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## These Things We Note

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A few days ago a bunch of gypsies stopped in town, briefly, but they stopped and the women were dressed in the newest of the new look with long skirts and plenty of goods.

If there's some one who knows of a good way to prepare Zucchini squashes we know of a man who will be glad to get it—and he will even furnish the Zucchini for the experiment. Whenever we see a summer squash, in whatever shape or color it comes we think of the remark some learned college professor was said to have made a student. The student didn't want to spend four years getting an education and was asking for some quick means of learning. The professor said, "When the Almighty wants to make a squash he takes three months; when he wants to grow an oak he takes 60 years."

But a recipe that would make a squash taste less like a short term oak is what is demanded.

Some of these damp mornings smell almost like fall. Probably fall has a different order in all countries and districts which might be safely called a mature smell. The green is gone from the grass and it is hay and tucked away in the mow, the grain is cut and hauled to the market and the stubble smells in the morning dampness. In fruit countries there is a different odor, surely, but still reminiscent of the end of growth.

This year the stubble might well wave proudly. It's high enough to actually wave and even the dead stalks that make stubble can be proud of the job done this year. For such a wheat crop there has not been since the first settler put out a little wheat for hay to feed the saddle ponies. Like as not he chose a spot where the stock had eaten off the grass pretty close for sticking a plow into the sod under high grass would have been too much for the little 12 inch plow with wooden moldboard and a strip of steel for a share. He sowed it by hand, packing a bushel or so in a bag thrown over his shoulder and then it was harrowed down with a fallow tree.

What a start to end up with the whole county in wheat, plowed, rodded, spring toothed, seeded and harvested by power machinery and producing crops and incomes the first farmer wouldn't believe even if he should wake up and see it all.

One of the most amusing things in the papers recently was Drew Pearson's article on his ex-mother in law, Cissie Patterson. He thought she had been too personal in her journalism.

When the women find out how easy it is to control the law of supply and demand perhaps they'll quit talking about governmental controls. If they want beef to go down all they need to do is quit eating it. If they want electrical appliances to go down all they need to do is quit buying them or to get the manufacturers and laborers to work faster at making them. Simple sure. But it is easier to holler for help.

It is sometimes necessary to repeat that newspapers do not publish anonymous letters. Usually the content isn't much different than those that are signed. The writers are just bashful about signing their names and admitting ownership of the ideas expressed. When considered, things could get into a very bad state if papers published unsigned letters for then citizens could be accused without a chance to defend themselves or to face their accusers.

This is the kind of harvest weather no one thought we would have when the rains refused to quit in June. Dire things were prophesied—and still not too late to disrupt the south end harvesters.

## Elevators Full To Overflowing As Wheat Pours In

Wheat is overflowing the elevators. The bins are full and the tide of golden grain is being turned outside in hastily made pens until some can be shipped to make room.

At Rufus, at Wasco, at Klondike and at Moro there are piles of wheat besides the already full elevators and harvestings still goes on.

County grain men have been building more storage space for years and there is almost 4,000,000 of it when all is totaled. But it is not enough this year—although some houses may not be entirely filled.

Cars are not coming fast enough to take the wheat away and even if they were the farmers do not want to sell. They have the practice of selling the following year and the present market is lower than the loan price. They do not want to consign.

### Idiom Seen

Except for some piling outside at Kent it has not been necessary heretofore to put grain outside in Sherman county although it is common in other mid-Columbia counties. This year the best plans could not make the elevators hold the wheat which rolls in truck load after truck load from the time the dew is off until dark.

Yields are not so startling, but so far have been general throughout the entire county, good land and poor, and there are some large fields that are making over 40 bushels and few under 30.

## Mrs. Ted vonBorstel Injured In Crash

Mrs. Millie vonBorstel was injured Saturday afternoon at Grass Valley when her daughter, Marie, drove the family car into a tree. They had just left the Sam Holmes place and as Mrs. vonBorstel turned to wave to her father she was thrown forward breaking some ribs and bruising her head. She was taken to The Dalles by her sister, Miss Cassie Holmes and is still a patient in The Dalles hospital where her condition is improving.

## Indians Drink White Man's Liquor; In Jail

James Jim, Ernest J. Sconawah and Palsy A. Bursch all of Celilo and all Indians were held in the county jail for five days beginning last Friday for being drunk in a public place. Dewitt Herald Hendick, a native of Oklahoma is serving a ten day sentence for selling liquor to the Indians and may be held for the U. S. Indian agent on a federal charge. Sentence was imposed by Justice Ryland Scott after arrest was made on the Columbia River highway by Sheriff Fields.

