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DROUTH INVESTIGATION ASKED BY COMMITTEE

Wells Needed By Farmers, Court Is Told

SAME BUDGET MEN NAMED

Meeting Will Be Held Monday Oct. At 10 A. M.

A group of seven citizens from the south end of the county called on the county court Wednesday to lay before that body their reasons for wishing Sherman county to be designated as a drouth county.

W. C. Helyer, W. G. Helyer, W. H. Helyer, J. M. Wilson, G. H. Wilcox, C. B. Andrews and G. H. Howell were members of the committee. Reasons given by them for asking for the desired designation were that water was scarce in that part of the county and that a public well or two would be of great value to the farmers and stockmen, that those who have had to buy feed this summer might receive transportation expense on it, that some farmers had stock that would be sold and that, inasmuch as no one knew what was in the future it might be advisable to go into the drouth list to be ready in case of another dry year when aid would be an absolute necessity.

It was requested that if the court did not wish to ask for drouth designation that a request be made for a survey by the authorities in charge of drouth work in the state.

The remainder of the court session was occupied with details of county work which were rushed along. Relief session in the morning and drouth hearing in the afternoon required a large part of the day.

The date for the county budget meeting was set for October 8, next Monday, and the same three men who made up the budget committee were named by the court members again. They are: Fred Krukowski, O. L. Belshe, and J. M. Yocum.

Toots Martin who was operated on about two weeks ago for appendicitis, came home from the hospital last Sunday.

Democratic Candidates To Speak Here Friday

A democratic rally with three state and national candidates billed to speak will be held tonight, Friday, October 5, at the Legion hall in Moro. The picture show will be started at 6 o'clock in the evening and the speaking is due to begin at 8:30.

Representative Walter M. Pierce, candidate for re-election to congress, General Charles H. Martin, candidate for governor, and Wallace E. Walters, candidate for secretary of state will be the speakers.

Representative Walter Pierce has been in the county once before during this campaign, speaking at Wasco with gubernatorial candidate Zimmerman and he will return again next week when he speaks at the Kent grange Thursday, October 11 in the evening at Grass Valley, Friday, the 12th, at 2:00 in the auditorium and at Wasco the same evening.

General Martin has not visited the county before and this will be Mr. Walters' first visit here as well. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and listen to the addresses of these candidates who are appearing under the auspices of the Democratic central committee of the county.

Non-High School Budget Made

The budget committee for the non-high school board met in session Friday night at the court house and made up the levy for that branch of business for 1935. Some reduction was made in the figures for last year although the principal items were left as in 1934.

The tuition item, the largest on the list, was set at \$10,174.03 that figure being but a little above the anticipated expense for the number of pupils expected to attend high schools this year. A surplus was left to eventually bring the board onto a cash basis. The transportation item was left at \$2500.

Reduction was made in the emergency fund, the interest fund and other minor items that were found to be larger than actually needed by the board. A total of \$208 was taken from the budget of last year.

The final hearing will be held October 29, at 2 p. m. at the court house at which time taxpayers and interested patrons of the non-high school district may come and protest the budget if it fails to meet with their approval.

Read the ads in the Journal

FREIGHT RATE RAISE OPPOSED BY LEAGUE

C. W. Smith, Secretary of Wheat League Issues Statement

COMPETITION BAR POSSIBLE

Rate Decline Case Still Pending In Northwest

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League, through its state officers, has joined other agricultural bodies included in the Northwest Farm Rate council in determined opposition to proposed increased freight rates on farm products from this region, according to word just received from C. W. Smith, state secretary of the league.

A surprise request recently presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a widespread increase in freight rates of farm commodities from this territory brought quick opposition from the agricultural organizations, Smith reports. As a result of preliminary meetings, the council rate specialist and attorney, Arthur M. Geary of Portland, was sent to Washington to attend the first presentation of the railroads' case before the Interstate Commerce Commission on October 1. At that meeting Mr. Geary presented a resolution from the Farm Rate council, urging the commission to direct a non-suit of the railroad's petition. He also urged that hearings on the proposal be scheduled in Salt Lake City, Spokane and Portland in order that western farm shippers be able to present their case in full.

