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Agricultural Defense Council Organized

At the second meeting held in Sherman county within ten days by J. W. Brewer, acting upon request of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, with the approval of President Wilson, an organization was perfected at Moro Wednesday to be known as the Sherman county Agricultural Defense Council by unanimously electing Judge John Fulton president and Arnold Buhman as secretary.

Upon motion an executive committee was appointed by the president, one from each voting precinct, as follows: F. E. Brown, Rufus; Frank Fulton, Biggs; R. C. Atwood, Wasco; J. T. Johnson, Biglow; A. B. Potter, Klondike; W. S. Powell, Moro; Clyde Smith; Rutledge; I. N. Lemon, Grass Valley; J. M. Wilson, Kent.

The purpose of the new organization is to assist the government in securing an accurate farm survey of Sherman county and help adjust the various problems that will arise during the time of war that now confronts the United States.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president, after distributing the various blanks to be filled in by every farmer of the county. As a preliminary to the meeting the names of all farmers had been listed by a volunteer committee and these names were distributed to volunteer workers who agreed to see each one on his list before Saturday night.

Army Y. M. C. A. Day in Moro.

Sunday, May 13, has been designated Army Y. M. C. A. Day in the smaller communities in the State of Oregon. At 11 a.m. a union patriotic service will be held in the M. E. church. The work of the Y. M. C. A. in the army will be presented by the pastor and also a layman from the Presbyterian church, and subscriptions taken.

Distinguished Citizen Passes.

Saturday morning last Sherman county lost one of its most valued citizens in the unexpected death of W. M. Barnett, pioneer farmer, merchant and banker of Wasco, following what was thought to be an operation for a minor malady.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the Wasco opera house, people attending from every section of the county. As a special mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Barnett every business house in the county was closed the afternoon of the funeral and the Masonic lodges of Moro and Wasco attended in a body.

The beauty and number of the floral offerings received from sympathizing friends nearly covered the large American flag that draped the front of the stage.

Honorary pall bearers were John Fulton, David Fulton, R. Dingle, W. A. Murchie, Henry Richelderfer and G. C. Friedley. Active pall bearers were G. N. Crossfield, Fred Blau, E. D. McKee, J. A. Ellis, W. G. Armsworth and J. P. Yates.

W. M. Barnett was born at Yankeetown, Ind., January 27, 1853, and died at Portland, Ore., May 5, 1917. He came to the Pacific coast when about 20 years of age, and soon afterward located near Goldendale, Wash., where he married Sarah E. Golden, moving to near Wasco shortly afterward, in 1879, where he took deep interest in the growth and prosperity of Sherman county.

Mr. Barnett is survived by a widow, four sons and four daughters.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation for the many kind acts of our friends and for their assistance during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. W. M. Barnett and family.

Argument for Good Roads Funds.

The rapid gain in the number of motor cars in the state is indicated by the fact that on May 7th 37,597 cars were registered as against 25,538 at the corresponding time last year. This is a gain of not quite 50 per cent.

During all of last year there were only 33,917 cars registered, showing an increase of 1680 cars for the first four months of 1917 over the entire year of 1916. The number of cars being registered has increased materially the past few days, and there is every indication of a record increase for this year over last. These statistics are from the office of Secretary Olcott.

This reiterates the provision of the bonding measure that interest and sinking fund can be provided for out of the auto license fees without addition to the general tax levy.

Army Y. M. C. A. Work.

Sherman county will be an active participant in the Y. M. C. A. work of the Army and Navy through an organization to be perfected next Sunday at the morning service in the M. E. church.

Under the plan of the national Y. M. C. A. the work is handled from the county seat towns of each county in every state of the Union. The county seat, to avoid confusion, is made the radiating head of all work in each county and is made the executive head for each county with other committees from each section to make up a county executive committee to direct the work undertaken.

The local committee in charge at Moro is L. Barnum, chairman; Rev. Robertson, secretary; G. B. Bourhill, F. E. Fagan, A. M. Wright and N. P. Hansen. A similar committee will be named from each other locality in the county. The chairman of each of these local organizations will automatically become the Executive committee of the county.

To carry on the work by the national Y. M. C. A. this county has been assessed \$500, to be raised not later than next Sunday. Wasco county's assessment was \$1600, and more than \$2500 has been raised in that county to date.

All funds over the required amount will be retained by each county organization to be used as needed for the relief of anyone who enlists from that county in any branch of the government service. The names of everyone who enlists will be collected by the county executive committee and forwarded to the national Y. M. C. A., who in turn will use their funds to assist those enlisting whenever the need arises.

It is the intention to raise a fund of not less than \$1500, including the \$500 that goes direct to the national Y. M. C. A. This fund will be used to take care of any enlisted men from Sherman county who may become sick, wounded, or in need of help of any kind.

All anyone from Sherman county must do to secure this additional aid is to immediately register with the Y. M. C. A. secretary wherever he may be, either in France serving with the army or on board ship in some other country. These places will be maintained by the national Y. M. C. A. at all places where a body of American troops or sailors or other service men may be stationed.

