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These Things We Note

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This is probably Oregon's biggest election year of this generation. Nationally a president, vice-president, one senator, four congressmen must be chosen.

For the first time in decades three members of the board of control are to be elected. About two-thirds of the state senate will be elected this fall and all the house of representatives. Local elections will also be important.

Many voters are home who two and four years ago were serving in other capacities than by voting. After every war there is a period of change often for the good, sometimes otherwise. More veterans will likely be elected than ever before, more younger men.

In the long run the voters get the kind of government they want—that is the kind the majority wants. Do they want a government that is more restrictive, that does more things for the people and exacts its toll in lack of freedom; or do the returned veterans still remember the pressure of governmental force as exemplified by officers, com and non-com, and want more freedom and less government?

Harold Stassen, Minnesota's presidential white hope, spoke before the assembled newspaper fraternity at Eugene last week and made a good impression. Placing him as liberal or conservative is not possible until the terms are defined. He sounded sensible, had pretty much an American approach to problems, played no historic tricks—put on no act, seemed unafraid.

Stassen has a fine voice. He is a big man even by western standards. He looks pleasant and common.

Dewey and Taft have been here at one time and another and will probably make it again. Lesser candidates have visited also. Some think that the Republican convention will be deadlocked and all the more prominent candidates eliminated in stalemate.

The field of candidates for state offices will be known by March 12 when filing ends. Until the candidacies are all in it will be impossible to know much about it or even to tell who is going to be for who. Many are buzzing around for the major offices but few have laid down their hundred bucks and no flurry of filing is expected for a week or maybe nearly two.

To paraphrase a popular song and speak of the western part of Oregon—You can have it, I don't want it, it's too wet for me. It's never rained in Sherman county, our floods come from mere drizzles. Across the mountains it rains, great gobs of water as big as plums come dropping across the windshield, the roof rattles, the roads disappear beneath splashing, there is no sun and even the sky is hidden by the water-filled atmosphere. One who cannot swim has no business out of doors. Creeks and rivers and the ocean come up over the roads and slide muddily across meadows and through barn lots, stock stands wearily undergoing the punishment of the beating rain drops, humans slosh about doing the things necessary and hasten back to a dry place to stare with wonder at what nature can do when in a hurry to wet something. Work stops, even ducks hunt shelter and gulls land.

Liquor problems will be with us as long as there is liquor and people.

The state handles all liquor and no individual has a right to go into the business of selling any intoxicant. They may buy a license which gives them the privilege of selling but the license is subject to instant cancellation if laws—or even rules—are broken. Proprietors must operate according to law or take a chance on officers or on public opinion. In Portland it appears the officers have been dishonest and the public uninformed. That permits violations.

Basket Social Brings Crowd Despite Rain

About forty-five attended the basket social at the Odd Fellow hall Saturday evening sponsored by the Eastern Star Social club pinocle and square dancing was the diversion of the evening. The younger children played games. Joe Bibby auctioned off the baskets assisted by Ted Ball. The baskets all brought a good price. More would have attended but on account of the bad weather and the roads were unable.

Millard Eakin left Sunday for Prineville where he is sales manager for thesecond annual Short-horn breeders sale. Mr and Mrs Warren Reynolds took four head of cattle for Mr. Eakin to Prineville and Mrs Eakin left Tuesday evening to be present for the banquet Wednesday.

Clifford Woods brought his father, Jim Woods, back to Grass Valley Saturday from Klamath Falls where he spent several months with his son and family.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Brown and family and Mr and Mrs Jim Caswell with the REA arrived here the last of the week from Sheno and are living in the Baker apartment. Mr and Mrs G. B. Harris also with the REA are living in a trailer house in the park.

Ivan Blagg moved to Wasco Thursday and returned home with a new Plymouth sedan.

Miss JoAnn Clodfelter and Miss Jackie Helzer of The Dalles will be guests of Miss Carol Clodfelter for (Little Sisters week end) at Alpha Xi Delta sorority in Corvallis February 26, 27 and 28.

Mrs Paul Goddard took another birthday cake to the school house Friday at noon, for dessert celebrating the birthday anniversary of her daughter, Karen, and her teacher, Fred Cowley Jr. Mr and Mrs Gordon Lemley and son, Mr and Mrs Oscar Lemley and Mrs B. C. Baumgartner were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Larry Bauer and family arrived Monday night from Corvallis to make their home here. They will help his mother, Mrs Jo Hogue in the restaurant.

Mr and Mrs Will and Rolfe and family were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday and attended the basket ball game in the evening. Others attending the game were Mr and Mrs Olan Stark, Herman Peters and Bill Bardenhagen.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Rust and daughter, Jackie, were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday. Mrs Frank Bayer and daughter, Mrs Charles Perrigo and daughters went to The Dalles Friday on business and to bring Mr Perrigo home for the week end.

