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## These Things We Note

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These are great fall days in the mid-Columbia country with the new wheat covering the earth an even green or at least giving a promising sheen to hillsides in the sun. The sun tempered air is crisp with a foreboding of winter to come although still far away.

The brightest of the sumac and the golden yellow of the poplars have faded slightly but the leaves still hang on awaiting a nardering frost. The locusts are shedding their leaves and they cover the walks and blow out into the streets of the towns making housewives petulant and giving gardeners a job of gathering them for next spring's fertilizer.

Groups stand in the sun to get as much of it as possible. New fall coats adorn the women, long and grotesque by the standards of yesterday, and men are bundled in bright mackinaws to give them some means of self-expression in clothing.

From Bill Hedlund, who doubts as a constant reader in connection with his Portland law business writes a new definition of "liberal" and other political thought: Quoting Judge Claude McCulloch, "A liberal is a person who can see both sides. A conservative is a person who is satisfied with things as they are. Job was a conservative. A radical would not waver to bits and then remould it nearer to our heart's desire."

Which means that the word "liberal" has undergone much change in meaning since the Greeks defined it as one who defended the liberty of the individual.

Michael de Montaigne was a French essayist who lived in the 16th century whose wisdom has remained alive 400 years. Perhaps these excerpts explain why: "Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know."

"I speak the truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more as I grow older."

"A little folly is desirable in him that will not be guilty of stupidity."

In the death of Gus Engstrom the country lost a man with the fine manner of an old country gentleman. Harvest hand, homesteader, bachelor, farmer, rugged worker, he still retained the ability—and desire—to wear a dress suit with the pomp of a diplomat. It was a better day when the principles for which he stood were accepted by all instead of being the philosophy of the aging few.

His education was broad and inclusive and his thought and speech as clear and incisive as his penmanship, which was always admitted. May he rest among pleasant surroundings.

The railroad station house is being painted and the first coat, at least is white. The Union Pacific must have changed. Once upon a time all stations were painted a dingy red that defied description and the passage of time, nothing could make such a house look new and perhaps nothing could make it look old. Then there was a change to a mustard yellow something the color of the new cabbages. It was rather a dispirited color neither gay nor bright but, like the red, durable year after year, through summer sun and winter snow, always the same.

Now there appears to be a change to white which will need brightening now and then but will not indicate so heavy a tribute to durability, practicality, and economy. And the new paint job makes the flat look brighter.

Most of the promises made in an election campaign cannot be fulfilled unless economic conditions prove favorable. Some promise living cost reduction which but little depends on politics; some promise tax reduction without a record that makes it likely and anyway it takes the aid of scores to pass tax legislation. But probably the voters remember the record more efficiently than they believe the promises.

## Legion, Auxiliary To Entertain Halloween Goblins

Chris Schultz post and its auxiliary together with the Moro Community church are planning the annual Halloween parties for the children and young people of the community on Sunday evening, October 31.

The preschool children and grades 1-2 will meet in the church basement for their parties from 6:30 to 8:00 p. m. All sorts of lively games and refreshments are planned. Mothers, be sure your children get out for the fun!

Children of grades 3-6 will meet at the Legion hall from 7 to 9 p. m. There will be various interesting games and competitions which all children enjoy, besides plenty of ice cream.

Grades 7-8 and high school students will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the school house for the beginning of a scavenger hunt. Don't be surprised if groups of students come to your house asking for all sorts of weird items. It's part of the fun, with prizes for those who most nearly complete their list. The evening will close with a hearty lunch at the school house after the evening's excitement.

Ken Zachary is furnishing the ice cream for everyone.

## COUNTIANS ELECTED

At recent sophomore class elections at EOCE, Leland Schwendel, son of Mr and Mrs Matthew J. Schwendel of Wasco, was elected vice-president of the class. Herman Ziegler, son of Mr and Mrs Herman Ziegler of Grass Valley was elected sophomore student council representative.

Schwendel was also elected treasurer of the men's group at Hunt Hall dormitory.

