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These Things We Note

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The state house was filled with flowers, piled on the banisters, hung in wreaths from the walls and galleries. Friends met and shook hands with few comments. All felt the solemnity of the occasion.

Within the house chamber, as the hour drew near to the appointed time of 1:30, legislators, past and present, marched in to sit again behind the desks. Four governors of adjoining states, judges, United States senators and representatives, former governors were ushered in quietly, seriously.

The invocation, the scriptures, the Lord's Prayer and the eulogy of the three men whose broken bodies lay in the three flag-draped caskets. Well chosen words—appropriate—fitting. The benediction and the audience still standing as undertakers' assistants moved toward the center casket and removed the wreaths. "That's Earl," said a tired voice simply from the side of the house.

The men impetuous, grim, moved the casket down the aisle on its last journey. "That's my Earl," said the poignant piteous feminine voice but the executive power of five states and the legislative and judicial authority of one was helpless before the greater power that had made the ceremony necessary.

Legislators and private citizens marched out between the ranks of other citizens to face a governmental future without their elected leaders.

We think little of it most of the time until something happens to bring it to mind. Public officials come around every two or four or six years and solicit votes and it seems as if it were a favor. Some consider them a nuisance and hold them in slight respect.

Yet when some of the best of them are suddenly called from their duties beyond the limit of our vision there is realization of the service they gave. Government is turned over to other and lesser men and every citizen realizes his loss and the value of the lost leaders.

We miss them when they are gone even though they are not appreciated when alive.

Many Oregon counties were named for famous generals and others were named for politicians, running from Lincoln and Washington named for presidents of those names to several United States senators, among them being Douglas, Baker, Linn.

Lowest ranking officer to have a county named for him was Cornelius Gilliam, who headed a small army of men and was killed in the Cayuse Indian war.

Morrow county was named for a prominent local citizen and the principal town, Heppner, was named for another local man, a situation unique in Oregon whose early settlers usually went far afield to find names for the new municipality. Wheeler county was named for a local man, H. H. Wheeler who drove stage from Canyon City to The Dalles in the sixties when stage driving was a hazardous occupation. In fact, Wheeler had his teeth shot out, and was probably thankful that the styles made a long and flowing beard necessary for manly appearance.

Josephine county was named for a miner's daughter, Josephine Rollins. Colorado produced one famous daughter of a miner, but neither have achieved the distinction of the one memorialized in song—the famous Clementine.

After some early Oregon residents had driven the Indians out they gave the name of the tribe to the land once occupied by them and perhaps it would have been appropriate had more followed this system of naming new counties. Then rival schools would have more variety in yells. The Umatillas could again war with the Wallawos on the gridiron, and the Umpquas and Yamhilla could do battle at Chemeketa and all get tonguetied with better excuse than today.



YOU CAN'T THROW IT AWAY HERE . . . At Blowing Rock, N. C., there is peculiar kind of precipice that specializes in strong up-drafts. A constant breeze flows up the face of the rock, returning to your hands any light object tossed over the edge, in witness whereof the young lady in the photo flings her kerchief into the air and it returns like a lace-trimmed boomerang.

Seal Sale Solicitors Selected By County Chairman

The campaign for Christmas seals will open November 24 and continue until Christmas, occupying the holiday season as usual, says Mr. Afton McIntyre, county chairman.

Selected to handle the campaign in the several sections of the county are: Mrs. James Matthes, Kent; Mrs. Wallace May, Grass Valley; Mrs. Paul May, Moro; Mrs. Keith McDonald, Wasco; Mrs. Stuart Macnab, Rufus.

Portland Sherman Countians Announce

The monthly meeting of the Sherman County Luncheon club will meet Wednesday, November 12 in the Rose room of the Portland hotel with Mrs. Karl Landstrom, Mrs. O. A. Ekstrom, and Mrs. Marion McKee acting as hostesses.

Religions Differ At State College

Religious Emphasis week, observed on the Oregon State campus the first of November found students divided among 44 different faiths and denominations.

The annual list shows Methodists in the lead with 1128, followed by Presbyterians 1049; Catholic 328; Episcopal 491; Baptist 387; Lutheran 384; Christian 356; Congregational 156; Christian Science 138; Mormon 78 and Jewish 28.

Five hundred ten gave only Protestant, while 1963 gave no preference though past experience has shown that many of these have affiliations but decline to list them.

Grass Valley and Rufus Arrange Programs To Observe Education Week

Ivan Stewart, principal of the Grass Valley Grade School, has announced the following program for observing National Education week on Friday, November 14 at 8:00 p. m.

From 8:00 to 8:30 regular classwork will be conducted to show the ordinary day by day methods used in modern instruction. At 8:30 the school will present a program in the auditorium after which the film, "Pop Rings The Bell" will be shown. Visitation of various rooms from 9:30 to 10:00 will complete the program.

