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on the Northwest

Women Hear Review of Book At Meeting

The Moro Women's club met January 18 at the club rooms. The literature and drama committee, composed of Mrs. A. Douma and Mrs. Lewis McKee, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Bob Belshe was music director for the afternoon.

The club sang two songs "Long Long Ago" and "Love's Old Sweet Song."

Naomi Van Gilder gave a very interesting and detailed review of "Immortal Wife", by Irving Stone.

Leona Douma reviewed, "The Last Mountain", a history of the Cascades, by Robert and Victoria Case. She also read a poem, "The Curbstone Lament", which was written by a soldier about the housing shortage.

The next meeting will be held February 1st.

Moro Basketeers Lose To Goldendale

Moro's town basketball team became the official sponsors of the Moro Breakfast club Wednesday, which gratified them almost enough to soothe the feeling of the members over the loss of a game the night before to the Goldendale team by a score of 44 to 30.

Crocker and Linden of the visitors had a big night to overcome the sharp shooting of Jewel who starred for the locals.

Goldendale	fg	ep	pf
Crocker	16	1	1
Linden	10	1	2
K. Woodward	0	0	1
P. Spalding	0	0	1
Wilson	6	0	2
J. Spalding	8	0	1
Moro	fg	fp	pf
King	0	0	2
Coelsch	0	1	0
Bayer	6	1	3
Jewel	12	0	0
Pinkerton	4	0	1
Says	2	0	0

PCA Members Hear Of Group Progress

More than 150 members of the Mid-Columbia Production credit association met in the Civic Auditorium in The Dalles Monday, January 14 for the 12th annual stockholders meeting. The officers reported another successful year of operation.

The relation of sound, dependable credit to continued heavy agricultural production was explained by Otto F. Allgaier, treasurer of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, who cited the fact that stock ownership by farmer members of the 30 production credit associations in Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana now approximates 3,000,000 and is rapidly approaching the goal of the production credit system, complete ownership by farmers and stockmen.

Robert's Report

The annual report by Roscoe Roberts, acting secretary-treasurer, showed that during 1945 the association's loan volume reached \$974,000, or \$100,000 more than during 1944. Repayments were so heavier, reflecting good crops and favorable market prices. In other words, farmers borrowed more money to make more money.

The association finished the year with 323 members, an increase of 25 over Dec. 31, 1944. Member ownership of stock now stands at \$83,900 while accumulated earnings are \$80,500.

Riddell Lage of Hood River and Paul Davenport of Goldendale were reelected directors. Other directors are W. R. Bailey of The Dalles, R. E. Irby of Olex and Clarence Sparling of Moro. Bailey is president, Lage vice-president, Roscoe Roberts acting secretary-treasurer and Miss Lillian LaVoie his assistant.

Snow and Rain Soak Into Unfrozen Earth

January Nearly To Normal
Despite Two Dry Weeks
Ice Years Beginning

Wednesday morning a heavy thick snowfall began and lasted for several hours to cover the ground to a depth of two inches or more despite constant melting. Then the weather warmed slightly and rain began to remove the snow.

By Thursday morning the job was about completed and the rain continued to drizzle until the earth was soaked again.

Although this was the first precipitation that has fallen in January of consequence it brought the total for that month nearly up to the normal of 1.59 inches. Early in the month, as an aftermath of the big December rain, 27 inch fell, followed by warm and dry weather.

This storm brought .03 Monday, .26 Tuesday, .36 Wednesday and an additional .16 Wednesday night. Total 1.08 for the month with a week to go.

Moisture conditions at the end of the year were good as 6.44 inches had fallen since the start of the crop year, September 1. This compares to 4.92 as the average for that period.

Veterans May Apply For Loans Here

Veterans' application forms for the purchase of surplus government property can now be obtained at any selective service board in Oregon, Hugh E. Rosson, department of veterans' affairs director, was informed today.

This arrangement was made between state selective service headquarters and the Portland office of the smaller war plants corporation, which acts upon the veterans' application and determines his eligibility in the purchase of surplus property.

Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state director of the selective service system, told Rosson that all local boards have now received the veterans' application forms, and that clerks have complete instructions for aiding the veteran in filling out the forms.

