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4-H CLUB FAIR PROGRAM VARIED

Two Days Of Exhibitions Planned By Children

HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES IN

Large Majority Of Children In County Represented

With their desks full of entry blanks, their heads full of questions constantly being asked by telephone and in person, and their staffs busy with details of the coming fair, Perry N. Johnston county agent, and Wily W. Knighten, school superintendent, direct the plans for the coming 4-H club fair with every intention of making it the biggest and best ever held in this county.

There is so much on the program that both are insistent that starting hours must be observed to the minute. There can be no deviation or the entire plan will be disrupted and the events cannot be run off before darkness overtakes the fair. Therefore events must start promptly, say the directors.

Sunday's program will be held in the American Legion hall beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day and continuing until nearly that time at night. The crops judging contests will be held at that place also in the afternoon of the first day, giving both men and women something interesting to watch.

Two dollar dinner contests, six or more cooking and canning demonstrations along with judging contests. The band will play in the evening and some other musical features have been arranged.

Monday the livestock exhibits will be shown at the fair grounds with Henry Barnum in charge of the stock and George A. Williams in charge of rabbits and poultry. Bob Webb will have charge of the crop exhibits at the hall.

While the program may be subject to some change the events will be staged in much the following order:

Sunday, August 19, Legion hall
11:00 Dollar dinner contest with Lavon Sayers contesting
2:00 to 5:30 Cooking and Canning demonstrations.
5:00 Dollar dinner with Anita Dunlap contesting.
5:30 Modeling for style dress revue.
8:00 Band Concert.
8:30 Style dress Revue
9:00 Girls Quartette
9:10 Home economics judging contest.

Sunday afternoon the crops exhibits will be shown in the hall and the contests will be arranged as follows:
2:00 Crops judging contest
3:00 Crops demonstration contest
3:30 Miscellaneous demonstration contests.

Monday August 20.
8 a.m. Livestock judging contest. All livestock judging teams must call at the office for instructions.
9:15 Judging begins on livestock. The same order as is followed in the premium list will be the rule in these contests.
11:00 Poultry judging contest.
11:30 Judging of poultry and rabbits.

1:15 Livestock parade.
1:45 Showmanship contest. Premium list order will prevail.
3:30 Livestock demonstration contests.

Neal Freeman is building a house for Mrs. McIntyre on her place east of town.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 8

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG. 9	88	58	.00
" 10	84	51	.00
" 11	80	49	.00
" 12	82	50	.00
" 13	86	50	.00
" 14	91	51	.00
" 15	94	64	.00
Total for week			.00

Wheat Market Stronger This Week

The general wheat market situation strengthened materially during the week, with additional confirmations of short crops. From present indications, production in the northern hemisphere this season will be about 11 percent less than last year. August 1, conditions of north American wheat crops indicated outturns of around 50,000,000 bushels below the 1933 harvest. The United States crop was officially estimated at approximately 491,000,000 bushels, of which 201,000,000 is hard red winter wheat, 188,000,000 soft red winter, 56,000,000 of hard red spring, 7,000,000 bushels Durum and about 64,000,000 bushels of white wheat. The condition of Canadian spring wheat crop was officially reported at 63 percent of the long time average which suggests a total outturn slightly below the 1933 harvest of 270,000,000 bushels.

In Europe, outside of Russia, present conditions indicate a reduction of about 330,000,000 bushels from last season's crop. Harvests are turning out better than expected in some areas, but in other sections yields and quality are quite irregular. The French crop is placed by trade agencies at from 275,000,000 to 311,000,000 bushels, against 362,000,000 bushels last year, and the Italian harvest at 240,000,000 bushels compared with 298,000,000 bushels produced in 1933. The German crop is officially estimated at 151,000,000 bushels compared with 193,000,000 bushels last year. Estimates for the Danube Basin show little change from earlier forecasts with the combined harvest placed at 248,000,000 bushels by the United States Agricultural Commissioner, against 371,000,000 bushels in 1933. Harvesting in Russia is about 45 percent completed and around 28 percent of the grain harvested has been threshed.

Retired Minister Recalls Fair Of 1892

Something new in concession requests for the Oregon State Fair developed late this week, when Rev. G. Edward Blair, Albany retired Presbyterian minister, appeared to seek a booth for sale of bibles and biblical literature. Incidentally his visit at the business offices was the first since he viewed the fair 42 years ago. Noting the startling revelations in building and grounds, he recalled the fair of 1892 as quite primitive in comparison to what 1934's show will offer. Blair has held many pastorates.

