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## These Things We Note

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One would be somewhat less than generous not to say that Sherman county weather was well high perfect during the past week. Judged by itself there could have been a few improvements such as more sun and less fog; judged by comparison with weather in the mid-west, the far east and even snow covered southern states, Sherman county weather was better than could reasonably be expected.

According to Grantland Rice a dastardly heresy is handicapping western football: the colleges are requiring evidence of educational ability even of football players. Huge, beefy youths whose muscles extend well into their cranial cavity are found ineligible. This business of making an athlete show proficiency at mental activities is thought to be old-fashioned in some circles. Maybe some day the pale senior will be refused his degree until he can punt 50 yards or run the hundred in 11 seconds. Then the physical man will have come in his revenge.

The new payroll tax is finding criticism because of the necessity of more official forms to fill out regarding it. Just complaint, too. Although in this case it may be worth the trouble.

But government forms are getting to be a nuisance, worse, a menace for if they're not filled out they put you in jail or financial jeopardy. Gee, grandpa must have had fun, just being a man. He had to look out for his family, of course, but he didn't have to support nearly so much government, so many bureaus, so many 40 hours "workers" in order to lay up a few nickels.

Any suggestion of anarchy was held against a man in those days. But as between so much government as to smother one and none at all is getting to be a closer choice all the time.

It seems natural to suppose that a thief takes double the enjoyment at stealing from a police station or a sheriff's office. Usually court houses are poor places to break into because so little cash is kept by county officers—a few dollars in change is about all the ordinary office keeps.

But the crook who so violently broke open the sheriff's door and pounded the poor old knob off the sheriff's vault might have been having a good time with his head as well as giving his muscles a work out. The scattering of official papers about in the sheriff's and clerk's offices might have been caused from petulance at not finding more money.

Robbing a sheriff's office must be something like throwing spit-wads at the teacher.

Mrs Christine Monroe, former Hood River legislator, died this week. Mrs Monroe believed in the value of work and she and her husband earned their orchard by that means. They had no children but raised two or three who were in need of a home. She held to her code of honesty in private and public affairs for to her, honesty was a moral duty. That she received much honor in her lifetime is no accident. She well deserved it.

Who do we honor anyway? We say he (or even she these days) is a regular fellow, a good Joe and like them for it. That doesn't seem to be all of it, however. Perhaps the ones who really draw the praise from their fellow humans and those who have a decent code of conduct and adhere to it through thick and thin, from youth to age. Those who vacillate, who weaken, become suspect and cannot be counted either on the side of good or evil.

Speaking of planning: wonder if any town ever planned a schedule for social and fraternal events. There's not people enough to go round when they're bunched up two or four a night.



## Sherman County Club Hears Ned Harlan

Ned Harlan, long time Chamber of Commerce secretary in Oregon and Idaho towns, and now manager of Wather-Williams Co., in The Dalles spoke to members of the Sherman County club at the Wasco Methodist church Wednesday night on "The Job for '48 in Foreign Affairs".

Citing examples from his experiences in Europe in the first World War Mr. Harlan determined that more understanding of one people by another would settle many problems in human relationships.

The Russians for example, do not react the same as Americans and it is impossible for us to know what they might do without further knowledge of them. In France preparation for war is constantly before the citizens and German children, the speaker said, were taught that a time would come when they could be avenged on their enemies.

Reports were made by committees and several new members joined the club. Next meeting will be held in Moro in the morning. It was announced by Merle Becket president. An excellent dinner was served by the women of the Methodist church to the 40 in attendance.

Gean Chamberlain, graduate of Northwest Christian College at Eugene, Oregon and his wife, Verna, with him were pastors of outstanding work of several years in Oregon State, are at present Oregon State Evangelists, to appear in Wasco, Church of Christ, January 25 to February 15. Hear them both in sermon and song.

## Wasco News

Mrs Keith McDonald and Mrs Floyd Root entertained with a 1 o'clock luncheon at the McDonald home Monday afternoon. It was the first meeting of the Teaset club who will try out new dishes on the members. Two tables of contract were in play during the afternoon.

Mrs Irene Callaway was a week end guest in Portland. Those attending the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodge in The Dalles Monday night were Mr and Mrs Leo Watkins, Mr and Mrs Sam Brock, Mrs Marion Medler and Mrs John DeMoss.

