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INSTITUTE CALLED SUCCESS BY PATRONS

Howard Gives Aims of the State
School System

PANEL DISCUSSION LIVELY

Afternoon Given Over To Discussion
Of Teaching

Teachers and patrons who attended the 1934 institute held here Tuesday voted it one of the most successful ever held in the county. C. A. Howard, state school superintendent, gave the principal address at the beginning of the session and explained the policies of the department and gave something of the plans for general education of the people.

Through government aid last year there was a program for, adult education, vocational education, educational rehabilitation, nursery and parental guidance through training and rural school aid. All of these but the latter will be carried on during the coming year. Relief administrator Hopkins, who directs this program is a social worker, says Mr. Howard, and is interested in adult education as it is carried on in the east. The plan is new to the western part of the country.

Problems Unanswerable

The speaker stated that a "democracy must be a place where every body studies" and elaborated this statement to show that we could not lose our democracy except through fear or lack of use of its liberties and advantages. Democracies are the only governments in the world at present where there is anything resembling human liberty as it is known to Americans.

Educators must learn that there is often no answer to social questions and should not always demand a simple answer to complex problems involving many phases of national life, said Mr. Howard.

Panel Discussion Interests

One feature of the institute that drew attention because of its newness in this county was a "panel" discussion. Six persons, four teachers and two patrons arranged themselves about tables and with Mr. Howard as leader or chairman began a discussion about school matters. It was an argument before an audience instead of before a fireplace, but the public nature did not apparently hamper the cast for all the features of the hour and a half were over. Nothing was decided except that each one of the six held opinions. Luncheon was served at the Presbyterian church by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary and Thomas A. Genie, formerly of the state normal school at Monmouth was the luncheon speaker. He was amusing and slightly critical of the criticism administered to the schools in the morning session, saying that while the elementary schools were not perfect they had made great advances during his life time.

The afternoon session was taken up with high school and elementary sections in which teachers discussed phases of their work especially that part relating to measurements.

Attending from outside of the county were Mr. Howard, Mr. Gentle, Frank Brumbaugh, of Wasco county, H. C. Seymour, who spoke of club work in schools and Miss Luella Markley from the state tuberculosis association who made a plea for better physical training in schools.

Bentley Coming

Mr. C. M. Bentley, Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Friday, October 5th, 1934 at the Court House between the hours of 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.



JAY H. UPTON COMING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Congressional Candidate To Speak On Campaign Issues

Jay H. Upton, former state senator and Republican candidate for congress in this district, will speak in Moro Thursday night, October 4, according to an announcement made Wednesday by leaders of that party in this county. Mr. Upton will be at Kent and Grass Valley on Thursday and will conclude his visit to the county with the scheduled talk at Moro.

Final arrangements have not been made but it is likely that the meeting will be held at the hotel under the auspices of the central committee of the county.

Mr. Upton was senator from the district comprising Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Klamath and Lake counties since 1921 until his resignation at the time he accepted the Republican nomination for representative from this district.

His platform includes unemployment insurance, old age pensions and strict attention to the welfare of eastern Oregon with which his experience has made him well acquainted.

Warning Given By Commissioner Carey

The following note from Charles H. Carey gives the opinion of his office on assignment of shares in the building and loan companies being liquidated.

Almost every day complaints are made to the Corporation Commissioner that one A. K. Wilson, of Portland, is getting assignments of building and loan shares from members. These assignments are taken in the name of Union Bond and Trust Company. He does not pay anything more than one dollar to these members, but promises to pay them fifty percent of "all the net proceeds realized from the sale or adjustment of said certificates as and when received." Whether or not he makes fraudulent misrepresentations I cannot say, but doubtless he convinces them that he can do something for them or they would not sign. I do not believe he can do anything whatever to justify giving him such assignments as the Corporation Department is doing without charge all that anyone can do in the interest of the members.

Charles H. Carey,
Corporation Commissioner

Housing Loans May Be Used For Outbuildings

New information about the better housing campaign has been sent to George G. Updegraff, Sherman county chairman. It is to the effect that the quota for this county has been set at \$24,000 or about \$8 per capita for this county.

There appears to be a general belief that the money to be utilized under this plan must be spent in houses. Really, it is possible to use the money for old or new houses, repairs, alterations or for work on or new construction of fences, garages or farm buildings.

