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These Things We Note

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Any time one feels crowded around these parts there is a large part of Oregon within a reasonable distance that will let him turn his spirit loose where it can roam around over mile after mile of sage brush with never a thing to bother it. There is just the out doors, the sun, the sage, the sky and that (by now) homesome spirit.

Efforts of the Lakeview people to start a movement to do away with some of the sage and substitute grass may amount to something if the aid of the federal government and the state can be enlisted. They really own most of it. The sage isn't often the tall purple variety that is the burden of the drug store cowboy's song. It is sort of a poor variety, even of sage, but there is enough moisture to insure a fairly good stand of grass.

For those who like to take days off some place where no one ever joggles an elbow, where there is no babble of voices that part of Oregon holds something that few spots in the United States can match. That something is solitude.

There is, said the old philosopher, two kinds of men. One kind is excitable, like horses, and when they're hurt or scared they go kinda crazy and run away or break through gates or kick the barn down. The other kind is like mules. You can't get them so excited they won't eat regular ly and if they break anything up it's because they want to not be cause they're out of hand.

The same thing's true of women, only more of 'em are like horses.

There is reason to wonder whether even the best of citizens are good citizens because of natural respect for law and order or because they do not want to tangle with the law.

For some time the city of Moro has done without the services of a city marshal. Some of the most law abiding citizens (by reputation) in the community will back around the corner, turn in the middle of a block, double- and triple-park, put their cars alongside a fire hydrant and do other tricks that are decidedly not legal.

Now the question arises: were they law abiding because the cop might have pinched them or because they knew that one was being impolite to some one else or endangering others by breaking the most accepted traffic rules.

Anyway, when the city does hire another cop there should be some police court activity.

Cities are going off day light saving time as fast as they started it along last spring. The band wagon attracts no matter where it is going.

Some bright guy remarked that by day light saving the administration saved so much time it had to stop work Saturday at noon to keep from getting clear ahead of itself.

There were some towns that stayed along with the mail and railroads and didn't change at all and they look reasonably modern too.

Mrs George Reece in Spoon River Anthology: "To this generation I would say: Memorize some bit of verse of truth or beauty."

It may serve a turn in your life. My husband had nothing to do with the fall of the bank—he was only cashier.

The wreck was due to the president, Thomas Rhodes. And his unscrupulous son. Yet my husband was sent to prison.

And I was left with the children To feed and clothe and school them.

And I did it, and sent them forth Into the world all clean and strong, And all through the wisdom of Pope, the poet: "Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Sherman County Club To Breakfast Buckaroo Style

Bacon and eggs and a pot of black and steaming coffee with great lungs full of fresh early morning Sherman county air will be the fare at the September 15 meeting of the Sherman County Club. Appropriately the subject of the meeting will be the county fair which starts the Friday after the Wednesday morning club meeting.

The breakfast will be served in the park, buckaroo style and cooks will be recruited from club membership. Dewey Thompson being chairman of the committee. Paper plates and cups will be obtained and also paper forks but if any particular member wants a metal set of tools he can bring them.

First Meeting

This will be the first meeting for the club this season; it has some new, young officers; it will discuss a community project—the fair; and have fun doing it. Every Sherman countian is asked to come and sip a cup of campfire coffee with his neighbors.

As for the program the agricultural and livestock committee will take care of that. Exhibitors will be present to talk about their part of the show and race horse men will find time to exercise their horses later so they can come and speak of the races.

Time will be 8:30 standard. Arrangements for the breakfast are being made by Allen Tom and John Foss, president and secretary, respectively although cooks will be found closer to the Moro park.

Services For Verle Baker Set

Funeral services for Staff Sergeant Verle J. Baker, 21, will be held Saturday, September 11, at The Dalles from the Spencer & Libby Funeral Home. Interment will be at the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Sergeant Baker was born February 6, 1923 at Malone, Wash. He attended school at Grass Valley and graduated from Elmaley school in 1940. He enlisted in the army at Fort Lewis in June, 1940, and took his training at various places in the states before being sent to Australia in June of 1941. He served throughout the New Guinea campaign before being killed in action in the Leyte invasion on December 11, 1944.

Sergeant Baker is survived by his mother, Mrs. Leona Baker of Springfield, a brother, Frank, also of Springfield and a sister, Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Clovis, New Mexico. His grandparents Mr and Mrs J. D. Pike of Hermiston.

Theft of Car Charged Against Prisoner

Lawrence Homer Maness, 26, a resident of California is being held in the county jail on a charge of grand larceny. Thursday morning he waived a hearing before the grand jury and will plead before the circuit court in November or before if he decides to waive trial.

