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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

One of the very fine things about the recent election was that it probably eliminated Messers Gallup, Roper, et al, from the national scene as reporters of what Americans think. It is a minor gain, it is true, but of some consequence to one who objects to having the public mind probed on its liking for strawberries, its infatuation for blondes, its taste for beef as well as how it intends to vote. Two famed feelers of the public pulse have failed ignominiously others may hesitate. And the public won't believe them anyway, anymore.

Nights were very frosty the first of the week, so frosty the earth looked like it had been snowed upon during the night. Such things often happen in September so there can be no protest over it now. But, Br-r-r.

"Let me grow lovely, growing old
So many fine things do;
Laces, and ivory, and gold,
And silks need not be new;
And there is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamor hold;
Why not I, as well as these,
Grow lovely, growing old?"
—Karl Wilson Baker

The story is old but we don't believe it—of a man who bought twenty five cents worth of stamps and got all the same kind. Nearly everyone whose name is in the history book has had a stamp made in his behalf—and that of the commercial collectors. By time of the next national election it could be made into quite a vote getter. Every ticket have a stamp made for him. Or individuals proud of their faces could have stamps in their honor—at an appropriate fee, or corporations could get stamps made for them. General Electric stamps, Ford Motor stamps, Joe Louis stamps, etc., etc., etc. There's a source of income there that no tax and spend administration should overlook.

"They that can give a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"—Benjamin Franklin. Frothingham in his "Rise of the Republic of the United States" says that the above motto was used extensively during the Revolution. For some months a few years ago this newspaper ran a similar line above its editorial page thinking it was original. That statement was "Those who would exchange liberty for security are deserving of neither." But the argument is strictly historical in nature for security is the modern goal.

The average for Hereford bulls at the Cow Palace was \$754 and for cows was \$515. At the Midco sale in Moro bulls averaged \$702 and cows \$489. And you can't take 'em to San Francisco for the difference. Incidentally the price for the top female was the same—\$1000.

Probably this isn't the place for it, but the writer is appreciative of the votes received in the recent election. The old saying had it that a pitcher that often goes to the well is broken eventually and in politics a candidate who serves long often receives a smaller percentage of the votes than when he is new and fresh. Experience and resulting ability apparently do not overcome public weariness. But the point here is that the X marks are appreciated. Thanks.

"One good thing to remember whilst cussing out your enemies—you made 'em." Forest Log.

"I hargained with Life for a penny.
And Life would pay no more.
However I begged at evening
When I counted my scanty store;
For Life is a just employer.
He gives you what you ask.
But once you have set the wages
Why, you must bear the task.
I worked for a menial's hire,
Only to learn, dismayed,
That my wage I had asked of Life."

Life would have gladly paid.
—Jessie Rittenhouse

Armistice Day can still bring a thrill to those who remember the release from worry and fear and tension that came on that day 30 years ago when the Kaiser gave up. The war to make democracy safe in all the world was won. That joy was badly misplaced as later events have proven but it was a great day then.

About the County

Mr and Mrs Frank Pike and Mrs George Smith went to The Dalles Sunday. Mrs Smith remained to visit her uncle and aunt. Mr and Mrs W. T. Solvest, returning home Monday.
Mr and Mrs Arch Zehner, Mrs John Hays, and Mrs Gus Smith all of The Dalles visited relatives here Sunday.
Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap entertained friends last Tuesday evening by playing bridge and listening to the election returns. Those present were Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley, Mr and Mrs Herman Peters. Refreshments were served late in the evening.
Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles left Saturday for Heppner to visit their daughter, Mrs Earl McKinney and family.

Mrs Herman Schilling came up from The Dalles Sunday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs Jesse Hefner.
Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett went to Portland Thursday on business for a few days.

