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CCC Camp Will Observe Birthday Next Sunday

Review of Work Done Made By SCS Officials On Fifth Anniversary

Along with other CCC camps throughout the nation, four camps assigned to the Soil Conservation in Oregon which includes the Moro camp, will observe the fifth anniversary of the organization of the Civilian Conservation Corps. On Sunday, April 3, reports A. W. Middleton, CCC administrator for these camps. Open House will be held so that people in the surrounding country and communities may become better acquainted with camp personnel and soil erosion control measures they have put into effect.

Erosion control treatment on Oregon farms totaling approximately 250,000 acres has been completed by enrollees from these four camps, working under the direction of trained engineers, foresters, agronomists, and other soil conservation technicians attached to the camps. Plans have been made for similar work on approximately 550,000 acres, it was reported.

Enrollees are engaged in putting into effect on farms of cooperators within the camp areas practical methods to keep the soil from being washed off sloping fields by run-off water. CCC-Soil Conservation Service camps are located in strategic farming areas where soil erosion problems typical of wide surrounding areas are encountered. From the sand dunes on Clatsop beaches to the wheat lands of Eastern Oregon these camps are demonstrating to Oregon farmers the latest methods of curbing sheet erosion and gully erosion, conserving moisture, and maintaining soil fertility Land erosion resistance. Locations of soil conservation camps are: Warrenton, Simnasho, Moro and Heppner.

Control of gullies that were cutting back into fertile farms required the building of nearly five hundred permanent and 1500 temporary check dams and the sloping in and seeding of one million square yards of gully banks to soil-holding vegetation. Contour tilling is being practiced on several thousand acres devoted to wheat production, on which camps have worked. This method supercedes the customary up and down hill practice which has caused loss of soil and water on sloping fields.

Straw farming, essentially the mixing of crop residues with top

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Candidate Hunt On For Major State and National Offices

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Activity in the camp of the Oregon Republicans this past week has centered largely on efforts to smoke out some outstanding candidate for governor who might be expected to give Chas. H. Martin, Democrat, a race in the November election—it being pretty generally conceded that the governor already has the nomination in the bag and safe and snug in his possession. By the same token these same republican leaders do not feel that either of the four candidates who have already offered their services to the party in the capacity of standard bearer are of sufficient calibre to give Martin any considerable worry.

In this connection it is known that considerable pressure is being brought on Chas. A. Sprague, Salem newspaper publisher, to enter the gubernatorial contest. Sprague, himself, is reluctant to discuss the subject. Friends of the Salem publisher, however, declare that while Sprague would much prefer to support some other candidate he might consent to enter the race as a last resort. Hope that Homer D. Angell, Portland attorney and state senator, might be persuaded to seek the governorship were dashed this week when he filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for Congress in the third district, opposing Nan Wood Honeyman, democrat, who is seeking re-election.

Reports that Dr. J. F. Hosch of Bend would withdraw from the democratic race for gubernatorial nomination in favor of Elton Watkins were promptly squelched by

City Taxes of County Noted By Bureau

The tax base of Oregon cities, taken as a whole, increased for the current year over the past year for the first time since 1931, says the Municipal Research bureau. Figures given for Sherman county towns show that Moro's valuation is 165,647, city tax levy, 15.1 raising \$2501.27, which is \$7.11 per capita. On fifty per cent basis tax rate is 21.74 mills.

Wasco is valued at \$219,182, has a city levy of 24.3 raising \$5326.12 which is \$13.32 per capita. On a fifty per cent basis the tax rate is 34.99 mills. Grass Valley is valued at \$129,098, has a city levy of 15.9 mills which raises \$2026.84 or \$9.74 per capita. On a fifty per cent basis the millage would be 22.61.

Community Church Has Meeting

Reports of organizations brought encouragement to members of the Moro Presbyterian church and congregation who attended the annual meeting and election of officers, Wednesday night, March 30. For the first time in several years the church membership reached the 100 mark, while the Sunday school enrollment was announced as 94.

The Sunday school, the Women's Missionary Society, the junior intermediate, and high school Christian Endeavor Societies all touched upon the highlights of the year's many and varied activities in their annual statements of achievement. Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore spoke for the state at large.

George A. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the church, pointed out that a small amount must be raised by April 1 in order to start the new year without a deficit. The group present was determined that there be no deficit.

Officers were in most cases re-elected, with Chester Smith, Sunday School superintendent; Martin Melzer, assistant superintendent; Pauline Davis, secretary; Dewey Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Lewis Cope, cradle roll supt.; Carl Peetz, Sunday school pianist; and Miss Vivian Trounce, church pianist. Dewey Thompson was named to serve on the board of trustees for the new three-year term. Other trustees are S. A. Hall, two year term; and Harry B. Pinkerton, one year term.

