back Warrants

There has been considerable boasting about the fact that the state of Oregon is on a cash basis again after a year of payment by warrant. Sherman county has the same privilege of boasting for the treasurer announces that all general fund warrants written before April 1, 1934 are cashable and it is expected that the county will remain on a cash basis for a short time at least.

Sherman county warrants have been cashable at the banks practically all of the time since they were being marked not paid for want of funds but now the county will have money of its own to do the paying. The recent turnover put the county in good shape financially. The only county fund in arrears is the old high tuition fund and the law gives the county five years to square this up.

Annual Vaudeville Viewed By Many

A high school boy, with a gift for humorous gab, a girl with some paper and a bit of charcoal, a high school band and the cast of a one act play gave Wasco residents a pleasant evening's entertainment last Saturday night. It was the third annual vaudeville given by the high school and from the moment the curtain was pulled aside to reveal the massed band resplendent in new uniforms to the final act it was a decided success.

F. C. Simpson brought some band pieces from Hood River to assist in the show and he directed the bands for the primary band also took part. A one act play, "The Battle of Shaw's Mill" was a hit and the vaudeville stunts brought on laughing fits for listeners. About 400 were present and the school made enough money to pay for their band uniforms.

Political Race Will Soon Be Started

It is about time for the political situation in this state to get settled for after April 3 candidates must file as independents instead of filing as candidates for the favoritism of one of the political parties.

While there has been thousands of words used by candidates in trying to solicit support not all of them have been successful in lining up enough backing to make a campaign look attractive. Some of the reputed gubernatorial candidates are on the verge of backing out and remaining in the rear rank until a more propitious time.

Joe Dunne has this week announced his candidacy for governor with a complete platform that includes all of the leading questions with the stamp of the Dunne aggressiveness given to their explanation. Mr. Dunne has always taken a great interest in roads and highways and has opinions of an original nature on many other problems.

Rufus Holman is expected to announce himself for governor this week if between the line reading can be trusted to give the proper slant on political things to be. With him in the race there will be plenty of excitement.

Elbert Bedz, newspaper man of Cottage Grove, who was urged to run for the office of secretary of state has declined to make the race saying "I believe that, in making the decision not to become a candidate, I have exercised the common sense and good judgment that it would require to properly conduct the office." Earl Snell is being urged to run for the

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 28

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 22	65	36	.00
" 23	55	30	.00
" 24	56	23	.00
" 25	60	38	.00
" 26	62	31	.02
" 27	63	44	.20
" 28	60	48	.25
Total for week			.47

DAIRY PROGRAM FINALLY OUTLINED

Production To Be Kept Stationary During AAA

MILK DISTRIBUTED TO POOR

Cows May Be Purchased From Farmers By Government

The long awaited detailed program of production adjustment for the dairy industry has now been made public and will be submitted to the industry nationally through a series of regional conferences, one of which is scheduled for Portland.

Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, are the dates set for the regional conference in Portland to serve the states of Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho, according to notification sent the Oregon State College Extension service by the AAA officials at Washington. The conference is being called by the AAA and will be conducted by its representatives, and will be attended by producers and state college representatives in the states included.

The adjustment plan just announced will be subject to final alterations as the result of suggestions made at these conferences, according to word from Washington. As it now stands, the plan includes the following provisions:

1. Production adjustment aimed at keeping the national production to the approximate levels of recent late winter months. To do this individual dairymen will be offered the opportunity to sign contracts agreeing to reduce their sales of milk or its products from 10 to 20 percent below the average for 1932 and 1933. In return they will be paid adjustment benefits amounting to about 40 cents per pound of butterfat or \$1.50 per hundred pounds of milk on the amount they reduce. The individual dairymen would be permitted to select any method of reduction he might choose, such as reducing feeding, eliminating some cows, using up the excess supply of milk on the farm, or any other means.

