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These Things We Note

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On the second longest day of the year a coat was almost a necessity. And that recalls a Fourth of July program that was witnessed by numerous overcoated spectators. Some time it may be possible to enjoy December 22 in shirtsleeves. These are not impossible although uncommon.

The Republicans are meeting this week to nominate a presidential candidate whom they expect to elect. The job should be over but paying the bets by the time this is read and most people will be happy because there doesn't seem to be much intense feeling about candidates for that honor.

Americans like a change and always get it in politics when they decide one is due. There should be new issues in this campaign as the new deal is done for, either as a theory of which to boast or an idea to attack. The tax bills helped kill it. When it began to cost money it began to fail and it continued only as long as the costs could be delayed.

Now people know it wasn't worth it, but the cost must be paid one way or another. Naturally the people who voted the cost won't pay it, but will pass it on to their children, who may do the same.

Oddly an administration that prated of its conservation of natural resources should have spent so large a part of the nation's financial resources without the slightest consideration.

People say, "Well, everything else is going up. I suppose that has to like the rest", and that theory will get prices up pretty fast. Resignation to high prices will surely let them go on up and there's really no stopping place. In fact about the only thing that holds prices down is the unwillingness of the people to pay them. The old law of supply and demand that was held in abeyance for so long will eventually assert itself. There are some indications that the drop may not be put off much longer. Some writers can always find reasons why there will be no drop after the last war and probably there are reasons. But prices have always dropped when they get too high, just as they have always increased when too low, and there is nothing of consequence to make us believe the swing of the pendulum will stop right now.

It reminds of a cartoon inscription that was to the effect that Pa never would get rich because he was always optimistic when prices were so high they couldn't go up and pessimistic when prices were so low they couldn't drop.

"The streets are full of human toys,
Wound up for three score years;
Their springs are hungers, hopes and joys,
And jealousies and fears."
is ascribed to Robert Louis Stevenson.

The roads are getting passable again and detours through Sherman county and across Sherrars or over the old road on the hill are no more—for the time being. It was a good thing for travelers to be sent through the good parts of the country for a change. Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam and Morrow county all were able to show off their wheat fields to hundreds who might have thought the view from the Columbia river highway was typical of the entire region.

Some people expressed their pleasure that they were forced to look over a very productive and beautiful section of the state; others were merely bothered. While the wheat fields are ripening would be a fine time for Portlanders and others to make a tour over the Wapinitia pass, through some of the wheat counties, and back by the partially damaged Columbia highway. The city dwellers who have thought that bread came in paper wrappers would learn something and anyone who is impressed with the glory of growing things could enjoy looking at the great fields of grain.

"Grandma, do you have to take all those different kinds of pills every day?
"Yes Judy. Yellow ones for liver, pink ones for my stomach, black ones for my heart, and orange ones for my nerves."
"Well, Grandma, what are the red ones for—to direct traffic?"
(Saturday Evening Post)

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Clark Cracker of San Francisco is spending the summer with Mr and Mrs Paul McCoy. He is Mrs McCoy's cousin.

Larry Kaseberg left Tuesday on the chartered bus from Moro to attend the 4-H summer school in Corvallis.

Mrs L. E. Kaseberg and daughter Patricia were week end guests in Portland. While there Patricia attended the Methodist Youth banquet and meeting.

Carole and Armita Mell of Lapine are guests of Mr and Mrs Afton McIntyre and family while Mr and Mrs Carl Mell, their parents, are in Portland.

Last week Mr and Mrs Leroy Belshee, Mr and Mrs Paulen Kaseberg and Mr and Mrs Hildred-Zell were in Portland to attend the grand chapter of the Eastern Star. Tuesday evening they attended a dinner at Jack & Jill's given for worthy matrons, worthy patrons and grand officers.

At the dinner given Monday evening for the Eastern Central Oregon association, Mrs Laura Collins, worthy matron of the Dalles chapter and Mrs Paulen Kaseberg worthy matron of the Wasco chapter decorated a table with Indian teppes and wheat.

