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SCHOOLS MAY BE FEWER FOR 1934-35

Possibility Exists That Only 3 Country Schools May Operate

SEVERAL NEW TEACHERS

List of County Teachers Show 2 to 3 in Each City School

There is a possibility that only eight schools will be operated in the county the coming school year. Last term there were seven rural districts holding school, but Liberty consolidated with Kent, and Gorman, Klondike and Erskine are still undecided whether to hold school or to transport to a town school for the winter.

A complete list of teachers is not available at the present time as the schools named have not definitely hired their teachers and may not.

The teachers who will instruct the youth of the county this year with the exception of the schools mentioned is as follows:

RUFUS—Henry E. Tetz, principal, and Helen Valentine in high school. Miss Valentine is a recent graduate of the University of Oregon. Dorothy Foss is a new teacher from the normal school and Erma Duval and Edythe Johnson will make up the grade school faculty.

WASCO—Paul R. McCulloch, principal, assisted in high school by Louise Carvel from St. Olaf college and Ray E. Critchfield, graduate of Pacific University with the 1934 class, who will handle the coaching part of the work. He was star player on the Pacific team last season.

In the grade school June Andrews; Lorraine Darby, Leona Clotter, and Esther Gloria Rickards will instruct.

MORO—John Walker, principal, with R. G. Conliff as science teacher and Kathleen May Radtke, a graduate of the University of Oregon as English instructor. Paul Goddard, from Southern Oregon Normal school will teach the upper grades and Eleanor Biggness, Bertha Helen Craig and Ione Miller will teach the lower classes.

GRASS VALLEY—Harold Hughes, principal, with well known Gaylord Davies and Clifford Rowe as aides in high school. Arden A. Squires a new man from Oregon Normal will teach the 7th and 8th and Helen Osborn, Phyllis Rinehart and Lillian Coon will instruct the younger pupils.

KENT—A new principal F. C. Darby will be in charge. He is from Antelope and a graduate from Pomona college in California. Harriet Frederickson of Pacific will be the second high school teacher. In the grades Cecin Cottrant, recently of Moro, Irene Pottratz and Gladys Henderson will teach. Teachers hired for rural schools are Gertrude Kreuger for Harmony, Mrs. Edna Purcell for Rutledge and Mildred Addington for Fairview.

Drunken Drivers Increase; Lose License

A tremendous increase in the number of arrests for drunken driving is evidenced by the records of the office of P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state, which show that nearly 100 more persons were convicted on such charges in the first six months of this year than in the same period in 1932.

Reports from courts from January to June 1934, brought revocations of the operator's licenses of 272 persons who were driving while drunk and last year 176 drivers were involved in similar charges during the half year. In 1932, 139 persons lost their driving privileges for the same

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Bread Now On Code Schedule

According to an announcement made here bread has been increased in price a cent a small loaf because of the fact that bakers are now operating under a NRA code for their industry. Bread has been 9 cents per loaf or two for 17. Now it is worth 10 cents for pound loaves and 14 cents for the pound and a half. Two pound loaves are 20 cents instead of 17. Grocers selling bread for less than the established price are subject to prosecution under the code.

7th Infantry Calls For Men

Young men without dependents may enlist in the 7th Infantry stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Wash. Recreational facilities are unsurpassed at this post says Major W. R. Mann, recruiting officer, who praises the record of the historic 7th Infantry as one of the best of any regiment in the United States army. During the winter months schooling in motor repair, typing and stenography are given to the ambitious young soldiers.

County Not To Exhibit At State Fair This Year

It is not likely that Sherman county will have an exhibit at the state fair this year as it is now too late to prepare such an exhibit, at least one that would do credit to the county. Sheaves of wheat must be cut early if shattering is to be prevented and as none have been gathered it is considered too late to do so now. A Sherman county exhibit without bountiful sheaves of grain would not be considered proper intimates Perry Johnston, county agent. However, it is planned to begin earlier next year and prepare an exhibit that will do credit to the county's resources.

Fraudulent Claims For Gas Refund Investigated

Attempts to obtain payment from the state on fraudulent claims for refunds of taxes on gasoline are meeting with no success, an indication of which is seen in the filing of an action in Portland this week against a claimant by an investigator from the office of Secretary of State P. J. Stadelman.

