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WHEAT COULD STILL BE HELPED BY RAIN

Cool Wheat Covers Over A Third of County

DROUGHT AND FROST COSTLY

Many Fields Will Yield Short Crop With Best of Weather

A survey of the county's wheat strengthens the report made last week regarding the condition of the crop. There is undoubtedly some fine wheat in the favored parts of the county—wheat that stands three feet high and has heads that satisfy the most hopeful farmer. The Wasco country will harvest a crop unless something very, very surprising happens shortly. The crop in the Scott and Gerkin canyon neighborhood is in good condition also and harvest time there will bring joy to the farmers for they should have one of the best crops in several years.

Reports that the eastern and southern parts of the county have been hurt by drought and freezing are true although the wheat is probably in better condition than pessimistic reports would indicate. The foliage is dried on the wheat and the beard on the turkey red have turned white over a large part of the fields but with cool weather for the next month or with a good rain a fair crop might be cut in some places even yet.

Since the first of September there has fallen at the experiment station in Moro 9.28 inches of rain. The average for this period is 10.80 inches which shows that if we do get a normal amount of rainfall this crop year we will receive some rain soon for June should bring .56 of an inch. May was the shortest month this year for only .07 inch fell whereas .86 normally falls in that month.

In April we had .82 and the average is .72; in March we had 1.13, average .86; in February we had .42, average 1.20; in January we had 1.32, average .57. In December we really did well with 2.51 inches compared to the normal of 1.65.

Monday broke the record for heat during May with a temperature of 96 degrees. Formerly the highest temperature record in May was in 1931 when it reached 94. Records date back to 1911.

Cooking School Instructor Gives Hint of What's Coming June 8-9

"We are going to open our school with a good old fashioned baking day. By 'old-fashioned' I mean we will bake lots of cakes and cookies, but as for recipes and methods, they will be as modern as tomorrow."

This is Mrs. Audrey Herington's promise for the first session of the two-day Moro Cooperative Cooking School to be held here June 8 and 9 at the Moro Hardware and Implement store.

"No, I can't give all the secrets away before the school opens," laughed Mrs. Herington when questioned further about Baking Day, "but I can say we have some dandy new ideas." For instance—there is that nine-minute chocolate cake. I suspect that there isn't a family here who hasn't a special fondness for chocolate cake. Well I'll wager that when the cake-bakers of this community see and taste my nine-minute cake, they'll never bother getting out their old chocolate cake recipes anymore."

Besides a score of new baking recipes, the program for the opening day contains menus and recipes for jiffy meals, party triumphs, and some clever ideas for the arranging and serving of food.

The program for the second day of the school will be especially interesting at this time of year, according to Mrs. Herington, as the greater portion of it is devoted to the new and modern art of refrigeration cookery. "The old ice box was just a place to keep the meat and the milk and cream," explains Mrs. Herington, "but the modern electric refrigerator makes it easy

Legionnaires To Picnic In Dufur June 17th

Legionnaires of this district are going to have a general get-together on Sunday June 17th when a picnic is scheduled at the Dufur camp grounds. Every Legionnaire and auxiliary is invited to attend.

The day will begin at 10:30 in the morning when ex-service men and families have arrived and will continue until everyone has had his or her fill of entertainment. State Commander Harold Warner will deliver the principal address of the day and district commander Don McLeod will conduct the program.

Each family should bring its own cups, knives, forks and spoons and each post should bring horse shoes, tug of war ropes and baseball equipment.

Property Tax Payment Must Be Hurried

It is going to be necessary for some property owners to pay something on their delinquent taxes before July first if they wish to retain control of their property.

A recent session of the legislature passed a law that allows the payment of delinquent taxes in ten installments, but it provides that the payments on real property taxes must be made on or before July 1, 1934, or the sheriff must issue a delinquent tax certificate and sell the property. Property taxes coming under this act are those of 1930 and prior to that year. Taxes payable in 1931 are 1930 taxes.

Boys May Enlist In Marine Corp

The United States Marine Corps desires young men for enlistment to fill vacancies which will occur during the month of June, July, and August 1934.

Requirements for enlistment provide that accepted applicants must be American citizens, unmarried, at least eighteen, (18) years of age, of good habits and character, sixty six inches tall or over, and able to furnish at least three letters of reference from reputable people.

Information, literature and application blanks may be obtained from the postmaster or from the United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 208 U. S. Court House, SW Broadway and Main St. Portland, Oregon.

