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These Things We Note

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People seem to shy more away from the idea of winter these days. There is a sort of post-war premium on physical comfort. Perhaps the people we know are getting older, in fact, people are getting older—period. The average is going up every year.

But what we started to say was that it's hard to find a man who says, like the old timers, "I've got my shed full of wood the cellar full of potatoes, the smoke house full of meat, hay in the stack, let 'er come." The old timer in his red flannels didn't care much about defying the east wind and the snow, whereas his grandson looks forward to cold and snow with trepidation.

Folks are much less well prepared these days. Heating oil is delivered in small quantities, food is bought daily or weekly at most. We just can't hole up and "let 'er blow."

Perhaps it is futile and unpopular to worry about the trouble of a tax gatherer, but the Oregon tax commission is in an unenviable spot. There is a suit against the decreased income tax exemptions and the withholding tax. Until the suit is decided the commission cannot get its forms printed and know they are correct. The printer is in a spot, too, for he will have to turn out some 350,000 forms pretty quick to get them in the mail by the first of the year. And the girls who address them will have to do some fast typing to get it all done on time.

They won't make it, of course, but each and everyone who has made any money will get his chance to write it down even though he isn't faced with the form by January 1.

Commissioners do that worrying for \$8000 now, but used to do it for \$4800.

President Truman is said to still remember the haberdasher's clever showmanship of neckties. Good thing to practice now, and then. It might be useful in a few years.

Alexander Pope was an English poet who had the knack of saying it so it would be remembered. He could have been a success as a modern columnist, the best of whom seldom surpass him for pertinence.

He wrote:
For forms of government let fools contest;
What'er is best administered is best.
For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight;
His can't be wrong whose life is in the right.
If Pope was right communists are wrong in trying to make the rest of the world adopt their form of government, and the democracies are wrong in trying the same thing. This nation is managed by the rich and the middle class, just as most nations are. Russia is managed by a small group that originally sprang from the proletariat or working class. The poor never manage anything so important as a government—anyway they don't stay poor long.

In a democracy the working class can elect their own people to power. It isn't often done because they are not as dependable as representatives of the middle class. In the countries that preach communism and practice dictatorships no one can be elected without support of the gang at the top.

Nations adhere to forms of government long after the sense has gone out of them. China calls its government a democracy but the people don't know how to vote or why. Settlement of public questions is beyond the concept of the people. It holds to the form of monarchy, long after the last king has been dead.

Russia adheres to the monarchy, form also and changing Nicholas for Joe changed the life of workers very little. Now they are under Nick they don't.



HIPPO, HIPPO, HOORAY... Pygmy hippos—that's a new one. At any rate, this one in the picture is a new one, and its proud mother looks like she might be cheering the event lustily. Gundrop IV, the pygmy, was born not so long ago at the Washington, D. C., zoo. He weighs 13 pounds, his mother is a delicate 450. The Washington zoo has bred about eight pygmy hippos, and is the only zoo in the country that does.

Pomona Grange Officers Chosen

The Sherman County Pomona Grange held its last meeting of the year November 29 with Wil There were 28 present at the dinner held at noon.

It was decided to have installation of officers for this county at Harlandview grange on Sunday, December 14 at one o'clock.

Election of officers took up most of the time. They were as follows: Louis Sather, master; Ross Guilford, overseer; Mrs. Sam Brock, steward; Dean Reynolds, assistant steward; Mrs. Sam Brock, chaplain; Vernon Miller, treasurer; George Fox, secretary; Harry Howell, gatekeeper; Mrs. E. C. Eaton, Ceres; Mrs. Harry Howell, Pomona; Mrs. Clara Bekkadahl, Flora; Mrs. Dean Reynolds, assistant steward. Executive committee were Walt Bruckert, Bob Belshie and Blaine Miller. All of these officers are elected for a two year term.

Visiting guests were the state grange deputy William Howes, his wife and Mr and Mrs Carl Adams of The Dalles.

Rufus Teacher Takes Matrimonial Vows

Miss Bergliot Flaten, daughter of Peter Flaten and primary teacher at Rufus school, and William Domreils Jr. of Portland were married on Thursday, November 27. The wedding was held at the Methodist church at Goldendale with the Rev. Groseclose officiating. The single ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a beige gabardine suit with wine accessories and a corsage of Talisman roses. She was attended by Mrs. D. D. Williams who wore a black gabardine suit and a corsage of white carnations. Mr. Domreils was attended by D. D. Williams.