China Pheasants Released In County

Two hundred China Pheasants were released in this county last week by members of the Sherman county Fish and Game association. The birds were hatched at the Pendleton game farm and are about half grown according to Capt. R. O. Scott, president of the association. An effort has been made to make the distribution in the county equal between districts and at the same time put the young birds where they will have some protection until they become used to their new surroundings.

Young Men Uninjured In Auto Crash

Three young men attempted to emulate the now famed man on the flying trapeze Sunday night when one of them drove his coup in which all were riding, across a ditch nadinto a fence. Kenneth Walker was driver, and Harry Ragsdale and Robert Poley were passengers in the car. In trying to make the turn at Wilde's service station in Wasco at too high a speed they jumped the ditch without leaving a mark. Damages to the car were minor—the passengers—none.

Elmer Barzee and family who have been at Brietenbush springs for several weeks, returned home Thursday night of last week on account of a case of tonsillitis which rendered Elmer unable to work. After a day in the hospital he is improving.

Restrictions Relieved Slightly On Hog Deal

Restrictions regarding the corn hog deal have been relieved to some extent on account of drought conditions prevailing in the mid-west. It will be possible for farmers to purchase feeder pigs between August 1, 1934 and November 30, 1934 if the feeder will report his purchase to his county allotment committee on purchase and will mark the hogs so that identification can easily be made. Information to the allotment committee must give the date of purchase, the size of the hogs and the identification mark by which the hogs are to be marked.

Endeavor Society Win Banner

Five members of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Community church attended the Mt. Hood C. E. union rally at The Dalles Sunday and returned with the banner awarded to the group with the largest number of members coming the farthest distance. The local group competed with societies from Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties. Juniors winning the banner which will be held in Moro until October 7 were, Beth and Clara Messenger, Ardis and Rodney Truitt, and Betty Jean Vintin. Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchellmore and Lawrence Mitchellmore were also present when the award was made.

Federal Statisticians Examining Contracts

The federal statisticians are now examining hog contracts again in Portland for the purpose of establishing for each county the number of hogs on which the government will pay benefit payments. This is the second attempt to determine this question. It is understood that there will be no state quota but that counties in this state will be handled individually.

Drought Affecting Refinance Program

The great drought, which has reduced grain and hay crops to record low levels, has started a country wide discussion of the agricultural adjustment program and affected materially the agricultural refinancing program of the government, according to information received by the Oregon Agricultural extension service.

In answer to those who feel that agricultural adjustments are no longer necessary, Secretary Wallace of the United States department of agriculture says that undoubtedly the drought will make it necessary to change many of the agricultural programs for 1935. Regardless of what revisions may be made, however, Secretary Wallace says there will not be any abandonment of the principle of government assistance to farmers in establishing the necessary balance between supply and demand and giving just compensations for their cooperation.

Already nearly 4 million checks amounting to approximately 300 million dollars, have been issued as rental and benefit payments to farmers. Payments on the corn hog contracts for 1934 production are just getting well started while the wheat, cotton and tobacco contracts already in effect run through the year 1935.

Owing to depreciated security the farm refinancing program of the Farm Credit Administration is being slowed up in the drought areas, both as to mortgage loans and production loans, says the college extension service, but drought stricken farmers are receiving some aid through special emergency drought relief loans as well as from the crop adjustment benefit checks. The cattle purchasing program is also affording relief from the distress caused by the drought and plans are being made to purchase sheep in the drought areas.

WARRANT CALL

School district No. 7 will pay warrants up to No. 242 on presentation to the clerk. Interest ceases on this date, August 17th 1934.

Mary Fortner, Clerk

INDIANS AND ALL-STARS BILLED FOR GAME SUNDAY

Rubber Game To Determine Best Color For Ball Players

The Sherman county all-stars took it on the chin last Sunday at Warm Springs. The natives, strengthened by better pitching trimmed the locals by a score of 7 to 1, but that only made the game even between them for the all-stars won in their previous encounter at Grass Valley last time.

Except for the first inning the game was on an equal basis, but Miller, as usual, was wild in the first part of the game and the Indians made five scores. After that the game was 2 to 1, which is good ball.

A return game will be played next Sunday, August 19th at Grass Valley and as this is the game that decides the championship between the teams every effort will be made to win. The all stars will play much the same team as before.

Sherman Countians Picnicking In Portland

Former Sherman countians now living in Portland and nearby places are going to hold the annual picnic of that group Sunday August 26 in the Laurelhurst park. This event is one looked forward to by all former residents of this county. Some always go down who are still residents here. They will meet at 1 p.m.

