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Grass Valley To Celebrate Nations Natal Day

Baseball Boys Planning Two Days Of Horse and Foot Racing Baseball and Other Sports; Two Nights Of Shows and Dancing

Grass Valley is going to follow its custom of several years standing and put on a celebration of the Fourth of July in the city park. Sponsors of the event will be the baseball boys of the community and many of the local business men.

At a meeting held Tuesday night Tom Garrett was appointed as general chairman of the committees and special committees were named as follows: Program, Lloyd Rice, Clayton Vinton and John Rolfe; Grounds: Fred Peters, Buck Miller and Kendrick Dunlap.

Track Smoothed

The track has been graded and smoothed to make it available for horse racing and a meet will be scheduled. Foot racing and novelty races will also be held. Major feature of the celebration will be baseball games as usual with strong outside teams being brought in for the two days.

Shows, concessions, and dancing will provide entertainment for the evening hours. There will be music of several kinds with a good band in prospect. For the Fourth itself there will be a patriotic speaking program. The complete program will be made up and issued later.

Dates May Change

A probable change in the dates for the Sherman County Fair was discussed at the fair board meeting last week. The Pendleton Round-Up has been scheduled for the same dates as were chosen by the board here, and it is likely that the first week end in September will be chosen for the Sherman county fair. Word has not yet been received from the entertainment manager who was to have put on some of the show and the dates are not definitely known as yet.

Emergency Board To Pass On High Pay For Prison Guards

By A. L. Lindbeck.
Governor Martin has issued a call for a meeting of the state emergency board in Salem next Monday morning to consider "several important matters." Just what important matters the call does not indicate but it is understood that among other things the board will be asked to appropriate \$15,000 to provide for the employment of seven additional guards at the state prison so that the guard crew can be put on a six day basis. There is some question as to the authority of the board to make such an appropriation inasmuch as this same problem was before the legislature at its recent session and no action taken to relieve the situation at the penitentiary. There having been no change in the situation since the legislature adjourned it is questionable if such a request could be regarded as an emergency with in the intent of the act which created the emergency board. Members of the board include F. M. Franciscovich, of Astoria, president of the state senate; Harry Boivin, Speaker of the House; Dean Walker of Polk county, chairman of the ways and means committee; Henry Semon of Klamath Falls, chairman of the House ways and means committee; Senator H. C. Wheeler of Goshen; Representative A. Rennie of Corvallis and Representative Al Grant of Baker.

When 16 members of a highway maintenance crew employed in Curry county threw down their tools in protest against the discharge of one of their number they did not go out on strike, in the opinion of state highway officials. They merely quit their jobs as they had a right to do, according to R. H. Beldock, state highway engineer. And having quit the men were all replaced by another crew. The attitude of the highway de-

Wasco's Bid For Bank Fails For Time Being

A letter received by E. D. McKee of Wasco from the U. S. National Bank informed the committee of Wasco citizens through him that the bank did not consider the time appropriate for them to establish a branch bank in that city. Several Wasco citizens, with others of the community, had gone to Portland to present their arguments before the directors of the bank last week. Possible changes in the national banking code were given as one of the reasons why the officers of the bank did not feel it advisable to expand further at this time.

Concert Planned By College Students

A concert will be given at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening June 16 by the Sherman county girls who have achieved distinction in music while attending schools of higher learning outside the county and local people.

Included on the program will be Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin of Wasco, Miss Mary Jeanette Sargent, of Wasco, Mrs. Kenneth McKean of Moro, Miss Marjorie Byers of Moro, Misses Mary Pinkerton, Doris Thompson and Genevieve Nahouse of Moro who will appear in a trio and Miss Agness Simon of Grass Valley who will play her accordion. Mrs. C. L. Poley will give a reading.

Endeavor Wins Banner

The large Christian Endeavor banner awarded for attendance at Mt. Hood union rallies and conventions came home with the Moro group last Sunday night. For nearly two years it was in possession of the Dufur society. Last Sunday's rally held in the Dufur park was attended by a large number of Endeavorers from all parts of the district with Dr. Walter Myers, Portland, as the principal speaker.

Local Christian Endeavor members who were present at the awarding of the banner were Carl Peetz, Ted Thompson, Ed Wallin, Betty Jeanne Vinton, Lee McLeod and Florence Lawrence. Rev. L. H. Mithelmere was advisor for the group.

partment officials in this case is regarded as particularly significant coming as it did at a time when efforts are being made to unionize state employees into collective bargaining groups.

The board of control has been offered a chance to give its much talked-of pool of state-owned automobiles a practical test. A Salem automobile dealer proposes to build a modern garage on property directly across the street east of the state office building and wants to rent a large space to the state for storage of its cars. The board has the proposition under advisement.