## James Robertson Dies of Heart Attack

James Robertson died in a hospital in The Dalles Monday after having been hospitalized since Saturday when he suffered a heart attack at Maupin. He was a native of Scotland and has been foreman of the Shaniko highway section for many years. Survivors are a step-son, Robert Tatum of Kent, a sister, Mrs. A. E. McLennon of Camp Sherman, a brother Peter of Shaniko, a nephew and two nieces. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. in The Dalles with interment in the cemetery there.

## Inspection Stands

Sheriff Norman Fields reports that the recent decision of the supreme court about the brand inspection law did not hold the entire law unconstitutional. Enforcement will continue with the exception that there will be no inspection fee for stock leaving recognized stock yards. Inspection will be necessary where stock is moved.

Another change makes it mandatory for stock inspectors to charge a mileage of five cents per mile when going to ranches.



Miss JoAnn Clodfelter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Clodfelter of Grass Valley, is a candidate for queen of the centennial to be held in The Dalles, August 26 to 29.

Miss Clodfelter finished her sophomore year at Moro high school last May. Votes for her are obtained through the sale of tickets to the pageant to be held at Sorsolis park in The Dalles the nights of the 26th, 27th and 28th. General admission is \$1.25, reserved \$1.75, children \$0.50. A special of \$2.70 for three general admission tickets is also offered and the count is the same as for three tickets. One cent paid brings one vote.

The programs are to begin at 8:45 each night and the program committee promises a revival of pioneer scenes that will take the watcher back a century to the time when bearded men trod the dusty streets of The Dalles while on their way to the westernmost boundaries of the nation.

Tickets are on sale at Ken Zachary's at Moro and at Cantrell's at Grass Valley. Tickets must be bought by August 21 to count in the queen race.

## Old Sherar Barn Sold For Lumber As Era Of Use Ends With Decline of Horse

The old Sherar barn has been sold to C. S. Peck of Tygh Valley who will tear it down to obtain the lumber for other uses. This huge barn is known to everyone whether they have crossed Sherar's bridge in recent times when the barn has been unused, or in another day when the barn yard was filled with freight wagons and the barn was full of horses.

It was in 1893 that Joseph Sherar built the big hotel that stood until recently and the barn was a part of the same building program. Joe Sherar had been around. A native of Vermont, of Irish parentage, he had mined in California, packed and freighted in Oregon and had grown stock at Tygh Valley before buying the bridge across the Deschutes from John Y. Todd in 1871.

Sherar had a way of getting along with the Indians and some of them worked on the grades that led to his bridge. Good roads increased the traffic and the tolls and when the country filled with homesteaders who had to haul wool to supplement their meager farm incomes his income made it possible for him to put up some good buildings.

The old barn is built on the cliff beside the river and there is barely room to walk along the side. The timbers are huge of rough pine 12 x 12 with rafters 4 x 8. No nails were used in the construction, mortise and dowel being the means of fastening. The footboards on the outside are nailed with square cut iron nails and boards are still there.

The huge mow would hold tons and tons of hay. The roof is half pitch and thousands have shuddered to think how the shinglers worked on the river side so high above the rushing water. It is said they were tied with ropes to the ridge pole.

This barn is the last of the Sherar buildings. The old hotel is gone with its bay windows and its gables and its expansive kitchen where cooks served plain and satisfying food to men hungry from weeks of camp fare. The huge old barn on the Finnegan place burned a few years ago and now this last building succumbs in a gentler manner to a new age.

Travel that used to come slowly down the rocky roads at two miles an hour and stop with relief at the bridge for a meal or a night now rushes by on oiled roads at forty miles an hour and barely slows down to watch the fish jump the falls.

The barn has served its purpose. It finished its era, sheltered the horse as long as there was a horse to shelter, fulfilled the purpose for which it was built. And that marks a good life, for either barn or man.

## About the County

Kenneth Karnes and a friend arrived Thursday from Kansas for jobs as harvesting is all done in Kansas. Kenneth lived here with his parents Mr and Mrs Glenn Karnes and moved to Kansas about six years ago.

Kenneth Crews and children and Everett Cantrall drove to The Dalles Sunday to bring Mrs Crews home from the hospital.