At Wasco the schools will present their program on Wednesday evening, November 12, starting at 8:30. Showing of the film, "Pop Rings The Bell", will be followed by four 15 minute periods of classes, an abbreviated schedule which will portray a half day's work in school.

Rain Holds Over Weekend; Cold Comes

Rain continued over the weekend and some .30 of an inch fell over five and a half inches, a half of a good year's moisture.

Drier days since the first of the week are permitting farmers to work in the fields and seeding is going on where it was impossible heretofore.

Monday night a chill wind blew out of the west and accompanying snow made gray the country south of Nigger ridge. It melted by noon and did no harm, but was a harbinger of winter, a forecast that was substantiated later when the temperature dropped to freezing at night and the wind bit through autumn clothes.

Rufus Girls Moro At Volleyball

The Rufus high school volleyball team proved to be too much for the girls from Moro in a game played at Rufus, Tuesday, November 4. Velda Guilford led her team in winning a 45 to 22 victory largely through powerful spiked plays at the net. Dorothy Blackburne and Jessie Rice were credited with 17 and 11 points each while at serving positions.

The Moro girls were ahead for a few minutes in the first half but were unable to hold their lead once Rufus got started. The starting line-up was: Verna Coyle RB, Jessie Rice Sammie Lvonis RF, Donna Smith Gene Zevely CF, D. Blackburne Sharon Martin LF, V. Guilford Ina Zeldier LB, Darlene Smith C. Wilson CB, L. Millard.

Substitutions for Rufus were: Arleta Wristen, Shirley Yocum, and Audrey Blackburne. For Moro: Dianne Christianson, Nell Coats, Marie Blagg, Priscilla Meizer, Wilma and Viola Edwards, Jackie Rust, Virginia Smith, Evelyn Kirkelle, Dorothy Wilson.

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City Well Pumped 15 Hours at 135 Gallon Rate

The result of the test of the city well indicated a flow of over 100 gallons per minute and the city council is studying pumps and deals on them preparatory to buying one for well. The fact that old well is pumping air is speeding the planning.

The new well was first pumped out at a rate of 300 gallons per minute then the rate decreased until no air was pumped. It was operated for 15 hours at a rate that varied from 100 gallons per minute to 160. Variation was caused by the governor on the motor, not on the capacity of the well.

Wasco Young Folks Party on Hallowe'en

The Wasco Methodist church basement was the setting last Friday evening, Hallowe'en night, of a young adult party. The basement was decorated in black and orange with pumpkins, bats, black cats, witches, and jack-o-lanterns. Those attending were requested to wear jeans or gingham. Upon arrival, each person was to make a hat out of colored crepe paper and pins. Then followed games such as bean race, walnut race, apple bobbing, etc. The games ended with some folk dances. The refreshments consisted of apple cider, doughnuts and popcorn. Mrs. Eileen Callaway and Mrs. Gladys Belshe were on the planning committee. Mrs. Callaway directed the games, and also did a fine job of decorating. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lueje, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Goehner, Mrs. Eileen Callaway, Mrs. Marguerite Kaseberg, Mrs. Mable Haven, Mrs. Margie Hilderbrand, Miss Ann Shack, Henry Richderfer and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Stierle.

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Wheat Feeding Common, says Brandt

Any national program for the conservation of wheat will need to recognize that the Pacific northwest has historically depended on wheat and other small grains as livestock and poultry feed, P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industries division at Oregon State college, told the congressional subcommittee for the economic report in a recent hearing in Seattle.

Should wheat be withdrawn in this area from its normal and reasonable use in feeding, the result would be a serious reduction in production of milk, meat and eggs, Brandt explained, and there would be further increases in living costs by at least the freight from the mid-west to the coast.

"The demand for human food along the coast and particularly in the northwest has changed the agricultural picture in this area," he testified. "We no longer produce a surplus of butter and eggs, as the population of Oregon has increased by a half-million in the last five years with even larger increases in Washington and California."

Professor Brandt emphasized that livestock and poultry numbers have not been increased proportionately in Oregon—in fact have been decreased—and that producers in this area are efficient in their use of wheat and other small grains as feed, else they could not compete with areas having cheaper feeds.

Latest report on cow numbers in Oregon shows 251,000 compared with 264,000 January 1, 1944. Hog numbers are the lowest in recent history at 161,000 compared with 269,000 in 1944.

SHANIKO

Duncan McLennon, of the hotel, has as his guests this week, his nephew Walter McPherson of Browning, Montana, also Alex McLennon, and Donal McKay. These men have all visited Shaniko before.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rees and son, John of Portland, were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rees over the weekend.

Ivan Olson of Madras was here Sunday.

Education Week Programs Made To Lure Parents

Cordial invitation to parents and the general public to "Meet Your Teacher" during the Sherman county observation of American Education week, November 9 to 15, inclusive, was issued today by Kenneth Young, committee chairman, as final arrangements were being completed by school and lay organizations.

