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These Things We Note

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"As a rule, a man's a fool, When it's hot, he wants it cool, When it's cool he wants it hot; Always wanting what is not." This oft quoted jingle seems to fit the conditions regarding complaints about the weather as well as any. We've all complained about the cold spring, the frosty nights, the chill spring wind—and justly, too. When suddenly this was all changed to daily temperatures above 90 the complaints went on without diminishing.

A wise cook had the above lines framed and hung in the dining of a boarding house once frequented by the writer. Her ability at public relations made it seem a shame to waste her talents on cookery. Or is anyone's talent's so wasted?

A visiting gentleman from outside the county, who was not informed about the quality of country cooking, was especially appreciative of the cakes served at the historical society dinner Sunday. "The best cakes I've ever eaten," he said, and demonstrated his regard for them. He was a great cake eater, he admitted, and one whose judgment should be respected.

If nothing happens to the 1948 wheat crop in Sherman county other than that it is there is going to be a crop such as has only heretofore been imagined. There could be 4,000,000 bushels harvested this summer.

Herman Brackett says that the next weed to worry about in the north end of the county is rye, which is spreading fast. That might be a harder job than it looks if the good growing years continue for rye will grow in almost any kind of weather or ground.

"Candor is a proof of both a just frame of mind, and a good tone of breeding. It is a quality that belongs equally to the honest man and to the gentleman." —J. Fenimore Cooper.

It is customary in these rather weak days for persons and groups to blame their economic and moral failures to some one else. To lay all crime to society as a whole instead of to the criminal is a sign of weakness. It gives the culprit a way out, an excuse for weakness and dishonesty.

About the County

Mr and Mrs Florin Coon went to Sandy Sunday returning Monday with their household goods. B. C. Baumgartner took his daughters, Margaret, Susan and Jeanie to Portland Monday where they will spend a week at the home of Mr and Mrs William Sisler to see the Rose Festival. From there they will go to Auburn, Wash., to spend several weeks at the home of Mr and Mrs H. A. Baumgartners', their grandparents. Barney returned home Tuesday.

Mrs Grace Zevely left Tuesday for Virginia to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs A. E. Brandt, and to take a vacation from Sherman county and the voices of school children. Leslie Scott, state treasurer, accompanied by his son, Harvey and Fred McMuhin all of Portland, were here Sunday while Mr. Scott addressed the Historical society and the others learned about Sherman county.

Mr and Mrs Ira Fridley entertained with a bridge party Saturday night with two tables in play. A dessert luncheon was served in the late evening. Guests were Mr and Mrs Dewey Thomas, Mr and Mrs James O'Meara, Clyde Fridley Jr., Barbara McConaughy and Leland Schwendel.

Mr and Mrs F. M. Crews drove to Portland Friday and were accompanied home by their grandson, Donald Crews, who has been attending Hill Military and will spend a couple of weeks here. Mr and Mrs Bill McKean and family of Vancouver, Wn., were weekend guests of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs R. H. McKean and his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs L. J. Hastings and Roby.

Mrs Florence Martin left last week end for her vacation from the bank work, leaving for Salem to go on to Eugene. Wily Knighten is in Salem this week to attend a meeting of county school superintendents and rural school board members.

Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson made a trip to The Dalles, Friday which was a distance of over a hundred miles on account of the detours. They said it seemed like they traveled most of the day, with but 45 minutes to do up their business while in The Dalles.

James Fox was a business caller in The Dalles Friday. Mr and Mrs R. T. Dingle visited Mr and Mrs Trace Fields Sunday night. John DeMoss was a caller on friends in this district the first of the week.

Miss Ann Slack returned from Mt. Hood and will leave Wednesday for the East. Mr and Mrs Wayne Barton and Susan returned from La Grande Tuesday where he has been attending college and Mrs Barton was teaching school. They will live in Mrs Belle Clothier home for the summer.

Mr and Mrs William Brinkert were in The Dalles Sunday to visit Mrs Bud Brinkert at the hospital. Mrs Claud Bayer was a business visitor in Moro Saturday and also to visit her mother, Mrs Tommie Jones, while there. C. R. Anderson took the ball team to Warm Springs Sunday where they were defeated by the Warm Springs Indians. Quite a few from Grass Valley went over to the game.

Mr and Mrs L. E. Langford of The Dalles spent a few days at the ranch home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett. Mr and Mrs Ernie Engles and children left Friday for Buhl, Idaho to visit Ernie's parents, Mr and Mrs E. E. Engles. Their son, Larry, will remain with his grandparents until school starts this fall, while his folks will be back in Rufus in ten days.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Long thick heads of green wheat are waving in the farmers wheat fields at present. The heads which are in the milk, show signs of a bountiful crop. Harland McDonald and Vernon Miller cut some hay down last week. More haying work will get underway this week.