The SERA has announced that it will supply help for the campaign which means that some of them may be out rustling candidates who wish to borrow money from banks for home improvement. These workers, if they are actually hired will have to be familiar with the loan program and be fitted from the standpoint of intelligence and personality, according to the information.

City Budgetters Failed To Appear

Social events, business engagements, hunting and perhaps the fact that every body's business is nobody's business caused the scheduled budget meeting of the city of Moro to be a complete flop Tuesday night.

Another attempt will be made next Tuesday night, October 2nd, to get the councilmen and the budget committee together to list the estimated expenditures of the city for the year 1935.

Reduction In Coach Fares To Chicago

A further reduction in coach fares from Pacific northwest points to Chicago, effective Oct. 1, was announced today by representatives of the Western Railways. The new fare of \$34.50 from Portland and all eastern Oregon points to Chicago brings the cost of rail travel to the central states to the lowest price ever offered.

Present coach service on these trans continental routes have added greatly to the comfort and convenience of this mode of travel. Officials of these railways expect that this new reduction in fares will serve to stimulate further travel between the Pacific northwest and eastern points.

FESTIVAL AT WASCO FEATURES FOOTBALL GAME

Dana Jean McMillan Elected As
Festival Queen

Election of Dana Jean McMillan as queen of the Wasco festival was announced this week by officers of the library board. Miss McMillan is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillan of Wasco. Her attendants will be Catherine Richelderfer, Geraldine Funk, Evelyn Olson and Jean Spencer.

A football game between the Wasco High School Warriors, and the Arlington Honkers will be the feature entertainment of the afternoon. This will be the first occasion for local gridiron fans to see the boys in action since Coach Critchfield has taken the helm as their instructor, although they played practice games with The Dalles and a game with Maupin.

Games of amusement and games of chance will be offered the public with various fraternal and patriotic organizations handling the booths along the street.

Dinners, dances and parade will be other attractions of this annual event designed to aid the local library, be of assistance to the public of the Wasco community.

Relief Administrator To Meet With Court

The relief administration committee of Sherman county will meet at the court house Wednesday of next week in conjunction with the county court. Victor D. Carlson, relief administrator for eastern Oregon will be present at the meeting and will explain to the local committee and to any relief needy the rules and regulations under which the relief funds must operate.

There is a proposal that a case worker might be employed for this county for a few days to investigate conditions in this county and this may be one of the things debated at this meeting.

NOTICE

The clerk of School District No. 7 of Wasco will pay all outstanding warrants on the district upon presentation to her at Wasco.

Interest ceases on this date, September 28th, 1934.

Mary Fortner, clerk.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 26

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
SEPT. 20	72	39	.00
" 21	68	52	.00
" 22	59	42	.00
" 23	52	32	.00
" 24	47	33	.00
" 25	57	35	.00
" 26	64	40	.00
Total for week			.71

FREIGHT RATE BOOST TO BE FOUGHT HERE

Fifteen Percent Raise Proposal
Arouses Wheat League

NEW COMMITTEES NAMED

December 7 & 8 To Be Dates For
League Meeting

Dangers of the proposed raise in freight rates, to the wheat growers of the northwest were the main topics to be discussed at the meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Arlington Monday.

The fifteen percent increase in freight rates, if approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission will be many added dollars of expense to shippers. A large part of the wheat is now shipped under intra-state rates which are considerably lower than the inter-state rates to be regulated, but it is doubtful if the intra-state rates could be maintained at the low rate if the others were raised, it was declared.

The inter-state rate from Moro is twenty and a half cents. A fifteen percent increase would make wheat worth almost two cents less here than now. Multiplied by the bushels of wheat shipped it means added expense that can hardly be borne by growers of wheat.

Rates To Be Protested

The wheat league will cooperate with other organizations of farmers whose aims regarding wheat rates are similar and will fight the proposed rate increase to a finish. Hearings will begin about the first of October it was reported at the meeting and haste must be made or the work will be unavailing.

Meetings will be held in every county of the wheat belt to enlist aid financial and otherwise for this fight. President J. B. Adams and Secretary Chas. W. Smith, will attend these meetings. The county committeemen of each county is to be held responsible for the campaign to raise funds for the contest with the railroads.

A plea for the retention of the export association for another year was sent to George Ferrell, head of the wheat section of the AAA.

