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## Garrulous, Leisurely, Flippant COMMENT

Although harvest is not over entirely, it is nearly so and probably ninety percent of the combines will be out of the field by the end of this week. It has been a good harvest, one of the best in recent years, as far as weather has been concerned. There has been no rain and few damp mornings to handicap harvesters. It has also been a good harvest in bushelage obtained.

The 92 persons who gathered at Laurelhurst park Sunday to meet Sherman county friends and renew acquaintances had an informal time and an enjoyable one, it appeared. There is never any program, probably because no one would pay attention to it if there was one. Chairman Joe Brackett even had a hard time beating a baby shoe on the table loud enough to get response for election of officers. Then the same ones were kept. "How are you?" "What are you doing?" "Do you remember when?" are oft heard inquiries.

Young folks, we are told, look ahead and old folks look back, so it is the elders who meet in old-time picnics. That may not be entirely true inasmuch as most of us look to our most productive years, our middle age. Youth looks forward to that period and age looks back to it. Yet it is the same time of life we all cherish.

These Midco stockmen who are rushing around trying to get the details of their first purebred stock sale finished before the time of the sale, September 28, are doing something that can be very valuable to the county. In earlier times Sherman county raised the best horses and farmers added to their incomes by selling draft teams. In later years Sherman county draft horses took all the prizes at northwest fairs.

There is no reason why it cannot do the same with cattle inasmuch as the feed, the minerals, the climate are as favorable for the production of fine cattle as for fine horses. It naturally follows that if we can produce the best, buyers will want them. This sale is a means of giving them that chance.

Where are the dietitians and nutritionists who talked so volubly, if not convincingly, about the danger of eating too much? Americans have been told not to eat too much meat, to curtail the use of sugar and to eat less in general. Now that there is lots of money we eat all we can grow.

There are, it must be admitted, plenty of reasons why one should cut down on his eating. Prices are terrible, but there isn't much complaint about it here in this farming community. Nor should there be.

History teaches that steaks are not always going to be 60 to 70 cents a pound, potatoes five cents, cheese 50, wheat \$1.70 just as it is taught that the extremely low prices of ten years ago would not last. One wonders how long it will be until the drop and whether it will not bring other troubles and mal-adjustments.

Parking problems are getting worse now that there is gasoline—and tires after a fashion—and will be much worse when new cars are available. Cities and towns with this problem will likely follow the old custom of parking meters, restricted zones, etc., whereas the habit of business men parking in front of their own stores causes a good part of the difficulty. City councils reluctantly enforce ordinances against good citizen Doe while making laws to bar visitor Roe from the parking spots along the streets. It is easier that way just doesn't help Doe to get business.

The League of Oregon Cities has sent a message to the state tax study commission asking that the state tax on "gambling devices" be repealed and that cities be given this means of revenue. As a matter of fact all such machines are illegal, are against the constitution, have been banned by legislative action and vote of the people. Perhaps cities would levy a big enough tax to curtail them. The machine operators are hardly in position to take the case to the courts.

## Grass Valley Couple Return Father To Home

Mr and Mrs Frank Pike left Saturday morning for Hermiston to return his father, I. D. Pike, his home after working in the postoffice during the vacation of Mrs Wren Hogue. They visited relatives in Pendleton and Pilot Rock before returning home Monday.

Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer and Harry Stark took Olan Stark to The Dalles Sunday when he left for Seattle where he is stationed. Claud Bayer was a visitor at Tygh Valley Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Willard Rolfe are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Kay, born Friday August 23 at The Dalles hospital. The little miss weighed seven pounds and ten ounces.

Irvin Parkhurst went to Tygh Valley Sunday to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain, before returning to his home in Roseburg.

Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and children, Mr and Mrs George Smith and daughter, Judy, Mr and Mrs Joe Bibby, Alton Olds and Jim Jones went to the mountains Saturday to pick huckleberries.

Mr and Mrs L. S. Logan and son, Robert, left Thursday for their home in Oakland, California after spending three weeks here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs J. S. Newcomb. Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain and children of Tygh Valley and Miss Doris Jones of Moro, spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer.

Wayland Weld daughter, Darlene, left last Tuesday for their home in Portland and Mrs Weld left Friday after spending a week with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. S. Newcomb.

Harry Stark, Irvin Parkhurst, Herman and Jimmy Zeigler went to Portland Friday to meet Olan Stark radioman 1-c from Seattle, Wash., who spent the week end visiting his father, Sam Stark and Mrs Stark.

Miss Carol Clodfelter came up from The Dalles last Tuesday to spend a week here with her parents, Mr and Mrs Don Clodfelter. Mrs Jimmy Blagg and children are here from Bingen, Wash., to visit her parents in law, Mr and Mrs J. W. Blagg.

