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These Things We Note

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Political campaigns often appear to be running in a vacuum, their participants and paid proponents sweating and steaming and swearing in plain sight of everyone but without their noise either being heard or felt.

Perhaps at the last minute when voters consider the possibility of casting a wrong vote the ones who have been putting on the campaign get a tumble from the public.

Getting the public in a dither about the sales tax has been a hard job considering the former record of the matter before Oregon's people. As a general thing the same crew have been working at the job of convincing voters, and they haven't been very successful heretofore.

The depths of despair must be reached by some of these prize bulls that are fed and pampered from spring until fall when they go to a sale. There they are bucked, bedded by solicitous attendants, and curried and washed and manicured and curled until any bull would be pardoned for thinking that he was about the king of the party. (That is if bulls think.)

Then the sale is over and the new owner hustles the new possession into a truck and takes him home. After a brief period of being shown to the folks he probably winds up in a windswept stubble field. Then the world must certainly seem ungrateful and unfair. It appears that the pampered, belted of this world are the ones who most often cry against their fate. We wonder what a bull thinks about it.

Those boys from Fossil could make it tough for opponents before the season is over. There has been little 11 man football in that school for some years and the boys have to learn blocking and line play, but they were a husky lot that shouldn't be overlooked because they were inexperienced.

Pumping out basements is an unlovely job and the results are never to be admired. The silt laden water that flooded many Sherman county homes left a foot or more of good soil in many basements.

For women who complain because their house leaks some dust when the wind blows the sudden inundation of wet dirt in shovelful quantities was pure misery. A few houses were flooded as well as basements, and mud does make the front room rugs look very messy and forlorn.

Wheat is nearly \$2.50 per bushel, a fact that makes the farmer smile. Bread is to go up another cent, a fact that makes consumers unhappy.

Some government agent who has nothing else to do (there may be some of them) might compute the percentage of drop in the consumption of bread with each price raise. Bread has gone up about a third and demand is down, not as much down as the price is up, surely, but people are trying to find something else to eat.

Bread at 14 cents a pound is no bargain. Many things are cheaper and are being bought. The rise is speculative depending on the shortage of corn, the buying policies of the government, the extent of livestock feeding. Some are doing right well with it.

That man with the haggard look is probably a city councilman wondering what to do about the rapidly growing list of city problems. That woman with the dirty look is probably wondering how she can get the family wash done. The only group from which there has been no complaint is the small boy set to whom water is something to wade or fish in. At that there has been water nearly every day. The report that the beer dispensers in the city were fostering the water shortage is without basis of fact.

Actually, we're tired of it, too.

Moro Wins 31-0 Over Fossil In Opening Game

Moro's husky football team trounced the green Fossil team on the local grounds Friday by a 31 to 0 score using superior knowledge of the game, better plays and some fortunate luck in the process.

Moro's luck started on the first play. Fossil kicked to Moro and Keith Thompson recovered and ran 75 yards for a touchdown. Moro then kicked to Fossil and after two plays that team kicked, but Hartley, still undisciplined to his new position, fumbled and Fossil recovered. After a few plays Moro received the ball, after a punt and Thompson ran it over for the second touchdown. After an exchange of plays without much gain Thompson ran for another score but had touched earth with a knee.

The second quarter was scoreless as Fossil battled on even terms with the larger and more experienced Moro eleven. Roark, left half, threw passes at every opportunity but few were successful as Moro ends and center were watchful.

Early in the second half Hartley scored on a slow play thru line to make the count 18 to 0. Later in the third quarter Thompson scored again on a long run. Fossil by this time had stopped running plays for the most part.

New Moro players were going into the game after each play and few of the original starters were on the field at the end of the game. The final touchdown was made by Hartley and Thompson kicked the goal for the first time that was done all afternoon.

