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These Things We Note

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An elderly gentleman who had smoked cigars — and good ones — for over fifty years refused one recently. He explained that he had been in a hospital and his doctor had told him to stop smoking.

"What did you do when told that?" he was asked. "I quit," he said.

There wasn't any self pity connected with his answer, and apparently no quibbling with the doctor for the necessity of quitting smoking. He is a man used to exerting self discipline, and has become prominent.

We wonder if winning a 90-day strike is sufficiently stimulating to the ego to make up for the loss to the pocketbook.

A weather man has prophesied that the west will get some bad storms this winter. So. It was not long ago that about this time of year or a little before some enterprising reporter could be relied on to find a talkative Indian who would foretell a hard winter. The Indian, known for the benefit of city readers as "Chief," something or other and thereafter referred to as "Lo" just to be sophisticated and a bit irreverent about poetry, would say that the leaves turned red early or the badgers had big fur or the moon looked pink or something like that and that the winter would surely be hard.

Indians used to be considered very good weather prophets. That was another day. Now we rely on the weather man who is listed as a scientist. Science is our new hocus-pocus. The human race has had lots of them, witches, old men, necromancers, medicine men to mention a few.

Like elections we can tell more about winter when they are over.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Proverbs XVI:32

"The Moving finger writes; and having writ Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

If, as some one good enough to get his article in Harper's said, a political party is merely method of obtaining control of government the Republicans should formulate a platform more generous than that of the Democrats, more in favor of central government, giving more in money; taking more in liberties.

If a political party can afford principles the Republican party should continue to stand for less government, less taxes, less encroachment on the rights of individuals and stay with it until the believers in collectivism fall of their own weight.

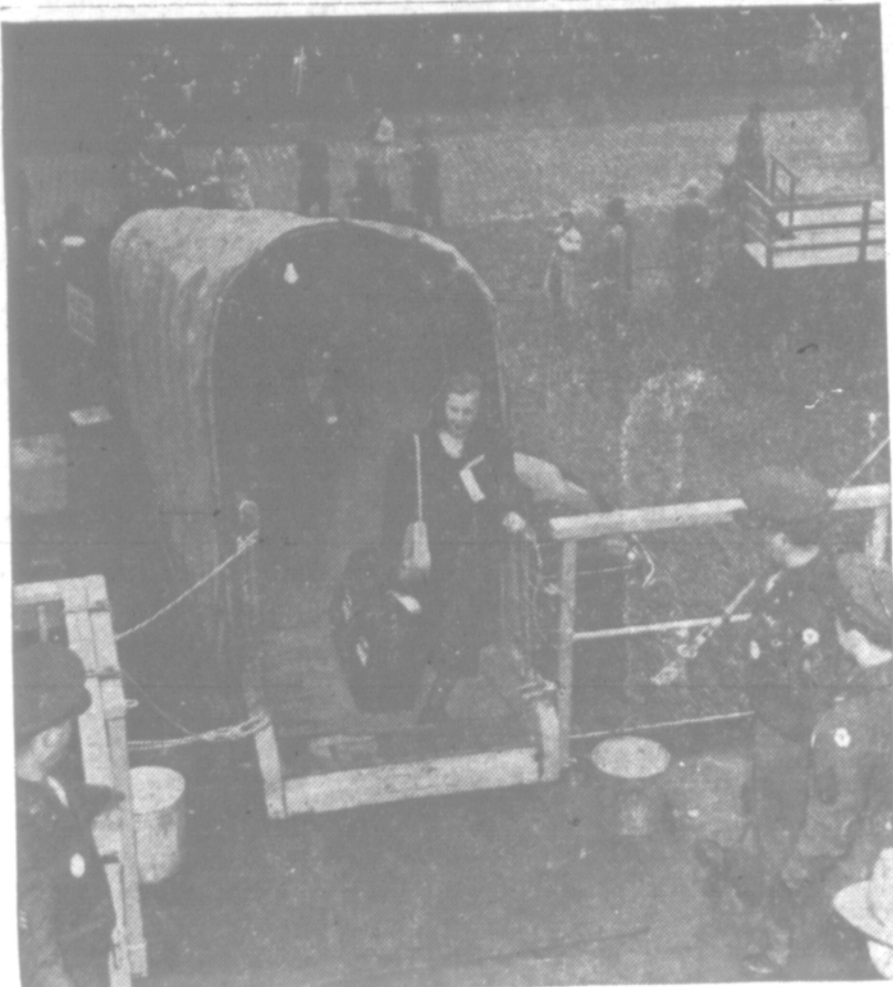
The ability to peer into the future has not been given the writer. What is going to happen tomorrow or next year or in the next century is as dark as if a deep fog had settled down. We suspicion the same fog hangs over many others who write of the future—or who refrain.