Mr and Mrs Paul Goddard moved Thursday from their apartment above the confectionery store to Holbrook, north of Portland on the Astoria highway where they have bought a house. He will teach at the school there next fall.

Haying is in process on the Finnegan ranch, starting the first of the week. Others are outting wheat hay also.

A shower in honor of Mrs C. J. Kulick was given by her friends Wednesday afternoon at Kent. Keith Decourcy returned to the Theodore von Borstel home this week having decided to work this summer instead of attending the summer session at the university.

Wily Knights has been in bed for the past few days nursing a cold.

George Mimaugh, deputy director of the war bond division, was here Wednesday while on a trip through eastern Oregon to see why bonds are not selling better than they are.

Mrs Florence Martin returned to work in the bank Monday morning after a two weeks vacation spent at Eugene, Salem, the coast and Harrisburg.

J. W. Coons was the only casualty of the sick field last Sunday as his horse fell with him in the hurry scurry causing a very sore shoulder.

Mrs Donald Knighten is in LaGrande to take a summer course in education.

Mr and Mrs Lloyd Grimes were at the David Nish home last week to aid in making some improvements in the house. Mrs Grimes is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Nish.

The storm last Tuesday night hit the north east part of Sherman county (mostly in the Biglow area) washing roads and packing summer fallow. Where the water rushed down some of the canyons and ravines the wheat was knocked down. Biglow canyon road was washed out making it impassable. A wind storm hit this part Monday, which caused many fields to start to blow.

Jerry Barnett was out with his airplane again early Thursday morning baiting the John Day river territory with cricket bait. The crickets are nearly grown now and it will soon be time for them to lay their eggs.

Rufus grange was held Thursday night with overseer, E. C. Eaton taking the place of the absent master. Mrs Frank Smith also acted as secretary pro-tem. The resignation of Mrs Joe Morris as lady assistant steward was received. Thirteen places were set for the supper which followed the meeting.

Wednesday Mr and Mrs Leon Smith and Mr and Mrs Marvin Thomas went to Portland where Mr Smith and Mr Thomas attended the Masonic grand lodge.

Carl Anderson, a member of the Masonic lodge received the appointment of grand stand ar bearer in the grand lodge.

John and Gordon Hilderbrand are home from Corvallis where they have been attending college.

Mr and Mrs Ira Barnett were guests of Mr and Mrs Ormand Hilderbrand Sunday and Monday.

Mr and Mrs Carl Anderson of Portland were guests of Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell over the weekend. The annual stockholders meeting of the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers will be held in the Wasco American Legion hall Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock daylight saving time.

Mrs Clyde Gillmor was in a hospital in The Dalles for several days during the past week.

Newton Crosfield, son of Mrs Mary Crosfield, and a nephew of Harry Kunsman, was married in Portland last Sunday to Virginia Todd of that city.

Mrs Harvey McClain was in a car accident just a short time after the Columbia river highway was open to traffic Saturday afternoon. It was reported Mr McClain who was driving had to make a quick stop and slid in the loose crushed rock, and hit a wrecking car while going through the fill at Big Eddy. Mrs McClain sustained a broken rib and a broken wrist. The front end of their car was mashed in and a hole broken in the windshield. Mrs McClain was taken to The Dalles hospital for the weekend but returned to her home Monday. McClain is the state highway road master at Rufus.

Womens' Missionary society met Thursday with Mrs John Mathieson. A theme song was chosen for the year, "Tell the Blessed Story of the Cross".

A backward party will be held at the Rufus grange hall Friday evening June 25 at 8 o'clock. This party is sponsored by Mrs W. E. Rice and everyone is welcome. Guests are to wear some clothing backwards.

Mr and Mrs Pete Macnab gave an informal party in honor of Helen Kelley and Tom Macnab of The Dalles Saturday night. Those present besides the guests of honor were Mr and Mrs Don Macnab, Mr and Mrs Wm. Macnab, Mr and Mrs Stuart Macnab, Mr and Mrs Leland Medler, George Macnab, Bob Macnab, and Pat Macnab.

