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These Things We Note

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The rain probably helped the election for wet fields made it impossible for farmers to seed. With nothing else to do they could come to town and vote. Rural election precincts are fewer nowadays. Klondike and Monticello are the only ones left since Locust Grove petitioned the court last July a year ago to be admitted to the Wasco precinct.

Rutledge, Erskine, Michigan decided that it would be more fun and less trouble to go to town for the voting some years ago.

Os West, patriarch of Oregon politics one-time governor and head man of the Democrats when they were democrats, likes to express himself either in print or by voice. He does a good job of it, too and when he tells a story with descriptive waves of his ever present cane and expressive puckering of his mouth, the story is one to be remembered—if not retold everywhere.

Os recently wrote in the Oregon Democrat some philosophy of an elder, quoting Will Durant: "Conventions are customs which are more practiced than preached; morals are customs which are more preached than practiced—they are duties which we require of our neighbors."

Over in Goldendale, the council has proposed a new tax. It is an occupational tax which levies against every business and trade in town from paper hanging to banking. Yearly fees run from \$5.00 to \$75.00 depending on what councilmen thought the returns to be.

One would have thought from recent arguments aent the Oregon sales tax that Washington cities and other smaller governments were floating easily on the crest of big money. Some Oregon towns have occupational taxes and it is possible to raise a lot of money that way.

Funniest thing about the whole sales tax campaign was the plea of a Portland proponent that the governor promise to call a special session to straighten the law out in case it should pass. It is not often that a proponent so boldly admits the inadequacy of a bill.

One big reason prices are so high is the tremendous shipping of materials to Europe. Not only food stuffs but lumber and coal are going to Europe on every boat. GIs who are paying two prices for houses must be pretty well fed up when they consider that a large part of the extra cost is due to sending American lumber to rebuild Europe. It is being paid for with American money.

Wonder what the European situation would have been if we had stayed at home. Russia and Germany might still be fighting. At least neither would have emerged with much strength left. In a quarrel like that whichever one we befriend turns against us. Even England is said to be envious of our full stomachs. Sort of a crime, maybe—but comfortable. Although not esthetic.

In Spoon River Abel Melvyn soliloquized:
"I bought every kind of machine that's known—
Grinder, planters, shellers, mowers,
Mills and rakes and plows and threshers—
And all of them stood in the rain and sun,
Getting rusted, warped and battered,
For I had no sheds to store them in
And no use for most of them.
And toward the last, when I thought it over,
There by my window, growing clearer
About myself, as my pulse slowed down,
And looked at one of the mills I bought—
Which I didn't have the slightest need of,
As things turned out, and I never ran—
A fine machine, once brightly varnished,
And eager to do its work,
Now with its paint washed off
I saw myself as a good machine
That life had never used."



BACK FROM THE JAMBOREE . . . Jerry Strader (left) of West Worth, Tex., who takes his souvenir hunting seriously, compares his heavily loaded pack with the Scotch kilts worn by his pal, Claude Goldsmith of Port Arthur, Tex., as they arrived from Europe on U. S. army transport. They were among the thousands of American boy scouts who returned after attending the international boy scout jamboree at Moissons, France.

Moro Football Team Draws Short End of 37 to 6 Score at White Salmon

The Fighting Huskies of Moro bowed to a smooth, hard-charging White Salmon football team Friday to a score of 37 to 6.

Outweighed 15 pounds to the man, the Moro line was unable to stop the opposing linemen from sifting through at will.

The first quarter was scoreless. The second quarter began deep in Moro territory with a 12 yard run for White Salmon who left a sleeper along the sidelines. If the pass to the sleeper had been completed, it would have been a touchdown.

Luckily the ball in this and in a similar play in the third quarter, slipped off the fingers of the intended receiver.

Next play White Salmon scored on a pass and again on a pass after four plays after Moro lost the ball on downs.

Thompson returned the kickoff 20 yards, Hartley clipped off 23 more on a wide run. After two incomplete passes, Thompson placed a coffin corner kick deep in White Salmon territory and a minute later Hartley intercepted a pass ran 10 yards and carried the ball over the goal line on the next play for the lone Moro touchdown.

