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These Things We Note

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A visitor who attends some of the community feasts in Sherman county would be surprised to see a thin man who was a native. It might not be appropriate or proper for the writer to challenge the world on behalf of the cooks of the county but we'll lay a small wager that one can get as much to eat at a Sherman county potluck dinner as any place. The tasty OES spread at the Eakin sale is the latest demonstration of Sherman county cookery that caused the writer to regret his small (but growing) capacity.

Rev. Claude Stephens, genial pastor of the Wasco Church of Christ sends in a clipping wondering if it be too controversial for this great family journal. It is not. In fact fear of controversy is not one of our most pressing fears.

And this brings the thought: what fears ought one to have? Which is a good question and Mr. Stephens might preach a sermon on it some Sunday.

But the quotation: "Religious controversy can be eliminated by all completely surrendering to Christ and accepting the Bible as God's word, with the New Testament as our book of religious faith and practice. No matter what the question may be in matters of religion, Jesus has the answers."

And speaking again of fears a veteran of the last war with a long record of wounds and hospitalization and decorations said that the reason he had the decorations was fear: fear of failure, fear of cowardice, fear of letting a comrade down.

A recent writer says that our democratic world seems bent on falling apart because of a lack of moral force. And morals in this connection means willingness to carry one's part of the world's burdens, to follow the right course of action regardless of material things. If we did this there would be less need for government.

Government should be merely the guardian of liberty. When it encroaches on the liberties of the people it becomes the enemy of the people. Our forefathers wrote the Declaration of Independence and Constitution with that in mind.

Over at Brookings it rained over four inches Monday and that rates as a very fair rainstorm for one day. As badly as we need rain we hope it doesn't do anything like that here.

How do the advocates of the necessity for order account for the appeal of a freckled faced boy?

Now on the list of public matters being criticized is the number of committees in the Oregon legislature, especially in the senate. There probably are six or seven too many but the number of committees is seldom, if ever, the greatest handicap of a legislative body. Given 30 good men, who would work and who knew about their districts and their state and were solely interested in the welfare of same and the senate could get along much faster. And also, work in that body would have been hastened had there been more sore throats.

Norman Thomas socialist and off-time candidate for president, is about the only successful politician whose name we can recall. During his lifetime he has seen almost everything for which he and his party stood enacted into law. The conservative parties did it, of course, in their regard of care or principle. The socialists are doubly fortunate in that they neither have to be responsible for the cost or administration nor take the blame when the scheme doesn't work.

Probable result of the labor legislation in congress will be compromise that satisfies nobody—except maybe the people.

Midco Sale Dates Set By Board; November 2-3

Officers of the Midco sale met during the Eakin sale and decided to hold the 1949 sale on November 2 and 3 at the fair grounds. The show will be held November 2. Miller & Teale will be in charge of the show and H. B. Sager will auctioneer.

Registration papers must be in by August 1, reported Mrs. Bonnie Sharp secretary, and the books will be printed soon thereafter. All three breeds will be eligible for the show. A restriction is made on the number any one person can sell. Three bulls and three females will be the limit for each consigner.

Historical Society Picnic Planned

Arrangements for the annual meeting of the Sherman County Historical society were started Wednesday night at a board meeting of the association at the court house with President Herb Root, presiding.

Date: First Sunday in June, the 5th.

Of greatest importance is the grounds committee which gets the DeMoss park in receptive condition for the people who gather to talk over old time, watch the children play, toss a soft ball around or whisper the eternal nothings under the trees. Roy Belshee, John DeMoss, C. R. Belshee, Truman Strong, Dewey Thompson and Harry Pinkerton were named to again make the grounds fit and presentable for all these necessary activities.

Mrs. Helen Bruckert will again be chairman of the betterment committee which suggests ideas for the improvement of Sherman county as a place to live. Others are Lois Hilderbrand, J. M. Wilson, H. B. Pinkerton, Floye von Borstel and E. T. Strong.

