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Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic Ready

Baseball and Races and Two Dances To Feature Annual Event at Grass Valley Park Good Crowd Expected

Beginning Saturday night when the first dance is held Grass Valley's celebration will get under way for a forty eight hour session of amusement in honor of the Fourth.

Program in Forenoon

Sunday morning the patriotic program will be held with the proper reading of the Declaration of Independence, a talk and musical numbers by Sherman county's group of musicians. Walter Fuhrer, who was expected to make the address of the day, has notified the committee that he cannot come because he accepted a position with the First National Bank of Portland beginning July 1.

Two Ball Games Listed

The baseball games that Grass Valley demands as a part of its summer celebrations will be played Sunday and Monday. Races will also be held before the game on the Fourth and all whose legs feel nimble will be given a match with another of like mind.

Sunday Grass Valley will play the Warm Spring Indians and while the locals usually win from the braves it may not be so this year. In any event the two teams will put up an interesting battle. Monday afternoon there will be another ball game with Tygh Valley Squirrels making the opposition for the locals.

Crowd Prepared For

Dan Ford will be up from The Dalles to pitch a part of the time for Grass Valley and relieve Buck Miller.

A crowd of people is expected from the south end of Wasco county and Sherman-countians are expected to meet with their neighbors on the Fourth when the shady park will be turned over to community gatherings of farmers and county residents.

Two Tax Board Men Renamed By Officials

By A. L. Lindbeck.
Although delayed for more than three weeks after the expiration of their terms the reappointment of Earl L. Fisher and Chas. V. Gallo-way as members of the state tax commission finally came through as expected.

The reappointment of the two commissioners "with no strings attached" as explained by Governor Martin, is generally interpreted here as an official endorsement of their administration of the tax laws of the state and approval of the "hard boiled" and "arbitrary" methods employed by the commission in the assessment of penalties and interest against delinquent taxpayers to which objection had been taken by certain individuals opposing their reappointment.

Contrary to the contention of some authorities that failure to reappoint the two commissioners promptly upon the expiration of their old terms left a vacancy on the commission other authorities point out that the two commissioners continued to serve without any interruption in their status. In support of this view it is pointed out that the state supreme court has on at least two occasions held that an appointive official continues to serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified for the post.

Traffic hazards will be reduced to a minimum on the highways of the future according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, who returned Saturday from a conference with other highway engineers at Chicago. The highways of the future, Baldock declared, will be wider and straighter than those being built today. Engineers attending the Chicago conference urged stricter enforcement of traffic laws against speeding and reckless driving, Baldock said.

Six hundred employees of Oregon creameries and cheese factories have been certified as milk, cream

Original Plan For Townsite Of Moro Found

The plat of the original townsite of Moro as drawn by E. L. Scott and E.O. McCoy and recorded in Wasco county October 11, 1884 by George Thompson, county clerk, was found by George Updegraff this week while inspecting some of the files of the Sherman County Abstract company.

The plat shows the first six blocks of the town those being the three blocks on Main street from Foss & Co., to Bill Raymonds. In 1888, according to another notation made on the map, more blocks were added to the northwest.

Owen M. Scott, notary the instrument, and J. T. Trulove was the second witness. According to the description an iron stake is driven at the corner of First and Main streets on what is now the bank corner and from that the original measurements were made.

Grass Valley To Stop Traffic Violations

The city administration at Grass Valley has decided to take some steps to prevent traffic accidents in that city according to Marshall Garrett. Children on bicycles will be expected to obey the traffic rules more strictly than in the past and parents are asked to aid officials in the interest of safety. Speeders who go through town at speeds that are dangerous will be halted and returned to face the judge.

National Auxiliary President Coming

The national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn, will be in Portland July 7 on her official visit to Oregon. Luncheon at the Benson hotel for Auxiliary members and dinner at the hotel in the evening for Auxiliaries and Legionnaires will be given for her.