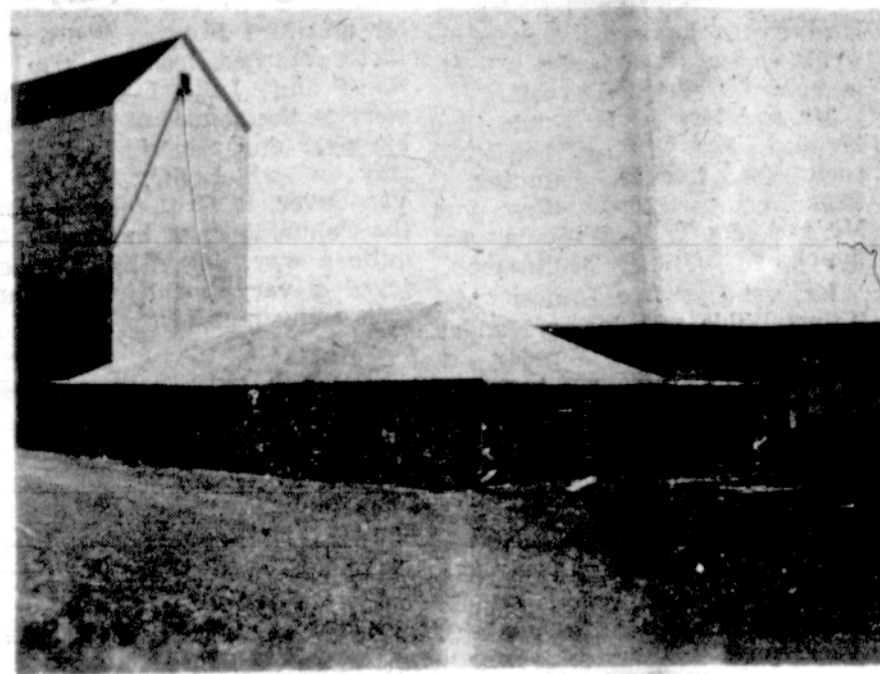
The charge was placed when Maness was arrested last Friday by Sheriff Fields and Officer Powell after he had wrecked the car of John Buehler Jr. of Grass Valley who had left his car parked at Wasco. Maness had wrecked the car two miles west of The Dalles.

Driver Licensing System Aging

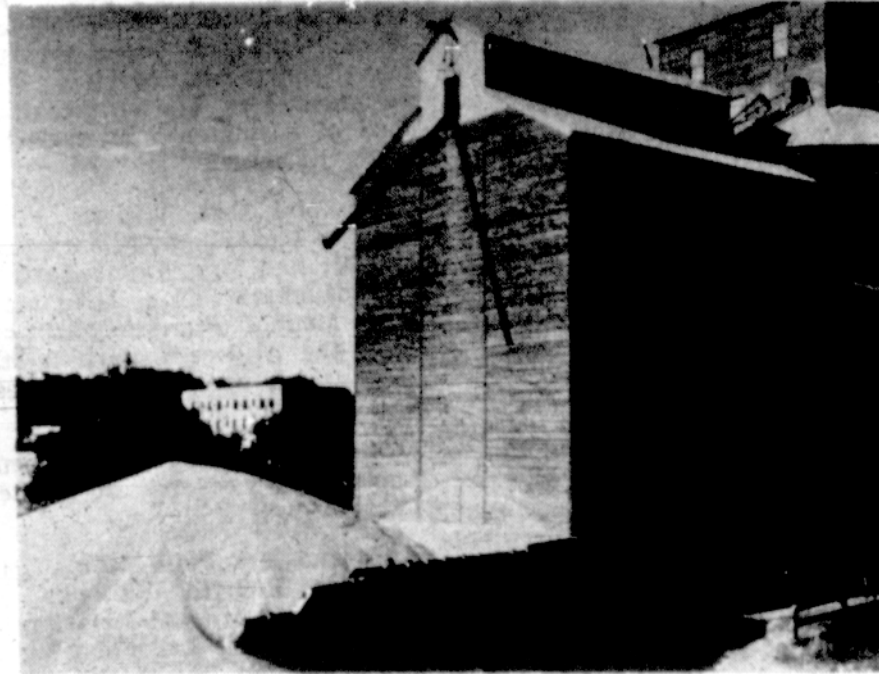
Oregon's new system of renewing drivers' licenses will pass the half million mark in September, Secretary of State, Newberry reported.