The Community Sewing club gave a surprise stork shower in honor of Mrs Dewey Thomas when the club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs Fay Brackett. The gifts were laid upon a table which held the big stork. Crepe paper bibs with baby names were furnished each member who had to answer by the name on their bib or a penny forfeit was paid. This was a lot of fun and netted a sum to start the babies bank account. The gifts were opened by Mrs Thomas assisted by her sister in law, Mrs Kenneth Fridley, and shown for the pleasure of all present who were besides the hostess, Mrs Brackett, Mrs Leland Medler, Mrs Gordon Reid, Mrs Don Macnab, Mrs George Fox, Mrs Stuart Macnab, Mrs Claude Coats, Mrs Bill Macnab, Mrs Chet Coats, Mrs Dewey Thomas, and Mrs Kenneth Fridley. Refreshments consisting of cake, ice cream and coffee were served later in the afternoon. The club also presented Mrs Leland Medler with a baby bath scales, and Mrs Chet Coats with a wool baby blanket.

R. J. Bruckert brought his father of The Dalles up to spend several days with them. They brought him to Grass Valley Tuesday to visit his son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap and Mr and Mrs Harry Hooper went to Kent Saturday evening where they were dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Vern Mobley, celebrating the 2nd birthday anniversary of Donnie Mobley.

Mr and Mrs Fred Cox went to Silverton Friday taking down some things for Mr and Mrs Charlie Anderson who met them there. They are making their home in Tillamook. Mr and Mrs Cox went on to Corvallis to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Al Roberts and family returning home Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs James Tate are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son November 2 at the Mid Columbia hospital. The boy has been named Phillip Worth and weighed in at 8 1/2 pounds. The Tate's have another child, a daughter, named Mary who is just two years old. Grand parents are Mr and Mrs Worth Tate of The Dalles and Leland Rice of St. Helens.

The Home Economics club will meet this Thursday with a luncheon at the home of Mrs S. A. Wilson.

Mr and Mrs Frank Adams and family of Arlington were in Rufus Sunday calling on relatives.

Mr and Mrs Norvel Williams and children, Beverly, Lewis and Charles and a friend Donna Knight, all of Oregon City spent the weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs George Fox. Williams is a brother of Mrs Fox.

The Rufus grade school team motored to Kent last Thursday afternoon with the upper grade teacher, Mrs Gianatti and coach Michael Danahey to have a game of volleyball with the Kent grade team. The Rufus boys lost by a score of 29 to 41. Luther Steward drove the children and teachers to Kent.

Mr and Mrs C. M. Clevenger of Yakima, Washington were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum last Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday evening Mr and Mrs Barnum entertained friends at pinocle and listened to election returns. Present were Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles, Mr and Mrs B. C. Baumgartner, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews, Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson, and their houseguests, Mr and Mrs Clevenger. Mrs Anderson and Mr Clevenger held high score and Mr and Mrs Baumgartner low score. Refreshments were served late in the evening by the hostess.

Quite a few Grass Valley people attended the football game in Moro Friday between Moro and Heppner.

The Rufus high school students motored to Moro Friday afternoon to see the Moro team play football.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Meyers and son Pat who live in Bend came Thursday to spend the weekend in Rufus visiting relatives. Mrs Meyers is a daughter of Mrs Pearl Jones and a sister of Mrs Ina Byrd.

Mr and Mrs Walter Morris are spending a few days in Portland this week for a short vacation. Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Joe Morris were Mr and Mrs Jack Huffman and daughters, and Kris Thomsen of The Dalles. The men from Rufus that went elk hunting came back Saturday night, but reported, "No elk shot."

Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson were in the valley last week where they were called on account of the death of Mr Thompson's mother who was a lady of 88 years.

Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles were hosts at a dinner party at their home Saturday evening. Invited guests were Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison, Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock, Mr and Mrs Henry Barnum of Moro. The evening was spent playing pinocle with Mrs Barnum and Mr Kock holding high scores and Mr and Mrs Gilkison low scores.

Mr and Mrs Simon Hix of Tygh Ridge were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Art Bibby. Mr and Mrs Roy Hughes of North Hollywood, California were visitors here recently. Mrs Hughes will be remembered here as Mrs Pauline Wilcox.

Bob Rolfe and Alton Olds were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs Benton Barnett spent some time in Portland last week visiting her children and attending a bridal shower for one of them.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Sargent, an uncle and aunt of Mrs Dingle, spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mr and Mrs R. T. Dingle. The Sargents live in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Robert Allmann and son Bobby and Mary Golay, who were from Pullman, Wn., stopped briefly as they were going through Rufus Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr and Mrs Richie Dingle. The community experienced the worst frost so far this fall last Sunday night. The nights have been so mild, many Rufus people were caught leaving plants and flowers out just one night too long.