Mr and Mrs W. E. Bruckert went to The Dalles Sunday for Father's day with Mr Bruckert's father, C. R. Bruckert, who returned with them to visit for a few days.

The Young Peoples society held Bible study at the Ernie Engle home Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs George Smith of Richmond in Wheeler county have been visiting relatives and friends here for several days. They went from Richmond to Bend to shop last week and it rained and washed out the road and bridges, so they came down this way of Arlington and Spray. Mrs Smith is a sister of Mrs Trace Fields.

Vernon Miller took Mrs Miller down to The Dalles hospital where he left her for a few days. She has had some after effects from a recent cold, so stayed there for treatments. Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller and sons just returned Tuesday from the week-end spent in Eugene. They were accompanied home by Mrs Miller's parents, Mr and Mrs M. H. Rice of Eugene who are spending some time here.

Mr and Mrs Roy Belshee came to Moro Friday night after a brief honeymoon which was interrupted by the bad condition of the roads in the western part of the state.

Art Barnum was taken to the mid-Columbia hospital Tuesday morning following a heart attack during the night previous. His condition was not considered serious when he left. The ambulance, with Norman Fields as driver and Mrs Darwin Van Gilder as nurse took him down.

Clem Eslinger and Jim Hunter came up from Hillsboro Sunday to look at the horse show returning that evening.

Ed Gavin and wife visited friends in Moro last weekend. Ed says the high water really wrecked things around the stock yards where he works as a brand inspector.

The George Blackburne family are now moved into their own house at Rufus. They had moved to the Herman Brackett house on the hill during the extreme high water. Now they are picking cherries in their flooded orchard. Some transient cherry pickers have arrived in Rufus to help.

Mr and Mrs Trace Fields spent Sunday in Condon visiting at the ranch home of Mr and Mrs P. A. Beeks. Mrs Fields is a cousin of Mrs Beeks.

Mr and Mrs Edward Millard and two sons of Portland are spending some time of their vacation at the home of Mr and Mrs Bruce Millard.

Rufus school district held its annual school meeting Monday afternoon. Joe Morris was elected the new director to replace Bruce Millard who was last year's chairman.

At the Biglow school district meeting, Don Macnab was elected director to succeed himself as outgoing chairman. George Fox was again hired as clerk for the district.

Mr and Mrs E. E. Barzee are back from a trip to the coast and E. E. is working again.

Mr and Mrs Paul McCoy entertained a group of friends Saturday night with an informal pre-harvest kitchen dinner party. Hors d'oeuvres were served buffet-style in the kitchen. Dinner was served on the back porch which was decorated with flowers and balloons. The guest list was as follows: Messrs and Mesdames Chas. Fulton, Harold White, Hugh White, Floyd Root, Hildred Zell, Francis Watkins, Everett Watkins, John A. Foss, T. Lester Johnson, James Riskowsky, Paulen Kaseberg, Tad McCoy, Mrs Estrella Halley, all of Wasco. Mr and Mrs Carl Anderson, Mrs Alice Anderson of Portland, Mr and Mrs Russ Volstorf of The Dalles, and Clark Cracker of San Francisco.

Kent Young will leave Friday for a teacher's conference at Bowling Green, Ohio from which he will go to attend the NEA convention at Cleveland before returning. He will take with him 150 sacks of wheat properly tagged to acquaint the eastern teachers with the product of Sherman county.

Born: to Mr and Mrs Henry Norton in Portland, a son, Mrs Norton was formerly Marjorie Byers.

Dolores Fox came home with her parents, Mr and Mrs George Fox, from The Dalles Friday night to spend the weekend. She is employed at Otto's Ice Cream Center in The Dalles, and on account of the road situation, it was the first time she was home for six weeks. She took the stage at Rufus Sunday night to return to The Dalles.

