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Snow Covers Ground At Grass Valley

Grass Valley residents awoke Sunday morning to see the ground covered with the first snowfall of the season, about two inches covered the ground but most of it was gone by noon.

Mr and Mrs Bud Brinkert had as week end guests her parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Crowley, and sons, Fred Jr. and Charles, from Mouthout.

Mr and Mrs Richard Salvadore and daughter, Phyllis Jean, left Saturday for their home in Portland after spending ten days at the home of her brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs James Easter.

Earl Olds and Mr and Mrs Glenn Perry left Sunday on an elk hunting trip.

Mr and Mrs Tom Coyle went to Portland Sunday on business returning home Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison.

Mr and Mrs C. M. Cleveland entertained friends at their home Saturday evening. Those present included Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews, Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson, Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum, Mr and Mrs Arch Cantrall, Mr and Mrs John Block, and Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles. Pinocle was in play at three tables with high scores for the evening held by Mrs Crews and Mr Anderson and low scores by Mrs Anderson and Mr Crews. Refreshments were served at the close of the party by the hostess.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Davis and daughters from Condon spent the week end here visiting his mother, Mrs Louie Davis, and other relatives and friends.

Mr and Mrs Ivan Blagg were dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Schilling Monday evening.

Little Robert Woody, who spent several weeks at the home of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Matt Simon, returned to the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Al Woody in Portland on Sunday with Charles Abel.

Miss Frances Wells and friends from The Dalles spent Sunday visiting at the home of the former's grandparents, Mr and Mrs T. M. Rolfe.

Mr and Mrs Harry Moody of Portland and her mother, Mrs Boyer, of John Day, came up Saturday to spend the weekend with Mrs Boyer's mother, Mrs L. D. May. The boys returned to their home Sunday and Mrs Boyer to her home Monday. Mrs May honored them Sunday with a dinner party. Other guests were Mrs Grace Zevly and Mr and Mrs Ralph Busse and daughter of Moro.

Mr and Mrs Mario Canavero left Thursday for their home in Los Gatos, California after spending about two weeks visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs J. S. Newcomb and other relatives and friends here.

Mr and Mrs Al Geidl arrived Saturday from Vancouver, Wash. to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs W. D. Barnett and other relatives and friends. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs Elizabeth Hartley. Additional guests were Mr and Mrs Ralph Eakin and family of Moro.

Barbara Blaylock spent the weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin.

A Halloween party will be given at the Baptist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock, young and old are invited.

Donald Goff and Lawry Hagman, students of the Multnomah school of the Bible will sing at the morning and evening services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Chet Meeker of Portland spent on Thursday until Saturday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs T. M. Rolfe.

Wasco Meets School Teachers

The teachers' reception held at the school auditorium Thursday evening by the Women's Study club was well attended. The following program was presented: piano solo, Patricia Kaseberg; talk by E. D. McKee; solo, Patty Hilderbrand accompanied by Patricia Kaseberg. Refreshments were served in late evening.

The Tillicum club held its first meeting at the home of Miss Olive Robinson: A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of bridge. The prizes were won by Mrs S. J. Brock, Mrs W. A. Ruggles and Mrs L. E. Dehler.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Bartron (Frances Emigh) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Susan K. Tuesday, October 22 at The Dalles hospital.

Mrs Marian Medler left last week on a vacation trip to Seattle Washington and Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs A. M. Huckin, a member of the Soroptimist club of The Dalles and the delegates attended Saturday and Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Bill Reid of Portland were weekend visitors of Mr Reid's parents, Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid.

Mrs W. R. Reid and Mrs Leonard Lutje were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Rev F. L. Cannell was a business visitor in Portland Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs F. L. Cannell assisted by Mrs L. E. Kaseberg and daughter, Patricia served a 6 o'clock dinner for the Junior League Friday. The evening was spent in playing games.