Mrs Marie Barnett Cooper of Portland spent several days in Wasco last week. She left Wednesday and was accompanied to Portland by her sister, Mrs O. G. Hilderbrand, who went to Corvallis to visit her sons, John and Gordon, who are students there. Mrs John A. Foss was hostess to her two table contract club Thursday afternoon with Mrs Paulen Kaseberg guest. A 2 o'clock dessert luncheon was served. High score going to Mrs Jerrold Nisbet.

Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson Jr of Medford are the parents of a daughter born January 14th. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson.

## Keith Mobley Has Leg Broken In Four Places In Fog-Caused Automobile Accident

Keith Mobley, eight year old son of Mr and Mrs Verne Mobley was seriously injured Saturday evening when the car in which he and his father and his sister, Mary, were riding ran into a truck which had stopped on the road between Moro and Grass Valley. In the dense fog the truck could not be seen in time to stop. Keith was rushed to The Dalles hospital where it was found that the bone in one leg was badly shattered. Mary and Mr. Mobley suffered minor bruises.

The dense fog which has shrouded Kent for the last week was also given as the reason for the killing of a cow by the Union Pacific grain just north of Kent late Saturday night. The train crew failed to see the animal in time to stop and the cow refused to heed the whistle with a collision resulting.

The heavy fog has made night traffic extremely hazardous, has broken telephone wires and caused several power stoppages.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Wilson Jr. motored to The Dalles Monday to see their small daughter, Sandra, who has been confined to The Dalles hospital with pneumonia for the past week.

Mrs Harry Justesen underwent an operation Friday morning at The Dalles hospital.

Eugene Norton is reported to be in a serious condition at The Dalles hospital Mrs Eugene North has been staying in The Dalles at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Tatum of The Dalles to be near her husband.

## Chemists State Best Amounts of Poison

The meeting of chemists and others interested in spraying or dusting fields for weeds or in furnishing equipment for that purpose was held at the court house Wednesday forenoon, preliminary to a week meeting held in Wasco that afternoon.

Recommended was an application of 1/4 pint of ester type 2-4-D if the liquid type is used. If a dust is used 15 to 18 pounds of 5% ester type dust was recommended.

For perennial weeds the chemists thought 2 to 3 pints of Amino acid type 2-4-D would be required. Airplane dusting was priced at \$2.50 per acre per application with the land owner furnishing the water, the material and the flagmen.

Wheatland Rebekah lodge No. 183 met in regular session Thursday night at the I.O.O.F. hall with Sister Barbara Helyer, Noble Grand in the chair. Plans were made for the coming year and a bazaar and carnival were planned. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Wilson of The Dalles have been visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs George Wilson since Friday.

Mrs Bill Jefferies was an overnight guest Monday at the home of her mother and father, Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett of The Dalles. Kent I.O.O.F. lodge No. 185 met in regular session Saturday night. Richard Able, acting Noble Grand was in the chair. After the evening discussions, refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

The Rufus grade school basketball team will play the Kent grade team at Kent on the evening of January 30.

Mrs Eugene Knott returned home from the hospital last Tuesday. Mr and Mrs Knott brought their infant daughter, Patricia Ann home Sunday from the hospital.

## Sherman County Wheat On Way To Hungry Europe

Sherman county's car of wheat destined for the hungry folks of Europe rolled out of Wasco Thursday on its way to Seattle and some European port.

The 1390 bushels were furnished by the Grass Valley Grain Growers, the Moro Grain Growers and the Sherman County Cooperative Grain Growers of Wasco which means that every farmer in the county had a share in the gift.

The freight is paid by the railroads, the handling charges are borne by Kerr Giffard, the loading is done by longshoremen all without charge, according to George Harris, manager of the Wasco cooperative.

The car load of wheat is going to Seattle because there it can be loaded in bulk. Sacks would be required after the ship gets to Portland, it was reported, due to loading conditions.

Dave Beck, Seattle labor leader, a Washington business man and a farmer are expected to accompany the ship. Others may join at Portland.

## ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mrs Paul McCoy entertained Saturday evening honoring Mr. McCoy's birthday and a farewell party for Mr and Mrs Robert Turner, who are leaving soon for their home in Alaska. A buffet lunch was served at 10:00 o'clock and the evening was spent visiting.

The Camel club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs E. H. Watkins with Mrs Art Christianson of Moro co-hostess. A dessert luncheon was served followed by two tables of contract. High score held by Mrs H. A. White.

Rev and Mrs Charles Neville (Mary Jeanette Sargent) of Corvallis are the parents of a son, Arthur Sargent, born January 15. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Arthur Sargent. This is their third child.