Eleanor Fox of this community who got out of school at OSC June 19 is working as a secretary for a Portland firm during vacation time.

Miss Shirley Youm and her brother, Joe, are now employed at the Biggs Junction Service Station and Cafe.

Mr and Mrs Merle Becket and son Paul and Mr and Mrs Werner Reitmänn of Heppner were here Sunday to see the horse show.

Mr and Mrs Ted Barnum and his daughter stopped in Moro Saturday night while on their way home from a fishing trip to East Lake.

Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters left Monday night for Dufur to be overnight guests of Mr and Mrs John Addington Tuesday morning. Mr and Mrs Don Macnab went to The Dalles to attend the wedding of Macnab's brother, Tom, to Helen Kelly of The Dalles, which was held at St. Peter's church at 8 o'clock. A reception for relatives was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab in The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Jorou returned Monday from the week-end spent fishing at Paulina lake up near Bend. They reported their luck was good and they caught their limit. Mrs Jordon is just as good a fisherman as her husband. Mrs Jordon is the Rufus postmistress and she is on a months vacation from her duties which started June 14. Mrs W. E. Rice is taking her place in the postoffice during her vacation.

Callers at the home of Mr and Mrs Joe Morris Sunday evening were Mr and Mrs Clifford Duffy and Mr and Mrs Homer Baker and Mr and Mrs George Brume, all of The Dalles.

Norman Fields has sold his house in Moro to Mollie McLachlan who has moved into it. She will rent her other house to Mr and Mrs Bob Brisbane.

Ernest Woods was in Portland Tuesday night to see the Maxim Kahut fight.

The 4-H club children will return from the Corvallis summer school trip today.

E. E. Barnum left for Bend Monday to do some work at the home of his son, Cleo, near that town.

Louise Schilling, daughter of Mrs Harvey Schilling of Ashland and Eugene Gosson, son of Mrs Leo Watkins of Wasco were married Saturday noon at the Ashland Methodist church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Earl Schilling, wore a white street length dress and white hat. She carried an orchid with a white Bible.

Joanne Watkins, sister of the groom was maid of honor. She wore a lime-green street dress and carried a nosegay of sweet peas.

Joe Hines of Wasco was best man.

After the ceremony there was a reception held at the home of Mrs Harvey Schilling.

The couple will make their home in Pendleton where Mr Gosson is employed by the telephone company.

Riders Perform In Rain At Horse Show

Although a drizzling rain kept most of the expected crowd away and slowly dampened the contestants who performed on a soggy field, the horse show presented Sunday by the Sherman County Riders and visiting clubs was very much a success.

The weather, dark from the night before, gradually settled until a bit of sun broke through the clouds before the final event was concluded. There were many competitive items on the program.

The Dufur Riding club was placed first in the preliminary drill in contest with the Klickitat County club and the Sherman County Riders. Marjorie VanGilder was first, Evelyn Jones second and Mrs Joe Miller third in the ladies stock saddle horse class; Dufur won the pole bending contest with The Dalles team; Bob Belshee won at balloon busting, a lively game.

In the children's stock horse class Joan Ross was first, Dick Wheelhouse Arlington, second, Stanley Moore third and Mary Jo Miller fourth, all except Wheelhouse being from Sherman county.

Jake Smalley of The Dalles was first and W. C. Helyer, The Dalles second in the five gaited saddle horse class. The large class in the mens' pleasure horse class was reduced a half after which the judges picked Bill Wharton of the Mays-Dodd ranch as first, Paul Wilson, second; Kenneth Martin third and Harold Eakin fourth, the last three being Sherman countians.

At womens' pole bending the Sherman riders took first and the Dufur club second. Oscar Sherat of Goldendale was first in the half mile free for all with White cotton of The Dalles second, Coons of Sherman county third and Mead of Klickitat fourth. Bob Belshee won the sack race with Clarence Gardner of Dufur second and Clarence Tobin of Klickitat third.

