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Airport At Wasco Dedicated Sunday By Aviators

Visitors Come From Afar To Stunt and Carry Passengers Over County

The dedication of the airport below Wasco Sunday was attended by a large crowd of people from all over the county who came to see the airplanes stunting over the wheat fields. The dance Saturday night that preceded the dedication was also well attended.

The Sherman County Airport was established through the activity of Wasco men, led by George Moon, who bought an airplane last year. On the Rich place about a mile below Wasco a tract was smoothed and seeded to grass to prevent blowing and the proper signals erected. A dedication day was set aside at the request of the Northwest Sportsman Pilots association and they came from far and near to show off their flying abilities and carry passengers who wished to see the country from the top side.

Among those who came were Dave Lewis of Oakland, who owned two Fairchild planes and a Cub. He did some of the stunt flying. With him were Bud Stearns, Geo. Howe, Bill Wallace, Jack Durkin and Frank Sutton, one time injured in a parachute drop, who did the announcing for the event. Jack Thorsley, Bob Dohrmann and Bob White came from Portland. Bill Randall and Ed Roe from Klamath Falls, Olinger from Walla Walla and F. H. Adams from Klamath Falls and Harold Fletcher from Seattle, who stunted with his rebuilt Student Prince.

Trips were made about the county and several planes obtained a load for a trip around Mt. Hood.

Charles Dawes Praise Martin

A former republican vice-president gave the governor a pat on the back this week. The "pat" was a wire from Charles G. Dawes, vice president of the United States under the Coolidge administration and ambassador to England. His message read:

"I am at home and well again after seven weeks in the hospital at New York. I want to congratulate you upon your splendid courage and the great reputation you have made as a law enforcing governor of Oregon. You leave office decorated with universal public respect, without which public office means nothing."

Governor Martin Returns To Office After Vacation

Governor Martin has returned to his office after a two week vacation in the Mt. Hood area and again aroused speculation as to whether or not he would attempt to find a way around state law which forbids a primary candidate from running independently in the fall elections.

It was the governor's first vacation since the strenuous primary campaign. One of the first things he did was confer with his campaign manager, Edgar W. Smith, who recently returned from a tour of eastern Oregon, where it was presumed he was testing political winds. After the conference neither the governor nor Smith would admit or deny that the meeting had any political significance. However, observers here still believe that Governor Martin will not be a candidate in November.

Governor Martin issued a statement urging every person in the state to cooperate with the Stream Purification League of Oregon in observing "Help Clean Up Our Rivers" week which started Sunday.

"It is proper that we do this," the governor said, "because the rivers and streams of Oregon comprise one of the state's great assets, not only from the recreation and health standpoint but as avenues of commerce for our shipping, and as essential units in the successful propagation and preservation of our commercial fishing stock."

New Officers Elected By American Legion

The American Legion, Chris Schultz post, met Wednesday at the office of George Updegraff and elected officers for the coming year as well as transacting other business for the post. E. W. Christensen was made commander, Percy Thompson, vice commander and Willy Knighten was re-elected as adjutant. Marvin Miller, retiring commander, was made sergeant at arms and Theodore Johnston, chaplain. Giles French, Geo. Updegraff and Joe Truitt were named on the executive committee and Marvin Miller and E. W. Christensen were elected as delegates to the state convention at Pendleton with Omer Sayrs and Willy Knighten as alternates.

Child Health Clinic Finds Work To Do

The Sherman county health association conducted a Child Health Conference June 17, at the school house in Moro. Five infants under 1 year of age, and 14 children between the ages of one and six years were examined by Dr. C. L. Poley and Dr. H. M. Erickson, director of the Wasco county health unit.

Miss Stoneman was assisted by Miss Laura Harstad, Consultant of the Maternal and Child Health department of the state board of health.

One child was found to have had at some time a mild case of interlobar pneumonia which had left one leg slightly shorter than the other and less well developed, and a slight curvature of the spine. Another one was found to have flat feet. Two babies were strapped for hernia and their mother's instructed how to renew the strapping.

Finding these defects early and keeping them under observation and treatment may prevent the child from becoming handicapped by them later.

It is the expectation of the Maternal and Child Health department of the state board of health to make these conferences a routine part of the nurses program when the county, holding a conference each time she is here for part time service.

The next conference will be held in October.

Ray Blake and family are on their vacation having began their yearly event shortly after the return of Mr. Hennagin.

Robert Rohde returned this week from Yakima, Washington where he was married to a lady of that city.