## Farm Income Expected To Drop Without Corresponding Reduction In Costs

A third year of shrinking real net income is ahead for agriculture. That is the overall outlook indicated at the recent annual national agricultural outlook conference in Washington, D. C., as briefly stated by Oregon's representative, L. S. Breithaupt, Oregon State college extension economist.

The outlook was found better for some types of farming than for others, yet it was deemed wise for all farmers to operate to meet some recession, if it comes. Real income as expressed in buying power is expected to remain far above the low pre-war level, however.

Cash receipts by farmers, nationally, might drop to a monthly rate ten percent below 1948 a year from now but total farm expenses may decrease little, if any. Cheaper feed is expected to be largely offset by higher other costs, Breithaupt reports. Thus, net income would be less, and the net income dollar now buys scarcely half as much as prewar.

Inflationary forces in the general economy still outweigh the deflationary trend in agriculture. No definite conclusion was reached in regard to the general non-agricultural price level trend ahead owing to uncertain international conditions.

A summary of the general outlook for 1949 and beyond, as it pertains to Oregon agriculture, is now being prepared by the extension economists at the college. This will be available free, from county extension agents, about mid-November.

## Ramon Kent Tells Club Food Production Cut

Sherman county club members heard about the dangers of soil erosion Wednesday night when Ramon Kent, area conservationist, spoke at a meeting held at the Masonic hall in Grass Valley.

Mr. Kent showed charts with figures giving the average number of acres per capita in the United States as 2.5, the highest in the world England has .20, Asia .4 and France 1.7. Population estimates give 175,000,000 by 1975 with little probable increase in the 460,000,000 acres of crop land which means that this country will have no more food productivity than France.

The lack of food has been the cause of many wars, said Mr. Kent, and nations with insufficient food are always searching for more land which brings on conflicts.

Conservation of soil can be done in this area, however difficult, by grassing slopes, strip cropping, trashy following. Land should probably be in grass a fifth of the time, he estimated.

An educational program is being carried on and material is available to high school instructors. Soil conservation districts make it possible for the government to provide engineering services and some machinery, the speaker reported.

President Allen Tom said the next meeting would be held in Wasco November 10 at the Fraternity hall. The subject will be Health.

Ramon Kent was here Wednesday and part of Thursday from Pendleton.

## Visits County



## Doug McKay Says Oregon Can Get More Industry

"The state of Oregon is the fastest growing state in the union" said Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for governor before the Moro Women's club here Friday, "and we can keep it growing if we keep a steady hand on the throttle. We do not want to grow so fast we lose our advantages of recreation but there is plenty of room. Eastern Oregon having two-thirds of the area is due for new population and Jefferson is the fastest growing county in Oregon."

Mr. McKay, accompanied by his wife spent Friday afternoon in Sherman county meeting the voters and talking to them about many things. To veterans he had reminiscences of the two wars in which he has been enlisted, to farmers he spoke of agriculture in which he graduated from OSC. He has been butcher, newspaper worker, garage man as well as filling many of the public jobs in his home town of Salem where he has been mayor, president of the Chamber of Commerce and state senator. His program is based on the future development of Oregon, repeal of the withholding tax, lower income taxes and an administration of economy.

## Education Week To Be Observed

This year American Education Week will be observed in the schools of the nation from November 7 to 13. It is a time when special emphasis is placed on visiting your schools, understanding your local school system and getting acquainted with your teachers. It is important that you know what your schools are trying to do for your children. All parents are urged to "Visit Your Schools" during Education Week.

## Midco Sale Due Monday With 43 Cattle Consigned

Next Sunday and Monday stockmen of the mid-Columbia area will gather in Moro for the third annual show and sale of their organization, the Midco Purebred Breeders' association.

Consigned to the sale are 43 head of Hereford cattle, 19 bulls and 24 heifers, all of good breeding and in good sale condition. Catalogues have been sent out some weeks ago and advertisements in papers throughout the state assure a crowd of interested breeders.

The show will be held Sunday, October 31 at 1:30 p. m. at the fair grounds where Joe Johnson OSC, will judge the animals.

