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These Things We Note

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While the first of our series of world wars was going on Edger Lee Masters, a young man of Illinois began writing some poems in blank verse for a small poetry magazine published in St. Louis by W. M. Reddy and called "Reddy's Mirror". They so well suited the frankly critical sentiment of the times that they became famous and were published as "Spoon River Anthology" inasmuch as they purported to be little life histories and character sketches from the cemetery of a small Illinois town or towns. Most discerning, some of them, for Masters could delineate a character briefly and pointedly.

Of one Lucius Atherton he says, after some historical data: "A gray untidy, toothless, discarded rural Don Juan. There is a mighty shade here who sings of one named Beatrice. And I see now that the force that made him great Drove me to the dreags of life."

One never knows where one may encounter a sample of some one's wit. In a magazine about printing a word elinger offers the following as being the "right" adjectives to define the stages of drunkenness — jocose, verbose, morose, bellicose, lachrymose, comotose.

Ernest Haycox, engaged in writing another book about Oregon, is interested in knowing the exact location of the Dalles to Canyon City road at the time of the Canyon City gold rush which was in the early 1860's. Now it looks like that would certainly be down in some of the public records someplace. But apparently it isn't for roads in those days were not public matters such as they have become in these days of county courts and highway commissions. Folks wanting travel just went. Maybe the next one followed his tracks and maybe not.

John Y. Todd built the first bridge across the Deschutes river at Sherars in 1860 but the exact location of it is not now known. M. Z. Donnell remembers Mr. Todd, who was a short heavy man and rather ebullient by nature. When introduced he used to say "John Y. Todd, by G., that me". Joseph Sherar, who followed Todd in the ownership of the bridge after several others, was a different sort of man, huge and sober and stern. He it was who was able to get the grades that led to his bridge built and kept up. Indians would work for him and fighters could always get over his road. They paid for it all at his bridge for Sherar was there on the porch of his big hotel exacting toll. Excuses didn't go very well with Sherar although he was not ungenerous to those in real need and he helped many families, it is said, with food.

Not many got by him although an occasional one might whip up his horses and go rattling past the porch to turn up the grade toward Tygh ridge without paying. Sherar usually went after them. Dave McKelvey, according to an old tale, sometimes ran by, but Dave feared no one.

"I walked a mile with Pleasure. She chatted all the way. But she left me none the wiser For all she had to say."

I walked a mile with Sorrow And never a word said she. But Oh! the things I learned from her When Sorrow walked with me."

Sheriff Fields reports that the secretary of state has informed him that driver's licenses numbered from 68,000 to 99,000 will expire during August and holders will be expected to have them renewed in that month.

Rain Halts Cutting Three Days; No Direct Damage

Rain fell several nights last week, finally culminating in a storm Saturday that stopped all harvesting in the county. Additional rain Sunday made it impossible to thresh until Wednesday afternoon. Kernels were soft and the elevator managers would not permit grain to be received for storage.

At the experiment station in Moro .38 inch fell. At Grass Valley there was .55 inch and a larger fall was reported at Kent.

No direct loss was sustained by the rain other than the delay in threshing, but the skies remain cloudy and rain showers were predicted for Thursday by the weather bureau. Warm weather indicates that the rain may not be entirely over.

Very few farmers had finished their cutting and many of these were men who had been hailed out and had little to cut.

Good reports of yields continue to be prevalent and indicate that west of Wasco 40 bushels or more is common and that much of the land east of Wasco is making 30 bushels although this does not apply to know this land.

Rufus News Told

Visitors in the home of Mr and Mrs Williams Myers last week were: Mrs. Thelma Myers of Sunset Beach, California, Earl Bozarth and daughter, Edna of Alberta, Canada and Mrs. Jessie Myers of Portland. Friday they motored to Umatilla to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ronald Klock and daughter Patty Lou of Portland have been visiting in the W. A. Morris home during the past week. Mrs. Klock is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Morris.

Mr and Mrs Ray Dean of Yakima and Zula Currin of Portland visited on Saturday at the home of Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. Frank Adams and children of Arlington were at the W. A. Morris home Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Ron Klock.

Mr and Mrs Herb Church were visitors in Neskowin and Portland last week.

Miss Susan Young of The Dalles visited Patty Lou Klock at the W. A. Morris home last week.

Mr and Mrs Robert Byrd visited in Goldendale, Wash., Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs Joe Morris and son Wally Joe attended a dinner Sunday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs M. Duffy in The Dalles honoring the double engagement of Mrs. Morris' brother and sister.

