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## Sheep Show Arranged By Committees

### Prizes For Best Lambs And Best Fleeces Offered By Business Men of Moro To Sheep Growers

The program for the Sherman County Lamb Show which will be held next Thursday, May 27th, has been made up by the county agent and the committees appointed to look after the work of putting on the event.

The general committee is composed of Omer Sayrs, J. N. Landry, and Elmer R. Barzee. The date committee that will handle the details of the Sheep Herder's Ball in the evening is made up of Art Bucholtz, Keck McKee and A. Douma. The committee that will be responsible for the premiums is M. E. McKee, W. A. May and M. M. Oveson.

### Fair Grounds To Be Used

The show will be held at the fair grounds where a larger area can be had for the pens of sheep and crowding can be prevented. The first event which will be judging will begin at nine o'clock in the morning. At 9:45 R. L. Clark will give a lamb grading demonstration. It is expected that the high school band will play between eleven o'clock and noon.

In the afternoon there will be judging of the wool exhibits beginning at 1:30. At two there will be a demonstration of the proper manner in which to tie a fleece and later in the day a meeting will be held at the court house for the organization of a livestock association for the county. The day will end with the before mentioned sheep herder's ball.

Prizes will be given as follows: Pen of three market lambs, \$10, \$7.50, \$5, \$2.50, \$1. For single market lambs \$5, \$3, \$2, \$1, \$1. For medium wool \$3, \$2, \$1. For fine wool \$3, \$2, \$1.

## State Employees Not Over Enthusiastic About Joining Union

Entirely apart from Governor Martin's declaration that the state could not and would not recognize a labor union in dealing with its employees, there does not appear to be any considerable enthusiasm among state employees over the proposal to unionize their ranks. Casual conversations with representative employees in various departments failed to disclose any real demand for organization. A few employees admitted that a union "might be a good thing" in negotiating grievances with department heads or in pressing demands for better pay before the legislature. For the most part, however, state employees recognize the fact that so far as wages hours and working conditions go their lot is far better than that of the average person in private employment. Wages of clerks and stenographers in state employ for instance, are much higher than those paid to similar employees in offices, stores and industries in Salem and Portland. State employees, as a rule, work less than eight hours a day with Saturday afternoon off, not to mention the numerous holidays.

State law limits the employment of workers—as distinguished from employees—on state jobs for more than eight hours a day or 48 hours a week except in emergencies. When these hours are exceeded the overtime is paid for a double the regular hourly wage. In the highway department, largest employer of common labor, a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour is maintained with mechanics and skilled labor receiving a proportionately higher wage.

While some employees are inclined to favor an organization that will insure the permanence of their employment, together with sick benefits and retirement pay, these also expressed skepticism as to the ability of the ordinary labor union to provide these benefits. Most of the employees interviewed were inclined to agree with Governor Martin that about the only benefit to be expected through unionization would consist of the privilege of paying dues.

## 4-H Club Awards Made Sunday At Grass Valley

The achievement day held by 4-H club workers of this county was held last Sunday at Grass Valley with H. C. Seymour and wife and Eugene Courtney and wife in attendance from out side of the county. Mr. Seymour, state club leader, gave a talk on the importance and aims of club work and Mr. Courtney presented the awards won by the clubbers during the previous year. A crowd of over a hundred was out for the day and a picnic lunch was enjoyed at noon.

Those winning awards for 4-H club work in excess of five years were Norma Melzer for 10 years work; Doris Thompson, Dorothy Fraser and Luther Davis for eight years; Frank Sayrs, Lloyd Henrichs and Anita Vanlap for seven years; Reatha Sayrs, Vivian Fuller, Jane French, Frank von Borstel, Donald von Borstel, Bobbie King and Billy Alstip for six years; Kelly Tiller, Wanda Tiller, Robert Helyer, Beth Mersinger, and Betty Jeanne Vintin for five years work.

Scholarships were given to the summer school at Corvallis to five clubbers: Bobby King, Lowell Tiller, Ivan Blagg, Audrey Searcy and Donald von Borstel.

## Fish Being Planted In Deschutes This Week

State game officials are planting trout in the Deschutes river this week with the aid of local sportsmen, Collis Moore, Elmer Barzee and Jay Freeman. Fifty thousand were dumped Tuesday, a like number Wednesday and forty thousand were put in the stream Thursday to complete the job.

The state trucks were driven up the old railroad grade and the fish were liberated from the Harris place to up river points. There is a movement afoot to close the stream for the remainder of the year to give the small fish a chance to grow a bit.

