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## These Things We Note

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Solace for the sad faced: Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better, Ecc. 7-3.

Many are the satisfactions of home; the self chosen books, the customary bed, the old clothes, the simple food, the worn and form-fitting furniture. And above all the sense of belonging, the feel that here are people and things that depend on you and on whom and which you can depend. The weeds in the garden need cutting and you are the one to do it, a word should be said about some one who has become news-worthy and you are the one to do it.

Traveling men and truck drivers may quip that "home is where the hat is" but those whose roots are planted in a locality know the pun and are not deceived.

"The worry cow might have lived 'till now, If she'd only saved her breath, But she feared the hay would n't last all day, So she choked herself to death."

A successful community (and a nation may be called a community in this sense) is a group of people with a similar moral attitude. Morals in this matter apply to feelings toward government and public responsibility although a similar attitude toward personal morals is valuable.

Those who believe that they should support their government and those who feel that the government should support them cannot long be a successful community until the question is decided one way or the other. (And if it is decided the latter way, cannot be successful at all.)

People become outcasts who flout the moral sense of their communities and to be an outcast is perhaps the worst penalty one can pay. But that is the way a community retains its integrity.

Quite a lot of things have happened around Sherman county in the past three months, outside the tremendous winter, that is, although that will remain a topic of conversation as long as this generation lives.

There was some minor scandal, but nothing serious this time, a few troubles about government of one kind or another, the number of old timers was reduced by deaths, but development has gone on.

Several new houses have been finished, others repaired until they look new, two new elevators are being built, the points between Wasco and Biggs are being blown off, the wheat is generally growing well. The streets are full of new cars, the huge tractors bark across the fields, vacant lots are filled with new combines and prosperity still reigns.

Baseball is coming to Sherman county again in fuller form, whereas for years the Wasco boys have been the only ones carrying a full league list of games. This year both Wasco and Grass Valley are entered in the Mid-Columbia league.

Shades of other days when such memorable players as the Olds boys, Ed Kaseberg, Ed Meach, Cuv Rutledge, Cuv Andrews, Willy Knighten played high stake games all over the central Oregon country with crowds coming in rubber tired buses for miles around with cash in their pockets and the battling spirit in their hearts.

Baseball had no competition then from movies, automobiles, swimming parties and little from fishing. The fine masculine sport of baseball was king—and who is to say that is shouldn't be again.

There isn't any much better weather anywhere than Sherman county in the spring (if the wind doesn't blow) when the sun is shining and earth grows warm under the grass and the white clouds slowly pace their way across the blue sky.

Whether man is active or not there's something doing in the earth, something growing, seeds

## Varied Bills of 45th Session are Discussed by Giles French

"Sine die". Longed to phrase by public, press and participants was intoned over the 45th legislative assembly of Oregon last Saturday night at 8:55 p. m. official.

Now remain the post mortems. It was a very good legislature, the personnel was excellent and the new men especially were above average. They did lots of work, a part of it futile as is always the case where men of independence and concern have to work together and reconcile their differences. It was not much interested in speed, much more interested in quality of work.

What was done was the steady, routine, necessary job of passing the legislation to provide the state with authority and funds for the coming biennium. Longer than that no legislature can plan with assurance.

The tax problem, always hailed as most serious, was settled by dividing the surplus into two parts and using income's part in a formula for relief of real property. The continuing levies will use it up soon, unless incomes stay high. The corporation part was used for legislative appropriations although some will find its way into property tax reduction. The theory was propounded and adopted that legislative appropriations could be property taxes so it was morally proper to use them thus—a bit of devious thinking that satisfied the majority although admittedly not in keeping with the moral precepts of our sterner ancestors.

No new taxes were approved. The cigarette tax was beaten, no changes were made in the income tax rates although some are due soon, seasonal farm labor was exempted from withholding taxes. Yet the budget was balanced (the biggest budget ever) and when 1951 legislators meet there should be some money in the pot, that is unless the additional money is approved for schools. If that is one there will be a property levy, but it will not be voted on until November 1950.

Veterans were not given a bonus, because they did not like the one proposed. The house voted once for a bonus but when up for final action a group of veterans prepared the way for indefinite postponement saying that they would initiate their own plan.

Except for the addition to the basic school plan there was no school legislation making much change. Some minor bills will give an aid to consolidation particularly the one permitting consolidation of districts not contiguous. The county unit plan could not win.

