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## COUNTY TAXES LOWER BY SLIGHT MARGIN

### State and County Levy Down A Fifth of A Mill

### TWO TOWNS UP, ONE DOWN

### Moro Reduces Millage By Budget Committee Action

There will be little difference in the tax notices sent out to tax payers this year as compared to last year although there will be changes in nearly every district according to advance information found at the sheriff's office this week.

Two of the cities of the county will have larger millages for the 1934-35 tax year than for the past year. These are Wasco which will have a tax rate of 53.1 as compared to 48.5 last year. Grass Valley will have a millage of 40.4 instead of 37.5. Moro will have a millage of 44.7 instead of 49.4 because of a low budget allotment for bond and interest payments.

The five larger schools in the county will all have practically the same rate with the exception of Moro which has been raised about four mills because of the action of the board in raising money for retirement of bonds. Rufus with 23.7 instead of 23.8, Wasco with 23.6 instead of 23.4, Grass Valley with 24.7 instead of 24.0 and Kent with 21.3 instead of 21.0 have not undergone much change.

Last year the state and county millage was 11.6 and this year this has been reduced to 11.4 mills. This reduction has been made possible because of reduced millages for state purposes, road bond interest and bridge fund. Increases that have been made in the general levy are small and are overcome by the decreases to cause the .2 mill reduction.

Many of the school districts have reduced their levies but on the whole millages for the entire list of them are much the same as in other years. Some reduce every year while others increase making the general average very similar year after year. Of course there are always the lucky districts that seldom levy a tax at all, principally because of property owned that brings in an income.

### Large Crowd Attends Final Moore Rites

One of the largest crowds that has gathered at the Grass Valley auditorium for many years met Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Bud Moore who was instantly killed December 31 when a car he was working on fell on his chest.

Rev. S. L. Boyce gave the sermon assisted by Rev. Ed. C. Cofer former minister at Grass Valley. A trio, Ellen Cox, Helene Lemley and Orville Ruggles, sang, accompanied by Charlotte Ruggles. Pall bearers were Ernest Blaylock, Frank Bayer, T. M. Rolfe, Lester Smith, Clyde Smith and Ray Blake Interment was in the Odd-Fellows cemetery under the direction of Zells. Odd-Fellows were in charge of the services.

### Registering Of Babies Found Difficult

The Department of Commerce is finding a little difficulty in listing all the babies born during the past year. In Oregon only 55 percent as many cards have been received as there were births in 1933, the last complete year of records. In Sherman county 11 cards were sent out showing 1934 births while there were 19 births in 1933, showing either a decrease in births or that some 1934 children are not yet registered.

Birth registration is becoming more important every year as civilization becomes more complex and official age and birthplace are needed for more purposes.

Hats off to the Past—Coats off to the Future!

### Earl Perry Sentenced, Paroled By Hendricks

Earl J. Perry, who confessed last week to guiltiness of the crime of larceny in a dwelling house, was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Hendricks to serve two years in the penitentiary and was then paroled to J. D. Weed, Gilliam county parole officer, under the most stringent parole regulations. He is not to be permitted to leave the county of Gilliam without permission, may not drink or remain around where drinking is going on, must repay cost of board during the time before trial, must report every two weeks and above all must obtain employment unless he returns to school and when there must endeavor to earn a part of his way. The Judge administered the sentence with a lecture in which he said that he had pondered long and deeply on the case in an attempt to give the young man a chance to reclaim himself without putting a burden on society.

### Moro Library Board Being Reorganized

Reorganization of the Moro Library Board was started Tuesday night at the council meeting when a delegation from the present board requested that the library be permitted to become a community enterprise instead of a civic appendage. Heretofore the library, while receiving a large part of its funds from the Woman's Club, has been legally under the direction of the city council with appointment of the board in the hands of the city fathers.

The present plan is that each one of the community organizations appoint a committee of three as a library committee with the chairman serving as a member of the board proper. For the City council E. A. Barzee, Vernon Platt and W. A. Ruggles were appointed to serve in this capacity.

### South Dakota Has Shelterbelt Program

A South Dakota paper was brought to this office this week by H. D. Proudfoot which carried a story regarding the shelterbelt program in that region. It has been presumed by many that this project had been abandoned because of its impractical nature but the story tells of local headquarters being established at Brookings, South Dakota.

### Court House Basement Project Started

Work on the court house basement has started and six men are working at the job. The runway for the removal of dirt was dug on the back of the court house under the jail which made the start slow as this was the part of the building that was closest to the ground and needed the most blocking. A great pile of yellow dirt has already been dumped just back of the county headquarters and the hole is just nicely started although it will be enlarged much faster when more room is made for the men working at the job.

