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These Things We Note

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With hardly a hard swallow the house has passed two bills that loosen up the Knox law to a greater extent than ever before. Some clubs can have master lockers which means that members can buy liquor whenever the club is open—which is pretty late.

Clubs (and the definition is much more liberal) can sell liquor without meals. Also appeals can be taken from the decision of the commission although not without closing the place while it is being taken.

The work was done by a new bunch, the members have gotten used to watching the old gang operate and being warned against them. It is not expected that the senate will be so easily fooled and that some of the easy drinking movement will be stopped there.

There is a lot of mis-information about CVA and the attitude of people regarding it. Actually no one is objecting to development of the Columbia river valley and it is expected that the federal government will do the most of it. The question is whether citizens of the northwest will retain some semblance of control over their destinies or whether the entire area will be managed from Washington.

So far no bill has been introduced that will leave any control in the northwest. Bills now written give the CVA authority control over all waters, all lands and practically over all government, local and state. The reason governors and legislators are objecting is that they don't like that plan.

There is a long time plan (1958) prepared by the army engineers, the interior department and others which provides for development of the Columbia valley without control. In many respects there is already more development here than in the vaunted Tennessee valley. More farmers, by two to one, have electricity here than there. The flood situation is completely controlled on the Tennessee because all lands that ever flooded there are now under water permanently. That is like curing the disease by killing the patient.

In Salem the days start with sunshine and end in dismal rain. Around town the fields are covered with water. Weeks pass like days. In the house there are few long winded speakers and even the most controversial measures can be brought to a vote in an hour or two. In the senate there are many men who can—and do talk an hour about anything. It is easier in that smaller chamber for one need not raise his voice. The long talkers seldom say much rambling on about matters only dimly related to the subject at hand. Actually an informed person can say all that is pertinent on a subject in ten or fifteen minutes.

Complete socialism would take all the income and (theoretically) give the citizen complete security. When tried it has failed. In some places it has succeeded in getting most of the money but the people get less than complete security. And the people, finding it unnecessary to be responsible for themselves, become supine and perform less work. That is the road to destruction.

Some demon for punishment has proposed that there shall be annual legislative sessions. It comes from a senate committee which embodies more of theory than of actual knowledge and is not likely to be passed. Now we resolve our problems in two year periods and would find it necessary to do so on a yearly basis under the scheme proposed. That is both unnecessary and expensive.

The urge for money, tax money is hitting Portland with talk of imposing business taxes or occupation taxes on most businesses of the town. That is an example of how anxious are administrators for more money.

Varied Bills of 45th Session are Discussed by Giles French

It doesn't look as if it was going to end very soon. Ways and means has not been able to cut down the budget. In fact, accurate reports are that the budget has grown from its original \$118,000,000 to a figure between \$128,000,000 and \$130,000,000. That is not uncommon for often the "hard, tough" men of ways and means prove themselves to be comparatively easy marks for the spenders.

Neither is it settled how either the original budget nor the additional sums are going to be paid. It must be realized that the \$12,000,000 increase for the basic school fund, the building funds for higher education and state departments, and the possible veteran's bonus have not been met. That will be more.

Whether the legislators will have the fortitude to send the levies to the people over the six per cent limitation or perpetrate some hocus-pocus with the income tax is not known either. Probably the present tendency is to do some sleight of law and use the funds in a moment of both illegality and immorality. It is an easy way.

In any event the taxpayers can reconcile themselves to spending more money for the state. Big money. They can either resolve to form a real taxpayers group and hire some able and experienced lobbyists and thus spend dimes, or they can continue to let the minority groups do all the talking and pushing. The latter way causes big budgets and big taxes.

Towns, especially in the valley, and particularly Salem, are opposing the senate bill that would stop highway work in cities until the state's major highways are completed. It isn't such a crazy proposal. The present plan of the highway commission is to spend \$7,500,000 right in Salem in a big, wide by-pass arrangement that would speed traffic through the town.

That is more money than the

commission would receive in one year from the new taxes on gasoline and licenses. Sixteen senators think that is poor business and they will undoubtedly be joined by a like proportion in the house unless the commission changes its plans. Intent of the bill, of course, is to obtain a hearing and a resultant change of plans.

The FEPC bill has finally passed without fanfare or gallery crowds. It is the best of such bills that have been proposed over a long period. It works in New York, New Jersey and other states where, oddly, there are few appeals to the board. Up-state legislators voted for it to let Mul-tomah county stew in its own juice and for purely political reasons. The breast beaters had the chance to prove their superiority to the minority groups by efforts to uplift them, the minorities have a law which will do little if any good and will do little to soften the inferiority complex which resulted in the agitation. Probably it will seldom be heard from again.