Line-ups as given by the coaches were:

Moro	Fossil
Knighten	LE Mathews
P. von Borstel	LT Greenfield
May	LG Black
Ziegler	C Humphrey
Pritts	RG Crawford
Jones	RT Leitzel
Oveson	LE Ostrander
Peters	Q George
K. Thompson	LH Roark
Harvey	RH Mortimore
Hartley	F Adams

Subs for Moro: Richards, Newbill, Nelson, Moore, von Borstel G., von Borstel F., Justesen, Bucholtz, Rust, Kock R. Harvey, Howell.

Next Friday the Moro team will play at White Salmon instead of on the local diamond and the following Thursday night will play in The Dalles with the Paposes.

Chest Examinations Due For County

The Mobile Unit for chest x-ray will be in Sherman county, Friday, November 7th at the Moro school from 9-12 a. m. and at the Wasco school from 2-5 p. m. A planning committee meeting for the Mobile Unit was held at the Wasco-Sherman County Health Unit in The Dalles last week with the following present: Dr. Masten, representative of the State Board of Health, Miss Stribell in charge of case finding, Dr. T. L. Heyde and Miss Mary Verhoff of Wasco Health Unit and Mrs. Afton McIntyre, president of the Sherman Unit, Mrs. Art Thrasher and Mrs. L. A. Littleton, Mobile chairmen, Mrs. Floyd Kelly Maupin chairman, Mrs. Cerlev Scott, secretary Wasco T. B. Health Ass'n.

Masons Asked To Portland Picnic

All Masons and Eastern Stars and their families and friends in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties are invited to join in the pilgrimage of the mid-Columbia Shrine club to the Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland Sunday, October 5.

The caravan will leave Hotel Dalles in The Dalles at 10 a. m. and Hood River at 10:45, with members of the party taking their lunches for a picnic on the hospital grounds at Sandy and 82nd at 1:00 p. m.

Shriners will wear their fezzes and those who have received the new club uniforms will wear them.

Some are planning to take a contribution for the hospital.

Sherman Countians Meet As Start of Winter's Activity

Sherman countians, through their Sherman County club, started winter meetings again Wednesday morning when members gathered at the Moro Hotel for daylight breakfast.

A resume of summer events was given by various members who reviewed the fair with its horse show and the Midco sale. Fred Cox and Ted Rolfe, buyers and sellers of cattle told something of the inside of the sale. Kenneth McKean, B. H. Robinson and Dewey Thompson were named on the program committee for the October 15 meeting and George Wilson, Arnold Dunlap and Chester Anderson were named to handle the first November meeting. The executive committee was asked by Merle Becket to make its appointments before October 15.

Wind Threatens Sown Grain Where Smooth

The wind came up strong from the southwest Thursday and caused blowing on the land so recently soaked by the rain of last Saturday night. Farmers who were working their land by seedling were generally alright but those whose grain was already in the ground and not up high enough to protect the ground were in a bad way. The wind might blow out the entire crop and if it was worked the tilling might thin out the stand too much to produce a good crop. Working before the grain is up is not considered dangerous.

Teachers Received By Woman's Club

The teachers' reception, annually sponsored by the Moro Woman's club, was held Friday night at the school house with parents coming to meet the new teachers of which there are three.

Piano solos were played by Sandra May and Jimmy Robertson and Frank Sayre gave a tuba solo. Kenneth Young introduced his teachers with Mrs. Christianson acting as master of ceremonies for the club committee of which she is a member.

Pump Motor Out; New One In

The motor on the city pump was again partially burned out Saturday afternoon or night and a replacement was brought up from Portland Monday evening.

The well has been pumped as much as possible since that time and a man is delegated to stand by and keep watch on the pressure and the action of the pump in order to prevent another breakdown and ruined bearings. New switches will be installed as soon as possible in an effort to solve some of trouble.