The big highway program as made by an interim committee was passed mostly because it had already received the support of the majority of the people. There will be another cent on gas and a doubled license fee. Weakness is the big truck bill which should

## US Bank Ranks 24th For Size

The United States National bank of Portland, in its April 11 report to the Comptroller of the Currency, shows a healthy \$16,740,487 gain in loans and discounts over the bank call of a year ago, while again leading the state in total deposits, according to an announcement by C. A. Reynolds, manager of the bank's The Dalles branch.

Total deposits for the United States National, Oregon's largest financial institution, now stands at \$527,744,257 with the The Dalles branch reporting a deposit figure of \$11,372,050.34, and loans and discounts totalling \$4,922,841.01.

Ranking 24th largest among all banks in the nation at the close of the year, the United States National, with 38 branches located throughout the state, now lists total resources well over \$562,731,000.

apopting, plants stretching and trees spreading their leaves in preparation for the summer sun. "Then if ever comes perfect days, Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune And over it softly her warm ear lays And whether we look or whether we listen We hear life murmur or see it glisten."

charge far more for use of the highways by these rolling box-cars. An attempt to revise the method of dividing highway funds between counties failed although the interim committee will study highway finances another two years.

County salaries were all raised and most state salaries. State employees were given another boost. There was protest but ineffectual.

Pensioners were treated well even though their self appointed spokesmen did complain somewhat. They were expected to complain anyway. Those on the pension list will get \$50 per month and also medical care on the basis of need as interpreted by the federal government. Those who have property or who are improperly on the rolls will have smaller chance of drawing money which will improve the position of those actually needy.

Although some proposals were made otherwise the legislature did not embark the state on any new schemes. Perhaps that was proper. It was a defensive legislature. In times like these when legislative bodies meet at what is perhaps the top of the inflation defensive tactics are best. To start new governmental projects at high price levels, and before the economy settles itself again could be dangerous—and expensive. Anyway, it is done.

## MHS Wins Another Baseball Game

The Moro high school baseball team continued its winning streak Tuesday afternoon by taking the Maupin team into camp with a 16 to 2 score. Von Borstel and Harvey were the Moro batters.

This was the third straight win for the locals in the B league, both Dufur and Arlington having succumbed before. The schedule for the remainder of the season includes Dufur, there, April 26; Condon, here, April 29; Maupin, there, May 3; Arlington, there, May 6; Condon, there, May 10.

The grade school boys expect to give another smoker the evening of May 6 having made nearly \$100 on the last one.

## VFW Auxiliary Elects Officers

The VFW Auxiliary held its last regular monthly meeting, April 18 at the VFW hall in Moro with President Beatrice Howell presiding and 11 members present. Plans were made to serve lunch at the VFW dance to be held in Grass Valley May 14th. A discussion was held on the thought for getting a baby sitter that would take care of several babies on VFW nights, thus enabling those members to attend who have been unable to due to the fact that they have no baby sitter. Any one interested can get in touch with Grace Busse.

Installation followed the meeting. Those installed were President, Myrtle Rust, junior vice, Marion Boynton, sec-treas., Beatrice Howell, conductress, Mary De Moss, chaplain, Hattie Spencer, musician, Grace Busse, assistant musician, Etha De Moss, patriotic instructor, Clara Rolf, historian, Kerrone Christanson, trustee, Clara Rolf.

Those unable to attend and who will be installed later are: Senior vice, Ruby Brinkert, flag bearer, Ethel Alley, color bearers, Carmen Brown and Florence Rittner, guard, Donna Lane. At the close of the installation refreshments were served by the committee: Ethel De Moss, Myrtle Rust and Beatrice Howell.

## FISHING ROADS WASHED OUT BY FLOODS

Fishing road to the Deschutes suffered much from erosion last winter according to members of the Sherman County Rod & Gun club who have been down to inspect it. Report is that the bottom of the canyon where the last half mile of road was laid is almost clear of everything but base rock.

Another road is partly finished farther south and will be used for a time at least, entrance being way of the old Rust place. Some investigation indicates that opening of the Rattlesnake road to fishing parties may be possible.

## Small Task — Big Mission



Inoculating a mouse in an attempt to isolate one type of influenza cells for steady hands. Here, Lt. Donald G. Wetherbee of Brookline, Mass., assistant chief of the Virology Section, Brooks Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., wears a glass mask and rubber gloves to lessen danger of infection. Young physicians, particularly those who did not serve in World War II have been asked by the Army Medical Department to volunteer for duty of once.

## About the County

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mulick are parents of a baby daughter born Friday, April 15 at The Dalles.

