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## These Things We Note

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Perhaps a half of Sherman county farmers were not much disturbed by the rain that kept the combines still this week, but the other half with standing grain in the fields find it a very expensive delay. Now with wheat shipment embargoes there is no chance to gain elevator space during the lay-off, either. It is just a loss of wheat, of time, of money.

It is said that Indians who lived in skin tents which were rather sketchedly made or under brush shelters, never stopped when rain caught them on the trail. They were going to be uncomfortable anyway so might as well be going about their business.

Better housing has changed all that. If you see a man out in the rain he's not likely to be an Indian. They know enough to stay under the canvas cover for tomorrow will be another day and the work can be put off. The white man is the one who can't put it over until tomorrow.

The white man may be the most civilized but he's sometimes too busy working at it to get the advantages of it. The Indian, smart fella gets some good out of the good things of life.

Perhaps one of the finest gestures the state of Oregon could make in this year of centennial celebration would be a revival of pioneer spirit. So far our citizens have dressed in more or less authentic costumes of pioneers, have grown beards, have dressed their women in yards and yards of goods as a means of showing their respect for those sturdy souls who came across the plains with ox teams. That is the simplest way.

We are in our most prosperous times and our relief rolls get more burdensome, the demand for charity grows each year, the state and county constantly do more things for the people. The year might be better used to revive the independence of the pioneers. Were each of us to do something unaccustomed for ourselves and to donate a day or two to service of the state instead of demanding something from the state, it would make of the hundredth anniversary a year in which the pioneers might be proud.

It would give a new and better meaning to the beards and badges, the bustles and boots of our resolute elders.

One man's outgo is another man's income. Both go up together, and go down the same way. In good times we cry about the outgo; in hard times we cry about the income. The wailing all sounds alike and its intensity depends on our dispositions, not upon the cause for it.

Benjamin Franklin, that politician and philosopher of colonial days, and of one of the nation's first editors, had a way of expressing himself that has kept his ideas fresh and often as fitting today as when written. For instance, "Sir, there are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are ambition and avarice, the love of power and the love of money. Separately, each of these has great force in prompting men to action; but when united in view of the same object, they have in many minds the most violent effect."

Did you ever think how very appropriate it was to substitute for the head of Liberty on the dime the head of Roosevelt?

This is the time of year that farmers can take their vacations, after harvest and before school starts. This year it isn't very long but soon it will be winter and most wheat farmers can catch up on their sleep then. This vacation time is the cherished one, for the whole family can go along, the roads are good and there's places to see.

# GRAIN CROP OF 4,500,000 BUSHELS CERTAIN

## About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

When Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum got their combine put away in the shed after harvest several weeks ago, they left on a ten day vacation trip which took them through six states. The Yocums left via Boise and reported that "Crater on the Moon" seen in Idaho was one of the most wonderful sights seen. At Yellowstone National Park, they saw "Old Faithful" blow off, and mentioned the bear, elk and antelope which they saw in the park. From Yellowstone Park they journeyed north up and through Calgary, Banff and around Lake Louise in Canada. The Yocums mentioned much of Canada's highways were under construction and not very comfortable traveling. But the mountains in Canada were beautiful. The wheat was still green in Canada, and it was said it is a toss up whether the weather would permit all the wheat to be harvested. They also saw the flax fields in Canada. They went through Canada as far west as Vancouver, B. C. and from there south through Seattle, Wash., where they were overnight guests of Mrs Yocum's sister in law. The Yocums went thru two thunder storms on their trip, but all in all it was a grand trip, and they returned home last Friday rested from their farm duties, and with much to talk about.

Rufus grange met Thursday night with Master George Fox presiding. Only eight members answered roll call as this is a busy season for farm people. Not much business was transacted. A lunch was served after the meeting.

Mr and Mrs J. K. Cutts came up Saturday from Albany to visit their daughter, Mrs Alton Coyle and family. They returned to their home Sunday accompanied by their daughter Mrs Coyle and sons, Jimmy and Douglas, who will spend a week with them.

