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These Things We Note

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Did you ever notice that people's dogs look like them? That is people often pick dogs with similar characteristics.

Something has happened on which everyone can agree: the elevator fire. It was quite a fire, it was hot, it was a heck of a time to have an elevator burn down. Now that the county has so generally agreed on that much perhaps it could go ahead and agree on some other things that have been subjects of long controversy. Agreement (they say) is really fun when the habit is acquired.

Grandma used to believe that it was essential to health for the blood to be conditioned in the spring. The long winter on a diet of dry beans, dried corn, dried apples, salt pork and hot biscuits might have made conditioning more important in grandma's day than now when one can get tomatoes anytime with nothing but money. It would have required a miracle a generation ago.

But the subject was conditioning the blood. There was sulphur and molasses. No one has ever said or written that there was any benefit to the body from taking of sulphur and molasses. But, oh, it helped the soul and the spirit. A boy who looked kinda puny at the beginning of the sulphur and molasses diet perked up quickly and if his recovery was not actual it was at least well simulated. He felt well and as positive and vociferous about it as bedtime approached and the daily dose of sulphur and molasses was due.

Aha. Nothing could make a boy feel better than a few days of that blood purifier and conditioner. Each spring grandma had fresh evidence of the efficiency of her remedy. It was as simple as that, and she died, poor soul, certain that something useful and valuable had gone from the world with the cessation of the sulphur and molasses regulator.

Poets and essayists have often used early rising as a topic on which to discourse. Either side is intriguing. To the man who arises before the sun the early part of the day is most pleasant; the joy of watching the world awake gives him a sense of superiority and he looks down on the stay-abed with the scorn of active man reserves for the office worker. He attunes himself to nature.

Those who arise late obtain their enjoyment from a sense of superiority which comes from another source. Nature, to him, is something to be scorned and defeated; only the dullard must get up with the sun and the chickens to enjoy life.

The arguments have been long and unconvincing. On bright and sunny days the early riser seems to have the better of the argument for the dawn is worth seeing, but when it is cold and dreary and living is barely endurable at midday it is proper to spend as much of it in the semitrance of sleep as possible.

"What I aspired to be, And was not, comforts me," said Robert Browning and probably most could echo the sentiment.

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion." Proverbs XI:22.

A trade paper commenting on tons without newspapers says that folks don't know how to spell their neighbor's name. Well.

Perhaps some one should tell Henry Wallace that while discontent is a good thing in its place and properly used, it must be a strictly amateur discontent and not for fees or emoluments or even mileage. And that on any basis it can become a habit and therefore useless. The professional discontenter is merely a sourpuss and a crank.

All They Could Do Was Watch It Burn



ALL THEY COULD DO WAS WATCH IT BURN. Spectators spent the afternoon watching the flames slowly reduce the elevator to ashes and charred wheat without ability to stop it. Ted Kelley kept the hose playing on the depot while Bill Hall rode the crest with a garden hose, although not in the cut.



ALL OVER BUT THE CLEARING UP. Late evening brought this scene as tired fire fighters watched the smoke roll from burning wheat.

Elevator Contract Signed

Moro Budget Up For Tuesday Next

The budget for the city of Moro will be made up next Tuesday night, May 17, with J. K. McKean, Vernon Platt, Mike Mulick, Paul May, Wily Knighten and John Foss assisting the councilmen.

Report was given that the city had pumped 1,673,600 gallons of water during April which averaged 39 gallons per minute which gives plenty of room for increase according to city figures on well capacity.

Two contractors for oiling will be in the county this summer. It is thought, and one of these will be hired to do the city's oiling job if agreement can be reached. The city has already bought and paid for 475 cubic yards of rock for the oiling job and 626 yards of inch rock which has gone on the other streets. Total cost was \$3021.

Bon Christianson decided not to accept the position of treasurer and other arrangements are being made to fill that position as well as the council place left vacant by the departure of LeRoy Wright.

Sherman Students Get Recognition

Priscilla A. Melzer and Joe S. Harvey, senior members of the Optimist of Moro high school; Lorraine Millard, senior member of Rufus high school; Leland Anderson, senior member of Wasco high school have been awarded certificates of recognition for their outstanding work on the school papers. The awards are made by the University of Oregon chapters of Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, women's and men's national journalism fraternities.