Reservations for both luncheon and dinner may be made with Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, 4213 N. E. 28th Avenue, Portland by July 6. A mass meeting will be held July 7 at 12th and Taylor to which all are invited. Broadcasts will be made over KWWJ at 1 p. m. and over KEX at 4:15.

and butter graders following examinations conducted by the state department of agriculture. Certification of the graders was in compliance with an act of the 1937 legislature providing for the grading of milk and cream sold to creameries, cheese factories and ice cream plants.

The state board of control refuses to be dragged into a controversy being waged by Salem property owners over the location of a garage in a residential block adjacent to the state office building. At a meeting last week the board adopted a resolution in which it neither recommended or objected to the garage although the Capitol Reconstruction commission at a meeting a week before had gone on record as emphatically opposed to the garage which, it was felt, might detract from the attractiveness of the capitol setting.

Thirty five persons lost their lives in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during May, according to Secretary of State Snell. This traffic fatality record was 10 more than for May, 1936 and almost three times the record for May, 1935. Total traffic deaths for the year to date number 116 against 103 for the same period last year. Snell describes the situation as "most serious and alarming" and declares that "the people of Oregon must be stirred to action" unless this human slaughter is to continue.

European countries are confronted with the same problems of stream pollution and sewage disposal as is the United States according to Chas. H. Carey, former corporation commissioner, who is now traveling in the British Isles and the continent of Europe. Carey has written to State Treasurer Holman giving a detailed account of some of the stream pollution problems he has encountered in his travels and methods being employed to correct the situation.

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Grange Passes On New Program For Agriculture

Harlandview Grangers Accept Suggestions of County Agent For Work To Be Done In Future To Aid Farming

At a recent meeting of the Harlandview Grange an agricultural program was adopted. Suggestions for the program were made by the county agent and after discussion it was voted to put it into effect.

The work will come under the main headings: agricultural conservation, weed control, club work and miscellaneous.

Under the first of these farmers will co-operate in federal programs and will aid the educational work to be done. A study of soil erosion both by educational work indoors and experiment outdoors will be made. This includes experiment work on trashy fallow methods.

In weed control there will be a study of the weed problem and weed identification classes will be held. The weed laws will be studied and methods of control will be tried.

For the children in club work each grange is asked to sponsor a 4-H club and attempt to provide a scholarship. A lecture program on club work and one program given by the children themselves will be held.

The miscellaneous section will include a study of pastures of all kinds, a discussion of range problems and feeds for livestock.

Other granges will make up a agricultural program which will probably be somewhat along similar lines. Wilford Belshe is agricultural committee chairman for the present year.

Church Celebration Due Sunday, July 11

Due to a change in plans made necessary by conditions of nearing harvest the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Moro Presbyterian Church will be held but one day, Sunday, July 11, stated Lawrence H. Mitchellmore, pastor, yesterday. It is the hope of the committee that the proposed pageant for Saturday may be given this fall.

Letters of greeting from former pastors and national and state church leaders continue to arrive for the celebration. More pictures of scenes and groups connected with the church during the fifty years are desired. The historical exhibit will be one of the interesting phases of the anniversary, with its backward look into the history of the Moro and Monkland churches according to Mr. Mitchellmore.

Civil Service Needs More Men

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions named below:

Junior agricultural engineer, \$2,000 a year; Soil Conservation Service, and Bureau of Agricultural Engineering.

Chief of library service division, \$5,600 a year; specialist in public libraries, \$3,800 a year; and specialist in school libraries, \$3,800 a year; Office of Education, Interior Department.

For positions in the apportioned service at Washington, D. C., applicants must show legal or voting residence in the State or Territory claimed for at least one year next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications. All States except Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and District of Columbia, have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 24	70	41	.00
" 25	78	42	.00
" 26	87	47	.00
" 27	93	56	.00
" 28	97	58	.00
" 29	95	64	.T
" 30	89	51	.31
Total for week			.31

Club Calves Show Big Gain For Month

The June weighing for club calves showed some very good gains on the part of the animals of the young feeders. Top place for the month was won by Catherine Fridley of Wasco whose calf a senior Angus gained 121 pounds. Bobby Kink's Jr. Hereford made a gain of 71 pounds. Frank Savary Jr. Hereford gained 68 pounds, Le Barnett's Jr. Hereford gained 66 pounds, Jack Hilderbrand's Jr. Angus gained 61 pounds, Bobby King's Jr. Angus gained 59 pounds and the two Risheldefer boys, David and Henry, made their Sr. Herefords gain 59 and 58 pounds respectively.

