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These Things We Note

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There's a bit of a controversy going about the length of women's skirts which has served to fill a number of news pages with pictures and some lines of editorial page with opinion.

The women will wear 'em any length they want to, and probably the dress designed will provide the want-to. One can find pictures of women's clothes of all lengths and one need not be so very old to remember when skirts touched the floor. They have been well above the knee at other times and both skimpy and full five or six yards around or barely one.

What's the difference? Men like 'em anyhow. Perhaps the longest lasting love songs were written in times when a hand and a face were all of the lady visible to the gifted swain.

Early next month the school bell will ring again some morning and children in new bright dresses and unlabeled shoes will go up the hill to the school house to begin another year of instruction.

An old teacher one time defined education as "learning to get along with the other fellow" and while it may be entirely true, it doesn't describe anything that is taught in the school room. Maybe the real effect of training is in reading, riting, rithmetic and to show youngsters how to write and figure, but to give training in getting along. Certainly there's little of the formal education retained.

The boy who gets his arithmetic quickly and easily must learn to not feel too superior to the bigger boy who gets his slowly or not at all. The big boy probably plays a better game of ball. Mutual respect may be obtained by finding out the capabilities of others.

Probably one of the major contributions of democracy to the world has been that it gives permission to lower the presumptions of superiority of a part of the people. A monocled lord fares very poorly in America where he is a sort of an affected sight and worth going to see like any other animal from distant places.

It is probably a crude social pastime to puncture the assumptions of superiority of others, but it is a prevalent one. Perhaps that leveling process can be carried too far. Nearly everything else can. Each virtue, if carried far enough becomes a vice. And the reverse.

Maybe education is the process of learning some things about how to get along; and the stuff the teachers prate about—the geography and such—are merely the tools by which it is taught.

One might think that people born under the sign of Virgo—August 23 to September 23—would be almost perfect, if what the sooth sayers have said about them is true. Such persons are said to be methodical and systematic, active, proud and intolerant of ignorance, loyal, generous, good scholars, affectionate, clever and successful in business.

One begins to doubt the perfection of the Virgos, however, when he reads the complimentary adjectives written about people born under other of the zodiacal signs.

Man's desire to learn his future has lead his medicine men to concoct all kinds of prophecies for him; and his desire to be told how good he is has caused all kinds of soothing adjectives to be invented. My goodness, suppose people could and would live up to the things they want said about them. What a kind, considerate, temperate, generous, honest, thoughtful, courageous, peace loving, faithful, unselfish world this would be.

Pessimists say that September is going to be hot and dry. For the benefit of the Moro city fathers won't some optimistic soul say that September is going to be cool and very, very wet.

Schools Ready As September 8 Approaches

All schools in Sherman county are scheduled to open September 8, thus, for the first time in years, getting an even start. Nearly all schools have obtained their teachers and there will be four at Rufus, three at Kent, four at Grass Valley, eight at Moro and seven at Wasco according to plans.

Teachers who will instruct the youth of the county in the three Rs and perhaps, more complicated learning will be Mr and Mrs D. Williams and Miss Berglot Flaten at Rufus, with hopes for two more in the high school.

James Riekskvit will be the new principal at Wasco and the high school teachers have not all been selected. In the grades will be Mrs Irene Callaway 7-8; Miss Dolores Lane 5-6; Mrs LaVilla Stone 3-4; Mrs Catherine Sonnenberg 1-2.

At Kent Eugene L. Knott will return as principal and 7-8 grade teacher. Miss Marion Buchanan will teach grades 4-5-6 and Miss Helen Lauch will have the lower grades.

At Moro Kenneth Young will be the new principal of the high school assisted by Gordon Kunkle, who will also do some coaching. Mrs Catherine Monroe and Mrs Shelley Roberson. In the grades will be Mrs Donald Knighten, Mrs Grace Zevely, Mrs Louise Becket and Mrs Jeannette Yocum.

At Grass Valley Ivan M. Stewart will be principal and 7-8 grade instructor, Fred Crowley Jr. will teach grades 5-6; Mrs Vivian Todd grades 3-4; and Mrs Charles Davis the primary.

ROSS HART WINS PRIZE IN CHICKEN CONTEST

Ross Hart, son in law of Mrs Edith Sayrs, placed sixth in the regional contest to find the best type chicken in the "chicken of tomorrow" contest. Hart had an entry of New Hampshire, Plymouth Rocks and Hampshire were top winners in the judging which was held at Salt Lake. The Harts own and operate a commercial hatchery at Beaver.

