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## NEW CORN-HOG CONTRACTS OUT

### Payment On Different Basis Than In 1934

### MEETINGS WILL BEGIN SOON

### Farmers Asked To Reduce Pig Crop Ten Percent

The new hog contract has been received by the local corn-hog control office here and "believe it or not" it is written on one page instead of on a modest folder as most of the government contracts have been. Filling out one of the new contracts will be a simple mat ter compared to the job last year. This may be expected however, considering that the base production on which the contract is established has already been settled between the farmer and the AAA.

The new hog contract calls for a ten percent reduction in the num ber of hogs produced and instead paying for hogs raised it pays for hogs not raised. Fifteen dollars is the price paid for the hogs. There is a clause in the contract which states that the cntract cannot be sold, assigned or pledged to anyone for any purpose, it being void if ownership is changed. This is done to insure the farmer that he is actually going to get the money.

It is expected that there will be a district meeting held in this part of Oregon early in January to make up a program for the new corn hog movement. County meetings will be next in order and it is thought that contract signing can be done before the first of March.

Those who expect to sign these contracts should watch their production of hogs and not go over the limit of a ten percent reduction over the hogs raised in 1932-33. The second check on hog compliance is now being made by A. A. Dunlap and the papers will be ready to send in soon. The first set of papers are in all ready and the one dollar payment is due. The second $2 payment may be expected after the second compliance forms are in Washington D. C. for a sufficient period of time.

## Former Wascoite Named

E. B. Casteel, former resident of Wasco, has been elected president of the county clerks association of Oregon. He is a Kentuckian who came to Oregon in 1906 and settled in Umatilla county working near Pilot Rock for a number of years before going into the mercantile business there. He was interested in the Casteel and Stanley store at Wasco during the twenties. After his return to Umatilla county he was appointed county clerk and was elected to that office in November 1932 to serve the regular four year term.

## Check Tax Off Says Tax Collector

J. W. Maloney, Collector of Internal Revenue, stated today that the Federal tax of two cents on bank checks would not be effective after December 31, 1934.

"The Revenue Act of 1934 provided for the repeal of tax on bank checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, drawn on a bank, banker, or trust company, at the close of business December 31, 1934" stated Colector Maloney, "but information received at this office indicates that many attorneys and other interested parties have the impression that other taxes imposed by the Revenue Act of 1932 were repealed on June 30, 1934.

"I would call particular attention to the fact that the increased rates of stamp tax on issues and transfers of capital stock, the stamp tax on deeds of conveyance, the tax on safe deposit box rentals and the tax on all admissions selling for 41 cents or more will be in effect as provided under the present laws, until July 1, 1935. The only taxes which have been repealed are the taxes on candy, soft drinks, and the use of boats."

## Erosion Specialist May Talk Here

It is considered likely that W. A. Rockie, head of the erosion control work in the northwest, will be available as a speaker in this county sometime within the next month. Farmers who heard him speak at the Arlington meeting of the wheat league will be the most anxious to hear him again as he has facts and figures to give in profusion on his chosen subject.

## Jefferson County Farmers To Move

The government is planning to move 85 families out of Jefferson county according to news dispatch es. A part of these will be sent to irrigated lands and others will have money enough to move where they please. The land is being bought at $5. per acre and will be turned into grazing districts under local administration after grass has been established. The project follows rather closely the plan given at Arlington by Rex Willard, head of the land utilization service. It is stated that 130,000 acres will be abandoned as farm land. In 1932 there were 142,456 acres of tillable land in Jefferson county and 407,092 of non tillable land. Tilled land was valued at $10.54 per acre at that time.

## Moro Grade School Presents Program

The Moro grade school presented a very entertaining program Friday afternoon, December 21, in the school auditorium. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the performance immensely.

Th first number on the program was a skit by the primary students entitled "When Daddy Was a Little Boy." Several of the children spoke rhymes about the things their Daddy did when he was small and all sang the song. The girls wore white dresses, and red and green hair ribbons. Miss Miller's pupils performed exceptionally well. All knew their parts and spoke so that the audience had no difficulty in understanding them.