Miss Shirley Yocum was taken to The Dalles hospital Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs Earl Pearson of Portland came Sunday evening to visit Mr Pearson's sister and family; Mr and Mrs W. H. McDonald.

Miss Barbara Elliot of The Dalles is visiting Dottie Steward this week.

Mrs. Harry Hydorn and children moved to Biggs last week from Baker. Mr Hydorn is stationed at Huntington and comes home week-ends. Johnny Matheson went to Baker to move them.

Ernie Edgels is working for Fay Brackett during the harvest season.

Joe Morris and Luther and Howard Steward were fishing in the Deschutes Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Macnab of The Dalles visited their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Stuart Macnab Monday.

Mrs. Leonard Jordan, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Jordan and Mrs. Vaughn of The Dalles motored to Hood River Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Stranaghan.

Harold Dingle of Spokane visited in Rufus last week.

Miss Bergliot Flaten, Peter Flaten and Bill Domries all of Portland were at the D. D. Williams home during the week-end.

Mr and Mrs D. J. Herin and daughter Shirley were Sunday dinner guests at the Vernon Miller home.

Mr and Mrs Eldon Mouser and daughters, Judy and Kathy, of Portland visited during the weekend in the Ross Gullford home.

Mrs. C. A. Tom and daughter,

Weed Treatment Held Effective Although Small Part of Weed Area Being Treated

Treatment of perennial weeds with variations of 2-4-D is going on in the county despite the harvest season, although it is probable that the best season for killing morning glory with chemical has passed for this year, according to L. C. Wright, county agent.

After the grain is cut the weed often makes a new growth because of exposure to the sun and reduced competition. Killing is often thought possible at that time.

Mr Wright says that some forms of the chemical have produced kills of 90 to 100 percent, when applied at the rate of 2 pounds of the acid per acre. About 30 gallons of water are used for such treatments. When one pound of the actual acid is used the kills range from 60 to 75 percent.

Chemicals put out by different firms vary in percentage of acid in the gallon and it is necessary to put 2 pounds of actual acid on each acre for greatest effectiveness.

Farmers treating from now on on summerfallow may find imperfect germination of seed, warns the county agent.

To date the local belief is that Isopropyl Ester of 2-4-D has been the most effective. This week spraying was done on the Hugh White place with two brands of Amine acid of 2-4-D.

White Top had not been killed by the treatment but good kills on some fields of Russian Knap weed has been achieved. Reports from other counties of White Top kills perhaps resulted because of other conditions of soil and climate.

Best conditions are comparatively high temperature, as thermometer readings of over 85 degrees are found best. Condition of the plant as to growing is also of importance and moisture content of the soil has not been found important in local tests.

Mr Wright estimates that there are 65,000 acres affected by morning glory in the county with approximately 10,000 acres covered solid with the perennial. Estimates of treatment applied indicate that not over 2000 acres have been treated this year, a condition that will hardly halt the spread of the weed.

When a one pound of acid per acre solution is used it is possible to kill all annual weeds, which gives farmers an opportunity to eradicate all annual weeds in a few years if they avail themselves of it while financially able.

There will be an equipment show of weed sprayers and dusters at the fair grounds September 25 if the many companies invited to demonstrate and show their equipment will attend.

Pump Expected For Fair Ground Well

A new Peerless turbine pump is being placed in the fairground well this week with an estimated 40 gallon per minute flow from a depth of 375 feet. The new pump will be powered by a 7 1/2 horse power motor and will, it is expected, provide the water for the well provides the water, furnish all the water needed at the fair grounds and thus relieve the city of its greatest drain on water supply.

The pump was to have been installed Tuesday but the crew was delayed for a few days.

TYGH FAIR OFFERS

The Tygh Valley fair association has announced that it will have a Sherman County Special race on September 13, Saturday of the fair there, and that a purse of \$100 has been set aside. A consolation race for the Saturday entrants may be put on Sunday for a purse of \$75 with winners eliminated from the start.

The Tygh Valley fair is being held September 12-14 this year and two days of racing are planned.

SHANIKO

Attending the funeral for John Malone of Antelope Saturday were John Reeder, Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees, Frank Wagner, Alex Matheson, James Robertson, Peter Robertson, Duncan McLennon, George McDonald, James Mullarky, Arthur Schmidt and Frank Harris.

Miss Margaret Olsen spent Friday and Saturday at the Borthwick home at Antelope returning Sunday and leaving for Madras with her father, Ivan Olsen who was here to see his daughters, Barbara and Carol.

Miss Pat McCulloch is visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs W. T. Guyton at Dufur this week.