Mrs Harry VanGilder, Mrs Charles Fulton, Mrs H. M. Zell, Mrs Casha Yates and Mrs F. S. Lamborn were among those attending the Sherman county luncheon in Portland Thursday.

Mr and Mrs Carl Anderson and Mr and Mrs Lloyd McCral and daughter of Pendleton were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr Anderson's sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell.

Mrs Ora Workman entertained the 7th and 8th grade girls and their respective teachers Monday evening with a masked Halloween party, honoring her daughter Janet's 12 birthday. Prizes for the best dressed lady went to Miss Jean Lang. The house was decorated in the Halloween motif, the evening spent in playing games and dainty refreshments were served.

Mr and Mrs D. B. Johnson and sons, Gordon and Kenneth, of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mrs Johnson's mother, Mrs Belle Clothier.

Mr and Mrs Charles Everett returned Wednesday after a couple weeks vacation spent in Portland and Ashland.

Lester Gray spent the weekend in Echo where he visited his father, Dr. Charles Lester Gray. Fred Medler of Portland was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr and Mrs R. M. Johnson.

Mrs Ora Workman and daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Callaway and son were Sunday visitors in Hood River.

Mrs Andy Shearer entertained with a Sunday birthday dinner honoring her daughter in law, Mrs Max Williams.

Mrs Danajean Watkins and Wm. O. Johnson, who have been houseguests of Mrs Watkins' parents, Mr and Mrs S. M. McMillin, returned to Portland.

Taxes Higher All Over; Sherman County Included

Taxes on all property in Oregon, including homes, farms, pastures, skyscrapers and timber, for 1946-47 fiscal year, soared to an all-time high of \$33,280,111 or \$9,083,861 more than was levied in Oregon, 1945-46.

This peak of property taxes was announced by Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., and was compiled from assessors' summaries of taxes levied this year, first quarter payment being due November 15.

Of the \$9,083,861 increase in total taxes this year, over last, tax levies for school purposes accounted for \$6,360,564 of the total. Total local school district taxes, including special voter approved levies, amounted to \$22,134,545. After \$5,000,000 of Income Tax Revenue had been applied as a property tax offset.

Property taxes levied in Sherman county for 1946-47 total \$191,313 compared with \$175,076 for 1945-46. School taxes in Sherman county increased from \$97,921 in 1945-46 to \$111,322 for 1946-47 school year, an increase of 13.6 percent. This amount does not include the county school levy of \$20 per census child, which is included in the general county levy and amounts to \$8,140.

Soil Conserving Methods Shown

The showing of tried methods of soil conservation held in Gilliam and Morrow counties last Friday brought out a crowd of 85 who went over the district and looked over strip cropping plots, grass seedlings in water courses and trashy fallow.

Charles Nish showed the group his trashy fallow and his strip cropping of wheat land. Strips of grain were 180 feet across interspersed with grass. He also had seeded water courses and trashy fallow. Art Jagger had some trashy fallow that met all requirements, being full of stubble through which seeded grain was coming. On the Chris Anderson place near Eight mile the visitors saw an old stand of grass used in strip cropping.

Lutheon was served by the Mikkaio Grange. Speakers at the luncheon were Arnold Bodtker, E. R. Jackman, Roland Kent, Wm. Teutsch and E. Harvey Miller, head of the state PMA, president.

EDMUND STEPHENS VISITS
Mrs D. E. Stephens and her son, Edmund Stephens of Washington D. C. and Mrs Stella Foley were guests of Mr and Mrs E. H. Moore last week while Edmund was in the west to visit his parents. Mr and Mrs Collins Moore and Mr and Mrs Roscoe Moore were also guests at luncheon while the visitors were here.

Mrs Elizabeth Schaeffer left Wednesday morning for Long Beach, California to spend a couple of weeks visiting her grand daughter, Mrs Robert Fairfield, and family.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Thursday, November 7, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 1, 1946
Moro Athletic club organized with officers as follows: L. H. French, president; George Miller, vice-president; L. F. Berry, sec. W. B. Gordon, treas. W. S. Mowry, sergeant-at-arms; Clarence Rutledge, librarian. Club rooms in the Bolton building.