Nisbet-Scott Nuptials Observed Saturday

Aileen Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott of Portland became the bride of Gerald Nisbet, son of William Nisbet of Wasco, at a candlelight ceremony at the Methodist church at Wasco Saturday afternoon, October 4th. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Odell performed the ceremony before the altar decorated with baskets of white gaidoli.

Miss Erma Scott was maid of honor for her sister and Robert Nisbet was best man. Ushers were William Scott Jr. and William Nisbet Jr. Miss Gwendolyn Nisbet lit the candles and Laurence Nisbet sang "Because" before the ceremony.

The bride was lovely in white marquisette trimmed with lace and fingertip veil held in place with orange blossom headress and carried a white bible with an orchid and was given in marriage by her father.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the groom's parents. Assisting with the serving was Mrs. Clayton Davis, who cut and served the wedding cake after the first piece was cut by the bride and groom. Presiding at the tea table were the couple's grandmothers, Mrs. L. D. Neill of Heppner and Mrs. John Royce of Wasco and assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Robert Brishbine, Mrs. Albert Dornaler, Misses Betty Van Horn, Jean Shull and Lorraine Gosson.

For traveling the bride wore a black suit with teal blue and black accessories and an orchid corsage.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet will be at home in Wasco.

The second half saw White Salmon march the length of the field in a series of line plays to score without losing the ball.

Moro completed an eight yard pass. An attempted pass was deflected from Peters' hand into the arms of a White Salmon player who raced to another touchdown. A few plays later a White Salmon player intercepted a Husky pass leading to another touchdown after a combination of passes and line plays.

The final score came just after the opening of the last quarter on a Moro fumble over the goal line where a White Salmon player recovered. During the remainder of the game Moro tried frantically to score by passing continuously.

White Salmon made 13 first downs to Moro's 4; completed 7 out of 13 pass attempts for 119 yards in contrast to Moro's 3 out of 17 for 28 yards; made 147 yards on running plays to 60 for Moro. Larson, White Salmon, averaged 6.8 yards in 12 running plays while Hartley averaged 5.2 yards in 5 plays.

White Salmon
Harvey LE
P. vonBorstel LT
R May LG
Zigler C
K May LG
Fritts RG
Jones RT
Oveson RE
Peters Q
Knighten RH
Thompson LH
Hartley F

White Salmon
Irwin D. Haws
Stratton
Stratton
DeBere
Sloan
Katt
Kreps
Larson
Cox
Tebbs
Floyd

County Courts May Finance Memorials

The county courts of Oregon, are authorized by 1947 law to help finance the construction of war veterans' memorial buildings. The Department of Veterans' Affairs pointed out this week to servicemen's groups interested in the construction of meeting places.

Chapter 595, Oregon Laws 1947, states in part "Upon the application of any two or more federated recognized veterans' organizations, the county courts of the state hereby are authorized & empowered to pay out of county funds such amounts as the courts may deem to be necessary or advisable to assist in the construction or acquisition of buildings to be used as club rooms and meeting places for service and ex-service veterans of any war."

Limit of amounts the counties may give are: In counties of from 1000 to 5000 population, \$5000; 5000 to 10,000 population \$10,000; 10,000 to 20,000 population, \$15,000; 20,000 to 100,000 population, \$25,000; and more than 100,000 population, \$50,000.

The law says veteran organizations must apply to the county courts by July, 1948, and it prohibits county financial aid for more than one such veterans' memorial building in any one city.

Rain Plentiful This Fall Compared To Average Year

Sherman county, the greater part of it at least, is better supplied with moisture than for many years at this time of year. The big rain of late September brought a bumping, 1.95 inches to start the crop year well. October has already given .18 inches with more falling each day during the present period of cloudy weather. Despite this abundance the easternmost parts of the county are said to be so short of moisture that seeding is still unsafe.

Those who have seeded their grain are having trouble killing the weeds. The grain is coming up and the ground is too wet to work and too wet to kill weeds if it were worked.

More Women Start Winter Meetings

First meeting of the Moro Woman's club was held Tuesday of this week with preparations for the year's program being the fare for the day. Mrs. Howard Conley told of the program and what was expected of the study for the club. Topic this year is Oregon.