Selection was based on names submitted by the high school newspaper advisers. Special training sessions will be held for all honored students enrolling in the university in the fall. The sessions will be conducted by the two journalism fraternities.

Be Sure and Stop For the School Bus

Oregon's new law requiring motorists to stop when encountering a school bus that is loading or unloading children is now in effect, the department of state police reminded today.

The law, passed at the last session of the state legislature, makes it mandatory to stop when approaching from either direction a school bus halted on a two-lane roadway. Vehicles must remain stopped "if and so long as any children are leaving the bus or crossing the highway."

Only vehicles approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction while on a highway having more than two lanes are exempted from the stopping requirement, officials explained. Drivers on three or four-lane roadways must stop when approaching a school bus halted on their side of the road.

The law applies to all roads, streets and highways, whether in cities or rural areas.

Initial enforcement will consist of warnings for all but flagrant violators, state police said. Arrests will be made for later offenses.

Damaged Wheat Being Sorted

Alfred T. Nelson is here to supervise the salvaging of the wheat from the burned elevator and has a crew of men working in the charcoal ten hours a day with Arthur Goodwin as foreman.

The wheat is divided into four usable classifications with some so bad it is hauled to the dump to burn. The piles being placed around the flat near the depot until cool enough to ship and after being sold probably.

Paulen Kaseberg Returns From Washington, D. C.

Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers, returned Tuesday from Washington, D. C. where, with other members of the organization he appeared before the house agricultural committee to present the plan of the northwest grain growers.

The local growers want something akin to the McNary-Haugen plan instead of the acreage allotment scheme which does damage to northwest grain growers who cannot diversify as easily as can those of the middle west. The sub-committee and the other wheat men in Washington agreed that the problem of the northwest was different from that of the remainder of the country, said Mr. Kaseberg.

Cars Collide Near Wasco; Injuring Three Women

Three women were injured in a collision of two cars on the road west of Wasco that is being used in lieu of the Sherman highway, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. S. A. Skirving of The Dalles, who was coming to Moro to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mike Mulick, was most severely injured. She has a broken wrist and many bruises. Her car collided with one driven by Mrs. Harry Benson, Moro, who had a concussion and suffered shock and bruises.

Mrs. Robert Hart of Grass Valley, who was a passenger in the Benson car was but slightly injured.

Mrs. Carl Melzer and son, Wayne, took the injured women to The Dalles where all were treated for their injuries.

The cars were damaged but not so seriously that they cannot be repaired.

The Mariners club met at the country home of Mr and Mrs Frank Says Sunday night and looked at the new plans for enlarging and improving the church building. A picnic was planned for the next meeting and the members listened to an informal talk about earlier days in Sherman county.

Amateur Athletes Net \$68 at Show

Small boys with mayhem in their actions if not in their faces battered each other with 16 ounce gloves at the school house last Friday night and raised some \$68 for the benefit of the athletic equipment fund.

There was action in both the boxing and wrestling bouts and boys from the first grade up participated with a vim and vigor that was the envy of the parents who watched.

A match between the "masked marved and Gorgeous George resulted in a tussle between the marved and the referee, Ken Young, in which Young was slammed to the mat and otherwise treated in approved wrestler manner.

Fair Board Expects Citizens To Help Friday

Members of the fair board were at the grounds Wednesday to look over the work to be done May 20 when citizens are going to come in and make some permanent improvements which are needed to permit a different fair program.

Arrangements were made to have the ditch dug for the new sprinkling system which is expected to keep the dust down and faces clean during fair programs. Welding of the pipe will be done on the clean-up day and some of the laterals placed. The pipe line will run from the water tank to the location of the old water tank.

The calf chutes will have to be moved to accommodate the Brahma bulls and bucking broncs that are to be a part of Mack Barber's show on Saturday and Sunday. The north line will be moved farther up the track by 100 feet or more.

Fair board members Bucholtz and Fridley said that response to the request of the board for aid in making the permanent improvements has been very heartening and that a crew of at least 100 are expected next Friday.

The grounds are in good shape, they report, and the usual work has been done. Plates and coffee and cups will be furnished by the fair board as well as several cases of pop for the kids and the thirsty. Hour for the start is 10:00 a. m. Date, Friday, May 20.

