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KENT TEAM WINS HONORS ON 4TH

Moro and Grass Valley Defeated At Celebration

ANTELOPE FINALLY BEATEN

League Leaders Not Defeated By Regular Teams

Although the baseball games of the 3rd were better from a scientific standpoint than those of the 4th the last day of the event brought out a large body of people whose whoops and yells added throught to the events that makes baseball the national game. Kent, being a team of kids, had the good wishes of the crowd and the rooters made the game seem like a championship affair by their partisan interest.

And whether it was this urging or not the Kent team refused to be downed and succeeded in winning from both Moro and Grass Valley on the two days. Antelope defeated Moro on the fourth to win the consolation end of the tournament.

On the third after Kent had won from Moro by a score of 7 to 2 in a postponed league contest the Grass Valley and Antelope teams took the field for one of the best games played in the county in recent years. Miller, an importation from Tygh Valley, did the hurling for Grass Valley and he held the visitors to six hits and no runs. In half of the innings he sent the Antelopes back to the field with but three batters facing him.

Grass Valley scored in the third and the eighth to win the game. Two hits and an error allowed Kirkley to score in the third and three singles in row brought King Fritts home in the eighth. Troth allowed but 7 hits for Antelope.

In the six inning opener of the fourth Antelope defeated the tired and discouraged Moro team by a 15 to 5 score. Walker started for Moro but was good for but two innings after the work of the day before. Leonard tried but was found for many long hits as Barzee finished the game for the losers. Bud Malone, once a pitcher but lately a fielder did the hurling for Antelope and was good enough to win.

Kent played heads-up ball to win from Grass Valley in the final game. McKay did the box work until he tired when others took turns and all were effective to the necessary degree. Phifer pitched for Grass Valley but he and his cohorts couldn't hold the embattled youngsters from the south end. They scored early and kept their lead winning 8 to 5.

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County Non-High School Board Follows 1933-34 Precedent

The county non-high school board held its meeting for the purpose of signing contracts with the various high schools for the tuition of the pupils of its districts Tuesday night at the superintendent's office and although the usual argument arose as to the function of the board in the future development of the schools the contracts were signed under similar conditions as prevailed last year.

Important figures were given the board by the secretary, county school superintendent Willy Knight. They show that the cost per pupil at Rufus this year was \$151.50, a slight reduction. Kent's costs will remain about the same at \$132.00, Moro's have increased from \$96.31 to \$117.50, Wasco's have decreased from \$115.00 to \$110.00, but the per pupil costs at Grass Valley have taken the most startling drop of any having come down to \$95.20 from \$112.94 last year.

These figures are influenced to a large extent by the number of pupils attending the school. Average daily attendance for schools of the county for the past year has been as follows: Wasco 43.2;

Homes Endanged By Fire Monday

The city's new water system and fire fighting equipment was given its first test Monday afternoon when fire was discovered in the woodshed of the property occupied by W. J. Martin Jr. Before help could be summoned the fire had spread to the woodshed and garage on the Ireland property occupied by G. C. Vintin and the houses were threatened as a hard west wind was blowing.

Th hose reels were hustled to the nearby hydrants and two streams of water were soon playing on the fire and not too soon for the shingles on both houses had caught fire in several places. Witnesses are certain that nothing except the quick work of volunteer firemen and plenty of water immediately applied to the proper spots prevented the destruction of the two houses.

No great damage was done although the wood houses will need quite a bit of rebuilding before they will be much good again. Mrs. Vintin lost several chickens.

Belshees Will Play Cherry Park Grange

Next Sunday the Harmony ball team, having a day off from regular league competition will array themselves as the Harland-view grange team to play the Cherry Park team from The Dalles. The Belshees will have it.

Look at this line-up: Pitcher, Robert Belshe; Catcher, Russel Belshe; First, Halbert Belshe; Second, Max Belshe; Third, Earl Belshe; Short, Homer Belshe; Left, Arthur Belshe; Center, Howard Belshe; Right, Clay Belshe. Some others may be used before the game is finished. The game will be played on the Harmony diamond and Wilford Belshe will be umpire.

Granville Phillips Dead At Hood River Home

Granville Phillips, former resident of the Kent community, died at his home near Hood River Wednesday evening at the advanced age of 85 years. Mr. Phillips was a native of Indiana and has lived in Oregon for thirty years. A large part of which was spent at Kent. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in Hood River. Mr. Phillips is survived by his widow, who is the mother of A.S. Johnson of Moro and a daughter, Mrs. Fred Hennagin of Wesco.