Mr and Mrs Ed Alley and her mother, Mrs John Hays were business visitors in The Dalles home with a new Frazer sedan.

R. C. Baumgartner went to The Dalles Wednesday to bring Mrs Baumgartner and infant daughter home from the hospital.

Everett Cantrall is now driving an Oldsmobile he bought in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs Bernard Martin took her daughter Deanna to Portland for medical attention for her eyes.

Mr and Mrs J. E. Brown returned home Thursday from Rockaway where they spent three weeks.

Mrs Curt Tom went to Walla Walla Wednesday and was accompanied by David White, a nephew who lives in Weston. David has been helping harvest here on the Claude Coats farm.

## Art Christianson Files For Judge As Forms Close

Filing for office by August 9, Monday, final date for independent candidates to get on the ballot saw one new candidate for county judge. Arthur B. Christianson of Moro, farmer, filed as an independent and will contest with Curt A. Tom, Rufus, retired farmer who was regularly nominated at the May primaries. Tom is a Republican. Christianson, although running as an independent, is registered as a Democrat.

Frank on Borstel is reported to be the moving force behind the candidacy of Mr. Christianson although his three petitions were circulated by Mrs Ernest Woods at Moro, Bob Rolfe at Grass Valley and Luther Davis at Kent. Joe Peters, Republican, who was not a candidate at the May primaries received the Democratic nomination by being written in on that ticket. He did not accept that nomination and will follow his expressed desire to retire from the county court next December 31.

Filings for precinct committee man and committeewoman were made by August 9 also and both parties have their slates almost full.

Republican filings include Rufus Allen Tom and Mrs Minnie Morris; Klondike: Mrs Marjory Shull; Monkland: Carl Melzer & Mrs Howard Conlee; Kent: Frank vonBorstel and Mrs Floye vonBorstel; Grass Valley: A. A. Dunlap and Mrs Elizabeth Hartley; Moro: Giles French and Mrs Dorothea Moore; Wasco: E. D. McKee and Mrs B. Estrella Hall.

Democrats: Rufus: H. H. Brackett and Pearl Brackett; Klondike: Kenneth Fridley and Helen Bruckert; Monkland: A. J. Bucholtz and Mrs Leona Douma; Kent: Arthur Justesen and Mrs Wynona Wilson; Grass Valley: Tom Garrett and Mrs Oma Eakin; Moro: John DeMoss and Mrs Clara Houston; Wasco: Gordon Harper and Mrs Virginia McIntyre.

### LICENSES DUE?

Looked at your driver's license lately? It may be past due for renewal—the same as having no license at all—reminds Secretary of State Newbury.

All Oregon driver's licenses bearing the serial numbers 5R-462001 to 5R495000 must be renewed by Tuesday, August 31st, under the provisions of the revised license renewal system adopted at the last session of the state legislature. All numbers below 5R462001 are now void.

### CO BUYS WHEAT

The Portland office of the Commodity Credit Corporation purchased 3,805,000 bushels of wheat during the week of August 5. This makes a total of around 7,300,000 bushels bought since July 1. This wheat is subject to 60-day delivery at either Columbia river or Puget Sound terminals.

## Last School District Bond Paid Off; No Public Debt Left

Payment of the last bonds of the Rufus school district last week by Naomi Van Gilder, county treasurer, completes payment of all school bonded indebtedness in Sherman county.

The Rufus school building was financed with \$80,000 in bonds, the final \$2500 being taken up with the tax turnover of last year and payment made when the bonds were due.

## Wheat Market Holds Steady; Below Loan

The markets for new crop grains strengthened toward the close of the first week in August, to partly offset earlier declines, according to this week's grain market review, prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data.

Wheat shipments to Columbia river terminals are showing sizable increases. There were 1215 cars received during the week ending August 5, compared to 710 cars a week before. The bid price on No. 1 soft white at Portland on August 6 was \$2.18 a bushel. This is 1 cent higher than last week but is 3 cents under the close of the same week a year ago.