In the mens' saddle horse class a closely contested event, Cecil McDonald, Klickitat, was first; Roy Wheelhouse, Arlington, second and Vern Campbell, The Dalles third. In a novelty bareback riding contest the Dufur team bested the Sherman county four.

The womens' pleasure horse class was won by Eva Sigman of Dufur with Marjorie VanGilder second, Sally Ann Moore, of The Dalles third and Sadie Rich fourth.

In the child's hurry scurry Stanley Moore was first, Sharon Coons second and JoAnn O'Brien third, all of Sherman county. Harold Eakin took the musical rope contest and with Slim Thompson won the hurry scurry.

In pairs with Wheelhouse second and Marjorie Van Gilder and Norman Gochauer third.

Kenneth Martin and daughter were first in the contest for best matched pairs with palominos. Mr and Mrs Coons were second with sorrels, Slim Thompson and Dorothy Wilson were third and W. C. Helyer and Sally Ann Moore were fourth. Bertha Belshee won first in the quarter mile womens saddle horse race. Marjorie Van Gilder won the womens musical rope event. In the child's quarter mile race Kelley Wilson was first Stanley Moore second and JoAnn O'Brien third. Time 31.5.

The mens' quarter mile stock horse race was won by Bob By, she's Izena with Oscar Sherat of Klickitat second and Leroy Groce of The Dalles third.

Announcer for the show was Joe Dodd of Tygh Valley and Giles Bennett of Government Camp and Rube Long of Fort Rock were arena judges.

Event winners will be eligible to compete in the Sherman county fair-horse show which will be the concluding show for the clubs in the mid-Columbia area, each of which is sponsoring a show during the spring and summer.

Ted Ball Taking Stock To Valley

Ted Ball is taking 20 head of purebred Herefords to Corvallis next Monday for a sale. Offered are nine head of heifers, nine head of cows, bred to Promino and two young bulls.

Mr. Ball is taking these cattle to the valley because he feels that breeders in that part of the state are willing to buy from proven herds and will be interested in his record as a producer of prize winning steers.

The cattle have not been fattened for the show but are being taken in normal condition. No grain is fed to breeding stock on the Ball ranch says the foreword.

Kent Favors Union High School; Names McKay Director

The annual school meeting of District No. 9 in Kent was well attended. Jay McKay was re-elected director to serve with Lester Wilson and John Decker and Frank von Borstel, clerk. The school budget which exceeded the six percent limitation was approved by a 100% vote. After considerable discussion and study concerning union high schools in the state, both large and small, the legal voters attending the meeting went on record by resolution approving a union high school for the southern end of Sherman county; said union high school not to be located beyond the town of Grass Valley. It was voted to leave the question of high school for the coming year in the hands of the local school board who are to either reestablish a high school in Kent or to arrange for transportation of the students elsewhere for high school instruction.

Flood waters have receded at Rufus and the town is getting back to normal. The Cafe's Auto Courts were open for business when the highway was reopened Saturday noon.

Still suffering are the orchards that are set where the backwater is deep. Cherry trees which are setting in water has shriveled fruit on them.

The water has gone down from Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson's house, and work has begun cleaning it out and repairing the damage done. Part of the house was sealed in plywood which has warped out of shape. The water had come up to the windows during the high water, and it remained there for some days causing damage of their home. The insulated covered floors which had been pasted down buckled out of shape.

The backwater of the Columbia which was a few miles up the John Day river, when it receded it left mud along the river banks making a hazard for the range cattle running in pastures there, to drink from the river. George Fox and Vernon Miller moved cattle from pastures there Thursday after finding some of them mired down in the mud.

Wheat-fattened steers, hogs and lambs from eastern Oregon will begin arriving Sunday morning in preparation for the second annual show and sale of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, to be held Monday through Wednesday, June 28-30, at Wink's Auction Yards, one mile west of The Dalles, on Highway 30. Registration for housing will be at the auction yards.