Mrs. Robert May told of the district convention held the first of the month at Wasco.

For the next meeting members are requested to be prepared to give an early day recipe, that is, one used by a grandmother or some one in early times. Roll call for that meeting will require the responder to tell something interesting about an Oregon home.

In the absence of Mrs. Clarence Epling, who had been elected president for the year, Mrs. Robert May presided and was chosen as president for the year. A new vice-president will be chosen when the nominating committee reports at a later meeting.

August Gas Sales Soar To New High

Oregon motor vehicle fuel sales continued to climb in August as stations throughout the state pumped a record-breaking 43,268,289 gallons. Secretary of the State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has announced.

August sales bettered July's total by more than 500 thousand gallons, and marked a 10 percent increase over the gallonage for August of last year, indicating additional gains in street and highway traffic volumes.

Taxes on fuels of all types brought in \$2,163,414 to the state treasury for the second two-million-dollar month in history.

"The new record means Oregonians drove more than 500 million miles in August," Farrell pointed out. "That travel cost 39 lives—a price as intolerable as it is unnecessary."

About 90 percent of the August deaths were charged to rural areas and inter-city highways.

More Smutty Wheat Being Shipped

The percentage of smutty wheat marketed from the Columbia basin has been increasing the past three years, reversing a favorable trend that had prevailed for some years prior to that, reports, Dr. D. D. Hill head of the farm crops department at OSC.

Increase in smut is the result of growing varieties more susceptible to smut without, in some cases, carefully treating the seed, he believes. The most successful treatment is use of one ounce of the new improved Ceresan per bushel. Practically 100 percent control can be obtained by applying this properly and holding the seed 5 to 10 hrs. before seeding, says Dr. Hill.

He cautions against setting the blower on commercial machines too high as this will waste much of the material. A half-ounce per bushel is enough where smut is not bad hazard or if seed is clean to start with. Effectiveness of copper carbon, ate applied seven ounces per bushel has not been determined experimentally, Dr. Hill adds.

Sales Tax Meets Fifth Defeat At Hands of Voters

The sales tax failed to pass. The cigarette tax also was defeated by the sovereign voters of the State of Oregon. Both decisions were by convincing majorities, although many more favored the cigarette tax than the sales tax.

Sherman county's vote was in line with the general trend, both as to number of voters and position of crosses on the ballots.

A rainy day probably helped the size of the vote here although the largest number casting ballots for any measure was 488 about half the number that would have voted in a general election. There was some difference in the percentage by which the measures failed but all of the county's seven precincts were of one mind in defeating both.

The final and official vote:				
Precinct	Sales tax		Cig'r'te tax	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Rufus	21	50	26	45
Klondike	11	23	15	19
Monkland	6	23	8	21
Kent	11	32	15	29
G. Valley	17	85	28	73
Moro	28	62	29	62
Wasco	42	76	45	73
TOTALS	136	351	166	322

Returns from nearly 1600 of the state's 1856 precincts gave the sales tax 61,611 votes and the opposition 165,891 votes, according to press reports. The vote on the cigarette tax was 95,106 for and 128,870 against.

The sales tax was thus defeated by almost exactly the same percentage as has been the habit of such measures in Oregon. It may be expected to receive under 30 percent of the vote.

Auxiliary Re-sets Installation Date

The American Legion Auxiliary, in a meeting held Wednesday night, decided to hold joint installation Wednesday night, October 15 instead of the 22nd, as had been originally planned.

In order to get the Legion building ready for that event members of the Auxiliary will meet there Monday afternoon and do the things women usually do when getting ready for a party. Officers would like to have as much help as possible.

Slot Machines, Other Devices Taken Out

The state campaign against gambling devices moved into Sherman county Monday night when Sheriff Fields ordered all slot and pin-ball machines and all punch boards removed from public places.

Attorney General Neuner started the movement in August and counties have been gradually complying. The machines have been declared illegal by the courts and by a vote of the people, said the officer, and they will no longer be tolerated.