Power Company Men Sleepless In Storm

From Saturday night when the storm started until Monday when things with the Pacific Power & Light company were ship shape, again none of the crew got to bed. They installed 66 new fuses to line and transformers, installed a new transformer at the Harold Gunn corner that one having gone out again. (It was new in July.) In order to obtain repairs Art Thrasher flew to Kennewick so the Darold Belshe transformer could be put in action again. Helping customers with patched up outfits for pumping took up part of the time of Slat, Alton and Lloyd.

4-H AT PI

Boys with purebred and well fattened calves loaded them on cars here Wednesday for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland where Sherman county will have 50 Brighers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer and daughters, Mary and Margaret, Eugene Spencer, all of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howell and son Bob.

Special Election To Decide Fate of Sales Tax

A special election will be held Tuesday, October 7, to give Oregon voters an opportunity to pass upon two tax measures. Most discussed measure before the voters is the sales tax bill. The cigarette tax is the second bill before the people.

Each voting precinct will have its regular quota of officers and the polls will remain open eight to eight and a half hours. Little interest has been evident in this election and only a few new voters have registered in order to participate in it. A small vote is expected, not only in Sherman county but throughout the state.

The sales tax bill is very complicated and explanation of it has been difficult for both proponents and opponents. Briefly it will levy a 6 percent tax on sales of tangible personal property except food consumed on the premises and some other minor items.

If it passes one-sixth of the money will be distributed to counties on an assessed valuation basis, one-sixth to cities on a population basis and one-sixth to school districts on a pupil basis. Sums raised over \$22,000,000 will make additional funds available for old age pensions. The income tax will be lowered if the bill carries.

If the tax bill fails income taxes will be increased, a withholding tax will be placed on money paid to labor and the cigarette tax will be invoked unless it is specifically beaten at the same election.

Neither of the campaigns on the sales tax bill have been very effective and each side has made statements indicative of incomplete understanding of the effect of the bill.

This will be the fifth attempt to pass a sales tax in Oregon. All other efforts have been beaten by votes of 3 to 1 to almost 6 to 1.

Midco Men Map '48 Plan; Elect Cox

Members of the Midco Breeders entertained visitors from outside the arena at a dinner Friday night before the stock sale. Scene was the Odd-Fellows hall.

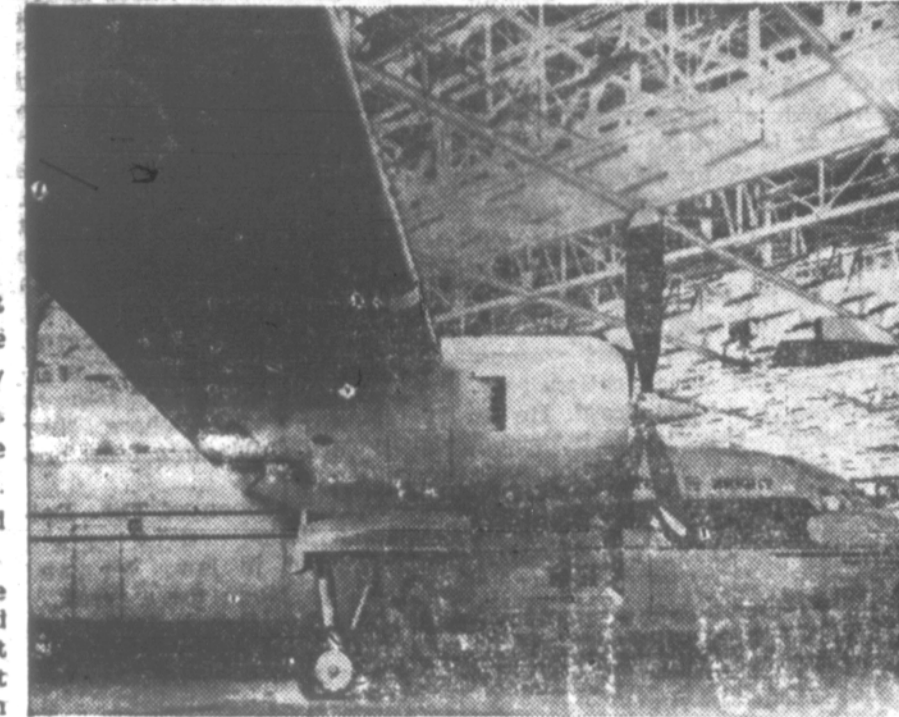
Lester Barnum, 1947 president, presided and LeRoy Wright was toastmaster. Carroll Barker of Condon responded to the welcoming. Bonnie Sharp played several piano numbers and Dr. Fred McKenzie of OSC showed moving pictures taken during his trip to Europe during August.

