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These Things We Note

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This year everyone has a big rain story to tell. Big floods, big washouts, big rain storms, and perhaps, before it is over, big hail storms.

There are those who now say we are in a wet cycle, and the earth will have moisture aplenty for 50 years. More pessimists think that we are at the wrong end of a seven year wet period and that 1948 is the crowning year. We, for one, have no information on the future.

History indicates that there will be wet years, and dry good years and bad.

When the Indians were running this country there were no dikes, no levees, the men ran the country and the women did the work. They were trying to improve that system.

In Portland there has been great turmoil over the city car testing service, which in theory puts automobiles in a safe condition. Now a poll shows that it is favored two to one. Thus the rise doesn't always indicate the extent of the dislike for a governmental policy.

It seems that every town these over-stimulated post-war days must have some carnival or entertainment all its own. Lack of imagination has perpetrated a lot of rodeos in the west and a bunch of horse shows. There are music festivals, flower shows, mountain climbs, water pageants, logging bees interspersed among them along with coastal towns fishing week-ends.

Most of them are pretty well managed, highly advertised and financed down to the last merchant's solicitation. They take the drab tone off from living for a couple of days each year and are glorified in the name of progress and community spirit.

The mirror pool show at Bend is one of these—one of the distinctive ones.

It is certainly unique for a western town on the edge of the timber and the edge of the open range. A much more reckless and abandoned type of entertainment might be expected. But there is no excuse for a bottle or a loud shout. It really is very beautiful.

But if St. Paul and Molalla can put on rodeos, down in the peaceful Willamette valley where cows give milk and where horses pull plows, it may be fitting for Bend to do something as odd and artistic as build and show lighted floats depicting the area.

At an entertainment place may be noted the following imperishable cast in bronze: "Enjoy Yourself. It is Later Than You Think."

Most of the people who will see that are past the meridian of life and it is probably fitting to recall to them that taking time out for a little relaxation is good for them.

When we tear across the country at 60 miles per hour to get to some place where the weather is no better, the bed no softer, the food no more tasty it is odd to be invited to take life a little easier. Had we followed that dictum in the first place, we'd never have come.

But some change is good for us all, mentally good, that is. Physically we're better under our own vine and fig tree, hoeing the potatoes (and my, how they're growing this year). But in order to keep up with the rush of the world it doesn't do any harm to get out and see how things are over the hill. Like the bear we might find that they milk the pigs in the parlor over there and that is worth going a long way to see.

The philosopher says that the best kind of civilization and the best economic system is one in which men never are poor enough to be dishonest for money nor rich enough to be dishonest for power.

You can only govern men by serving them. The rule is with out exception.

About the County

The young peoples society of the Rufus Nazarene church met Friday night for Bible study at the W.E. Rice home. Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburn and family went over to Mary Hill Sunday to have a picnic dinner with their son in law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. George Gunkel, norwauk, did not come from Dayton to spend the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats were Mr. and Mrs. Rutschman and family. They returned home Monday.

Miss Tois Coats brought her two nephews, John and Ronald, to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats to spend Sunday and Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin had to take their baby to Portland for medical attention. Lois will help her sister Mrs. Eakin during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and family and Fred Lights and John Waggoner of Portland went to the Dalles the Fourth where they spent the day picnicking on Mill Creek with friends from Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Ruggles had as dinner guests Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newport and family from Carroll county, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles from Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rittner left Saturday for Bend to see the water project and on Sunday they went to Crater Lake and the Lava Caves and on to Madras where they used to live and home.

Mrs. Alvin Waggoner and son and Mrs. Melvin Fulkerson and son of The Dalles spent Friday July 2 here with the former mother, Mrs. A. W. McLeod to celebrate her birthday.

Dean Olds who had been employed at the Kent elevator left Tuesday for his home in Portland where he will be employed on the addition being built on the V.F.W. hospital.

Miss Patricia Crutcher of Sandy spent the weekend visiting Jack von Borstel at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

Mrs. Curt Tom was honored on her birthday Sunday by relatives gathering at her home in Rufus. A bountiful dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom and Mrs. Catherine Boie.

There was a family gathering for the Macnab family at Uncle Walt's park near The Dalles last Sunday afternoon enjoying a picnic dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Russ McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab, and Mrs. Kelly, Bob, Pat, and George Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Macnab, Mrs. E. W. McMillan and sons, Dr. and Mrs. John Macnab and family and Ruth Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCullough, and Dolores and Rosemary Leelah.

