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These Things We Note

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Folks shudder for us because we had the ignorance to return to frozen Oregon from "Sunny" California. Without offering undue criticism of our southern neighbor, let's keep the record straight by reporting that it was neither warm nor sunny in California except perhaps for a few miles near the Oregon border.

If a count were made it is likely that there are more hours of sunshine in Sherman county than in most of California. It is really very sunny here; and we do have heating devices in our houses that keep the cold outside with reasonable efficiency. Were Sherman countians to spend as much time boasting about their own climate, production, living conditions, social opportunities as they do in planning to go some where else they would be happier.

California is a very fine state if one may judge from gazing at the white line they paint in the middle of their roads and catching glimpses about when traffic is thinner. It isn't so much bigger than Oregon, 156,000 square miles to our 96,000. It stretches a long ways and is varied in agriculture and industry. There is only a small percentage of the residents who go about in dark glasses, short pants or slacks and spend too much money. The glamour and artificiality are well confined to Los Angeles.

There are acres and acres, even whole counties of hill land that is sparsely covered with brush without being relieved by edible grass. Cattle are no better than Oregon's—if they would average as good. Much of California is drouth land, semi-arid, rainfalls of seven to 12 inches, hilly, brushy. Until the Spanish fathers taught irrigation it wasn't worth much. Men have made it, using advantageously the unstartling gifts of nature. They have done well. It is not agriculturally a state of small land owners. Big operators are the rule although there are exceptions. Some are very rich and some very poor. Men without finances would find many places with better advantages.

Most of the cities of California were started because the Spanish Fathers had established missions. These faithful churchmen came north from Mexico, walking mostly, and gathered the Indians around them and taught them to make adobe brick and hew timbers and work iron.

Then they had them build missions many of which still remain with four foot adobe walls, harder adobe floors and, believe it or not, doors of redwood that still shut tight and close. That's more than the modern builders go.

The "San" means a masculine saint and "Santa" means a female saint, so San Diego was named for a Father named Diego and Santa Barbara for Sister Barbara, who must have been a very lonesome girl in her barren room near the far-off Pacific. But she could occasionally travel 30 mileback miles down the coast to see Santa Bonaventura and perhaps there were others about her.

These Mission Indians who built these old adobe churches with the aid and advice of the Fathers were a peaceful tribe, small in stature. The land around the missions was later sold (at San Fernando for nine cents per acre, or \$14,000 for the whole valley) and the Indians sent to poorer land in the hills where most of them died. Let here a word be said for Indians who scalped white men.

Californians who are recent residents—and most of them are—for few can tell you anything about the history of the place—have made odd use of the old Spanish names that are so beautiful and that often seem to fit more correctly than anything in English. There are "Del Mars" a long way from the sea and

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License Examiner Due January 13

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Thursday, January 13, 1949, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Masons, O. E. S. Elect Officers

Installation of officers for the Masons and Eastern Star was done at a meeting here Tuesday evening with ceremonies marking the retirement of old officers and inauguration of new. James Roberson gave two piano solos, Gwen Ross two accordion solos and Priscilla Melzer a pianologue. A degree was conferred on Matron Elsie Jones, and trio, Olive Young, Orflu Coons, Dorothy Moore, sang "Love Sends A Little Gift of Roses."

Mrs Pauline Douma, retiring worthy matron, was presented with a pin and also given a hand tooled leather bag by Kenneth Young.

Installed for the Masons were: Master, Lloyd Henrichs; Sr. Warden, Carrel Bennett; Jr. Warden, Donald Martin; Deacons, Clyde Gillmor and Max Barzee; Chaplain, Frank Sayrs; Stewards, Ronald Powell and Robert Belsh; Tiler, Eugene Amidon; Treasurer, Ross Ornduff; Secretary, Harry Pinkerton.

For the Eastern Star: Worthy Matron, Elsie Jones; Worthy Patron, Harry Pinkerton; Asso. Matron, Olive Young; Asso. Patron, Ronald Powell; Secretary, Edna Melzer; Treasurer, Marie Hoskinson; Chaplain, Edith Burnett; Marshal, Pauline Douma; Organist, Nina Pinkerton; Adah Porotha Moore; Ruth, Orflu Coons; Esther, Naomi Van Gilder; Martha, Genevieve Powell; Electa, Irene Fraser; Waruer, Rose Amidon; Sentinel, Eugene Amidon.