Miss Alice Hansen and Mrs L. V. Moore returned from the Rose City on the 19th.

From the Grass Valley Journal, November 2, 1917
Band reorganized with C. B. Raley, leader, E. flat cornet; B flat cornets, C. Curry, F. L. Derby; M. B. Taylor, C. W. Wallace; trombones, Bert C. Baker, L. E. Clark, W. L. Frymire; Clarinets, C. M. Plyler, Frank Olds; B flat bass, Clarence Scheurer; E flat bass, L. H. Nahouse; bass drum, Mr. Frymire; snare drum, H. Prager; baritone, W. I. Westerfield; altoes J. O. Garrett, M. O. Fraley, Roy Walker and John Odell.

Dick Suhr writes from Brooklyn, N. Y. that he is getting along fine and enjoying life.

From the Observer Nov. 4, 1927
W. C. Ross has rebuilt part of his unused large room in the rear of Rees Confectionery into a 3-room housekeeping flat which he and Mrs Ross will use.

The older group members of the local Campfire girls met, Oct. 27, to elect officers, choosing Lois Bryant president and Josephine Johnson sec-treas. Mrs C. P. Moore was chosen guardian.

Moro Beaten By Condon Team In 14-0 Game

Moro's football team went down to defeat last Friday at the hands of the Condon team by a score of 14 to 0, at Condon.

Condon won the toss and elected to defend the west goal. A high wind was blowing from that direction and Moro could not kick or pass against it and consistently lost ground. Both Condon touchdowns were made in the first quarter while the wind was strong. It moderated somewhat later in the game and although reports are that Moro outplayed Condon in the last half, they did not achieve sufficient superiority to score.

The defeat, the first suffered by the local team, ends local hopes for another chance at the state B championship, which was lost last Thanksgiving to the Reedsport team.

This Friday the Moro team plays Arlington on the local gridiron. Although Arlington has been beaten rather consistently by other teams this year, being a green team of inexperienced boys it may begin playing better ball soon and may be a threat.

Womans' Club Talks Of Public Affairs

The American Citizenship and legislation department had charge of the program at the Moro Women's club October 19th. Mrs Chas. Kenny was director. The measures to be voted on at the coming election were discussed with all the fervor of an old political meeting. Mrs Darwin VanGilder gave a report on taxes in this county, showing how they were proportioned.

The atom bomb was reviewed briefly by Mrs Merrill Oveson, Mrs Darwin VanGilder and Mrs Howard Conlee. This being such an inexhaustible subject an open forum is planned on this later. Husband's night has been postponed indefinitely.

Our district convention will be held in Moro November 13 at the Community church with the morning session opening at 10 a. m. Luncheon will be served at noon in the church basement by Lloyd Johnson.

The State President, Mrs Chandler, will be present also other state officers are expected. At the close of the afternoon session there will be a tea at the club house for members and guests. Hostesses Mesdames Truman Strong, John DeMoss, M. A. Bull, Bernard Martin and Gladys Morrison.

Lester Smith Buys \$7,000 Bull

WHR Aladdin 2nd, outstanding 4-year-old bull, owned and consigned by Aldarra Farms, Seattle, Washington, topped the Boeing-Staley combination sale at Pullman, Washington, October 19th, at \$7,000. This proven sire was purchased by L. K. Smith, Hereford breeder of Goldendale, Washington. During the past three years, WHR Aladdin 2nd has been successfully used in both the Aldarra and Washington State college herds—W.S.C. having been accorded the privilege of using Aldarra sires through the courtesy of Mr. Boeing.

The \$3,000.00 top heifer of WHR Aladdin 2nd, and the \$2,200.00 second top heifer was sired by him. Both heifers were consigned by Washington State college. The first heifer was purchased by Ed Edwards, Hartline, Washington and the second by Pat and Irvin Mann, Adams, Oregon.