There is a better opportunity for passage of the bill revising the method of distributing highway funds than ever before. Some adjustment is distinctly possible as the highway interim committee of last session found great inequities. What it will be cannot be foretold at present but before another week rolls by it should be decided. Lake county made a good presentation at the hearing and other counties should have done so.

The bill to let the people vote on the county unit plan for schools is out of committee with a 6 to 5 vote. It now bears the referral clause. There are many good reasons for it especially as the state is pouring so much money into a school system that everyone admits is wasteful. But prejudice may win.

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

Rufus Gets Set Good Weather

Rufus—About two or three inches of snow lay on the ground, when the countryside awoke last Tuesday morning. Part of the snow melted that day, leaving the roads in a muddy condition. The ground had dried up pretty good until this snow fell, and the roads were being put in a more passable condition. Thursday night a big rain storm came, making the ground very muddy. Seems like it has rained every since, making the travelers keep a sharp eye out for all the ruts and mudholes. The school bus, however, has not missed a single day of making the hill route.

Rufus grange drill team put on the third degree at the Rufus grange hall Thursday evening. The meeting was opened by master E. C. Eaton who presided. After the business meeting ten candidates from Harlandview and four from Rufus were initiated. From Rufus the candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Church and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Warner. There were 17 people at Rufus from Harlandview, making 48 present for the supper which consisted of St. Patrick's Day Jello, cake, sandwiches and coffee. Many more people had planned on attending, but were unable to get there on account of the bad roads that night.

Mrs. William Macnab entertained the Community Sewing club at her home Wednesday afternoon. A business meeting was held and there was the election of officers. Mrs. Reatha Coats succeeded Mrs. Catherine Thomas as president. While Mrs. Alice Frid-

The man with the best record for guessing the date of the final gavel says it will come the night of April 9. That is a good guess and is probably on the quick side.

End of the pressmen's strike and advent of bulky Portland papers has made little effect on the legislature although it is easier to learn what went on the day before.

ley succeeded Mrs. Edna Macnab as secretary-treasurer. Two new members were taken into the club. They were rs. Frank LeMaster and Mrs. Frank Reid, who was a members a few years ago until she moved away, but now that she lives in The Dalles, she has become a member of the club again.

The two one act plays, put on by the Rufus high school students Friday night under the direction of Mrs. Ross was well attended. Several substitutions in the cast had to be made at the last minute, but the cast did remarkably well. It was announced that these plays were to give the students experience, and that a three-act play is underway and will be given some time in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom moved into their new home last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Warner will live in the old Tom home. Warner is employed by the Toms' and he together with Mrs. Warner left Sunday for Tigard to get some of their household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohn of The Dalles were Sunday guests of the E. L. Jordons.

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Sherman O.E.S. Has Birthday

The Sherman chapter the Order of Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall last Tuesday evening celebrating the 29th birthday of the chapter, with a pot luck and oyster supper with a good attendance of members and guests. A short program consisting of a pianologue, "Albert and the Lion" by Priscilla Melzer, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. V. B. Eakin gave a short history of the chapter and the past matrons and patrons told what year they were matron and patron. At the close of the program the chapter held a short meeting.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge met at the I.O.O.F. hall Wednesday evening for their regular meeting with Mrs. Charles Perrigo, noble grand, presiding. The Grass Valley lodge initiated four

Parents Entertained By Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts entertained their parents with stunts, inventions, handicraft exhibits and rap-books at a meeting Friday afternoon, March 18, at the school-house.

Awards were presented to wis Miller, Bear badge and gold and silver arrow; Ronnie Benson, Lion badge and gold arrow; Roy Cyphers, Bear badge and gold arrow; Nick Wright, gold and silver arrow; Johnny Gilman, gold and silver arrows; Jack Lamb, ver arrow; Jim Lamb, gold and silver arrows; Larry Thompson, Wolf badge; Jim Belshe, gold and silver arrows, and Dale Archer, gold arrow.

The Rev. W. W. Gearhart, cubmaster, paid tribute to Mrs. LeRoy Wright and Mrs. Michael Mulick, former den mothers. He also introduced the new den mothers, Mrs. Virgil Mathia and Mrs. Clarence Hulse.

Death Claims Former Resident

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, from the C. R. Callaway & Son chapel in The Dalles for Mrs. Wytal Pearl Jones of Rufus, who passed away Thursday, March 17.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Hulery family of Rufus and a former resident of Moro.

The Rev. E. Ernest Taylor and the Rev. Wycliffe E. Rice officiated.