Preceding the installation a pot-luck dinner was served by the members of the Star.

Cattle Lice On Wintering Stock Cause Slow Gain

Customary increased lice activity on livestock during the winter months causes lowered animal vitality, poor gains, and slow calf growth, state two O. S. C. entomologists—Don C. Mote and Robert W. Every—who point out why dipping their stock is essential.

Now is the best time to control lice, the entomologists declare. Lice numbers are at a seasonal low this time of the year. Also, winter hair coats on animals have not yet reached their full development, allowing better penetration with smaller amounts of spray and dip materials.

Both Mote and Every state that dipping is effective and satisfactory where large herds are handled, making vat building practical. In smaller herds, however, they say that spraying is most frequently used.

In both spraying and dipping complete coverage of the animal's body is fundamental to rid it of lice. One treatment will generally give control.

DDT and rotenone are the two insecticides being recommended for cattle lice control. The entomologists recommended that farmers and ranchers consult their local county extension agent for spray and dipping formulas.

Although it is effective, dusting is only recommended on herds where a few head are to be treated. About six to eight ounces of dust will be required for each animal.

Cattlemen who expect to control both lice and grubs with a single application are advised that DDT will not control grubs. Rotenone is effective for both lice & grubs however.

Lewis McKee has bought a stock farm near Battle Ground, Wash., and is moving there on a part time basis. He will be in his place here part of the time and will harvest his crop. It is understood that Vernon Miller may lease the farm land this fall.

Aeroplane Turns Over In Field

Fred Holman of The Dalles, flying a Piper Cub from Redmond to his home port was caught in a snow storm last Saturday evening. He had been following the Deschutes but pulled eastward and tried to land on the level land just north of the Frank Sayrs home. He was doing very well, reports Sheriff Fields, when he hit a fence and was upset. Some damage resulted to the plane but only minor injuries to Mr. Holman.



BOTTOMS UP... One thing about babies—as one would ever accuse them of being self-conscious. As an example, here is young Robert Slinger of Shirlington, Va., completely nonchalant.

U. P. Has New Stock Shipment Plan Underway

The Union Pacific railroad, to improve livestock service for Oregon stockmen, will inaugurate a combined livestock special train after January 1, which will load stock from western Idaho and eastern Oregon points to arrive at North Portland stockyards each Saturday evening, it was announced today by C. W. Evers, traffic manager, northwestern district.

The livestock special will leave Nampa each Friday at 1 p. m., scheduled to arrive at North Portland at 10 p. m. each Saturday. Eastern Oregon stock will be loaded each Friday, at main and branch line points to connect with this train.

The new schedule will benefit shippers and commission firms alike by providing a day's time for sorting and properly conditioning stock for sale on Monday's market.

Ralph Brisbine is home again after a seige in the hospital. He is not well but improving.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Post-Holiday Scenes Reported at Rufus

The holidays have come and gone. Most of the Christmas trees, once with gay and glamorous looks, having served their purpose, have been cast aside to lay in back yards.

Many happy gatherings with relatives and friends were enjoyed, but with the start of the New Year, visitors departed for home, and the college students left to resume their respective courses. The parents will all feel better after hearing their loved ones arrived safely. With the weather hazards, it was hard to see the children leave.

Most all week, the ground has been frozen, but New Year's eve, there was a big rain in this part of the county, making the roads muddy on New Year's day. However, after a couple of days with temperatures around 12 degrees there is a bit of snow and ice on the ground, making the roads slippery.

Rufus school had new fluorescent lights installed during the holidays.

The Rufus grange held "Watch Party" at the grange hall New Year's eve. Not a very large crowd attended, but a good time was reported by those attending. Card games were in play, and after a grand pot luck supper, square dancing was enjoyed until quite a while after Baby New Year arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dingle and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg of The Dalles. They all enjoyed a good time.

