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These Things We Note

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This has been a good year on the Hart Mountain game refuge, says Stanley Jewett, federal biologist. There is a big crop of young antelope, more than ever before. There seemed to be lots of deer also. And sage hens are getting thick on the protected area, old cluckers as big as turkeys, watch the visitors drive by without fear, for no guns are permitted on the refuge.

The Order of the Antelope is probably one of the most peculiar organizations in the country. Its beginnings came from interest in wildlife and establishments of refuges for game that was being depleted. Members meet some Friday in July and proceed to the mountain Saturday morning where they do absolutely as they please for a day or more. Guides will take them out on the old lake beds or up the mountain and explain the geology and wild life on the trip. Many never go preferring to lay around camp and talk. There's a conversation on every subject.

Officers are elected every year but there's no constitution to give them duties or obligations. The near by Chambers of Commerce apparently do most of the work, which amounts to caring for the camp and hauling tremendous quantities of food over the 90 miles from Lakeview. Frank Jenkins of the Klamath Falls Herald and News says the days are mostly spent cementing old friendships, which is as sage an observation as has been made and for men of the age of the average Antelope that is an important thing.

It looks as if July was going to beat June for wind. The spring wasn't so bad, never as bad as summer, in fact, but several days since the start of harvest have been pretty windy, a sort of a nuisance, too, especially to those half bit farmers who are hoping that wheat heads will remain hanging on the stem until harvesting can be done. Every head that falls is that much lost, and they're hanging by a small shred of battered stem.

Morrow county seems to be the worst hit of the nearby counties in the recent hail storms. Gilliam and Morrow had a storm the Thursday before the big Monday storm that hit the entire area. Gilliam county reports a loss equal to that of Sherman and Morrow lost 18,000 acres according to observers. Total damage is almost 40,000 acres which is as much as some counties have plowed.

It seems odd, and many refuse to believe it, but the little wheat counties have more tilled acres than any other part of Oregon. Umatilla county is first and although Sherman is normally second, Morrow now has that distinction having put more land in crop since the war and good rainfall. Although many counties are larger, nearly all are, yet there is more actual farm land per county in this mid-Columbia area.

Black, red-necked buzzards are common in some parts of Oregon and may be seen along highways where motorists kill unwary jack rabbits. The black tailed hawk seems to be an especially easy target for automobiles and his flattened remains make food for the buzzards.

Although the usual name is turkey buzzard this species is all black, two or three times as big as a crow and with red wattles on a small head. He's not pretty but he may serve a purpose as long as the rabbits continue their suicidal habits along the highways. And that may be a long time for rabbits are one thing that can live in our drier and higher sections.

A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro Thursday July 31, 1947, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Harvest Returns Good, Estimate Still 2,500,000

As harvest continues it brings increased knowledge about the size of the county's wheat crop and while the estimate of 2,500,000 bushels still stands there is more inclination to reduce it than to increase it.

Good yields are reported from areas which usually obtain them but rather poor yields are also reported. These come from some sections that were expected to produce more grain than is being harvested.

Few fields are reaching 40 bushels per acre and the ones that looked best are making between 30 and 35 with many doing 25 bushels or less.

Barley has given many yields varying from 1500 pounds to over a ton and a half, and this year will probably be a better paying cash crop than wheat.

Weather has been fair and most machines are getting good acreage meaning that within a week or ten days many machines will be through with their run.

SIX GOING TO EOCE

Six students from the Moro area have been accepted as freshmen at Eastern Oregon College for the fall term, 1947, announcement was made recently by Lyle H. Johnson, Registrar. Harold Barton, William Platt and Robert Hoskinson are registered in agriculture, and Herman Ziegler Jr. will take work toward a major in physical education. David Bayer and Keith Bayer from Grass Valley will commence their work in the agriculture program on September 22.

County Court Approves End of Locust Grove Precinct

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE 1947 AND APPROVED JULY 2, 1947 TERM OF COUNTY COURT.