A wedding dinner followed at the D. D. Williams home. Guests included Peter Flaten, father of the bride, Mr and Mrs B. D. Williams of Lidgerwood, North Dakota, the host and hostess, Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams and the bride and groom, Mr and Mrs Williams Domreils.

Mrs. Domreils will finish out the year teaching at Rufus then she will be at home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum Celebrate 50 Years of Matrimony With Relatives, Friends

A reception in honor of Mr and Mrs E. E. Barnum who had reached their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, November 28, was held that day at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Giles French in Moro.

About a hundred friends and relatives called during the afternoon and congratulated them on the event. Refreshments of cake, punch and coffee were served with descendants of Mr and Mrs E. E. Barnum serving. Daughters Mrs. Clem Esslinger of Hillsboro and Mrs. R. C. Jones of Portland served cake and coffee, presiding at the center table which was decorated with yellow roses and white tapers. Their grand daughter Mrs. Hugh Rogers of Hillsboro attended the guest book.

The couple have spent nearly 50 years of their married life in Sherman County and were married near Wasco

Conference Groups Schedule Meetings

The Farm, Home and Rural Life committee met this week and chose Mrs. Walter Bruckert as chairman. Miss Frances Clinton, state home demonstration agent spoke and told of what could be done to improve rural living.

A sub-committee on landscaping consisting of Truman Strong, Merrill Oveson and Charles Burpet was named and other committees of 4-H club work and home improvement will be appointed.

The county agent will be gone until December 15 because of the annual conference in Corvallis. The next week will begin with a meeting of the school committee on Monday, December 15, at which time a report will be expected from the sub-committees named in November.

On the 16th the Crops committee and the Land Use committees will meet for further study of their problems. The committee on weeds will meet the 18th.

It is expected that the general conference will be held January 22 or 29 but the exact date has not been set.

Oregon Farms Near Total Electrification

Oregon is a national leader in the field of rural electrification, ranking eighth in percentage of farms with electric service, according to survey results sent the OSC extension service by the Rural Electrification administration.

Only 4,899 Oregon farms, or 7.8 percent of all farms in the state, do not have electric service, the survey shows. The survey lists Connecticut, with all but 1.5 percent of its farms electrified, at top of the list in farm electrification program, followed by Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, New York, Idaho, and Oregon in that order.

The study, which analyzes the nation's rural electrification progress up to June 30, 1947, shows that 24 million farms—or 39 percent of all farms in the United States, were not electrified at that time.

Th report states that a minimum of \$241,248 in new REA loans will be available to rural electric groups in Oregon before June 30, 1948.

Ray McKay Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Raymond W. McKay, proprietor of McKay's Service station, died Thanksgiving day from a heart attack at his home. He had suffered from attacks previously, but had not considered them serious.

Mr. McKay was born at Vancouver, Washington March 2, 1906 and had spent his life in Oregon living at Kent a part of the time and also at Sweet Home. Funeral services were held Monday at two o'clock in The Dalles and interment made in the cemetery at Coquille.

Surviving are his widow, Ma mlie, a son Benjamin, Coquille, four step children, Mrs. G. E. Rosen, Lebanon, Miss Darlene McCallister, Kent; James and Kenneth McCallister, Kent; his parents, Mr and Mrs George McKay of Mist; five sisters, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Kent; Mrs. B. H. Latherwood, Sweet Home; Mrs. Maud Cunningham, Mist; Mrs. Art Cratty, Napa, Calif.; Mrs. John Koepke, Redmond; and four brothers, George, Bay City; Jack, Mist.

Sherman Countians Plan To Attend Hearings; See Show

Members of the Sherman county club were entertained Wednesday morning by a picture on soil conservation which was shown at the VFW building after a 6:30 breakfast at the hotel.

The meeting was to have been held at Wasco but this proved impracticable. A committee report told of a meeting of the interim game committee which will meet in The Dalles December 10 and to which the club will send representatives. Plans for testimony at the spring meeting of the highway interim committee meeting were started and members are assured of a hearing at that time.

Boy Scout Troop Decides on Meetings

Boy Scouts of Moro and their fathers, twenty-two in all, were given a dinner by the sponsoring committee of the Masonic lodge Monday evening in the Masonic hall.