Wily Knights and George Potter will nominate candidates for the offices to be filled. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brackett will make the lemonade; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and Mrs. Orville Ruggles will make the coffee; Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Belshee, Mrs. Wallace May and Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper will be responsible for old pictures.

Millard Melzen Married in The Dalles

Millard Melzer, son of Mr and Mrs Carl Melzer, was married Sunday in the United Brethren church in The Dalles to Miss Myrna Runyan of that city. Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiated.

Miss Diana Runyan, sister of the bride sang, "Because", and "I Love You Truly". Wayne Melzer was best man and Lylas Robertson, maid of honor, Vernon and Harold Melzer were ushers for the wedding which was attended by numerous friends of the groom from Sherman county. The young couple will live on the Orlo Martin ranch for the time being and do the work there.

Sandra May Wins Music Laurels

Sandra May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul May won first in the piano division for children under 11 (she is nine) at the Oregon Music Teachers' festival held in Portland April 25 to 30. The contest was held at the Portland Art Museum.

Little Miss May is a pupil of Mrs. H. R. Fancher of The Dalles and has been a consistent winner in music competition for several years. She played three numbers "Prelude in F Major", "Song of the Lark" and "The Fawn".

County Club Gets Praise For Small Town Spirit

Charles Smith, county agent leader of Corvallis, praised small communities and their intimate and friendly social life at the meeting of the Sherman County club Wednesday noon at the Hotel Moro. He was here to meet with the county court and spoke extemporaneously about small towns and the dependability of citizens produced therein.

Giles French told of some of the legislation passed at the recent session, pointing out the difference between the basic school law and the rural school law and explaining the solution of the tax problems of the legislature.

County Judge C. A. Tom pled for passage of the special levy for roads, saying it was necessary if roads were to be maintained. John DeMoss spoke as new superintendent of DeMoss park asking that the park be used and promising a clean place for the county to play.

The luncheon was held in the new meeting room at the hotel which was well filled for the gathering. Members met Mr and Mrs James Kolb, dining room managers, who had made appropriate decorative and gustatory preparation for the event.

Eakins Sell 42 Herefords At \$503.93 Average

Sale of 42 head of purebred Herefords by Harold and Cecile Eakin at the Golden Hills Hereford ranch Monday resulted in a total of \$21,165 being received by the sellers.

The 32 cows averaged \$510 and the ten bulls averaged \$477.50, making a grand average of \$503.93.

Top price was paid for Miss White Mt. Royal 4th a bred heifer slightly over two years old. She went to I. D. Johnson of Lyle, Wash., who also bought Bar 14 Diana Domino 25th for \$625.00. The Patterson Land company of Bismark, North Dakota bought two heifers paying \$750 and \$635. Highest price paid for a bull was by Leon Smith of Wasco who bought Royal Donald 4th a 20 month old calf of Hartland Donald, also sold.

Local buyers took most of the offerings although some of the cattle went to Washington points and across the mountains to the Willamette valley.

The cattle were sold in the new pavilion and machine shop where well over 300 people gathered comfortably although rain and hail dampened the outdoors. Although the stock was in good shape it was not fitted for the sale in the usual sense of the word.

Managers were Miller & Teale of Spokane and H. B. Sager was auctioneer. Millard Eakin and Norris Gilkison were clerks.

W. C. Todd bought six females and Sharon and LeRoy Martin took five, Donald Martin three, Jack McCaffery of Powell Butte three and the others were scattered in smaller lots.

AVIATOR FALLS WRECKING PLANE BUT NOT HIMSELF

Bill Olone, flying for the Mt. Vernon Spraying Service, crashed his plane between the old DeMoss school house and the DeMoss cistern Thursday morning while spraying wheat for John DeMoss. Olone was not hurt except for a split lip but the plane was badly damaged. Reason for the fall was given by Olone as an engine that quit. Another plane was ordered from headquarters to continue the spraying.

The Monthly Grist Of Petty Affairs Concerns Court

The county court was faced with a number of small and controversial matters Wednesday at the May meeting, all of which required time, but were of minor significance to the entire county. John DeMoss was appointed as superintendent of DeMoss park and also made a member of the park board which formerly consisted of the county court.