The charge against the asserted violator resulted from his claim to have used the gasoline in equipment which was found to be neither owned nor operated by him and from invoice blanks attached to his claim which had never been issued by the service station whose name they bore and are believed to have been stolen from the station.

Several other cases, involving raised gallonage items on invoices and other irregularities and apparent violations of the gasoline refund laws are under investigation by the state department at present, and will be turned over to the district attorney's of the counties where claimants reside. Substantial reductions have been made in incorrect charges appearing on invoices filed with the department.

"In view of the fact that penalties of a \$1,000 fine and six months imprisonment are provided for making false statements in connection with gas tax refund claims, it is past my understanding that so many illegal claims are filed," commented Mr. Stadelman in discussing the increasing problem that the department faces. "This office is checking and auditing these claims carefully and every necessary step will be taken to put an end to attempted abuses," he added.

Approximately 2,500 claims for refunds are received monthly by the state department and that office estimates that the total amount of refund of taxes on gasoline not used on the highways will exceed a million dollars this year.

W. H. Ragsdale and son, Harry and E. M. Alley of Grass Valley drove to Spokane Sunday returning in the wee small hours of Tuesday morning because of car trouble.

K. of P. Team To Play All-Stars Sunday

They never quit playing baseball at Grass Valley until it frosts in the fall. Not content with beating the Warm Springs tribesmen on the 7th they have contracted to play the Knights of Pythias team from Portland Sunday 29th. The same bunch of Sherman county league all-stars will work with Miller doing the pitching for them.

The K. of P. team has won 18 games this year and only lost 3 and may be able to put up a good exhibition against the pick of the local ballplayers.

Order For Survey Under Consideration

The executive board of the county wheat control association met Thursday night to decide whether or not it will order a survey of summerfallow land in this county at the present time. Such a procedure would obviate the necessity of doing it next summer before harvest and would allow farmers to seed the correct number of acres. One factor is against the ordering of another survey immediately, the secretary of agriculture has not definitely stated the percent of reduction that will be required for 1935. Win that is given surveying can be done accurately and each farmer will know to the exact line how much he can seed. The budget for next year must also be made shortly and this will be under discussion.

Counties To Receive Part Of Race Funds

All counties of the state will participate in the distribution of funds from racing meets this year according to P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state. In 1933 Benton, Crook, Jefferson and Marion counties do not have official fair boards and were unable to qualify for the allotment of racing receipts. These counties have now completed organization of boards and will be included in the first 1934 apportionment, that will be made to the fair associations in August by the secretary of state.

Racing sponsors have turned in \$27,500 to the state already this year. Of this sum, \$10,312.50 is set aside for the Pacific International Livestock exposition, a like amount is reserved for the Oregon State Fair, and county fair boards will receive \$6,875. Substantial additional amounts will be remitted from time to time during the racing season. A total of \$78,044.74 was collected from such sources in 1933, and it is anticipated that this sum will be exceeded this year. Counties received \$19,511.16 of the 1933 revenue, while the livestock show and the state fair gained \$29,266.79 each.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday in August, that being the 13th day of August, 1934, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. All petitions must be made IN WRITING and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the Board WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor

Call For Bids

Bids for driver of school bus for School Dist. No. 13 (DeMoss) will be received by the clerk until August 10, 1934. Driver is to furnish own bus. The board retains the right to refuse any or all bids. R. C. Byers, clerk.

Wanted—Sealed bids to be opened August 20 for bus driver for School Dist. 22. The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids. T. H. Fraser, Clerk School Dist. No. 22

WHEAT HAULING JOB SHORT THIS YEAR

County Wheat Yield Estimate Below 1,500,000 Bus.

HARVEST IN LAST STAGES

Eulk Hauling Decreases in Grass Valley Country

Harvesting about the county is reaching its last stages as many of the machines have pulled into the sheds after completing their work. In the Wasco country the work is practically finished with the exception of some of the larger outfits with thousands of acres to thresh still having several days work left.

Around Moro some are finishing this week and by next week practically all will be through. Work in the south end of the county is always later but even there the bulk of the wheat will either be in the sack or in the elevator by the end of next week.