Some very productive land appeared before his camera. He spoke briefly on artificial insemination, that being the subject he was sent to Europe to study. Election of officers and discussion of the 1948 sale were parts of the business meeting held after the guests had departed. Chosen were Fred Cox, president; Henry Jaeger, vice-president; LeRoy Wright, secretary; Bill Jaeger, Millard Eakin and Carroll Barker, directors. Action regarding the 1948 sale was delayed until after the 1947 sale report was made.

Howard Spencers Married 40 Years

The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spencer of Wasco was observed Sunday, September 28, by a surprise pot luck dinner at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howell. They received many beautiful gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spencer, the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Winnet of Yakima, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schwendel, Mrs. Grace McDermid and sons Donald and Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Norvold, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobson and son Erling and daughters Sharon and Carol Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer and daughters, Mary and Margaret, Eugene Spencer, all of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howell and son Bob.



MOCK-UP OF NEW AIR CARGO GIANT... Designed to carry heavier loads than any plane yet introduced to this "skytruck" which will haul cargoes of heavy freight such as large military trucks and big field guns. Photo shows a full-scale ground model made of wood of the CW-32, illustrating how the entire tail section of the plane can be raised for loading cargo.

Midco Sale Totals Well Above First One; Tops Lower But Averages About Same

The 74 head of cattle consigned and sold at the second annual Midco sale brought a total of \$28,700 for a grand average of \$387.84, slightly lower than the \$388.44 paid for the 54 head sold last year which was \$424.91.

Total of the sale was larger last year's total being \$22,945. The sale was without the high top price paid last year for Harold Eakin's bull and heifer when Ralph Eakin started a purebred Hereford herd from stock bought at the Midco sale.

Highest price paid at the sale was \$1075 paid by Harvey Smith of Ione for Fred Cox & Son's prize winning Hereford bull. Best price paid for a heifer was the \$850 Ralph Eakin paid for Harold Eakin's top place heifer. H. B. Sager again called the sale which lasted for four hours through a sunny afternoon and into the cooling evening hours. Keith Gilmore and Stan Spear were his assistants. C. W. Hickman of the University of Idaho was the judge who worked Friday placing the three breeds of animals and several classes. Miller & Teale were the managers of the show.

Last year 23 head of cattle sold outside the county and this year the total was 37. Percent age wise 42 percent were sold outside the county last year and 50 percent this year.

Low prices were paid for Angus cattle as few local stockmen are Angus breeders. Shorthorn prices were also less than at last year's sale. Outside of the top animals prices paid were generally about equal to that of 1946 and most consigners expressed their satisfaction with the results obtained.

Sales made were as follows:

ANGUS HEIFERS:			
No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
73	Oxbow R.	Bucholtz	\$310.00
76	Oxbow R.	J. Rolfe	275.00
03	Oxbow R.	J. Rolfe	300.00
04	Oxbow R.	J. Rolfe	300.00
02	Oxbow R.	J. Rolfe	300.00
Total for Angus Heifers			\$1485.00
Average \$297.00			

SHORTHORN HEIFERS

No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
65	M. Eakin	H. Beckley	375.00
54	Rettie Est.	M. Eakin	395.00
60	Cameron	Eskeleman	250.00
68	Brennan	M. Eakin	360.00
67	Beckley	Brinkert	400.00
66	Beckley	Brinkert	400.00
63	Cameron	Underhill	255.00
61	Cameron	Underhill	255.00
05	Brennan	Beckley	310.00
55	Rettie Est.	Ferguson	320.00
59	Brennan	Beckley	240.00
Total Shorthorn Heifers			\$3560.00
Average Price \$323.63			