It is planned to make the basement a few feet smaller than the court house so as to not disturb the foundation. Later a furnace will be installed and a vault for the storage of county records will be made down stairs. This will protect the records and give more room in the offices up stairs.

### Buyers Beware

An endless chain scheme under the sponsorship of the Sterling Casualty Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, a company which is not authorized to transact an insurance business in Oregon, is reported by Insurance Commissioner A. H. Averill to be now in progress. Under the plan offered, anyone selling three policies of insurance for the company is entitled to receive a commission, and each purchaser of a policy likewise becomes eligible to sell three policies to three friends and to receive commissions therefor.

Commissioner Averill states that individuals participating in a proposition such as this are violating the insurance law, and should such a violation be brought to his attention, immediate action against the offender would be taken by his office.

### Masons & Eastern Star Held Joint Installation

Members of the Moro Masonic lodge and Eastern Star held a joint installation Thursday night using their hall and the Odd-Fellows hall for the meeting and the dinner afterward. New officers put into office by the Masons were Clarence Springer, W. M.; Harry Pinkerton, S. W.; Roy Powell, W. M.; A. Bell, treasurer; C. V. Bigham, secretary; George Hennagin, Chaplain; Elmer Hansen, marshal; Eben Christian, trustee; Glen King, S. D.; Harvey Thompson, J. D.; Seal Searcy, steward; and Joe Peters, tiller.

The Eastern Star installed Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, W. M.; Mrs. Glen King, A. M.; Glen King, A. P.; Mrs. E. E. Barzee, secretary; Mrs. D. E. Stephens, treasurer; Mrs. Irvin Morris, conductress; Mrs. Harvey Thompson, associate conductress. Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, of The Dalles was present and gave principal address of the evening.

### WHEAT SMUT STUDY MADE BY STATION HEAD HERE

### New Wheats, Better Treatments Will Reduce Smut Losses

Although wheat farmers of the Pacific northwest are still losing many thousands of dollars annually from growing smutty wheat, years of investigation and demonstration at the Moro and Pendleton branch experiment stations show that much of this loss could be prevented, says D. E. Stephens, superintendent. Even so, the smut problem is far from being solved he says.

Three good smut varieties of wheat are now available to farmers, Mr. Stephens points out. Two of these, Rio and Oro, are Turkey or hard winter wheats, while the third, Rex, is a soft cross-bred variety of the new white class. Oro and Rio are highly smut resistant and yield about the same as other good Turkey varieties.

Rex is a winter wheat with characteristics resembling Federation. It matures almost as soon as Federation, does not shatter when ripe, and is about equal in winter hardiness to Hybrid 123. It is only moderately smut resistant, however, and is best treated, as in fact are all the smut resistant varieties when smut is bad, Stephens believes.

To be sure of smut control, it is necessary, then, first to obtain clean seed of the resistant variety, and to treat it properly before sowing. Investigations have shown that no treatment has ever given constantly satisfactory results if the seed used to start with was smutty, he says.

Of the many treatments tried, the copper carbonate method has been found the most satisfactory when injury to germination and smut control are both taken into consideration, Stephens points out. Two other promising fungicides for smut control are cresan and basic copper sulfate, although at least another year's results will be necessary before the experiment station will be prepared to make recommendations in regard to their use, he says.

### Gordon Fraser Wins 4-H Club Scholarship

It was announced this week that Gordon Fraser had been declared winner of the Union Pacific scholarship given each year to the 4-H club boy or girl who had done the best work in each of the counties served by the U. P. lines. The scholarship is for \$100 and is only paid if the winner registers at Oregon State college in agriculture or Home Economics.

Dorothy Fraser was named as alternate. Both of the Frasers have taken club work for several years and have a record that shows interest in many lines of club work. This is especially true of Dorothy who has taken all the household arts and many stock subjects as well.

Former winners of the scholarship in this county are Esther Wheatley, 1922; Harry Howell, 1924; Ted Barnum, 1925; John Thompson, 1926; John Decker, 1927; Melvin Hansen, 1928; Viola Hansen, 1930; George Hennagin, 1931; Tom Fraser, 1932; Paul Fraser, 1933.

Read the ads in the Journal

## EROSION WORK BEING THROUGHOUT NATION

### Vast Program Designed To Make Land Useful

### LAND AND SOIL ANALYSED

### Waste Entails Cost of Many Millions of Dollars

Thirty-two widely scattered erosion control projects—practical demonstrations of the most scientific and effective methods of curbing land destruction by wind and water—were in active operation under the Soil Erosion Service at the close of 1934.