Harland McDonald brought up his tractor and mower Sunday to the grange hall, when some of the grange members turned out to burn the grass and clean up the grounds. Some of the weeds were still green and weed burners had to be used. The old fence was taken down and rolled up. The men of the Nazarene church turned out Friday to burn the grass around the church and driveway, which made it easier for the grange men. The men out doing the work besides McDonald were D. D. Williams, E. C. Eaton, Will Huck, Ross Guilford, Frank Smith and George Fox. Putting on the dinner at the hall for the men were Mrs Lois Steward, Mrs Harland McDonald and Mrs George Fox.

Janice Bibby is in The Dalles visiting at the home of her aunt Mrs Lee Woolwine, having gone home with them Memorial day. The Woman's Community club will meet at the Masonic hall on Tuesday afternoon June 15 for the election of officers and to make up the program for next year. All members are requested to be present.

Episcopal church services will be held at the Methodist church here Sunday June 13 at 3:30 p. m. with the Rev. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles to preach the sermon. Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and daughter, Mr and Mrs Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, and Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds went to Buck Hollow Sunday where they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Rufus grange had its first regular meeting of the month Thursday night with George Fox, master in the chair. Twenty-three members answered roll call. Sadie Rich, a new member, received the obligation of the degree at this time, and will take it when a class goes in again. A ballot was taken and R. T. Dingle was elected to be an alternate at state grange, but owing to his chores he thought he could not attend. For the program the lecturer, Richie Dingle, sang, "Red Wing." Lois Steward had charge of serving the supper, and she was helped by some other members.

After the church Sunday services most of the members drove out to DeMoss Springs to attend the Historical picnic and program. The Rufus quartet composed of Rev and Mrs W. E. Rice and Mr and Mrs James Tate appeared on the program. Dianne, the small daughter of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Henrichs, had her tonsils removed at a hospital in The Dalles last week.

Mr and Mrs Harold Murphy and son were here last week end until Sunday afternoon when they returned to their home in Portland. They visited her mother, Mrs Edna Melzer. Mrs J. C. McDermid entertained the Past Matrons club of the Eastern Star Thursday evening. Refreshments were served following by three tables of contract. High scores for the evening were held by Mrs George Harris, Mrs B. Estelle Halley, Mrs H. M. Zell and guest prize going to Mrs L. P. Haven.

Mrs Jennie Hearing spent the weekend end The Dalles where she visited her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Stewart and family. Mr and Mrs George Wilde of Portland spent last week end visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs Willard Rolfe and family.

Mr and Mrs H. O. Dugger and Mr and Mrs Roy Haynes were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs John Rust. Geraldine Rust is in Garibaldi to spend several weeks visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Earl Duke. Bud Duke stayed here to spend several week at the John Rust home.

Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum and Mr and Mrs Henry Barnum of Moro were Sunday evening guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles. Mr and Mrs Earl Rehr of Gresham came up last Saturday night to visit friends over Sunday. Mr and Mrs Howard Belshee were up from The Dalles Monday to visit and "get a little good Sherman county air" as Howard expressed it.

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Walther-Williams Coming For Second Barbecue & Ballgame

For the second year the Walther-Williams company of The Dalles is going to present a barbecue and ball game as a June Sunday's entertainment for Sherman Countians.

Employees of the firm will bring a softball team to try to avenge the decisive defeat they suffered last year. LeRoy Wright will prepare a barbecue which will be served by members of the firm together with some other accompanying foods.

The event of last year, which was the first, was attended by a large crowd of people who enjoyed both parts of the program yelling during the game and grunting contentedly over the barbecued beef.

One o'clock has been set as the time for beginning and all Sherman Countians are invited.

CUB SCOUTS HONORED
Cub Scouts, pak 571 of Portland Scouts, held its first meeting Thursday evening in the Methodist basement. Cub Master H. L. White presented Bobby Hastings, Jackie Wallace, Monte Stultz, Stanley Boise, Joe Drinkard, and Billy Williams with Bobcat pins. Stanley Boise was awarded his Bear award and Billy Root his Wolf award. Rev. Stierle presented Billy Root his Den Chief cord for scouts. The cubs gave an Indian dance and displayed very clever handicraft. This was followed by moving pictures.

Mrs Floyd Root had a personal shower for Jessie Anfang at her country home Wednesday evening.

GRASS VALLEY HOUSE BURNS
Sunday afternoon fire destroyed the large house owned by W. D. Barnett and occupied by his son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Harold Owens an small daughter, Carol Ann.

Cause of the fire was not determined. It was discovered about 1:30 by a group of picnickers in the city park. The alarm was given and the volunteer fire department responded preventing the blaze from spreading to near by buildings. Flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the house although some of the furnishings and the family clothing were removed from the front part of the building. The fire is believed to have started somewhere in the back part of the house.

Mr and Mrs Owens were absent at the time, having gone to Warm Springs to attend a base ball game.

One of the oldest houses in the city the dwelling occupied by the Owens family was located back of the business section and across the street from the Barnett home. It was originally the Harvey Smith place and was long occupied by the Lew Baker family. Both the house and contents was covered in insurance.

Historical Notes From Pioneers Given By Scott

The men and women who drove ox teams across the plains had troubles not often considered by modern generations and this was the theme of the talk of Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer, before the Sherman County Historical society at DeMoss Park Sunday.