Mr. Geary's analysis of the railroad's voluminous petition indicates that increases would effect practically all commodities which northwestern farmers ship East in any considerable volume. Specific increases listed by Mr. Geary include: wheat, 3 cents per hundred lbs.; livestock, 10 per cent over present rate; 25 cents or higher; fruit and fresh vegetables, 3 cents; dried fruit, 10 per cent with maximum of 4 cents.

The proposal for such rate increases comes at a time when the Interstate Commerce Commission has not yet passed upon previous requests of northwest agriculture that present rates be reduced rather than increased. While that request has hung fire for years with the railroads urging more delay, the latter are now pleading for speedy disposition of their plea for a raise in rates.

Mr. Geary believes that the ultimate objective of the railroads in the present move is to do away with competition among railway, waterway and highway carriers by having all such transportation placed under the regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He says that there is evidence that coast to coast steamship lines may join the roads in the proposed increases.

Local county meetings of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League may be called soon if found desirable in mobilizing support for the fight against the rate increases, says Mr. Smith.

Corn-Hog Signers Asked For Vote

Corn-hog adjustment contract signers in Oregon will be called upon by their county association to vote soon, probably during the second week in October, on two questions submitted from Washington.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 3

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
SEPT. 27	71	37	.00
" 28	72	48	.00
" 29	76	45	.00
" 30	77	49	.00
OCT. 1	72	45	.00
" 2	70	42	.00
" 3	64	41	.00
Total for week			.00

Budget Committee Reduces City Levy

The city budget committee met Tuesday night and after a session that lasted until midnight finally succeeded in making up a document that will answer the needs of the city for another year in the opinion of the budgeters.

No change was made in the general fund which contains provision for the salaries of the recorder and treasurer. The water fund was allowed to remain much the same as last year with the exception that more money was allowed for supplies and a little more for power, an item that was overexpended.

There was a long discussion about the method used in handling the various items on the budget and as the condition of the city's finances is not one of the simplest this required considerable time. It was stated that the city owes bonds totalling \$63,700, of which \$10,000 are past due and \$5685 in back interest has accumulated. City warrants of nearly \$1700 and interest are against the street lighting fund and another item of warrants totalling about \$4000 have been written against the city auditorium. This makes the total indebtedness of the city about \$75,000. The valuation of the city for taxation purposes in 1934 was \$175,844 making a debt of nearly 42 percent of the total value.

On petition by a group from the newly created fire department an item of \$500 was allowed to purchase fire equipment for the city. This action was taken because, with the improved mains, it was felt that more adequate protection must be given the buildings in town.

An item for \$1500 in bond interest was allowed and \$1000 was put in the budget for bond retirement. Total amount to be raised by special tax will be smaller this coming year if the proposed budget is approved by the committee at the final session.

Barn Destroyed By Fire Nine Horses Perish

The barn belonging to C. M. Kuypers on his place a few miles east of Rufus was destroyed by fire Thursday night between eight and nine o'clock and the destruction included nine horses, the seasons hay, two stacks of straw and some small tools and harness.

The fire was first noticed about eight o'clock when Mr. Kuypers and Chester Bargenholt were in the house. By the time they reached the barn the horse stable was so filled with smoke the men could not remain in it long enough to get a hold of any of the horses to lead them out. It was thought that all smothered.

The barn was large and well filled with hay. Some insurance was carried on the barn but none on the livestock that perished.

Erosion Service Begins Work In Umatilla

Soil Erosion Service—Pullman, Washington—October 2—C. E. Hill Extension Agent in the Department of the Interior, will be in charge of the work on the new Wildhorse Watershed Project now being started in the Adams-Athens section of Oregon according to an announcement by W. A. Rockie, Regional Director. The office for the present will be at the Indian Agency four miles east of Pendleton.