Mr and Mrs Wallace May and son, Clarence, Mrs L. D. May and Mrs Grace Zevely left Saturday for Portland to attend the wedding of Mrs L. D. May's granddaughter, Jane Boyer to Harry Moody of Portland at a 4 o'clock ceremony at the Trinity Episcopal church. Mrs L. D. May stayed for an extended visit with relatives in Portland and Salem.

Mrs Grace Zevely was a business visitor in The Dalles Tuesday.

Jean Zevely spent the week end with friends in Kent.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock, Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mr and Mrs Art Bibby and son, Stephen were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Fairchild of Trail arrived Friday to visit her sister, Mrs Ted Kelly.

Mr and Mrs R. E. LeBlou and family of Terrebonne visited at the home of Mr and Mrs John Rust Saturday evening.

Duane Lemley left Thursday for Corvallis to see about entering OSC this fall.

Mrs Henry Tetz arrived from Pendleton and will go to Portland Wednesday accompanied by her daughter, Jackie, and Miss B. J. Ratz, to spend a few days shopping.

Miss Mary Sayers arrived Tuesday from Beaverton to visit at the Arzell Lemley home and to attend the wedding of Miss Margaret Kock and Dean Pinkerton on Wednesday.

Joh Koepke of Redmond was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Dale Baker and son, Gary, arrived Tuesday from Portland to spend a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs R. J. Baker.

Kenneth Crozier of Kirkland, Washington stopped Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs Maude Garrett, leaving Sunday for John Day, to visit his daughter.

Mr and Mrs Jack Waite of Aberdeen, Washington arrived Tuesday at the Willard Rolfe ranch to visit Robert Rolfe. Mr Waite and Robert were in the service together.

Mrs James Phifer and daughter and Billy Garrett of Shaniko spent Saturday with their mother, Mrs Maude Garrett.

## School Start Scheduled For September 16

### Delay Caused By Shortage Of Teachers and Desire For Uniform Date

The opening of school in Moro Grass Valley and Kent has been postponed until September 16 because of the teacher shortage and other conditions that make the later date desirable.

Not all the teaching staffs have been hired but principals and boards are gradually making up their deficiencies in numbers and there will probably be enough school ma'ams by the morning of the 16th of September.

A meeting of school boards of the Wasco district held last week served to clarify some points about the refusal of the non-high school board to pay an equal sum to Wasco for high school pupils as to Moro. The law makes it mandatory that each school be paid its actual cost if under contract with the non-high board.

A movement was started to consolidate the rural districts with the Wasco district, which, if done, would remove the present argument about where rural districts in that area are going to send their high school pupils.

## Pinkerton-Kock Nuptials Observed

The wedding of Miss Margaret Kock, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock of Grass Valley, to Dean Pinkerton, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Pinkerton was an event of Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. H. G. Hanson of Portland reading the double ring ceremony at four o'clock. The flower decorated community church was the scene of the wedding.

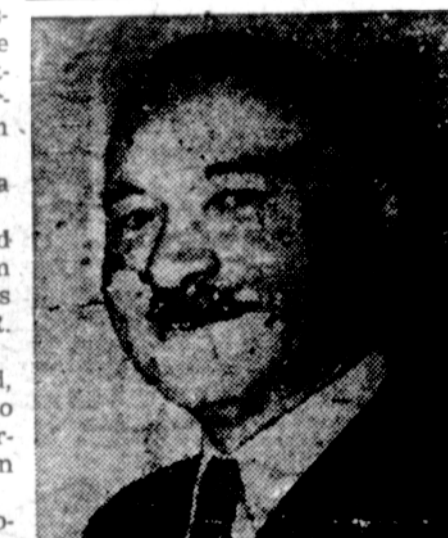
Bridesmaids were Patricia Pinkerton and Allen Nygaard and Mrs Cassie DeCoursey was matron of honor. Maryanna Koch was flower girl and Gerald Koch was ring bearer, Eileen Koch, cousin of the bride sang "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

Allan Pinkerton was best man for his brother and, like the bride's father and the ushers, was dressed in a Tuxedo. Ushers were Bob Boynton, Jarvis Black and Frank Sayers.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the basement of the church where ice cream was served by Mrs Arnold Dunlap and cake by Mrs Walter Kock. Serving were Mrs Theodore vonBorstel, Mrs Robert Boynton, Mrs Marion Crews, Christine and June Koch, Jackie von Borstel, Mary vonBorstel and Mrs Carrell Bennett. The married couple left for a few days trip after which they will return to Sherman county for a short time before going to Corvallis to attend school.