Justice George Rossman of the state supreme court will preside over the ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone for the new capitol building here on June 17. Speakers on the day's program will include Governor Martin, Judge Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene and C. C. Hockley, state PWA director. The steel and concrete work on the building is now completed and work is progressing on the dome. Placing of the granite blocks which will enclose the first floor of the building was started this week.

Service clubs, lodges, churches, and civic organizations throughout the state are being urged by the highway department to assist in eliminating advertising signs from the highways.

The state tuberculosis hospital at Salem is staging a "home coming" for former patients from June 24 to 26. Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the institution, is particularly anxious that patients who have been away from the hospital for a long time attend this celebration.

Oregon voters were assured of (Continued on Page two)

Farmers Inspect Grasses On Plots At Station

Many Different Varieties Come From Crested Wheat Grass In Nursery At Station; Old And New Soil Is Tested

A group of about thirty farmers went over the experiment station Thursday in order to view the grasses growing there and to inspect the plots undergoing different tillage methods.

A demonstration day for grasses previous to the usual field day for the station was decided on by D. E. Stephens and LeRoy Wright because the grasses mature earlier than the wheat and are now all headed and ready to cut for hay.

Nursery Plot Interests

The small grass nursery plot near the station buildings was first inspected. It has been growing several years and contains some very fine samples of native bunch grass of the most common varieties, also Brome grass and Crested Wheat. The native grasses have made a good growth this year and demonstrate the possibility of growing them in rows if care is taken.

Crested Wheat there is grown in an effort to find varieties that are stable and that will not split up into many different kinds as it is likely to do. Some is bearded, some smooth, some tall and some short, some dark green and some light, with heavy foliage and light. Variations are so broad that it is possible to find almost anything in it.

Drouth Resistance Tested

Experiments in pasturing were shown as well as a demonstration of its ability to reduce erosion on steep lands. This year a crop will be grown after Crested Wheat has been growing for several years to determine the effect it will have on future crops of grain.

A tin-can test of the value of virgin soil as compared to cropped soil is being made at the station and the difference between the crops growing on them can be easily seen. Drouth resistance of three varieties of what is also being demonstrated in the tin-can farm.

The men who made the tour were interested in grass primarily and were especially attracted by the alternate rows of Crested Wheat and alfalfa that indicated that a good hay crop might be grown with that combination. The rows of trees, all grown within the past few years, was also of interest.

Large Crowd Of Grangers At Convention

The Dalles, June 7.—With more than 1,000 grange delegates and visitors in attendance, the sixty-fourth annual session of the Oregon State Grange got under way Monday morning at The Dalles and will continue until late Friday night. Sixty-three resolutions presenting views on farm problems will be acted upon.

They assembled in perhaps the most unique meeting place of any State Grange convention ever held, huge warehouses on the Port of The Dalles dock, which is more than 1,000 feet long. The interest and activity the State Grange has taken in Bonneville dam, which will make possible ocean-going vessels docking at The Dalles, makes the meeting place a fitting one, in the opinion of the attending members.

Later this week, the entire National Grange executive committee will attend the session, marking the first time in Oregon Grange history that there has been such a visit. L. J. Taber, Master, Columbus, Ohio spoke Thursday afternoon. Wm. Huck, H. B. Belshee, Mrs. H. B. Belshee, J. L. Davis, Mrs. J. L. Davis, C. W. Johnson, R. N. Guilford, Marie Guilford of this county registered the first day.

Council Hopes To Avert Death To Bicycle Riders

The city council Tuesday night after the discussion of the danger to children when riding bicycles on the highway decided to instruct the marshal to enforce the provisions of the traffic law on bicycle riders as well as car drivers. Several near accidents have occurred since school adjourned for the summer and it is feared that a fatal accident will befall some of the younger generation unless they are more careful. Parents are especially urged to teach children of the law and see that it is obeyed.

An agreement was entered into by the city and the telephone company regarding the company's assistance in the fire alarm system now in use. A license was ordered for the city park and improvements will be made to the buildings and equipment there. The city also purchased an additional 200 feet of fire hose to bring the fire fighting machinery nearly up to standard for towns of this size.

Sunday School Rally Program Given

The program for the Sherman County Sunday School rally which will be held next Sunday at DeMoss Memorial park has been announced by R. C. Byers, president, as follows: Each Sunday school will give a musical number in the forenoon and Tom Fraser will sing a solo.

In the afternoon Mrs. H. R. Ryan of Sumner, Wash., will give views of the closing scenes in the life of Paul and Mrs. Carry B. Maw will exemplify the work done in the primary department. There will be a Bible drill and a business meeting and Dr. Hagen, Oregon Baptist state representative, will give an inspirational talk between 3 and 4. Everyone is asked to come.