GENERAL FUND:

Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., General Assistance \$68.71; Counties Cricket Control, 377.14; Union Pacific Railroad Co., freight on supplies for Assessor's office, \$1.00; County Clerk Wasco County, Sherman County's proportionate share Wasco-Sherman Public Health Unit, \$400.00; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; Vernon I. Miller, county commissioner, \$9.00; Joe Peters, county commissioner, \$11.20; T. Lester Johnson District Attorney expenses, \$140.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone all offices, \$41.85; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, \$34.03; C. Mersinger, courthouse supplies, \$9.95; Barney Honald, time and material on Memorial Board, \$27.50; Bob May and Son, courthouse supplies \$60.80; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$7.15; Clerk's office expense, \$0.40, \$7.55; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps Clerk's office, \$7.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. box-rent due for quarter ending 9-30-47, \$3.15; First National Bank with-holding tax, \$73.90; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement fund, \$141.81; Mrs. Catherine Monroe, Sup't office help, \$18.00; Anajean Knighten, Sup't office help, \$62.20; Katie Geiser, Sup't office help, \$1.00; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, board of prisoners, \$22.65; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Sup't office, \$58.05; Sheriff's office, \$32.20, \$81.25; Dr. T. L. Hyde, insanity hearing, \$5.00; Department of Agriculture, Sealer, weights and measures, \$2.50; Chas. R. Logan, audit of county books, \$155.90; The Frank Shepard Co., Shepard's Oregon Citations, \$7.50; United States Pencil Co., Sup't office expense, \$14.23; The J. K. Gill Co., Sup't office expense, \$7.76; Youth Service, Inc., Sup't office expense, \$2.50; Willy W. Knighten Teachers Institute Fund, \$80.00; Willy W. Knighten, stamps for sup't office, \$9.06; Willy W. Knighten, expenses to Sup't conference, \$34.40; Willy W. Knighten, School Library Fund, \$40.70; Willy W. Knighten, Sup't office help, \$18.00; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection, \$4.23; Orville Ruggles, Bane's diseased cattle slaughtered \$40.00.

JUDGES AND CLERKS, FOR JUNE 20, 1947 SPECIAL ELECTION.

RUFUS PRECINCT NO. 1

S. A. Wilson \$4.96; H. H. Brackett 11.96; Berneice Morris 4.96;

Witch Finds Spot Over Underground Water, He Says

Stanley Sweet, water witch of Wasco, went over the land adjacent to the city well Tuesday evening with the following results. He located a spot in John Lamb's garden under which he says there is a stream of underground water from which the city could pump 100 gallons per minute from a depth of 200 feet.

He also found the stream previously discovered by Jacob Wassensmiller of Grass Valley, which he says could provide 80 gallons per minute from a depth of 150 feet.

Several observed the procedure. Action on the part of the city will depend on the decision of the council at the next meeting when information as to cost of additional storage and bigger pipe lines will be available.

FARMS, TOWNS GETTING ELECTRIC CURRENT

The report of the Wasco Electric company of The Dalles whose lines are being pushed into Sherman and Wasco counties reports that the Electric Construction company, which has the contract for the north part of Sherman county, has received two carloads of wire or enough to care for all the demands of the contract.

The current has been turned into Antelope and Shantiko and as soon as wire can be strung other parts of the county will be electrified.

Lines are also being wired in Wasco county, Bakesoven and areas outlying from Dufur and Maplin are soon to have electricity.

Wheat Loan Rate Gives \$1.98 Price, Portland

Wheat loans are being made to the few persons who have grain in shape to borrow on and these are increasing every day.

Rate on which these first loans are made is \$1.98 Portland for No. 1 Soft White, which means a loan rate of \$1.875 at Biggs, of \$1.869 at Rufus, Wasco and Klondike, of \$1.863 from Hay Canyon to Grass Valley inclusive and a rate of \$1.853 at Bourbon and Kent.

Final action on these rates has not been made by whatever agency is empowered to make loan rates but anyone having wheat in position for a loan may obtain one at these rates.

Procedure on them varies little from that which prevailed formerly.

Due to the uncertainty about the price of wheat during the period of waiting to see what the corn crop is going to total, it is expected that more loans than usual will be made this year. The price of wheat continues to climb on the markets. The price of livestock is such that high priced feeds may be fed to steers and hogs this fall. Furthermore the government is booming the market to get immediate delivery on grain being sent to Europe. Possibility that these factors will result in a higher price for wheat is causing more interest in loans. However, should there be a termination of one or more of these conditions the opposite effect would prevail.