Judging and showmanship events will be held in the commodious covered ring after livestock is in place at noon Monday, as will the auction sale to climax the three-day show beginning at 7 p. m., Wednesday, June 30. The yards have been enlarged and painted and pens all covered. The show is open without admission charges of any kind to all persons interested.

Judging events will be held each of the three days.

Monday evening at 6:30, more than 100 4-H boys and girls will be entertained at a dinner at the Junior High School, followed by a picture show at the Granada Theater, and will attend a banquet at the same place Tuesday night, with an electronics show under auspices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to follow.

Tuesday will be "banquet" night, with similar affairs for the men at the Gold room at Hotel Dalles and the ladies at the Country club.

Special entertainment will be provided by courtesy of the Inland Navigation company between 2 and 3 Wednesday afternoon.

Wheat farmers, businessmen and others who wish to make purchases for their lockers can have their steers and lambs slaughtered ready for cutting and wrapping for the hides, and hogs with payment of one cent a pound.

Sherman county clubbers will have 30 steers, six hogs and 12 sheep in the show.

Floyd Root, W.L. May Elected To School Posts

Floyd Root was elected as the new member of the rural school board from the Wasco zone at the election Monday with some write-in votes against him but no opposition on the ballot.

Wallace May was re-elected as a member of the non-high school board from the Grass Valley zone in a written vote as no one had his name on the ballots.

The central part of the county generally voted school consolidation with Moro, DeMoss, Erskine, Harmony favoring consolidation. At Fairview the vote was a tie but some voters are being contested and another vote is expected. The Boardman district defeated the proposal.

Budgets were passed all over the county which means that the county will raise \$245,904.88 for schools, a sum that was turned down when consolidated in the rural school budget.

Jay McKay was re-elected at Kent, Wallace May at Grass Valley, Lloyd Henrichs at Moro, O. G. Hilderbrand was chosen as director at Wasco succeeding Mrs Sadie Rich and Joe Morris was chosen at Rufus in place of Bruce Millard.

The list of new directors in the few remaining rural districts has not been compiled.

Busses Start Again As Roads Repaired

Busses started on the regular The Dalles-Bend run this week and the Greyhound busses are now going along the river instead of detouring through Sherman county on the way to Portland from the east. The road to The Dalles has been rebuilt along Celilo canal where it was washed out by the water and is passable, if not smooth. The highway above Biggs has been repaired and the hotel and restaurant owners have been able to move back into their places of business.

Cattle Tour Bringing Visitors To County

The cattle tour, sponsored by the Western Livestock Journal moves into Sherman county today, Friday.

Visitors who will be from California, western Oregon and Washington, will look at Sherman cattle and incidentally a good deal of Sherman county wheat as they travel from Ralph Eakin to Bernard Martin to Owen Eakin to Harold Eakin to Fred Cox to Millard Eakin to Ted Ball. Cattle will be the prime reason for their visit but there will be more than a passing interest in the roll of our hills and the wave of our wheat.

Anyone interested in driving about the county and looking at fine cattle is welcome to go. First stop is at the Ralph Eakin place southeast of Moro at 9 a. m. DST.

Historical Society Directors Called

Officers and the executive committee of the Sherman County Historical Society have been called to attend a meeting at the county court house on the evening of July 5 at 8 p. m. standard time. President Herb Root states that it is necessary to hold a meeting in order to pay the bills of the 1948 picnic and make some plans for the year's work.

SHANTIKO By Mrs Maude Garrett

Fred Thurman of Coos Bay arrived Wednesday to visit his nephew Charles Browning and family.

Ralph Reeder stopped at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs G. H. Reeder while on his way from Boise, Idaho to Portland.

William Wilson was surprised by a visit from his nephew from Manchester, Conn., with whom he went to The Dalles for the weekend.

Mrs Maude Garrett is in Portland this week for medical attention leaving Mrs Julia Lang to care for the postoffice.

Mr and Mrs Wesley Fine arrived from California to visit here with his mother. Mrs Amanda Fine and other relatives.