Warehousemen of the county are of the opinion that there will be less than a million and a half bushels warehoused this year. Lloyd Hennagin, manager of the Sherman co-op at Wasco, estimates the crop in his district at about 900,000 bushels. Wendell Balsiger, of the Moro local, believes that 250,000 bushels will be a top figure for his district that includes the houses from Hay Canyon to Erskine. J. W. Shepherd, manager of the warehouses in the south end of the county, expects about 250,000 bushels in the country from Grass Valley Valley to Wilcox inclusive. The yield in the extreme south end will be almost nothing and the Wilcox house will not even be opened for wheat as all that is harvested there will be used for feed or seed.

One of the surprising things in the Grass Valley district is the small amount of wheat that is being handled through the elevator. An early sack differential that did not materialize is blamed for the decision to sack grain in many cases. At Moro a little more wheat is being bulked than usual.

Several of the warehouses in the county have already received their biggest days supply of wheat and are now dropping off. The peak day is usually early in the season while both bulk haulers and sack haulers are at work. Grain will come in for several weeks yet however, to bring up the total.

Wheat is weighing well as a general thing and some farmers who have experienced sack sewers are bringing in drafts of five sacks that weigh 750 pounds or over. The test weight is also good although it is feared that the wheat will test low in protein this year.

Plans For 4-H Club Fair Progressing

Plans for the school children's 4H club fair include two days of showing instead of the usual one. August 19, the first day is Sunday and the style show and domestic science exhibits will be given that day. The stock exhibits will be gathered Sunday and shown Monday when a full day can be given over to that activity.

L. J. Allen and Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leaders, will be here at that time to judge and help with the fair.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 25.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JULY 19	82	53	.00
" 20	71	52	.00
" 21	66	52	.00
" 22	78	42	.00
" 23	86	46	.00
" 24	93	54	.00
" 25	95	56	.00
Total for week			.00

Arthur W. Priaux Elected Chairman

Arthur W. Priaux (pronounced Pree) of Chiloquin, Klamath county, was elected as chairman of the Oregon Republicans at the meeting of the state committee in Portland Monday.

Mr. Priaux is the publisher of two weekly newspapers in Klamath county, is a grange master, former student at both educational institutions of the state and is thirty one years old. His election was indirectly brought about by the activity of the younger men of the party with the agreement of the elder heads who have retained control for many years.

Complete organization will be completed within a few weeks and the campaign will begin in earnest. Democrats will gather in Portland August 1 to organize for the fall campaign and elect their chairman.

Marine Strike Paralyzing Business

Business in the Portland area has become practically paralyzed as a result of the marine strike now going into its third month, according to the July issue of Business Survey, issued this week by Commonwealth, Inc. of Portland. The Commonwealth index of Portland business fell to 49.38 percent of a computed normal during June against 60.26 percent for May and 65.52 percent for June 1933.

First affected were tidewater lumber mills most of which are virtually closed up due to inability to ship. Production in the Portland area dropped 46 percent last month while mill stocks increased to about 27 percent above last June. Furniture factories were forced to close or operated at greatly reduced schedules. Flour mills produced at about 42 percent of capacity and production in woolen textile mills was reduced by 25 percent from the May level.

Considerable reduction in employment and buying power is a natural consequence, says Business Survey, and retail trade is suffering as a result.

Calves Inspected

County agent Perry Johnston, Banker Eugene Courtney and Teacher John Walker are going about the county today looking over the calf club member's calves they have been working on since they were bought last spring many of them with money furnished by Banker Courtney.

News of Long Ago For Those Whose Memory Is Long

From the Observer, August 1, 1895

Leon Moore and Lot Rust jr. started a new Haines header on the 27th purchased from Moore Bros. It is a fine machine and if properly taken care of will do the boys excellent work for many years.

H. A. Moore and J. C. Burkes left town in the 26th for a fishing excursion to Jack Knife where they caught upwards to 500 gamy, luscious trout.

This year enforces again the lesson of thorough farming. Thorough plowing and thorough planting meet blue wheat, but many who were lured into ease and content by the early outlook of volunteer wheat now see their hopes shattered.

A special meeting of the Moro common council will be held tonight to pass a dog law, test the hydrants and city hose and make arrangements to care for the halcyons on the city flagstaff.

From the Observer, July 28, 1905

A cyclone hit the central part of Sherman county last Friday and while no lives were lost \$5,000 in property damage was suffered. The warehouses in Moro were wrecked, also one at DeBarns and machinery sheds belonging to J. W. Messenger, W. A. Norcross, Wilmer Cooper, C. E. Jones and C. K. Cochrane were damaged.