Mary Marshall of Portland is a houseguest of her aunt and uncle Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee.

Joe Ritner and Mrs Finley Richardson of The Dalles were business visitors here Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson took their son, Dennis, to The Dalles Tuesday where he entered the hospital for medical treatment.

Rev. Howard Schilling, Bud Fritts, Don Earl and Bill E. Todd motored to Hood River last Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Baptist Men's council. Men from the Baptist church in Hood River, The Dalles and Grass Valley were present.

## BASKET BALL GAMES

The Moro high school basketball team rolled to a 47 to 5 victory over Wasco Tuesday night. Although showing fight to the last whistle, the Wasco boys were unable to cope with the Huskies. Lutje connected for the lone basket for the team all members of which had difficulty in sinking the many foul shots awarded them.

The Huskies displayed their usual good floor work but seemed to have gained their shooting eyes as shown by the distribution of points. They will need to be in top form when they tangle at Grass Valley Friday night with Madras and Saturday night with Arlington.

Oveson (2) F  
Hartley (7) F  
Nelson C  
Thompson (8) G  
Peters (12) G  
P. Borstel (1) S  
Harvey (3) S  
F. Borstel S  
Moore (1) S  
May (2) S  
Knighten (1) S

The Moro girls defeated Wasco 39 to 30 in a volleyball game preceding the basketball game. Moro took an early lead but Wasco brought the score 14 to 16 at the half. Moro again pulled out in front in the early part of the second half and managed to maintain their lead during the remainder of the game.

## Conference Due Tuesday After Months of Study

The conference for which committee meetings have been held since November will be held at the court house next Tuesday, January 27 with Wallace May, general chairman, presiding.

Frank Ballard, extension service leader from OSC, will speak about the value of such planning conferences and Clifford Smith, also of the college, will be in attendance.

Hour set for the meeting is ten in the morning. Lunch will be served by the Harland View grange women in the Odd-Fellow hall at noon to insure a place to eat for everyone.

The program will consist of committee reports, made by the six groups that have been studying various phases of county social and economic life.

The entire conference will have an opportunity to vote on these reports and express opinion about them.

Kenneth Fridley will make the report for the school committee and will be first on the program. There have been two sub-committees working on different parts of this report and these chairmen may also speak.

For the weed control committee Allan Tom will report on its findings and make such recommendations as in the opinion of the members will help kill or prevent weeds.

Vernon Miller will report as chairman of the Land Use committee and Mrs Walter Bruckert as chairman of the Home and Rural Life committee.

Harold Eakin as chairman of Livestock and Dewey Thompson as chairman of Crops will make their reports last.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Mr and Mrs Rodell Schassen of Portland arrived Saturday evening to spend the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Pike.

Mr and Mrs Dean Reynolds took their grand daughter, Carol Sue, back to her parents, Mr and Mrs Warren Elliott, in Vancouver, Washington Tuesday after keeping her for about a week.

Mr and Mrs Elliott have been transferred to Medford by the Standard Oil company and will move Wednesday to their new home.

Paul Goddard came up from Eugene Saturday evening to spend the week end with his family, returning Sunday evening.

## Rufus Grange Rebuilding Hall; Hears Lecturer

Rufus grange opened in regular session January 15 with Master, George Fox in the chair. Candidates elected to membership are Mr and Mrs Frank Smith, Mr and Mrs A. M. Brand, Mr and Mrs P. L. Finley, Mr and Mrs H. R. Hanson and Wayne Eaton. Marie Gulford and Elizabeth Kuypers are to be on the table committee for the month of February. Atlee Wilson on the building committee, reported that the partitions have been made for the two rest rooms, and the back door changed. The proceeds of the penny drill which was \$4.01 was to go to the March of Dimes campaign. As he was not able to help on the hall repair work, Ross Gulford donated \$10.

Chaplain reported Mrs Sam Brock has been ill and that many have colds. For the literary program, Richie Dingle, lecturer, told of the proceedings of the grange lecturer's school which he and his wife attended at Pendleton January 8 and 9. There were 22 present at the meeting. Grace Medler and Adeline McDonald assisted by Bill Huck had charge of serving the supper.

The First Degrees of the Order of the grange will be put on by Harland View grange at their hall on January 23 at 8:00 p. m. Subordinate granges are to see that their candidates are present.

J. S. Coats of Hood River spent a few days last week with Mr and Mrs Benton Barnett and Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson.