Committees Organized

Organization of the four committees that hold the hearings which make up the annual meeting of the wheat league resulted in the following appointments: Taxation and legislation committee; Mac Hoke, Pendleton, chairman; Bert Johnson, Ione, vice chairman; E. R. Jackman, secretary. Meeting and finance, Harvey Miller, Lexington, chairman; Charles Nish, Mikkalo, vice chairman; Paul Carpenter, secretary; Transportation, L. J. Kelly, The Dalles, chairman; E. M. Hilden, Arlington, vice chairman; W. W. Lawrence, secretary; Wheat handling and production (including reduction under AAA) Earl Hoag, Arlington, chairman; J. F. Putnam, Pendleton, vice chairman; G. R. Hyslop, secretary.

The date for the meeting was set for December 7 and 8 at the school house in Arlington.

Democratic Society Organized Monday

The Young Democratic Society for Sherman county was organized here Monday night with a meeting of about forty young and old members of the party. R. Wayne Stevens and Anthony Sambuck were the outside speakers who explained the purpose of the organization.

Election of officers resulted in the selection of Miss Velma Powell as president, Miss Leora Peetz as secretary, V. N. Freeman as treasurer and Carl Anderson as sergeant-at-arms. Five vice presidents were chosen from different sections of the county, Johnie Decker from Kent, Mrs. Arne Annula from Grass Valley, Kenneth McKean of Moro, Hal White of Wasco and Charles Wilson of Rufus.

Non-high School Budget Meeting Set

The budget meeting of the non-high school board of Sherman county will be held at the court house on September 28th, Friday at 8 o'clock in the evening according to a decision made by the members of that board Saturday afternoon.

Freeholders appointed to sit with the board and aid in determining the tax to be levied for non-high purposes are as follows: O. G. Sayrs, Clyde Fridley, V. B. Eakin, Tommy Barnett and C. W. Kenny. The methods and rates to be paid for transportation of non high school pupils in the county will be one of the questions to arise and appropriations made for. Also the money for the tuition that must be paid to high schools of the county must be provided.

RAIN AND SNOW BRING MOISTURE TO COUNTY

Seeding Problem Worries Farmers
Over County

For the first time within the memory of old timers Sherman county was visited with a snow storm of legitimate proportions during September. Perhaps and probably flurries of snow have fallen in that month before but the snow that fell Saturday night and Sunday can by no stretch of the imagination be called a flurry. It was snow.

True, it did not reach farther north than Gordon ridge and it melted almost as fast as it fell to Nigger ridge but from there south the ground was covered all day and part of Monday except where the wind blew it off the summer-fallow. Five or six inches of snow was reported at Kent but it contained less than half an inch of moisture, while 71 hundredths was the fall at Moro and 86 at Wasco.

To seed or not to seed is the question with many farmers. Some are ready and will begin shortly, others, especially in the south end of the county will wait for more moisture. A heavy rain over part of the county Saturday night preceded the snow. While the rain was of short duration it fell rapidly for a time.

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all persons who have changed their political party, changed residence, from one voting precinct to another, changed names or have failed to vote at least once during the last two years, must register no later than 5 o'clock of October 6th, 1934, in order to be qualified to vote at the coming November General Election.

2t G. C. Vintin, County Clerk.

Sherman Countians Honored At Pacific

Pacific University, Forest Grove Oregon, September 26, (Special): Harry Proudfoot, a graduate of Wasco High school now attending Pacific University, was elected President of the largest Freshman class ever registered at Pacific.

Marjorie Byers, a graduate of Moro high school, was elected Vice president of the class.

Mr. Proudfoot is one of the promising young athletes and Miss Byers is already well-known for her musical ability.

Increase In Ford V-8 Sales For August

The time tested formula of quality merchandise plus consistent newspaper advertising, has again proven itself, according to H. H. Wilcox, Pacific Northwest branch manager of the Ford Motor Company as he announced a 65 percent increase in Ford V8 sales in this territory for August 1934 against the same month in 1933.

"In fact," said Wilcox, "Our August sales this year not only are well above July, which in itself is unusual, but this is the biggest August we have had since August, 1930. I attribute this chiefly to the fact that consistent newspaper advertising has focused public attention on the unprecedented values offered in this year's Ford car."

4-H Club Leaders Organize For 1935

At an interesting meeting held at the Moro School in connection with the Teachers Institute Tuesday, September 25 an Association of 4-H Club Leaders of Sherman county was formed. It is a unit of the State 4-H Club Leaders Association which was organized in Corvallis last June. Sherman is the 19th county to form such an organization. It is thought it will be a benefit to the club leaders of the county as well as to the county to form such an organization. It is thought it will be a benefit to the club leaders of the county as well as to the county to form such an organization.