Fair Winner List Completed

FLOWERS:
Asters - Marie Peters 1st and 2nd. Dahlias - Marie Peters 1st and 2nd. Gladioli - Marie Peters 1st. Nasturtiums - Florence Johnston 1st. Petunias - Mrs. C. O. Burnet 1st. Florence Johnston 2nd. Roses - Mrs. C. O. Burnet 1st. Snapdragons - Mrs. C. O. Burnet 1st. Cut flowers not specified - Leona Douma 1st; Cynthia Bell 2nd.

CANNED FRUITS:
Apricots - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st. Cherries - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st and 2nd. Gooseberries - Mrs. J. F. Foss 1st. Loganberries - Mrs. J. F. Foss 1st. Peaches - Cynthia Bell 1st; Ellene Esslinger 2nd. Pears - Ellene Esslinger 1st; Mrs. Leo Watkins 2nd. Prunes - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st. Rhubarb - 1st. Strawberries - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st. Boysenberries - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st; Ellene Esslinger 2nd.

CANNED VEGETABLES:
Corn - Ellene Esslinger 2nd. String beans - Florence Johnston 1st & 2nd. Beets - Mrs. Leo Watkins 1st; Florence Johnston 2nd. Canned meat, chicken - Ellene Esslinger 1st.

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Chest Campaign To Start Here; Generous Asked To Aid

The campaign for the Oregon Chest is now on in Sherman county. It will not be an onerous task as the county quota for the state is \$653.00 and the county has provided for \$500 of this sum.

The committee in charge of the chest in Sherman county feel that some money should be on hand within the county to care for local needs that may arise and to give aid to organizations within the limits of the purpose of the fund.

Those willing and able to give are invited to do so voluntarily at the places designated.

Wheat League To Study Program

Consideration of the future program of the Oregon Wheat commission, created by the last legislature, will be one of the main topics of the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league in Baker December 4, 5 and 6. A fourth committee has been added to the organization plan of the meeting to deal with this phase of the program according to word received by the OSC extension service.

At the conclusion of a recent series of meetings held through the Columbia basin wheat counties by the commission, growers took home with them outlines of possible activities of the commission to be studied by them in advance of county and state meetings of the league. The commission was formed on the recommendation of the wheat league.

Young People Meet At Wasco Church

The parsonage of the Wasco M. E. church was the scene last Friday evening of a Salama-gundi party for the young adults of the church and community. Miss Olivia Olson, a field worker for the Methodist Board of Education was the hostess. Refreshments were made by everyone present as part of the fun and consisted of popcorn, fudge, mixed nuts and punch. The party concluded with group singing.

Those present were Mrs. Gladys Belshee, Mrs. Alice Gochnauer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lutje, Mrs. Margilee Kaseberg, Mrs. Margaret Blau, Mrs. Eileen Callaway, Henry and Malcolm Richelderfer, Walter Collins, and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Stierle. Other such activities are to be planned in the future for the young adults of Wasco.

Midco Sale Costs Under 10 percent

Total cost of the Midco pure bred sale was \$2584.63 according to a list of expenses made by the secretary's office. The larger part was raised by an entry fee of \$2.30 per head and the remainder will be raised by a percentage of sale price levy, which is expected to bring the average cost to between \$34 and \$35 per head. Expense of selling the stock was 9.99 percent of sales.

Expense has been divided into advertising which was \$1356.04 or 52.74 percent of the total; selling which was \$445.29 or 17.23 percent and miscellaneous costs of \$783.30 or 30.30 percent. Still to be collected from consignors is 4.28 percent of the total sales.

The complete report has been sent to all members of the association together with a list of the standings in the show and the complete breakdown of sales.

WASCO-MORO YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN PICNIC

At an evening of fun and fellowship last Sunday at the Wasco Methodist church, the young people of the Moro Community and the Wasco Methodist churches made plans for a two day outing at Camp Wyeth, fifteen miles west of Hood River next week end. They are planning to leave Sunday afternoon, October 12, and return Tuesday afternoon, October 14. A committee was set up for further preparations.

The Sunday evening get-together consisted of games of various kinds, refreshments and a closing worship service. Miss Olivia Olson from the Methodist headquarters at Portland was in charge of the evening's activities.