The Sherman county schools are joining with schools throughout Oregon in observance of the occasion this year. Four groups are sponsoring American Education week at the state level. They are the Oregon department of the American Legion, the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the State Department of Education, and the Oregon Education association.

American Education week has been celebrated throughout the United States since 1921, approximately 10 million people visiting the schools during the week. Civics, service and fraternal organization groups have cooperated in familiarizing the public with the purposes of education through special programs during the week.

The Oregon observance was officially endorsed by the late Governor Earl Snell shortly before his untimely death. His statement said in part:

"Only through adequate education of our future citizens can we ensure the future of our democratic way of life; only through a broadening of the vision and perception of our youth can we guarantee a continued growth and appreciation in our basic fundamental rights and liberties. As a step forward, the observance of American Education week is important. It will add to the recognition of the part which must be played by the public at large, as well as the parents and teachers of each school-age child, and is worthy of wide-spread support and recognition."

In view of the importance of the work and the significance of the occasion, I hereby designate the period from November 9 to 15 as "American Education Week" in Oregon.

Kids Like Auxiliary Hallowe'en Party

The American Legion Auxiliary entertained the youngsters, small and large Hallowe'en and were so successful that few pranks and little damage was done.

Dancing and a scavenger hunt entertained the older ones and just plain food and drink sufficed for the smaller ones. The third and fourth grade children were so happy about it all that they wrote to Mollie McLachlan, president of the Auxiliary, to send their thanks and say "We liked the games and the refreshments and were glad that we could come," which practically assures a repetition of the affair for next Hallowe'en.

Youngsters Hayride Like Dad and Mom

The Youth Fellowship of the Wasco Methodist church sponsored last Saturday night a hayride to which all the young church people of the county were invited. The hayriders left the church at around 8 o'clock in a hay wagon furnished by L. P. Haven and a tractor supplied by Lawrence Kaseberg. After stopping at the Wallace barn for more hay they went out the Klondike for several miles. It was a beautiful evening as the moon was just about full, and it was very cold. The hayriders sang all the songs they could think of.

After the ride they returned to the church for buns and hotdogs, potato chips and punch. There were forty young people present representing the Rufus Nazarene Moro Community, and the Wasco Methodist churches. Patricia Kaseberg, president of the Wasco Methodist Youth Fellowship was in charge of arrangements for the hayride.

County Road Boss Resigns; Jim Brown Appointed

The resignation of Willard Koons as road master for Sherman county was accepted by the county court in regular meeting Wednesday and James Brown of Grass Valley was appointed to the vacancy thus caused. C. S. Rice remained in the county employ.

Mr. Koons came here from Wasco county last spring to take over the job vacated by Lou Peetz. Mr. Brown has worked on the county crew before.

The court also canvassed the votes and gave official approval of the consolidation of school districts 15 and 5, Gordon Ridge and Locust Grove, with Wasco. The election was held in October.

The county now contains 15 districts or sub-districts although consolidations are reducing the number each year.

Wasco Rainfall

Rainfall in the Wasco country has been slightly under normal for 1947 in spite of the heavy storm of the past month, according to Dora Moore who keeps the records for rainfall at Wasco.

The normal for the year is 11.80 at Wasco and 11.26 has fallen to the first of the month. September rainfall was 2.08 and October's was 3.67 making total of 5.75.

Heaviest moisture year in recent times was 1940 when there was 14.67 inches although 1942 was wet with 14.06. In 1939 it was the driest with a mere 5.41, 1944 had but 7.57 and 1946 only 8.71.

Grass Valley Rebekah Lodge Entertains

The Grass Valley civic auditorium was filled to capacity by an enthusiastic audience Saturday night November 1, when the play, "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" or "Tempted, Tried and True", a gay nineties melodrama in three acts was presented by the Rebekah lodge.

The setting was a country garden in Connecticut. The characters taken from the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges were Nellie Lovelace, the typical old time heroine tempted, tried but ever true to Adam Oakhart, was portrayed by Charlotte Barnett. Adam Oakhart, the rugged, rustic son of a blacksmith and an aid in the local livery stable and Nellie's true love, was played by Willard Barnett.

Ida Rhinegold, the deep as she was dyed, college widow was played by Cora Perrigo.

Monroe Murgatroyd, the tall dark and handsome villain, the tempter of young girls and trying to marry a fortune only to be foiled at the last moment by Ida, his real wife, was played by Orville Ruggles.

Mookie Maguggins, the hired man, a toby character and the comic relief of the play was capably portrayed by Alton Coyle, who was the rustic riot of the play.

The widow Lovelace, Nellie's mother, a gentle old lady, was played by Mrs. Jerry Coyle.