A French costume play entitled "Madonna of the Rose," was then presented, the characters of which comprised students of the intermediate and upper grades. The play concerned a blind French boy, portrayed by Dean Pinkerton, who received the blessing of the Madonna (Reatha Sayrs.) The first scene took place in an open green just off the market place where children of the town gathered to play and villagers congregated to talk about the miracle that was to happen. It seemed that in the past the Madonna had come to life at Christmas and dropped a rose at the feet of the person of the village who was without sin.

That night all the village assembled in the church to pay homage to the Madonna. A choir, composed of twelve pupils, came into the church singing "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." Babette (Lois Melzer), a woodvender (Winfred Baker), a lacemaker (Ardis Truitt,) Madame la Mayoress, (Jane French), Monsieur la Mayor, (Frank Sayrs), Mere Chatel, (Audrey Searcy), and Mere Pinchot (Jocile Peters), offered gifts to the Madonna in the hopes that she would drop the rose at their feet. The blind Francois then came in and, having no other gift, sang to the Madonna. At the close of the song the rose fell at his feet and the choir immediately began to sing "Joy to the World."

Miss Biggness directed the play which was successfully performed. The characters were realistic French people with the smocks, berets and long dresses. At the beginning of the play the children of the village danced, and sang in French.

Between the first and second scenes Anajean Knighten spoke "The Night Before Christmas," much to the delight of the audience A group of high school girls sang carols, among which were "Joy to the World," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." "It Came upon A Midnight Clear' and "Up On the Housetop." Mary Pinkerton was the accompanist for all of the songs.

All of the teachers are to be thanked for their whole hearted cooperation which made this Christmas program such a success.

## *Chronology of County For 1934 Largely Agricultural*

The following is a list of events as they transpired during the year just passing and as they were recorded in the pages of the Sherman County Journal.

Week ending January 5. Moro council approves CWA project--Five Sherman countians attend The Dalles breakfast--Telephone lines down in county because of freeze.

Week ending January 12. Wheat League asks that experiment stations be retained-- First National Bank opens Heppner branch--Odd Fellows hall at Grass Burned. Garrett confessed.

Week ending January 19. Mid-Columbia Production Credit association organized--Corn-hog plan gets under way in county--Frank Morrow injured.

Week of January 26. Tax rates higher because of lower valuations in large part of county--CWA cuts time allowed in half--Tax league organized in county.

February 2. First wheat checks distributed--Bank liquidations getting in better shape.

February 9. Earl Snell, speaker of the house, discusses Oregon system and its works.--Corn-hog delegates elect J. M. Yocum, Henry Barnum and C. R. Baker as allotment committee.

February 16. Farm work starts--Liquor stores established at Wasco and Grass Valley.

February 23. Only 29 men remaining on CWA project here--Banquet given for 4-H club children--Farm survey being made in county.

March 2. AAA announces regulations regarding use of contracted acreage--Grass Valley and Kent entertain club children.

March 9. CWA force cut to 18 men--Sale of horses held in Moro--Grass Valley debaters win debate title for district.

March 16. Jute tax problem tackled by wheat league--Moisture held to be fair if normal amount falls later.

March 23. Group of homemakers from O. S. C. talk to women at court house--Turn over of $90,000 made by Sheriff.

March 30. County call all warrants--Half an inch of rain wets things--Farm survey conducted recently shows that farmers would spend money if they had it.

April 16. Four automobile accidents enliven week-- Baseball schedule announced for Sherman county league--More wheat checks arrive.

April 13. Corn hog data published--Bank of Commerce pays second dividend.

April 20. Unidentified man drowned in Deschutes river--

April 27. County treasurer Young buried 24th--Kent leading ball league--Strong garden produces freak tulip.

May 4. General McAlexander speaks at Legion hall--Moro wins declamatory contest--Body of man drowned in Deschutes recovered.

May 11. Wasco Methodist church observes 50th anniversary--Political race ending quietly.

May 18. High school bands hold festival at Wasco--35 to graduate from county high schools.

May 25. Brown and Martin win gubernatorial nominations in county—East wind reduces wheat prospects.

June 1. 47 graduated from grammer schools--Antelope retains lead in baseball race defeating Moro.

