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These Things We Note

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There is general lack of observance of traffic rules in Moro. Cars back around corners, turn in the middle of the block, double and triple park and pay little attention to restricted zones. There is no particular group or age or sex that does it. It is almost universal.

Probably some one will get killed or seriously hurt someday by driving boldly onto the main street without hesitation or from parking in the middle of the street.

Then the ones who are left will be more careful for a week or two. Traffic rules are made for traffic safety.

The other day we observed a man smoking a cigar and swinging a pick. Some slight acquaintance with both cigar and picks causes wonder as to how he kept both going at once. Interest in one or the other must have suffered. Both require the use of no little breath.

This is the season of bird hunters and of complaints about bird hunters, which this year seem more common than usual. Hunters feel that their license gives them the right to hunt anywhere and "No Trespassing" signs are torn down or shot up.

Landowners don't mind the killing of the birds so much as they do the carelessness of hunters who apparently see nothing but the bird and cows between them and the target or beyond it are peppered with shot. Cow owners think this does nothing for mental and physical welfare of the cows.

There is talk of establishing of more game refuges under state supervision. It is an odd situation. The state game commission sells the licenses and exists from the money. It raises game birds with some of it and distributes them. It seems anxious to establish game refuges where the birds will be safe. Hunters think they should be allowed to shoot them.

Yet, every game refuge is a restriction on the freedom of hunting and on the territory over which hunting can be done. The game commission appears to be on both sides of the argument, but probably has a perfectly logical explanation of it all.

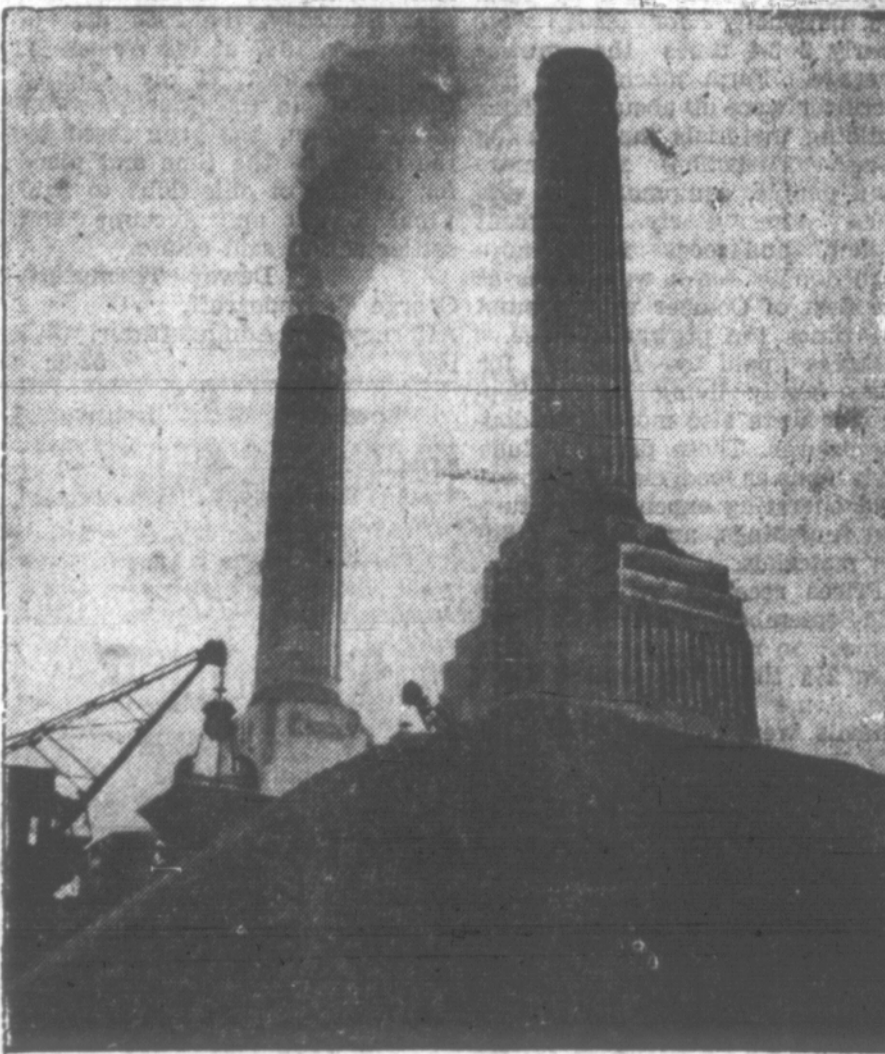
Education week is to be observed in Sherman county for the first time with any fanfare. That seems appropriate here especially with all the discussion that is going on about schools. The conference committee named to study the school situation can thus get off to a good start for information from the school standpoint. Maybe parents will visit schools and get some new ideas, but probably not many for all of them went to schools once upon a time and the basic things haven't changed. There are classes and sums to learn and verbs to get straight and geography to remember.