Mrs. Perry Johnston was elected president Henry Barnum vice president, and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel secretary-treasurer. Our first meeting will be announced soon through the columns of the Sherman County Journal.

Grangers Plan Meeting

Harlandview Grange will observe the National Booster Day Saturday September 29 at 8 p. m. The object of the meeting is to show the true purpose of the grange in the community.

An appropriate program of an educational and entertaining nature will be given.

This will be an open meeting and all who care to come will be welcome.

Club Meets Friday

The first meeting of the Moro Womens club will be held Friday October 5th, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore, president. Members are urged to attend.

There will be an institute held at Hood River, October 6th at 9.30 a. m. The state president Mrs. Nicholson will be there. A fine program is being arranged. As many as will be able to attend, please report to president at the club meeting.

Poll Books Close Oct. 6

Portland, Sept. 27--(Special) Republicans throughout Oregon are reminded that the final deadline for registration to vote at the November election is but eight days off according to announcement from state central committee headquarters here today.

October 6th will mark the close of voters' registration over the state, and according to revisions in the election laws a few years ago, there is no way for citizens to secure the ballot privilege after this date has passed, Republican leaders point out.

The definite swing in public sentiment towards Joe Dunne, Republican candidate for governor, has been noted during the past ten days, party heads declare.

News Of Forty Years Ago Recalls County Pioneers

From the Observer October 3, 1895

The Columbia Commercial Company were paying 36 cents for No. 1 and 33 cents for No. 2 wheat at Biggs and Rufus yesterday.

J. C. Burkes office is now ornamented with a highly useful Remington typewriter purchased thru the G. N. Grosfield agency.

The sudden paleness which sometimes spreads over a young man's face in church may be caused by a quickening conscience, but the chances are that he has swallowed some tobacco juice.

Moore Bros. are selling the Peacock flour as follows: terms cash: three barrel lots at Moro \$2.95, at Rufus \$2.70.

Moore Bros. hall may be said to be fitted up at the expense of the tax payers. It is high time Sherman county began to think about a fund to build a much needed court structure for itself.

From the Observer October 1, 1915

J. C. Freeman has sold a half interest in his dry goods store to O. L. Belshe and from this date the business will be conducted in the same place as formerly under the name of J. C. Freeman and company.

Bruce Millard, formerly employed at the Moro garage, now owner and farmer of a farm near Rufus was a Moro visitor Sunday. He reported several bad wind blows between here and the Columbia.

TAX REDUCTION BILL HAS ODD CONDITION

Much Less Than 20 Mills May
Be Levied In Country

TAX WOULD BE CUT A THIRD

Debt Service Cost May Be Added
To Budget

There is a peculiarity in the proposed measure for the limitation of property taxes to 20 mills. Twenty five percent of the 20 mills may go to the counties, another 25 percent to school districts and the state fund is limited to 10 mills. Forty percent may be spent by city governments. This seems to limit the tax rate to districts outside of incorporated towns or cities to 12 mills which is probably a more drastic reduction than even the most ardent tax reductionists will instantly favor.

Several school districts would be handicapped if a measure limiting taxes to 5 mills went into effect although the debt and interest part of the levy may be in addition to this amount. Districts 33, 32, 23, 17, 11, 9A, 9B, 9, 7, 3A and 3 would have to reduce expenses unless a part of their levy is for debt reduction or interest payments according to the 1934 roll.

The fifty percent of valuation clause of the bill would reduce the valuation of this county by \$2,760,416 or from \$10,024,506 to \$7,263,990 and as the new percentages must be based on the new valuation other districts would be affected as well.

The total tax that might be levied if the total amount was levied by each taxing unit would be \$145,279.80 in Sherman county. This compares with \$216,933.64 raised this year. There is a difference here of \$71,713.84. It is doubtful if this sum is annually spent on debt reduction and interest charges in the county as the county had \$33,000 in this list and the cities had but a few thousand and school districts an insufficient amount to make up the \$71,700 total according to an estimate made here.

One open place in the bill is that it does not include all of the taxing units that have the power to levy taxes. Port, districts, drainage districts, fire prevention districts, and probably non-high school districts would not be affected by the measure if the bill has been read aright.

There seems to be little enthusiasm.

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