Kent Fliers Attend State Meeting

Three planes carrying Kent Flying Farmers left early Sunday morning to be present at the breakfast that opened the 1947 Flying Farmers convention at Corvallis. Mr and Mrs George Wilson flew their Taylorcraft, Mr and Mrs John Decker, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Jay McKay flew their Stinson Voyager. Luther Davis, accompanied by Mrs Helen Bothwell flew his Taylorcraft. The Kent flying farmers have been given considerable publicity in the past year since Leverett G. Richards, Oregonian Reporter and member of Aero Tribune staff, described Kent as "the flyingest farm community" in America, with the greatest per capita ownership and prospective ownership of planes. Other pilots in Kent are Leser Wilson, Seabee owner, Hans Bardenhagen and Harry Young, who started flight instruction Sunday at S & M Flying Service in The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkedahl entertained Thursday with a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs John Decker. The evening was spent enjoying home movies photographed during harvest and in Portland by John Decker. The guest list included beside the honor guest, Mr and Mrs Jay McKay, John Decker and Ray McKay.

Mr and Mrs Bill Jeffries and children and Miss Jean Jeffries, of Dickinson, N. Dakota were Friday evening guests at the Allan Bekkedahl home.

Mr and Mrs Robert Mitchell and children of Portland were overnight visitors at the Allan Bekkedahl home Saturday.

Billy Guyton of Portland, who has been visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs W. C. Guyton of Dufur arrived Saturday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkedahl, where he will be employed until the start of school.

Mr and Mrs Art Cratty and children were dinner guests Wednesday at the John Decker home. A picnic was held Sunday at

Well Drill Pounding Away At City Well After Monday Start

Frank Bennett moved his well drill outfit onto the location selected by Stanley Swett, water witch, and has been working since at drilling for additional water for the city. He is using a ten inch bit and is down nearly 40 feet at present.

Since the breakdown the pumps have been going almost steady and most of the water demands of the residents have been satisfied although an additional supply will be welcomed—if found.

State Fair Attracts Four Youngsters

Four young people will leave Saturday and Sunday for the state fair at Salem to exhibit their stock. Ed Fritts will take a Hereford steer and a pen of four Duroc hogs; Dick Oveson will take a pen of four Hampshire and a lamb; Diane Christianson will take a pen of fat lambs and Duane Eakin will take a Short-horn steer.

In addition to these Millard Eakin will take his entire show string of Shorthorns and will later take them to the Yakima and Puyallup fairs and the Pacific International at Portland. Merle and Brenda Eakin will have entries also.

MRS BAUMGARTNER ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Mrs B. C. Baumgartner gave a party at her home Saturday afternoon in honor of the seventh birthday anniversary of her daughter, Susan. Guests invited were Jeanie Duncan, Sharon Cantrill, Joele Blaylock, Brenda Eakin, Dianne Schilling and Jeanie Baumgartner. Games were played and the gifts opened and later refreshments of decorated birthday cake and ice cream and punch were served by the hostess assisted by her daughter, Margaret.

Mr and Mrs Fred Cox left Saturday for Corvallis to visit at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Al Roberts and family.

Taxes Higher, Delinquencies Very Small

Sheriff Fields has received the 1947-48 tax roll from Assessor Bill E. Todd. It calls for a collection of \$224,962.70, which is \$38,708.83 more than the 1946-47 roll.

Cause of the increase, of course, is the \$40,000 special levy passed by the people in June. Other than that the county is operating with a show of economy.

Collection of taxes for last year was remarkably near to the total roll. Of the \$191,253.87 paid to the sheriff last year \$190,090.65 has been collected. Of this sum \$55,43.73 went back in rebates and \$1163.02 is still uncollected.

Of the 1946-47 tax roll of \$175,066.27 all but \$443.77 has been paid to the sheriff and of the 1944-45 roll of \$138,019.05 only \$40.75 is still delinquent. The 1943-44 roll of \$108,718.23 has all been paid but \$118.21 and the rolls from 1942-43, which totaled \$423,722.46 have but \$118.86 delinquent. From 1936 to 1938 the delinquencies amount to but \$150.34 and prior to that time there is \$4012.49 delinquent a part of which is being paid on the long time basis established in the depression.

Tax collection time will begin November 15 when a quarter of the taxes will be due and all will be payable. Another year in which a large part of the people take the three percent discount is expected. Tax notices will be sent out sometime in October, the sheriff reports.

HAMMOND-BEUTHER WEDDING ATTENDED BY FAMILY FRIENDS FROM DISTANT PLACES

At a nuptial mass which was celebrated on Saturday morning August 23 at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic church in Grass Valley Miss Frieda Beuther, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Beuther was married to Francis Hammond of Boston, Mass., by Father Dufuran of Dufur.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a white slipper satin gown with sweetheart neckline, long sleeves and tight bodice and a full length train with finger tip veil held in place with a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds.

Mrs Art McMurchy, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor and carried a mat style bouquet of purple gladioli.

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Law Enforcement Bars Mud Splashing

Fines and jail sentences await drivers and owners of cars not equipped with fenders or splash guards by the end of August, motorists were being reminded by Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state.