County Court For June

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, June Term, 1937

U. S. National Bank Public Assistance	\$164.40
S. P. Boyce Fees and mileage as Grand Juror	5.60
O. L. Belshe Fees and mileage as Juror	5.40
Frank Medler Fees and mileage as Grand Juror	7.00
Victor Anderson Fees and mileage as Juror	6.40
J. T. Johnson Fees and mileage as grand juror	6.40
John McClure, Fees and mileage as grand juror	5.40
Dewey Thompson, Fees and mileage as grand juror	3.00
Theodore von Borstel, Fees and mileage as grand juror	7.40
E. R. Barzee Fees and mileage as grand juror	3.50
C. K. Baker, Fees and mileage as juror	6.60
U. S. National Bank, Old Age Assistance	167.21
U. S. National Bank, Blind Assistance	5.78
Richard J. Crane, Reporter, May term 1937 Circuit Court	15.00
L. J. B. eslin, Witness Fees and mileage, Circuit Court	30.00
R. M. Guilford, Fees and mileage as juror	9.80
Lester Barnum, Fees and mileage as juror	8.80
A. T. Striker, Fees and mileage as juror	10.20
Chas. Bullard, Fees and mileage as juror	6.50
E. H. Amidon, Fees and mileage as juror	6.40
C. L. Powell, Fees and mileage as juror	7.00
George Witter, Fees and mileage as juror	10.40
A. M. Axtell, Bailiff	7.00
A. W. Schilling, Fees and mileage as juror	9.50
Fred Krurow, Fees and mileage as juror	8.00

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DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 3	89	59	.00
" 4	78	43	.00
" 5	78	41	.00
" 6	84	44	.00
" 7	88	55	.00
" 8	78	53	.00
" 9	71	48	.12
Total for week			.12

Mrs. J. U. Leonard Killed in Accident At DeMoss

Three Others Injured In Accident At Foot Of Grade When Three Vehicles Are Damaged

Mrs. J. U. Leonard was instantly killed and three other persons were seriously injured Sunday night at seven thirty when two cars collided at the foot of DeMoss hill, three miles north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were driving south and coming down the hill when they first met a light truck loaded with household goods and driven by Wallace Banks with Walter Bergin as passenger. The Leonard car is said to have side-swiped the truck being thrown out of control. The Leonard car then swung to the outside of the grade and was turned again to cross the highway and strike the Chevrolet sedan driven by Robert M. Banks, father of the driver of the truck, who was accompanied by his wife.

Collision Damaging

The force of the collision threw Mrs. Leonard against the front of the car and into the windshield killing her and seriously injuring Mr. Leonard who sustained a broken jaw, several broken ribs and many cuts and abrasions. He was taken to a hospital in The Dalles from where it is reported that he will probably recover.

Mrs. Banks received a broken jaw, a broken nose and several cuts and Mr. Banks has a crushed chest and a broken nose. Both were treated at the hospital.

Burial at Hood River

The funeral for Mrs. Leonard was held in Hood River Wednesday. She is survived by her widower, a son Orville, and daughter Mrs. Luella May of Hood River; a daughter, Mabel in California, and Mrs. Logan Gentry of Moro.

The Banks family were returning to Toppensish, Wash., after spending a few months in California. The car was towing a trailer house.

Health Nurse Reports On Immunization

According to the preliminary report of Miss Althea Stoneman, health nurse of this county, approximately one half of the grade school children have been vaccinated for, or have had, small pox and a third of them have been immunized for diphtheria. (About 300 took the tuberculin test. "Why not make the goal a 100% protection against preventable disease?" asks Miss Stoneman.

Inspection of children in the grades reveals that many have very good teeth and yet a third of them need dental care at this time. Good teeth are of so much importance that one author states, "One is what he chews to be."

A comparatively large number of children with defective vision were found in this county when the examination was made by the nurse.

A general recommendation is made by Miss Stoneman that "A complete physical examination by a competent physician once a year is good economy. You can correct minor complaints and prevent chronic disorders and handicaps." Results of the immunization tests made in the schools here show that 131 were examined. They were divided among the schools as follows:

Delegation Calls On Highway Commission

George Updegraff, David Reid, commissioner, George Potter, county judge and E. D. McKee, former judge, met with members of the state highway commission last Thursday to advocate a free ferry at Maryhill. The proposal was made possible by a recently enacted Washington law to meet with the requirements of one passed here in 1935 which permits the states to establish free ferries on nationally established routes like the Highway 97 that runs through Sherman county. The committee considers that there is every likelihood that the ferry will be made free within a reasonable time.