HEREFORD HEIFERS:

No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
26	H. Eakin	R. Eakin	850.00
27	H. Eakin	R. Eakin	825.00
17	L. K. Smith	Ritzschle	585.00
18	L. K. Smith	Webb	400.00
43	Ted Ball	J. Rolfe	360.00
44	Ted Ball	J. Rolfe	360.00
45	Ted Ball	J. Rolfe	360.00
14	C. Barker	A. Kock	325.00
15	C. Barker	C. Kenny	360.00
41	Cox & Son	B. Martin	500.00
42	Robinson	Campbell	400.00
42	Ted Ball	J. Rolfe	350.00
21	L. K. Smith	J. Rolfe	375.00
43	Ted Ball	T. M. Rolfe	340.00
39	D. Cox	B. Martin	435.00
1	Robinson	E. Palmer	350.00
2	Robinson	T. M. Rolfe	385.00
4	Robinson	T. M. Rolfe	385.00
5	Robinson	E. Maurer	390.00
07	Robinson	T. M. Rolfe	385.00
Total Hereford Heifers			\$8620.00
Average Price \$431.00			

ANGUS BULLS:			
No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
75	Oxbow R.	A. Brown	400.00
68	A. Jaeger	J. Rolfe	240.00
69	A. Jaeger	P. Merrick	255.00
Total Angus Bulls			\$895.00
Average Price \$298.33			

SHORTHORN BULLS:

No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
56	Rettie Est.	J. M. Wilson	315.00
62	Cameron	Underhill	205.00
Total Shorthorn Bulls			\$520.00
Average Price \$260.00			

HEREFORD BULLS:

No.	Consigner	Purchaser	Price
40	Cox & Son	H. Smith	1075.00
48	Jaeger Bros.	E. Maurer	800.00
38	Cox & Son	B. Martin	535.00
36	G. Webb	Bob Schomp	400.00
16	C. Barker	Schadewitz	390.00
19	L. K. Smith	E. Maurer	400.00
33	Johnson	E. Maurer	390.00
49	Jacobs & Sons	Patjen	610.00
08	Jacobs & Sons	Fuller	1000.00
8	Worden	E. Palmer	385.00
31	H. Johnson	Stout	325.00
10	Worden	C. Kenny	625.00
53	D. Fuller	A. Brown	350.00
52	D. Fuller	Farrell	290.00
20	L. K. Smith	E. Maurer	450.00
37	G. Webb	K. Webb	425.00
9	Worden	Reynolds	350.00
46	Ted Ball	E. Maurer	400.00
35	G. Webb	E. Patjen	315.00
7	Worden	G. Wilson	350.00
51	D. Fuller	L. Davis	300.00
12	Bob King	L. Davis	285.00
24	Kasebergs	Bucholtz	290.00
32	Johnson	G. Hasteens	245.00
30	Johnson	B. F. Keys	300.00
25	Kasebergs	Hasteens	300.00
13	Bob King	Hasteens	300.00
11	Bob King	V. Hanna	300.00
22	Kasebergs	Bucholtz	280.00
07	Jacobs & Sons	Maurer	250.00
50-1	Jacobs & Sons	Maurer	250.00
50-3	Jacobs & Sons	Maurer	250.00
Total Hereford Bulls			\$13,640.00
Average Price \$413.33			

Four 4-H calves were also sold to start the sale. These brought an average price of 34.3 cents per pound and brought the boys an average of \$301.78 each. Selling calves were Bob Martin, Donald and Roger Miller and John Garbell. Purchasers were Ken Zachary, Ralph Eakin, Harold Eakin and Lester Barnum.