The Mrs. Upson Asterblit, a commanding dowager dressed like Mrs. Astor's pet horse, was played by Sallie Martin.

Leonie Asterblit, a sweet young thing, with bird like manner and second to fall subject to the villain's scheming only to be saved in the nick of time, was played by Peggy Baumgartner.

Fleurette, Flour-tea-tea to Mookie, a French maid, with lots of Oo-la-la was played by Lydia Crews.

Little Nell, the daughter of Adam and Nellie and a surprise to all was played by Doris Coyle. The web of blackmail, poison and plotting of all kinds of dirty work by the villain and the unravelling of all these by the rest of the characters furnished an evening of good home town amusement.

A barbershop quartette, Orville Ruggles, Boyce Blaylock, Sim Duncan and Don Earl, furnished between the acts entertainment and were very well received by the audience.

Vern Dutton of Klondike was one of the lucky hundred whose name was chosen from the 1215 applications for special elk tags. These hundred may hunt in the Ukiah territory December 13 to 16.

Meetings Keep Planners Plodding To Court House

A long series of meetings are in process of being held in the county in preparation for the Eastern Oregon Wheat league annual session to be held at Baker early in December or for the Sherman county conference which will culminate in January.

Next Wednesday, the 12th, the school committee of the conference will meet in the afternoon at 1:30 with some one from the state department present. The meeting is expected to be interesting if not incendiary.

In the morning of that day the Production and Transportation committee will meet at 9:30. Friday of the same week the Wheat Disposal and Market Development committee of the league will meet at 9:30 and the Land Use committee will gather in the afternoon of that day as well. The Taxation and Legislation committee of the wheat league will meet on the 21 in the morning. The weed control committee of the planning conference will meet on the 21st also.

There will be five committees at the wheat league this year with some important changes in topics discussed. Committee members are given herewith:

Federal Agricultural Programs and Land Use:

Wallace May, Hildred Zell, T. L. Fields, Harvey Thompson, Roy Schilling, J. B. Coon, Willard Barnett, Ormond Hilderbrand, Paulen Kaseberg, Ross Guilford, Lee Dehlar, Carroll Sayrs, Irving Hart, Arthur Christianson, Art Bucholtz.

Production and Transportation:

Dewey Thompson, Walter Bruckert, Harry Pinkerton, Wes Fuller, Stanley Coelsch, John Decker, Gordon Harper, Art Watkins, Lloyd Henrichs, Merrill Oveson, Collis Moore, George Potter, Walt Medler, Floyd Root, Harold Eakin, Norris Gilkinson, David Richelderfer, Kenneth Blau.

Taxation and Legislation:

George Potter, Albert Kaseberg, Vernon Miller, Jerry Wilson, A. H. Barnum, Marvin Thomas, Gordon Reid, Gilles French, William Powell, Curt Tom, George Fox, Donald Macnab, Herb Root and Frank vonBorstel.

Young Peoples Activities:

Bob King, Frank Sayrs, Shelton Fitts Jr. Lawrence Kaseberg, Art Bucholtz, Fred Cox, Ralph Eakin, Merle Becket, Kenneth Martin, Luther Davis David Richelderfer Paul Alley, Kenneth Fridley, Ted Ball, Harold Eakin, Henry Barnum, Merrill Oveson.

Wheat Disposal and Market Development:

Wendell Balsiger, George Harris, Harvey Thompson, Everett Watkins, John DeMoss, Tom Fraser, Dewey Thompson, Roy J. Baker, George Wilson, Arnold Dunlap, Carroll Sayrs, Francis Watkins, Lawrence Kaseberg, Millard Eakin, Allan Tom, Wilbur Haggerty Art Smith, Joe Peters.

LeRoy Wright will be secretary of all committees.

MRS ELLA S. WOLFORD

Mrs Ella Strong Wolford, age 63, a resident of Cottage Grove, for 33 years, a sister of the late H. W. Strong of Moro, died at her home Monday, October 29.

She was the mother of Harold L. Wolford, business man of Cottage Grove, Lloyd G. and Horace, also of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Audrey Flannigan of Eugene.

Born at Moro, she was married November 28, 1901 to Aubrey B. Wolford at Moro. He died in 1944.

Survivors other than the sons and daughter are two brothers, Perry Strong of Tigard and Harvey Strong, Walker, Oregon. Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary, Cottage Grove.

MRS LIZZIE BURKHART

Word has been received of the death in Portland, October 24, of Lizzie Burkhardt, an early day resident of Sherman county. She came to this county in the 1880s and homesteaded near the John Day river. She has resided in Portland for the past eleven years. She was 88 years old, being born in Germany in 1859.

Survivors include one son, C. W. Burkhardt of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Wing of Elma, Washington; and Mrs. W. R. Reid of Wasco; and two grandsons, William Reid Jr. of Portland and Charles Burkhardt of Yakima, Washington.