Mrs Ross Fields and daughter, Susan Kay, returning home Thursday from Portland where they spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs Wayland Weld and family.

Mr and Mrs Frank Wilke of Bingen, Wash., spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs C. Wilke, at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson.

Mrs Frank Bayer went to The Dalles Friday and was an overnight guest at the home of Mrs Scott Whitcomb going to the doctor on Saturday. Frank drove down Saturday and they attended the basket ball game between Wasco and Condon before returning home.

Mr and Mrs Matt Simon and daughter, Helen, left Saturday for Portland to spend the holiday week end visiting at the homes of their son in laws and daughters, Mr and Mrs Fred Kurilo and Mr and Mrs Al Wood.

Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin left Tuesday for Portland on business for a week.

Mrs Ed Alley returned home Thursday from Cascade Locks where she spent several days visiting her son, Bruce Alley and family.

Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling had as dinner guests Monday evening her parents, Mr and Mrs Bud Coon honoring Mr. Coon on his 77th anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Orville Gibson of Chehalis, Wn., bought her parents, Mr and Mrs C. H. Auguee, also of Chehalis, up Saturday to spend the week end with their son in law and daughter, Mr and Bert Cox. Mr and Mrs Gibson went on to Madras returning Monday taking her parents to their home.

Mrs Jerry Coyle and Mrs Herman Ziegler are confined to their homes since Saturday with the flu.



The down-beat for this young fellow means a mastery of motion which makes him beam. As a victim of cerebral palsy his happiness and future usefulness depend upon early training under skilled persons. This is one of the services made possible by your purchase of Easter Seals.

WOMEN TO MEET

The Sherman County Women's Republican club will hold a very important meeting at the Women's club house in Moro Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, March 4th. Members and all interested are urged to attend.

The drive of the local Boy Scouts brought in \$352.00 to the scout fund according to Kenneth Zachary being almost as much as officials had hoped to obtain. Scout leaders and the boys are pleased with the result of the drive and thankful to those who donated.

County Court Considers Equipment

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY, 1948 TERM OF COUNTY COURT.

Claims allowed as presented against all funds save and except one claim against County General Fund.

Financial statement of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of February 1st presented and filed.

Semi-annual report of County Clerk covering of period July 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948 presented, approved and filed.

Official bond of Doris Dunlap Wilson as deputy tax collector presented, approved and filed.

Delegation presents Court with twenty petitions bearing signatures of 237 registered and qualified voters requesting that a special election be held for the purpose of the adoption of or the rejection of The County School Law, or County Unit System: Petition granted; date of April 17, 1948 set for holding special election and Clerk so directed.

Settlement made with insurance company pertaining to coverage on residence at Experimental Station lost by fire.

C. H. Urness authorized to dispose of Mack Truck subject to confirmation of Court.

Consideration given and matter held in suspense relative to purchase of Road Maintainer.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS, FOR JANUARY 1948, AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 1948 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

GENERAL FUND: James W. Jones, expense of government trapper, \$50.00; C. Mersinger, Janitor, \$98.72; R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace, \$75.17; Flatt's Truck Service, freight, \$1.10; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$11.00; Joe Peters County Commissioner, \$11.40; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$105.35; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement, \$148.25; National Hospital Association employees dues \$9.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones, \$44.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, \$30.81; Edwards Floor Maintenance System, court house supplies, \$11.40; Bob May & Son, courthouse supplies, \$1.32; C & H Safe Shop, repairs to vaults at courthouse, \$95.00; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, Board of prisoners, \$14.90; May & Son, courthouse expense, \$0.39; Norman E. Fields, traveling outside county, \$48.76, stamps, \$2.50.

MRS WINS FINAL

As the basketball season comes to a close the Moro high school team shows signs of learning the game sufficiently to win some games. The last game was played at Grass Valley Friday night against Parkdale with the locals scoring a win by a 38 to 30 score. Parkdale suffered its second loss of the season.

Moro's unfortunate team won registered its first win of the season by defeating Lyle by a 36 to 35 score. The game was played with Grass Valley earlier but the first win came so late in the season.

Wasco Driller Injured Delaying Well Job

Hal Gossett of Portland who was drilling the city well had his hand badly cut. He was taken to The Dalles where 12 stitches had to be taken on his thumb, later he left for his home in Portland.

Mrs Lydia Darby left Friday for Portland where she will visit her daughter and son in law. Mr and Mrs K. R. Ferguson and daughters and her son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs-Wayne Darby and children. She expects to return Thursday.

Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee left Saturday for Hood River where they will visit their son in law and daughter. Mr and Mrs Hal Shelton and Nancy for the week end.