Quite a few from Rufus attended the REA meeting and lunch served in The Dalles last Saturday. Among those present were Mr and Mrs Gordon Reid, Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller, Mr and Mrs R. N. Guilford, Mr and Mrs Sam Brock, Elizabeth Kuyper and Stuart Macnab.

Among those from Grass Valley attending the REA meeting in The Dalles Saturday were Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum, Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Jack Adams, Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison, Mrs John Rust and Mrs H. O. Dugger.

Mr and Mrs George Kruger and Mr and Mrs David McLeod and daughter from McLeod visited their mother, Mrs A. W. McLeod Sunday afternoon.

Miss Anna Schwartz was a dinner guest of Mrs A. W. McLeod Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Harry Hooper of The Dalles spent the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap.

Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley went to Portland Friday on business for a few days.

Hal Ekstrom, son of Mrs A. O. Ekstrom, and Julie Trusky, were married at the Ekstrom home in Portland last Sunday, November 7, before a crowd of 90 persons. Jessie Kenny, cousin of the groom was brides maid and Bennie Belshee, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Belshee, was best man. They will live in Milwaukie.

John and George DeMoss returned from elk hunting Wednesday bringing an elk for George and Curly with them.

Mr and Mrs John E. (Curly) DeMoss stopped on their way home from elk hunting to see Mrs DeMoss' sister at Boardman. They expect to be home today.

Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer went to Moro Sunday to visit their daughter in law, Mrs Claude Bayer and the new grand son at the Tommy Jones home.

Mr and Mrs Bud Coon, Mrs W. F. Schilling, Mr and Mrs Fred Cox and son Don, Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison and Mrs James Easter were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr and Mrs John Rust were guests Saturday evening of Mr and Mrs Bert Cox at the John Rolfe home. The Coxes are staying on the ranch while they are on their trip east.

Mrs A. K. Cutts arrived Wednesday from Albany to visit her Moro daughter, Mrs Alton Coyle and family.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr and Mrs Sam Johnson are visiting at the home of their daughter Mrs Howard Pratt. The Johnsons have sold their telephone business at Spray and will live in The Dalles.

Word from Rochester, Minn., is that Dale Laughlin will find some improvement in his condition through treatment at Mayo.

Business houses were generally closed here Armistice Day.

The clean-up scheduled to be held November 11 at Wasco was changed to Friday, November 12 because of the dislike of working on a holiday.

Walter Ruggles found his bird dog that was reported lost last week. She had followed a Moro hunter and was found by Mrs Edna Melzer Priscilla and Mrs B. H. Robertson left Friday of last week for Portland where Mrs Melzer visited her daughter, Mrs Harold Murphy and family while Priscilla and Mrs Robertson attended the high school press conference at Eugene which they found to be entertaining as well as informing.

Mr and Mrs Walter White are here from Bothell, Wn., at the Dewey Thompson home. Mrs White is the mother of Mrs Thompson.

The Junior Ladies club met Tuesday night November 9 at the home of Mrs James Lamb with 21 attending. Mrs Opal Parkins spoke on her trip to Alaska last summer.

Le Roy Wright went to Bend Wednesday morning to act as secretary of the livestock committee at the annual convention of the Farm Bureau which met there this week. Others going through Moro for the meeting were Riddell Lage of Hood River, state representative, and Art Lindberg of Pendleton, head of the Umatilla county bureau.

Callers at the home of Mr and Mrs Owen Eakin Sunday evening were Mr and Mrs Bernard Martin and Deanna. Mr and Mrs Bill Todd and daughter and Mr and Mrs Donald Martin and family and Mrs Jennie Martin of Moro.

Mrs James Easter left Saturday evening on the bus for Burbank, California to meet her husband, who is returning from North Carolina. They will come home some time this week.

Mr and Mrs Charles Perrigo and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Vernon Eakin.

Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain and children of Tygh Valley spent last Tuesday visiting with Mr and Mrs Dell Olds.