Easter was celebrated at the John Foss home here Sunday with a family dinner attended by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Foss and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kaseberg. It was also the 48th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Foss.

Mrs. Minnie (M. C.) Biggerstaff of Roseville, Cal., accompanied by her niece, Mrs. P. J. Barry of South Junction were in Moro Monday for a short time visiting friends of other days, especially the John Fosses. Mrs. Biggerstaff will be remembered by some as Minnie Elcock and she says she pioneered this town.

Mrs. W. D. Barnett had as dinner guests Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and son, Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and daughter, Carol Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and the twins from Kent.

William Brinkert and daughter, Elaine, went to Portland Friday returning home with Mrs. Brinkert on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble went to Portland Saturday to spend the Easter week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brickert came up from Moro Tuesday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. F. Balzer and to take his father, C. A. Bruckert of The Dalles, home with them after he had spent a week with his daughter. Mrs. Trace Fields who returned Wednesday night from a trip to Portland, told of being up on the 10th floor of the Meier and Frank building when they felt the earthquake at noon Wednesday. There were a few reports of the quake being felt in Rufus, but on the whole it wasn't noticed much.

The farmers are still plowing and spraying their weeds in the growing grain.

It has been still and balmy here for several weeks, but as Monday morning came around with it came the wind and dirt, along with some clouds in the sky. The dirt is bad this year; it has been remarked that the dust is as bad now as it usually gets during harvest when the wheat trucks cut up the roads.

In the orchards the peach trees are a pretty pink as they are in full bloom. The trees are getting new leaves also. The birdsills make an orchid spot where they are out in full bloom now over the hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer were hosts at a dinner Easter Sunday celebrating the birthday anniversaries of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bayer and son, Keith Bayer, David Bayer and Miss Dorothy Blachurne of Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and son, Dean, went to Stiles-on-the-Deschutes for dinner Sunday and to The Dalles to visit E. E. Barunum who was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buehler and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth were visitors in Redmond Thursday.

Mrs. Bill Todd, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and Mrs. Bernard Martin had an Easter egg hunt in the park Saturday afternoon for their Sunday school classes. Games were enjoyed which and after the egg hunt refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French re-

turned home Sunday evening from Salem.

Mrs. Matt Simon and daughter, Helen, went to Portland to spend Easter week end with her daughters, Mrs. Al Woody and family and Mrs. Fred Kurilo and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young of Yakima, Wash., came Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young.

Millard Eakin went to The Dalles Friday and brought Mrs. Eakin home from the hospital where she spent several days for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox went to Vancouver, Wash., last weekend to visit his mother, Mrs. Emma Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Coyle and sons, Jimmy and Douglas, left Friday evening for Lebanon and Albany to visit relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap returned home Thursday from Portland where they spent about four weeks.

Mrs. Herman Brackett and co-hostess, Mrs. James Tate and Mrs. Bruce Millard had a luncheon Thursday for the Home Economics club of the Rufus grange. Two new members, Mrs. Herbert Church and Mrs. Bernard Warner were welcomed into the club. Mrs. Andy Engberg was a guest.

Following the luncheon the Home Ec. Chairman Ada Dingle opened the business meeting. Mrs. Hazel Engberg reported the gift for Mrs. Harold Engberg had been bought and presented to her. The club gave this gift in appreciation for Mrs. Engberg's work on the year books. Lucille Fox reported twenty cups had been purchased for the grange kitchen from funds donated by a member for this purpose. The club decided to put off the grange kitchen cupboard work until fall when the members won't be so busy. It was decided to send a contribution to Bertha Beck, state secretary for use in publishing a book of the deceased Chaplain Browns' writings. The names for a secret pal were drawn, and those members who had names submitted were not present, a name was drawn for them.

E. E. Barnum came home from the hospital Wednesday after a week's treatment for an infection in his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee expect to leave this week for Newport to spend several weeks in a lower altitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab were hosts to thirty-seven relatives at their home Easter Sunday for dinner. Spending the day were Mrs. Bee Macnab and sons, George, Pat and daughter, Joan, Dr. and Mrs. John Macnab and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab and Miss Maxine Shear, all of The Dalles, Mrs. Mary McMillan and sons, Dennis and Scot of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Russ McCullough of Dufur, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Macnab and Mrs. Frank Lester of Wasco, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dumier and sons, Wally and Denny of Salem, Frank Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children, Douglas and Barbara.