## Fifty Students Finish Sherman County Schools

### Rufus Has Largest Class This Year; School Out Over County After Successful 9 Months Term

Graduation of pupils from the five high schools of Sherman county started last week when Wasco and Rufus sent their seniors into the world with the community blessing, continued this week as Moro graduated its class and will go on into next week when Grass Valley and Kent will end school for the term.

### Rufus Has Large Class

In all fifty youngsters finish high school in this county this year and odd as it may seem, Rufus, one of the smaller schools has the largest graduating class with fourteen. In this class were Georgiana and Norma Blackburne, Lawrence Henderson, Adina Coats, Harold Dingle, Lynden Guilford, Marie Mathison, Dora Millard, Joe Morris, Robert Macnab, Arden Simmons, Catherine Tom, Elbert Thompson and Florence Thompson.

At Wasco where the graduating ceremonies were held May 13, nine finished the prescribed course. They were Walter Grant Boice, Dessie Mae Hearing, Charles Gordon Johnson, James Yates O'Meara, Phillip G. O'Meara, Catherine L. Richelderfer, David R. Richelderfer, Mary A. Thomas and Glenn Van Gilder.

### Moro Ends This Week

The Moro graduating exercises were held Wednesday night of this week and nine from this community ended their local school existence when they received their diplomas. Louise Barzee, Helen Strong, Howard Conlee, Ronald Powell, Marjory Blake, Rachel Poley, Erma Mae Morgan, Vern Futter and Harold Belshee were the graduates.

### Grass Valley Has Nine

At Grass Valley Vere Pike, Clarence Young, Bill Roth, John Roth, Edwin Peters, Emma Ellen Fortner, Frances Fairchild, Guy Vintin and Ivan Blagg are through with school work and will receive their diplomas next week.

The Kent exercises will be held May 25 when seven boys and girls from that district will be ready for other activities. The seven are Myrtle Helyer, Melvin Barnett, Dean Gayton, Allen Kramer, Robert Mitchell, Cecil Norton and Paul Schilling. Two of these come from Shaniko.

## Veterans Supported By Poppy Sales

Do you know— That the memorial poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in more than fifty hospitals and poppy work rooms in forty states, and that the workers receive pay for each poppy made, the material being furnished free by the Department in whose territory the hospital is located?

That the more than 10,000,000 poppies made by disabled veterans are sold on the streets under the supervision of American Legion Auxiliary, on the Saturday preceding Memorial Day, by approximately 100,000 volunteer workers who receive no compensation?

That through the American Legion Auxiliary poppy program more than \$100,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled service men and women for making poppies?

That a poppy dance will be given at the Legion hall in Kent on Saturday night May 29, to dispose of the poppies?

That the Ladies of George Bell Unit No. 49 expect you to be present?

### BUSINESS SECTION THREAT

Your life is most in danger when you are driving or walking through your community's well paved and marked business section in Oregon, according to the Oregon Motor Association. Despite, equally smooth pavement and safety guides, residential districts are not far behind in killings. The state's worst roads—rural "cowpaths" and bumpy link roads—are the safest.

## Charge Of Reckless Driving To Be Tried

Automobile accidents caused trouble to several persons over the week end although no one was seriously injured in the reported wrecks. Most damage was suffered when Kenneth Sather of Kent, accompanied by Miss Theima Farrar, was hit at the lower turn in Wasco by a car driven by A. A. Tramontis of The Dalles. Abe Westland and Rosie Hatley of Wasco were also occupants of the car. The light coupe of Sather's was pushed from the road and badly damaged and Miss Farrar suffered a fractured knee cap necessitating a cast.

A charge of reckless driving was placed against Tramontis and the trial will be held next Tuesday before Justice Wee of Wasco.

### Two Others Tip Over

L. R. French overturned his car Saturday less than a mile south of Dinty's damaging the car in several places. He received several bruises in the crash but was not seriously injured.

S. L. Stark was looking at the wheat while on his way to town Saturday and nearly missed a bridge. His swing back into the road caused his car to upset doing slight damage to it, but none to Sam who walked back to his house.

## Moro High School Holds Exercises

Graduation exercises for the senior class of the Moro High school were held Wednesday night at the school auditorium with Rev. O. E. Foster of The Dalles as speaker of the evening. His theme "Press On" was illustrated by numerous instances of the value of persistence and the lack of wisdom shown by those who endeavor to be too smart.

The valedictory address was given by Helen Strong and the Salutatory by Louise Barzee.