Compliance Forms Delayed For Change

There has been another delay in getting the compliance forms off to Washington due to new regulations received from headquarters after the forms made up by the local office were nearly ready for shipment. Luther Davis and A.A. Dunlap, in charge of the work, believe it will be next week before the revised forms can be sent away.

Sales Slacken

Sales of wheat have been fewer in the county this week as nearly all the pressing sales were made last week. The price has not been so strong and the farmers are waiting for a better figure before letting loose of wheat that may be worth real money before long.

News Of Forty Years Ago Recalls County Pioneers

From the Observer, Aug. 22, 1895
After a month L. D. Holder will carry the mail between Moro and Grants, having bought the stages and taken the contract from J. M. Donahue. Mr. Donahue will continue the line from Moro to Rutledge.

Rev. G. R. Moorhead and Mrs. L. A. Dougherty were married on the 19th at the residence of the bride's parents, Hon. Wm. Kelsey, near Kent.

On our ride last week with Deputy Clerk McDaniel, we passed over an entire new (to us) division of the county. West from Peets and south to Clark's. The land that is cultivated shows the average good results. Judge Meador, the Moores, Farris, McDaniel and others, have beautiful farms some nice orchards and comfortable homes over that way.

"Ice freezing in summer" at Rosebush may seem a doubtful story, but a lady of the city saw it, handled it on the morning of August 5, 1895. It damaged nothing.

From the Observer, Aug. 18, 1905
Mrs. Stanley, Miss Lillian and the twin boys are attending the fair this week.

The W.W.M.Co. have built a residence at Erskinville for Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Donahue local agents there.

Mayor C. W. Moore of our sister city, Grass Valley was transacting business in Moro on the 11th. Charley is just as young and cheerful as he used to be when we both were poor boys, Moro for another year has been just beginning in Good Old Sher-

Government Seed Loans Still Obtainable

It is still possible for farmers in need of seed to obtain it thru government seed loans. This method of getting seed has been tried but little in this county because of the small limit placed on the loans, but for those who desire it, it may still be gotten. Government feed loans may be had under the drought act, but it is understood that domestic stock will be the only kind of stock feed may be obtained for.

Truck Operators Form Association

Truck operators of this county have formed an association under the provisions of the code for trucking companies and have agreed to abide by a price list for hauling that will be established. A meeting will be held in the Moro hotel Sunday morning, August 19 for the purpose of completing the organization. Officers elected at the first meeting were Tom Fraser, president and Vernon Platt secretary-treasurer.

Goldendale Jamboree Staged This Week-end

Over in Goldendale they are calling their local display of western thrills the Jamboree. But what's in a name anyhow? The program contains all the acts to be found in any like event in the land and the names of famous riders are listed among the contestants. Listen!

Leonard Wood, champion cowboy of the world in 1933 will be on the bill. He is top hand at bronc busting, bull dogging and bare back riding. That's quite a list of accomplishments. Fox Callahan whorides and ropes with the best of 'em will be there. But there are lots more. Ropers, trick riders, trick ropers and any number of tough boys who feel and boast that they can ride anything that grows hair.

One of the barns burned down but it doesn't matter, the show will go on says Z. O. Brooks who is managing the show for the American Legion. Dates are the 16-17-18 of August.

Lester Conlee and family are sojourning in the wilds of Wal-lawa county this week, taking a well earned vacation from store keeping. Joe Truitt and Mabel Cothran are selling groceries in their absence.

Measuring Of Land Temporarily Postponed

The measuring of summer-fallow lands in the county is like the Irishman's train,—off again. When all preparations had been made and the men hired it was decided that there would be no reduction at all on 1935 crops and that measuring the land would be wasted effort.

Information giving the exact percentage of reduction for next years wheat crop is expected at any time and if there is any reduction to be taken the measuring of land will go on. If there is no reduction to be taken there will be no action. A telegram from N. C. Donaldson, Oregon agent of the wheat section, advising that this procedure would be proper under the circumstances was received and acted upon Saturday.

Sale Of Blooded Bucks At Pendleton Aug. 27

A sale of full blooded bucks will be held at Pendleton August 27, and several bunches of rams from very desirable flocks of sheep will be put on the block at that time. In addition to the Ram bouillies, which comprise the largest group in the sale, a number of Hampshire bucks will be offered as well as some Lincolns, Romneys and other desirable breeds. Henry Patjens and John Conroy of Grass Valley are members of the Oregon Wool Growers organization which is sponsoring the sale in this state.