The stock is getting into good shape and should be prime beef by fair time and ready to win prizes at the International according to the county agent who does the weighing.

Two Picture Shows Shown Moro People

Citizens of Moro have been treated to two amateur picture shows this week. Tuesday night friends of Walter Williams and family were invited to the Presbyterian church where Mr. Williams showed scenes of national parks and other scenery he had taken in the past few years.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Dan Beaton of Seattle, who visited the Amidons here, showed pictures of their trip around the world and also some Alaskan and Mexican scenes. The Beaton trip began with the Hawaii Islands to Australia, Africa and through Europe to New York.

Hennagin Family Hold Reunion

The Hennagin family met for a reunion at the Viento Park near Hood River, Sunday June 27th. An attendance of sixty relatives were at the gathering and all had their lunch together with many renewals of acquaintances, and of the newer generation.

The following were in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hennagin, Alberta and Alfred of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blackburn of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers of Moro; Marjorie Byers, Albert Lemke, Evelyn Christian, and Laurence Hilaire of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Louis McKee of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sparling, Dona Kay and Vivette Lee of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. John Thorgerson, Harold, Miss Hawn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mattson of Battle Ground, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and Johnnie, and Miss Kickerson of Amity; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fredrickson of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry and Evelyn, Leona Mae and Donald of Amity; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Johnson and Kathleen, and Annie Johnson and Arthur Hale of O'Dell; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hennagin and Mrs. Norman Baker and son Edwin of Independence; Mrs. Daisy Hennagin; Mr. and Mrs. James Kenny Glen, Lois, Jessie and Mary of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Margaret, Frances and Robert of Butte, Montana; Mrs. A. O. Ekstrom, Hal, Roger and Dorothy of Portland.

WASCO MARKET SOLD

The Wasco Market that has been owned by the Richeldefer Brothers for several years was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barnett of Oak Grove, who will operate it personally. H. N. Richeldefer will aid them for a time.

Mr. Barnett is a native of Sherman county being a brother of Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper. He has not lived here for some time as he has operated a feed store at Oak Grove.

HONOR ROLL MADE

Four Sherman county students were placed on the honor roll for the school year just ended at the University of Oregon and Oregon State college. Theodore Proudfoot of Wasco was in the list from the university and Gordon Fraser, Mary Pinkerton and Doris Thompson, all of Moro were honor students at the college. In order to make the honor roll students must have achieved a grade of 3.5 or better for 12 term hours.

Wheat League Picnic Draws Big Group of Farmers

Over 400 Register At First Picnic and See Experiment Station and SCS Work; Speakers Tell Of Efforts

With one of the most pleasant days of the year, and a goodly crowd interested in the program and the trips the first picnic sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League was acclaimed successful as the visitors trekked homeward at sundown.

Total registration for the day as checked at the gate and not counting the many who came only for the trip to the station was 414. Of this number 307 were from Sherman county 25 from Gilliam, 22 from Morrow, 13 from Wasco, 8 from Jefferson, 3 from Umatilla, 16 from other counties of the state and 15 from outside the state.

Moro Band Plays

The Moro high school band opened the program by playing on the street and marching to the Moro park. After a brief address of welcome Charles Nish, president of the league, took charge of the program. In a short talk he recounted some of the larger achievements of the league during its existence and read the list of past presidents.

George Hyslop, farm crops professor of OSC, told of what has been done in weed legislation. The nation has made little progress but the state has passed many helpful laws, he said.