Fire Destroys Wheat On Millard Place

A wheat fire destroyed between 30 and 35 acres of standing grain on the Fuller place farmed by Bruce Millard Monday afternoon. The fire was started by a car that was itself partly destroyed. The grass along two canyons and a small amount of hay was burned in addition to the wheat.

CROWD ENJOYS 4TH AT GRASS VALLEY

Neighbory Celebration Brings Old Timers Back

GALLOWAY GIVES ORATION

Patriotic Program Interests Large Crowd

With a crowd of old timers present to meet friends of other days, with children of the next generation exploding firecrackers and guns in their exuberance of spirit and with pleasant but warm weather to make the day suitable the Odd-Fellows entertained the people of Sherman county on the national birthday.

The shade trees in the city park newer shaded a more neighboring crowd of people than those who came to spend the Independence day with their friends. The Sherman county school band, assisted by a few more experienced musicians, furnished the music for the day with Clyde Simpson leading them. A crowd filled the auditorium for the patriotic program in the morning and listened to several selections by the band. Music by the Moro Glee Club, a Grass Valley octette and solos by Dale Baker, Melba Thorgerson gave a tap dance number. J.M. Wilson spoke on the Declaration of Independence.

Francis V. Galloway, a attorney from The Dalles, gave the oration of the day and chose for his subject the historical events which led up to the signing of the now famous document. Mr. Galloway recalled that the Jews have continued their existence as a race because of adherence to their ceremonial showing that the observance of national holidays is of value to a people.

He related the story of the events leading up to the actual signing of the declaration and said it was not a radical paper but one that expressed the wishes of the great majority of the colonists or it could not have stood the test of time as well as it has. The settlements stretched along the Atlantic seaboard were already at war with their mother country and the formal declaration was but the acknowledgement of that condition.

Dance and baseball, two of the accepted modes of public enjoyment in this section held the major interest of the crowd. The four ball games and two dances drew good sized crowds who apparently enjoyed themselves.

Frazier-Lemke Bill Now A Law

The president has signed the Frazier-Lemke bill the provisions of which have been under discussion in this section for nearly two years. In the form approved by congress and later by the president the bill provides that a farmer, with the approval of his creditors, may go into court and asked to be adjudged bankrupt. Then an appraiser would be appointed to determine the "fair and reasonable, though not necessarily the market value" of the farm. After this appraisal has been made the farmer would pay from one to six percent on it as interest for the next six years.

A farmer would retain possession of his land by paying a reasonable rental, whatever that is and would be permitted at the end of the six years to rebuy the place at a reasonable figure. It will apply to those debtors whose creditors have refused to adjust debts that are deemed too large.

Rates Reduced

The rates on air mail postage were reduced as of July 1, according to assistant postmaster, Bezie Thompson, so that it is now possible to send letter via air-mail at little more cost than by the usual carriers. Heretofore the charge was 8 cents for the first ounce and 13 cents for each succeeding ounce. The new rate allows mail to be sent by air for 6 cents per ounce.

County Represented At Highway Meeting

A small delegation from Sherman county appeared before the highway commission Monday as that body had requested that governmental and civic units present suggestions for places to spend the years' allotment of federal funds. The Sherman county men were told that the surfacing of the broken gap in Federal Highway 97 would cost in excess of \$200,000 because of the nature of the country west of Shaniko. The members of the commission have been over the section of the road in question a number of times and are aware that it should be completed and while there was, of course, no definite promise of any work soon it is probable that if money is available the road will be surfaced up to state and federal standards. L. L. Peets and G. L. French made up the delegation.

LEAGUE GAMES CHANGE PERCENTAGES LITTLE

Antelope Continues To Win; Kent Holding Second Place

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Antelope	10	0	1000
Kent	8	2	800
Moro	7	3	700
G. V.	6	5	546
Klondike	3	7	300
Wasco	1	9	100
Harmony	1	10	061

Next Sunday they play: Antelope at Kent, Grass Valley at Klondike and Moro at Wasco.

A barrage of hits from the trusty bats of R. Moore, C. Moore and Jack Tomlin won the Klondike-Moro game for the latter team before the affray had hardly started Sunday. In the first inning Walker, second man up, hit a homer, Roscoe Moore beat out a scratchy hit, Collis Moore bunted safely advancing Roscoe and Jack Tomlin brought both in with the second homer of the inning.