Owen Eakin and son, Terry and his mother in law, Mrs Bakker, motored to Portland Friday returning home Saturday accompanied by Mrs Eakin and infant son.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel were Mr and Mrs B. C. Baumgartner and family and Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds.

Mrs Ted Trimble and Alton Olds went to The Dalles Tuesday when Alton entered the hospital for an operation on his knees that were injured in an auto accident several weeks ago.

Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds went to The Dalles Monday evening to the Episcopal church dinner.

Lowell Smith, son of Mr and Mrs Myrl Smith has been quite ill with dysentery but is much better now.

Mr and Mrs Elton Eakin left Monday for LaGrande to the Northwest Hereford Breeders' association sale.

HEADLINESMAN SIDELINED

Collis Moore is at home recovering from a dislocated knee and a bruised shoulder both of which resulted from being blocked out of play while acting as headlinesman at the Moro-Heppner football game last Friday.

Moore, who often acts as football official, was on the field in line with the ball when an over-anxious Heppner player apparently mistook him for a Moro player and threw a perfect block. The headlinesman was thrown several feet landing on his shoulder and was taken to the hospital where x-ray examination showed no bones broken but ligaments strained.

T. D. PINKERTON CHOSEN

Thomas Pinkerton of Moro, a senior in agriculture at OSC, was among the 32 seniors recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society for seniors.

The new members must have a scholastic standing among the top ten percent of their class. However, only eight percent of the class may be chosen for membership. The new initiates were selected for membership last spring but a national ruling makes it necessary for them to wait until they are enrolled as seniors before they may become members.

Heppner Wins 13-6 To Give Moro First Loss

A strong Heppner team defeated the Moro Huskies on the local field last Friday afternoon by a score of 13 to 6. Although the game was close Heppner showed superiority enough to win.

The first half was about even until the last minute when Norman Ruhl, a 175 pound Heppner halfback, broke away on his own 40 yard line and ran Moro's left end for a touchdown with barely a hand laid on him.

The point was not made. In the second half Moro held the heavier opponents from the goal line successfully until a short pass scored again for the visitors. The goal was kicked giving a two touchdown advantage to Heppner.

Moro had trouble with pass interception all day and did not succeed as well in that department as in previous games. Its score, however, came about because of a pass to Nelson from Thompson. Nelson caught that pass right between two Heppner men and ran to within two feet of the goal line before being downed. Two line plunges put the ball over but the run for the point got nowhere.

This Thursday the Moro team played Madras to determine the championship of the district. The winner will then play other eastern Oregon district champions. Henley has already won in the southern district. Heppner has lost in its district.

RUFUS GRANGE MEETS

Rufus grange met in regular session last Thursday night with Master George Fox in charge. Two visitors were present state deputy Vern Lantz and Mrs Lantz. On the legislative committee, Curt Tom reported he was elected judge of Sheman county and said he would try to be fair to everyone. He also said, "A good leader needs followers to be a success." R. N. Guilford reported on the Agricultural committee. He said we have many noxious weeds in the county, and control should be extended to the roads as well as the fields. The report of 1949 were as follows: E. C. Eaton, master; Leo Watkins, overseer; R. T. Dingle, lecturer; Wayne Eaton, steward; Frank Smith, assistant steward; Thelma Miller, chaplain; R. N. Guilford, treasurer; Lucille Fox, secretary; Atlee Wilson, gatekeeper; Della Eaton, Cerles; Lois Steward, Pomona; Adeline McDonald, Flora; Sadie Rich, lady assistant steward. Executive committee were Geo. Fox, Vernon Miller, and William Huck. Selma Watkins was elected musician. There was no program account of election of officers. The state deputy, Vern Lantz said he has been in grange work for 25 years, and the granges should feel free to call on him at any time. Lantz lives in Redmond. A pot luck supper was served by the Home Economics club at the close of the meeting.

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By Mrs Maude Gorrett
Ernest Patien and Miss Ethel Douglas of Bend were united in marriage last week and are now in California on a honeymoon.

Bill Bardenhagen of Grass Valley is helping at the Patien ranch while Ernest is away.

Leo Lang was in Madras Thursday and Friday for medical care for his eye because he had a piece of glass in one of them with resulting infection.