New League Explained

J. B. Adams explained the reasons for forming the Tri-State Wheat Transportation League saying that wheat farmers had long been penalized for their lack of solidarity in opposing freight rate increases and J. M. Parrish, secretary of the league, told of plans for raising of money for carrying on the work.

W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of the school of agriculture at OSC recounted some of the work of the experiment stations and other cooperative work being carried on under the direction of the extension service.

Solon White Talks

The last speaker was Solon T. White, of the state department of agriculture, who reviewed the legislation passed at the recent session as it applied to wheat farmers. Former Sherman county native, Mr. White drew from his acquaintance with the county to explain the benefits the new legislation will have here.

Dinner was served at long tables placed under the trees in the park and after an hour spent visiting among those who came from a distance and local neighbors, the men of the group, accompanied by a few women drove to the experiment station when the annual field day tour was started. Many made the trip in SCS trucks, which were furnished for the occasion.

Station Toured

D. E. Stephens led the tour and explained the work being done and the purpose behind it. M. M. Oysterson, R. B. Webb and E. R. Jackson were called upon to explain special features of the work.

The largest number of questions were asked about Crested Wheat grass as farmers are using it to replace wheat on acreage under crop restriction. The study of summerfallow methods and the results obtained from different ways of plowing and handling summerfallow, the nursery experiments with their hundreds of varieties of wheat, the smut trials, the rotations and the seeding experiments all drew attention from the crowd of visitors as the special features of each were shown at brief stops.

Dams Viewed

The visitors were next taken to the SCS dams in Grass Valley canyon where CCC boys have built rock and concrete barriers to hold the run off from going down to the sea in early spring.

The day was well worn out before the trips were concluded. The women of the party listened to a talk by Helen Thomas of OSC while the men were in the field. She told of beneficial methods of rearranging the household furniture and re-decorating the rooms.

Wasco Wins Second Game From Kent

Wasco and Kent played a closer game of ball last Sunday than when they met before the rain. Wasco won again by a score of 10 to 4 but Kent was strengthened by the addition of several of the CCC boys and presented a better line-up. Watkins for Wasco struck out 12 men and breezed easily for most of the game. Coelsch for Kent fanned nine batters.

The Grass Valley team went to Stinnashe to meet the Indians and came home on the short end of a 17 to 7 score. The ability to ascend into the stratosphere was again demonstrated by the Grass Valley boys to the benefit of the natives.

A. L. Alsop Funeral Held Thursday

Abraham Lincoln Alsop, who had been a resident of Sherman county for a large part of the past thirty five years, was buried at Grass Valley Thursday following his death at Fontana, California at the home of his son, Ray.

Mr. Alsop was born in Missouri in 1864 on September 4 and lived there until he was married. He came to Oregon and settled in the Willamette valley and later returned to Missouri until 1903 when he came to Sherman county where he has made his home until recently. For the past two years he has lived with his son in California after failing eyesight made it impossible for him to work.

Surviving him are four sons, Ray of Fontana, William of Wamic, Noble of San Francisco and Bernard of Los Angeles and one daughter, Mrs. Wava Ash of The Dalles. Mrs. Alsop was buried at Grass Valley several years ago. Gerald C. Dryden officiated at the funeral.

Miss Dorothy Foss' Engagement Told

The engagement of Miss Dorothy Foss to Mr. Fred Hellberg was formally announced at a bridge-dessert luncheon Tuesday afternoon at the country home of the bride elect's sister, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, near Wasco.

Each guest was presented with a corsage of rosebuds and sweet peas to which was attached a tiny parchment scroll which told the news.

Miss Dorothy Foss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foss of Moro. Mr. Hellberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hellberg of Astoria. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon. Miss Foss was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and has been teaching in the Astoria schools for the past two years. Mr. Hellberg is a member of Theta Chi fraternity. The wedding is to be an event of the early fall.

Harriet Nish Tells Of Early Day Settlers In County

My father went on a homestead in what is now Sherman county in 1888, and I went there in October 1883. There was a small school house (known as the Wheat school house) in the canyon below where the Douma's now live, and another one some miles south east of Moro called Jacks school house. I have attended preaching services in both of them.