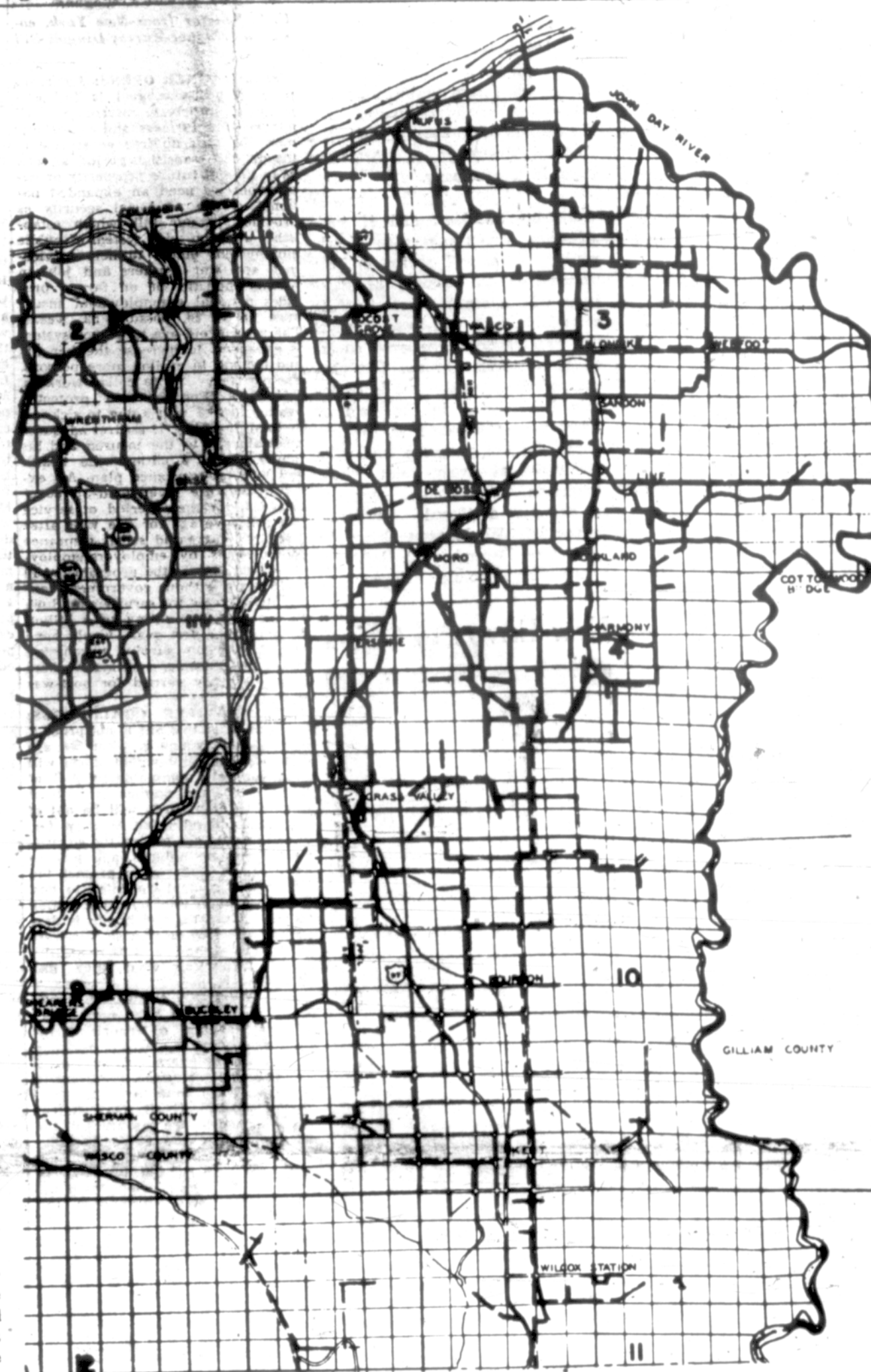
Local boards will authenticate the veteran's discharge papers and mail the application form to SWPC, Colonel Wooton explained, thus saving the veteran a trip to the Portland office or sparing him the need of mailing the application form and discharge papers himself.

In applying for surplus property the veteran must state that he needs the equipment either in his own business or professional or agricultural enterprise, or that he needs it as a condition of his employment. If he qualifies, SWPC will mail him a pink slip certifying that he has preference over other persons in the purchase of desired equipment.

A duplicate slip goes to the RFC disposal agency, which in turn notifies the veteran when and where the equipment he has applied for is available.

Surplus property officials in Portland advise veterans not to apply for cars, however, because there is little hope of supplying more than a few of the 2000 applicants already on file for surplus autos. They estimate that probably only one veteran in 10,000 will ever get a surplus car.

Up to January 12, a total of 6884 veteran applications for surplus property was on file in the Portland SWPC office at 815 Beadell building. In December alone 1536 veterans applied for surplus property. SWPC officials said about \$75,000 worth of equipment is being going to veterans in Oregon, consisting largely of trucks, tractors, bulldozers and other construction materials.



Contract For \$296,845 Approved By Headquarters For Construction of 265 Miles of REA Line

The accompanying map of Sherman county shows the chart of the Wasco Electric company that will service Sherman county with juice under provisions of the Rural Electrification Administration plan.

Contract for building the lines has been let to a Tacoma firm after disagreement over the price. The local agency accepted the bid of \$296,845.25 and the St. Louis headquarters turned it down as excessive. The contractor, the engineer and the president of the Wasco county group went back to Washington and succeeded in having the bid accepted. Work is expected to begin immediately, despite strike conditions.

There are 265 miles of line to be built under the contract of which about 200 are in Sherman county. No segregation is kept at the office between counties and figures are estimates.

Now being served are 19 customers in the Kaseberg country. Soon to be taken over by REA are 18 customers, on the recently bought Locust Grove line. An additional 134 will be served when the lines are extended.