The sale will begin at 1:30 p. m. Monday November 1 in the arena at the fair grounds with H. B. Sager, well known auctioneer of Bozeman, Montana calling the bids. Midco members will meet at 11 a. m. for luncheon at which directors will be chosen for 1949. Fred Cox is president for this sale.

Consignors are from many counties. They are Allen Hughes, Kirk & Robinson, Floyd Worden, all of Heppner; Roy Newport, Detroit; Frank W. Cochran, Brownsville; J. L. Jacobs & Sons, Prineville; Fred Cox & Son, Vernon B. Eakin, Elton N. Eakin, Owen E. Eakin, and Harold & Ceile Eakin, all of Grass Valley; Double M Hereford Ranch, Adams; Earl Hoag, Blalock; Ralph & Katherine Eakin, Moro.

## Bird Caller Coming

In the middle of next week the Moro School will sound like an aviary with the chirping, twittering, and songs of birds. On Wednesday at 1:15 p. m. Nephi Combs of LaGrande will present his program of colored slides accompanied by stories and bird calls. Mr. Combs is a well known naturalist who travels to many schools in the state with his messages of conservation and a unique program.

## Boys Boxing Again

A grade school boxing and wrestling exhibition is being planned for Saturday night, November 6 in the Moro school gymnasium. This will be the fourth such affair held during the current year and should result in collection of enough money to finish payments on complete basketball uniforms for the team. Plenty of good fast action as in the past is promised.

## Woman's Club Hears About Alaska From Traveler

An entertaining description of her trip to Alaska this summer was given members of the Moro Woman's club last Friday by Opal Parkins who described the towns and the differences between them, showed jewelry bought close to the gold fields and had pictures of the startling scenery of our northern possession. Mrs Theodore Johnston was director.

Senator Douglas McKay and wife appeared briefly and he spoke of the development of Oregon.

Tuesday members went to Arlington for the meeting of District No. 5. Those making the trip were Mesdames Harry Pinkerton, Eugene Amidon, John Parker, Truman Strong, Collis Moore, Paul May, D. A. Van Gilder and Mrs Maggie Barnum.

The club will entertain husbands of members at the next meeting which will be held November 13 at which time there will be a speaker.

## Oregon Chest Fund Gaining Slowly

The Oregon Chest campaign is moving slowly in Sherman county. Funds so raised are used to aid the child caring agencies of the state that care for homeless, and abandoned infants and mothers. No solicitation is made for these agencies now except in this manner. A share of the funds are raised by the county but more will be needed, especially if the county raises its \$64 quota for the USO which has been reactivated since the advent of the draft.

The Dalles Elks has sent a check for \$50 and the First National Bank and the Pacific Power & Light have each contributed \$25. Citizens who are able to help this cause may do so by seeing A. A. Dunlap, George Potter or Giles French.

## Gus Engstrom Buried At Grass Valley

Gus Engstrom was born in Staffenstroff, Sweden, August 24, 1865 and died in Grass Valley, October 23, 1948 at the age of 83 years. He came from Sweden when he was 23 years old and spent several years in Minnesota. After leaving there he came to Nehalem, Oregon, where he took up a timber claim, later coming to Sherman county where he worked for farmers at Wasco. Leaving there he came to Grass Valley and settled on a ranch east of town where he lived until he retired in 1920 to move to town.

In July 1913 he married Elsie Eslinger who passed away March 30, 1943. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs Earl Olds, a step-daughter, Mrs Herman Ziegler, two grandchildren and five step-grandchildren, all of Grass Valley. A sister, Johanna Skolde, and a brother, Nels Persson, in Sweden.

Funeral services for Mr. Engstrom were held from the Baptist church in Grass Valley Tuesday at 2 o'clock with the Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiating. Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles sang accompanied at the piano by Mrs Elton Eakin.

Honorary pallbearers were R. J. Baker, Bill Brinkert, J. W. Biagg, J. E. Brown, Sam Stark, and R. A. Stow.