Some of the settlers at that time were the Martins, Wheats, Danels, Barnums at Moro. Mrs. Bound and son, just below Moro, Thomas Badgers, farther down the canyon. Mr. Badger was our post master. Then there was Dan McLachlan, Jack Morrison, Alex McDonald and in Hay Canyon Willertons and later Chas. and Frank Belshee and John West, and farther south Frasier Bros. (sheep men) then McLanes, Wrights, Morrisons, Johnsons. Mr. Wright was one of the first preachers to hold services in the Spaulding Chapel, that was built some years later, and Rev. Morrison, the first to hold services in many places throughout the county, such as Kent, Rutledge, Moro and Monkland.

The summer of 1884 the "Liberty school house" was built in Hay Canyon, above the Willerton home, near the Frank Belshee homestead and some months later the "Harmony school house" in upper Hay

Sudden Rain Washes Fields In Some Sections

Small Cloudbursts Do Minor Damage and Rain Soaks Ground Again To Put Record For June Up To 2.63 inches

The weather for the past week has been the kind that mid-westerners tell about. Sunday and Monday were warm days with the temperature reaching a maximum of 97 Monday afternoon.

By Wednesday afternoon the storm clouds had gathered and a sudden shower that reached cloudburst proportions in places fell. Center of the heaviest fall of rain reported was about three miles southeast of Moro where the draws ran water several feet wide through the wheat fields and pounded the summerfallow down like pavement.

Bridge Destroyed

In the canyon where Tom Douma Orlo Martin and Mrs. Frances Henrichs live there was a heavy flow of water that did some damage. Fences around the buildings on the Henrichs place were washed out and the garden covered with mud from the hillside. The bridge on the county road near the Martin place was washed out and the hog fences, pens and watering troughs at the Tom Douma place were destroyed. A bunch of young turkeys were killed also.

Fields Washed

Reports reached Moro Thursday morning that another cloudburst had hit the territory in the north-east corner of the county and had washed ditches several feet deep in a field belonging to county commissioner David Reid.

There was a heavy rain at Wasco and another at Grass Valley at about the same time. According to the official rain gauge .31 inches fell at the station in the approximately half an hour of the storm. This brought the total precipitation for June up to 2.63 inches which is greater than the largest previous fall for that month by .85 inches. In 1916 it rained 1.98 inches in June at the station.

Warehouse Unroofed

Other minor damage was done during the brief wind and rain storm. About thirty feet of sheet iron roofing was torn off one of the warehouses in Moro and some trees were blown down at Truman Strongs. Limbs of trees were broken off in other places.

Whether the additional third of an inch of rainfall was of much benefit or not is still a matter of debate. Some ditches were washed and summerfallow that was recently weeded was packed down again and dampened to start more weeds. A few fields of grain were blown flat and may be difficult to harvest.

In these school houses we held our gatherings. Sunday schools, Debates, Lyceums and so forth. We were people of various churches, but we forgot creeds and worshipped one God with a brotherhood fellowship and joy, that is missing in fine modern churches of today.

Other homesteaders were coming in by the dozen, most of them single men. They were Jimmy Grey, Bill Elliott, Hugh McIntyre, N. W. Thompson and Will Rose near together south west of Monkland. Henry Gosch at Monkland and across Hay Canyon Dixon McDonald, Pat and Jim McDonald, Matt and John Smith, Vick McDonald, and up the canyon Jim Frasier, Bill Morrison, Elwood Ginn and many others. The summer of 1895 the methodists held camp meeting in a barn at Wasco. Many of the Hay Canyon people attended. I went one Sunday with the Willertons and Miss Mattie Jory (our first teacher in the Liberty school). It was after this camp meeting that Mr. J. R. Ginn began coming to our Sunday school in the Liberty school house, and he was our superintendent. Simon Eleock lived near there, and Ephrim Badgers and Mrs. Lanlady farther east and before long the DeMosses came. We heard them sing the first time at a Fourth of July celebration.