Wasco Rural Districts May Join With Town

The county boundary board composed of the county court and the school superintendent, approved the petition of the residents of Gordon Ridge, Locust Grove and Klondike school districts at the monthly meeting Wednesday, which means that an election will be held October 20 to determine whether or not those districts will consolidate with the Wasco district. All four districts will vote on the proposal. If successful all rural schools will have consolidated with the town school nearest with the exception of a group of districts around Moro. The non-high area within the county will be greatly curtailed in that case. This year rural districts pay non-high school tuition. Next year school taxes will be equalized over the county which removes much of the opposition to consolidation.

HUNTING PARTY LEAVES

Going to the Blue mountains for the opening of the deer hunting season was the party that has a cabin there which was constructed some years ago. Making the trip were Harry Kunsman, Ted von Borstel, Free Crews, Tom Striker.

Rain, With All Trimmings, Hits Sherman County

Sherman county citizens are still digging themselves out of debris after one of the most severe storms in the county's history. Although there was no loss of life nor serious accidents, the breadth of the rain storm and the intensity of the lightning was unprecedented.

Following the warm fall weather of fair week and the Midco sale days the electrical storm broke about eight o'clock Saturday night. Rain of cloud burst proportions fell from Nigger ridge to the Columbia river and dislodged rocks that wrecked a train on the Washington side of the river killing the engineer. Nearly an inch of rain fell at the experiment station in a space of less than half an hour and Moro was not the center of the storm.

The flood of water covered the entire flat in Moro leaving a coating of fine silt.

City streets in both Wasco and Moro suffered damage as gravel and dirt were washed into town so fast sewers could not take it away. Piles gathered at corners and water covered the streets. Sidewalks and bridges were moved about. The county road foreman, Willard Coons, reports four bridges on county roads washed out. Nearly every road in the county is washed and the highway was covered with silt in many places. Heavy washing occurred near DeMoss and Thornberry. Many fences were taken out as the water rushed down draws. Basements were flooded and stored foodstuffs destroyed. Greatest damage is to the wheat fields which are badly washed in some places. Farmers who had seeded may have to work the ground again in order to assure a stand as grain sown before the rain was put in as deep as possible. Several cars and trucks were ruined by being washed down with the floods. Tom Douma lost ten head of sheep. George Drinkard and flooded his distributor and when he returned from walking to borrow a flashlight found his truck washed away down Grass Valley canyon.

Sunday following the big storm a heavy rain fell around Kent and northward down Rosebush canyon which, although not destructive, did give a good supply of moisture to lands not in the main storm.

SHANIKO

Mrs. W. D. Hanks and Miss Pat McCulloch were business visitors at Wasco Wednesday. Mrs. Hanks' sister, Mrs. Peggy Elwood of Hermiston and Mrs. Elwood's son and daughter in law and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jobe of Denver, Colorado were here the first of the week on their way to visit Mr. Jobe's sister in California. W. E. Richardson returned from Yakima with Mrs. Richardson. Their two younger children and baby are here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fine of San Francisco, Mrs. Amanda Fine and Walter Young drove to Antelope to visit Mr. Fine's brothers Harold and Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carrigan and Miss Pat McCulloch were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks at Willowdale Wednesday to celebrate Mrs. Carrigan's birthday.

Tom Morelli was in Portland over Monday to attend the football game there. He was accompanied by Mrs. Verna Root of Kent.

John Reeder drove to Walla Walla Saturday night and returned Monday.

Richard Slaughter of Molalla was a Thursday afternoon visitor at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Minnie Bleakney.

Bill and Bob Garrett were Saturday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harvey at Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Phifer were visitors at Grass Valley Sunday afternoon and evening. A new student, Earl Richardson, rides the school bus to Maupin.

John Rolfe was a business visitor in Shaniko Monday and Bob Garrett returned to Kent to work for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fine left for San Francisco after visiting his relatives around Shaniko. Mrs. Amanda Fine left for the Ben Taylor ranch Monday to start work.