The Women's Study club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs G. H. Root. Mrs T. L. Fields gave a paper on East Indies and Mrs Allan Tom on Chinese pottery. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr and Mrs Ray Swartz of Odell Lake were houseguests of Mr and Mrs Floyd Root last week.

All parents of boys from 9-12 interested in Cub Scouts get in touch with Mrs Floyd Root.

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church ladies met at the home of Mrs E. D. McKee Wednesday afternoon. After the business meeting a book review was given by Mrs Pauline Kaseberg. Refreshments were served.

Mrs George Harris entertained the Tuesday contract club. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of cards. High score was won by Mrs Frank Lamborn.

Mrs Pearl Grosscup left Thursday for Portland on a business trip.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Harper, Leland Anderson, Miss Jean Lang and Mrs Augusta Huckin motored to Portland, and to spend the week end attending grand opera.

T. Lester Johnson was a week end business visitor in Portland. Mrs Lydia Darby and Mrs George Harris entertained the Past Matron's club of the Eastern Star at the Darby home Thursday evening. A dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of contract. Scoring honors was held by Mrs H. M. Zell and traveling prize went to Mrs G. H. Root.

Wasco met Condon in the district playoff Saturday night in The Dalles at the Kurtz gym and lost to Condon by a score of 36-23.

The Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs Ora Warran, co-hostess. Mrs Leo Watkins with roll call February birthdays. A Reading by Mrs N. F. Gochnauer; talk, Mrs L. Schell; piano duet by Joanne Watkins and Mrs S. Claude Stephens, followed with refreshments.

MORO

The March 3rd meeting of the Moro Woman's club will be guest day with Mrs. Harry Pinkerton acting as director.

Mrs Mary Southwick came up Monday to visit her sister, Mrs E. H. Moore and other relatives in Sherman county.

C. C. Sturjgis, manager of the Centerville basketball team protests that Centerville won the game with Wasco reported last week. The score was 42 to 32 as reported.

Sherman County Fomona grange will meet at Harlandview March 6.

John DeMoss and son "Curly" left Tuesday forenoon for Portland to attend the F.M. meeting at Benson Tech. that night.

GRASS VALLEY

Mrs O. H. Bucholtz and her daughter, Mrs J. E. Lovett, and son, Myron, and Art Sauley of Portland arrived late Friday night to visit the former's sister, Miss Anna Schwartz. They found her ill and took her to The Dalles Saturday afternoon where she entered the hospital for medical treatment. They returned to their homes in Portland Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Don Smith came up from The Dalles Saturday to spend a few days here helping Mr and Mrs Glenn Perry take inventory in the store.

There will be a layette shower for Mrs Leidum Brockway (the former Frances Wells) at the home of Mrs Harold Owens, Saturday, March 6 at 2 p. m. Everyone welcome.

Teachers Talk About Wages; Give Present To Organizer

The Sherman County Teachers Association met in Kent at the Legion hall last Wednesday night. Miss Deloris Lang of Wasco presided. The principal business of the evening was a discussion of a report by the salary committee. Plans for the Music Festival to be held May 14 were discussed. A program, committee with Eugene Knott, Kent, as chairman reported on the Physical Education program in the county. An instructor from each school in the county outlined the work.

A gift was voted for Dr. Frank Parr retiring executive secretary of OEA. Dr. Parr is leaving the OEA for another post in California. The next meeting was set for March 15 at Moro.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by the Misses Helen Lausted & Marion Buchanan and Eugene Knott, which consisted of sandwiches, cake & coffee. The tables were decorated in patriotic effect with a centerpiece of branches hung with red, white and blue stars.

Kent Service Station Sold to H.R. Man

W. L. Walker completed the purchase of the Shell Station last Thursday from Mrs Mamie McKay. Mr. Walker comes from Hood River where he was formerly the owner of the Pastime. He sold this recently to Hal Shelton, formerly of Wasco. Mrs Walker expects to join her husband in Kent sometime next week. Mr. Walker says he expects to make several changes in the near future. Inside rest rooms are being installed at present and a card room will operate in the back part of the building.

Thursday evening callers at the home of Mr and Mrs Grover Young were Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel and Mr and Mrs Clarence Young. Grover Young has accepted the position as head of collection for the Red Cross drive for the Kent area.

Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel motored to Portland on a business trip over the week end.

Mr and Mrs Theo. von Borstel drove to Portland Sunday for an indefinite stay.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Carlson of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs Donald Carlson of Camas were dinner guests Wednesday at the home of Mr and Mrs Clarence Laffoon.