These projects, according to a report submitted to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today by H. H. Bennett, Director of Soil Erosion Service, cover approximately 27,300,000 acres of land in thirty one states where the damage to land resources by accelerated erosion has been most severe.

Outlining the development of the erosion control program, Mr. Bennett asserted that it now represents the most comprehensive campaign ever undertaken to protect and conserve the nation's most basic natural resource.

"Since its inception sixteen months ago," the Director stated, "the program of the Service has grown from a mere idea into a major effort on the part of the United States to curb the destruction of its land. Through the thirty-two existing projects, which range in size from 25,000 to 16,000,000 acres, the Federal Government is showing thousands of farmers in every section of the country the practicable and sensible way to combat their most vicious enemy, soil erosion."

Within twenty one of the established project areas, the report stated, approximately 10,000 individual farmers had signed formal cooperative contracts agreeing to carry out for a period of five years, the erosion control measures recommended by experts of the Service as most adaptable to the needs of their land. These contracts covered an aggregate approximately, of 1,500,000 acres. Additional contracts were awaiting completion in those projects which have only recently been set up and which have not yet gotten fully under way, the Director pointed out.

Under these cooperative contracts, far-reaching cropping reforms designed to halt run-off of rain water and consequent soil loss will be instituted throughout the project areas. In approximate numbers, these crop reforms, under contracts signed up to October 1, include: Strip cropping on 200,000 acres; contour farming on 300,000 acres; planting of thick growing cover crops on 200,000; retirement from cultivation of 125,000 acres; and a decrease of 100,000 in the number of acres hitherto planted to clean tilled crops.

In addition, under contracts existing on October 1, the Service had secured agreement on the part of cooperating farmers for the terracing of 225,000 acres, the construction of 70,000 erosion control dams, and the planting of 1,700,000 trees on areas to be retired from cultivation.

Most of the actual labor in connection with the erosion control program is performed by CCC workers under the direction of the Service, the report stated. At the close of the year fifty one ECW camps were assigned to the service, with a total of approximately 11,000 men. In addition, 4,129 persons were employed directly by the Service. The monthly payroll for all employees of the Service, exclusive of CCC workers but including their supervisor personnel, was approximately \$500,000.

Of the \$20,000,000 allocated to the Service by the Public Works Administration Mr. Bennett reported, \$12,827,000 has been allocated to the various projects now in existence, \$910,000 has been tentatively earmarked for proposed projects not yet approved, and \$6,263,000 remains in reserve.

Actual cash reimbursements from the total allotment to projects total approximately \$5,000,000 at the

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### Woman's Club Hears Of Applied Education

The Moro Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. D. E. Stephens Friday January 4 with about 30 in attendance.

Mrs. A. Douma, director of the meeting, read a poem by Edgar Guest, followed by club singing.

The main feature of the afternoon was an address by O. D. Adams, of Salem, director of Vocational Education for Oregon, on the subject of "Applied Education."

The next club meeting will be Friday, January 18th at 2 p. m. at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Harvey Johnson of Portland, a very interesting speaker, will talk on the subject of "International Relations."

This will be an open meeting, and any one interested is invited to attend.

### FARM CENSUS TO START NEXT WEEK IN COUNTY

### Barzee, Dutton and Tiller Named As Enumerators

Elmer Barzee, Vernon Dutton and Roy Tiller will be the enumerators who will go about the county next week asking farmers to fill out the questionnaire blanks for the farm census. They received their appointment this week from Ellis Edgington, of Sisters who is supervisor of this district. All must attend a meeting in The Dalles Saturday for instructions.

William L. Austin, director of the census says of this survey of agriculture, "The earnest cooperation of the farmer is necessary to the success of this census, for it is one of the federal activities designed primarily for his benefit. However, the welfare of agriculture affects all other industries, directly or indirectly, and the public generally." The statistics are necessary not only for the ordinary transaction of governmental business, but also for allotment programs. These programs range from the allocations of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to the Federal Emergency Relief and Farm Credit Administrations. Indeed, the benefits expected to be derived from this census are incalculable and will have a marked influence on the future welfare of agriculture and the country as a whole. At the completion of the canvass every effort will be put forth to make preliminary tabulation reports available at the earliest possible moment.

### Local Loan Associations Elect Officers

The Federal farm loan agencies operating from Moro as headquarters selected a group of officials at their annual meetings held last week in conformity with their by-laws. The Sherman County National Farm Loan association, the elder of the loan groups, named E. H. Moore as president to succeed himself, Fred Cox, J. H. Wilson, S. A. Hall and R. W. Belshee as directors. Mr. Belshee succeeds T. B. Searcy as director.