"She was all will and a yard wide."

Do you suppose prices will ever go down as fast as they go up? We won't like it.

That four inches of snow was a surprise. It is not impossible for it to snow in November as those whose memory goes back to 1919 will remember. It was the weekend before Thanksgiving when a couple of feet of snow fell and choked the Columbia River highway with shot-like snow.

Some cars just stayed there for weeks.



THRESHOLD OF A NEW LIFE . . . This photograph was taken at Bremerhaven, Germany, as the first of 205,000 displaced persons boarded ship for the United States and a new way of life. Janina Cernasaitis, a 13-year-old parentless Lithuanian girl, is understandably bewildered by the commotion which attended her boarding of the U. S. army transport General Black on her way to the promised land.

About the County

Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley and daughters, Eileen and Carolyn, and son, Duane, and Mr and Mrs Charles Lemley, Duane and Eileen left from there for Eugene to return to the university.

Mrs. Harry Young and the twins left last week on the stream liner for Chicago to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs E. E. Kennedy for several months.

Mr and Mrs Wallace May and son, Clarence, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ted Ball.

The Social club of Sherman chapter OES are having a bazaar December 10 at 2 o'clock in the Masonic hall, lunch will be served and there will be door prizes.

Mr and Mrs Dick Earl of Pendleton arrived Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr and Mrs James Earl, returning to Pendleton thata even ing.

Mrs Arch Cantrall and her mother, Mrs. Leo Everett, and Mrs. A. Dunlap went to The Dalles Saturday where Mrs. Everett took the bus for her home in Ontario after spending a week here with them.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles Thanksgiving day were Mr and Mrs Earl McKinney and family of Ione Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett and son Keith, Starr Ruggles of Stayton, Mrs. William Cauthers of Moro and Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles.

Mr and Mrs Ted Trimble, Alton Olds, Fred Walker and Bill Bardenhagen were dinner guests Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr and Mrs Lewis Olds.

Mr and Mrs August Wassen miller and son of Tygh Valley spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Jacob Wassenmiller.

Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling are now driving a new Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, went to Portland Wednesday going to Sandy to spend Thanksgiving day and to have dinner with Mr and Mrs V. B. Eakin were Mr and Mrs Vernon Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Elton Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Owen Eakin and family and Mrs. Millard Eakin and children. Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and family left that evening for Portland on business returning Monday.

Ernest Meyer and son, Arden, of Gresham spent the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs Bernard Martin.

Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen was hostess at her home Saturday afternoon at a layette shower honoring Mrs. Keith DeCoursey. After the guests arrived a shower game was played with Mrs. DeCoursey winning the prize. The gifts were then brought in a clothes basket and opened by Mrs. DeCoursey, assisted by her sister, Marie von Borstel. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Perry had as their guests Thanksgiving Mr and Mrs Earl Olds, John and Barbara Alley, Mr and Mrs Herman Ziegler, Jimmy, Herman, Carl and Ina May Ziegler and Charlie Olds.

Raymond Crews came home from Bombay, India, Friday and his son came up from Portland for the holidays and to be with his father Mr and Mrs Marion Crews were additional guests for the week end. Raymond is with an electric sales corporation in Bombay.

Students home from college Thanksgiving and the weekend were David Bayer and Jimmy Ziegler from Oregon State, Herman and Carl Ziegler and Harry Hartley from EOCCE, Herman Peters and James Hartley from Willamette university, Duane and Eileen Lemley from the university in Eugene. They have all returned to their respective schools.

Mrs. Jerry Coyle and daughter, Verna June, had Thanksgiving dinner with her son, Alton Coyle and family.