Schools Choose New Directors At Election

Several Changes Made In Boards By Voters On School Matters

Election of directors and clerks for the school districts of the county was in the main conducted quietly and with few voters last Monday, the third Monday of June, when all school districts in this county end their fiscal and official year. In some instances there were disagreements. Several new directors were named principally because the retiring officer wished to have some one else carry on the work for a time.

Kent district re-elected J. H. Wilson, director and Frank von Borstel as clerk. This is the largest district in the county being composed of the entire south end of the county.

Grass Valley district elected Arzell Lemley as director to replace Dell Olds who has served for two terms. J. E. Alley was re-named as clerk. At Moro the re-election of Carrol Sayrs as director and Joe Truitt as clerk was a routine matter as there was no opposition to either of them.

At Wasco Mrs. Asa Richelderfer expressed a wish to retire from the board and Mrs. W. A. Mills was chosen to succeed her thus carrying out the Wasco habit of having a woman on the school board. Mrs. Joe Mee was elected clerk for the second term.

A change was made in the Rufus board with the election of Curt Tom as school director after he had remained off the board for several years. Mrs. Adeline McDonald was named clerk succeeding H. H. Brackett who had filled that office for many years. Changes will be made in some of the bus drivers and in the janitor there it is said.

At Locust Grove Fred Hennagin and Herb Root were re-elected director and clerk. At Emigrant Mrs. George Drinkard and George Drinkard were named director and clerk. Klondike elected Archie Gosson and W. E. Dutton as directors, one to fill out the term of E. C. Thomas, deceased. George Potter was re-elected clerk. Fairview elected W. E. Nichols as clerk. Monkland re-elected Orval Thompson as director and Lutina Thompson as clerk. Biglow elected Diebert Johnson to fill out his father's term as director, named J. T. Johnson as new director and chose George Fox as clerk for another term.

Erskine elected Harold Ginn as director and Willy Knighten as clerk. Buckley district, which comprises three original districts, Buckley, Shearer's and Michigan, elected Art Schilling to succeed Ted Ball and William Brinkert to succeed Donald Clodfelter. Selection of a bus driver brought complications to this district. The Michigan school house will be sold soon to wind up the affairs of that district.

Fair Board Training Colts

The county fair board has made arrangements to have two men at the race track to do the breaking and training of colts for the future race and the derby as well. There are nine Peter Quick two year olds in the county that have been registered and at least seven of these are expected to be trained for the fair. Cost to the owners will be \$15 for a month of breaking and training with feed furnished. Bill Aldrich, who rode here last year, will be one of the trainers.

The board has authorized the construction of starting gates for the races this year and they will be built right away so that the colts can be trained to them.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
	MAX.	MIN.		
June 16	67	52	16	
" 17	58	43	18	
" 18	55	45	11	
" 19	73	43	00	
" 20	89	43	00	
" 21	91	54	00	
" 22	81	61	24	
Total for the week				1.09

Field Day Scheduled For Saturday June 25

The annual field day for visitors to the experiment station will be held next Saturday, June 25. It is expected that the program will begin at one-thirty in the afternoon.

Mr. Stephens says that many of the grasses are still standing and will be of interest to those who are growing forage crops now on part of their wheat land. The cross between Mozida wheat and Giant Rye Grass that was recently publicized in the Country Gentleman is growing at the station and will attract notice. It may be a good forage for this county.

All of the county agents of eastern Oregon will be here for the day and the college will be represented. C. A. Suneson of Washington D. C., and western head of the Bureau of Plant Industry is expected to attend the field day also.

The wheats look better than they have for several years and the recent rains have made the spring grain much better than for some years. Contrast between trashy fallow and clean fallow will be shown in looks and in results during the field day. All farmers are invited to attend and go over the station with Mr. Stephens, who will be conducting his last tour as director of the local station.

Robert Poley Married In The Dalles

Robert Poley, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poley was married Sunday afternoon June 19, at the Lutheran church in The Dalles to Miss Elizabeth Fauerso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Fauerso. Rachel Poley was bridesmaid and Paul Fauerso acted as best man. Walter Fauerso sang, accompanied by Mrs. Wilhelm. After a short wedding trip they will return to Hood River to live.

Present from Moro were Dr. and Mrs. Poley, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, D. E. Stephens and Tom Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McKean. Miss Rachel Bayne was a guest from Salem.

Sunday Schools Rally At Grass Valley

The Annual Rally of the Sherman County Sunday School Association was held June 19th in the Civic Auditorium at Grass Valley with about 120 present representing each of the six Sunday schools in the county. The gathering was called for 10 o'clock and classes were taught as follows: Adult by Jerry Wilson of Kent; Young People's by Gerald C. Dryden of Grass Valley; Junior and Intermediate by Miss Anna Schwartz of Grass Valley and Primary by Mrs. Laurence Amick of Kent.