Attention: Young Democrats of Sherman County. Meeting for the purpose of electing officers and delegates to the State Convention at Hotel Moro, Tuesday, April 5th, eight o'clock.

Making It Official



Governor Charles H. Martin is shown signing a proclamation urging people of the Northwest to cooperate with Columbia Empire's 'Buy-to-Work-to-Buy' Campaign, April 1st to 10th. Witnesses are Ex-Mayor Geo. L. Baker of Portland, manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., and Mrs. Jess A. Dignan of Portland, chairman of women's participation.

County Road Being Graded Rapidly By Crews

A. A. Dunlap, county commissioner and L. L. Peetz, roadmaster, made a trip over the north and central parts of the county Sunday to view the county roads and determine what work shall be done in the near future.

New road work done this winter near the Albert Kaseberg place has packed well under the heavy rains, and is a distinct improvement over the former road although not entirely finished yet. Too much rain that caused road machinery to mire down stopped work last month. Some powder work and further grading will be necessary before the road is completed.

Big Wheat Found

Wheat in the northwest section of the county is nearly a foot high in some fields giving promise of high yields if weather conditions are reasonably favorable between now and harvest time.

Many of the roads in the north end of the county have been graded twice because of the rainy spell and are still rough and rutted as they have been traveled since the last shower. As county machinery is now in the south part of the county it will be some time before these roads can be smoothed again.

The county has rented a compressor and is blasting points off the road in Hay Canyon and has widened the road near the Dave Reid place. Further work is to be done on the hill just north of the site of the old Rutledge church and on the von Borstel hill.

Roads in the south end of the county are still very soft in spots and the county maintainer was stuck twice Sunday so bad that it had to be pulled out with a tractor. Once was on dirt road and once on the Rutledge market road.

Grading Continued

The heavy grading outfit is moving south on the most east side of the county and putting the roads in shape as it goes. The maintainer, with its accompanying smaller grader, is working gravel roads until the roads become dry enough to permit its working dirt.

Grain Markets To Close on Saturdays

The grain offices in Portland will not be open Saturday afternoons hereafter, according to Sherman county grain buyers. Prices will not be available on grain after that hour of the week and those who wish to sell must do so early in the day or wait until another week. Heretofore local buyers have been able to obtain a price on Saturday afternoon but this practice is being discontinued closing rural markets for the week ends.

Snell Explains Value of Highway Safety Campaign

Secretary of State Tells Wasco Club of Work Done To Preserve Life of Driver

Earl Snell, secretary of state, and candidate for the Republican nomination for that office, spoke to the Wasco Civic Club Monday night taking his topic from his experiences with the problem of highway safety.

About eighty men were out to hear the one time representative from this district, warn of the dangers of careless driving and its results in loss of life and property.

Death Toll Huge

Mr. Snell gave several comparisons showing the accident toll in the United States, saying that more persons are injured in auto accidents in one year than the entire population of the state of Oregon. More are killed than have been lost in the greatest sea disasters. Because auto accidents take lives slowly and in small numbers they are too often overlooked in a recital of violent deaths.

Blame for automobile accidents nearly always rests with the "other fellow" indicating a dislike for accepting blame and little intent to reform on the part of a driver who is in an accident. Discourtesy is another major cause of accidents and men who are polite and courteous in ordinary things become very much the other way when in an accident or when driving a car.

Laws Strict for Drunks

The laws regarding drunken driving have been made very strict and drunken drivers must have their licenses suspended for at least a year and must give bond for financial ability before being allowed to drive again which often prevents them from driving legally for three years. In fact 97% of those who have lost licenses through drunken driving have been unable to get them for three years after the accident.

Eighty percent of the accidents are caused by those who have had no previous accident for four years according to statistics kept at the office of Mr. Snell. Driving with the car out of control is the major cause of accidents and this may occur at any speed. Control of the car depends on road conditions, conditions of driving and the mechanical shape of the car.

Safety Work Profitable

Under Mr. Snell, the secretary of state's office has been doing many kinds of work to stop the increase in accidents and Oregon is gradually making a better record for safety. Newspapers are co-operating and radio talks are being made to inform drivers of highway dangers; manuals are given to inform about the laws. In February a period of 21 days elapsed during which there was no fatal accident, which is the longest safe period for many years.

Mr. Snell was accompanied by Dave Lemon, his partner in Arlington. Musical numbers were given by Katherine Fridley, trumpet, accompanied by Beryl Sheets, Philip Johnson, song, accompanied by Wm. Clothier; and a trio composed of Mesdames Lloyd Royse, Q. G. Hilderbrand and George Wilde with Mrs. Wm. Clothier as accompanist. H. J. Dixon spoke in behalf of a recreational center project for the club.

County Wins Seal Sale Cup for 1937

At the State Oregon Tuberculosis meeting held in The Dalles last week, Sherman County was awarded the cup for selling the most Christmas Seals of any county in Oregon. Sherman county sold 12 seals per capita which was an increase over the former sales of 276 per cent.