Mrs. Tillie Henn Here From Drough Area

Mrs. Tillie Henn, owner of the place farmed by Wiley McDonald north of town, is here from Blanchard, Iowa, to look over her property in this county. Mrs. Henn has not lived in Moro for thirty years and finds many changes in that time. The prosperous appearance of the town and land are in contrast to that of the mid-west drought areas, she says, for in much of the land through which she traveled and in her own county drought has taken nearly all crops and a large part of the livestock. Temperatures of 114 degrees and a hot south wind dried up crops in a few days and some farmers will have nothing on their land with which to start the winter.

Pomona Grange To Have Big Meeting

The Pomona grange of Sherman county will have a big day September 1, Saturday at Wasco when they entertain political candidates whose itinerary permits a trip here at this time. Probably two of the gubernatorial candidates will be present and others who are asking for public preferment at the polls. The meeting will be held in Fraternity Hall in Wasco and the afternoon session will be open to the public.

Shirley Thompson To Reign As Queen

The charming 19 year old girl selected to reign as queen of the 1934 Pendleton Round-Up, September 13-15, has been riding horses since she was four years old and actually 'rides fence' on her father's 5,000 acre ranch, taking care of the 60 vicious bucking horses belonging to the Round-Up. Her name is Shirley Thompson and her mother, then Laura McKee, was queen of the first Pendleton Round-Up held in 1910. Her father, Herb Thompson, is live stock director for the Round-Up association and cares for the valuable bucking stock on his ranch. Shirley's ranch home is 14 miles south east of Pendleton in the foothills of the Blue mountains and is on Indian Reservation land. Shirley knows the Indians and speaks their language and participates in the Indian horse round-up held each spring when the colts are branded.

It may seem unusual outside of Umatilla county but the horsemanship of this smiling Pendleton High school graduate is so well signed by nearly all in Moro.

MILLAGE REDUCTION BILL IS DRASTIC

School Funds Would Be Seriously Cut-tailed

OTHER TAXES NECESSARY

Indirect Taxes Only Means Of Raising Revenue

The much discussed tax limitation bill to be voted on at the November election is finding adherents among those who own real property in the state although many of the more conservative have stated their conviction that the bill is too drastic in its requirements to permit necessary governmental activities to go on.

The bill, if it becomes law, sets the valuation for assessment purposes at 50 percent of the true cash value—no more, no less. The second section states that for 1936 taxes the millage for all purposes shall not exceed 20 mills on this valuation. Each year until 1940 the total millage is decreased by one until the total allowed by the law is 15 mills on the 50 percent valuation.

Of this amount ten percent may go to the state including the elementary school tax, twenty five percent may go to the county, twenty five percent to the school district and 40 percent to the city or town. How this would effect rural residents who have no city tax is not explained.

Taxpayers of any district, city, school, county or state may levy a larger tax at any time for one year by a vote of two thirds of the voters.

Additional taxes for bond and interest may be levied provided the bonds have been voted previous to the enactment of this legislation.

In 1932 this county spent over 49 percent of its taxes for schools showing that schools would suffer to a greater extent than any other activity. This was the county and district tax and special tax. The county could probably get along with its twenty five percent, although relief measures would probably have to be curtailed to a great degree. As the larger part of the tax levied in the cities of this county is for bonds and interest anyway here would be no great difficulty experienced by them under the bill. The state can continue its business with ten percent of the taxes if relief and other like measures are dropped and if other means of taxation are increased in volume. It is the schools that will suffer here.

If the school taxes levied by the county are adjudged to be a part of the county levy it would relieve schools to some extent while making it harder on county government. According to a compilation made by the league of Oregon cities Moro pays over 8 percent of its taxes to the state, 17 percent to the county, 12 percent to the schools and 62 percent to city.

Wasco pays nearly 9 percent to state, 17 percent to county, 22 to schools and 51 to city. Levies in these could not be reduced to 20 mills because of debt levies. Grass Valley pays 11 percent to the state, 22 percent to the county, 30 percent to schools and 36 percent to the city.

There is agreement among opponents and adherents of the bill that if it passes the voters in November it will be absolutely necessary for some indirect form of taxation to be passed at the next session of the legislature. What form this might take has not even been discussed to any great extent. An increase in income, inheritance and excise taxes might be expected although tax income from these sources at this time is necessarily low. It is not probable that any form of sales tax will be tried unless it be on a very selective list of articles.

All state millages and continuing appropriations would be impossible under this bill and the higher educational institutions would be left high and dry as far as income was concerned.

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