Bardenhagen Home Scene of Shower

Mrs. Klaus Bardenhagen was hostess at a bridal shower in honor of Miss Frieda Buether last Wednesday afternoon. The shower was held on the lawn against a background of petunias and delphinium. A short program at which Miss Marie von Borstel sang, "I Love You Truly" and Mrs. Martha Bardenhagen played "Dejaque" preceded the opening of the gifts. Refreshments of ice cream and angel cake were served later in the afternoon. A large group of more than fifty ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bell and family of Gary, Indiana were visitors for several days last week at the Theo. von Borstel home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gunterberg and daughter, Edwardine, and grandson, Kenny Mike of Chicago were overnight visitors Thursday at the Theo. von Borstel home.

C. J. Kulick returned from Portland Sunday to work in the harvest at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel.

Miss Mary Bowman who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel left Sunday to work through harvest for Mrs. Millard Aiken.

Frank von Borstel spent Wednesday through Saturday in Portland in attendance at the Elks convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rohde of Terre Bonne were dinner guests last Wednesday at the Frank von Borstel home. Mrs. Rohde accompanied Mrs. von Borstel to the shower in honor of Miss Buether.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and sons Jack and Frank Jr. motored to Madras a week ago Saturday to be present at the Grand opening of the Madras Legion hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett were overnight visitors at the Bill Jeffries home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Carle and children Marianne and Eddie of Walla Walla, Wn. were visitors from Friday through Sunday at the Justesen home. They were en route to California.

Mrs. Theo. von Borstel was honored by a dinner party composed of immediate family last Wednesday evening to celebrate her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and daughter were present.

Sunday supper guests at the George Howell home were Millard Howell, Ray Bolce, Georgia, Frances, Janet, and Paul Woods, Trevelyn Ellis, David, Bobby and Howard Howell.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Harley McKay were Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay, Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and E. C. Smith.

Warren Norton and Richard Able, motored to Madras Sunday. Bobby Howell, son of Marvin Howell of Lyle arrived Saturday to spend the summer at the Harley Howell home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson were dinner guests at the J. H. Wilson home in The Dalles last Monday.

OWNERSHIP COMING WEST

Plans for transfer of Pacific Power & Light company's common stock ownership from New York to the Pacific Northwest and for the ultimate establishment of the company as a unit of an independent regional utility system were announced today in a joint statement released by Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific and Kinsey M. Robinson, president of the Washington Water Power company, Spokane.

The announcement was made concurrently with the filing of applications with the Securities and Exchange Commission at Philadelphia and the Washington Department of Public Utilities at Olympia for approval of the first step in the program—the contribution by American Power & Light company to Washington Water Power of Pacific's common stock, 11 of which is owned by American.

McKee and Robinson expressed hope that when American Power & Light sells the common stock of the Washington company a large part of this stock might be purchased by citizens of the region. A majority of the preferred stocks of the Pacific and Washington companies now is owned in the Pacific Northwest, representing some 6,000 individual holders.

Wind Whips Dust Through Town As Fallow Blows

A high wind Friday caused the summerfallow fields that were flattened by the hail and rain of last week to start blowing and several farmers had to unhook from combines and hook on to tillage tools to stop the blows. Many hundreds of acres were gone over the last days of the week and cutting of grain was slowed.

The dust blew over—and through—Moro causing distress to housewives whose houses were not proof against the fine silt that comes from summerfallow after a heavy rain. At times it was impossible to see a block.

RUFUS PRINCIPAL HOME FROM CONVENTION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams and family returned to Rufus Friday evening from an extended trip to the east. Before attending the N.E.A. convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Williams was a delegate from the area including Washington D. C. and New York city. While in Virginia they took the Skyline Drive through the Shenandoah Mts. and paid a visit to the beautiful Luray Caverns. They saw several places of historic interest such as Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington Cemetery and Valley Forge. Mr. Williams met his brother in Cincinnati who was also a delegate to the convention from Pahala, Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Smith of Gardiner, Oregon were visitors last week at the Leonard Jordan home. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Jordan.

Mrs. Leonard Jordan attended a postmaster meeting at Arlington Saturday night. A banquet was held at the Hotel Welcome with Mrs. Beatrice Scoggins, as host postmaster. The guest speaker of the evening was C. L. Kramer from the Portland Central Accounting office.