Mrs Wallace May, Mrs L. D. May and Mrs Grace Zevely took Mrs L. D. May's cousin, Mrs Josephine Morse, to The Dalles Monday when she left by bus for Portland after spending several weeks here.

Mr and Mrs Al Woody and children left Monday for their home in Portland after spending a week here visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Matt Simon.

Mrs William Holmes returned home Sunday from The Dalles after spending a week in the hospital for medical attention.

Mr and Mrs Leland Medler are the proud parents of a daughter, Barbara, born August 22, in The Dalles. The little girl weighed six pounds and grand parents are Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab of The Dalles and Frank Medler of Rufus. The Medlers have another child, a son Douglas who is three years old.

Mrs Benton Barnett returned to Rufus after a week spent in Portland visiting with her children.

Mr and Mrs Clarke Vangaasbeck of Blaylock visited in Rufus with her parents, Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson.

Gail Weld went to Portland to spend the week end with his parents Mr and Mrs Wayland Weld. He returned Sunday accompanied by his sister, Darlene who will spend a few days with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs J. S. Newcomb.

Mr and Mrs Donald Clodfelter and family went to The Dalles Monday accompanied by his cousin, Margaret Morgan, who left for Portland after spending about ten days with them.

Mr and Mrs Frank Wilke of Bingen, Wn., spent Sunday visiting his mother and sister, Mrs C. Wilke and Mrs C. R. Andersen and family.

Louis Langford who was in the hospital for observation is out now and feeling quite well again, but he is on a strict diet.

Miss Dolores Fox who was expected home last week from Portland where she was visiting her sister, Eleanor, was offered a job which she took, so will remain in Portland.

Mr and Mrs W. Johnson of Chicago, Mr and Mrs O. W. Allen and daughters, Diane and Janet, and Mr and Mrs Harold Hansen all of Oregon City were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Harry Young.

This Sunday morning Rev. Howard Schilling will preach his farewell sermon.

The daughter of a friend in San Francisco is a house guest of Mrs Hugh Mathieson at present. The little girl, Maxine Myers who is three and a half was not very well in California climate therefore the doctor ordered a change, so she was sent here. Mrs Mathieson is also taking care of her nieces son, Billy O'Neil, while his parents, Mr and Mrs William O'Neil of The Dalles are moving up to Richland, Wash. O'Neil will be in the construction work on a dam up there. Their son Billy is 16 months old.

Carroll Dean and Mrs Zula Currin, a sister in law of Mrs Mae Fowler were weekend guests in Rufus. Another sister in law, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Cora Stranahan of Hood River was a recent guest also of Mrs Fowler.

Mrs John Monahan and daughter Katie were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mrs Mae Fowler. Katie taught school in Rufus several years ago, and lived with Mrs Fowler. The Monahan's live in Condon where they own a ranch.

Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson are still making their home with Mr and Mrs John Mathieson. The Thompson house which was under water so long during the Columbia river flood is still uninhabitable and they say it will not be in condition to move into for a long time yet.

Vernon Miller went down to The Dalles Friday when he brought Mr Miller who was a patient there home. Mrs Miller is feeling pretty good again.

Mr and Mrs Harold Dobyns of Portland were here Saturday and Sunday to do some fishing and camping out.

When Mrs Charles Kuypers accompanied Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers to Rufus Monday evening after shopping in The Dalles Mrs E. Kuypers went on home with her to spend a few days at her ranch home visiting.

Away on a few days vacation from their farm duties after finishing harvesting hardships, were Mr and Mrs Trace Fields. They visited at the home of Mrs Fields' brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs George Smith in Richmond. Wayne Eaton was doing the chores while the Fields were away from home.

Mr and Mrs George C. McDole who live in the San Fernando valley in California came last Sunday to visit his sister and her brother, Mr and Mrs Frank Bazzel.