Fay Brackett who purchased the old Addington house some time ago, is remodeling the house for future use. W. E. Rice and Benton Barnett are assisting Brackett with the work.

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## Fishermen Feed and See Pictures

The first get together party of the Sherman County Rod & Gun club was held at the Masonic hall in Grass Valley Monday night with over 50 percent despite the cold and fog.

Members enjoyed a bountiful lunch, seldom found in fishing circles and then listening to P. W. Schneider, director of game for the State Game Commission, talked about fish and game as he showed pictures of lakes and streams of Oregon.

Much of the talk was explanatory of the pictures. Shown was the job of baiting a lake in order to kill trash fish as was done with several lakes. After the fish life in the lake has been killed a new planting of trout is made and the lake closed for a couple of years.

Geese were said to be holding their own in numbers but ducks are being killed faster than they breed. Pictures of several kinds of geese and ducks were shown on protected lakes.

## ABOUT THE COUNTY

Although leading the Maupin town team 24 to 18 at the third quarter the Moro town team was unable to withstand a last quarter drive which saw Maupin pull ahead 31 to 25 at Maupin Saturday night. The Maupin boys used almost three complete teams until a clicking combination was found.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson and son, Dennis, were in The Dalles Saturday on business. Mrs Ed Alley accompanied them to The Dalles going on to Cascade Locks to spend a few days at the home of her son, Bruce Alley and family. Mr. Alley left Monday for Cascade Locks to spend a few days and to bring James and Phillip O'Meara returned from a business trip to Peoria, Illinois and points in Iowa Friday.

## Courthouse Job Nets Thief \$95 From Three Vaults

One or more thieves broke into the Sherman county courthouse Sunday night and looted county offices, obtaining about \$95.00 in cash and causing much work for officials by scattering official papers over the vaults.

Entrance was gained through a window in the county courtroom which apparently had been left open. With a three-quarter inch bar the door to the sheriff's office was forced, the lock being destroyed in the process.

The sheriff's vault was opened by pulling the combination bolt and funds obtained from sale of car licenses taken. Papers were scattered over the vault probably in search for more money.

The clerk's office door was similarly jimmied and one vault door opened with the combination. Twenty six dollars in cash resulting from the sale of game licenses was taken and many records piled on the floor as cabinets were rifled. One vault door could not be worked and apparently had been damaged by the maurauder.

Nothing was taken from the assessor's office although it was visited. Whether the thief went upstairs or not is not definitely known but nothing was lost from there.

The vault door in the treasurer's office was opened and papers moved about. Two \$500 government bonds were reported stolen but they were found later under some other papers where they had been placed by the man or men who were searching for valuables.

Clarence Mersinger, janitor, discovered the theft when he came to work Monday morning. State patrolman Tom Helvey and Deputy Sheriff Joe Henriks of Wasco county came up to assist Sheriff Norman Fields examine the vaults for finger prints or other evidence that might lead to apprehension of the criminal. The sheriff reported that most finger prints had been removed by careful wiping of the doors touched and that the job looked like it had been done by a professional because of the knowledge shown of the business of opening vault doors.

Auditor Charles Logan came up Tuesday to check records to determine the exact amounts lost.

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Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab of The Dalles had a family group picture taken last Tuesday. All the family were able to be present. George Macnab who has spent a month with his parents, Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab and other brothers and sisters, left Thursday for Red Bluff, Calif., to report for orders in connection with his work.

Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson enjoyed a vacation from Thursday until Monday visiting relatives in the valley. They spent some time with their daughter, Mrs Ben Brooks and family who were former residents of Rufus and now live near Hillsboro. Al-so, Mr. Thompson's mother, Mrs Florence Mills and a brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs W. H. Witzel of Salem, and their daughter and husband, Mr and Mrs Elton E. Clarke who live in Portland. The Thompsons reported seeing plenty of water on their trip, due to the recent heavy rains.

Stopping overnight, Tuesday in Rufus at the Benton Barnett home was Dean Barnett of Rhododendron. The two men are brothers.

Mr and Mrs Jim Thompson were guests of Mrs Thompson's parents, Mr and Mrs Hal Gerking who live on Eight Mile near The Dalles.

Around fifty people attended the telephone meeting Wednesday night at the grange hall. The purpose was to instruct the farmers how to put up a line that would give good service. Della Eaton returned Tuesday evening from Portland and vicinity where she was called on.

There will be a double header game at Rufus this Friday night. The Wasco high school girls volleyball team will play Rufus high and the Wasco grade boys basketball team will play the Rufus grades.

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