Applicants residing at remote distances from Portland, Oregon, will be given preference in filling existing vacancies.

Co-op Changes Organization

A change in the organization of the North Pacific Grain Growers and the Farmers National Grain Corporation has resulted in the appointment of Bruce H. Grady, who has been manager of the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers at Wasco, as district manager of the grain growers branch office to be located at Walla Walla.

In his new capacity Mr. Grady will be in charge of wheat buying, in his new territory which includes south western Washington and northeastern Oregon in part. For several years he has been manager of this district in the same capacity.

To a large extent the dual capacity managers are being discontinued which means that local grain growers corporations will have managers who will handle the local associations only, while the warehousing will be managed by district officers. W. T. Balsiger and J. W. Shepard will continue their dual positions as formerly.

Christen Endeavor Officers Elected

Norma Melzer will serve as president of the Community church high school-college Christian Endeavor society for the next three months, it was decided at an election of officers held last Sunday night by the young peoples group.

Assisting Miss Melzer are Ted Thompson, vice president and look-out committee chairman; Gertrude Nohouse, secretary, and Louise Barze, treasurer. Doris Thompson is the new social chairman; Mary Pinkerton will plan for the meetings as prayer meeting chairman; and Austin Foss will look after the missionary and service projects of the organization.

County Club Contest Closed May 31

The contest in which club boys and girls in this county have contested for the most and best stories published about club work is ended, and the rules have been followed, all contestants have handed in their note book containing their published stories to the county agent or county school superintendent. They will be judged and the winner will receive a trip to the summer school at the state college.

School For Land Measurers Held To-day

A school for contracted acreage inspectors is being held at the court house Friday and Saturday for the purpose of instructing the twelve candidates for these jobs in their duties. Prof. W. J. Gilmore of Oregon State College is expected to conduct the school.

There are twelve men seeking the jobs in this county. Eight of them will be selected and six will immediately go to work on the job. The other two will be kept in reserve for emergency work or go to be used in case of illness of one of the workers.

Two Boys Wreck Belshee's Truck - Selves

A couple of boys driving Charles Belshee's pick-up car turned a corner with too much speed Sunday morning with disastrous results to the car and minor bruises to themselves. Richard Sather and Ariel Morgan were the boys. They started south for some stock and turned over on the first turn south of Nigger ridge. Sather was but slightly bruised and Morgan remained in bed only a day or so before he too was up and about. The car was badly damaged although the cab was the most severely twisted.

Water Pressure Better

The city water pressure was tried out Sunday morning with a pleasing result that much more pressure was available than that possible. The new hose and the new nozzle made it possible to throw water as high as any building in town except the elevator and in sufficient quantity discharge almost any fire.

ANTELOPE DEFEATS MORO 12 TO 8

Too Many Errors Cause Downfall of Locals

BETTER DEFENCE IS SHOWN

Antelope Has Defeated Every One of County Teams

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Antelope	8	0	1000
Moro	2	2	667
Grass Valley	1	2	667
Kent	2	2	667
Klondike	1	4	333
Wasco	1	5	200
Harmony	0	6	000

Moro wanted the game Sunday against Antelope but through a mistaken sense of generosity presented it to the visitors. Barze and Walker held the southerners to ten hits during the game but errors allowed them to make twelve runs on the ten hits combined with two walks and ten errors.

Troth was no more effective in the box than was the local pitcher but his team mates were less generous with errors. They made three, and they were made one at a time. Moro made theirs in bunches. Moro made 8 runs, three in the first, two in the fourth and three in the ninth when Tomlin smacked a liner into the far field for a home run with Roecoe and Collis Moore on bases ahead of him.

Except for the third inning Moro did fairly well. In that frame a combination of three hits and three errors gave the visitors five runs and a lead that was never overcome. Errors were especially costly in that inning.

This gives Antelope undisputed leadership of the county league as that team has defeated every other team in the league. The second half of the season begins next Sunday, but the Antelope boys do not expect to do so well in that half, as several of their players are leaving to go to the mountains for the summer. In fact some have already gone. Troth, the pitcher, left this week or expected to do so.

Kent won their game against Wasco Sunday by a score of 14 to 8 at Kent. One of the peculiarities of the season is that Wasco wins so few games when they often play a pretty good game against some of the leading teams.

Klondike beat Harmony at Harmony Sunday.

Next Sunday: Antelope at Harmony, Kent at Klondike, Wasco at Grass Valley. Moro resting.