Active pallbearers were Dell Olds, Charlie Olds, C. R. Andersen, Henry Peters, John Buether, and Claus Bardenhagen. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Spencer & Libby of The Dalles with burial in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley.

## ARMISTICE OBSERVATION

Chris Schultz post of the American Legion and its auxiliary are sponsoring a county-wide observance of Armistice Day, November 11. In the afternoon the Moro high school football team will tangle with the Madras eleven on the local field for the final game of the season. At 6:30 in the evening there will be a potluck dinner at the Community hall in honor of the two football teams and to which everyone is invited. Outside speakers and a program are being arranged. Following the dinner there will be a dance at the school gymnasium.

## Moro Conquers Condon To Stay Undefeated

Continuing their undefeated, unscored upon gridiron march over Mid-Columbia B teams, the Moro Huskies trounced a lighter Condon Blue Devil eleven there Friday afternoon by a 20 to 0 score.

Pushing over a touchdown in each of the first three quarters the Huskies rolled up 15 first downs to their opponents 3. Wily Knights, Moro fullback, powerhouse line plays for an average of 6 yards per play. Norval Lane freshman half, turned in a sparkling performance both on offense and defense. Dick Rust—once broke away for a 40 yard sprint to be hauled down two yards short of the goal line. Although not up to usual accuracy, Keith Thompson and Knights were able to connect with 7 out of 17 passes to ends Joe Harvey and Keith Nelson, once for a touchdown, once for a conversion and two times for first downs. The Husky line turned in its usual aggressive performance.

Blue Devil fullback, Don Didier proved to be the work horse of his team until hurt midway in the third period. He was able to return in the fourth. Little Ed Hebert made several good punt returns as well as doing much of the running during the latter part of the game. The long accurate punting of Bill Conboy pulled Condon out of several bad holes.

Both teams lost the ball a couple of times on fumbles. Moro received the opening kickoff and after losing yardage was forced to punt. Condon failed to make yardage which gave the Huskies the ball on the Condon 42. From here Moro drove to the 12 in four plays after which Thompson raced around right end to score. A pass from Knights to Harvey made the score 7 to 0.

A kicking duel continued until Knights broke away for 15 yards in the 2nd quarter. A surprising lateral picked up by Lane resulted in another 17. A completed pass placed the ball on the Condon 12 from where Lane carried the ball over after a few line bucks. On the conversion, Thompson skirted the end. The remainder of the half proved to be a kicking duel.

Didier picked up the first Blue Devil touchdown but the ball sailed high over the receiver's head.

The last touchdown was set up by Rust's 40 yard run to the Condon 2, with a pass to Nelson for the score. The place-kick for conversion went wide.

Another Husky drive was stopped late in the final quarter when Bill Wagner intercepted a pass on his own 10 and raced out to the 28. The ball changed hands on a blocked Condon kick and a Moro fumble. The final seconds found the Blue Devils passing in a desperate attempt to score.

Starting line-up was:

Moro	Condon
Joe Harvey RB	Pat McLoulin
Alfred Kock RT	Leslie Conboy
Scott Fritts RG	Bud Hebert
Ronnie May C	Carl Smith
Roy Harvey LG	Jim Harris
C. Schilling LT	Bill Conboy
Keith Nelson LE	Art Hardie
K. Thompson Q	Alan Brown
Norval Lane LH	Z. Campbell
David Moore RH	Ed Hebert
W. Knight FB	Don Didier

## Moro Church Choir To Give Party

November 5, the Moro Community church choir will give you a United Nation's Festival. There will be a variety of music, skits, readings, and folk dancing. Most of the grade school children and many of the high school students and adults will take part to make this a community affair.

The program will be followed by a jitney dance sponsored by the high school group. During the dance the 7-8 grade group will operate a coke bar, and the Mariner's club will serve lunch. Invitations are being sent out by the school as a part of the observance of American Education Week.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Thursday, November 4, 1948, at the court house between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

## The Sherman County Journal's Recommendation

Herewith is a discussion, with recommendations, of the eleven measures on the ballot next Tuesday.