Mr and Mrs James C. Peterson of Wichita, Kansas, and Mr and Mrs James R. Cadwalder of Camas, Wn., arrived Wednesday both to visit Mr and Mrs Frank Bazzel. Mrs Bazzel being a sister of the two women.

Mr and Mrs Walter Thornton of Portland came up last week end to visit her sister, Mrs Edith Sayrs.

Mrs Lorena Eaves and daughter, Rea, are taking a vacation in Portland this week.

Visiting this week with relatives was William Greiner of Condon. Greiner is a nephew of James Fox where he was an overnight guest Thursday. He spent the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs George Fox and family, and left for Condon Monday afternoon. He came down via Cottonwood grade and reported a very rough road to travel as they are now working on it, but when completed it will be really nice.

Mr and Mrs R. V. Klock and daughter Patricia returned to Portland Sunday. They came last Wednesday and have been visiting Mrs Klock's parents, Mr and Mrs Walt Morris and other relatives in Rufus.

Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald took her brother, Stanley Pearson, who has been in school in New York to Portland where he will visit his mother.

Mrs Engberg of Spokane was a visitor in Rufus last week at the home of Mr and Mrs Curt Tom. She also visited her son Harold Engberg in The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Jim Butler and daughters moved to Heppner where Butler has work with a construction outfit. Mrs Butler is the daughter of Mr and Mrs S. A. Wilson.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Gillmor were in Newport last weekend where they visited with her brother and family.

Donna Sparling returned to Portland Monday after spending several days here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs Grace Smith, mother of Mrs Ernest Woods, is here to visit her daughter, coming from Portland.

Mr and Mrs K. K. Reynolds and three sons of The Dalles were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Joe Morris Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Charles Kuypers and his mother Mrs E. Kuypers motored to east of Klondike Sunday where they were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Walt Bruckert. The Bruckerts have completed a lovely new home with all modern conveniences and the latest of furnishings.

Going to Bremerton, Wn., last weekend were Mr and Mrs Grant Boise of Rufus.

Mr and Mrs Claude E. Coats motored to Dufur Sunday to attend the wedding of Mr and Mrs Henry Bush's daughter, Dorothy who was married to James Lash at the Methodist church in Dufur. Mrs Bush is a niece of Mr Coats.

A family reunion was enjoyed Sunday when Mr and Mrs Geo. Blackburne and family of Rufus and Mr and Mrs George Gunkel and family of Maryhill motored to Dufur Sunday to spend the day with Mr and Mrs Carl Casey and family. Mrs Gunkel and Mrs Casey are daughters of the Blackburnes.

Mr and Mrs William Huck had friends from California as guests over the weekend.

Mr and Mrs Frank Smith of the Maryhill Motel were away on a weeks vacation. A sister of Mr Smith from Portland took care of the Motel duties during their absence.

The Missionary club of the Rufus Nazarene church met at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Coats last Thursday evening. The topic was "Raising a Spiritual Garden". Each member told about a different vitamin when roll call was taken. Refreshments were served at the meetings end.

County tax payers will provide \$155,755.78 for schools this year instead of \$115,784.65 last year. All school costs have now been transferred to the school budgets, that is, the county fund no longer provides school superintendent expense nor county school funds. This change helps to make the budget for county less and the budget for schools more.

Visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Carrigan Thursday evening were Ed Marchand of Willamette, Oregon, an uncle of Mrs Carrigan and Mr and Mrs Bill Helyer of The Dalles.

Jack Rees is here from Washington, D. C. to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees. He works for the government in the capitol.

Mrs Maude Garrett and son Bill drove to Grass Valley Saturday to bring her son Bob home. He has been working for James Blagg.

The church services announced for August 22 have been changed to August 29 as there was a farewell dinner for the Schillings at Grass Valley.

Miss Margaret Olson was here from Madras to visit her grandparents and her uncle, Jack. Later the family drove to Fairview and Portland to visit other members of the family.

The elevator is catching up on the storage of grain since the rains have prevented harvesting. A new electric hoist has been installed and it will be a help when the electricity is on.