Mr and Mrs Charles Carrigan and Mrs Margaret Olson and Mrs Alma Werner were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

A bridal shower for Mrs W. D. Hanks (formerly Pat McCulloch) was given Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs Wm. Rees with Mrs Rees, Mrs Chas. Carrigan, and Miss Margaret Olson as hostesses. Mrs Hanks received many beautiful gifts which she opened to show the guests.

Refreshments were served. Here from out of town were Mrs W. C. Guyton of Dufur and Mrs W. Ethel McKinney of Madras.

Miss Margaret Olson went to Antelope with Mrs Eldon Borwick who was here for a shower.

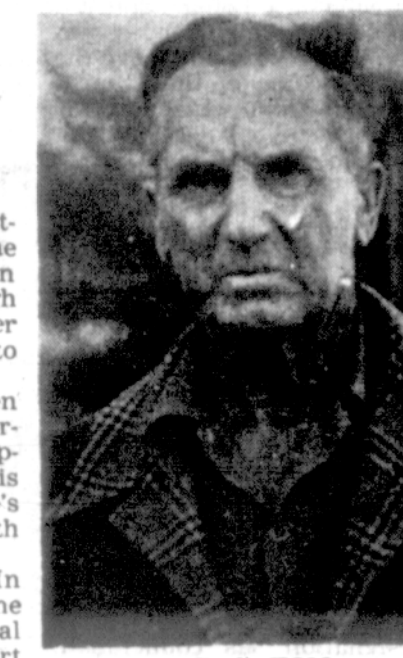
Mrs John Reeder was a visitor in The Dalles Sunday and Monday.

Next Sunday, Rev. E. E. Taylor of The Dalles expects to hold services at the school house again.

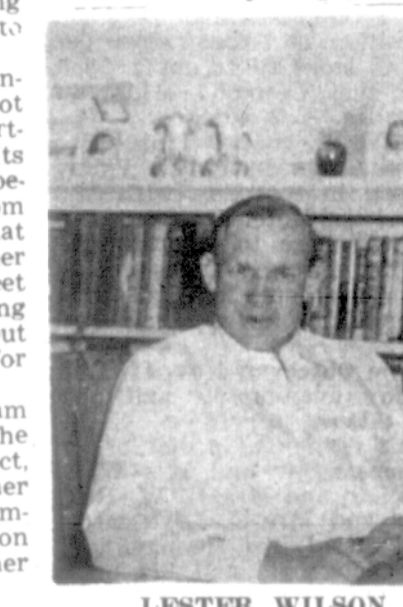
Dewey Lofton returned from Portland Tuesday after being in the hospital for several weeks.

Bob Hastings of Antelope was seriously injured Wednesday while working on a county road when he was in an explosion. He was started toward the hospital by his father and the ambulance was met between Moro and Grass Valley.

New County Court



C. A. TOM
County Judge



LESTER WILSON
County Commissioner

Bond Sale Postponed Because Of No Bids

The fact that no bids were received by the city for its bonds at the November 3rd meeting will result in readvertisement of the bond sale, according to attorney opinion. At the council meeting Tuesday night of this week it was voted to readvertise and to open bids the night of December 7. Many small towns are issuing bonds and small issues are not generally liked by investors. The city has also been advised to delay until the state's new pension scheme problems had been settled. It is feared that if property be asked to bear that burden it would result in higher interest rates and reduced security.

The council agreed to give Kenneth Zachary an option on the city's lots in Block 5, original town of Moro, which includes the old Moro Hotel site and the lots across the creek.

Missionary Society Holds Election

The Missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs Maggie Barnum, and elected new officers for the year. Chosen were: Mrs Inez Thompson, president; Mrs Florence Thompson, vice-president; Mrs Eva Lamb, secretary; Mrs Leta Eslinger, treasurer; Mrs Maggie Barnum, stewardship sec.; Mrs Lucille Gearhart, education sec.; Mrs Nina Pinkerton, literature sec.; Mrs Leona Cauters, Spiritual Life sec.; Mrs Edith Burnett, overseas sewing sec.; Mrs John Parker, membership sec.; William Gearhart, youth sec.; Mrs Edna Paulson, children sec.; Mrs Anna Moore, church sec. There were 25 present and four guests.