"Mr. Hill's assignment to the Pendleton district was made because of his wide experience in dry land tillage and cropping methods in Eastern Oregon and Washington," Mr. Rockie said. "Mr. Hill, who was graduated from Oregon State college in 1915, has spent fourteen years in dry land experimental work. In fact, for four years he was assistant to D. E. Stephens, Superintendent of the experiment station at Moro, Oregon and was for 10 years in charge of the dry-land station at Waterville, Washington.

"For the past year Mr. Hill has been connected with the Palouse erosion control project at Pullman, Washington and Moscow, Idaho. In this capacity he has come in contact with all phases of the erosion control program. Other men who are now working on the Pullman-Moscow project obtaining practical information in methods of erosion control will be appointed

CASEWORKER COMING TO CHECK ON RELIEF

Preliminary Survey Asked For By Relief Committee

NO WORK PROGRAM NOW ON

Only Needy May Be Aided Under Present System

Decision to have a trained case worker sent into this county in the near future to make a preliminary survey of conditions here from a relief standpoint was made at the meeting of the relief committee at the court house Wednesday morning. No other definite action was taken at the meeting.

After a brief explanation of the difference between CWA work, which was for unemployment, and SERRA, which is strictly relief, Chairman Wilcox asked assistant director for Oregon, Victor D. Carlson, to explain the situation in Oregon in the relief work.

The director stated that the government still holds that primarily the head of a family is responsible for the support of his family. He is expected to take advantage of all opportunities for work which the county in which he lives affords. Relief is available for those who cannot earn enough to care for their family.

Secondly, the community should endeavor to care for its citizens who are out of work and who may need relief. Odd jobs, and local work should be offered to local men first.

Thirdly, and as a final resort, relief may be given through the SERRA.

At the present time there is no work relief program in the state of Oregon and none under federal agencies anywhere. In some communities where a large number of men are on relief rolls some work is provided, just as it may be here, so that public work may be done. But the SERRA at present, is a relief agency, nothing more, and is operated solely to prevent human suffering.

In some counties relief money is paid in cash and in other places payment is made only in requisitions for necessities, said Mr. Carlson. The decision of which kind of payment is to be made rests with the county relief committee. At this time the Sherman county committee is paying in requisitions and to judge from the tenor of the remarks made at the Wednesday meeting will continue to do so.

Money for Sherman county relief is coming from the state liquor profits and from debentures sold against accruing profits. These were sold so that the state could get federal funds to match its money. About twelve counties, of which Sherman is one, receive only their share of liquor money and do not share in the federal money. This is caused by the law which makes it mandatory to distribute Oregon liquor money by population and the ruling which makes fund distribution on a basis of need.

Families in which there are employable persons above 18 years may be eligible for relief and other families must be a county charge.

While it is possible that a SERRA project will be approved here it will not be open to any but those who are actually on relief as judged by the report of the case worker and approved by the county committee, unless a new ruling is made by the government.

Kenneth Sather was named as the Sherman county candidate for the CCC camp at Zig Zag and will immediately for his work there. It is thought that another position may be available in forestry work in a short time and a position is open for a veteran from this county at the present time.

NOTICE
Transportation warrants No. 21 to 35 inclusive, and Tuition warrants Nos. 42, 43, 44, and 45 on the Sherman County Non-High School district, will be paid upon presentation to the county treasurer. Interest ceases after this date, October 5th, 1934.
Naomi Van Gilder, Treasurer.

Ben Morford Dies Suddenly

Ben Morford, 40, well known farmer and horse trainer living east of Wasco, died suddenly Friday afternoon at the John Stevenson place from what was thought to be heart trouble. Mr. Morford came to the Stevenson place for a tank of water and remained for dinner. After that meal he went to the barn to take the shoes off a team of horses belonging to Mr. Stevenson and as he approached the horses he fell dead without speaking.

The deceased came to Sherman county in 1927 and has lived on his homestead east of Klondike since. He occasionally worked on farms and broke horses for neighbors. He is reported to have been a master of horsemanship and an almost perfect man physically. He was recently married to Miss Etta Houston, manager of the Wasco telephone exchange. Mr. Morford was born in Yakima, and came here from Prineville. The funeral was held in The Dalles Sunday and interment was made in the cemetery there.

