

**Oil Tests Expected**

A geological report on oil showings in the Clarno Basin company's drillings at Clarno is expected this week-end. The tools for some time have been coming up covered with an oily film, and the purpose of the report will be to determine the commercial quality of the oil showings. The report will also include an analysis of the practicability of drilling operations, as now being carried on. The well is now down 1095 feet and is in diatomaceous earth of a character similar to that in which most of the California wells have "come in".

**County Budget Adopted**

At the meeting of county taxpayers, held at the court house on December 12 to consider the county tax budget for the year 1930, the entire tax budget was adopted as proposed by the county budget committee.

**Eastern Oregon Wheat Growers Will Meet At Pendleton In January**

At an executive session and luncheon of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League held at Arlington, Oregon, December 7, 1929; the following, among other things, were done: Pendleton, Oregon; January 13, 14, and 15, 1930, was chosen as the place and time for the next annual meeting.

The executive committee went on record as unanimously indorsing the plan of the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., and advising the organizing of locals in this district. The secretary was instructed to urgently request the presence at Pendleton of the following prominent agricultural leaders:

Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie, Wheat Representative of the Federal Farm Board; Mr. Louis J. Tabor, Master of the National Grange; Mr. Sam H. Thompson, president of the Ameri-

can Farm Bureau Federation and Mr. Clarence E. Huff, president of the National Farmers Union.

Committees were named for work at the Pendleton meeting. The committees, together with their chairman and secretary, and including the Sherman county committee members, are as follows:

1. Cooperative Organization—Chairman, John Withycombe, Arlington; Secretary, George O. Gatlin, Corvallis; J. B. Adams, Moro; A. H. Barnum, Moro; G. H. Root, Wasco.
2. River Transportation—Chairman, W. W. Harrah, Pendleton; Secretary, F. L. Ballard, Corvallis; C. R. Sparling, Moro; Clyde Fridley, Wasco; Fred Hennagin, Wasco.
3. Production, Tillage, Seed Supply and Weed Control—Chairman, E. M. Hulden, Blalock; Secretary, D. E. Stephens, Moro; J. F. Peters, Moro; Carrol Sayrs, Moro.
4. Warehousing and Finance—Chairman, W. H. Ragsdale, Moro; Secretary, Dr. M. N. Nelson, Corvallis; Dewey Thompson, Moro; L. J. Davis, Kent.
5. Legislation—Chairman, A. R. Shumway, Milton; Secretary, W. A. Holt, Pendleton; J. P. Yates, Wasco; W. H. Ragsdale, Moro; Corliss Andrews, Grass Valley; L. L. Pectz, Moro.
6. Grain Inspection and Market News—Chairman, W. S. Powell, Moro; Secretary, Roger Morse, Baker; Albert Kaseberg, Wasco; Fred Krurow, Grass Valley.

A valuable addition to the days program was an address by Mr. Jas. J. O'Shea, secretary-treasurer of the National Farmers Union and also president of the Montana State Farmers Union, who was introduced by Mr. C. F. Emerson of The Dalles. Mr. O'Shea described how he and his Montana farmer-brothers were able to acquire and retain larger profits from their labors. The session certainly appreciated the better methods of storing and marketing wheat, which he outlined.

Sherman county was represented at the meeting by Mr. W. S. Powell, W. H. Ragsdale and H. B. Pinkerton, all of Moro. Mr. Pinkerton is secretary of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

**O. S. C. Tells How To Make and Use Fondant**

An abundance of candy, in most American homes, is more essential a part of the Christmas festivities than the traditional holly wreath. And in making Christmas candy, ability to make good fondant has been found almost essential if a variety is desired, as it can be used as the basis for so many attractive confections.

For instance, says Miss Amelia Burns of the home economics department of Oregon State college, it may be shaped into bonbons, with nuts, or candied or dried fruit, on top, or inside. Or the bonbons may be rolled in chopped nuts, coconut, chocolate shot, or tiny colored candies. Candied fruits, or chopped nuts, or combinations of those are sometimes kneaded into the fondant, which is then shaped into bonbons or made into loaves and cut into slices.