Herman Peters and son, Arden, motored to Newberg Saturday to spend the week end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox. They returned Monday accompanied by Mrs. Peters who spent a week visiting her sister and her mother, Mrs. Matilda Folda.

William Brinkert, Eldon Lane, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, Mrs. T. M. Rolf, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Biagg and Mr. and Mrs. Norris

## Rock Points Being Blown Off Wasco-Biggs Section

The job of blasting off the turns on the Sherman highway between Wasco and Biggs is well under way with Leonard & Slate of Portland as contractors for the state highway commission. The job totals \$72,000.

Already done is the cut around the first hill above Dinty's where the road was straightened by slicing the bank and shortening the curve.

About three miles above the Columbia another cut is being made which will remove a bad turn. Some other smaller banks will be blasted out. The paving job will be sublet to a paving company.

## Voters Approve Rural School Board Budget

By a vote of 113 to 17 Sherman countians approved the rural school board budget of \$176,938.41 of which \$111,503.00 was above the six per cent limitation.

Approval assures tax resources of \$2851.68 to the Biglow district, \$2106.84 for Emigrant, \$24,851.70 for Rufus; \$34,491.76 for Wasco; \$28,070.33 for Kent; \$31,875.54 for Moro and \$20,857.17 for Grass Valley districts. Each will also receive a part of the basic school fund money which will come to Sherman county.

This state aid will be smaller this year than before because transportation aid for the first two years were based on a formula until records could be obtained. After July 1 the payment for transportation will be at the rate of a cent a mile per pupil. However the recent legislature approved a bill to give rural counties two cents per mile where school population is low.

In addition to the above sums the non-high school board will receive \$18,458.38 and the rural school board will itself will get \$13,375. To make the total County millage will be 18 mills for the coming tax year for school purposes.

The vote by districts was Biglow, yes 6, no 1; Emigrant yes 4, no 0; Rufus yes 6, no 1; Wasco yes 25, no 7; Kent yes 9, no 0; Moro yes 47, no 8; Grass Valley yes 16, no 0.

## Rod & Gun Club Meeting Called

Next Monday, April 25, the annual meeting of the Sherman County Rod & Gun club will be held at the court house with election of officers the most important item on the agenda.

There will be discussion of fishing roads and a report of the present officers to the membership. Members will be able to get their keys for the 1949 fishing at the meeting.

## Baseball Season Opens Sunday

"Play Ball" will echo from the Grass Valley ball park next Sunday when the local team will start the 1949 season of the Mid-Columbia league with a home game, Trout Lake being the adversary.

It has been years since Grass Valley was in a league with a regular schedule although there has always been a team and games. This year the league is divided into two sections, the American and the National. Both Sherman county teams are in the American and Wasco opens at Hood River. Other teams are Oregon Lumber and Nisel both of Hood River county.

The National league is composed of teams from Goldendale, Klickitat, White Salmon, O'dell, Parkdale and Glenwood. Winners in each league will engage in a playoff.

The Grass Valley team will be made up of Ross Fields, Jimmy Phifer, Frank Ketter, Jack Adams, Bob Hart, Keith Bayer, Claude Bayer, Glen Perry, Otis Mathis, Gordon Kunke, Olan Stark with Earl Olds as field captain and Andy Anderson as manager.

## First National Has Heavy Loans Here

"Deposits of \$1,926,025.03 and loans and discounts, \$2,274,263.82 are reported by the Sherman branch of the First National bank of Portland according to C. S. Bennett, the manager.

The figures were compiled in accordance with the April 11 call by the comptroller of the currency. At the same time totals for the First National bank of Portland, head office and 45 branches were: Total Resources, \$507,365,745.70; Deposits, \$469,082,363.09; Loans and Discounts, \$162,580,882.63. Totals for the First National group, including all branches and the 15 affiliated banks were: Total Resources, \$610,859,522.00; Deposits, \$566,620,915.46; Loans and Discounts, \$186,482,892.69."

## WOMENS' CLUB TO MEET

The Moro Womens' club will meet today, (Friday) at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Edna Melzer as director.

## COMPANY WILL HELP

Pacific Power & Light company will help prevent accidents on the farm by assisting wherever a hay derrick must be moved under power lines, according to M. C. Thorn, district manager.

## POT LUCK DINNER

Members of the OES at Grass Valley are invited to a pot luck at the Harold Eakin ranch next Sunday. Members and friends are welcome.

Mrs. Karl Landstrom and daughters were up from Portland last week end to visit her mother, Mrs. L. L. Peetz. At the church the small daughter was christened.