R. G. Culliff presented the class in a few words of appreciation for their friendship and hard work and presented the numerous awards for various activities of students. The M. E. McKee award for highest grades for the year went to Wyman French, the Master Engraver award for second highest grades was presented to Helen Strong, the Probable Success award to Harold Belshee. Three senior medals were given to Louise Barzee for scholarship, to Howard Conlee for activities and to Irma Morgan for citizenship. Robert Gillmor was given the accomplishment award and the Moro Firemen girls athletic award was given to Betty Powell and the A. J. Bucholtz boys athletic award went to Harold Belshee.

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The land is not permanently injured by the condition and the nitrates will be available when the roots reach them. It is possible in some instances that the nitrates have been leached down to a depth beyond which wheat roots will go but it is not probable in many cases.

Nitrification is a process that goes on when there is moisture in the soil and in an ordinary growing season in this county few nitrates are produced because the top of the soil is dry. This condition does not prevail in the mid-west where summer rains are depended on to produce the crop.

It is probable that there will be a reduced yield on the yellow spots unless the nitrates are reached soon by the wheat plants and in any case it is likely that the wheat produced will be of poorer quality on those spots.

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 21.—Bicycle control was a major problem for many cities in 1897, and the many and varied ways in which city councils met this problem are still the effective bicycle laws of many municipalities. It was found by the bureau of municipal research of the University of Oregon in a survey entitled "Bicycle Control in Oregon."

Back in the "gay nineties," muddy, chucked streets that enticed riders to use the sidewalks that made the "bike" traffic a problem, the bulletin points out. The advent of the automobile, with the resultant improvement in roads, made the bicycle problem less important. Now, with a revival of the vehicle in full swing, the regulation for safety is again important, it is declared.

Cities should recognize the excellent opportunity for juvenile safety education offered by bicycle control, the report points out.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	
May 13	72	52	.00	
" 14	64	48	.00	
" 15	66	38	.00	
" 16	67	42	.00	
" 17	70	38	.00	
" 18	66	47	.00	
" 19	62	39	.00	
Total for week			.00	

## Cause of Yellow Wheat Given By D. E. Stephens

### Lack Of Nitrates In Upper Three Feet of Soil Cause of Light Colored Plants; Condition Not Permanent

A good many theories have been expounded to explain the cause of the yellow spots in the wheat fields this year. It is not uncommon for some yellow spots to appear but that they should remain until this time of year is peculiar to this section of the wheat belt.

A series of tests made on the soil by the experiment station men this week shows that there is much less nitrogen in the three top feet of soil where the yellow spots occur than in the earth under the greener wheat.

D. E. Stephens says that the heavy snows and drifts caused a lot of moisture to go into the ground and aided by the spring rains the moisture leached the nitrates down into the ground where it is at present unavailable for the growing wheat plants.

### Small Amounts Useless

Yellow spot soil showed 5.3 parts per million of nitrates in the top foot, 2.1 parts in the second foot and 1.6 parts per million in the third foot. Green spot soil showed 14.3 parts per million of nitrates in the top foot, 17.0 in the second foot and 14.1 in the third foot. This is certainly sufficient difference to account for the lack of color in the wheat plants as nitrogen causes the dark green appearance of wheat.

When less than three parts per million of nitrates are in the soil the wheat plant cannot get any use from it what ever. When the wheat grows and sends its roots down into the nitrogen filled soil of the lower feet there should be a greening up process noticeable in the wheat.

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## 150,000 Acres Of Soil Conserving Crops In Oregon

Oregon farmers who participated in the 1936 agricultural conservation program made a total of more than 150,000 acres of new seedings of soil conserving crops, according to a summary of the records of performance in the state AAA office at Oregon State college.

Approximately 14,000 applications for benefit payments are expected when totals for all counties are complete, according to N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state committee. Summary of 11,205 of these received to date shows 142,194 acres of soil conserving crops, such as perennial grasses, clovers and alfalfa, planted on the farms represented by these applications.

Eastern Oregon farmers cooperating in the program seeded 39,186 acres of perennial grasses most of which was crested wheat grass planted on land taken out of wheat. New seedings of alfalfa in eastern Oregon totalled 35,519 acres. Red clover and alfalfa in western Oregon were reported together, with a total of 43,453 acres

## Circuit Court Session Starts To-day

The May term of the circuit court was called into session Thursday morning by Judge Carl Hendricks. A postponement of three days was made to prevent delay in a possible case.

Those chosen on the grand jury were John T. Johnson, foreman, Theo. von Borstel, E. R. Barzee, S. P. Boice, Frank Medler, Dewey Thompson and J. E. McClure.