Expiration and renewal of old permits, postponed during the war, has been proceeding at the rate of 33,000 each month since June, 1947. The new program will be completed by June, 1949, after which expiration will occur every two years on the birthdate of the holder, Newberry said.

All old licenses numbered between 5R495001 and 5R528000 will expire in September.



At Wasco 150,000 bushels of wheat is stored in jack bins pictured above in addition to the



510,000 bushels held in the elevators. At Moro about 60,000 bushels were held outside for a time as shown. These are evidences of the size of the crop and the speed with which it was harvested.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Quite a few Grass Valley people attended the Tygh Valley Fair either Saturday, Sunday or Monday or all three days.

Mrs Charles Davis went to Portland Saturday to spend a few days visiting relatives before school starts Monday, Sept. 13.

Among those here to attend the funeral of William Barnett Tuesday were Mr and Mrs Geo. Wilcox of Salem, Mrs. Marie Smith of Goldendale, John Schassen and sons of Portland, Mr and Mrs Jim Wilson of Portland, Mrs L. W. Amick of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs R. J. Baker of The Dalles. Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain of Tygh Valley and Pat McHugh of The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs James Dykstra and family of Portland spent several days with his mother, Mrs Charles Davis.

Mr and Mrs Fred Kurilo came up from Portland last week to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs Matt Simon and took their daughter, Carol home with them.

Mr and Mrs Dick Salvadore and family of Portland spent Labor day weekend with her sister, Mrs James Easter and family. Her brother and wife Mr and Mrs Kenneth Harford of Redmond spent Sunday with them.

Mrs Dixie Hogue of Milwaukee and her daughter, Mrs Margaret Cowell and daughters of Mollala came last Tuesday to visit Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling and Mr and Mrs J. B. Coon, leaving Thursday for their homes.

Kenneth Karnes left Tuesday for La Grande to visit his uncle, Daris Karnes and family before returning home in Kansas after spending a month here working in harvest.

Miss Cassie Holmes left Tuesday evening for The Dalles after spending her two weeks vacation here with her father, Sam Holmes, to resume her duties at the hospital.

Mr and Mrs Gus Koepke of The Dalles and some friends from Reno, Nevada, attended the funeral of William Barnett Tuesday and spent the evening visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Matt Simon.

Mr and Mrs Matt Simon went to Portland Saturday to take their grand daughter, Donna Kurilo, to her home. They returned home Tuesday accompanied by her mother, Mrs Elizabeth Strange of Portland. Mr and Mrs Clarence Young accompanied the Simons' to Portland to spend several days in the city.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Coyle and daughter, Verna June, left Monday for Lebanon where they will make their home after spending two years in Grass Valley.

Mrs Art Bibby took James Easter to The Dalles Friday evening where he entered the hospital for medical attention.

SCOTT FRITTS WINS

Scott Fritts won top place as champion showman for beef steers at the Oregon State Fair, according to word received in Moro Thursday morning. Young Fritts was showing a Hereford steer. Other winners at the state fair were Millard and Oma Eakin whose Shorthorns took all prizes, championships and grand championships in that class.

Mrs Olan Stark has resigned as bookkeeper at the Pacific Power & Light company office and will be replaced soon by Mrs Gordon Rose, whose husband will be music teacher for the schools of the county.

CROP INSURANCE MEETING

A meeting has been called for Monday night at 7:30 at the county house to give farmers of Sherman county a final opportunity to become fully acquainted with the new crop insurance program. The county committee and all committeemen are sponsors of the meeting.

The new program is hailed by those who have examined it as the best that has been provided so far in crop insurance. The deadline for acceptance of it by this county is September 15.

Muri Cummings will be on hand to explain the plan as well as a representative of the PMA office. Farmers are signing up for crop insurance as they come in for wheat loans.

New School District Elects Henrichs and Thompson Directors

Patrons of the newly consolidated school district No. 17 met Friday night to elect two directors to replace Merrill Oveson and Lloyd Henrichs who resigned when the consolidation took effect.

Elected were Lloyd Henrichs for a three year term (ending the third Monday in June) and Harvey Thompson for a two year term. Ernest Woods is chairman and holder of the one year term.

There was some discussion of transportation but nothing very definite. The school board has bought a used bus from Grass Valley and will transport children from the point to Moro. Some additional cars may be needed. School will open Monday, September 13 with a prospect of over 60 pupils in high school.