2. Provision is made to distribute a considerable quantity of surplus milk through the relief administration to under-nourished children.
3. Some cows will be purchased in surplus areas for transfer to parts of the country where needy farm families having no cows will be able to keep them without the product reaching the market. In parts of the cotton and wheat belts many farmers have kept no cows at all. Now with the reduction in wheat and cotton acreage, it is believed these farmers could each pasture one or more cows on contracted acreage with benefit to their families.

4. Certain funds will be set aside to help finance more speedy eradication of diseased cows, such as those reacting to tuberculosis and contagious abortion tests.

5. This \$165,000,000 plan will be financed from a processing tax starting at one cent per pound of butterfat and increasing to five cents per pound as the supply is brought under control.

In calling attention to the national situation that makes some form of production control necessary, the Washington officials point out that there are more cows milked in the United States at present than ever before in the history of the country. The total is now about 18 per cent above the number reported in 1928.

Except for the fact that the average production per cow is now far below what it was five years ago, caused by less feeding of concentrates there would be far greater surplus than now exists. As it is, national officials point out, the potential production from this increased number of cows is so great that any material increase in price without production control would only aggravate the

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Musical Festival To Be Held In Wasco

The county musical festival will be held in Wasco instead of in Grass Valley as previously planned. The date will be May 12. It is thought that eight bands will be present to demonstrate what can be done in high school music courses. Four of these will be from Sherman county and the others from towns in the Mid Columbia country.

Business men in Wasco have contributed to a fund to make the day a success and the city government itself is also aiding in the financial arrangements. Members of the various bands will be entertained as guests of the city. A platform will be built down town according to present plans and a musical program will be given in addition to the band music. F. Clyde Simpson and Paul McCulloch are in charge of the festival.

Streamline Train In County Friday

The new Union Pacific stream lined train that has caused so much interest since plans for it were announced will make its first trip along the Columbia river today, Friday, March 30. It will arrive in The Dalles at 8:50 in the morning and will remain there for 22 minutes being scheduled to leave at 9:12. According to the local office of the railroad company the train will move slowly through smaller stations such as Biggs and Rufus so that those gathered may see it.

Fridley Elected

Kenneth Fridley of Wasco, junior at Linfield college, has been nominated to Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honor society. Membership requirements are 30 semester hours of social sciences with a grade average of 3.25 on the basis of four points for A, three for B, two for C and one for D. Fridley is a member of Iota Omega Mu social fraternity. He is a two year letterman in football.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

The registration books for the electors of Sherman County will be closed after April 17, 1934 for registering for the Primary Election.

All persons who have changed residence, changed party affiliations, or failed to vote during the last two years must register prior to this date if they desire to vote at the coming primary election.

G. C. Vinton, County Clerk.

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

From the Observer April 4, 1895.

Mr. McGinnis, a relative of Mr. R. J. Ginn from Nebraska, has reached this city and taken a position in the store here.

George Bolton has run a five wire fence around his drug store block which is warranted dog-proof, and has taken a contract to summer-fallow Page's calf. The calf was weighed when it was turned in, and will be weighed when the contract expires, payment to be made according to the increase.

Dr. Sturdevant of the firm of Sanders and Sturdevant, The Dalles, will again be in Moro during the week beginning April 15th, prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

On the 28th Justice Meader united Carson von Borstel and Miss Margaret G. E. Patjens, of Kent, in the holy bonds of matrimony, at the City Hotel parlors.

From the Observer April 2, 1915.

G. A. Simon and wife were auto visitors in Moro last week from the Rutledge section. Mr. Simon has purchased a Maxwell car and since then he says distance has noticeably decreased.

A card from Mrs. Greta Moore Thompson dated New York City, March 23d, told of their leaving for Washington city the next day.

Deadline Set For Both Hog and Wheat Raisers

Deadlines in agricultural allotment groups are getting more numerous. This month there will be two of them. All hog raisers who wish to be paid for pigs they do not raise must have their papers filed by April 3 which is next Tuesday. This is the last call for hogs.