Only case known to be before them is the one involving T. A. Applegate who was charged in justice court with larceny. The remainder of the jury were dismissed until 9:30 Friday morning when court will convene again to try any cases that might be ready.

## KOAC Broadcasts Complete Market News

A more complete program of market reports and information is broadcast over the state owned radio station KOAC by the Oregon State college extension service than is provided over any other station in the United States, it is revealed in a summary of market news radio broadcast for 1937 just issued at Washington, D. C.

Most of the material used in the KOAC market broadcasts is received direct from the government market news leased wire service operated by the bureau of agricultural economics. Corvallis is one of 48 receiving stations scattered throughout the United States connected by 10,500 miles of leased wire. Reports are prepared for broadcasting immediately in the office of L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, which enables spot news of trading in the principal markets to reach Oregon farm listeners within a few hours of the time the trading actually takes place in the leading cities of the United States and foreign countries.

"Oregon farmers sell an average of approximately \$300,000 worth of produce every business day," says Breithaupt. "In an effort to make available for this farm marketing task the most prompt and accurate service possible the market news broadcasting has been developed at Oregon State college. That it is of real benefit to the producers is indicated by the letters received from practically every county in the state as a result of the market news broadcast."

### MORO LOCALS

Judge Carl Hendricks has purchased the residence property owned by Hugh Chyrisman and has moved over here to remain a part of the summer.

J. Shelton Fritts and family left Tuesday night for Mountain City, Tennessee where they will visit with his father and sister. Shelton has been in Oregon for 18 years and wishes to see his father again.

Bob Poley was here Thursday from The Dalles to visit with his parents and see his sister, Rachel graduate.

## Women's Club Gives Banquet At Church

About ninety mothers and daughters gathered at the Community church last Wednesday evening for the banquet held annually by the Moro Woman's Club. A "fingers-before-forks" dinner, which was planned, prepared and served by Mrs. Poley, Mrs. Clarence Morrison, Mrs. Knighten, Mrs. Walter Ruggles and Mrs. Irvin Morris was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Merle Miller gave the address of welcome and Helen Strong responded for the daughters. Coffee was served in the church auditorium after which a varied program was presented.

A Chinese dance by Janet Schade witz and a colonial girl dance by Annajean Knighten were enthusiastically received by the audience. An action song led by Rachel Poley, Jane French and Reatha Sayrs also met with enthusiastic response and the concluding number was "Meeting to Music"—a musical burlesque on a women's club meeting—which was presented by 11 club members.

The next and final meeting of the club year will be the annual club picnic which will be held Friday, May 21st in the city park with all members' families cordially invited. Members are asked to bring plates, cups and silverware enough for their own group.

## First National Opens Sherman County Branch

### Dinner Given By Local Club In Honor Of Bank Officers And New Managers; McNaughton Main Speaker

Saturday, May 15, the Sherman County Branch of the First National Bank opened with flowers banked in the lobby in mute appreciation of the citizens for the new financial arrangement.

The Moro Commercial Club and the Moro Woman's Club were responsible for the floral tribute as both had cooperated with business men to make the display. With few exceptions local flowers were obtained.

During the day residents of the county drifted in to look over the new quarters and to deposit their money in the new institution on the initial day. It was reported that approximately \$200,000 was taken in in deposits before the doors closed late in the afternoon. The Moro school band serenaded the new bank in the afternoon with an hour of music to which many of the visitors in town listened with interest.

In the evening a dinner was tendered to the bank officials present and brief talks were made indicating the pleasure of the various communities of the county at the advent of a new bank in the county. Eugene Courtney, manager of The Dalles branch, spoke of his long interest in Sherman county people and their difficulties without banking facilities and ended by introducing the bank officers present. These were Lawrence Mann, John Ebinger, Oscar Keller, Pete Larsen and Charles Newlands of the Portland branch and Lloyd Hnagin and W. Ray Blake of the local branch.

E. B. McNaughton, president of the bank, was introduced to make the major talk of the evening. He explained the position of his bank and gave the reasons for its entrance into Sherman county field. The training of the personnel of branch banks was an important feature, he said, that had kept his bank from expanding to this county before.

He stated that the First National Bank is an Oregon institution and that it is managed in this state by Oregon men. He pointed to its continuous dividend record as an evidence of its conservative banking tendency.

The branch here is for the purpose of making loans as well as providing a place for local men to keep their accounts and savings. The bank will make money and prosper as it makes good loans and aids in the development of the county.

Ninety three were seated in the dining room of the Moro Hotel for the dinner.

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