The Moro National Farm Loan association, which is the newer group, re-elected C. J. Thompson as president and P. C. Axtell as vice president. Directors in addition to these men are J. B. Coon, Hugh Herin and Mrs. Augusta M. Huckin. The loan committee is Albert Kaseberg, Hugh Herin, Arthur Justesen and alternates are J. B. Coon, C. J. Thompson and Mrs. Huckin. W. H. Ragsdale is secretary for both these loan companies.

### U. S. Marines, Portland Announce Vacancies

The U. S. Marines at Portland, Oregon, announce vacancies for enlistment during the next four months, according to information received by Postmaster Bourhill.

Men enlisted to fill these vacancies will serve as replacements to Marine Corps stations in China, Guam, Hawaii, Philippines Islands, and to Airplane Carriers and battleships of the Fleet.

Interesting booklets and information describing service with the United States Marines, and application forms, may be obtained from the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, 208 New U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon.

### Appointive Officers Retained By Cities

City organizations were changed little because of the first meeting of the councils for 1935. This meeting usually is the one in which new officers are chosen. Wasco names a marshal and an attorney. Moro appoints a recorder, pump man and marshal and Grass Valley appoints a marshal and pump man and a recorder.

This year Wasco's new city council re-appointed all of the officers of the city giving Chas. Everett the marshallsip and George Updegraff the job of city attorney. It was ordered that a fence be placed around the city park so that the Woman's Club may use that bit of ground as a public garden. O. T. McWhorter, landscape planner from O. S. C. will be in Wasco soon to direct the work for the ladies.

Moro named the same men to fill the same positions during 1935. George Williams will be marshal, Henry Ruggles, water master and L. H. Nahouse, recorder.

Licenses were approved for Bucholtz confectionery and Ruggles confectionery who have asked for a state permit to dispense beer and a card room license was granted Ruggles. Doors for the fire house were ordered, and it is expected that the firemen will have their chariot in its own house within a few days.

### Ragsdale New Head Of Mid-Columbia PCA

The Mid-Columbia Production Credit Corporation absorbed the Empire Credit company at the annual meeting held in The Dalles January 5 and consolidated the loan facilities of this district into one head by the action. With this change J. W. Hoech has become the secretary-treasurer and acting manager of the Mid-Columbia PCA.

A reduction in the number of directors was voted some time ago and therefore five directors instead of nine were elected. The new board of directors is composed of W. H. Ragsdale, president; Walter Kortege, vice president; Harry Carr, representing the Washington counties, Howard Shoemaker, of Hood River and W. H. Steiver representing Gilliam and Wheeler counties. New offices will be set up in The Dalles and the enlarged corporation will start the new year with a large amount of new business.

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

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Robert Urquhart has just added 3 fresh cows to the Moro dairy. We have long hoped to see milk

## BASKETBALL TAKING LEAD IN SPORTS

### Rufus and Grass Valley Teams Have Best Conference Start

### DISTRICT MEET LODESTONE

### Local Teams Have Chance For Meet In Salem

County	League	Standings	
	W	L	PCT.
Grass Valley	2	0	1.000
Rufus	2	0	1.000
Wasco	0	1	.000
Moro	0	1	.000
Kent	0	2	.000

Basketball has assumed the leadership in sporting interest in the county since the mid-winter poker season has begun to wane and the five high school teams and their out of county opponents are being watched by their adherents in an attempt to place them in their final positions this early in the season.

General opinion is that as last year Rufus and Grass Valley will be the probable winners with Wasco a possible upsetting factor. The fact that the Wasco team has already been defeated by Rufus gives that team an advantage especially considering that the next game between the two will be played on the Rufus floor. The Wasco boys are suffering from bumps and their center, McDermid, was badly hurt in the game Friday when he cut his leg while playing.

Grass Valley slaughtered the Kent boys Friday night by a score of 43 to 9 with the first team playing only part of the time. During a part of the second period the Grass Valley lads made three points per minute which is pretty fast basketball. The G. V. boys are the type of fast passing basketballers that can look their opponent in the eye and pass the ball between their legs. They won third in the district tournament last year.

Moro has only played one league game so far, but have tried Hood River, unsuccessfully. This Friday they play The Dalles. Rufus (Continued on page four)

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M. G. Ellis had so far recovered from an attack of measles as to be down town Monday and left Friday for a short trip to the Willamette valley.

John DeMoss and E. A. Cushman have each added a phone to their farm conveniences this week, using the Moro central.