Mr and Mrs Ted Carlson spent last weekend at the home of Mr Carlson's parents, Mr and Mrs Arthur Carlson of The Dalles. They returned to Kent Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkedahl returned to their own home Wednesday after a several days visit at the home of Mr and Mrs Joan Decker.

The Wheatland Rebekah lodge met Thursday night in regular session with Mrs Barbara Helyer in charge. Following the business meeting two birthdays were celebrated with cake and coffee. Birthday gifts were presented to Mrs Mamie McKay and Mrs Helen Howell.

The bazaar scheduled for February 28 which was to be given by the Rebekah lodge has been postponed indefinitely owing to weather.

Larry Harrison was a guest from Sunday until Tuesday at the J. E. Norton home. Tuesday he drove his sister, Mrs Curtis Norton and her two daughters, Celia and Nancy to Portland where they will make their home for the present.

Mr and Mrs Hans Bardephagen arrived in Kent last Tuesday from Oakland, California. Mrs Bardenhagen was the former Miss Frances Leisure of Coopers town, North Dakota. The young couple were married February 14 at Oakland. They expect to make their home at present with the parents of the groom, Mr and Mrs Claus Bardenhagen.

GEARHART INSTALLED

Installation of W. W. Gearhart as minister of the local Community church was done at a ceremony held Wednesday when Franklin Hudson, pastor of Westminster church in Portland delivered the sermon. Others here from Portland were Henry Hanson, former minister, Herman Allen of Piedmont, and George Schwieger, moderator of the assembly. Mr. Gearhart was ready to move when Mrs Gearhart came down with the mumps making an unknown delay.

New Treating Method For Seed Wheat Shown

Demonstration of a new method of treating seed wheat was made at the experiment station by a representative of the Dupont company last Tuesday afternoon.

The method being shown is called the slurry method because slurry is the name given to the mixture of ceresan and water that is used to treat the grain.

Treatment is with Ceresan M, a new kind that is said to have less odor and to give off less gas. The same amount of the ceresan is used, a half ounce of the powder being mixed with a pound of water. Ten pounds of wheat require 23 cc. of slurry which increases the moisture content of the wheat one half of one percent.

After treatment the grain is slightly damp but could be seeded although the company recommends that treated grain be left in bags for 24 hours, the same as with dry treatment.

The demonstration was arranged by LeRoy Wright, county agent. At least one company is manufacturing the equipment to treat wheat by this method.

Vernon Miller Farms First For Season

The weather man decided we hadn't had enough snow this winter so gave us about three inches of fresh snow Friday night, making many motorists get out to put on chains. A raging Chinook came along Saturday morning and by evening the roads were just mud, with little evidence of the snow. Things were so dried off by Monday, that Vernon Miller spent the day in the field disking.

Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald spent last weekend in Portland visiting relatives.

Mrs Grace Medler's children, Elton and Phyllis, both sophomores at OSC spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother on the ranch.

Mr and Mrs W. C. Miller of Moro were callers at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller last Monday.

Gerald Fitzpatrick, a brother of Mrs Harvey McClain, was quite ill Monday night when a doctor was called.

Mrs Alta Smith and daughter, Donna and Darlene were Saturday shoppers in The Dalles.

The Rufus grade basketball ball team motored to Dufur Friday for a game with them which ended in a defeat for Rufus by a score of 24 to 23. Buzz Brand was high with 8 points for Rufus. Dufur will come to Rufus Tuesday night for a return game.

Flu seems to have hit this community with several children out of school. Bill McDonald went home Monday with a 103 degree temperature.

Rufus Grange Aging

The Rufus grange celebrated its thirteenth birthday anniversary last Thursday night at a regular meeting with Master George Fox presiding. Thirty-five members were present. The grange decided to sponsor the Boy Scouts for another year. Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers, Mr and Mrs Curt Tom and Mr and Mrs Leo Watkins each made a ten dollar donation towards the hall improvements.

The program was under the direction of Mrs Joe Morris, home economic chairman, and was as follows: Skit by Mr and Mrs R. T. Dingle; piano solo by Velda Guilford; two vocal numbers by Thomas Lewis who accompanied himself on the piano; a quiz game by Mrs Joe Morris; two accordion numbers by Eugene Eaton; a reading by Bernice Morris; and a game to find supper partners. A bountiful supper was served by the committee.

Rufus grange was first organized in 1935 with thirty-three members. Three have been called by death and ten have moved away, two have dropped out, leaving eighteen present charter members who are Margaret Leff, Charles Wilson, Mr and Mrs Al Lee Wilson, Mrs C. M. Kuypers, Catherine Boise, Mr and Mrs Herman Brackett, Hugh Mathieson; Mr and Mrs Bill Huck, Mary Brackett, Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson, Mr and Mrs Ross Guilford, and Mr and Mrs Walter Morris.