There are some changes, though. Schools teach little history and not much civics or government anymore, that phase of education being taken over by what is called science courses. It seems like there is so much that some one thinks children should learn that there is barely room for it all at the pace it is taught.

Which reminds us of a couple lines from two verses. Some years ago Theodore Roosevelt had some criticism of schools and the following was ascribed to his thinking: "Ram it in, cram it in, children's heads are hollow." And Oliver Goldsmith in his "Deserted Village" described the village school master as: "And still they gazed and still the wonder grew that from a small head could carry all he knew."

The latter, possibly, could be the result of the former.

We wonder what happened to that story old told to children about bread heels. It used to be said by sundry uncles and cousins that eating of the heels from a loaf of bread would make it possible for a small boy to whistle like the hired man—and perhaps more tunelessly.



GAS AND LIGHT FOR BRITONS . . . The tall stacks of Battersea power plant, near London, loom over huge coal stockpiles which, it is said, will assure domestic British consumers of sufficient gas and electricity during the winter months without rationing.

Conference Work Gets Started With Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Live-stock committee of the county planning conference is to be held November 3 at 1:30 p. m. in the county court room at Moro.

Harry Lindgren, extension specialist in animal husbandry at OSC and M. E. Knickerbocker, head of the bureau of animal industry, state department of agriculture, will discuss the national, state and local outlook on livestock. Mr. Knickerbocker will discuss disease control and other regulations from the state level.

DROUGHT REVIEWED

Current trends in market prices for grain already reflect weather reports and crop prospects for 1948, says L. R. Breithaupt, I. S. C. extension agricultural economist. Unfavorable conditions for planting wheat in the Great Plains are affecting livestock operations, also.

Despite government announced goals and price supports for wheat in 1948, the planting of fall-sown grain has been affected by drought during recent weeks in the principal winter wheat states east of the Rockies. Belated rains have somewhat alleviated the drought, however, and prospects are more hopeful.

While adverse for 1948 grain prospects the dry weather helped mature this year's corn crop. Very little damage was done to corn by frost as had been feared owing to lateness caused by prolonged rains last spring. Even the late planted corn is mostly safe.

General rains in the west have been beneficial for fall-sown grain and late pastures and ranges. Considerable wheat planted west of the Rockies for harvest in 1948 is already up with good stands.

The droughty conditions that have prevailed for several weeks in the winter wheat area of the western plains affected the demand for feeder cattle. Ordinarily, many cattle are pastured in the fall on wheat pastures in that area. Such pastures will not provide the usual amount of food. That is one of the factors contributing to smaller numbers of livestock to be fed this winter.

Breithaupt reports.

An overall reduction is expected in feeding operations, both cattle and lambs, compared with last season, according to surveys by the USDA bureau of agricultural economics. In addition to short wheat pastures, there is less feed grain, and prices for feed are high. Prices for stockers and feeders are also at near record high level. The 1947 lamb crops were smaller, leaving fewer lambs to go to feed lots.

Thus, weather conditions during the last several months have affected crop prospects and market prices and conditions to an unusual degree. The outcome at harvest time in 1948 of the new winter wheat plantings is still uncertain, but more hopeful than a short time ago, Breithaupt concludes.

New City Well On Test; First Outlook Hopeful

Testing of the city well got underway Wednesday afternoon when equipment was installed to permit a full test of its potentialities.

