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These Things We Note

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Sign advertising a gubernatorial candidate says, "He's doing a good job", but doesn't say who for.

A lot of this worry about Russia seems to have dropped off since General Clay refused to be pushed out of Berlin. It probably isn't as serious as pessimists think. Stalin who is the power in Russia is getting along in years and can't be so vigorous as he was a few years ago. When he leaves this mortal coil to be preserved for his dotage public along with the embalmed remains of Lenin there will likely be a squabble over who is going to hold their reins. One trouble with dictatorships; they often have a major disturbance when changing rulers. We change ours oftener. (See also prior columns) and abide by the decision at the polls. We seldom murder many also runs.

So don't worry too much about Uncle Joe, he may bite hard but he can't bite so long.

These slogans of political candidates still interest. They vary from one who promises the best of everything for his county, expressing the narrow view. Others speak of national and even international matters over which the Oregon legislature has no control, expressing the very broad view. One estimable candidate is for the Democratic party, principles which indicates more faith than is justified considering the several factions of that party.

If all the screwy ideas expressed in platforms and slogans ever get introduced as bills there's going to be need of bigger and better waste baskets and some one to discard the chaff.

Come Saturday the fishermen and fisherwomen can get out in the brisk spring wind and get their lines tangled with the budding shrubbery of the Deschutes. That's about all. The river is as dark brown as a Sunday morning taste. A catfish stream could be no darker.

So fishermen who spend the weekend with rod and reel will have few fish to keep them company. But many a fine fishing trip has been had without fish.

For generations, even eons, religious leaders have been teaching and philosophers have been repeating that the material things bring no happiness by themselves; that true happiness comes from doing things for others, from losing ones self in work. Probably no teaching has been less adopted by the people who still clamor for more gadgets and who become more selfish every year.

Inspirational speakers appear at every convention and gathering of any size and talk about the opportunities for service the assembled crowd has. And then all go home and figure out some way to get enough more money to pay the expense of the trip to hear the speech.

Terminating the efforts of Yank Legion, a veterans organization with headquarters in Portland, to secure a \$500 bonus for veterans of the last war as "prematuration," Francis G. Gates, Bend, state commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, said Wednesday that VFW members throughout the state are being asked not to sign bonus petitions soon to be circulated.

Gates said that VFW is taking the stand that legislation pertaining to veterans affairs should emanate from the state legislature and then be referred to voters. "Many states have provided bonuses for veterans of the last war. VFW believes that state legislators are best qualified to study the question, determine how large a bonus should be paid and a source of funds for a bonus," Gates said.

Yet, in conversation, every one will agree that the best things have no price tag. There is even a song saying they are free. Every important religion teaches that the things of the spirit are far superior to things of the flesh. You'd think that all this preponderance of thought would have convinced some one in 5000 years, wouldn't you?

Emerson is quoted as saying, "Beware of what you want—for you will get it."

Perhaps the reason there is so little going on in a small town is that no one would go to it if there was. Small towners like to stay home.

Wasco Takes First Game From Fossil In High Wind

Wasco won the first ball game of the season on their field Sunday afternoon by a 9 to 7 score after nine innings of rather loose ball, made less accurate by a lively spring wind.

Neither Riskosky for Wasco nor Prindle and his successors for Fossil were air tight and the fielding followed suit, but such things are expected for the first game no matter what the league. Fridley did the catching for the locals. Ashbrook played first. Van Gilder, second; Kenneth Young, third; Jensen, short and the outfield, was composed of Steve and Jim O'Meara and David Richderfer.

Next Sunday the Wasco team will go to Arlington and May 9 Condon will play on the Wasco grounds.

Oregon Veterans Take Little Farming

Oregon has 1135 World War veteran enrolled in institutional on-farm training in April under the GI bill, the state Department of Veterans' Affairs was informed this week.

Figures given the department by Ralph L. Morgan, state supervisor of agricultural education, showed 12 types of farming in which these veterans are training, either as employees of farmers or as self-employed. Morgan's agency completely supervises the education and training of these men by contract with the Veterans Administration, which pays the state for supervision and training on a per capita basis and also pays GI subsistence to the trainees.

While the April enrollment is about a 38 percent increase over a year ago, Oregon still has less than one-half of its quota of farm trainees.