Barzee, with his team mates hitting like demons, pitched one of his best games - allowing only five hits in the seven and a third innings he was in the box. In the first three innings only three men faced him per inning. Klondike couldn't seem to get going with the Moro sluggers landing on the ball so hard. In the seventh Tomlin knocked another home run and in the eighth C. Moore followed suit. Manager Bucholtz rewards each home run hitter with a gallon of beer and with the score 19 to 6 he wasn't so anxious for more four base swats feeling that four were enough for one game. Moro ended with 22 runs and 19 hits off Sam and Mutt Brock and Klondike had 6 hits and 6 runs.

Sunday saw Grass Valley administer a defeat to Harmony in a league contest at the former's grounds and Antelope beat Wasco although the score would indicate that Wasco might have been in good form that day. Antelope 8 Wasco 5.

It is getting to be something of a job for some of the teams to muster a full quota of players since harvest has become general over a large part of the county.

Co-ops Learn Of Strike Conditions

A district meeting of the co-operatives of the mid-Columbia section was held in Wasco Saturday night with Arch Ryer, Portland manager, present to explain the objectives of the units for the year. He explained that the waterfront strike is a serious menace to the movement of wheat and that unless a settlement is effected before the harvest wheat movement starts there will be serious congestion all through the district. Dick Rice of the Farmers' National was also present.

NOTICE

Funds are now available for the payment of all general fund warrants of Sherman county to Serial No. 162 inclusive. Registered No. 1263. Interest stops on this date. Dated this 6th day of July, 1934 Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder County Treasurer

CROPS FAILING TO REACH EXPECTATIONS

Fields Found Wanting When Final Rounds Finished

WIND IS BLAMED FOR LOSS

Reduction of 1/2 to 5 Sacks Common As Harvest Continues

As threshing becomes more general in the county it is apparent that the returns from this harvest are not going to be as large as expected last week. Estimates made after a few days of combining have had to be revised in the light of additional knowledge of the crops and it is now thought that the wheat crop, even on the best land, will fall from two to five sacks short of earlier expectations.

Some farmers charge the high wind of last Tuesday a week ago with the decrease in yields and it is undoubtedly true that in many fields the ground is nearly covered with kernels of wheat dropped there from windblown heads. This damage is estimated at from two bushels to two or three sacks per acre. Threshing easily reduce the total crop of the county by forty or fifty thousand bushels.

Moro's common belief is that the wind just isn't there, that the kernels are smaller than usual and that there is too few meshes on the heads to make as large a crop as was expected. Fields that are completed in the Wasco district have shown a return of from five to twelve sacks with the average probably being about eight sacks.

As a rule the wheat is of good test weight. No official tests have been completed as yet, but the sacks are heavy according to men weighing them. A large part of the drafts weigh better than 725 pounds although in some instances they are as low as 650 pounds.

Threshing in the Moro district has been going on for several days but no yields have been computed on large enough acreage to determine the ultimate return. Three to ten or twelve sacks are expected in different parts of the district with the lowest yields being in the east side of the county. Threshing at Grass Valley has not begun to any extent.

Former Principal Dies In Portland

F. E. Dunton, recently the democratic candidate for state school superintendent and formerly the principal of Moro schools died at a Portland hospital from the effects of an operation last week. Mr. Dunton taught here in 1915. Since that time he had continued in school work and was superintendent of the Mollala schools at the time of his death.

Gasoline Shortage Report Unauthentic

Reports that there was an insufficient amount of gasoline in the state to harvest the wheat crop do not seem to be substantiated by the statements of gasoline dealers here. Nearly every county operating in Sherman county reports a normal supply and there is no fear but that the farmers will be able to get enough fuel for tractor and motors to complete their harvest.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 27.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JUNE 28	71	50	.00
" 29	85	46	.00
" 30	92	62	.00
" 1	95	56	.00
" 2	93	58	.00
" 3	83	48	.00
" 4	90	59	.00
Total for week			.00

Believe It Or Not An Elk In County

Elk in Sherman county? Well, believe it or not, several residents of the county east of Moro give it on their word and honor that they have seen such an animal within the last week. Homer Belshe and his haying crew saw him jump a four wire fence. Hans Thompson and wife, the Nichols brothers and Bert Davis all have seen the strange animal. It is presumed to be a stray bull that has drifted down the John Day from the forested country. And for one we hope he gets back home safely.

Republicans To Picnic At Jantzen

Republicans of the state are invited to attend a picnic at Jantzen for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other and the nominees of the party. There will be some music, games and water sports and a few addresses by prominent members of the party. The usual amusement features of the park may be used for entertainment by the visitors.