At first the well was pumped at the rate of 300 gallons per minute which soon exhausted the supply. Then the rate of pumping was reduced to 150 gallons per minute which was continued for a couple of hours. Thursday morning at nine the pump was again started and it will be continued through the day and the night, water permitting.

In the meantime the Conlee well is kept pumping as an added test. Water from the new well is 58 degrees in temperature, cold for a deep well. Depth of the well is 288 feet with water originally rising 42 feet.

If the test seems successful to city officials a new pump and pipe line to the clatern will be installed in time for the hot season next year, if money is made available.

Test pump and crew come from Portland.

High School Paper Makes Appearance

The OPTIMIST, school paper of the Moro High School, is being printed this year in the office of the Sherman County Journal. The editor, Dick Oveson, the advisor, Mrs. Robinson and their staff have turned out a four page sheet for the first issue which will be improved in later papers.

Although most school papers are largely financed through advertisements from business houses, the staff wish to see if the OPTIMIST could be financed by selling a large number of subscriptions, thus saving the entire space for news. It is well known that most houses consider advertisement in a school paper nothing more than a donation. The Moro High School does not wish to accept anything it does not rightfully earn. However, we do feel that all who subscribe will get their money's worth.

The OPTIMIST will sell for 75c for 8 and possibly 9 issues or at 10c per single copy. If you send 75c to Connie Wilson, circulation manager at the Moro High School or give it to one of the paper committeemen in your area, your copy will either be mailed or delivered regularly each month. We need a large circulation to make this project financially successful.

GRASS STUDENT HERE

Herb Howell, superintendent of the John Jacob Astor experiment station in Clatsop county, visited the local station Monday as a guest of Merrill Oveson. His problems, he said, are those of a grass agriculture. Clatsop county has almost no farms and those used strictly for dairy.

Education Week Observance Planned In Sherman County

The Sherman county public schools, the office of the county school superintendent, local posts of The American Legion and civic organizations in Sherman county will join similar groups throughout the state of Oregon and the United States in the observance of American Education week, November 9 to 15 inclusive.

Shortly after the termination of World War I, the newly organized American Legion proposed to do something about the high percentage of men disqualified for military service because of physical and educational defects. The Legion officials consulted with officers of the National Educational association which resulted in the first observance of American Education Week in 1921. Later the U. S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers accepted invitations to become co-sponsors.

In general, Sherman county schools will invite the public to visit school one day or afternoon to "Meet Your Teacher" in a class room situation. Several schools have planned an evening program.

According to their school paper "The Arrowhead", the Rufus school plans to run an abbreviated schedule of classes from 8:00 to 9:15 so that parents and friends may see what is being done in the school. A program of vocal and instrumental numbers plus a short talk by a guest speaker will be followed by a period of recreation for everyone. The girls of the home relations class will plan a lunch for the evening.

The Wasco school will have a Wednesday evening, November 12, which will include showing of a twenty minute film entitled "Pop Rings The Bell". Pop is the junior who grew up in Middleton and has kept several successful school buildings in good operating condition. He finally convinces some dubious business men why the modern school needs better equipment and support from the community.

At Moro, members of Chris Schultz Post of the American Legion will present an Armistice program at 8:00 p. m. on November 11. A short ceremony will be followed by skits, songs, and radio plays. The film, "Pop Rings The Bell" will be shown and the implications of local educational needs will be discussed.

Plans for the observance at Grass Valley and Kent have not been developed. The film, "Pop Rings The Bell" will be shown at Kent on Thursday evening, November 13 at a public meeting at George Bell Post of the American Legion.

Grass Valley Women See Souvenirs

The Grass Valley Women's club met at the Masonic hall Thursday afternoon with fifteen members present. Mrs. Millard Eakin had charge of the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Paul Goddard who was ill. Mrs. Earl Olds program chairman, was assisted in collecting and arranging an interesting display of souvenirs brought back from overseas by the boys of the county. Among the collection were several photograph books of pictures taken by the boys, which were enjoyed after the meeting. Mrs. Olds also gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Sweden taken with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Engstrom, some years ago while she was still in high school.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday, November 14 at the Masonic hall.