Mr and Mrs Joe Morelli entertained visitors Sunday at their ranch home when brothers Mike and Dominic and sister, Mary, came up from Portland. Mary remained for a week to visit.

Walter Young came in from Prineville Monday having finished work for the Muddy ranch. He is on his way to Missouri to look after some property.

FARM WAGES UP 400% Farm wage rates in the United States on August 1 this year averaged 431 per cent of the 1910-1914 level, nearly 7 per cent above a year previous. In the Pacific group of states farm wage rates are up to 447 per cent of 1910-1914, and between 4 and 5 per cent above a year ago. Pacific Coast farmers were hiring about 1 per cent more persons this year on August 1 than a year before—436,000. In addition 322,000 family workers were engaged in farm work.

## Tax Millages Higher As School Costs Jump

Millages on which taxes due November 15 will be paid have been computed by Bill E. Todd, county assessor and although there are differences in millages from last year the total to be raised is not greatly different.

School taxes are higher because of more generously voted budgets and the general road fund is up a half a mill. On the other hand, the special road fund millage is the same 4.1 and the county levy will be 4.2 instead of 4.1 as last year.

School districts have had so many changes it is difficult to make comparisons. Whether the newly created Moro district will combine the money raised or undertake separate financial management will be determined next week. Districts around Wasco are already consolidated except for Biglow and Emigrant.

The non-high school district valuation is dropping as more districts combine and yet its millage is but 1.8. Not many pupils are under the management of that board at this time.

The rural school district plan is only partially working in Sherman county because the budget as proposed was considered too high by a majority of the voters. Inasmuch as the same voters approved the local district budgets without change at a later election the big budget figures will be collected although on a local basis.

Amounts to be spent in the five operating districts are: Rufus, \$15,234.97; Wasco, \$21,868.47; Kent, \$17,683.43; Moro, \$10,751.29; Grass Valley, \$14,132.30. Moro will receive funds from the non-high school board and from Kent for high school tuition.

City taxes are higher in Wasco by a fraction of a mill, being 18.4 this year with a total millage of 45.4. Moro has a tax this year, whereas there was none last year, and it will be 7.9 mills to make the total 39.7 and Grass Valley's city millage will be 8.9 and the total 37.5.

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## Wasco Fair Boasts New Program

Four full days and three nights of entertainment have been scheduled this year for the Wasco county fair at Tygh Valley, with installation of arena floodlights and the addition of Labor day to make the show a four day event.

The fair will get underway Friday morning, Sept. 3, and continue through Monday, Sept. 6, with the most complete program ever offered at the Tygh Valley grounds, to include rodeos and horse racing, professional wrestling, public dancing, a colorful Indian pageant, war dances, fireworks and a multitude of other events.

Saturday night the first of three complete rodeo programs, with professional riders, calf ropers and Brahma steer riders will start under the lights at 8:30 p. m. The rodeo stock, furnished by Son Bain of Antelope, already is on the grounds. A war dance, by the Warm Springs Indians, will be a feature of the night program to be concluded with fireworks and a dance.

Most beautiful program event will be the Hiawatha Pageant, to be presented at front of the grandstand at 8:30 p. m. Sunday night by the Wasco tribe from Warm Springs agency. Fifty Indians in colorful costumes will participate. Another war dance also is scheduled by the Warm Springs tribe with the concluding fireworks. As usual the Indian village on the grounds will be a feature of special interest.

## Collection of Taxes Complete In Two Taxing Units

A compilation made by Sheriff Fields gives additional information about collection of taxes not incorporated in the official report published in this issue.

Of greatest interest is the collection, by districts. Oddly enough two taxing units have received every cent of their levy. These are school district 3A and school district 15. In school district 22 there was an overpayment of five cents.

Only \$2250.55, remains to be collected on the 1947-48 tax roll and small sums are all that remain to any district. The general road fund still has \$272.73 delinquent, the special road fund \$349.29, the county fund \$349.27, the City of Wasco \$228.21, Rufus school \$351.19, Wasco school \$269.45, Kent school \$168.31 and others less than \$100 each.