Scoutmaster Ed Eaves presented scout cards to those who had passed the requirements last spring. Scouts receiving their cards were: Ronald May, Leslie Edwards, Willy Knighten Jr., Keith Thompson, Bobby Martin, Jimmy, Roberson, and Edwin Balsiger. Ronald Butler is a new member who was present and will receive his card later.

Jimmy Roberson gave a short talk about his two weeks stay at Camp Baldwin last summer. The outstanding event was the 15 mile hike to Badger Lake.

The banquet was prepared by Lloyd Johnson and consisted of roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, string beans, with ice cream for dessert. The boys were not full of turkey before the meal either, as "Phat" reports they cleaned up a 23 pound turkey.

It was decided the scouts would meet each week on Wednesday immediately after school at the school house.

Legion Initiates Four In Formal Ceremony

Four men were initiated into the American Legion here Monday night when the installing crew composed of Theodore Johnston, George Updegraff, Carl Melzer, Giles French, and Kenneth Young, aided by Wendell Webb of Mosier substituting for Willy Knighten gave the charges to Warren Rudig, Bob Axtell, Andy Paulson and Earl Lyons.

Luncheon was served after the ceremony by ladies of the Auxiliary and a picture was shown by Kenneth Young.

Visitors were Wendell Webb, area supervisor from Mosier, and E. E. Buckley of Hood River. district five vice-commander and Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel of the Kent post.

Several Legionnaires expressed an intention to go to Hood River this Saturday afternoon for the district conference.

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SCP SIGN-UP DATE STILL DECEMBER 15

Signing up for the Agricultural Conservation payments has not been very active of late in Sherman county with nearly half of the farmers still not having turned in their 1947 record. There will be \$60,000 paid out to farmers who comply with the regulations if they have signed up and made report of their conservation work for the year.

The end of the period for signing will be December 15 and Ralph Busse who is in charge of that work is anxious to have those who can qualify give him their figures.

Bayer-Jones Nuptials Held At Shaniko

Miss Doris E. Jones, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Jones, became the bride of Claud P. Bayer, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer of Grass Valley, at a candle-light ceremony, held in the home of her grandparents, Mr and Mrs G. H. Reeder at Shaniko on Sunday, November 30, with Rev. Stierle officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a cream china silk lace trimmed dress, which was the wedding dress of her mother in law, with a finger tip illusion veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms and carried an over arm bouquet of Talisman roses.

Mrs. Joe Hood of Tygh Valley was her sister's only attendant. She wore a medium blue crepe dress and carried an English bouquet of pale yellow carnations and blue bouvardia.

Frank Bayer Jr. of Grass Valley was best man for his brother. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Chas. Perrigo of Grass Valley, sister of the groom sang "Because" and "O Promise Me" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bud Jones of LaGrande, sister in law of the bride, who also played the wedding march.

Two large baskets of white and yellow chrysanthemums placed at the base of the candelabra formed the prettily improvised altar.

A reception followed at which Mrs. Clarence Starr of Albany served the wedding cake, after the first traditional slice had been cut by the bride couple. Mrs. Chas. Perrigo served the ices and Mrs. Elma Bleakney of Albany poured the coffee.

Miss Marjorie Bleakney of Albany, cousin of the bride attended the guest book.

For her going away Mrs. Bayer chose a blue suit with black accessories and a white feather halo hat. Her corsage was of roses from her bridal bouquet. Following a honeymoon trip to the home at Grass Valley.

Heads Auxiliary



Mrs. Craig Coyner of Bend, state president who will preside at Hood River.

Basketball Season Opens Tonight

The Moro High School opens its hoop season Friday, December 5 at Grass Valley when the Goldendale hoopers invade home territory. The Huskies intend to revenge last year's defeats at the hands of the Wolves. Two and one half weeks of intensive practice should see the local boys in top form. B teams will clash at 7:30 and the main squads at about 8:30.

Final plans for the decorations and coronation ceremonies for the Winter Wonderland dance at the Moro High School on Saturday, December 6, are progressing rapidly. The student body was deeply grieved that Darlene McCallister would not be able to act as queen over the gala affair because of death in the family. Priscilla Melzer, runner-up in the queen contest will assume her regal station. Refreshments will be served.

Child Health To Be Coference Aim

The Wasco-Sherman Public Health Department announced today that another Child Health conference would be held in the school auditorium at Moro on December 16 from 9 a. m. until 12 noon.