In an interview with the Sentinel reporter Mr Smith stated, "I have been looking for a herd sire for a long time. I think I have one now that will justify the splendid livestock opportunities that this area offers. We welcome your visit and inspections."

GRASS VALLEY—WASCO TO HAVE CITY ELECTION

Grass Valley will have a city election November 5. Nominated for office are: A. A. Dunlap, for mayor, Glenn Perry for treasurer, neither of whom have opposition. For the three four year terms as councilmen T. M. Garrett, W. C. Todd, C. W. Fields, B. C. Baumgartner, T. M. Rolfe and R. A. Stow were nominated.

At Wasco a city election is to be held. Nominated for mayor is Lester Johnson; for treasurer, Mrs B. E. Halley; for recorder, Hal R. White and for the six councilmen Jerry Barnett, James Maddox, W. A. Nisbet, Stephen O'Meara, Arthur Smith and Jack Wilson.

No election is being held in Moro as no one appeared to attend the caucus which was to have been held October 8.

Editorial Election Arouses Little Interest Among Voters

Because it appears that there is not complete understanding of all the bills on the ballot, this editorial is written. It presents the writer's studied opinion of the measures for what it may be worth to the readers who will vote next Tuesday.

The first constitutional amendment provides for a longer succession for the governorship, and adds the secretary of state and the state treasurer to the president of the senate and speaker of the house. Because there is some doubt about the term of legislators, the amendment is desirable.

VOTE 300 X YES
The second measure provides for a .45 mill tax for five years for the construction of armories in 22 Oregon towns. The bill was written before Hiroshima. It is doubtful if armories will be so valuable in an atomic age.

VOTE 303 X NO
Third measure is the school district bill, HB 80, which would equalize school taxes on a county wide basis. It raises no more money and does offer some reform for our badly organized school system.

VOTE 304 X YES
Fourth is a constitutional amendment which would permit Chinenmen to own property in Oregon. This would remove an old (and probably unconstitutional) section in our 1859 state constitution.

VOTE 306 X YES
Fifth is a constitutional amendment to permit legislation bills to be passed after reading by title only. In practise it is done now. However, the constitution provides that bills must be read in entirety before final passage. This is a hangover from olden days before typewriters and type setting machines and should be amended.

VOTE 308 X YES
Sixth is a constitutional amendment increasing state senators to 31 from 30. The purpose is to relieve Klamath, Lake, Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties who have but one senator for all Oregon's division of senators is unequal but this is an entirely inadequate way of curing the ills of mal distribution.

VOTE 311 X NO
The last legislature passed a bill closing coastal streams south of the Columbia to commercial fishing. That bill has had the referendum invoked against it and it is seventh on your ballot. It is likely that conservation of salmon will be more easily achieved if you

VOTE 312 X YES
Two measures have been put on the ballot by the initiative. The first would create an old age pension by levying a 3% tax on all kinds of income. Pensions would be as large as the fund would provide but not over \$100 per month. The measure is economically impossible and would handicap all business and industry in Oregon. Every transfer of goods would entail a 3% tax. Wheat, for instance, would under go at least five transfers from farm to consumer, making a 16% tax. There are no exemptions from the payment of the tax, neither labor, cost of goods, taxes nor other expenses.

VOTE 315 X NO
Second, initiated measure is called the basic school bill which would provide a tax large enough to provide \$50 per census school child for purposes of education. Method of raising the money and of distributing it is left to the legislature. Unless some new tax is found and approved by the people this tax will be on property. It will be 14 mills per year. Sherman county will pay about five times as much as it will receive with no assurance of equal educational advantages.

VOTE 317 X NO
The Sherman county court has proposed a tax of \$25,000 for a war memorial for the fiscal year of 1946-47. An error has been committed. It is impossible to levy a tax on the 1946-47 fiscal year as the taxes now being paid are for that year. No benefit can come from passage of this bill and no memorial can come from it.