Also the final date on the wheat sign up is April 15. Not many of the farmers of this county are interested in this matter as a vast majority of them signed up the first time, but for any who did not do so the second opportunity will be gone April 15.

State Institutions Take Nearly Half

Maintenance of state penal and eleemosynary institutions and care of state wards totals 42.74 percent of the budgeted expenditures of the State of Oregon for the current biennium of 1933-1934, according to legislative appropriation statements compiled by P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state.

General governmental expenses form only 10.93 per cent of the total appropriations of the state for the period, and other classifications of charges are: Legislative, 1.80 per cent; judicial, 8.55 per cent; public welfare and defense, 17.67 per cent; aid of libraries, fairs, private institutions, and various semi-state activities, 6.82 per cent; preservation of national resources, 3.53 per cent; and miscellaneous, 7.96 per cent.

"These percentages are based entirely on legislative appropriations made by the regular 1933 session and not on actual expenditures in each classification during the two-year period, but proportions would remain approximately the same in actual disbursements," comments Stadelman. "Millage taxes and continuing appropriations are not included in the biennium percentages."

Knighten Heads Training Camp Committee

Willy Knighten has been appointed as enrollment chairman for the Citizens Military Training camp. The allotment for Sherman county this year is one out of the total number admissible which is 228. Oregon and the southwest counties of Washington are included in this area. This camp will open July 5 which is later than usual. Four weeks will be the duration of the course.

RAIN ANSWERS PRAYER OF WHEAT FARMERS

More Than Half Inch Comes To Soak Fields

VOLUNTEER GRAIN FOOT HIGH

Ground Plowing Hard Now For March Say Farmers

Rain has been the topic of conversation for many weeks in this section of the wheat country and it became a more pleasant topic Monday evening when showers fell in parts of the county. So far the rain has not been the soaker that farmers always pray for, but an excess of half an inch has fallen in practically every part of the county.

The Kent district which was badly in need of rain had .53 of an inch up to Wednesday morning, Grass Valley had a little less. Moro had .54 up to Thursday morning and Wasco continued its favorable position by receiving over .60 up to Wednesday.

As usual at this season of the year some sections of the county got more rain than others, showers being the rule. There is believed to be enough rain in most places to materially help the plowing for a time. Farmers are unanimous in saying that the ground was plowing as hard and turning up as dry as it usually does the first of May. The heavy growth of volunteer especially on those fields sown to Federation last year, has sapped the soil of moisture and caused a heavy sod that is hard to break.

Wheat on summerfallow has not grown as fast this year as the season would ordinarily indicate although spring sown grain is doing well in most fields. The volunteer, however, has been exceeding all speed records. In most cases it is thick and it forcing itself along because of the competition for moisture. Many fields, yet unplowed, have volunteer wheat a foot high and in every case the stubble ground is actually greener than the wheat land.

Farmers in most cases are jubilant over the rain although some feel that grain was not suffering and that a rain a little later would have been more valuable than at present.

Warrant Call

Warrants Nos. 327 to 530 inc. of School District No. 17, Sherman County will be paid upon presentation to Clerk of said District.

Interest will cease after this date. Dated at Moro, Oregon on the 30th day of March, 1934.

M. E. McKee, Clerk.

Fair Board To Meet Here Wednesday

The Sherman County Fair board will meet next Wednesday, April 4, at the court house for a general discussion of a possible county fair for 1934. Every person or organization interested in this question either pro or anti should arrange to be present at the meeting.

CWA Work In County Stopped Last Tuesday

When foreman Wm. Mitchell looked at his watch Tuesday afternoon and found that the day was at an end as far as work was concerned the CWA jobs in this county ended. For the past two weeks the county has had but a few men working and the towns have been without men to finish their work. Twelve men worked one week and five the last one.

Mitchell reports that the Brackett road job was practically completed before the work had to be stopped. All that remains to do is a few hundred yards of rock.