Next Sunday the society will sponsor a movie at the church at 7.30. The movie chosen is "Beyond Our Own" that was adjudged the movie of the week early this year.

Church Choir Sings For Own Program

The Community church choir gave a program and party at the school house last Friday night featuring songs of different nations. The choir itself, the quartets and other singing groups sang numbers and each of the three lower grade rooms appeared in skit or song. Harry Pinkerton acted as master of ceremonies.

Later lunch was served by the Mariner's club and dancing was enjoyed.

Glen Virtue has been ill most of this week and has not been working on the highway crew.

Mr and Mrs Harry Heising and daughter of Culver spent the weekend as guests of Mr and Mrs Dell Olds.

Clyde Gillmor was in Dufur the first of the week to assist state highway crews there to lay some new city streets.

Club Hears Latest About Health Problem

"The United States is short of doctors because medical schools cannot graduate enough for the nation's needs," says Dr. H. T. Osterud of the Wasco-Sherman health unit, before the Sherman County club Wednesday night.

"There are only 70 accredited medical schools in the nation and 4650 doctors are graduated each year. There should be 42,000 more doctors and new schools are being opened to increase them," said the doctor, principal speaker at the club's health program which was arranged by Mrs Helen Bruckert.

In Oregon, said Dr. Osterud there is one doctor for 745 persons while the average for the nation is one to 667. Six new schools will soon be opened including one at the University of Washington which will help the northwest greatly.

A report on the activities of the club regarding health was made which showed that the erection of a hospital here would probably not be feasible even with the government subsidy. A doctor may be found who will come to Sherman county and the VFW ambulance provides speedy service to hospitals in The Dalles.

Further report on the information derived from the visit of Miss Elin Anderson was made. She had said that a health nurse in preventive medicine can care for 5000 persons and in Sherman county could do some home nursing, that many pre-payment plans are not satisfactory and suggested that the county work toward obtaining a full time nurse, then some whole or part time diagnostic service for both physical and mental cases and lastly try to obtain equipment for hospitalization.

Mrs A. H. McIntyre reported for the health association and told of the service it renders to the citizens. Three quarters of the funds raised stay in the county and about \$2000 are on hand now. Next year the mobile unit for tuberculosis x-rays will come to the county again and lunch programs are being furthered.

There was brief debate on the matter of approving a tax levy for the purpose of subsidizing a doctor in the county. A committee was named with Mrs Bruckert, chairman and C. A. Tom, Bill Hall, A. A. Dunlap, and Mrs George Wilson members to find out public sentiment on the question.

The next meeting will be held at the Moro Hotel, Wednesday morning at 6:30, November 22. The subject will be the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and Paulen Kaseberg, vice-president, will be chairman for the meeting.

Farm Lands In Oregon Getting Old

Farm lands of the state are showing unmistakable signs of age.

That is the belief of Arthur S. King, soil conservation specialist at OSC, who points out that probably one million acres of land in the state would profit by an early application of some commercial fertilizer.

Much Oregon farm land has now been cropped for more than 100 years. Since each year's crop takes a substantial quantity of minerals from the soil, each farm year emphasizes the need for replacing the soil minerals with commercial fertilizers, King declares.

King believes that farmers are becoming increasingly aware of the toll in soil minerals that has been taken over the years, because of the great jump in commercial fertilizer sales that has been registered in recent years. In 1939, for example, King says only 18,600 tons of commercial fertilizer of all types were consumed. By 1947, sales had reached 125,000 tons, not counting lime.

The extension soils specialist predicts a continued increase in the amount of commercial fertilizer consumed. He declares that all the nitrogen, for example used in the state now figures out to a per acre usage of just three pounds. On the old lands of northern Europe, meanwhile, that have similar soil and climate needs were recently figured at 50 pounds of nitrogen to the acre.

Future expansion in fertilizer use will come first in nitrogen. King predicts, followed by increased use of phosphorus and potash.

Stores and offices in Moro were closed Armistice Day with few exceptions and most of the business men attended the football game between Moro and Madras for championship of the B school district.