June 8. Crop land being measured--Court fails to act on road master appointment—Dorothy Fraser wins 4-H club note contest.

June 15. Seventeen children attending summer school-- Wheat sacks not to be taxed--Black widow spiders found here.

June 22. Allotment officers all retained--School elections held with few changes. Kent votes consolidation--Another cent per bushel given farmers by AAA.

June 29. Ott Smith killed in auto accident--Harvesting starts.

July 6. County celebrates at Grass Valley--Kent wins at ball although Antelope wins league flag--Crop proving disappointing to the farmers--wheat fire burns 700 acres near Rufus.

July 13. National wheat crop estimated as smallest--County crop estimates daily increasing.

July 20. Farm land survey shows that farmers reduced land enough --gasoline company managers pool supply restricted by strike.

July 27. Only three county schools to operate this fall--Bread price raises on account of code.

August 3. Orchestra players injured after playing for dance at Moro--First sentence given for wheat thefts.

August 10. Drouth relief for south end of county proposed--Large wheat sales being made--Many go to Bonneville to see president.

August 17. County truck owners organize--Harm to schools found in millage reduction bill.

August 24. Indians win final game of season with All-stars--Wheat crop of 1,089,868 bushels already in houses--Moro bank declares dividend.

August 31. Federal men to establish quotas for hog allotment--Picketts moving to Seattle.

September 7. Zimmerman and Pierce speak before grange at Wasco--4-H club children win prizes at state fair--Old harness shop burns.

September 14. Larger enrollment in schools announced--Third dividend coming from Wasco bank.

September 21. 4529 is quota given county by hog allotment leaders--Moro Fire Department organized--County collects large tax fund.

September 28. School institute brings out many theories--Wheat league fighting freight rate boost--Five or six inches of snow falls in south end of county.

October 5. Investigation of conditions asked by residents of south end of county--Moro beats Madras and Wasco wins from Arlington in football.

October 12. Martin, Pierce, Walter and Upton speak for candidacies here--County budget reduced--Wasco has kindergarten.

October 19. Senator Yates resigns from post—Roy Atwood dies from heart attack--Second land measuring job about completed.

October 26. George Wilcox and William Steiwer named as candidates for the Democrats and Republicans, respectively, for senator job--Over an inch of rain falls in county—104 grangers meet at Grass Valley.

November 2. Townsend plan meeting held here--J. L. Davis resigns as head of the wheat allotment committee.

November 9. General Martin wins governorship in Democratic landslide--Fair board asks for consideration of fair for 1935.

Novembeer 16. Banks distribute over $33,000 in county as dividend --Klondike store robbed--Moro buys fire truck.

November 23. Tax collections back to normal or more than roll collected—More money coming for wheat farmers.

November 30. Curtis Tom alleges threat to kill, Jensen arrested --Mrs. Mary McKinley killed in accident.

December 7. State tax to be less for next year—Wheat league program announced.

December 14. Farrell tells farmers about AAA--Potter store robbery cleaned up by officers.

## Federal Loan Agencies Have Active Year

Since organization of the Moro National Farm Loan association in September of 1933 farmers have obtained loans totaling $317,900 from the government through that agency. Fifty three loans have been made averaging nearly $6,000 each. Some of the receipts from these loans have gone for taxes, $22.875 having been paid to the sheriff of the total received. The older national loan companies have also been active and have refinanced many of their loans.

## Students Going To School On Fed. Grant

University of Oregon—Some 275 students at the University of Oregon, in common with thousands in other institutions throughout the United States, will be back in school January 2 as a result of the grant of federal funds which will give them part time employment, it was announced here by Dr. Earl M. Pallett, executive secretary.

This number is approximately the same as were assigned federal aid work during the term just ended. The monthly allotment to the university of $3,525 per month is expected to remain the same also.

### DONALD POOLE MARRIED

Donald Poole was married in Eugene Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton were among the guests at the wedding of their grandson.

## Moro Woman's Club Has Christmas Program

The Moro Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. J. C. McKean on December 20 with President Mrs. E. H. Moore in charge.