Odd-Fellows To Meet At Kent

The 35th annual I.O.O.F. district convention of Sherman, Wasco, Hood River and Wheeler counties will be held Monday, May 3 at Kent.

Afternoon session will open at 2:00 o'clock at the IOOF hall followed by a dinner and entertainment which will be held at the Legion hall at 6:00 o'clock. Dr. Earl Ivie, grand master of Oregon will make his official visit to the convention at that time.

DEAN PINKERTON ELECTED

Thomas D. Pinkerton of Moro was among the 104 students recently tapped for Phi Kappa Phi, all-college honor society. Pinkerton is a junior in agriculture.

Fifty-three seniors, 36 juniors, 15 graduate students and two faculty members were selected for the honor. Election is restricted to not to exceed 10 percent of each graduating class. All members must have a grade average in the upper one eighth of the class.

Armstrong-Smith Nuptia's Observed

Miss Joyce Irene Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Smith and Donald Armstrong, son of Mr and Mrs F. M. Armstrong of Redmond, were married April 26, at two o'clock against a background of effodils, Oregon grape and apple blossoms at the Kent Christian church. The ceremony was performed by Judge J. M. Wilson.

The bride, whose father gave her, in marriage wore a fuchsia gabled dressmaker suit with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Miss Virginia Smith, sister of the bride was bridesmaid and wore a green dressmaker suit with black accessories and a gardenia corsage. Gardenia corsages were also worn by the mothers of the bride and groom. Clarence Bolling was best man and ushers were Tom Belloni and Richard Wilson. Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles played the processional and recessional. Mrs Helen Bothwell sang "I Love You Truly," and Irving Mobley sang, "Because."

A reception was held at the Rebekah hall immediately after the ceremony. The first piece of the beautiful two-tiered white wedding cake was cut in the traditional manner by the bride. Out of town guests were Mr and Mrs F. M. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Margaret Armstrong and Mrs Maude Cunningham of Mist.

The couple will be at home in San Diego, California, where the groom is a Fireman First Class with the navy.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CHOP SUY?... Introduced at Lake Success, N.Y., to the traditional American dish of bread soaked to the saturation point in meat gravy, Florence Wu registers complete and wide-open approval, while Charles and Roger Langston, British twins, look with some bewilderment upon her ladylike use of a fork. The children's parents are United Nations personnel.

Republican Head New Crop Insurance Schedules Visit

James Rodman of Eugene, state chairman of the Republican party in Oregon, and John Durr, executive secretary of the committee, will be in Moro next Wednesday, May 5, while on a trip through eastern Oregon.

Mrs Howard Conlee, county chairman, has arranged a meeting with them to be held at the Moro Woman's club building which will be attended by members of the county executive committee and interested Republicans who may wish to come. A luncheon at the Moro Hotel will precede the meeting after which Mr. Rodman and Mr. Durr will go on to Hood River.

County Court Claims

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT. Claims allowed against County General and General Road funds as presented, excepting one claim against County General fund.

Monthly statement of Treasurer showing fund balances as of March 31, presented, approved and filed.

Monthly statement of Clerk showing General Road fund balance as of April 1, presented, approved and filed.

Dewey Thompson reappointed as member of County Budget Committee for 3 year term. Date of May 12, set for first meeting of Budget Committee.

Financial Assistance granted to Taylor Grazing District Board to extent of \$450.00.

Assurance given Gordon Johnson et al that early action will be taken for control of crickets. County Agent authorized and directed to negotiate for necessary services and materials and to supervise treating of certain areas for cricket control.

Petition of George Fox et al for creation of new County Road filed. Action thereon deferred.

Appointment of Fair Board. Appointments made filling vacancies on Wasco and Moro Election Boards.

Statement of Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce in sum of \$50.00 held over to May term.

Bid of Patrick S. Gary for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Moro held in suspense.

Bid of Jim Dyce accepted for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Grass Valley.

Charles A. Fulton appears before court relative to recent road work done and relative to bridges and culverts in vicinity of his farm. Matter to receive due consideration.

Court directs Clerk and Treasurer regarding payment for Motor Grader.