## Veterans Have Chance

Applications for a place in the drawing for 86 units of the Klamath project may be had at the office of Willy Knighten. These units are for irrigated land near Tule lake in northern California. Veterans of World War II are the only ones eligible and these must have had some farm experience and also money enough to operate until crops are harvested.



CZECH AMBASSADOR... Czechoslovakian Ambassador Jura J. Sivik who upon presenting his credentials to President Truman expressed his government's appreciation for the aid given by the United States.



AMERICAN STARS IN ENGLAND... The U. S. Wightman cup team who played in London on June 14 and 15 and captured the big event. Left to right are Miss Louise Brown; Doris Hart; Mrs. Patricia Todd, the only married woman on the team; Pauline Ect; and Margaret Osborne.

## County Pays Claims on General And Road Funds for July

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY 1946 AND APPROVED AUGUST 1946 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT GENERAL FUND:

Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas. General Assistance \$59.75; Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., Old Age Assistance \$146.00; Vernon Elatt, Clerk's expense, \$1.00 and Assessor's office expense \$1.00, \$2.00; C. Mersinger, janitor's salary \$99.97; Joe Peters, Co. Comm., \$5.70; James W. Jones, expense of government trapper, \$50.00. Public Employees Retirement System, employees retirement \$160.62. Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., general assistance \$19.11; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights for courthouse, \$28.23; City of Moro, water for courthouse, \$35.80; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices, \$43.88; Department of Agriculture, sealer weights and measures, \$2.56; Marie Barnett Cooper, indemnity bang's diseased cattle slaughtered, \$6.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney exp., \$17.28; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., Assessor's office \$22.50; Addressograph-Multigraph Corp., assessor's office, \$1.66; Helen Ruggles, Assessor's office help, \$48.00; Thomas R. Hudson, Assessor's office expense, \$2.50; Association of Oregon Counties, Public Lands Committee Dues, \$5.00; Don DeMoss, labor at DeMoss Park, \$9.50; George DeMoss, labor at DeMoss Park, \$3.00; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, board of prisoners, \$4.60; Norman E. Fields, sheriff's office expense \$1.00, Traveling expenses outside of county \$16.08, \$17.08; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., Clerk's office expense, \$19.27; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$40.80; Western Union Telegraph Co., Sheriff's office expense, \$2.09; Willy W. Knighten, Superintendent's office help, \$36.10; West Coast Print & Bind. Co., election \$4.80, Clerk's office, \$42.90, Assessor's office, \$159.80, Sheriff's office \$1.20, \$208.70; Douma's, board of prisoners, \$30.01; Robert V. Fleming, Treas., Superintendent's office expense, \$4.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps for Clerk's office \$10.00; State Industrial Acc. Comm., Peace Officer's protection, \$4.62; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$77.10; Sherman County Journal, Assessor's office expense, \$72.00; Jessie's Flower Shop, flowers for H. F. Peetz' funeral \$8.00.

## CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 1946.

In the matter of claims presented against County General and General Road funds; Claims allowed as presented save and excepting one claim presented against county general fund.

Statement of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of July 31, examined and filed.

Semi-annual statement issued by Sheriff showing tax collections from January 1 to June 30, 1946, examined and filed.

Semi-annual reports of County Clerk and of County Treasurer and annual report of County Clerk presented, examined and filed.

Claims presented pertaining to indemnity for Bangs diseased cattle slaughtered, considered and allowed.

Action on petition of Pacific Power & Light Company for designation of location of contemplated power line along certain county roads deferred pending further consideration.

Certificate of appropriation of funds signed by Court members, certifying a budgeted appropriation of funds allocated for County activities.

Action deferred on the proposed closure of Rattlesnake Grade road.

County Agent authorized to proceed with the purchase of a chemical sprayer for the eradication of noxious weeds.

County Treasurer directed to make disbursements from a Milk Beverage fund for future requirements pertaining to Relief Assistance.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned.

## 4-H CLUB STOCK SALE SCHEDULED AT FAIR

The first statewide 4-H club fat stock action since before the war will be held at the state fair in Salem Friday, September 6 starting at 10 o'clock, announces L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader at O.S.C.

Offered at the auction will be approximately 50 to 60 baby heaves, 100 lambs, and 100 hogs fattened by club members. A sifting committee consisting of livestock judges and packer representatives will inspect all animals to insure uniformly high quality animals to be auctioned.

## Sherman County Crop Old-Timers Meet In Portland

Ninety two persons attended the annual Sherman County Picnic at Laurelhurst park Sunday, August 25 and spent the afternoon visiting. The day was pleasant and the crowd larger than usual. Charles Powell was elected president following Joe Brackett and Mrs Robert Jones was named secretary.