During the business session the president appointed Mrs. A. Rose and Mrs. P. N. Johnston as a committee to meet with the Moro Library Board to decide on the disposition of the sixty two dollars realized from the Club play.

Mrs. Martin Melzer who directed the program announced that all dignity would be put aside and we would be children again. Games were played around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and singing Christmas carols was an enjoyable feature of the afternoon.

At the close of the program the members again surrounded the tree where each was given an exchange gift.

Delicious salad, sandwiches and coffee were served by the hostesses Mrs. Theodore Johnston, Mrs Wily Knighten and Mrs. L. V. Moore.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. E. Stephens on January 4th. 1935.

## Christmas Business Declared Better

Christmas was an enjoyable occasion this year to judge from reports from merchants who carry presents or merchandise of that nature. Sales were heavier, the postoffice forces in the county were busier and enough goods was handled to make a merry Christmas for everyone in the county and again judging from reports that is just what happened.

## PRODUCTION CREDIT CORP. ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEET

### Information About Production Loans Available

"We want every one of our stockholding members in Sherman county to be present at their first annual meeting of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit association in The Dalles, January 5."

This urgent invitation is extended by the directors of the Mid-Columbia PCA who emphasize that matters of real importance and interest to members will be taken up. Secretary C. C. Crews says that all farmers are welcome to attend the meeting, but only those owning Class B stock will have the privilege of voting. Class B stockholders have one vote each, regardless of the numbers of shares they own.

"The Mid-Columbia Production Credit association is the farmers' own cooperative organization for making production loans on a business basis at actual cost." Mr. Crew points out. "It isn't a government agency and it doesn't loan government money. The federal government through the farm credit administration, helped provide the machinery, but it is up to the farmers themselves to operate his machinery successfully.

"We want all farmers to learn more about this cooperative credit system by attending the annual meeting January 5 at The Dalles. A full report will be given on the past season's operations and there will be opportunity for free discussion. Everyone is going to have a better understanding when they leave this meeting--and we hope they will become enthusiastic boosters for cooperative credit."

Local directors to serve during the coming year will be elected by mem bers, and plans will be made for the coming season's operations. A. B. Robertson, assistant treasurer of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, will be present to explain the whole farm cre-

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## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 26

| DATE | MAX. | MIN. | PRECIP |
|---|---|---|---|
| DEC. 20 | 55 | 43 | .23 |
| " 21 | 54 | 39 | .14 |
| " 22 | 45 | 30 | .00 |
| " 23 | 43 | 36 | .00 |
| " 24 | 56 | 29 | .00 |
| " 25 | 41 | 30 | .00 |
| " 26 | 45 | 32 | .09 |
| Total for week | | | .46 |

## Mrs. James Dennis Succumbs To Burns

Mrs. James Dennis was buried Monday December 24 from the Methodist church in Grass Valley. Her death resulted from the severe burns she received ten days ago when her dress caught fire from the stove in her home.

Margaret Scott Dennis was born in New Brunswick, the daughter of Adam and Jeanette Scott natives of Scotland. In February 1901 she was married to James Dennis in The Dalles and has lived in Sherman county every since that time the larger part in Grass Valley Mr. Dennis died in 1932. Mrs. Dennis was 65 years, 5 months and one day of age at the time of her death having been born July 22, 1869. Her death occurred early Sunday morning.

Surviving her are two brothers, Thomas and John Scott and three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Grant and Mrs. Elizabeth Walton all of New Bruns wick and Mrs. Fred Krusow of Grass Valley.

Pallbearers were S. B. Holmes, H. Zeigler, R. J. Baker, L. K. Smith, Charles Schwartz and Geo. Wilcox. Rev. S. L. Boyce gave the sermon and Zells funeral home conducted the service.

## D. E. Stephens Leaves For Washington D. C.

D. E. Stephens left this week for Washington, D. C. where he will meet with leaders of the agricultural department for several weeks. Mr. Stephens has been called to Washington several times during his term as head of the experiment station here. With wheat, particularly northwest wheat, an important figure in the government's program his information may be needed.