Campfire Girls Entertain With Play

The Campfire girls of Moro presented a play Saturday night at the Legion hall that was appreciated by the persons who attended. The "Returning of Rosalia" portrayed the return of a stolen girl to her mother after several years spent in a gypsy camp. Major parts were taken by Reatha Sayrs, Gertrude Gilmore, Bonnie and Joece Petris and Jane French. Leaders Signa Woods and Leora Peetz were directors of the play which was given to raise money for the summer camp trip of the group.

Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is Hereby Given to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at School House; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the third Monday of June, being the 18th day of June, A. D. 1934.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing Director, 3 yr. term, Director 1 year term and Clerk, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 31 day of May, 1934.

ATTEST:
M. E. McKee, District Clerk.
W. H. Ragdale,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Inspectors Report County Crop Good

Four government men, K. H. Myers, C. Venstrom, Dale Kieffer and H. M. Perchouse, from various parts of the United States, stopped here the first of the week to look over this county. Their mission is to learn about different wheat production methods in the nation as well as gather data about productive areas in the wheat sections.

They state that this is practically the only section of the wheat country where harvesting was general last year and that so far this is one of the favored sections for wheat production they have found. They have been in the northern tier of states. The Dakotas and Montana, especially the former, will not be able to produce a crop this year because of drought and wind storms. The dust has been moving nearly all spring and the wheat except on the heavier lands has no chance to mature.

Country Elevator Code Effective May 21

A county grain elevator code became effective May 21 which applies to elevators in Oregon as well as all other states where grain is marketed by farmers. Chief benefits expected for the farmers from the code will be through enforcement of fair methods of competition, AAA authorities say. These prohibit intentional under-weighing or over-weighing and provide for dockage and grades in conformity with the federal grain standards act. Protection is also given small elevators from being driven out of business by larger competitors out-bidding them temporarily.

World Wheat Prospects

Wheat prospects generally are much below those of recent years. The North American outlook is yet uncertain, but present conditions suggest little, if any, increase over the short 1933 harvest. Winter wheat in the U. S. suffered further deterioration in the Ohio Valley and Western Kansas and Nebraska. Wheat is heading earlier than usual over most of the belt, and mostly on short straw. In the Spring wheat area, drought continued practically unrelieved, with late sown grain not germinating. Early planted wheat was in fair to good condition in parts of North Dakota but generally poor in other sections. Spring wheat seedlings have been practically completed in Canada, somewhat earlier than usual. Private reports that a reduction in acreage of 10 percent compared with last year. Germination is slow and irregular, because of lack of moisture. Moisture conditions, according to trade estimates, are about 77 percent of the ten year average in Manitoba and 82 percent in Alberta.

In Europe and North Africa, moisture supplies have been inadequate over extensive areas. In the countries of the Lower Danube present prospects indicate that a crop around 100,000,000 bushels under last year. Smaller crops are also in prospect in Italy, France, Germany and Spain. Trade reports suggest a sharp downward revision of the Indian crop from the early preliminary estimate. Crops have also deteriorated in North Africa. In the Orient, conditions are reported favorable with an increased output in prospects.

Deduced seeding are also reported in the Southern Hemisphere. The preliminary estimate places the Australian wheat acreage at 13,500,000 acres, compared with 14,913,000 acres harvested in 1933, a reduction of nearly 10 percent. Trade advices suggest an even greater reduction in some Australian states. Conditions for seeding the new wheat chop in Argentina are not favorable and planting in the Southern Provinces have been delayed by lack of moisture.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 23

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 24	80	59	.00
" 25	77	50	.00
" 26	85	47	.00
" 27	93	60	.00
" 28	96	62	.00
" 29	86	60	.00
" 30	68	48	.00
Total for week			.00

Ethan Woods Finishes Work At Oregon State

Oregon, State College, Corvallis, June. Ethan Woods, son of Mrs. Hazel Woods of Moro, is one of 39 Seniors who will be graduated from the school of Agriculture at O. S. C. at the sixty-fifth annual commencement here June 4, when 390 students will receive bachelors or masters degrees. G. W. Peavy, newly appointed president, will take charge of the event this year for the first time. He has invited Chancellor W. J. Kerr, who has handed out "sheepskins" to the last 26 graduating classes, to take part in the ceremonies.

Bishop Titus Lowe, head of the Methodist church in the northwest states, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, June 3, and Dr. Herman Frank Swartz, president of the Pacific School of Religion and head of the Berkeley chamber of commerce, will give the commencement address Monday afternoon.