Fondant may be colored and used in various ways, says Miss Burns. Two or more layers may be made into loaves, using different colors and combinations of nuts or fruits for each layer, and sliced. A chocolate layer on a white layer, rolled up like a jelly roll and cut gives a pretty effect.

Colored fondant may also be melted and used for coating fruits, nuts, etc., or made into patties of various colors and flavors. Either plain or colored it is often used to stuff dates or prunes, or as centers for chocolates.

To make fondant Miss Burns recommends the following recipe: 2 c. sugar, 1 c. water, 1/4 t. cream of tartar; or 2 c. sugar, 1 1/4 c. water, 2 T. light corn syrup.

Put ingredients in sauce pan and cook, stirring constantly until the sugar is dissolved. Remove the spoon and do not stir candy again during the cooking. When the candy begins to boil, cover the saucepan and cook for 3-5 minutes.

Remove the cover and continue cooking until the soft ball stage is reached (238-240 degrees). From time to time, wash away any sugar crystals which appear on the sides of the saucepan. Use fork or spoon covered with cheesecloth and dipped into warm water.

When done remove from fire and pour at once on a cold wet platter. Cool to lukewarm; then beat until the fondant becomes white and creamy. Add flavoring and knead until the mass is smooth and no lumps remain.

Fondant is better if allowed to ripen 24 hours before using. It is covered with waxed paper and placed in tightly covered jar. It may be covered with damp cloth if it dries out too much.

The amount of swelling determines the amount of water required in cooking cereals. Thus rolled oats, which swell about twice, require twice as much water as cereal. Coarsely ground or whole cereals swell about four times, and finely ground and refined cereals swell from five to six times.

Shortening may be saved by cooking doughnuts in a deep, heavy frying pan.

**Moro School Notes**

**Attendance**

Miss Belshee's fifth and sixth grade room and Miss Pepper's third and fourth grades were winners of the attendance award for the twelfth school week.

**Girls Team Win And Lose Games**

Last Friday night the girls' volleyball team won from Grass Valley with a final score 38-34. This was the first and only winning game they have played this season, for on the following Monday Kent defeated Moro by six points, the score being 34-39. The game with Kent complete the volley ball schedule. Basketball practice will soon commence.

**Boy's Basketball**

With the football season over, the boys are beginning their work on basketball. The prospects for a winning team are bright. Those turning out are: C. Boardman, D. Boardman, C. Burnet, D. Burnet, H. Ragsdale, B. Miller, K. McDonald, H. McDonald, E. Amidon, A. Pluemke, and L. Hastings. The first game is scheduled for the weekend following the Christmas holidays.

**Honor Roll**

Students in high school winning the required twelve points in scholarship, citizenship, and activities to place their names on the honor roll are: Tommy Fraser, Johnny Gentry, Doris Fortner, freshman; Doris Amidon, sophomore; Lois Bryant, Bernard Rice, Charles Burnet, juniors; Lamer Sayrs, Ethelyn Kessinger, David Boardman, Althea Powell, Dean Silver, seniors.

**Honor Roll Awards**

Grade school students winning the honor award were: Isla Gene Brisbane, Clara Mersinger, Ardis Truitt, Vera Henrichs, Lavonne Fuller, Carl Peetz, Floro Williams, Mildred Hansen, Maxine Henrichs, Lois Kenny, Dorothy Fraser, Howard Conlee.

Grade school students winning their reading circle certificates are: Isla Gene Brisbane, Elenor Ann Fortner, Clara Mersinger, Reatha Sayrs, Rodney Truitt, Miss Cole's room; Lavonne Fuller, Gertrude Gillmor, Clinton Kessinger, Frank Sayrs, Bobby Christianson, Beth Mersinger, Miss Pepper's room.