Pallbearers were William Huck, Bruce Millard, Richard Dingle, Curt A. Tom, Ross Guilford and Tracy Fields of Rufus. Interment was in the Sunrise cemetery at Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss and son, George motored to the coast last Friday returning Sunday. George has decided not to move to the coast as the service station there will not be completed for some time. It was supposed to be ready March 1st.

candidates, Miss Marian Buchanan, Mrs. John Reakman, Mrs. Earl Hastings and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, of Kent, for the Wheatland lodge. A birthday party was held for those having birthdays in March who were Mrs. Wayne Kelly and Frank Bayer. Refreshment of cake, salad and coffee were served to 45 persons.

The Women's community club met at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe Thursday afternoon with 24 present. Guest speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Carl Tuggle of Wasco. She demonstrated her artistic work of table decorations. Karen Kelly and Barbara Blaylock gave a musical number. Mrs. Howard Conley of Moro gave a talk on foreign correspondence and Mrs. Ted von Borstel talked about the carnival of the Grass Valley community will hold at the pavillion Saturday, April 6, the proceeds to buy new chairs for the pavillion. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by Mrs. Ted Ball and Mrs. Charles Perrigo. The next meeting will be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall came up from Portland last Tuesday to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds a few days. Mrs. Minnie Squire of Gresham came up with them and will work for Mrs. Olds until she is able to do her work. Mr. and Mrs. Hall left Sunday for their home in Long Beach, Calif.

Gus Woods and Mr. Hayes of Prineville and Gordon Kunkle of Moro were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin.

Keith Barnett and Donald Schilling went home with Merle Eakin Friday after school to spend the week end as his guests celebrating his 12th birthday anniversary which was Monday March 21. Saturday evening they had dinner with birthday cake and ice-cream for dessert, and all went to the show in Grass Valley afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap left Sunday for Portland on business for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen were in The Dalles Thursday on business.

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Wheat Men Wage Rate Fight

CHICAGO—(Special)—Marion T. Weatherford, vice-chairman of the Oregon Wheat Commission told Interstate Commerce officials here that high freight rates are "a restrictive" influence on Northwest growers.



Marion T. Weatherford

An Arlington wheat grower and president of the Pacific Grain and Grain Products association of Portland, Weatherford heads a delegation of Northwest wheat men protesting a railroad request for a 13 per cent increase in freight rates. The ICC hearing here, one of several being held throughout the country, is confined to grain and cereal products.

Weatherford declared that the long freight haul from the Northwest and the cost of freight resulting from two previous increases had virtually cut the Northwest out of eastern markets. He added that a huge surplus could develop in the North west which would pose as a threat to the entire United States grain market.

"We don't believe," Weatherford said in an interview, "that the ICC or the people of the Middle West have a proper concept on the industry in the Northwest and its relation to production of wheat nationally."

If the Northwest finds itself without a wheat market, he explained farmers will go broke because they cannot shift to substitute crops. He pointed out that the mid-west farmer "can raise anything from soybeans to corn if wheat fails."

"Our farmers, because of climate, can't do this," he said. "We can raise only wheat."

Weatherford testified that the world wheat picture is changing that France and Russia have surpluses for export, and that less wheat will be needed for the aid program overseas.

The Wheat commission, along with dealers and millers, is financing this battle against another freight increase.

ENJOY SPRING VACATION

A number of the young people are home this week for spring from their college work. Bob Hoskinson, Donald Thompson, Allen Pinkerton from Oregon State, Glorio Douma from the University of Oregon and Bill Platt from E.O.C.A. at La Grande.

A SON IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace are parents of a son, Michael, born Friday, March 18. Little Mary Sue is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ginn.

ARE PROUD PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Channess of Redmond are parents of a son, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, mother of Mrs. Channess went to Redmond to stay for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy and son, Steven, of Portland were here last weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Edna Melzer. Steven remained with his grandmother for a week.

Two of the FHA girls, Evelyn Kirkelle and Martha Bardenhagen accompanied by Mrs. Omar Heitmeier and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs attended the state meeting in Corvallis last week.

Mrs. Clyde Gillmor is visiting in Portland this week with her daughter, Mrs. William Harms and her son, Robert Gillmor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Beckett and son, Paul, of Heppner were here for the weekend with Mr and Mrs. H. B. Roberson.

Sherman County Agent Named

Appointment of Thomas Thompson of Pendleton as county agricultural agent in Sherman has been confirmed by the Sherman county court, reported County Judge C. A. Tom.

The recommendation for the appointment came from Charles Smith, head of the Oregon county extension service.

Thompson was an outstanding agriculture student for three years at Oregon State college, Tom said.

Thompson will replace LeRoy C. Wright, Sherman county agent for nearly 12 years, who resigned effective March 15 to accept a position as agricultural agent in Baker county.

Wright is secretary of the Oregon Wheat Growers league.