How about boats in the Columbia is a daily inquiry from Columbus to the sea. Nobody is

Second Allotment To Be 9 cents Per Bushel

With the big task of measuring contracted acreage and seeded wheat acreage nearing completion in most Oregon counties compliance forms will begin moving to Washington soon to be followed by distribution from there of the second benefit payment of 9 cents per bushel on growers allotments, says N. C. Donaldson, state supervisor for the wheat section of the AAA stationed at Oregon State college.

Morrow, Sherman, Gilliam, Benton, Washington and Crook counties were among the first to complete the measuring, and Gilliam and Washington were the first to get compliance forms ready for submission to Washington. Just how long it will take after these are received at the national headquarters before the checks will be mailed is not known but word from the AAA is that utmost speed will be used in getting the second payment out to the growers.

Umatilla county, which has been using the airplane photographic survey method of measuring is reported getting along well with the plan after some preliminary difficulties, and is finding it accurate and convenient. Once the task is finished this year most of next year's measuring will be done as well.

The Wasco county committee has now let a contract for a complete air survey there as well, although some ground measuring had already been done. Committeemen there believe that the savings next year will justify making a complete photographic map now. Some other counties have obtained permission to begin ground measurements of summer fallow this fall rather than wait until next year to do the entire job.

More details of the proclamation of the secretary of agriculture concerning next year's benefit payments and processing tax on wheat show that while the payments and tax will be the same as last year, the amount of crop reduction is not fixed definitely other than it will not exceed this year's 15 percent. Should national or international conditions warrant, growers may not be required to reduce that much. More definite announcement is expected sometime in August in advance of fall seeding dates.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Mitchell and Flora Williams were visitors here on Sunday from Portland at the home of their parents, returning in the afternoon taking with them the children. Alva and Sylvia Mitchell who have been visiting here for the past month.

Kent Elevator Bought By Grain Growers

The Grass Valley Grain Growers has bought the Kent elevator from Kerr Gifford and company and the new owner has leased it to the Farmer's National Warehouse Corporation for the crop season. This brings all the elevators in the county into the hands of the warehousing corporation and all the warehouses as well are government agency owned or operated.

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SPRING WHEAT BETTER THAN LATE FALL SOWN

Many Years Experiments Show Dry Seeding Yields Low

EARLY FALL SEEDING BEST

Mid-Columbia Area Fortunate In Being Able To Grow Either

The question is often asked the experiment station: "Is it better to sow winter wheat in the dust or wait and sow spring wheat?"

Like many other questions pertaining to dry farming practices it is difficult to make a positive answer, one that will be right for every season. What is right for one year may prove wrong the next. The answer can only be based on what has happened over a series of years, taking average yields into consideration for as long a period as possible.

Whether the best farm practice in the long run is to sow winter wheat late in dry ground or sow spring wheat is a question of great importance to farmers in the Columbia river basin where both winter and spring wheats can be grown. The Kansas farmer does not worry much about it, because if he does not get a stand of winter wheat he doesn't grow wheat at all. He substitutes corn or sorghum. Spring wheats in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma just are not worth growing. In the Dakotas and Canada, on the other hand, the farmers don't worry about planting wheat in the fall. The winters are too cold.

Records of the Moro station on comparative yields of late winter wheat and early spring wheat are just a little better on the average. When the fall rains come early enough so that the weeds can be killed and the wheat can get a good start before cold weather, it's quite a different story. Winter wheat under such conditions nearly always outyields the spring wheat.

On the station for a 12 year period Turkey winter wheat sown late averaged 25.8 bushels per acre. Bart and Federation, spring sown, averaged 28.2 bushels per acre or 2.4 bushels more than the late sown winter wheat.

This season the Turkey wheats in the variety tests averaged 19.8 bushels per acre. They were sown on October 30 and harrowed to kill weeds on November 30, just before emergence. The highest yielding spring wheat this year was Hard Federation, selection 31 which yielded at the rate of 19.8 bushels per acre, or exactly the same as the average of all the Turkey winter wheats. Federation this year, yielded only 15.9 bushels per acre, Marquis only 13.8 bushels and Bluestem 12.3 bushels. The spring wheats were all sown on March 9.

Because of the unusually mild winter the late sown wheat had a chance to make much more than ordinary, normal growth during the winter. In general, winter wheat in the county was better than spring wheat this year, although some high yields have been reported from Federation wheat sown in February.

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