Songs Led

The song services of the day were led by Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore of Moro and he was assisted at the piano by Miss Marie Mathieson of Rufus. The morning church hour consisted of music and speaking. Special musical numbers were furnished by Jim Coats of Rufus with a trumpet solo, Dale Baker of Grass Valley with a vocal solo and Emma Jean Eakin of Grass Valley, with a saxophone solo. The speaker of the morning was Earl Shipley, a recent graduate of Linfield college and student for the ministry. He spoke on the theme, "Where Do You Live?" He raised the question whether we as individuals live in a land of moral degradation or with Christ in a "city of foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Following an ample pot-luck dinner in the park the group reconvened and we were treated to a number of other musical features including a vocal duet by Marie and Clara Mathieson of Rufus, a saxophone solo by Emma Jean Eakin of Grass Valley, a vocal solo by Fay Boice of Wasco Christian, a trombone solo by Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore of Moro and a piano solo by Gertrude Cannell of Wasco Methodist church. The Grass Valley pastor presented some of his D. V. B. S. pupils in a partial demonstration of their work.

R. C. Byers and G. C. Dryden were re-elected president and secretary of the association.

Crop Insurance Explained By State Officials

Kiddle & Teutsch Here To Tell Farmers of Plan For Income Safety

A meeting to inform farmers of this county about crop insurance was held Thursday afternoon at the court house with the state director, Clyde Kiddle of LaGrande, former state senator, and Wm. Teutsch, of the extension service, conducting the meeting.

The historical background of the crop insurance was told by Mr. Teutsch who recounted the experiences of private companies that tried to insure crops against all risks. Major cause of failure, he held, was because the companies tried to insure income or price, instead of merely insuring yields.

The average loss in wheat is 28% each year and this means that some severe losses are taken by some farmers each year.

The present plan insures yield—not price—and practically all risks taken by the wheat grower are covered by the insurance according to the speakers. Only exceptions are that in districts where wheat is normally reseeded in the spring after winter killing the farmer must reseed himself. The resultant spring crop, however, is insured. Also wheat in sacks is insured for five days in the field. After that the risk falls on the farmer.

Drouth, insects, hail, fire, floods, disease and rodent loss are all covered by the insurance. The farmer must do everything to obtain a crop in accordance with best farm practice in his county.

After 1939 only those who co-operate with the government in the farm programs will be eligible for crop insurance. It is possible that farmers even this year may be able to pay premiums ahead in low price years. After this year it will always be possible.

The average yield for the period 1931 to 1935 is computed from the records and for the first five year period of the time taken the yield of each farm is estimated. This gives Sherman county a three bushel advantage over the yields of the poor years. Insurance must be taken out before seeding is started which causes the necessity of explaining the plan at this time of year.

The speakers made it plain that they are merely telling the plan and are not selling it to the farmers.

Actual farms were taken and the figures shown on the board so that each man could compute his own cost. Low for the county is 3 bushels per year on fifty percent coverage and the low for the seventy five percent coverage will be slightly in excess of a bushel per year. Rates are set on the risk record of the county, which is 1.1, and the risk record of the individual farm. These are added and divided by two to obtain the figure that is used.

Bible School Ends After Two Weeks

When the Moro Vacation Bible school ended Friday night, June 17, after a two week's session, 26 boys and girls received certificates for regular attendance and faithful work. The closing exercises at the Presbyterian church were well attended despite the stormy night.

At the close of a program presenting the various phases of the school's activities, Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore, principal, presented diplomas to Janet and Orren Schadewitz, Jean and Ruth Dyer, Joan and Dick Oveson, Priscilla Melzer, Connie Ruggles, Keith Thompson, David Moore, Bob Hoskinson, Willy Knighten, Allen Pinkerton, Ronnie May of the primary department; and Dorothy Miller, Patricia Pinkerton, Donella Nelson, Patricia French, Veda Belshie, Anajean Knighten, Harold and Wayne Melzer, Corliss McLeod, Herbert Lawrence, Bob Brishine and Don Thompson of the junior department. The last two boys were given special certificates for five year attendance.

Awards were also given for finding Bible stories. During the school 33 different youngsters enrolled and average attendance for the 10 days was 29.