Mary Pinkerton, Melba Thogerson, Doris Morrison, Lois Kenny, Dorothy Fraser, Donald Barnes, Elma Axtell, Hester Henkle, Scott Fortner, Walter Barnes, Helen Strong, Melvin Baker, Evelyn McLachlan, Louise Barzee, Miss Belshee's room; Mildred Adams, Richard Barnes, Miss Scrugg's room.

**"Green Dragon Emerald"**

Don't forget that the Commercial club play, "The Green Dragon Emerald" is to be given at the Legion Hall on December 20. The characters are: Johnny Gentry-Robert Valentine, Josephine Johnson-Coime Ashley, C. Boardman-Ty Lee, C. Boardman-Sam Wentworth, R. Hansley-Milford Ashley, Marie Belshee-Mammy, Dean Silver-Sang Wu, Iva Ruggles-Sui San, Althea Powell-Ah Ming, Clair Adams-Colonel Leighton, Bernard Rice-Mr. James Willis. The play takes place in Peking, China.

The hallways of the school building have been freshly kalsomined. Students are urged to assist in the program of keeping the building clean.

Mr. Hammersley has repaired the steps of the entrance hall with new matting and nosing.

One of the old showers in the gym has been removed and the space made into a locker and dressing room for girls.

On the first morning of the rain the school-bus had a slippery time transporting the pupils. However, the bus now has chains on the front and rear wheels, which helps considerably.

**Moro Scout News**

Scout Troop 6 of Moro enjoyed a lively meeting Wednesday evening. The scouts spent the major part of the meeting practicing marching, Scout physical bearing, and formal opening exercise. For the study hour the entire troop engaged in a judging contest, estimating temperature, weight and dimensions. Scouts are preparing earnestly for the Honor Court to be held during the holidays.

**Contract Held Binding**

If you make a contract with a co-operative organization to deliver your product for handling and distribution, you are bound by such contract and subject to damages for its violation, according to a recent decision of a California court. D. Dolman of Encinitas was a member of the Calavo Growers of California and under contract to deliver to the association all the fruit from his Calavo groves for grading, packing and distribution. The trial showed that Dolman had sold his fruit independently and the co-operative association was awarded \$500 damages and \$100 attorney fees.

Dr. Clarke, Eye Sight Specialist, in Moro, Monday, December, 16th.

**Heavy Rainfall Ends Drouth In County**

A heavy and continuous rain that began late Saturday night and was continuing late Wednesday evening at which time the reading of the government gauge at the State Experiment Station at Moro recorded an even inch of rain for the four day period has broken the long months-old drought that has been the cause of much uneasiness by farmers as to the outcome for the seeded crop.

The reading that brought the total of rainfall to an even inch was taken at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday by M. M. Oveson, assistant superintendent at the station. Mr. Oveson also stated that the moisture in the summer fallow and on the seeded lands at the station taken late Tuesday afternoon, was an average of 5 1/2 inches deep in the ground and that on packed ground it was more.

The rain was yet with us at dark on Wednesday evening, with no indication of ceasing for some days. The continuance of the rainfall will add to the reading made Wednesday afternoon.

The storm was general over Sherman county as well as visiting all parts of the state of Oregon, bringing to an end one of the longest droughts in the history of the Mid-Columbia region.

Coming after such a long dry period, the rain caused tons of rocks to drop from the mountain sides onto the Columbia River highway between Moro and Portland. One slide was reported just west of the Mosier tunnel that blocked the highway for more than an hour, being cleared finally by an emergency crew. Traffic officers and state highway officials issued warning notices to drive slowly around all curves because of large loose rocks that were continually dropping on the traffic lanes.

McKenzie Pass highway was closed to traffic on December 11, by a snow storm and blizzard. The last car to go over the mountain finished the trip by using woolen blankets in place of steel chains to prevent the car wheels from spinning.

**Charges Reduced on Extension Telephones and telephone service connections**

We take pleasure in announcing a reduction in telephone charges, effective January 1, decreasing the cost of service to telephone users in Oregon. These reductions include:

**1**  
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