REA Finishes Construction; Farm Connected

Nearly every farm in Sherman county now has electricity from either the newly constructed REA lines or from the Pacific Power & Light. Contractors finishing the job of building REA lines completed their work last week and departed, leaving the job of connecting the few remaining farm houses to local service men.

Some farm houses have not yet been wired but the juice will be ready when that job is finished. Cost of the project which includes all of Sherman county and Wasco county to above Clarno is said to have been \$620,000 and the number of consumers to be 485.

The development came at a fortunate time for Sherman county farmers were, perhaps for the first time in history, able to buy all the electrical equipment the farmer or wife desired. This will speed up the use of current which already has reached an average of 700 KW per month.

Historical Society Committees Named

Roy Belshee president of the Sherman County Historical Society has named his committees to prepare and present the annual picnic program which will be held at DeMoss Springs Park, June 6, that being the first Sunday in that month.

Membership: Millie von Borstel, Carrel Bennett, Harry Pinkerton, Theodore Johnston, Ron Christianson, Mr and Mrs Merrill Ovelson.

Historical Marker: A. R. Potter, Wiley Knights, Mrs George Merritt.

Program: Mrs O. N. Ruesels, Lois Hilderbrand, James Tate.

Coffee: Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles, Clara Kock, Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum.

Entertainment: Helen Brinkert, Lois Hilderbrand, J. M. Wilson, Harry Pinkerton, Flove von Borstel, Truman Strong.

Table: Mr and Mrs Ernest Blaylock, Mrs A. A. Dunlap, Mr and Mrs Charles Burnett, Mr and Mrs Orlo Martin, Mr and Mrs Sam Brock.

Picture: Mr and Mrs J. B. Coon, Clara Kock, Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson.

Registration: Cassie Holmes, Road Man: A. H. Barnum, Tom Pugh, Jay Price.

First Aid: C. A. Tom, Nominating: J. M. Wilson, W. S. Powell, A. J. Smith.

High School Team Loses and Wins

On Tuesday the Huskies traveled to Arlington to hand the Honkers a 16-6 shellacking. The locals finally found their batting eyes and all at once it seemed as they pounded three Arlington hurriers for 13 solid base hits. Moro scored four times in the first inning on four hits and one Arlington error, and once again in the second inning. Then came the big 6 run fourth inning. Peters was safe on an error. Rust singled to center, and Nelson gained life at first on a fielder's choice to load the bases with Huskies. This set the stage for Fred von Borstel's 3 run triple to deep center, a potent hit in any league. Three more runs came in before Bally, Arlington's second pitcher, could retire the side. In the fifth Peters opened with a double, then Nelson worked a walk, and Ziegler, not to be outdone by anyone, lashed a line drive triple to right to score both Peters and Nelson.

While the Huskies were scoring at ease, Arlington was able to collect but 2 hits off the offerings of Fred von Borstel, who went the first 6 innings on the mound, and Hartley who finished the game. Phil von Borstel and Peters both collected two hits while Fred von Borstel aided his own cause with 3 hits in 5 trips to the plate and 4 runs driven in.

May 4 is the next game for the local team, when they will meet Arlington at Grass Valley in a 2:30 game.

Aviators Sav Plane Was In Good Shape In Fatal Accident

Robert W. Epley and M. H. Bender, of the Columbia Crop Dusting company, owners of the plane in which John Nicholl was killed, protest that the story in last week's Sherman County Journal was wrong. They state that the plane had been worked on by a licensed mechanic after its crash on the Pinkerton farm and that the regular OK had been given as to its condition.

School Choir Presents Program

The Dalles High School symphonic choir appeared at the Moro Community church Tuesday night in a recital sponsored by the local Eastern Star lodge.

Soloists were Carl Lutz, Clarence Kaufman, Martha Stapleton, Bob Berger and Raleigh McVicker. Under director Sam Krebs the 49 voice choir sang a long program and cheerfully responded to encore numbers chosen by the audience.

Harry Benson Buried Monday In The Dalles

Harry M. Benson, 77, father of Harry Benson of Moro, and himself a former Sherman countian, died in The Dalles last Friday after an illness of several days. He had been found in a coma from a heart attack earlier in the week. He was born in San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 19, 1875.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs Marie Lundy, and Mrs Earl Lewis of The Dalles, four sons, George and Wilbert of The Dalles, Harry of Moro and DeLoss of Portland and 17 grand children and four great grandchildren. He also leaves three brothers Roy of St. Helens, Del of Springfield and James of Wenatchee, Wa.