The second county in the list sold 11.8 seals per capita. The cup will be displayed through out the county, as soon as it is returned with "Sherman County" engraved on the side. Delegates from Sherman county were Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Mrs. Carroll Sayre, Mrs. Max Pluemke, Mrs. C. L. Poley.

Dunlap Decides To End Public Career This Year

A. A. Dunlap, county commissioner, has decided definitely not to be a candidate for re-election this year. He has served on the court since the early twenties and in that time has been active in building up the county road system and in retiring the bonds voted for highway purposes. Now, with the bonds nearly paid off, and the road system nearly complete he wishes to retire from public life to give his time more completely to the management of the Grass Valley Grain Growers which he assumed about two years ago. J. M. Wilson, of Kent, one time commissioner, has filed for the office.

Woman's Club To Hold Tea

A silver tea is to be given by the club ladies in the club house, Friday, April 1st, to benefit the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis. Clothing contributed for children between the ages of four and sixteen years will be very much appreciated.

The Moro Woman's Club met at the club house March 25th. Mrs. Ross Ornduff was elected into the club.

Reatha Sayre played a violin solo, accompanied by her mother. A short one act play, "It Must Be Love," was put on by Mrs. Truitt, Mrs. Mitchellmore, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Endicott.

Voters Must Be Registered By 4-19

April 19 is the last day to register for voting at the primary nominating election to be held on May 20, 1938.

The county clerk's office in the courthouse is open between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock each morning and from 1 to 5 o'clock each afternoon, except Sundays. Appointments may be made by those voters who are unable to register during these hours, or by any one who is physically unable to appear at the courthouse for registering.

Who Must Register

All persons who have moved since the last election, women who have married, new-comers in the state and county and those who have reached the age of 21 years since the last election, or who will be 21 years of age prior to May 20, should register on or before April 19. A six-months residence in the state and a 30-day residence in the precinct is necessary, besides the regular qualifications of citizenship and legal age.

The County Clerk has made it convenient for those living in the following precincts to call upon their local registrars. Rufus, Mrs. Opal Brady; Wasco, Joseph A. Mee; Grass Valley, I. D. Pike; Kent, J. E. Norton.

Tax Collection Near \$100,000 For First Period

Fewer Dollars Taken in This Year Than Last But Percentage As Good

Collection of taxes on the current roll were a bare fifty dollars below the hundred thousand dollar mark for this tax paying period according to a turn over made this week by Sheriff Wilson.

Total collected was \$99,949.98 on the current roll. Discount was allowed on taxes paid which means that more than a hundred thousand dollars worth of the \$168,004 levied as been paid. This is approximately sixty per cent of the total roll.

Bond Fund Gets \$18,000

The county general fund received \$22,324.00 from the payment: the elementary schools \$8817.60 and the sinking fund for road bonds \$18,292.12. These are the largest items to be paid the county.

School districts receiving money from taxes are materially helped by the turnover. The Moro district will get \$6666.29, Grass Valley, \$4078.12; Kent \$2712.06 without the joining districts; Wasco \$1098.70 and Rufus \$8673.60 without joining districts. The non-high district received \$2736.15 which will give it funds with which to pay for tuition and transportation.

Wasco Gets Big Slice

Wasco was helped to the tune of \$3071.56 by the payment of 1938 taxes. Moro obtained \$1519.40 and Grass Valley \$1299.36. Small sums for city road districts will also be credited to the cities.

In addition to the current tax turn-over delinquent taxes to the amount of \$13,996.43 were collected and turned over to the treasurer for distribution to the several taxing units of the county.

Conference Reports Now Published

Distribution of the booklet of the reports of the recently held economic conference started this week. Reports of the four committees are printed in an 18 page pamphlet of a size easy to file with other books. Publication was desired because the nature of the conference was partially a planning board to map out a course for agriculture for the county for the next decade. A chart showing the costs in bushels of freight, storage and taxes for the years from 1919 to 1937 is one of the most interesting features of the booklet inasmuch as it proves that these three items required more bushels than were grown in one year of the series. Farmers will all receive a copy of the reports and others will be available for interested persons.

The Truth—Stark Naked

Stripped of frills, divested of theory, isn't this the fact? THE GREATEST CREATOR OF EMPLOYMENT is WORK! Every time a stoppage has hit one of our Columbia Empire industries, three things have happened! Down go pay rolls; out go our workers; and in comes worry, suspicion and misery! When any of our industries, large or small, lacks buying support, it must shut down. BUT when we give it our BUYING SUPPORT, it thrives and creates more OPPORTUNITY for WORK and thus more OPPORTUNITY for BUYING. Through our purchases, we signal "STOP" or "GO" for our own OPPORTUNITIES for WORK!



Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?