Registering were: Charles Powell and wife, R. C. Jones and family, Gladys Laidlaw, Mr and Mrs E. E. Kaseberg, Dicie Ost, Mr and Mrs Theodore Johnson, Mr and Mrs Fred Hennagin, Mr and Mrs B. C. Baker, Mr and Mrs DeMar Baker, Mrs Edna M. Keas, Mr and Mrs L. W. Michael, Fred Kruasov, W. S. Powell, Mr and Mrs G. H. Root, Mr and Mrs R. H. Johnson and daughter, Mr and Mrs W. E. Woods, C. O. Merchant, Gertrude Spears Merchant, Ed Tomlin Sr., Ed Tomlin Jr. and wife, Leah Sibrav, Allen Murray, Maybel Moore, Mrs N. P. Hansen, Mary Southwick, Mr and Mrs Giles French, Beatrice French Burkitt, Lucy McFarland French, V. L. McFarland, Robert Edinger, Catherine Blood, Mr and Mrs LeRoy Belshee and daughter, Willis Black, Mr and Mrs W. F. McLeod, Mr and Mrs A. Rose, Mr and Mrs W. B. Curry, A. L. Heron, Mrs Gladys Buxton, Thelma Miller, Merle Marlin Coyner and son, Melvin Miller, Loy Cochran, Homer Belshee, Mary E. Brackett, Mr and Mrs E. T. Strong, Mr and Mrs R. L. Michael, Autaw Michael, James Powell, Mr and Mrs Carl Williams, May Belshee, Mr and Mrs John McClure, Mr and Mrs Charles Cowles, Mr and Mrs J. C. Wilson, Mr and Mrs Roy Harbin, Mrs Alata Moore, Mr and Mrs Harry Moore, Mr and Mrs Dale Baker, Eathyl Tassell, Dr and Mrs J. R. Morgan, Ben Peetz, Mollie McLachlin, W. R. Blake.

## County Crop Estimates Increase With Continued Good Returns From South End

Harvest is ending daily for several combines and only two machines are running in the district that hauls to the Moro Grain Growers. A few are still in operation in the fields around Wasco. Around Grass Valley and Kent more farmers are still cutting but a few days will finish the harvest. It seems likely that the county has produced about 2,750,000 bushels of grain although it will be some weeks before the total is computed. Wasco has over a million bushels, Moro over 800,000 and Grass Valley will probably exceed that figure. Private elevators hold well over 100,000 bushels even if not all of them have been used. The total crop, seed and feed included, may reach a considerably larger figure as at least 200,000 bushels will be kept to seed the county's 120,000 acres of summerfallow as many farmers keep enough for spring seeding as well.

## Stubble Burning Bad Says Harvey Miller

Farmers who burn straw and stubble from grain and seed crops are losing valuable plant food, increasing the danger of wind and water erosion, and jeopardizing the conservation practice payments for their farms, warns E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

## Highway Deaths Increase In Oregon

Oregon's highway death toll has soared to 250 for the first seven months of this year, according to Robert S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State.

This is by far the highest fatality cost for the period in the state's history. Rural crashes claimed 72 percent of the dead. Farrell emphasized the rural danger and the rising tendency for fatal accidents to take more than one life.

"Up till recently a fatal accident usually meant one life snuffed out," said Farrell. "Now it often means two, three, four, and even five dead in a single instant."

He warned all who use inter-city roads to be especially on the alert for trouble because late summer is the peak period for rural fatalities. Thirty-eight were killed in July and the August toll is expected to be even higher.

## Protest Voiced Against Court Change

Attorneys of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties met at Arlington recently to form a protest resolution in opposition to one written by a committee of the Oregon State Bar association which favored the elimination of the eleventh judicial district, that consisting of the three counties named.

Other recommendations would have consolidated the Lake county district with Klamath, Sherman would be put in with Wasco, Gilliam with Umatilla and Morrow and Wheeler with Deschutes and Crook under the bar committee report. Opposition to the committee recommendation will be voiced at the bar meeting next week by T. Lester Johnson, county attorney, who will attend.

## MORO NEWS

A brisk east wind blew in Wednesday morning cold enough to put a chill in the air and end the heat wave. Clouds have hung in the sky and the possibility of rain is nearer than at anytime since the start of harvest.

Homer Belshee returned Sunday night from Portland where he had been for a couple of days on business. He is training a six horse team for Tom Fraser to be taken to the Puyallup fair next month.

## COL. JOHN MCGREGOR VISITS SISTER HERE

Col. John McGregor, brother of Mrs Willy Knighten and Miss Ruth McGregor were visitors in Moro from Friday until Monday. Col. McGregor is on terminal leave after serving in the G2 section of the army for several years, during which he has been nearly all over the world. He is leaving the army soon to begin teaching at New York University, where he also practices law.