He read excerpts from diaries made on the 1200 mile, and six month trip. Of dust: "It became so bad we could not see our teams and could hardly breathe." "When we stopped at night they had to shake the dust from the bedding, clothing and everything else."

Indians were a constant menace and many emigrants complained as much of the traders along the way who charged prices that seemed exorbitant: meals \$1.00 (this was 100 years ago) bread 50 cents per pound, flour 40 cent a pound, potatoes \$6.00 per bushel.

Stock died from weariness or hunger or thirst, wagons were broken and used for fuel, graves along the trail were common.

Mr. Scott, himself a historian of early Oregon, son of Harvey Scott, well remembered editor of the Oregonian, likes to talk of the pioneers who made their way across the plains. His was the principal speech of the third meeting of the historical society which was attended by well over 200 persons. More usually attend but the condition of the roads restricted the number this year.

Roy Belshee, president, introduced a group of Boy Scouts, who opened the meeting with a salute to the flag. Rev. Gearhart gave the invocation, Howard Schilling, Irving Mobley sang and Jimmy Roberson played a piano solo. A male quartet from Wasco sang as did a mixed quartet from Rufus.

The day was warm, the dinner bountiful and delicious, the visiting animated.

Elected for 1948-49 officers were Herb Root, president; Mrs Helen Bruckert, vice-president; Mrs Millie von Borstel, secretary; and James Woods to be the new director.

PEACE ADVOCATE HERE
Mr and Mrs Ray Siegenthaler of Eugene stopped here Saturday night while on their way to Iowa where Mr. Siegenthaler will attend a meeting of those interested in world peace and affiliated with the Council for Peace. He represents the Eugene chapter with which most of the civic groups are connected. Immediate hope is to eliminate the veto power in the security council, change the representation of small nations, provide for an international police force and arrange for inspection of war materials. The Siegenthalers left their small child with her parents, Mr and Mrs Claude Thompson.

WASCO SAVING DAYLIGHT
The council met Monday evening and voted on going on day light saving time as of Wednesday June 9th at 12 a. m. No more skating or riding bicycles on side walks on the west side of Main St. from the postoffice to the Sherman Hotel. Due to the extreme fire hazard it was decided not to permit fire works or fire crackers inside the city limits.

CLASS SCHEDULED
First Aid classes will begin Monday June 14 at 8:00 p. m. in the VFW hall in Moro, according to those in charge. It is especially requested that those who can drive an ambulance come and learn about first aid, but all others are welcome.

VFW NEEDS CLOTHES
Members of the VFW auxiliary are sponsoring a clothes campaign for the victims of the Vanport flood. Any sort of clothes are usable and any size.

Clothing may be left at Bob Axtell's store in Moro or at Steve O'Meara's in Wasco where it will be picked up and shipped by the Red Cross. At Grass Valley the American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring the drive.

Those able to donate clothing should do so as soon as possible because these flood victims in many cases have nothing but the clothes with which they escaped.

JESSIE ANFANG MARRIED
Jessie Anfang became the bride of Raymond Parrish, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Parrish of Heppner at the Methodist church Sunday with Rev. Carl Stierle officiating.

The bride, daughter of Frank Knox, was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs Lewis Hastings was matron of honor and W. F. Wallace was best man.

The newlyweds will make their home in Portland.

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the many friends who have been so kind to us and who came to our aid in fighting the fire which destroyed our home and furnishings, and for the faithful job of rescuing a number of our belongings.

Mr and Mrs Harold Owens
Mr and Mrs W. D. Barnett

RED CROSS MEETINGS
The annual meeting of the Sherman county chapter, American Red Cross, was held Monday evening at the court house with election of officers as the principal business of the evening.

Mrs Paul May was elected chairman for a two year term, Richie Dingle, vice chairman, Mrs Frank Sayrs, secretary and Bill Todd, treasurer.

The swimming program which had previously been arranged with the Sherman and Wasco county chapters was postponed because of the bad condition of the roads.

YOUNG HEADS LEGION
Kenneth Young was elected commander of Chris Schultz post, American Legion at a meeting held Wednesday night at the post hall. Ronald Powell was named vice-commander and Theodore Johnston, adjutant.

Other officers chosen were Bob Axtell, retiring commander, as finance officer, Andy Paulson, sergeant at arms and Carl Meizer, chaplain. Other post officers are appointive. Election of delegates to the state convention will be done in September as that event is to be held in October this year. Place: Astoria.

FATHER-SON BANQUET
Fathers of the Moro-Community are going to have dinner with their sons next Wednesday evening at the Community church basement. The time is 6:30 Pacific Standard Time.

Speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Robert Hutchinson, well known Congregational minister of Hood River, who has often spoken in Moro. Collis Moore will welcome the lads on behalf of the fathers and Dick Oveson will speak for the sons. Harry Pinkerton will be master of ceremonies.

Feature of the program will be a barber shop quartet which Frank Sayrs is managing. The Mariner's club is sponsor of the dinner.