Action Packed Curtain Friday

Over 60 fast 45-minute rounds of boxing and wrestling will keep spectators on the edge of their seats in the Moro gym Friday night, March 25 (tonight) when the elementary mitt tossers and grunt and groan experts go through their paces. Amateur boxing and wrestling are good clean sports much different from the spectacles made by the professionals.

All but a few of the boys enrolled in grade school from the first through the eighth grade participate as a part of their activities in physical education.

This is the fourth exhibition made in the last two years, the second during the current school year. The previous matches were held during the Sherman County fair last September when a full and enthusiastic house rained over \$100 into the ring to help the boys purchase athletic uniforms.

A majority of the bouts will be of three 45-minute rounds which do not tire the children unnecessarily and assures action-packed performances from start to finish. An added feature will be a Wrestling Royal where five boys of the intermediate classes mix it up on the mat at the same time. Two of the popular Battle Royals have been arranged, one with first and second graders performing and one with seventh and eighth graders. Curtain time has been called for 8:00.

Child Health Meeting In Moro, Monday

The Wasco-Sherman Public Health department will hold a Child Health Conference on Monday afternoon, March 28, 1949, 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. in the health room of the Sherman County Court house.

Appointments may be secured by contacting Elizabeth Rose, Moro.

In the morning of the same day the Wasco-Sherman Public Health department will conduct child health conferences from 9 to 12, in the council rooms. For appointments contact Mrs. A. H. McIntyre.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

County Assessor Alex Curry, and County School Superintendent Lovena S. Palmer of Condon were here calling on Sherman County officers Monday afternoon. Mr. Curry was looking over the tax system. Some features he thought adaptable but not the set up as a whole. Mrs. Palmer discussed the rural school district problems with Superintendent Knighten. Circuit Judge D. N. McKay accompanied them and visited friends in the courthouse.

SCHOOLS CLOSED FRIDAY

All schools in Sherman County will be closed Friday for the Teachers' Institute being held in Moro at that date. All the teachers in the county are to assemble for a discussion on Counseling and Guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Held and children of Beaverton visited part of this week with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Gearhart.

Mrs. Paul May and Mrs. A. H. Barnum attended the District convention of the Rebekah lodge at Tygh Valley Saturday. Mrs. May is a state officer in the State assembly this year.

Examination Set For Postmaster

An open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Postmaster General.

In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of, or owe allegiance to the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of this post office, or within the city or town in which the office is located, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of an Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1938, the Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General who shall thereupon submit the name of the one selected to the President for nomination. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will be required to assemble in an examination room for written tests, and will also be rated on their education, business or professional experience, general qualifications and suitability. The Civil Service Commission will make an impartial inquiry among representative patrons of the office, both men and women, concerning the experience, ability and character of each applicant, and the evidence thus secured will be considered in determining the ratings to be assigned to the applicants. The Commission is not interested in the political, religious, or fraternal affiliations of any applicant.

Full information and application forms may be obtained at the post office in this city, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25 D. C.

Applications must be on file in this Commission's office at Washington 25, D.C., not later than April 14, 1949.

Former Resident Wed In Denver

In the candle lit sanctuary of Central Christian church of Denver, Colorado, vows were exchanged by Mrs. Eve Moore MacDonald and Luke Moro Johnston, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, at 4:00 p. m. The Rev. Kelly O'Neill, D.D. officiated.

The bride wore a floor length gown of Alice Blue crepe, with a hat to match. Her corsage was of white orchids.

Miss Marjorie Hawkins of Denver, the maid of honor, wore a "Ashes of Roses" floor length gown and a gardenia corsage. Best man for the bridegroom was Conrad W. Werth and the ushers were Glenn C. Werth and Lee Schneider of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. John M. Kyde of Hood River, Oregon, sang "I Love You Truly", "At Dawning" and "Because" accompanied by Mrs. Thos. R. Walker.

The bride, sister of Mrs. Conrad W. Werth of Denver, is a well-known club member. For the past three years, she was: fine arts chairman of Colorado State Federation of Women's clubs and for several years sang in Central Presbyterian church of Denver.

Prior to her marriage, she was vice president of the Denver Civic Garden club, as well as associate editor of the Colorado Garden magazine and an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The groom, formerly of Moro, Oregon, son of Mrs. William B. Johnston of Salem, is employed by the city of Salem, in the water department.

After March 15, they will reside in their new home at 1648 south Liberty street, Salem, Oregon.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEVER SCHEDULED THURSDAY

The Wasco-Sherman Public Health department will be in Moro Thursdays to give immunization shots for those interested. The hours will be from 2 to 4 at the court house.

Ed Vannet of Hood River is a guest at the Wily W. Knighten home in Moro.