COMMISSION WEIGHS FISH

Fish and game production figures for 1945 show that 13,857,067 game fish weighing in the aggregate 91,854 pounds were released in Oregon lakes and streams from Game Commission hatcheries. Pheasants raised the four state game farms totalled 23,717, of which 11,736 were released in western and 21,961 in the western counties. During 1945 it is hoped to increase these figures considerably as operations are brought back to a normal basis.

Present plans only include the area north of the line of Twp. 3 South, which is just south of Grass Valley one mile. The territory south to Charno will be surveyed and staked later.

Lines on the map are dotted lines, often paralleling roads making them difficult to see. Stub lines are nearly all electric lines. The blacker lines are those already in operation.

Allotment of \$692,000 was made to the Wasco county REA last summer which is thought to be large enough to complete the electrification of the area projected.

Stuart Macnab Marries Former Schoolmate In The Dalles

Miss Evelyn Zodrow, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Zodrow of The Dalles, became the bride of Stuart Macnab, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Macnab of Wasco, at a nuptial mass celebrated this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church, with Rev. Otto Nooy officiating.

Each window was banked with The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose the traditional white satin for her wedding gown, which was made in the princess style, with a long train. Her fingertip veil, edged in lace, was held in place by a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a cascade of bouvardia and stephanotis centered with white orchids.

Miss June Mosey of Portland, maid of honor, was dressed in powder blue net with a matching sequin cap and veil. Her bouquet was of pink rosebuds.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Miss Marilyn Zodrow, and her cousin, Miss Lola Travis of Mount Angel, who wore identical dresses of pink taffeta and carried nosegays of pink carnations. Kenneth Fleck, brother in law of the groom, acted as best man, and ushers were Peter Macnab, cousin of the groom, and Joseph Henricks.

The bride's mother, who assisted in receiving, wore an afternoon dress of black crepe, and Mrs. Macnab, mother of the groom, also in the receiving line, wore an ensemble of black. Each had a corsage of red rosebuds.

The wedding cake which was cut first by the bride and groom, was then cut by Miss Margaret Macnab, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Antoinette Kuther, aunt of the bride, presided at the urn. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. William Wachter and Mrs. Ben Travis.

The young couple left during the afternoon for a wedding trip of several weeks, going to Seattle, where Mr. Macnab will await his discharge.

The groom, a graduate of St. Mary's, attended Oregon College of Education at Monmouth for two years before entering the service. He recently returned to this country, having spent two years of overseas service stationed on Guam. He has been in service with the Seabees for three years.

The bride, also a graduate of St. Mary's, has been employed for the past three years at The Dalles branch of the U. S. National bank of Portland where she was a teller.

The young couple will make their home at Wasco.

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Breakfast Club Starts Where It Left Off In '43.

Appointments Made To
The Committees of the Club
By Executive Committee

Thirty six old members and prospective members appeared for the first meeting of the Moro Breakfast club Wednesday morning when President LeRoy Wright banged his gavel to start the second series of such meetings. The first having been terminated by the war.

Appointments to the vacancies caused in the ranks during the three years of no meetings had been filled by the executive committee. Bob Marvin was named as secretary to succeed C. V. Belknap, retired and removed from Moro, at least temporarily.

To head the several committees the following were named: Public Affairs, Giles L. French, chairman; Arden A. Squire, vice chairman; Community Welfare, Wendell T. Balsiger, chairman; Charles Ruggles, vice-chairman; Agriculture, Merrill Oveson, chairman; Dewey Thompson, vice-chairman; Education, Wily W. Knighten, chairman; Carroll Says, vice-chairman; Legislature, George G. Updegraff, chairman; Collis P. Moore, vice-chairman; Recreation Ernest Woods, chairman; Stanley Coelsch, vice-chairman; Membership, Robert Marvin, chairman; Paul Cyphers, vice-chairman; Finance, B. H. Roberson, chairman; William Close, vice-chairman.

To plan the program for the next meeting, which will be held February 6, Charles Ruggles and Paul Cyphers were named.

Only work of the meeting other than appointments was the survey of the club's history and inception by Wily Knighten and a retelling of the last meetings to bring new members information up to a par with that of the old.

Want To Hunt Coyotes By Air?

Aerial hunting of coyotes again will be sponsored by the Oregon State Game Commission during February and March of this year. Information gathered by the Commission's fieldmen indicate that while the loss of wildlife through coyote predation this season was somewhat less than during the past three or four years, the drain on game populations still is heavy enough to justify further control measures.

The same fliers who operated last season are being employed Dick Bellartine, Redmond; Al Tulse, Bend; Oscar Davis and Roe Davis, Burns. It is possible some new areas may be included and a reconnaissance flight will be made to determine the practicability of aerial hunting in other sections of the state.

The aerial hunting is supplementary to the regular work done on the ground by hunters under the cooperative predatory animal control program supervised by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, toward which the Game Commission, as one of the cooperators, makes an annual contribution of \$12,000.