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CONFERENCE

Human beings like to talk. They like to gather and discuss their own problems or those of their neighbors. It has been called a simian characteristic by one who had been watching the monkey cages. Often, however, social and economic improvements come from such discussions if frankly and fully carried on.

The agricultural extension service had an idea that it was time the citizens of this county did some more talking about their problems inasmuch as it was nine years ago when it was done before—and many things have happened since.

The citizenry called for the meeting to decide on the conference provided some additional subjects, such as the controversial one of schools. Now it appears that the winter is already planned; there will be conversation and argument aplenty until the final draft of the conference report is written.

It can do a lot of good.

POWER

It is learned that two of the three projected dams on the Santiam will be without power generation units. There may be engineering reasons for this lack, but with all that has been said about the shortage of power in the northwest it seems odd to build dams on the Santiam for flood control only.

McNary dam is apparently going to be built although it may be years before it produces any power. It is likely that no private concern will dare build any dams because of fear of government interference and this restricts possible solution of the power shortage (which may or may not be as acute as stated.)

Close at home flows the Deschutes river which could be made to produce electric power in quantity as great as almost any river in the nation. A dam could be put on nearly every mile of it. The flow is constant and loss of commercial fish would be negligible. Why the government chooses to build on big rivers instead of the smaller ones is not explained; perhaps the engineers like a bigger job.

It is yet to be proven that the irrigation plans for the big dams is worth while; the transportation feature (which is charged with a goodly part of the cost) is yet to be used extensively. Power is the only tangible result—and we like to know why it cannot be produced more cheaply otherwise than on the major rivers.

AMATEURS AGAIN

Mr Petrillo, that saucy satrap of the musicians, has ruled that after January no member of his (used advisedly) union will make any records. Some minor gains are promised by this action. Shortly after it goes into effect it will be possible to dine without din and there might be a lessening of radio noises.

Eventually, however, Mr Petrillo is going to turn people to making their own music. That would be a real public benefit. Too many of us now take our music as a pure spectator sport. Large crowds gather without a single

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person being able to pick out a recognizable tune on the piano or mouth organ. Let James Caesar clamp on his ban and the amateurs will thrive again.

If the experts don't know any more about the European situation than they do about football we're in a bad way.

In Other Days.

From the Observer, Oct. 23, 1908

The Ladies' Aid society of the Moro M. E. church gave a farewell Friday for Mr and Mrs Teegarden who have returned to Washington county.

Road Master G. A. Meloy has been having an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

K. A. Kime has sold his interest in the Buckeye farm to W. H. Burris, who has taken possession. Mr Kime has taken another farm not far from Monkland.

From the G. V. J. Oct. 23, 1918

Henry Patjens has bought the Mrs LaCroix residence property in Grass Valley and will move here.

Grandma Rust died at Moro last Friday evening at about the age 82. She had been an honored pioneer of Sherman county for a number of years.

The Journal lists the deaths in one week from influenza in Sherman county, that of Miss Eunice O'Brien, William Walpole, Mrs Henry Peters and John B. Thompson.

From the Observer Oct. 25, 1928

The football game last Saturday on the Moro field between Moro and Madras high school teams was an exciting no score game.

R. D. Jackson, as one time proprietor of the Moro Pharmacy was a visitor in Moro Monday from Portland, to which place he moved from here about nine years ago.

E. E. Barzee has concluded his vacationing for the year and on Monday returned to Moro from a summer spent at Newport where he has residence property.

Wasco Welcomes Teachers at Public Reception

By Mrs Belle Clothier

The teachers reception sponsored annually by The Woman's Study club and The Tuesday Study club was held Thursday evening at the school auditorium with the parents coming to meet the new teachers of which there are three, Prin. Jim Riskowsky, Robert Duke and Anna Slack, all high school teachers. The following program was presented with Mrs Paulen Kaseberg in charge. Prelude and community singing accompanied by Mrs J. T. Johnson, welcome by Rev. S. Claude Stephens, response by Mr Jim Riskowsky, girls' chorus accompanied by Mrs Albert Dormater, piano solo "Majesty of the Deep" Joanne Watkins, talk by Rev. Carl Stierle, vocal solo "In the Garden" Malcolm Richelderfer.

accompanied by Mrs J. T. Johnson and piano solo by Miss Vivian Trounce. Refreshments were served after the program which was well attended.

C. W. Johnson of Aloha is visiting his son and daughter in law Mr and Mrs R. M. Johnson.

Mrs Sam Van Vactor and sons Sammy and Danny of The Dalles were weekend guests of her sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson and mother, Mrs Pearl Grosscup.

Mrs Howard Pratt of Portland was a week end guest of her husband at the Sherman hotel.

Mr and Mrs F. M. Crews were Sunday guests of their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Marion Crews at Stevenson, Wash.

Mrs Lydia Darby was a week end guest in Portland where she visited her son and daughter in law Mr & Mrs Wayne Darby and children and Mr and Mrs K. R. Ferguson and daughters.

Mrs Bertha Johnson of Grants Pass is a houseguest of Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson and

Mrs Pearl Grosscup. Mrs Andrew Shearer and grand

son Billy Williams were weekend guests in The Dalles.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
"Take Pen in Hand"

This column has been running for so long that its readers, in towns like ours all over the country, are beginning to "take pen in hand" and write us what they think.

Some of them take me over the coals for what I say—like the column I ran on planting alfalfa. Others write, "I liked your column yesterday, but..." All of them have different points of view.

From where I sit, that's the way it should be. Everybody's entitled to an opinion—and it's those very differences, and friendly criticism,

that make for tolerance and better understanding—whether it's ideas on planting alfalfa or choosing between beer and cider.

The more folks air their differences right out in public, with a neighborly respect for the other person's liberties and point of view, the closer we are to the American principle of individual freedom—whether it's in choice of crops or beverages.

Joe Marsh

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How desert winds help speed your voice across country



Above the desert floor we sometimes use wind-driven generators to supply power for long distance amplifying stations miles away from electric lines. When the wind dies, gasoline motors take over to charge the batteries at these repeater stations that give a "boost" to your voice as it journeys with the speed of light across the country.



"Here is your party" is the phrase our long distance operators are using more often these days. For, calls East are going through faster now. To give complete service to the many new telephones we're adding, we must build more "speech highways"—all parts of the telephone system must grow.

Once again, we want you to use our long distance facilities when you wish... as often as you wish. At some switchboards during busiest hours, there may still be a delay. But we're doing many things to make long distance service... and all telephone service... better than ever before.

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