### SIX PERCENT LIMITATION

This is a constitutional amendment to change the six percent section which has never been clear. The amendment would give cities, school districts and other municipal corporations the power to change a tax base by voting for a levy above the six percent limit for three consecutive years. Then on the third by a vote on the specific question to vote for a new tax base equal to the average of the three. Four votes by the people should be enough to insure their consent and safety. It also makes the six percent limit apply only to property taxes.

300 X YES

### STATE REFORESTATION

This is another constitutional amendment giving authority to use the state credit up to 340 percent for reforestation and such purchase of forest lands as may be necessary to fill out areas, etc. Reforestation is necessary and probably should be a duty of the state as far as old burns are concerned. Timber companies can care for their own land. Cost would be nominal because there would be some returns.

302 X YES

### BOYS' CAMP BILL

This measure, if passed, would authorize the state to establish a camp for delinquent boys near Timber in an abandoned CC Camp and appropriate \$100,000

therefore. The idea is good but the planning is poor. A new group of administrators would be needed; the climate at Timber is seldom suited to outdoor activity; segregation and addition at Woodburn would be more effective.

### OX-BOW DAM BILL

This is Senate 99, passed by the legislature over the governor's veto and referred by the Grange. It changes the hydroelectric law by giving power companies more than two years ownership before municipalities can take over plant although permitting condemnation as before. The eastern counties are short of power with little chance of getting federal power for years. They want this dam built. In Oregon we, of all western states, have a public power monopoly. This bill would make it possible for private power companies to build, and really, only a small part of Oregon can get Bonneville power. It seems only fair to let the parts outside the public power area have whatever kind of power they want or can get.

306 X YES

### SCHOOL ELECTION QUALIFICATION

This is an initiative petition which would give all citizens the right to vote at school elections on finance matters. They now vote on finance matters of state, cities, counties. Opposition argument is that only property owners would have to pay the bonds incurred by the election until income taxpayers are also made liable. Some timber companies

could be heavily indebted by employees.

No Recommendation

### OLD AGE PENSION

This is another Joe Dunne bill asking for more pensions \$50 per month for men over 65 and women over 60. It is a poorly written bill and whether it gives \$50 to everyone regardless of incidental income would have to be decided by the courts. It gives all kinds of medical care, glasses, teeth, burial, etc., and is so badly written that no one can tell how much else. Oregon pensioners now get almost \$50 with federal help, which this plan might lose.

311 X NO

### INCREASING INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

This bill was initiated to make \$750 for single persons and \$1500 for married persons the exemptions for income tax purposes instead of the much lower exemptions that became law when the sales tax was defeated. It is proper and desirable.

312 X YES

### LIQUOR BY THE GLASS

This bill would permit the sale of hard liquor by the glass in licensed hotels, restaurants, clubs, etc. Means relaxation of the Knox law for this special group. Complaint against the present law is from tourists who do not want to buy either a license or a bottle in Oregon. It would probably result in local option fights in many towns.

315 X NO

### VETERAN'S BONUS

This is a poorly written bill to give veterans of World War II up to \$500. It would cost approximately \$60,000,000 in bonds and many court decisions to clarify what it means. Objections are: It excludes those who went in early and as it is a constitutional amendment could not be changed except by another vote of the people; bonuses are a duty of the federal government instead of the states; the large veteran organizations are not for it.

317 X NO

### FISH BILL

This bill would prohibit fixed fishing gear on the Columbia and give gillnetters a practical monopoly. Fixed gear is already prohibited in Washington. There is no doubt but that fixed gear does catch many fish. Sportsmen want the bill. Salmon runs have been very good of late years but are gradually getting less. This is really a conservative measure but one that puts some people out of business.

No Recommendation.

### LEVY OVER SIX PERCENT

The last legislature empowered the state tax commission to put on the ballot this measure which will transfer some \$6,430,000 to the general fund from the income tax surplus. It is a bookkeeping matter. The money has been spent to meet 1947 appropriations. There is no direct levy on taxpayers as the money has already been raised.

320 X YES