Log trucks are the only exceptions as legislators thought they could not practically be equipped with splash guards.

The law applies to all personal or business cars, motor cycles, trucks, busses or trailers. Guards or fenders must be so constructed so as to prevent mud from being splashed or thrown onto other vehicles.



TRACTORS TO THE ARGENTINE . . . Members of the Institute of Argentine trade promotion are shown seated on some of the new type tractors scheduled for shipment to Argentina where they will be used to cultivate that country's vast wheat fields. The tractors are lined up outside the factory at Manayunk, Pa. There are 1,000 of them ready for shipment to the South American nation.

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les and had their pictures taken at the Bolton studio.

About one hundred twenty-five attended the reception held at the Odd Fellow hall in Grass Valley from 8 o'clock to 1:30. The hall was beautifully decorated with pink, white and blue crepe paper and baskets of gladioli. At 8 o'clock Mrs Ruggles played while the wedding party marched in and around the hall after which all started dancing. At 12 o'clock refreshments were served from a white linen covered table centered with the three tiered decorated wedding cake topped with the miniature bride and groom, flanked by lighted candles in crystal holders. After the bridal couple cut the first piece of cake it was cut by the bride's cousin, Mrs Eugene Charles, Mrs A. A. Dunlap poured the coffee assisted by Miss Doris Jones, Mrs Donald von Borstel served the ices, Mrs Max Brown and Mrs Charles Perrigo served the punch and Miss Doris Mater served the sandwiches.

The happy couple left on a wedding trip and when they return will be at home at their place near Redmond.

Something Doing At State Fair Program

Something to do, something to see sixteen hours a day is the entertainment and educational slogan for Oregon's great State Fair which opens in Salem Labor day. Manager Lee Spitzbart reported this week that both the educational program and the entertainment roster of the fair are the most extensive in years.

The Labor day handicap at one mile will be the racing feature of the opening day on Lone Oak track. Daily cards throughout fair week include two harness races and eight running events.

County's Crop 2,500,000 bushels Say Wasehousers

A crop in excess of 2,500,000 bushels has been harvested in Sherman county and most of it placed in the elevators. When it is considered that some 200,000 bushels have been kept on the farms as seed for another year the county's crop average has been 20 bushels per acre.

Figures released by elevator managers this week, although not final or accurate to the bushel, are very close. The big end of the crop was harvested in the north end of the county as the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers have 1,250,000 bushels, according to George Harris, manager. This is one of the biggest crops ever warehoused in that area.

At Moro Wendell Balsiger gives the figures for wheat bushelage as 590,000, which is not large for the area, which lost heavily by hail.

There was also 200 tons of barley put across the scales in the Moro district.

At Grass Valley Arnold Dunlap reports a total bushelage warehoused at 625,000, which also was reduced materially by hail but is still a very good crop.

Total amount already in is 2,465,000 bushels. This may be increased a little by late threshers or by wheat marketed late after seed what is treated.

Price remains at better than \$2.00 per bushel, currently \$2.10 a price that brings the county wheat income to more than five million.

Wheat Commission Calls Moro Meeting

A meeting for all farmers in the county will be held at the courthouse in Moro Tuesday, September 16 at 1:30 p. m. when the Oregon Wheat Commission members come to talk over their program with wheat growers.

The commission was established in conformity with a law passed at the last session of the legislature. With funds raised by a tax of half a cent per bushel it is chartered with the responsibility of increasing the use of wheat and the demand for wheat so wheat growers will not suffer economically so badly in depressions.

Ed Bell, secretary of the commission, will be here and all five members are expected. They are Jens Terjesen, chairman, Pendleton; Marion Weatherford, Arlington; Ralph McEwan, Hain; Millard Eakin, Grass Valley and William Enschede, Hillsboro.

The commission will present its program and ask for the opinion of those present as to its possibilities.

VETERANS APPLYING

The thousandth application for a loan under the Oregon veterans' farm and home loan act was announced this week by the state department of Veterans Affairs, nearing the start of its third year of operation. The applicant was Chester O. Sbordard of Nelscott in Lincoln county on the Oregon coast, and appraisers are now acting on the application. Loan Director Al J. Crose said.

Increasing interest is being shown by World War II veterans in the state loan since the legislature raised the maximum loan amount to \$6000, according to Crose, who said that 200 applications have come to the department in the past three months, a record since the loan went into operation in the autumn of 1945.

Of the 1000 applications to date 542 have been approved, 115 are pending, and 352 were canceled. Most of the cancellations were due to the fact that the purchase price exceeded the appraised value of the property, and the veteran could not use the loan.

SPARLINGS LEAVE

Mr and Mrs Clarence Sparling and two daughters left Saturday for Portland where they will live, at least, until Clarence recovers from a recent operation. Temporarily they will live in Elaine Damon's house but the first of the month will move to their own home on Jenne road where they have bought ten acres of land.