Mrs. Rosa Harris left Saturday for Portland to visit her daughter Mrs. Charles Burg, who entertained her with a birthday dinner to which other relatives were invited.

Rev and Mrs Howard Schilling and sons Jon and Marshall of Grass Valley stopped in Shaniko while they were on their vacation trip to the Willamette valley.

Kent Family Entertains For Visiting Portlanders

Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel entertained Sunday evening in honor of their house guest, Miss Patricia Crutcher of Portland. Frank Jr. showed several rolls of colored pictures taken during his duty in Germany, Italy and while on vacation in Switzerland. Red and white gladioli were used in a lovely floral arrangement.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice-cream were served later in the evening. Among those present beside the guest of honor were Mr and Mrs Knight and Anjan and Wiley Jr., Miss Nadine Schriber of Portland, Jean Reynolds, Mr and Mrs C. J. Kalkke, Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and house guest, Mrs. Lorraine Lemon of Baker, Mrs. Louise von Borstel, Frank Says, Mr and Mrs Dean Pinkerton and Donald Thompson of Moro, Keith DeCourcy, and Jack and Frank von Borstel Jr.

Mr and Mrs Mahlon Tracewell of Portland visited from last Wednesday through Monday at the home of Mrs Tracewell's mother, Mrs. Emma Davis.

J. C. Wilson returned to Portland Sunday after a several weeks business trip in Kent.

Judge J. M. Wilson and Mrs. Helen Bothwell and children Betty and Charles returned to Kent Wednesday from a several days visit at the I. E. Wilson home in Pullman.

Henry Nelson of Bend was a visitor at the George Wilson home Friday.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs Emma Davis were Mrs. Ida Davis, Mr and Mrs G. Douma, Mr and Mrs John McIntire, Mr and Mrs Mahlon Tracewell and sons and Luther Davis.

A birthday dinner in honor of Bill Jeffries was held at his home Monday evening. Those present were Mrs Rhoda Barnett, Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett and Lee Barnett, all of The Dalles.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel and son, Jack and niece, Mary Louise motored to Portland Friday. They were accompanied from the Shaniko Junction by Mrs Ruth Coyner, state president of the Auxiliary from Bend, Mrs von Borstel and Mrs Coyner attended the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Lorraine Whitcomb to Mr Stephen Raymond Rogers, both of Portland at the Westminster Presbyterian church Friday evening. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, state secretary of the Auxiliary.

Following the reception at the church, Mrs von Borstel and Mrs Coyner attended an installation at the Portland Post No. 1, Saturday morning Mrs von Borstel past state Auxiliary president and chairman of the Auxiliary section of the combined Legion and Auxiliary Trustee committee for the funds of gifts for the "Yanks Who Gave", met with the other members of the group at Legion Department Headquarters. Miss Patricia Crutcher, Miss Barbara Nizic Schadewitz, arrived home from Napa, California Thursday. Mrs O'Brien of Oregon City accompanied them home Saturday afternoon. Miss Nizic and Mr O'Brien returned home the following day.

Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel Mrs Lorraine Lemon, Mr and Mrs Keith DeCourcy motored to Hood River Sunday where the

Loan Rates Cut This Week; Last Ones 'Official'

The loan price for wheat was dropped a half cent in Sherman county this week after several loans had been made on the basis reported last week.

The price in Portland has not been changed, it is understood, but the charges have been upped reducing the local price.

Official established loan rates for Sherman county points as of this writing are as follows:

Biggs	\$ 1.870
Bourbon	1.848
DeMoss	1.858
Eakin	1.848
Erskine	1.858
Grant	1.864
Grass Valley	1.858
Hay Canyon	1.858
Kent	1.848
Klondike	1.864
Moro	1.858
Nish	1.858
Rufus	1.864
Sandon	1.864
Thornberry	1.864
Wasco	1.864

Deductions of one cent for number 2 wheat, three cents for number 3, six cents for number 4 and nine cents for number 5 will be taken. In addition two cents will be deducted for grain grading 1/4 of 1 percent smut and six cents for grain grading over 4 percent smut.

WASCO NEWS

Mr and Mrs John Royce left for California Wednesday and plan to visit at the home of Mrs Royce's brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs Frank VanSant who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. On the trip they will be accompanied by their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs B. W. Guy of Portland. They plan to visit other California cities and return by the coastal route.

Mr and Mrs G. H. Root spent Sunday afternoon at Bonneville visiting Mrs Esther Stanley who is staying there with her niece, Mrs C. E. Berger.