Felicitations are extended Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler of Hermiston on the birth of a daughter, Kay Francis. The baby who weighed seven pounds and 10 ounces at birth, was born December 27 in The Dalles. The other daughters names are Jerry Lou and Barbara Jean. Mrs. Butler and new daughter are staying with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson in Rufus until Mrs. Butler gets her strength back. Maternal grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson of Rufus and Mrs. Elizabeth Butler and Michael Butler of Dennison, Iowa.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Church who own the Rufus Auto court were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Knighten and daughter, holidays here with their parents.

Darlene of Wecoma, which is near Ocean Lake, and Mrs. Lawrence Gnos and children, Milton, Donald, Mary and Maureen. Mrs. Knighten and Mrs. Gnos are daughters of the Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Clarke and son, George, of Portland who spent their Christmas vacation with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke at Roosevelt, Washington, came to spend their New Year's vacation with Mrs. Clarke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson at Rufus.

It was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson New Years when some of their children were able to come for dinner and spend some time. Those coming were Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Van Gaasbeck (Florence) and family of Blaylock; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Thompson and family of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Clark (Dorothy) and family of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thieson (Inez) and a cousin of Harold's from eastern Washington.

Mrs. John Mathieson entertained the Womens Missionary Society of the Rufus church at her home Friday evening. Mrs. Barger was a guest for the evening.

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Grass Valley Folk Entertain on Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alley, Mr. and Mrs. B. Alley and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and John and Barbara Alley were dinner guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry honoring the birthday anniversary of Mr. Perry. The evening was spent playing bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Smith and Mr. Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, were dinner guests Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry were dinner guests last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds came over later and the evening was spent playing pinochle.

Herman and Carl Ziegler and Harry Hartley left Sunday for La Grande where they are students at Eastern Oregon college of Education. They had spent the holidays here with their parents.

George Wilson, Bill Hall Elected Officials SCC

Election of George Wilson as vice-president and Bill Hall as secretary-treasurer was done by members of the Sherman County club who met Wednesday noon at the Moro Hotel. Election was made necessary by the removal of Merrill Oveson from the county and the resignation of John Foss as secretary.

It was agreed that for January and February meetings would be held on the first and third Wednesdays at noon at the hotel.

Introduced were C. A. Tom, newly installed county judge, Lester Wilson, new county commissioner, and Vernon Miller, holdover commissioner. Retiring county judge and retiring commissioner Joe Peters were also called on for a few remarks. George Mitchell, new superintendent of the experimental station was also introduced.

Program topics for the next few meetings were suggested. Study of the interim committee reports on highways and game management may be used.

Antelope Man Hurts Shoulder In Fall

An ambulance came screeching through Moro last Friday without slacking speed and in half an hour it came back north on the same breakneck schedule. No one could find anyone missing around Grass Valley. Later it was learned that the ambulance had met a car from Antelope bearing Dick Hahn of that town who had received a shoulder injury while riding a horse.

Non-High School Budget Approved

A non-high school budget calling for \$19,875 and tax of \$18,458.38 was approved by the budget board at its meeting Tuesday of this week and published in this issue. This is a higher budget than usual for this board despite the fact that the territory has become smaller. Grass Valley and Districts 1 and 4 are the only remaining non-high territories.

The board expects to start the school year next July 1 with a deficit of \$1500. Tuition will be \$15,400, transportation \$3,350 and an emergency fund of \$1000 is provided.

Hearing on the budget will be held January 31 at the court house.

Six 'Hot' Tips On Winter Hazards

Six "hot" tips on safe driving in the kind of weather that has been plaguing Oregon motorists recently are contained in a leaflet now being distributed by his office in an effort to center attention on the dangers of slippery highways. Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has announced.

"Freezing weather is invariably accompanied by a wave of 'skidding' mishaps, most of them the result of unweariness or lack of know-how," Newby declared.

The leaflet, "Winter Winners," was prepared by the National Committee on Winter Driving Hazards. Results of numerous studies have been boiled down to simple safety suggestions designed to help the average driver recognize and cope with the dangers of rain, sleet, or snow.

In an effort to reach all who need reminders, Newby suggested careful attention to the following pointers:

1. Get the "feel" of the road before you start out by trying your brakes while driving slowly and away from traffic.

2. Adjust speed to road and weather conditions. Slow down on wet, snowy and icy roads so you can stop when you have to.

3. Use tire chains on ice and snow. They cut down braking distances as much as 40 or 50 percent. Not a cure-all for winter accidents, but they will help a careful driver.