Anyone wishing to attend this conference is asked to make an appointment by contacting Mrs. M. M. Oveson at Moro.

These conferences are for children from 6 weeks to 6 years and parents may have their children examined by the doctor, immunized against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox and receive advice with regards to diet and habit training.

John Buethers Have Party On 25th Year

Mr and Mrs John Buether celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Saturday, November 29 by attending St. Mary's Catholic church in Grass Valley at 9 o'clock after which breakfast was served to a few friends and relatives at their ranch home. Dinner was served at 3 o'clock to about 30 friends and relatives. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and red roses. The table was centered with a three tiered decorated wedding cake. They received many lovely gifts. Her sister, Mrs. Fred Wedam of Chehalis, Wash., who was unable to be present for the occasion called them on the phone to send best wishes and congratulations. Mr. Buether's sister, Mrs. Anna Brueckman of Kitchner, Ontario also called them sending best wishes and congratulations. Guests included Mr and Mrs Bill Buether and family, John Buether Jr., Mr and Mrs Claus Bardenhagen, Bill Bardenhagen, Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock and son, Bud, Mr and Mrs Francis Hammond from Powell Butte, Mrs. Heese of Redmond, Mrs. Robert Rhode of Terrebonne, Francis Lelaure of Portland, Mr and Mrs Paul Lemke of The Dalles, Joe Hammond of The Dalles, Katie Geiser and Mrs. C. Scherer of Moro, Mrs. Mary Meyer and son, Weston of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs Dick Huhman and son of Sandy Christina Thompson of

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Wasco Special Election May Let City Obtain Water

A special election will be held at Wasco next Monday, December 8 which may give the city council authority to issue \$15,000 in bonds with which to improve the water system.

If the issue carries the council will be enabled to spend as much of the \$15,000 as needed, but does not expect to use all of it unless necessary.

Contemplated are the drilling of a new well in order that sufficient water may be available for the town, the purchase of a new pump of adequate size to put the water to the eastern and the changing of the water system to meet new requirements.

Water witches have been tramping over the terrain around the town for some weeks and there is general agreement that water can be found near the eastern. At least one more water witch is being consulted. Drillers say that there is water in the flat, where the present wells are located. Decision will rest with the council when all information is in.

The election will be held in the city hall between the hours of eight a. m. and eight p. m. and the city fathers are anxious that a sizeable vote be had in order to obtain public opinion on the bond issue. Water problems have been one of the major city worries for a year or more.

Frank Lamborn Buried At Wasco Wednesday

Frank Lamborn died in a hospital in The Dalles Sunday after a brief illness but long trouble with his heart. He was one of the early settlers of Sherman county having arrived here January 1, 1884 from Iowa. He had engaged in wheat growing until his retirement several years ago to a home in Wasco from where he supervised his ranch south of town.

Surviving are his widow, Alice; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Guy of Portland, two grandchildren and a great grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Bell Brownrigg, Sacramento, Cal and a brother, George of Wasco.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Wasco Methodist church with Rev. Carl Stierle in charge. Interment was in The Dalles cemetery. Mr. Lamborn was a member of the Methodist church and the Knights of Pythias.

GUARDSMEN WANTED

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the Second Congressional District of Oregon announces that the annual competitive examinations for appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy for a four year college course, with all expenses paid by the government, will be conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission on February 16th and 17th of 1948. Unmarried men between 17 and 22, military or civilian, are eligible upon meeting physical and educational requirements. Candidates intending to take the examinations should write to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C., to obtain application blanks. Applications must be postmarked and returned not later than January 15, 1948.

Successful completion of the four year course at the Academy in New London, Connecticut leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and a commission in the regular Coast Guard.

REBEKAHS TO KENT

The Rebekah convention of District 21 met in Wasco, November 22, 1947, with chairman Lena Brock in charge. With a fair attendance from Kent, Grass Valley, and Moro, President Suda Comstock of Baker paid her official visit; also Lela Ramsey of Madras, Assembly Warden and Dora Sexton past president of the Assembly were present. There were seven other visitors. The banquet was served by the Christian church ladies. The Grass Valley lodge No. 118 conferred the degree.

The next convention will be held at Kent. The new officers are: Lena Brock, Past Grand Master; Suda Comstock, Grand Master; Dora Sexton, Grand Warden; and Ellen Juste, Grand Secretary.