William D. Barnett Buried Tuesday

William D. Barnett was born in Missouri December 24, 1889 and died Saturday September 4, in The Dalles at the age of 58. He came to Oregon when he was ten years old and lived in Grass Valley until his death.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church in Grass Valley Tuesday at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Ernest E. Taylor of The Dalles officiating. Pallbearers were Henry Peters, John Peters, Herman Peters, Fred Peters, John Koepke and Rodell Schassen. Arrangements were under the direction Spencer & Libby The Dalles with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Grass Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; son, Willard H., two daughters, Mrs Betty Jo Owens and Mrs Dorothy Anne Stark all of Grass Valley; four brothers, Ernest and Roy of The Dalles, Earl of Parkdale and George of Maupin; two sisters, Mrs Bertha Matthes of Kent, and Mrs Carrie Holt of Redmond; stepmother, Mrs Rhoda Barnett of The Dalles and two grandchildren.

Wasco School Starts With Full Staff

School started Tuesday morning, September 7, with the following teachers in charge: first and second grade, Mrs Edith Hunt, a new teacher here this year, who comes from Wyoming. Third and fourth grades, Mrs Myrna Knaus of Longview, Wn., who finished out the last part of the term here last year. Fifth and sixth grades, Mrs Lavilla Morrison of Wasco, who will substitute until the other teacher arrives. Seventh and eighth grades, Mr. Paul Boswell of Toledo, who is a new teacher here this year. The high school faculty will have one new member, namely, Miss Geraldine Stout of Portland and the other two, Robert Duke and Supt. Jim Ris-kowsky, having been here last year. Next Monday, the 13th, we hope to have our new cafeteria in operation, where the students can get a good hot noon meal for 25c each. Full particulars on the cafeteria will be given when the equipment is all in place and ready for operation.

Fair Program Completed As Date Draws Near

Although the final planning for the Sherman County Fair will be done next Saturday at a meeting in Wasco the main features of the event have been pretty well set.

When the carnival rolls into town early next week and unrolls its many canvases and when the race horses come down the highway stamping their trailers impatiently to get into competition and when gaily bedizened riders, rein their curvetting horses around town the fair will be on. And that time is not far away.

Judging will begin next Friday when 4-H club exhibits will be judged by Saturday noon. Gus Woods will look over the club calves and sheep and hogs and also the open classes while Cliff Conrad will take over the horse judging.

Saturday will be the first day of the arena program and the mid-Columbia riders organization will come into town the morning of that day with trailer and truck filled with the best riding horses in the district. Management of the horse part of the fair is in the hands of the mid-Columbia group with "Bill" Young of Goldendale as president.

Races are being made up and Ernest Eslinger, fair board member, is interviewing race horse owners this week.

Exhibits will be in place by Friday morning and tours of the barns will begin by many fair visitors who like to look at the fine stock and watch the judging.

WHEAT ROLLING IN

Due to the railroad's embargo on all grain being shipped into Portland for storage or export, no quotations have been issued from the Portland Mercantile Exchange since last Wednesday. However, the last bid on Wednesday was \$2.18 a bushel for No. 1 soft white wheat. This is a half cent above last week's close. The bid price a year ago at the close of the corresponding week was \$2.40 a bushel.

Wheat receipts at Columbia River Terminals for the week ending September 2 totaled 1,907 cars. This compares to 1,043 cars the week before.

The Portland office of the Commodity Credit Corporation purchased around 822,000 bushels of wheat during the week ending September 2. This makes a total of nearly 12.8 million bushels purchased since July 1, 1948.

EAKIN FIRST AT PI

Millard and Oma Eakin of Grass Valley can claim another first—their entry form for Shorthorns was the first in that division received at the office of Pacific International Livestock exposition.

A record number of exhibitors and an all-time high in premiums of \$116,205 give promise of a show to surpass all previous ones. This year's performance is scheduled to begin in Portland, October 1 and continue through the 9th.

A special feature will be the appearance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police drill team for the first time in the United States since the war.

NEW SERVICE MAN

Dave Conner, who has been state veterans service officer for this district for some months, is having the eastern Oregon territory split into two parts. Vinton Green will take charge of this section with headquarters at Bend. Mr. Green expects to make regular trips to this county twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

BOXING BOUTS ON

Plans are rapidly going forward for the boxing and wrestling bouts to take place Friday evening, September 17 at the Sherman County Fair. It is planned for grade and high school boys from the several schools in the county to participate. A number of good, fast bouts have already been arranged and more are anticipated. Proceeds will be prorated to schools in proportion to the number of participants and will be utilized to purchase athletic equipment.