We all know that the United States government will take the best possible care of its soldiers and sailors, but there will come times when men in hospitals will have to be discharged sooner than the doctors in charge would like to have them go, to make room for others who may need hospital attention more than some who are convalescent. The funds now being raised are for the purpose of guaranteeing that any expense the Y. M. C. A. assumes at such times will be reimbursed them. Each man, woman or child who contributes to the fund will be listed. The amount can be made as large or as small as the individual need and circumstances will permit. As the fund is drawn upon for the work it will again be brought up to the amount decided upon so that those directing the Y. M. C. A. will know that all bills that rightfully should be met by Sherman county will be promptly taken care of as the Executive Committee is informed of the need.

The Y. M. C. A. provides a resting place for the men on duty, close up to the firing line, where books, periodicals and reading matter is provided free to all who register. Writing paper, stamps, etc., are included, so that the folks at home know where those they are most interested in are located. Another feature of the work is that through the Y. M. C. A. a direct means of communication with those in need of immediate assistance can receive the aid needed without the weeks of delay that would ordinarily ensue.

Dr. Freeze the Eye Specialist will make regular trips to Moro each month during 1917. Call Moro Hotel.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our relatives and friends who were so kind to us in our sorrow by the death of our loving baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melzer.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S. Moro, Ore., May 10, 1917. Whereas, Will H. Parry, of Seattle, Wash., a citizen prominent in the business activities of the State and Nation, has been called by death, which ever "loves a shining mark;" and

Whereas, unswerving fidelity and devotion to duty, both in his public and private life, were the distinguishing characteristics of a highly successful and honorable career, cut short, alas! at a time when its usefulness and value to the commonwealth were being demonstrated in a remarkable degree; and

Whereas, the high esteem in which he was held by the chief executive of the nation and by the business interests of the Pacific Northwest bore eloquent testimony to the character, talents and life work of the deceased, who was, withal, a faithful and devoted husband, an affectionate parent, a loyal friend and a patriotic and useful citizen; and

Whereas, through the passing of Will H. Parry, our esteemed brother, John M. Parry, has been deprived of the earthly companionship of a kinsman to whom he was bound by strong ties of affection and consanguinity; Therefore,

Be it resolved, That Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O. E. S. of Moro, Ore., does hereby place on record its unqualified admiration and respect for the sterling qualities and unblemished character which marked the life of the deceased, and manifested themselves in all his varied activities on behalf of the State and Nation;

Resolved, further, that the Chapter does hereby extend its loving sympathy to Brother John M. Parry and to all the members of the family of the deceased, being ever mindful of the fact that his example, achievements and good name constitute the most precious heritage transmitted by Will H. Parry to his surviving brother and family, and that, while he has passed from our mortal vision, he still lives in a higher, grander and nobler sphere of activity.

Resolved, further, that these resolutions be embodied in the records of Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O. E. S., that a copy thereof be delivered to Brother John M. Parry and to the family of the deceased, and that a copy be furnished to the press for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Wallan,
Jessie Henrichs,
J. B. Hosford,
Committee.

Plant a War Garden.

Plant a war garden. Patriotism, like charity, may begin at home—in the back yard, the side yard or the front yard, with a spade and a package of garden seed.

Vacant plot gardening has been preached each spring for years. Dwellers have been urged to utilize their waste areas to their own profit and the profit of the community. This spring the issue is put upon a new basis.

This year vacant lots are to be cultivated for the nation's sake. Small gardens are to be recruited for service against famine. One is to garden for one's flag this year, not for one's family alone. Home tillage is raised to a new plane of dignity and usefulness.

In Moro the movement for a wider utilization of home garden plots has been well organized for effective work. The gospel of the vacant lot tillage is to be pushed vigorously, and results already in evidence indicate how ready the community is to enroll in this branch of national service.

Here is one direction where the prevalent shortage of labor has little effect upon production. Home gardens may be cultivated by home talent and with a minimum of hired assistance. It is the utilization of idle hours that counts in this undertaking, and no member of a family above babyhood need be considered too immature to do his share.

The heirs of W. M. Barnett have incorporated, under the state laws, the Barnett Bank of Wasco. The incorporation of the bank from private to state laws tends to a stronger institution and leaves but two banks in the state that are not under the supervision of either the national or state banking department.

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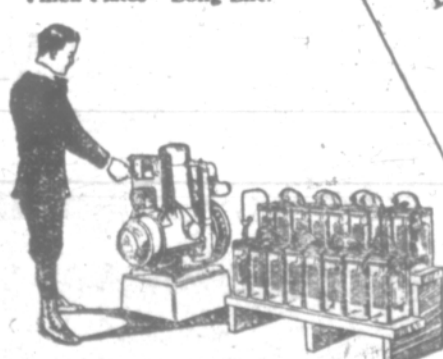
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