## Civil Service Seeks More Employees

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Engineering draftsmen, various grades, $1,800 to $2.600 a year, for work on ships. Optional branches are: Ship piping, ship ventilation, marine engines and boilers, and electrical (ship)

Scientific aid (graphic arts), $1,800 a year, National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Senior industrial economist, $4,600 a year, industrial economist, $3,800 a year, associate industrial economist, $3.200 a year, Division of Labor Standards, Department of Labor.

Assistant financial economist, $2,600 a year, assistant financial examiner, $2,600 a year, Securities and Exchange Commission.

The closing date for receipt of applications for these examinations is January 14, 1935.

These salaries named are subject to a reduction of not to exceed 5 percent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a reduction of 3 1-2 percent toward a retiring annuity.

## COUNTY STILL AHEAD ON RAINFALL QUOTA

### December Below Normal To Date But Excess Prevails

### DRYING LOSS MAY BE LARGE

### Hope For Snow Prevailing In All Farmer Hearts

With a bit of a shower falling nearly every day someplace in the county everyone is interested in how we are rating for moisture compared to the normal for the period of the year from September1 to date. The figures on it are encouraging as December draws to a close for at the experiment station 5.44 inches of rainfall have been recorded whereas 5.06 inches is the average amount over the 25 years the station has been established.

The following table shows the moisture record since September.

| | Percip. | Normal |
|---|---|---|
| December (1934) | 1.13 | 1.65 |
| November | 2.14 | 1.73 |
| October | 1.33 | .87 |
| September | .84 | .81 |
| Total | 5.44 | 5.06 |

It does not include all of December of course and it is still possible that this month may come up to the average for previous Decembers although it is over half an inch short to date.

Practically no snow has fallen this winter in this county and farmers were hoping that Santa Claus of the weatherman would remember them with a foot or more before Christmas. But no such luck was theirs for Christmas was as warm as a spring day and the only covering of the ground was some green but slow growing grass.

There has been but few freezing nights this fall and the ground is so far free of frost making it in good condition for the prayed for snow.

## Government Pays Too Much To Farmers

Even the government makes mistakes. Word has been received by the wheat allotment office that when making out the checks for farmers in this county the government paid 8.9 cents per bushel on the second payment for 1933 where as it should have been 8.1 cents. The figures back along the Potomac removed a mere .1 cents instead of .9 cents so the farmers are well off--until the next payment is due when the money will be retained by the government to make up for what was overpaid this time.

The money would have been given to the local association in accordance with its budget. The mistake makes it a possibility that the SCWPCA will be a bit short of funds until some months have rolled around.

## *Items That Were News 39, 29 and 19 Years In The Past*

From the Observer, Jan. 2, 1896.

Three sleigh loads of people from Grass Valley, led by C. W. Moore, came down to the Christmas program here on Christmas eve.

Pork packing is a new industry for Sherman county. Kerr and Buckley packed 150 head last week. Moore and Moore recently dressed a lot and have 1000 pounds of pork on hand.

It is now thought without a doubt the Grant distillery will open early this year. The company was burned out at Troutdale and flooded out at Grant once.

Sherman county is credited with the production of 1,617,790 bushels of wheat in 1895. No record was available for 1885 as the county was not separated.

From the Observer Dec. 31, 1915.

A corset factory has been started in The Dalles with a payroll of 25.

McDonald station on the Shaniko branch has been changed by the rail way company to Nish in honor of one of Sherman county's best known pioneers, A. Nish.

Star Ruggles was injured while unloading a box from a wagon Thursday. A shot gun went off striking him on the ankle.

Everybody has the lagrippe.

The directors of the fair association are having some work done on the grandstand.

From the Observer Dec. 29, 1905.

It is either get away from the land or perhaps lose his eye sight for W. S. Powell. He will retain his land.

E. E. Kaseberg paid $41.000 for the Cooper farm last week.

E. V. Littlefield was chosen school director in place of R. J. Ginn, resigned. A tax of 15 mills was levied.

N. W. Thompson and George Meloy had a scrap Christmas eve and Ned wears his left eye in a sling. It seems that George attempted to give the customary Christmas spanking and Ned rebelled. They settled the thing on Christmas day when Ned overfed George at the annual family dinner,