AAA Elections Start Next Week For Officers

The county AAA office announces that farmer-committee elections will be held by mail during December 10 to 15th. At these elections committee members will be chosen to administer the Agricultural Conservation Program and related programs for 1949 will be chosen. Delegates will also be elected to attend the county convention or the purpose of electing a county committee. These committeemen represent the farmers in their communities and in the county in making recommendations on farm programs.

WHEAT LOAN ENDING

The closing date for applying for wheat and barley loans and purchase agreements is December 31, 1948. Samples of farm stored grain for loan, should be submitted prior to December 15th to allow time for return of the grade certificate. The completed loan notes must be in the hands of the lending agency in sufficient time to permit disbursement not later than January 15, 1949.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr and Mrs Chester Smith came home from a month spent at the home of her sister in Santa Ana, California. Monday. Their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs John Wilson brought them home after spending Thanksgiving in California.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Gillmor spent Thanksgiving in Portland with their son Robert and daughter, Gertrude, Mrs. W. E. Harms.

A marriage license was issued in The Dalles to Clyde Fridley 23, and Barbara McConaughy, 20, both of Wasco.

The general health of Ormond Hilderbrand and Mrs. Marie Cooper was found to be good at the Mayo clinic and some help could be given Dale McLaughlin from arthritis.

Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson were Thanksgiving guests at the home of her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs Sam Van-Vactor in The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Paulen Kaseberg had her father, T. M. Morse of Eugene and also Mrs. F. M. Carter as Thanksgiving Day guests.

Mr and Mrs Herman Peters had as dinner guests Thanksgiving. Herman Peters Jr., Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Mr and Mrs Harold Owens, and daughter, Carol Ann, Henry and John Peters and Arden Peters.

Miss Anna Schwartz accompanied her nephew, Art Bucholtz and family to Portland Friday to attend the golden wedding celebration of Mr. Bucholtz's parents, Mr and Mrs O. H. Bucholtz.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews had as their guests Thanksgiving Mr and Mrs Frank Ketter and daughter, Marlene, Mr and Mrs Steve Ketter from Tacoma, Wn., Mr and Mrs Tom Garrett and Jack Garrett. Callers in the evening were Mr and Mrs Clarence Young from Yakima, Wn., and Miss Lucille Peetz from The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Dick Holdaway and daughter, Doris, of Moro were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Jesse Helyer.

Among the business visitors in The Dalles Monday were Mr and Mrs Bruce Alley, Mrs. Ed Alley, Mrs. John Block, Mr and Mrs James Easter and sons Larry and Roy, Stephen and Janice Bibby.

Mr and Mrs Charles Perrigo had as dinner guests Thanksgiving her parents Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer, Mr and Mrs Claud Bay and small son, Keith and David Bayer, Mrs. Scott Whitwood of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs James Phifer and daughters of Shaniko.

OVESON'S HOSTS

The new house on the experimental station was open for visitors last Sunday afternoon with the Ovesons and Clarence Huls acting as hosts to nearly two hundred persons who came to see the new house and inspect the new gadgets incorporated in it. The house is complete with the exception of a very few pieces of hardware and the linoleum and land where they spent a week on business.

Wheat League Committees Ask Full Parity

Five committees worked thru Monday & Tuesday formulating recommendations to be presented to major committees of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Condon this week end.

These recommendations are reviewed briefly here and are expressive of the thinking of Sherman county wheat league members only. The Federal Agriculture program committee under O. G. Hilderbrand asked for continued support of dams on the Columbia, a changed crop insurance, full parity for wheat, education about price supports (which do not in crease prices materially) soil conservation research and education and the committee favored the school lunch program.

The Youth Activities committee with Lawrence Kaseberg as chairman talked of the wheat league stock show mostly agreeing to let Washington counties into the show on payment of costs, favored smaller type of steers, wanted June 6-7-8 for 1949 show dates, the Oregon state baling contest and the certified seed contest. Teaching of soil conservation in schools found favor.

Kenneth Fridley's taxation and legislation committee asked for a change in the county high school law whereby the county school would be superceded, felt that enough school funds were being raised if well expended, opposed any attempt to use income tax revenue for other than property tax relief, wanted changes in the initiative law to prevent more pension fiascos, favored a business tax and compulsory strike settlement.