Elton Medler left June 19 for Fort Lewis where he is in the R.O.T.C. This is a six weeks course connected with his college work at Oregon State and upon completion will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Glen Boise from Camas, Wn., is employed for the summer at the Grace Medler farm. His folks from Boise were former residents of the Klondike district.

U.S. Bank Finds Loans Increasing

In its latest report to the Comptroller of the Currency, the United States National Bank of Portland, playing an important part in Oregon's great postwar expansion, again leads the state in total deposits, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager of The Dalles branch.

Also, total deposits of The Dalles branch now stand at \$10,205,282.92, loans and discounts at \$2,457,635.42. The total deposit figure for the entire United States National Bank system is \$529,390,855.

The bank showed a substantial gain in loans and discounts with a loan and discount figure of \$2,457,635.42 as compared with a record of \$1,324,214.29 a year ago.

For total resources, the bank's statement shows \$583,131,438. This is a gain of \$19,145,000 over the corresponding figure of a year ago.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herzberg and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dillard and son, Jerry, of Portland spent the weekend at the home of the former's son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin. (They live in the suburb of Kennewick, Wn., spent the week end of the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathieson. Miss Verna Roberts of Wasco is helping Mrs. Trace Fields through the buying and harvest season.

After several hot days the residents awoke Thursday morning to find some of the gardens drenched by the frost. Lots of rain fell the last couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Balzer had as dinner guests Tuesday evening her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco and her brother in law, W. L. Hull from Vancouver, Washington.

Mrs. Pearl Jones is still seriously ill in the hospital suffering from a heart attack. She is holding her own, but is allowed no visitors.

Stopping Saturday for the day at the Hugh Mathieson residence were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perry and daughter, and Bob Perry of San Francisco and relatives of Mrs. Mathieson's son in law, Bert Gooden.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of The Dalles and their daughter, Veda Reid of Portland enjoyed a picnic dinner on the lawn at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid and son.

Returning home to Rufus after being gone nearly two weeks on a painting job near Portland were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson and son, Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon had as their guests the Fourth, Mrs. Emma Davis, and son, Luther, of Kent & her son in law & daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Malin Tracewell, and the twins from Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurilo from Portland and Claus Bardenhagen and daughter, Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen and daughter, Martha, moved to Bear Springs Monday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huhman and family from Sandy to enjoy a picnic dinner and visiting. Mrs. Bardenhagen went home with the Huhmans and will go to Portland for medical treatment for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Phifer and family of Shaniko spent Monday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo.

The backward party given by Mrs. W. E. Rice at the Rufus grange hall was a huge success. About forty people were present and all were dressed backward. The games were all played backward, much to the confusion and enjoyment of those present. A lunch was served at the close of the party.

Coming Sunday from St. Helens to spend a few days visiting was Leland Rice to the home of his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brackett had as dinner guests on the Fourth, Mr. and Mrs. James Tate and daughter, and Leland Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langford of The Dalles. They were in the city for dinner and to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brackett. Also, dinner guests Monday were Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rice and family.

Neil Coats is helping her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coats during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel had a party at their home Saturday eve before the dance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey, Marie von Borstel, Jim Burwick, Dave Campbell, Jack von Borstel, Patricia Crutcher, Robert Holmes and Dorothy Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna and Mr. and Mrs. Myr Smith and son, spent the weekend at Lowell, Sattle Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and family spent the Fourth at Walla Walla, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth and family of Olympia, Wn. spent the weekend visiting at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews.

Mrs. Art Bibby left Thursday for Portland to visit Mr. Bibby who is in a hospital. Mrs. Joe Bibby went to Portland Saturday on business returning home Monday with Mrs. Art Bibby.

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Nellie Conroy Buried In The Dalles

Miss Nellie Conroy, 77, died at her home in The Dalles last Friday from a lengthy illness. A native of Ireland she came to Sherman county to keep house for the brother-in-law, since deceased, and they remained together, heretofore unmarried, until retirement to The Dalles and his death.

Funeral services were held from St. Peter's Catholic church Tuesday with interment in The Dalles. Surviving are two nephews in Ireland and three brothers in Ireland.