SCHOOL EDITORS CALLED

Editors, managers, and advisors of high school newspapers of Oregon will meet on the university campus December 5 and 6 for the 21st annual conference of the Oregon High School Press Association.

Planned for the interest of delegates will be roundtables and discussions of the problems of high school publications. The delegates will be housed in living organizations on the campus. Officers presiding at the meetings include: Cornelius Pateson, Salem, president; Barbara Driscoll, Portland, vice-president; and Maxine Lenz, Tigard, Secretary.

Moro's Running Attack Bests Condon Passing

Moro won the football dispute from Condon last Friday by a score of 32 to 19 but not until the Condon boys had shown that they knew how to throw—and catch—a football.

Bright autumn sunshine and a dry, but soggy, field greeted the players as Moro kicked to Devin who returned the ball to the 25. On the next play Oveson recovered a fumble and ran for the first touchdown. Moro kicked off again.

Huddleson, Condon fullback who was ill and played only on offense, made a first down but Condon had to kick. Hartley caught the punt and ran through the entire Condon team for Moro's second score making it 13 to 0. Those two first early scores were the margin of Moro's victory.

Smith took the Moro kickoff to the 30 and then had to kick to Thompson, a poor kick. Knights made 20, Thompson 20 but passes failed and Condon had the ball in midfield at the end of the quarter. Moro fumbled back of their goal line early in the second quarter and Oveson's kick was blocked. Condon recovered for a touchdown. Peters was kicked in the mouth and had to retire, Thompson taking over at quarter. Condon recovered another fumble early in the third quarter and after several passes Huddleson pushed over for a second touchdown to make the score 13 to 12.

From the Condon 25 Thompson ran for a touchdown but Moro was offside and it was called back. Hartley punched it over soon thereafter to bring the score to 19 to 12. Hartley again took the ball to the one yard stripe and Thompson ran it over, but Moro failed to convert.

Condon was not through and the combination of Devin to Chambers changed to Meyer to Chambers who took the ball to the eight and from there a Meyer to Devin pass scored again for the Blue Devils who made the extra point to worry Moro again with a 25 to 19 mark on the board. Condon kicked to Moro and Hartley ran to the 40 yard line with the kick. Thompson ran wide around right end to the five and Hartley ran it over. Moro made the point this time and the game ended 32 to 19.

Condon completed pass after pass until Ziegler solved the combination and intercepted two long ones that resulted in the final Moro score.

Hartley's hard running was a feature of Moro's play and the Condon passing was the best part of their playing.

Moro	Position	Condon
Harvey	LE	Hardie
P. vonBorstel	LT	Wooden
F. vonBorstel	LG	Shannon
Ziegler	C	Dean
Fritts	RG	Jones
Jones	RT	Greiner
Oveson	RE	Didler
Peters	Q	Chambers
Knighten	RH	Meyer
Thompson	LH	Devin
Hartley	F	Huddleson

School Honor Roll Has Seven Names

For the first time in several years Moro High School will announce an honor roll after each six weeks period of school. This will give recognition to those students who demonstrate scholarship during this time. While there are many different qualities which schools should attempt to develop in students, scholarship is one that should be especially encouraged.

To attain the honor roll a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.25. A "1" is given 4 grade points, a "2" is given 3 grade points, a "3" two grade points, and a "4" one grade point. Seven students (two boys and 5 girls) made the mark this past six weeks.

Gene Zevely, senior,	3.50
Sharon Martin, senior,	3.25
Nell Coats, junior,	3.25
Martha Bardenhagen, soph.,	3.50
Evelyn Kirkelle, freshman,	3.25
Roy Harvey, freshman,	3.25
Les Edwards, freshman,	3.25

Dead In Plane Crash



Earl W. Snell



Robert S. Farrell Jr.

Three Leading Public Officials Lost In Hunting Trip Accident

Governor Earl Snell and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. and Senate President Marshall Cornett together with Cornett's pilot, Cliff Hogue, were reported all dead in the wreckage of the plane near Dog Lake near the California boundary west of Goose Lake.