Glen Kirkwood Freed After Hearing

The charge against Glen Kirkwood was dismissed in a Marion county justice court when he appeared and explained the circumstances. Mr. Kirkwood had changed his bank account from McMinville to The Dalles to cause the difficulty as one check written in November had not been cashed. He returned to the county this week.

County Health Unit To Be Organized Later

A meeting called to organize a county health unit for this county was held last Monday evening at the court house but because of lack of representation from other parts of the county no definite action was taken. Another meeting will be held Monday night, June 21, at the court house at 8 p. m. and those interested in health work are asked to attend and further the program.

Those in charge call attention to the fact that considerable financial gain accrues to those counties having health societies beside the undoubted physical benefits that come to the citizens through increased healthfulness.

R. D. Miles, president of the Wasco county unit, spoke as did Mary Van Vactor, Wasco county nurse and Miss Elsie Withehen, state field tuberculosis nurse.

Story Of The White School House Wins County History Prize

By Frank von Borstel Jr.

When the country south of Kent began to be settled by the pioneers, filing on homesteads, timber claims, military land etc., the people felt the need of school. For a few months school was held in a homestead cabin on the north side of the section where Sathers now live.

This wasn't good enough so the pioneers started contributing funds for the building of a real schoolhouse. Sums up to twenty dollars per family were donated and some donated labor as their share. A. C. Bennett, as clerk for the proposed district, did much writing concerning the formation of this school district.

The lumber for the school house was hauled from Woodcock and Lake sawmill at Wamic. The first trip was made by John Donahue, the Bennett boys and Albert and Will Guyton with wagons and four horse teams. It took four days for each trip as the roads were so rough and the grades so steep. They went by way of Sherars Grade and on the last night on the way back they camped at the old watering trough on the old Sherars Grade and turned their horses loose to graze.

After the lumber was hauled, Tally Newcomb, a pioneer, who was a good carpenter, was hired to build the school house. He and one of his sons camped near the site which was on the old mill-rail road approximately where Sather's house is now, about two miles south of Kent, and built the school house.

It was painted white and was a landmark for miles around. It was a one room affair, 24 by 30 feet, and set on rock for foundation. There was a platform at one end and there three windows on each side. Three rows of double seats were bought but were not fastened to the floor as it was

Wheat Growers To Picnic At Moro, June 26

All Day Instructive Program In Preparation For Wheat Growers of Columbia River Basin Late This Month

An all day, all-eastern Oregon picnic sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League will be held here Saturday, June 26, with all farmers and all business men interested in wheat farming invited to attend regardless of membership in the wheat league.

A general program that will feature the Moro High School band will be given before the lunch hour and speakers of state wide importance will be on hand to discuss farm problems. Men who are interested and conversant with agricultural problems have been asked for this program.

Two Tips Proposed

After the basket dinner the men will make a tour of the experiment station and observe the results of the year's testing of new and old crops and varieties and various cropping practices. The date has been set in order to show the station at the time of the usual field day. Trips to the scene of some of the erosion work have also been arranged and those who wish to see what has been done and will be done in this county may do so. Transportation will be provided for these trips.

Women To Be Entertained

While the men are on the trips the women will meet under the leadership of Miss Joan Patterson, extension specialist in home economics of Oregon State College, who is preparing a series of events of interest to all home makers. Those attending will bring their own food and utensils while the league will furnish coffee, sugar and cream for all.

A committee of local men is in charge of the arrangements. Among them are D. E. Stephens, LeRoy Wright, T. M. Rolfe, Dewey Thompson, O. G. Sayrs and Giles French.

And it certainly was used for a community center. The farmers and their wives started an interesting debating society and many were the exciting debates on such topics as "Which is the most useful, a cow or a horse?" There were pie socials and basket socials held in it.

Rev. Morrison, an old pioneer minister, preached church services in it. Church was held on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. One Sunday morning before the sermon, he announced that a wedding would be solemnized after church services. Everyone wondered whom it could be and were surprised when the couple, Hattie Comstock and Melvin Cole walked forward and were married.

Funeral services were held in the White School house and once even a coroner's jury met there, because the minister and the Bennetts on their way to church for a Saturday evening service had found a man lying dead in the middle of the road. It was found that the man was McCorkle from Tygh Valley and had been killed by his wagon running over him and had not met with foul play as had been feared at first.

At first school was held in terms of three months, one in the fall and one in the spring. A. C. Bennett was the first school clerk and Deb Wilcox, Henry Schadowitz and John Donahue were directors.

Edna Patterson, from The Dalles was the first teacher and the Bennett and Guyton children and Hollis Wilcox attended the first school.

Later Inez Hunt and Lulu Mason taught there and the Haynes children came. After a few years the district split up, forming the

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