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Election Arouses Little Interest Among Voters

The election to be held next Tuesday has created little interest in Sherman county where there are no exciting races, in fact no competition at all for local offices.

Interest over the entire state is lacking except in those places where there is a local race that has stirred the blood of partisans and groups.

Betting odds, as good a barometer of returns as any, are said to favor Republicans, whether because of the apparent discontent about national affairs or because the people desire a change.

It is expected that Lowell Stockman will be elected easily over Lamar Townsend, who has the position opposite him. Stockman has served two terms in congress.

Earl Snell is opposed by Carl Donough. Considering Snell's long standing popularity in this district and county there seems no danger in prophesying his return to the governorship.

Robert Farrell is very fortunate in his opposition, the Democratic nomination having gone to Dave Epps, a young man with an "ultra-liberal" background, without governmental experience. For commissioner William Kimsley, Republican, and Ralph Peoples, Democrat, are contestants and indications are that Kimsley will be given another term.

There is no competition in the race for state representative as Henry Peterson of Morrow county and Giles French of Sherman county have nominations of both parties.

Competition failed to appear against any of the county officers which presages the election of Norman Fields as sheriff, Naomi VanGilder as treasurer and Joe Peters and Vernon Miller as commissioners.

A county measure referred to the people by the county court might have created interest and opposition had it been workable. As it is no tax could be levied under the terms of the measure whether carried or not. Inasmuch as its supporters have abandoned it, it is certain of defeat.

The nine measures on the general ballot have created some interest. Discussion of them may be found in another column.

John Engstrom Interred at G. Valley

John Engstrom was born in Finland, May 4, 1874, and came to Astoria, Oregon in 1906. He had lived in Grass Valley since 1910 and farmed southwest of Grass Valley until several years ago when he moved to Grass Valley, where he lived until his death in The Dalles Saturday, October 26, 1946 at the age of 72. He had been ill for over a year.

Surviving are his wife, Amanda, one brother and one sister in Finland and one brother in San Pedro, California.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. from the Baptist church in Grass Valley. The Rev. Howard Schilling officiated. Mrs Willard Barnett and Orville Ruggles sang accompanied at the piano by Mrs Ruggles, Paul-bearers were R. J. Baker, W. C. Todd, J. W. Blagg, Herman Ziegler, Art Schilling and J. S. Newcomb. Arrangements were under the direction of Spencer and Libby funeral home with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley.

SHERMAN COUNTIANS MEET IN PORTLAND

An enjoyable event occurred on October 24 when a no-host luncheon was held at the House of Hicks in Portland, attended by ladies, who are former residents of Sherman county or are now residing there. Arranging hostesses were Mrs Lynne Michael and Mrs H. D. Proudfoot. The luncheon was followed by visiting and bridge, the draw prize going to Alice Anderson and the bridge prizes to Mrs May Belshé and Mrs Fred Hennagin.

Those present were Mesdames Alice Anderson, C. F. Barbour, May Belshé, W. Ray Blake, Leslie Blakney, Walter Bleu, Joe Brackett, Gordon Brown, Wayne Darity, J. B. Davis, Kenneth Ferguson, Fred Fortner, Scott Fortner, Charles Fulton, Wesley Fuller, Fred Hennagin, Augusta Huckin, Pat Kelly, Frank Lamborn, John McClure, W. F. McLeod, Lynne Michael, William Mills, Lawrence K. Moore, Guy Pound, H. D. Proudfoot, Esta Powell, Ota Royse, Lena Searcy, Harry VanGilder, W. H. Williams, Dewey Wade, John Wilt, R. Wittenberg, Casha Yates, and Hildred Zell.

Another luncheon is planned for December 5, for which reservations may be made with Mrs W. Ray Blake, 3653 N.E. Davis Street, Portland. Associate hostesses will be Mrs May Belshé and Mrs W. F. McLeod.