There was some discussion of a paint job for the court house and suggestion that the roof needed attention first. There was a report on vandalism at the fair grounds and some other matters of the road department.

The payroll for the road department for April was \$2200 which left \$110.72 in the wages fund. Total in the road fund is \$9,130; but the special road fund has some money remaining.

In the afternoon some delegations heard about roads and other county matters.

Wasco Wins 17-2 From G. Valley

Wasco defeated Grass Valley 17 to 2 last Sunday in a drizzle that might have accounted for some of the numerous errors. Bayer for Grass Valley pitched a creditable game but mistakes by his fielders accounted for at least a dozen of the runs. Jensen, Wasco's old reliable, fanned 12 men and allowed no hits until the fifth when Ketter and Mathia singled through second, which combined with some Wasco errors scored K. Bayer, running for Ketter.

Perry was injured in sliding unsuccessfully into second and his injured knee may keep him from the line-up for a time. Olds relieved him at left. Howard Pratt was umpire at the plate and McPherson on the bases.

WASCO
S. O'Meara, 1
J. O'Meara, m
Young, 3
Rings, 3
Ketter, 2
Mathia, 3
Stark, m
C. Bayer, 1r
K. Bayer, p
Phifer, r-1

C. F. SWANDER RETURNING FOR KENT MOTHER'S DAY

Rev. C. F. Swander, formerly state secretary of the Christian churches of Oregon, will again be the speaker at the Kent Christian church Memorial day, announces Rev. Earl Hastings, pastor of the Kent church. A pot-luck dinner will be eaten after the services.

Raymond Building Razing Removing Old Business Building Now Unused

The Raymond building is being torn down having been sold by Harry Kunsman, administrator of the Raymond estate, to William Edwards, who will salvage the lumber for sale.

This ancient structure was built about 55 years ago, sometime in the early nineties, by J. R. Martin, father of Wilbur Roy, Dwight and several other brothers. He was driving the stage line between Grants and Rutledge at the time and had some money to invest. The lumber, it is thought, came from Lake's mill near Wamie.

Although built for a business building it was not rented in its entirety. Billy Hoggard put in a small stock of tobacco and candy and built a bowling alley adjoining and along the street. He operated it for some time but without marked success, says

Fair Board Asks Fair Minded Citizens To Help

Citizens of the county who would like to help the fair and perhaps those who have been critical and would like to do something to improve it, will have an opportunity on Friday, May 20 when the board has called for a work day on the grounds. Everyone is asked and invited to come and help.

Reason is that the 1949 show is going to be somewhat different than fairs in recent times and changes of some size are to be made.

The arena will be made larger by extending it farther north. This is to give more running space for the Brahmas and the steers to be brought here by Mack Barbar along with his bucking bronzes for Saturday and Sunday of the fair.

Also the fair board has taken cognizance of the dust which sometimes has been known to bother fair customers. The old water tank has been condemned and must be torn down. Therefore a new three inch pipe line will be installed between the new water tank and the old tank site. It will be put on the outside of the track and laterals will make it possible to dampen the track whenever desired.

There are some other things to do also and the board thinks that Sherman countians would like to help with it all. There is plenty to do and indications are that there will be lots of people to do it.

There will be a pot luck dinner on that day which means, of course, that the women will be present to take a hand in improvements inside the buildings. The clean-up will begin at 10:00 a. m. Shovels, wrecking bars, and hammers will be standard equipment although it is figured that there will be plenty of tractors, graders, bull-dozers and post hole diggers to perform most of the heavy work.

People from all over the county came to Moro Thursday to watch the elevator burn. That was all they could do except the first hectic half hour when the office and feed room were flaming high and hot and it was necessary to remove any movable material from nearby buildings.

Vinton Green, traveling agent for the Veterans bureau, says that veterans who are injured as much as 30 percent may receive hunting or fishing licenses for fifty cents or a combination license for a dollar.