CONVENTION BOUND

Mr and Mrs John DeMoss are among those going to North Bend to attend the convention of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Saddle Clubs Plan Memorial Day Trek

Saddle club members of the eight riding clubs making up the Mid-Columbia Saddle Clubs association will set up camp for a Memorial Day week end trail ride at the Wasco county fair grounds in Tygh Valley with about 150 or more riders expected to take part in the week end of activities.

The riders of Arlington, Sherman county; Dufur, The Dalles, Hood River, White Salmon and Goldendale saddle clubs will gather at the Tygh Valley fair grounds on Saturday, May 28. The early ones will enjoy an evening devoted to the showing of amateur movies, a western bonfire and outdoor dancing to tunes supplied by local talent of the Fort Dalles Riding club.

Featured Sunday morning, May 29 will be outdoor cowboy breakfast of ham, eggs and hotcakes from 7 a. m. to 9 a. m. Scheduled for 10 a. m. is a 15-mile group trail ride starting from the fair grounds and traversing a course over old roads and wagon trails on Mt Hood foothills in the vicinity of Happy Ridge, Badger and Jordan creeks. A chuck wagon will depart from the fair grounds in time to meet the group at the midway point of the trail ride to serve a tasty lunch. The return to the starting point will be about 3 p. m. In order that those riding enthusiasts who need to leave for home late Sunday afternoon may be allowed to do so.

MORO WATER MEETS TEST

Report from the health department is that the water in Moro meets bacteriological standards for purity of drinking water. Drink all you want even on hot days.

Wasco Wins Second Game Last Sunday

The Wasco baseball club won its second game Sunday, over the Oregon Lumber company team from Dee by a score of 7 to 1. Jensen went the whole way for Wasco and was given a good lead in the seventh. To that time Wasco had a one to nothing lead. Wasco goes to Trout Lake next Sunday for their third game.

The Grass Valley base ball team went to Odell last Sunday and returned with another victory, having beaten the Nisel of Hood River county by an 11 to 7 score. Hart pitched most of the game but was relieved by Bayer in the seventh. This Sunday Grass Valley will be host to the Oregon Lumber team which was defeated by Wasco last Sunday.

Funeral Services Held For Lee Barnett

Funeral services for Lee Barnett, 22, who was killed instantly Monday about noon when a tractor he was driving onto a truck overturned, were held in The Dalles Wednesday at 2:30 with the American Legion conducting.

Lee Barnett was the only remaining son of Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett, formerly of Kent but now of Dufur. Lee was one of twins. Leland, the other died while in the navy. Lee was born near Kent and attended school there before entering the navy.

He was active in 4-H club work and fed fat calves for the shows for a number of years. Surviving are his parents, a sister, Lavina Jefferies, his grandparents, Mr and Mrs W. A. Young of Oregon City and a grandmother, Mrs Rhoda Barnett of The Dalles.

Modern sealing wax contains no wax.

New Concrete and Steel Structure to Hold 300,000 bu.

The Moro elevator is going to be rebuilt.

Tuesday afternoon agreement was reached and a contract signed between the Moro Grain Growers and the Central Construction company of Spokane providing for the immediate building of a 300,000 bushel elevator on a site slightly up-creek from the old site. Cost will be \$179,000.

The elevator will have 21 bins and will be 120 feet to the top with a 47 foot head house. With the base it will reach nearly 170 feet into the air.

The new structure will be of steel and concrete construction throughout including scale deck, floor, walls and ceiling. Only wood will be in the man-lift runs. It is expected that the insurance rate on such an elevator will be a fifth or a sixth of the rate on a wood building.

The board of directors of the Moro Grain Growers met Friday after last Thursday's fire and voted to rebuild as soon as possible on the site above the old one and with a larger warehouse and office space on the location of the old elevator. Sunday night Wendell Balsiger, manager, with Carroll Says and Clarence Sparling, went to Spokane on business connected with the new building.

Tuesday bids were let. Bayles & Joost of San Francisco were close competition for the lowest bidders and Henry George and Son of Spokane also submitted bids.

The Central Construction company has agreed to have the new elevator ready to receive wheat by July 20 although no agreement has been made to complete the structure my then. Work will begin as soon as possible and double shifts will be used until the job is done. It is understood that the contractors already have the machinery to equip the elevator.



David Conlee aims resolutely at Fred Joy's head in the first bout.



George Gearhart combined pug-nacious jaw with smiling mouth and utterly belied his ministerial background while trying to batter Terry Butler.