## Rufus Club Has Shower For President

The Home Economics club of the Rufus grange were hostesses at a layette shower honoring their chairman, Mrs Joe Morris. About twenty six ladies gathered at the grange hall Thursday afternoon for the shower. On the program a song, "Rock a Bye Baby," was sung by the group; a reading was given by Nell Brackett; a piano solo was played by Mrs Marie Engles and a vocal solo was sung by Mrs W. E. Rice accompanied by Mrs Ernest Engles on the piano. The gifts were opened by the honored guest and shown for the pleasure of all. Gifts which had been previously hidden were found from clues which were hidden in different colored balloons, and while Mrs Morris had to "pop" before finding the notes. Refreshments were served. On serving comalace covered table on which was a mixed bouquet of flowers and pink candles in crystal holders. Cake, ice cream, coffee and punch were served. On the serving committee were Mrs Lois Steward, Mrs Harland McDonald, Mrs Walt Morris, Mrs George Fox, and Mrs R. T. Dingle.

## Bob Walman Buried At Goldendale

Bob Walman, for many years a resident of Kent, died there Thursday afternoon from a heart attack. He was working at Kent unloading hay when he became tired. Herman Peters told him to rest awhile and he would help him. In a few minutes Walman, who was sitting in the shade of the elevator, slumped down and was dead. The county VFW ambulance was called but too late. Coroner Ed Alley found death to be from natural causes.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Goldendale. Centerville was the home of the Walman brothers, and interment was made in Klickitat county cemetery.

### North End Full

The north end of Sherman county experienced one of its toughest breaks Monday when all the elevators became full of wheat, with the loan value higher than the present selling price, none of the farmers desire to sell at this time. This condition with the bumper crop has caused the tie up. A few were taking wheat into The Dalles.

The cooperative grain growers has asked each man to sell part of his crop, so there will be storage for all. Some have already sold part of their crop.

Last week end quite a few farmers finished harvest and some expect to get through by the middle and last of this week. But others have two weeks of harvesting ahead of them.

## Board Maps Fair Program; Riders Will Perform

Sherman county's fair board met Wednesday night and made general plans for the 1948 fair which will be an all county event September 17, 18, 19.

One of the main attractions will be the final horse show by the members of the Mid-Columbia riding clubs in which contestants will be those who have won event in the eight shows that have been given during the spring and summer. This part of the show will be put on by the Sherman County Riders on Saturday and Sunday. The fair board is paying a flat sum to the riders who will furnish judges announcer, programs and prizes to the winners of the featured events.

These events will be held in the arena except for two or three races which will be on the track.

### Races Announced

Track events presented and directed by the fair board will be three races and a chariot race Saturday and four races and a chariot race Sunday. There will be a two year old race, a three year old race and a Sherman County derby Saturday. A two year old consolation, a race for two year old winners and three year old losers, another derby and a race that will be open to outside horses (not thoroughbreds) will be run Sunday. There will be a separate crew of judges for track events.

Eddie Burke of San Francisco will bring his seven piece band here to play each afternoon and will also furnish music for two fair time dances on Friday and Saturday nights. Kenneth Young will present some of his small wrestlers and boxers in a smoker Friday night before the dance.

Night life during the fair will center around the Redwood Empire shows which will bring five major rides two kiddie rides and 20 concessions to present one of the largest carnivals the county has seen since the war. Concessionaire at the grounds will be the Veterans of Foreign Wars whose members and auxiliary will sell hot dogs and pop.

Over 90 head of cattle are expected. The invasion by the riding clubs of the district will insure great numbers of horses and other stock will fill the barns allotted to them.

## One Time Editor's Remains Removed

C. L. Ireland was here Saturday with a crew of men to take up the bodies of his father, Dewitt C. Ireland who died in 1913 and his sister in law, Mrs Tamer Smith who died in 1904. They were removed to a cemetery near Canby where Mr. Ireland has made arrangements for a family burial place.

Mr. Ireland, for 37 years, publisher of the Sherman County Observer here, said the removal of the bodies was because of desire to have them in a permanent care cemetery.

The lots vacated in the local Odd Fellows cemetery will be at the disposal of the lodge, he said further.

## Terminal Leave Pay Deadline Nears

Veterans who have not applied for terminal leave bonds for unused leave during active service as enlisted men in World War II have only until September 1 to do so, the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs warned today.

County and veteran organization service officers will assist those eligible for this benefit to complete the necessary forms, which must be notarized and mailed, along with photostatic copy of discharge, to appropriate branches of the armed forces listed on the application blank. An important amendment passed by the 80th Congress makes it possible for brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces who survive a deceased veteran to receive payment for his unused leave, the state veterans' agency points out. Heretofore the only eligible survivors were the spouse, children or parents of the deceased.