Local Bank Has Million and a Half

Deposits of \$1,499,799.02 and loans of \$313,749.05 at the Sherman county branch of First National bank of Portland are shown by the June 30 report which answers the mid-year call of the comptroller of currency, according to Carrel Bennett, branch manager.

Loans show a substantial increase in volume, as compared with those of a year ago. They are up \$207,223.92 for the twelve months period, a gain of 194%. During the same period, deposits fell off slightly, says Bennett.

A corresponding rise in the total loan volume for First National Bank of Portland including all 14 branches throughout Oregon, is reported in the current financial statement. This is the third consecutive quarterly report in which the First National group has set a new Oregon banking record for volume of loans and discounts.

According to word sent to Bennett by Frank N. Beltramo, Jr., president of First National, The June 30 figures are: deposits, \$1,499,799.02, and loans, \$313,749.05. Loan figures last year were \$1,081,446,996.98.

Horsemen To Carry Mail To Arlington

Representing pony express riders, who carried the mail a hundred years ago, T. D. Les Rieles will arrive at Rufus approximately at 1:30 a. m. July 27 to pass on a mail pouch from Oregon City to members of the Sherman County Riders who will carry the Oregon City mail on the Rufus to Arlington lap of the 500 mile run over the Oregon Trail between Oregon City and Boise. The mail pouch will contain letters of invitation for governors of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming to attend the Oregon City centennial celebration August 12 to 15.

Here Wednesday and arranged with J. W. Coons of the Sherman County Riders to take the mail pouch to Arlington, Idaho. Les explained that Oregon City became capital of Oregon Territory in 1848 before days of statehood. He extended an invitation to members of this area to take part in riding events of the four-day centennial celebration.

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Station Field Day To Be Held Saturday July 10

Next Saturday, July 10, the annual field day at the experiment station will be held.

Visitors will gather at the station grounds at 1:30 daylight saving time and the tour will begin immediately.

In addition to the usual exhibition of tillage and varieties there will be some new things to show, says Merrill Oveson, superintendent.

For several years there has been some plots sown with grass and alfalfa and wheat in rotation. In dry years there is a difference also and worth seeing.

Because nearly all wheat grown in this area has been produced or developed at the local station there is growing interest in the varieties now on trial that may be ready for field use soon. The nursery will therefore be a subject of additional interest and the superintendent will tell about the propagation of new wheats and what is coming up to better those now grown.

Rust has hit the country this year and some samples can be found on the station. There are three kind, leaf stripe and stem, the latter being the destructive kind.

There will be the usual interest in the tillage plots and the rotations are good this year because of the rain, although continued cropping does not produce as well as does wheat and summer fallow. No big crops will be found on the many rotation plots, but some are very satisfactory.

Anyone is invited to come and make the trip and see what is being done to improve wheat varieties, prevent soil erosion, better tillage methods.

Historical Society Directors Lay Plans

A directors' meeting of the Sherman County Historical society held Monday night resulted in the appointment of Willy Knight to serve as director to replace A. H. Barnum, deceased.

Furtherance of the plans for the marker at the John Davis crossing of the emigrants who followed the Old Oregon Trail was agreed upon and Theodore Johnston will work with the committee to that end. The sand and gravel have already been delivered by George Merritt who has donated the site to the society. Rock is available and workmen will be hired so that the job may be done by fall, in time to have its dedication a part of the centennial celebration of Oregon's admittance.

An effort will be made to have historical points marked along the roads and highways and cooperation of both state and county will be asked.

Earl King Dead From Heart Attack

Earl King, native of Sherman county, being a son of Presley King, died in Stockton, Calif. June 22 from a heart attack. Mr. King had gone to school in Grass Valley when as a boy he lived with his uncle, O. P. King and after World War I he returned from service to farm some of the King land.

He was an engineer and was employed by an irrigation company at Tracy, Calif. He left a wife and sister of his immediate family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert King of Moro attended the funeral which was held at Ventura.

Minister Moving

The Reverend Clarence Wildermuth, who as pastor of the Lutheran church at Hood River has served the local area for the past eight years, will deliver his farewell sermon Sunday afternoon, July 11, at 4:30 in the Methodist church at Grass Valley.

The Rev. Wildermuth served an extended field in the Mid-Columbia area including Sherman and adjoining counties. He has accepted the pastorate of St. John's congregation in Vancouver, Wn., where he will assume his duties on the 25th of July.

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