Measurement Of Crop Land Finished

Measurement of crop land by men working under the wheat control association is finished with the possible exception of a few re-runs in a place or two. Men have been quitting the job for several days to take more permanent harvest work and five or six crews were all that remained the night of the 3rd when the work was stopped.

Total costs were reduced every week the work was in progress and it is expected that when the final report is made the cost per acre will be very little above two cents per acre measured.

School Principals Will Meet In Salem

County school superintendents will gather in Salem on July 12, 13 and 14 for a conference on school problems held each summer under the auspices of C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, and the county school superintendent's association. Officers of the county school superintendents' association are T. Frank Brumbaugh, Wasco county, president; A.M. Cannon, Lincoln county, vice-president; and Katherine McRae, Clackamas county, secretary-treasurer.

Committees of superintendents were appointed earlier in the year to study problems dealing with improved supervision of school, permanent record cards, school legislation, apportionment of the school funds, federal emergency (Continued on Page two)

News of Long Ago For Those Whose Memory Is Long

From the Observer, July 9, 1915 F. G. Dunton, superintendent of schools at Cottage Grove is visiting at the home of his brother, F. E. Dunton, school head here.

The Hotel Moro had a close call from destruction by fire Sunday evening about eight o'clock. The fire had already reached the roof but was soon under control. C. W. Nottingham shipped a car of fine looking beef cattle to the Portland markets last week.

The first automobile party to come in to Sherman county by way of the Columbia river highway was H. A. Moore and wife, Harry Moore and wife, and Gladra Watkins. They left Portland Tuesday afternoon and made the trip in eight hours, twelve hours total time four being lost by car trouble.

Alley Bros. top of Rattlesnake grade are threshing some of their poor wheat, about ten sacks at 120 lbs. to the sack.

From the Observer July 7, 1905 P. N. Lemmon of the Grass Valley market will run three wagons this summer. One to Rutledge, Kent and Sherars.

The celebration of the glorious fourth at Grass Valley was adjudged a success. Hon. E. V. Lit-

WHEAT FIRE BURNS NEARLY 700 ACRES

All Afternoon Fire Covers Area of 2000 Acres

LOSS CLOSE TO \$25,000

Tom Striker, Dave Reid and Frank Medler Suffer Loss

A wheat fire in the northeast corner of the county Wednesday afternoon destroyed between 600 and 700 acres of standing grain twice that amount of grass pasture and several buildings for a damage estimated to be in excess of \$25,000. Tom Striker was the heaviest loser as 500 acres of his standing grain was burned. Dave Reid lost 35 acres and a machine shed and grain drill and about a hundred acres of Frank Medler's wheat was destroyed.

The fire started shortly after one o'clock near the fence on the Reid place. A spark from the tractor motor is thought to have been the cause. Little help could be mustered to fight the blaze as nearly everyone was away from home celebrating the fourth.

Burning shingles from the Reid machine shed blew into Striker's wheat and caused fire fighters to lose their battle with the fires starting there. The Reid house and other farm buildings were in grave danger at the same time. Striker's buildings were barely missed by the sweeping blaze of the wheat, only a road, preventing their destruction.

After leaving the wheat fields the fire moved on toward the John Day river and up that stream to the Early buildings owned by Homer Wall. It is thought that the house there was destroyed.

A crew of fire fighters was gathered in the evening and they worked until nearly midnight before they finally put out the flames on the entire front of the fire.

While the wheat was insured the destruction cannot be repaid. Fences were ruined and feed will be short because everything on the land is burned. The grain was estimated to be about a ten to twelve sack crop and yields on similar land justify the estimate.

Collis Moore drove to Natches Camp in Washington Saturday taking his wife and her sister, Betty, who has been visiting here. They were met there by the parents of the women whom they will stay with for a few days.

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field gave the oration "replete with historical data and patriotic fervor" and Moro won two ball games.

L. A. Greenleaf, the Rufus orchardist, brought the first peaches to Moro this week. The entire load was disposed of at 75 cents per crate.

J. M. Axtell has returned from his trip to Colorado. While that state has some advantages Oregon is the best all around home.

From the Observer July 11, 1895 The finest horse on the track at the Grass Valley four was McKinley Bill owned by Grant Hawley. There isn't a prettier horse in Oregon.

It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that J.M. Donahue has bought the Grant to Rutledge mail line.

Sherman county enjoyed the fourth, you bet. It rained nearly all day over the county insuring perhaps 200,000 bushels more grain this harvest besides booming the summer fallow for fall sowing.

Locust Grove Camp Meeting closed Sunday night with the largest congregation of the whole season. Rev. Adams deserves our congratulations for his success.