Wasco Festival Gala Affairs

Residents of the county celebrated last Saturday at Wasco when the annual fall festival was held with the Wasco Library Board as hostesses. A day of fun making accompanied by a parade, football, music, and a community dance brought together a large part of the population of the north end of the county.

The parade was one of the most enjoyable that has been held in recent years as several floats were entered that were distinctive in decorations. First prize was awarded to T. L. Fields and his hunting company whose float represented a deer hunting camp. Steve McMillan received second prize.

The children's parade was unusual in point of view of originality of costume and characterization. Henry Richelderfer won first prize as the NRA Eagle, Patricia Kaseberg and Doris McCulloch were second as Micky and Minnie Mouse and Gordon McKee was third representing a Wasco Warrior in football togs. Derrie Hennigan was fourth.

After the football game the crowd returned to the main section of town for the street amusements which were entertaining and occasionally exciting. The dance in the evening was attended by a large crowd.

NOTICE
Call for School Warrants: Balance on 49 and to 85. Payable at District Clerk No. 24.
Harold D. Eakin.

Fred Pickett expects to leave early next week for Seattle where he will establish a business.

News Of Forty Years Ago Recalls County Pioneers

From the Observer October 6, 1905
Mr. and Mrs. Erskine concluded that they would go to the fair this week.

Calvin Blair has been engaged to teach one of the Monkland schools.

Last week Mr. J. F. Belahoe brought in three prize heads of cabbage which, trimmed, weighed 41 pounds, raised without irrigation on his Monkland farm.

Mrs. Nellie Pike was thrown from her buggy Sunday, with her two little ones. Mrs. Pike was unconscious for some time, but the little ones escaped without a scratch.

Robert Urquhart and W. F. Jackson, in the metropolis this week on business, will also take in the fair.

J. H. Elliott and Mr. Nish used their threshing machine 11 days, and finished up their harvest in good shape. Next year they hope to be first in the field and when finished up will sell the outfit to any body who wants it.

From the Observer October 8, 1915
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ginn at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. E. Fields at Wasco, an eleven pound boy Wednesday, October 8th.

The streets of Moro this week remind us that the Sherman County Fair is with us in its entirety. All sort of amusement features to

TWO GAMES WON BY SHERMAN CO. LADS

Madras and Arlington Defeated Friday and Saturday

WASCO WINS TOUGH GAME

Moro and The Dalles Pepposes To Play Today

Two Sherman county high school football teams won their games Friday and Saturday to start or continue their football season at the fall battling sport.

Moro pitted its strength against the Madras team at the fair grounds Friday afternoon and although the visiting lads showed some power in the first quarter the local boys won by a 20 to 6 score before the fray was over.

Madras scored first when Pillette returned one of Barnes' punts across the goal line in a splendid run in which his team mates did a neat job of blocking out the would be Moro tacklers. They failed to convert.

Moro went in to the lead shortly after on a touchdown by Barnes and the resulting conversion made them 7 points. In the second half Moro scored twice, Barnes and Fraser carrying it over.

Both teams were playing the first game of the season and many of the players had never played before making a somewhat ragged game of it and detracting from team play. However, young players learn much in their first game and improvement can be expected.

Wasco won over the Arlington field by a score of 7 to nothing. Only scoring of the game was within the last minute play when Watkins made a ten yard run to put the ball on the Arlington 20. He tossed a pass that was complete on the three yard line and bucked it over.

Previous to that time the game had been even with each team about even. Wasco was lively at pass interception stepping in front of several Arlington passes. The river boys looked to be a little heavier than Wasco although both teams contained good sized boys considering the size of the schools they represented.

Both Arlington and Wasco had played a game or two this season before the Saturday contest and the brand of football displayed was up to mid season standard for small high schools.

The Dalles second team will be the competition for Moro next Saturday.