Woods took his major work at O. S. C. in farm crops, a course dealing with problems of production, improvement, marketing, manufacture and uses of field crops, and designed to develop men with broad training for leadership along agricultural and general lines and to provide scientific training such that graduates may succeed in the professional and technical agricultural fields. He was a member of the Ag club, the Farm Crops club, took an active part in crew and intramural sports, and served on a number of important committees. Woods has also gained practical experience relating to his major work and at the same time earned part of his college funds through summer work on the Moro branch experiment station, as warehouse and elevator foreman, and as laboratory assistant in the veterinary medicine department during the school year.

Memorial Day Spent Quietly Here

Memorial day was very quietly observed in this county as there were no public ceremonies of any kind. Formerly the Legion posts of the county have held services on that day but even that was discontinued for this year. Many old timers whose relatives are buried in local cemeteries dropped into town for a few hours to decorate the graves in which they were interested, but as a general thing there were few on the streets.

L. L. Beardsley Dies In Dalles Hospital

Lester Beardsley, for four years section boss at Wasco, died in a hospital in The Dalles Monday night after a short illness. Mr. Beardsley had been in The Dalles for treatment a few days before his death but his illness was not considered dangerous. The funeral was held Wednesday in Arlington, the former home of the deceased. He leaves a widow and five children.

Read the ads in the Journal

News of Long Ago For Those Whose Memory Is Long

From the Observer June 6, 1895.

James J. Hill of the Great Northern was in Sherman county last week. He is the "coming man" for Oregon railway development.

The DeMoss Family Quartet left New York for Europe on the 5th.

Hon. A. J. Dufur died at his home in Dufur on the 5th, in the 71st year of his age.

Russian grass planted last spring near Grant on ground that has not been irrigated is now over three feet high. The yield is equal to alfalfa, and is said to be excellent feed for cattle.

A tin mine has been discovered near Mitchell.

From the Observer June 2, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cook, of Minnesota, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Elrod. Mr. Cook is a brother of Mrs. Elrod.

Threatening clouds, peals of thunder and a few flashes of lightning, hovered around and about Sherman county Sunday, but that was all.

47 FINISH GRAMMAR GRADES IN COUNTY

More Going Into High School Than Out This Year

GRASS VALLEY-WASCO LEAD

Ten From Each School Finish Grade Work This Month

Forty seven youngsters have graduated from the eighth grades of the county schools this year and are ready to enter into their high school work with the beginning of the school term next fall.

Of these Wasco and Grass Valley have the larger number there being ten in the graduating class of the grammar school of those towns. From Wasco there are: Maxine Ballenger, Anita Beardsley, Wayne Barton, Catherine Fridley, Gertrude Hansen, Leonard Maurus, Stephen O'Meara, John Froudfout, Audrey Spencer and Idalia Spencer. Exercises for these graduates were held Wednesday, May 23.

Moro's nine graduates were given their diplomas Wednesday night May 30, after a program at the school auditorium. In the class are Melvin Baker, Elmer Belshee, Gertrude Gillmor, Robert Gillmor, Dale Johnston, Beth Messenger, Lyle Nohouse, Carl Peetz and Gordon Thompson.

Exercises for the grammar school graduates of the Grass Valley school were held Friday evening May 25th at the school house with the chairman of the school board handing out the coveted diplomas. The class includes: Wanda Tiller, Agnes Simon, Ramona Spoor, Billy Alsop, Doris Stradley, Wilfred Stone, Kenneth Barnett, Forrest Russell, Billy Crockett, and George Crockett.

Kent held graduating exercises for seven eighth graders and passed out diplomas to the following children: Rose Ellen Barnett, Dan Hoskinson, Dave Hoskinson, Edna McKay, Moxine Plumke, Helen Sather and Helen Wilson.

Rufus held their services on May 18th at the same time the high school graduate finished. Completing the work of the eighth grade were: Laura Barnett, Marjory Brady, Ivan Eakin, Doris Johnson, and Clara Mathison.

Vivian Fuller and Betty Powell finished their eighth grade work at the Erskine school; Thirley Chapman completed his at Fairview; Harmony graduated there; Clinton Kessinger, Winifred Belshee and Barbara Belshee.

George Belknap, son of C. V. Belknap, has recently been appointed as editor of all the publications of the University of Oregon. Also the British Museum has accepted an article of his to be published soon.