Mt. Hood District convention convenes at 2 p. m., Dufur, Oregon, May 8. Potluck dinner at 6:00. Full afternoon is indicated, several speakers of note are included. All churches of Christ or Christian churches of this Mt. Hood District are included.

E. E. Barnum, whose memory of old time events of Moro is excellent. Mr. Martin traded the building to J. M. Parry, long time postmaster of Moro, for the O. E. Leet place just south of town, the place which Wilbur Martin sold to W. C. Schilling a few years ago. Parry divided the bowling alley part of the building and made two residences out of it. One is the Mac Bull house and the other is the A. S. Johnson house.

W. A. Raymond needed a place as headquarters for his extensive and varied activities and bought the house which remained in his name until his death. Now, sargged and broken, after some 55 years of use, it is being torn down, one of the last landmarks of early times.

Damage Estimated at Well Over \$300,000 In Wheat and Buildings

The Moro elevator burned completely Thursday noon.

With the annex the building had a capacity of 160,000 bushels of wheat and estimates are that it was half full.

The fire started almost exactly at noon and was first noticed by persons on the main street. The office force and crew were only a few minutes from their desks and warehouse.

The city fire truck with hose arrived at the scene within a few minutes but by the time a hose line was connected fire had broken out above the feed room and alongside the elevator proper. It was too hot to handle and firemen withdrew.

Volunteer workers carried as much of the office records from the building as was possible before the fire drove them to the street and beyond. Whether the part that of necessity remained in the safe are intact will not be known for several days.

A second line of hose kept playing on the Union Pacific depot which was saved by constant effort of a crew of hot faced fire-fighters.

Some of the warehouses and storage buildings up the track from the elevator caught fire but these roof fires were put out with small hoses and crews of men removed the oil and other material from them. Household goods were also removed from the depot where Mr and Mrs B. H. Roberson occupied the upstairs and from the Grover Coffman station house and from the Orville Butler house back of the flaming elevator.

When the superstructure fell from the top of the elevator brands scatter far up the track but all were extinguished without material damage.

The main part of the elevator was built about 23 years ago immediately after the original Moro elevator was burned in a similar fire. The annex was put up about ten years ago when storage was a serious problem in wheat country.

The elevator is owned by the Moro Grain Growers, a cooperative with actual wheat producers as stockholders. It is hard to estimate its value but a comparison may be made with the new Grass Valley concrete elevator now under construction, which will cost nearly \$200,000. Actual cost was much less than the above figure.

The loss is doubly serious because it will be little more than two months before harvest will start and the storage will be greatly needed. The company has other elevators at DeMoss Springs, Hay Canyon and Erskine and some grain may be hauled to elevators of the Sherman Grain Growers at Wasco or the Grass Valley Grain Growers at Grass Valley.

After the walls of the elevator burned through wheat poured from them to reduce the heat from the fire. The annex had less grain in it and although it burned quicker it constantly endangered the depot.

The Wasco fire department arrived quickly and used their pumper to keep down the fires on the warehouses above the elevator. They not only brought their equipment but a goodly number of husky fire fighters.

The Dalles fire department arrived about 2:15 and with a pumper added enough support to the local firemen to quickly bring the fire under control. Hoses were kept laid to prevent another outbreak and to protect adjoining buildings but the main danger was over before 3:00 in the afternoon.

Prizes Offered By Shorthorn Breeders

The Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders association has announced a short story contest for boys and girls under 16 years of age. Announcement of the contest was received by T. W. Thompson, County Agent from the secretary of the Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders association.

The Association will award a registered Milking Shorthorn heifer calf to the boy or girl who writes the best story of 200 words or less entitled, "What I Would Do With a Registered Milking Shorthorn Heifer Calf." Contestants should describe their home set-up, pasture and feed available, animals owned and 4-H experience, if any.

Stories will be judged and the calf awarded at the Oregon State Fair. Any Sherman County boy or girl interested should contact Mr. Thompson for additional information regarding the contest.

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