Wasco Puts Down New Pump Plant This Week

The city of Wasco installed a new pumping plant this week. It is a rotary type with 35 rotors at the bottom of the shaft, driven by a 13 shaft from a motor at the top of the hole. Although the well is 190 feet deep only about 140 feet of pipe is being put down as the water level is high enough to make that satisfactory. The cost to the city will be \$1297 installed and it is expected to save that sum in a short time by reducing the pumping expense.

It replaces a system that brought the water to the top of the ground and then forced it to the eastern south of town.

Soil Conservationists Look Over Station

A group of traveling soil conservation and grass nursery men was here last week to look over the local experiment station and see what has been done toward the development of forage grasses here. Many were directly connected with the SCS.

In the party were F. J. Crider, Washington D. C., Allen F. Kinnison, Albuquerque, N. M., W. W. Austin and A. D. Stoess, Rapid City, S. D., C. W. Webster, Fort Worth, Tex., M. Culbertson, Ithaca, N. Y., B. F. Kiltz, Salina, Kas., M. Hoover, Washington D. C., Fred Herbert, Santa Paula, Cal., Paul Taber, Athens, Ga., J. E. Smith, Amarillo, Tex., H. M. Wanzler and W. A. Rockie, Spokane, Ronald Sackman, J. L. Swinderman, Paul Lemon, A. L. Hafenrichter and V. B. Hawk of Pullman.

Grass Valley Will Play The Dalles

Last Sunday the Grass Valley ball team took a licking from The Dalles club by a score of 11 to 10 in eleven innings after leading most of the way. Sunday they will play another game at Grass Valley and seek revenge for their close win.

Wasco lost to the Toppenish Indians 7 to 5 in a game full of thrills and long hits. With winning runs on board the Indian pitcher struck out three men to end the game in the ninth.

School Boards Agree After Discussion Of Financial Problems

The much heralded meeting between the directors of the Moro district and the directors of the six districts that protested against the increase in elementary school tuition from \$50 to \$100 was less exciting than it promised to be when first scheduled as more sober second thought had put out some of the fire.

Result of the get together held Wednesday night at the court room was that the Moro school will continue the charge of \$50 for the coming year and that before budget time next year a study of costs and conditions will be made by representatives of both groups acting together to determine if a change would be fair and equitable.

The decision of the rural directors to stay with their \$50 ultimatum was made unanimously after a lengthy discussion and after the Moro directors had left the room. The motion to study the matter throughout the year was made by Cleud Thompson of Monkland and was carried with only a few dissenting votes. It was later agreed that each district would name a man to meet with representatives of the other boards in an effort to find a common ground for different action next year if that seemed advisable.

Tom Fraser opened the meeting and the Moro board, Carroll Sayrs, chairman and Harry Kunsman and Melvin Schadewitz, presented the case for their side saying that taxes in the rural districts had steadily decreased since transportation of children to Moro had begun and the millage of the Moro district had increased to double the amount it was then. The decrease in the number of children was given as one of the major causes for increase in per pupil costs. Expense

Rain Falls To Delight Farmers With New Hope

Heavy Rains Held Assurance For Good Yields This Year

Beginning last Friday night and continuing intermittently rain in varying amounts came to the county this week to raise the hopes of owners of spring grain and make the winter wheat growers feel a bit more confident.

First rain, which lasted over two days, brought 1.39 inches at Grass Valley, 1.08 at Bourbon, 1.19 at Kent, .85 at Moro and Wasco. This was thought to be sufficient, but for good measure nature sent a thunder shower and rain Tuesday night that showered Kent with .44 and Moro with .24 inches.

East of Hay Canyon the rainfall was very heavy and considerable wheat was knocked down and the summer crop crushed. No serious damage was reported.

It is felt that there is enough moisture in the ground to make the spring wheat mature bountifully. The same thought was uppermost last year when the June rains came but hot weather for several days dried out the ground before the crop was matured and nominal yields were the result. This year there is more moisture and the spring grain may come through in better shape.

There has been some deterioration of winter wheat in the early sown fields from Moro north. Cause for this is thought to have been that the heavy growth took moisture from the soil so rapidly that there was not enough to mature all the plants. Some have died and turned white giving some fields a spotted or patchy look. It is not thought, however, that the damage is great in relation to the entire crop of the county. Some fields are badly hurt, though.

Estimates of the total crop for the county have been raised by the rain and while they vary with the estimators, a general average would probably be about 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, with quality yet to be determined.

Lloyd Hennagin and daughters, Sharon and Darie returned home Monday after two weeks in California. Mrs. Hennagin remained with her sister, Mrs. Holloway for another month or so.

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