4. Keep windshield and windows clear of snow and ice, fog and frost. Be sure headlights, windshield wipers, and defrosters are in good working order.

5. When you have to stop, pump your brakes up and down—jamming them on may lock them and throw your car into a skid.

6. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance—remember it takes from three to twelve times as long to stop on snow and ice as it does on dry concrete.

War Brides May Secure Citizenship

Two years of residence with their husbands in the United States is the prime requirement for naturalization of alien war brides, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs was informed this week.

Checking with the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, the state veterans agency learned that war brides who entered this country under Public Law 271 of the 79th Congress, which authorizes the entry on a non-quota basis of women who married American servicemen overseas, have a two-year waiting period before they may apply to become citizens.

They must, however, be married and living with their husbands during this time. Divorce or separation because of death or for other reasons, will cause another years' extension of the waiting period, the immigration bureau said. Citizenship is not compulsory, it was pointed out.

The so-called war bride act expires this December 31, as does the alien finance act. Wives or fiancées of servicemen or veterans actually must be on United States soil to meet the deadline.

At the end of the waiting period the applicant for citizenship reports to the naturalization bureau where her legal entry will be verified, and tests given regarding her knowledge of the English language and of American history and civics. The war bride

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County Judge, Commissioner Sworn To Offices

Curtis A. Tom of Rufus and Lester Wilson of Kent held up their right hands Wednesday morning before County Clerk Ross Ornduff and swore to uphold the constitution of the United States, the state of Oregon and to do the best job they could as county judge and county commissioner, respectively. Upon which they were duly seated and began on county work.

A review by the clerk of the December proceedings gave them something of the background and former Judge J. M. Wilson and commissioner Joe Peters offered advice from the sidelines. Vernon Miller remains to keep contact with previous business.

Judge Tom was presented with what appeared to be a silver gavel with which to conduct his official affairs during his six year term.

Delegations included Harold White with a new oil contract, Ted Ball, who asked for appointment of a 4-H club agent for the county, T. S. Reese who wanted his road finished.

The old court had recommended that Scott canyon road be designated to be improved under the federal match-money plan for secondary roads and the state highway commission had preferred the extension of the Fulton canyon road. The court may attend the next highway commission meeting to argue its point. It was said that there would be \$100,000 spent in the county on this type of work within the next two years.

The treasurer's report showed \$103,348.18 on hand, being soon after the tax turnover. This was divided \$23,701 in the general fund, \$27,956 in the road fund and \$11,006 in the non-high school fund and many lesser funds.

Norman Fields was renominated as county trustee officer, Kenneth Fridley was reappointed as fair board member for three years. No appointments were made for the DeMoss park board as the court expressed intent to find some local citizens interested in improving the park. The county court has been acting as the park board.

As sort of "old guard fatigue" the retiring members of the court were named as road viewers long with James T. Brown, road foreman, who was also continued in his position. Judge Tom expressed a desire to know what the road crew was doing and asked for a monthly report from Brown, who said he is compiling such a statement.

Br-r-r Brother, It's Been Cold!

It has been cold.

The above is not written in feeling but the statement has a scientific background. Based on records of the experiment station the last December with as low a mean (used advisedly) temperature as December of 1948 was back in 1924 when the mean was 24.0 degrees. The mean last December, as estimated by George Mitchell, superintendent, will be 26 or 27 degrees. Means are figured by the regional weather office, not locally.

However, December was not the coldest December on record. Thirteen Decembers have been colder, six with temperatures below zero and others with lower means. But they were long, long ago.

The year 1948 was favorable from the moisture standpoint as the calendar year brought an exact 16 inches of rainfall. The average is 11.29. Every month except October brought more than the normal rainfall and that month had but .56 inch whereas the normal is exactly one inch.

For the crop year from September 1 to January 1 the moisture was also good. The past four months have brought 6.65 inches and the normal is 5.00, despite the dryness of October.

Roads are slippery with ice and snow and travel is at a minimum. Farmers are doing a little wondering about their crops some of which may be damaged although there is general optimism.

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