It is considered very close tax collection when in Moro and the larger Moro school district there should be but \$45.25 in unpaid taxes and in Grass Valley and the Grass Valley school district but \$58.27.

## Harvest Ending In North End

With harvest going into its sixth week, this is the third Monday the threshers were unable to work. Quite a bit of rain fell in northern Sherman county Sunday morning, which was expected to hold the threshers back until Tuesday afternoon at least, but Tuesday morning more rain fell.

A number finished up harvesting Saturday, but there are still about a half dozen outfits in the north end of the county that still have grain to cut. However, with weather permitting, most of them will get through this week.

## State Offers Jobs To Stenographers

Employment opportunities for clerks, typists, and stenographers are being offered by the State Civil Service Commission. Examinations for these positions on the junior, senior, and supervisory levels will be given late in September to establish eligible lists from which future vacancies in these classes will be filled. Beginning salaries for these positions range from \$150 to \$220 a month, including a temporary \$20 cost-of-living increase. Examinations will be given in various localities throughout the state, and persons who qualify may be appointed to positions in any city where state offices are located.

Complete information and applications may be obtained from any local office of the State Employment Service or from the State Civil Service Commission, 614 Mead Building, Portland, or 444 Center Street, Salem.

## School Election Set For September 3

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Some discussion will be held on transportation for the new district and routes and equipment will be before the meeting.

## Mart Walkenshaw Buried Saturday

Mart O. Walkenshaw was born in Missouri and moved west with his parents when he was a small boy and lived most of his life in Oregon. He died at the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., Wednesday August 18 at the age of 47 years, after an illness of ten years.

He enlisted in the army when he was fifteen years old and served three years in Alaska. He was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his mother, Mrs James Walkenshaw of Long Beach, California, two sisters, Mrs Elmer Hall of Long Beach, Mrs Deil Olds of Grass Valley and two brothers, James of De Lake and Alex of McMinnville.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 o'clock from the home of Mr and Mrs Deil Olds with Rev. Howard Schilling officiating. Mr Schilling also sang accompanied by Mrs Orville Ruggles at the piano.

Palbearers were Harold Eakin, Henry Peters, Fred Peters, Eben Kee, Earl Olds, and Edgar Alley. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Spencer-Libby of The Dalles with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley.

## Farm Land Prices Double 1935 Figure

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## County Income Approximates \$5000 per capita

Sherman county farmers have already stored in their public elevators 3,600,000 bushels of wheat and have good prospects of boosting this another 500,000 before all the grain is cut. Figures are from managers of the cooperatives and are as official as daily changes make possible.

At Wasco, where harvesting first began, there are 1,700,000 bushels of grain stored and it is thought that nearly another 100,000 bushels will be brought in. At Moro 1,200,000 bushels are in storage and prospects are for somewhat less than 100,000 more.

Harvest at Grass Valley was later and 700,000 bushels have been stored and if good weather comes again and the spring grain returns are favorable another 350,000 bushels is probable.

There is no estimate on the amount of farm storage being used but there is 150,000 bushels of such storage on Sherman county farms and considering the scarcity of public storage this year it is likely that most of it is being filled. The Eakin elevator near Grass Valley holds slightly over 80,000 bushels and will surely be filled.

The average bushelage kept by farmers on farms for seed and feed is 335,000 bushels and this figure will certainly be as high this year. For storage reasons, many farmers will keep both spring and winter seed wheat until seedling conditions this fall are observed.

All of this might add up to a 4,750,000 bushel crop and is certain to exceed 4,500,000 bushels, the largest crop the county has produced.

Value will be in excess of \$9,000,000 which together with sales of beef cattle and other income of the county, wages, salaries, profits, etc., will give Sherman county an income of around \$11,000,000 or something like \$5000 per capita or approximately four times the national average.

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