The Production and Transportation committee with Dewey Thompson as chairman advocated use of chemicals to kill weeds and cooperation between farmers and county road departments. Active use of the weed law was recommended. The fight against smut should be continued, freight rates reduced, laboratories aided.

The Wheat Disposal and Market Development committee under Wendell Balsiger asked Commodity Credit aid for building new elevators, immediate removal of grain from country storage, lowered freight rates, industrial use of wheat, research leading to more wheat export and feeding of grains.

Nimrods To Convene Dec. 11, Grass Valley

Sportsmen of the county will meet at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley Saturday night, December 11 to greet the members of the Deschutes Sportsmen's council which will hold a meeting with the Sherman County Rod & Gun club at that time and place, says B. H. Robertson, president.

There will be a dinner served at seven o'clock which will be followed by a program. Expected are Charles Lockwood state game supervisor, and Ole Larson, president of the Deschutes council. Hunting and fishing clubs from Bend to The Dalles are included in the Deschutes group which is interested in bettering game conditions and legislation concerning them.

Shrine Club To Dine - Dance

As a feature of the Christmas season the Mid-Columbia Shrine club is sponsoring a ladies' night dinner-dance to be held at the Gold room in The Dalles at 6:30 p. m. Friday, December 10, said President Walter L. Van Horn.

Club uniforms in the recent order have arrived and are available to members at the McFadden Auto Parts store in The Dalles.

The regular Friday noon luncheons have been cancelled for December 3 and 10.

The club, with members from Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties expects to be well represented at the Ceremonial in Portland December 4 and will take a class of candidates.

Mrs. Ethel Catterson, mother of Mrs. Donald Martin was here for Thanksgiving with her daughter. She was returned to Crane by the Martins this week.

Mrs. Blaine Miller State Canning Champion

A lovely turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by the ladies of Harlandview grange when the Pomona grange met at Harlandview Saturday November 27 at noon. Louis Sather, who is Pomona master presided at the meeting following the dinner. There were nine members from Rufus attending. The various committees gave their reports. Home Ec. chairman of Harlandview, Mrs. Walt Bruckert reported they have the champion food canner, Mrs. Blaine Miller who won first prize in the recent state grange canning contest. It was voted to hold a joint installation of officers on Dec. 14 at eight p. m. The literary program was under the direction of Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Pomona lecturer. First was song by all, "Come Thou Almighty King." Each member was called upon to tell things to be thankful for. A reading by Althea Burnett. A skit was given by Mr and Mrs Leo Watkins. All members sang, "Now The Day is Over." There was a contest of making turkeys out of paper with Mrs. Richard Bruckert being the winner.

Woman's Club Hears About Library

Following a short business meeting of the Moro Woman's club Friday afternoon November 26, Mrs. Orville Hockman, director presented a very interesting program. Miss Mary Frances Gilbert, librarian of the Wasco county library sketched a number of new books and discussed the Wasco county setup. She also explained the regional library plan, an idea that Miss Stephens of the state library would like very much to see tried in rural districts.

Four letters were selected from those written by fifth and sixth grade pupils on "Why I would like to have a library in Moro." Those reading letters were Carol Burnett, Jimmy Lamb, Margaret Shearer and Roy Cyphers. Other letters were on the board for club members to read. It is hoped that Moro will be able to reactivate the library under some plan before long.

The next meeting of the club will be the annual silver tea for the children farm home and also gifts for children at the Doernbecher hospital. Mrs. Truman Strong is program chairman.

More Clubbers Have Calves To Fatten

More club calves than before are in the hands of 4-H clubbers this fall being readied for show and sale at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League event in The Dalles next June or for the state fair or the Pacific International. Many youngsters not heretofore participants in beef club work have taken calves. The list follows.

Donald Miller, Rufus, Angus; Roger Miller, Rufus, Hereford; Arnold Miller, Rufus, Hereford; Jerry Brackett, Rufus, Angus.

From Wasco, Billy Coats, Angus; & Hereford; Sally Fields, Angus; Larry Kaseberg, 2 Angus & 2 Herefords; Douglas Alley, 2 Angus & 1 Hereford; Buddy Root, Angus & Hereford; Billy Root, Angus & Hereford; Donald McIntyre, Angus.