Mr and Mrs M. E. McKee of Portland were overnight visitors at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee. They came especially to bring Mr McKee's sister, Mrs Hal Shelton, who plans to spend a month here while convalescing from a recent operation.

Mr and Mrs Paul Moelenpah and daughter, Nancy, of Astoria were overnight visitors here Friday. On their return they were accompanied by Sharon Laughlin who plans to spend a week there.

Local Boys Make Sermons



Earl Shipley of Los Angeles, Cal., is going to preach at the Grass Valley Baptist church Sunday, August 3. He is a son of Mrs Tom Douma and was graduated from the Grass Valley school before going on to seminary.

With his wife and son, Tommy, he is on vacation here with his family from his church in Los Angeles which he organized and built. It now has a membership of 200.

Topic for his Sunday sermon is "Life's Mountaintops".

LAWRENCE TODD

Lawrence Todd, son of Mr and Mrs W. C. Todd of Grass Valley, and a two year student at the theological seminary will speak at the Moro Community church next Sunday morning, taking the place of J. MacFarlane who is on vacation. Mr Todd is a native Sherman county man who was determined to follow the ministry. He will preach at Grass Valley the following Sunday.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

The boys who were in charge of raising the money for the purchase of an ambulance have found that some additional funds will be necessary for repainting and reconditioning that vehicle. Cost may be \$200 although some of the work will be donated. A complete paint job is needed and some straightening of the body and a bit of rust control treatment. If about 40 persons wanted to take a cheap ride in an ambulance (say for around \$5.00) the money could be raised easily.

New Loan, Sale Plan for Wheat Out

A new sale plan has been developed by the Commodity Credit corporation which is in reality an option to purchase with the time being left to the producer, limited, however, to not more than 30 days from the expiration of the loan date.

An eligible producer pays \$1.50 and one-half cent per bushel for all bushels over 300 and agrees to deliver his wheat to the Commodity Credit corporation anytime before 30 days after the loans expire which in the case of wheat is May 30.

In return he is guaranteed the loan price for his wheat, less such charges and deductions as are normally taken.

The producer does not receive any money on his grain until he delivers it to the CCC.

The producer does not obligate himself to deliver any grain to the CCC when he signs the agreement.

It appears that the government through the CCC is trying to insure that all farmers will receive the loan price for wheat whether they take the loan or not. In effect it is something of an extension of the loan date.

The procedure has been very recently worked out and information on it is not complete, in fact, forms are not yet available except in mimeographed form. For those farmers with doubt about the stability of the market the scheme appears good insurance, and, as the market is dropping there may be many farmers who will desire to avail themselves of the terms of the plan.

ROAD FUNDS BIGGER

Sherman county will get \$6369.72 from the state highway fund as its part of the 19 percent of highway money counties are to receive under a new law passed earlier this year. Increase in percentage was from 15.7 to 19 which, with the greatly increased receipts of the highway commission because of heavy travel, will give counties a much larger income from this source, perhaps twice as much as formerly.

PIONEERS TO MEET

The annual Crook County Pioneer Association reunion and picnic will be held at Pioneer Park in Prineville on Sunday, August 3rd.

Mrs Wilda Belknap will be crowned Pioneer Queen and her attendants will be her four sons, Dr. Horace Belknap, Dr. Wilford Hall Belknap, Dr. Leland Belknap, and Dr. Hobart D. Belknap, also her grandson, Wilford Hall Belknap Jr. and her brother, Dr R. D. Ketchum.

Dean Collins, member of the staff of the Oregon Journal will give the principal address on the afternoon program.

CALF SCRAMBLE PLANNED

The calf scramble to be held at the Sherman county fair will be an event of Saturday afternoon in the arena in front of the grand stand, which will probably be reduced in size for the event. Steer calves weighing under 300 pounds will be turned loose and a number of boys 12 years old to 1947 high school graduates will try to catch, halter and lead out of the enclosure said calves.

The boy getting the calf will become owner of him with the proviso that he must fatten him and bring him back to the 1947 fair. Sherman county boys only will be eligible.

MIDCO ENTRIES CLOSE

Entrance to the sale lists of the Midco Purebred Breeders show closed this week with 61 Herefords listed for sale and 14 Shorthorns. This will make a total sale of 65 head or almost the same number as were sold last year.

Bob Teale is in charge of the show and H. B. Sager of Boneman, Montana will again cry for the bids. C. W. Hickman, of the University of Idaho, will judge the stock on Friday, September 26 and the actual sale will start shortly after noon on Saturday September 27.