Death of the three top state officials elevates Speaker of the House John Hubert Hall, Portland attorney, to the governorship.

Electricity Off and On This Week

Electric current went off Tuesday evening just before six o'clock and it was repaired by installation of a new transformer in front of the McKean office by ten o'clock that night.

Before noon Wednesday the new transformer also went out and it was after four o'clock before a new—and larger—one could be installed.

SHANIKO

Tuesday afternoon James Philfer, employee of Frank Wagner, was hurt while unloading coal. The truck rolled off the ramp and Philfer had three ribs broken. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carrigan took him to The Dalles to a hospital and he was able to return home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown went to LaGrande Wednesday to spend a few days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ingraham.

James Robertson went to Salem Thursday for a power grader being accompanied by Frank Forbes of Maupin.

Miss Barbara Olson was here with her sister, Miss Margaret Olson at the W. A. Rees home from Thursday until Sunday when she returned to Madras with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson of Thompson & Parker together with some of the crew came Sunday to start work the next morning putting up wire on the country lines that were left previously when wire was short.

W. J. Crozier left Monday for Snohomish after visiting here with his daughter, Mrs. Maude Garrett and family.

Here for Sunday services at the Garrett home were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schilling, Mrs. L. D. May, Mrs. John Engstrom, Miss Anna Schwartz. Another service will be held in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lang and family have moved here from Kent and are living in the Walter Young house. He is working on the highway crew.

Rain Continues To Halt Work In Wheat Fields

The past week brought an additional .46 inch of rain to the rain-harrassed farmers of Sherman county and prevented seeding of fall grain now a month later than most farmers desired.

The weeks rain brought the total for October up to 3.41 inches, which added to the 1.95 rainfall of September gives the county a 5.36 inch precipitation for the first two months of the crop year.

Greater rains have fallen before despite the general feeling that there has never been so great and continuous a downpour. Only in 1943 October and November were very wet. There was 2.78 in October and November broke all existing monthly records by bringing 4.35. Back in distant 1911, the fall before the well remembered 1912 wheat crop, there was 4.03 in September and .33 in October to give the grain a good start toward a profitable harvest.

Constant rain has prevented much field work for the past week but there is expected to be an end to it in time for weeds to be killed ready for seeding before freezing weather. Some farmers who seeded early are tearing up their grain preparatory to reseeding as weeds prevented a good stand.

Auxiliary Playing

Women of the American Legion Auxiliary, aided by the members of the Legion, are to be hostesses Friday night to the children of the community at a Halloween party.

The younger children will meet at the Legion hall by 7:30 p. m. where they will be entertained. The older group will meet at the big or Old Legion hall first and will later be entertained and fed at the present Legion hall. Dancing will be on the program for late in the evening.

Kent Woman Taken To Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howell, and George Howell were dinner guests at the John Decker home just out of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are from the valley and enjoyed their short visit here. They spent Wednesday, after their dinner engagement, at the H. P. Howell home.

Mrs. Vern Mobley was rushed to The Dalles hospital Sunday evening in a very critical condition. Mrs. Mobley underwent blood transfusions. Her condition, we are glad to report, is much improved.

The Christian church meets each Sunday and attendance is improving. The Reverend and Mrs. Hastings are very favorable assets to our community and we hope they enjoy a long and happy stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lang and family are planning to move to Shaniko where Mr. Lang will work with the road crew. He was formerly employed by Lester Wilson of Kent. The children will attend Shaniko grade school and Maupin high school.

Livestock Prices Hold High Mark

Livestock markets were irregular during the week ending October 23, but domestic wool buying was more active, according to the weekly meat animals and wool review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA market reports and other data.

At North Portland, steers and heifers opened in strong position with prices 25 cents higher, but closing trade was slow with the few sales weak at 50 cents lower.

Buyers were inactive on Thursday, protesting brand inspection fees. Good steers at Portland are now around \$3.25 above the irregular prices of a year ago. Veal calves are quoted about \$6.00 above a year ago. Trading on slaughter steers at Chicago was extremely slow until Thursday when the market became moderately active. Holders were reported the early part of the period.