From Grass Valley, Rodney Rolfe, Angus & Hereford; Ronald Rolfe, Angus & Hereford; Clarence May, Angus & 2 Herefords; Alfred Kock, 2 Herefords; Duane Eakin, 3 Shorthorns; Merle Eakin, 3 Shorthorns; Franklin McKay, Angus & Hereford.

From Kent, Gordon Helyer, Angus & 2 Herefords; Vern Mobley, Hereford; Keith Mobley, Hereford; Kenneth Bekkadahl, Hereford; Ross Norton, Hereford; John Decker, Hereford; Leroy Martin, 2 Herefords.

From Moro, Edwin Balsiger, 2 Angus & Hereford; David Wright, 3 Herefords; Nicky Wright, 2 Angus; Diane Christianson, 2 Herefords & a sheep project; Damon Twitty, 3 Herefords & a pig project; Gary Miller, Hereford; Sharon Coons, Hereford; Tons Miller, Hereford.

Those starred are new members.

Tax Collections 97.9% of Roll For 1948-9 Here

Tax turn-over of 1948-49 taxes was made by Sheriff Norman Fields Wednesday, December 1 and Treasurer Naomi VanGilder signed a receipt for \$265,674.10 for taxes collected up to that time. The above amount is the turn over in cash. In addition to this \$8,197.28 was given in rebates making the total discharged from the tax roll \$273,871.38. This is 97.9 percent of the total roll of 280,735.81.

Every county fund will benefit from the tax collection. The county fund will get \$331,871.90; the Rural School district fund \$60,103.94 and school districts as follows: Biglow \$1464.21; Rufus \$14,909.69; Emigrant \$1,616.05; Wasco \$21,527.22; Kent \$17,370.23; DeMoss \$1,248.36; Moro \$10,549.10; Harmony \$2,051.97; Boardman \$925.32; Grass Valley \$13,550.65. The Non-High school district gets \$6,846.09.

The special road fund will be increased by \$36,729.80 and the road fund by \$33,146.38. Town road districts will get: Wasco \$875.56; Moro \$749.76; Grass Valley \$527.41. In addition the towns will get a part of the special road fund: Wasco \$970.22; Moro \$830.82; Grass Valley \$584.43.

Towns will have their treasures enriched as follows: Wasco \$4,554.16; Moro \$1600.84 and Grass Valley \$1,268.63.

A little less than \$500 was collected on delinquent taxes that was turned over at the same time most of it going to the special road fund and the county fund. No large amount of delinquent taxes exist in Sherman county at present.

Remaining to be collected on the 1948-49 roll is \$6,864.43. The taxes for the current year are higher than they have been since the end of the last war when taxes were high. At that time there was a state tax in addition to county road and school taxes to be paid by property owners. For nearly ten years state taxes have been paid by the income tax collections and, in fact, many thousands of dollars returned to the county in addition.

Half County Wheat Now Under Loan

At the end of November the local AAA office had made 697 loans on wheat for a total of 2,143,673 bushels. Money loaned was \$4,353,509. In addition 81 loans were made on barley totaling 139,858 bushels and \$168,969. Also the office has issued 22 purchase agreements covering 108,000 bushels of wheat and 336 bushels of barley.

This means that with but a month yet to go the farmers of Sherman county have taken out loans on about half of the crop that they will sell. Some are waiting until the end of the loan period and December loans will undoubtedly increase the above total.

Southern Hemisphere Has Less Wheat

Wheat production in the Southern Hemisphere is below a year ago, according to the weekly grain review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. However, wheat supplies in the United States, on November one, are above a year ago.

Interest is increasing in the supplies of wheat from the Southern Hemisphere. The harvesting of wheat is just starting in Australia. The crop of that country is officially estimated at nearly 200 million bushels. This compares with 288 million bushels for the previous year. The Argentine wheat crop is estimated at about 184 million bushels. The total wheat crop for these two countries this year will be around 384 million bushels. This is considerably under last year's crop of 478 million bushels. The exports of wheat from Australia and Argentina, for the 11 month period prior to November 1, amounted to 188 million bushels. The National Economic Council in Argentina has recommended that this season's wheat crop at a price equivalent to \$1.50 a bushel.