Sherman County Lads Place Well At Stock Show

Sherman county 4-H stockmen are home from the Pacific International since the fat stock sale Wednesday tired and pleased over their showing and returns from the sale.

Winner of the biggest prize for the county was Duane Eakin whose Shorthorn steer was adjudged reserve champion for all 4-H fat steers. Roger Ball had the reserve champion Hereford.

There were eight classes of Herefords, divided by weight. In Lot 1 David Wright was 2nd, Clarence May 3rd; In Lot 2 Ed Fritts had 1st and 2nd; James Hartley 7th; Ronald Rolfe 15th. In Lot 3 Doran Fritts was 6th, Roger Ball 7th. In Lot 4 Ed Fritts was 3rd; Stephen Oveson 4th; Clarence May 21st; Rodney Rolfe 25th. In Lot 6 Roger Ball was 1st; Bob Martin 7th; Dean Martin 13. In Lot 7 Leroy Martin was 8th.

In the calf scramble classes, being calves caught in the scramble last year, Joe Harvey was 1st; Dick Oveson 2nd, Ed Fritts 4th, Scott Fritts 8th. In the light weight scramble class James Hartley was 21st.

In the Shorthorn classes Dick Oveson was 9th for heavy. In the light Shorthorn class Duane Eakin was 1st; Merle Eakin 2nd & 4th, Scott Fritts 8th.

In the Angus classes for heavy Ed Fritts was 2nd; Roy Harvey 6th, Larry Kaseberg 10th; James Hartley 11th; Norman Fridley 14; LeRoy Martin 16th; Douglas Al-Duane Eakin 12th; WTSJW S 17th; Edwin Balsiger 18th; Roger Miller 24th; Terry Bucholtz 28th; In the light Angus Larry Kaseberg 2nd; David Wright 3rd; Scott Fritts 5th; Edwin Balsiger 9th; Duane Eakin 13; Ed Fritts 15th; Milton Fridley 23rd; Doran Fritts 29th.

For Shorthorn Showmanship Merle Eakin was 4th; Duane Eakin 5th; Dick Oveson 6th. For Angus Showmanship Ed Fritts 2nd; Larry Kaseberg 3rd; Scott Fritts 7th; Edwin Balsiger 8th; David Wright 9th.

For Hereford Showmanship Bob Martin 2nd.

Sherman county was second for county herd being beaten only by Whitman county, Wash. Diane Christianson placed first with her pen of three lambs and Dick Oveson won 7th with his Hampshire market hog.

At the sale over 400 head of 4-H fat steers were sold, the Sherman county boys averaged about 34 cents per pound according to LeRoy Wright who made the estimate from watching the sale in progress. Top steer, the grand champion brought \$1.10 and the Duane Eakin reserve champion brought \$1.05.

SHANIKO

Wasco county Sheriff Harold Sexton was in Shaniko Friday when he delivered the ballot boxes to election officials.

The extension club met at Mrs. Roy Forman's at Antelope Friday with Mrs. W. A. Rees of Shaniko attending.

Mrs. W. D. Hanks was a visitor in The Dalles Friday.

Ed McLennon of Bend has been visiting and hunting the past week with his uncle James Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carter of Hood River are cooking at the Hinton and Ward home place.

Mrs. Eugene Campbell of Oakland California was a visitor at the home of her brothers, Henry and Fred Cooks and she found time to spend an afternoon with Mrs. W. A. Rees.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rees and son, Johnnie and Mrs. Mary McPherson of Portland were week guests of the W. A. Rees.

Miss Margaret Olson spent Thursday night at her father's home in Madras.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McKinney were callers from Madras Thursday afternoon. Ivan Olson, also of Madras, was here Tuesday and Sunday.

Church services were held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Maude Garrett when Rev. Howard Schilling of Grass Valley and Chester Rutledge were speakers for the afternoon. About 16 were present. There will be another service October 9.

Dinner guests at the Garrett home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and son, Don, and Miss Sammy Lyons. Miss Patty McColloch went to The Dalles Monday to get medical attention for her ankle which she hurt at the ball game in Mau-