Mrs. Wycliffe Rice and Mrs. Fay Brackett gave a birthday party Friday afternoon at DeMoss Springs for Mrs. Rice's son, Vincent. Guests were Dottie Steward, Elaine Eaton, Jerry and Joan Brackett, Arnold and Don Miller and Jessie Rice.

Ernest Jordan of The Dalles is visiting his son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Foltz will take over Popular Grove service station on the 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brand were the former managers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kenny of Moro were visitor at the W. A. Morris home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck spent several days last week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Addington of Dufur visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Herin last week end.

Miss Shirley Herin returned last week from Fossil where she has been visiting her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearson and family of Corpus Christi Texas but in Portland during the summer, were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. Pearson's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald.

Mrs. C. A. Tom took her nephew Bobby White, to his home in Willows after spending a week at the C. A. Tom home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Reil, all of Portland are visiting at the James Fox home this week.

Mrs. Alta Smith and daughter Darlene visited in Goldendale Monday.

Mrs. Ben Andrews became suddenly ill Saturday and was taken by ambulance to The Dalles hospital. Latest reports are that she is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth VanTassel and family of Gardiner were visitors last week at the home of Mrs. VanTassel's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Tate. Their daughter Evelyn, remained here to help Mrs. Tate during the harvest season.

Leland Medler was taken to the Veteran's hospital in Portland Wednesday. Mrs. Medler is there with him.

A large crowd attended the dance at the Rufus Grange hall Saturday night.

Ambulance Here Ending Campaign For Funds

The Sherman county ambulance was brought up from Portland Wednesday by Darwin Van Gilder and Glen Virtue, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sponsors of the money raising campaign that made the purchase possible.

The vehicle is a regulation army Dodge ambulance with a new motor, five tires, two sets of chains and four stretchers. Operating parts of the ambulance are in good condition according to the men who brought it up and it will be possible to put the body in more presentable shape with some paint. The faded army khaki and a few dents here and there give it a rough appearance but are minor, and easily made new.

The machine was used in the Hawaii Islands, has been driven about 20,000 miles and cost \$810, all of which is paid. The equipment will be kept in Moro and used whenever needed in the county.

Although the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the campaign for funds many other groups raised money for the fund.

Mrs. Susie I. Hastings Buried In Vancouver

Funeral services for Mrs. Susie Hastings were held at Vancouver Tuesday following her death July 18 at the age of 74. Mrs. Hastings was long a resident of Sherman county.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. L. L. Dunn and Mrs. Chas. Cunningham of Vancouver and Everett Hastings of Vancouver and Lewis Hastings of Wasco, four brothers, Marshall, Henry and Fred Smart of Seattle and Charles Smart of Montana, two sisters, Mrs. Nora Dodd, Spokane and Mrs. Anna Glasgow, Oakland, Cal., seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Palko of Richmond, Cal., who are on their way home from a vacation trip to Lake Louise were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Meara. The men were in the same company in the army and were together all during their time in the service.

Mrs. Clarence Morrison's nephew, Roy Brasher, arrived Sunday from Burns, Ky., to work in harvest. He plans an indefinite stay, day in Portland attending the Elks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morrison had as luncheon guests Friday, Mr. and Mrs. George Wernmark of The Dalles and their niece, Ann Lee Wernmark of Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon Fields and Bob Belknap were in Portland last week to attend the Elks convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and sons of Spokane were Sunday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hastings left for Vancouver, Wn., called by the death of his mother, Mrs. Susie I. Hastings. Services were conducted from Knappa Funeral home there at 10:30 Tuesday July 22.

A guest at the home of Mrs. Anna Lee is her sister, Mrs. Hannah Henrichs of Clarkston, Wn., who will be here for an extended visit.

Mrs. E. Glasgow of Spokane and Mrs. Hattie Farrell of Valley Falls, Kan., visited several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dutton.

Mrs. Howard C. Edwards and children of Orchard, Wn., spent several days last week visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Meara.

Kenneth Blau went to Portland by plane to attend the Elks convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morrison returned from Portland Thursday evening where they had been for several days attending the Elks convention.

Miss Jackie Stockdale of Santa Cruz arrived here Friday to spend a few days with relatives. She is visiting at the homes of Mrs. Peter Macnab, Miss Patricia Kaseberg and Mrs. G. H. Root.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baisiger and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wright went to Portland the first of this week for a few days.