Funeral services were held Monday at The Dalles with interment there.

PHILIP SEARCY DIES

Mrs Harry Pinkerton received word Thursday morning that her brother, Philip, had died Wednesday. He was living in Oswego and working in Portland. It is expected that the funeral will be held Saturday or Sunday. Philip Searcy was a native of Sherman county.

4-H Clubs Organize At Grass Valley and Elect Officers and Leaders

Monday April 12 the boys and girls of the four upper grades had their first 4-H meeting. The boys elected as their officers Mrs Elizabeth Hartley as club leader, Danny Duncan, president; Merle Eakin, vice-president and Larry Smith as secretary. It seems as the boys are well satisfied with their duties. The first thing the boys made was creamed potatoes and no doubt they turned out to be very good and I know they will all make good cooks some day.

Last week several of the members were absent on account of the measles, some returned today but two are still absent.

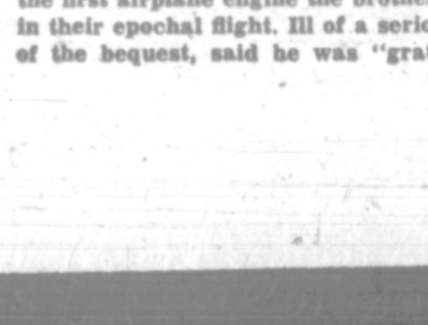
Today Larry Smith and Danny Duncan demonstrated the making of cornbread & the boys enjoyed it very much. Under the unfinished business they didn't name their club and today decided to call it "The Golden Eagle Club". The boys meet every Monday from 3:30 to 4:00.

The girls club "The Merry Mixers" elected the following officers: Mrs Oma Eakin, club leader; Colleen Smith, president; Carolyn Lemley vice-president; and Barbara Alley secretary.

So far we are doing fine and hope to continue that way. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 and have a very nice time.

Last Wednesday the different committees were appointed as follows: Program committee, Janice Bibby and Karen Goddard; song committee, Margaret Baumgartner and Barbara Blaylock; the demonstration committee will be different each week. This week they were Phyllis Rust and Margaret Reckman, who demonstrated the making of creamed cauliflower, with the assistance of the class Mrs Eakin demonstrating the making of mayonnaise.

We are starting scrap books of our favorite recipes and during roll call each one gives a report on the work that was completed at home.



City Council Votes For Bond Election May 21

The Moro City council in a special meeting Wednesday night passed two resolutions calling for a special election May 21 to vote on the issuance of \$8,500 in bonds in two series to raise money to improve the water system and repair and rebuild streets and drains.

Both resolutions are in the form of charter amendments which must be passed upon by the voters of the city. The first gives to the council the power to levy \$5000 in water bonds, the second gives to the council the power to issue \$3500 in street and drain bonds.

Actual cost of the new well and the equipment that is in it was considerably more than the total of the bonds. The city paid a little over \$2000 for the well and now owes more than \$5500 for the pump and other equipment now installed. Water account funds will be used to make up the difference.

Nothing has been paid on the equipment. It was earlier assumed by the city fathers that bonds could be issued in a short time. Legal technicalities have slowed the job and City Attorney George Updegraff has just this week been able to obtain the approval of John Schuler, bond attorney on the form and substance of the bonds. (Note: Municipal bonds in Oregon sell much better when approved by Schuler.)

The need for repair to the drains in the city and for work on the streets is apparent because a large part of the water in the creek is broken and useless. Most of the streets in the flat are damaged and some are practically impassible. It is hoped to so construct these drains this time so damage will not be so great hereafter.

The election will be held in the county court room at the court house but will be separate from the regular election.

The council also directed the recorder to write to representatives in congress asking that the U. S. Engineers be directed to make a survey of Harnum Canyon to see if it would qualify as a federal drainage project. If this is done some federal aid may eventually be obtained for channel improvement in the city and above.

Dewey Thompson was sworn in as councilman. The budget meeting was set for May 4 and minor bills were ordered paid.