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These Things We Note

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The parson said: When the world is at its worst; then let us endeavor to be our best.

Hardly a day passes that does not bring new evidence of the growth of socialism in the United States. The federal government is getting bigger and bigger and seems bent on picking up votes from as many groups as possible although it seems to have enough.

There is no place in history where a nation has ever turned back from the path of government gifts to the people. It just goes on and on until the people get weaker and more subservient and some other persons come in and take over, usually putting the natives to work under the whip. History often reports that the fate is deserved.

This week the following were noted: the government plans to pay farmers 7 cents per bushel for wheat stored LAST WINTER and 10 or more cents for future storage. Owners of co-op warehouses, of course, get nothing from this deal.

A newspaper (not a Republican one either) comments editorially on people getting checks for not working, for not raising wheat, for raising and selling potatoes and buying them back at less than the percent for hog feed, for doing a little good farming on a farm.

Chances are that if you're over 60 you can laugh at the trend because this rickety system of government subsidy and for power and office might last long enough to take care of your old age. If you're 25 you have an unenviable future to contemplate. Unless the American citizenry gets tough enough to stop the government cumshaw which is actually political bribery there is going to be some very hard times ahead.

The good old west wind was with us again this week and there will be argument about the adjective "good". Old timers maintain that they've raised lots of wheat on west wind and it must have been for there wasn't any rain. But the west wind was always a rogue. It musses up the women's hair, it tangles up the washing, it used to make the teams misbehave, it blows out the wheat, it shorts the wires, it makes the outdoors dry long and miserable. But it does raise the level of water in the wells, increases the flow of springs and keeps the air cool and fresh for growing things. Let 'er blow.

A farmer loves the rain. He glows and grins as he shakes it off his hat; he looks comfortable and happy watching it through the window. He jests about it saying it will get his wheat all et, that the country is getting just like the valley if it rains half an inch, he talks about his tracks getting muddy so he has to quit plowing. Sometimes he goes to great length to show how much better it would have been had it rained next week instead of this. But all the while he looks happy as a cat eating cream or a mule breaking down a fence.

This business of working over old houses was known some time ago for Colley Cibber, who was born in 1671 wrote, "Old houses mended, cost little less than new before they're ended." and indicates again that there's nothing new under the sun.

"Say, Hank, I just saw Bill deal himself four acres off the bottom of the deck."

"Well, what of it, it's his deal, ain't it?"

There was enough warm weather to bring the locust blossoms out and the lilacs. Garden peas came a booming out of the ground to make the garden look like something besides a spading exercise — and radishes taste good this year as always.

Now, in Portland, you can wear a straw hat if you want to. Up here you can wear a straw hat any time you want to.

Sherman County Clubbers At Favorite Occupation



New Elevator Pit Started This Week

Work on the new Moro elevator which is to arise and be ready for use by July 20 began Wednesday morning, May 18 when a small crew of men set some stakes and measured off the area to be covered with the slab. The shovel for excavation arrived that morning and began work.

Central Construction Co. of Spokane was the successful bidder and George Reese, who has built 63 elevators, is in charge of the job. The ground area covered will be approximately 90 x 65 feet and will be directly across the track from the depot.

Moro Optimist Wins Journalism Kudos

The Moro Optimist is one of five high school papers that will receive honor next October at the meeting of the Oregon Scholastic Press in Eugene according to Dr. Clifford Weigle of the University of Oregon school of Journalism.

Papers from Lowell, Pendleton, Lincoln high in Portland and Beaverton were also on the honor list.

Cub Scouts Plan Big Time At Circus

Cub scouts in The Dalles district will have the chance of their lives Saturday when they will participate under the big top of an honest-to-goodness circus. Stars of the show will be cub scouts from The Dalles, Wasco and Moro. To start the big show, Sea Scouts, animal acts, clowns and participating cub scouts will line up at the Civic auditorium in The Dalles for a parade through town.

They will march to the circus grounds at the City Park, where all animals and clowns will circle the ring several times before opening sideshows and concessions.

This will be the first cub scout circus ever to be held in The Dalles. Planning for the event has been under way since last winter.

The circus was instituted as a fund-raising project to permit cub pack activities during the summer and winter. Costumes were designed by cub scout dens and made by them as a precircus project. Money raised by the circus will help to buy equipment.

RUFUS GIVING PLAY

Friday night the Rufus high school will present a three act play, "The Night Owl," a mystery comedy by Frank W. Spohn and directed by Mrs. Ross. Taking parts are Jessie Rice, Wayne Eaton, Buzz Brand, Joe Yocum, Lorraine Millard, Roger Miller, Jack Steward, Dorothy Blackburne, Darlene Smith, Gerita Riggs. Crew helping are Bill Smith, Eddie Miller, Howard Steward, Dick Francis, Carole Smith, Joyce Smith, Arleta Wristen, Jessie Rice and Dorothy Blackburne.

The seniors and eighth grade pupils will receive their diplomas at the Rufus school, commencing on May 26, Roben J. Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education, will be the speaker.

Moro High School Playing Union At Grass Valley For EO Pennant

The Moro high school baseball team will play at Grass Valley next Monday, May 23, for the "B" championship of eastern Oregon. Union high school, having defeated Umatilla Wednesday afternoon by a 16 to 5 score is to be the opposition.

Moro won its way into the semi-finals by defeating Arlington Monday in The Dalles. It now plays for the championship of District 1 which comprises all eastern Oregon except Klamath and Lake counties.

The winner of this game will go to Portland where four teams

Soil Conservers Going To See Crops

A Soil Conservation Tour will be taken next Friday, May 27, by those who realize the danger to the land which erosion seasons like last winter bring. They will meet at the court house at 9:30 a. m. where county agent Tommy Thompson and an extension specialist will start the tour.

At Paulen Kaseberg's they will see trashy fallow designed to reduce runoff on steep slopes and a field of alfalfa that has been growing for years.

At Walt Bruckert's they will see a tree culture plot where posts are being grown successfully enough to pay a profit. At least two kinds of Creasted Wheat grass will be shown to those who contemplate using grass on land necessarily taken from wheat production.

At Allan Tom's they will see another kind of trashy fallow, made to stop wind erosion as well as water erosion. The tour will require most of the day with time out for refreshments.

Anyone is welcome to come, and urged to come if he has unanswered questions about soil erosion.

Buy Bigger Bonds, Profit From Peace

A bond sale is going on, having started Monday, May 16. It will end June 30. It is called the opportunity drive because it will give every citizen an opportunity to make a safe investment with their surplus money.

Redemptions of bonds have been decreasing of late after several months in which redemptions were heavy.

Sherman county has the record as highest per capita purchasers of E bonds during the war. And its record since the war has generally been good although not high for certain periods. With few places to invest money the chance to buy government securities at a good rate of interest should appeal to those with funds on hand.

SAMMY KAYE NOW HEARD

Sammy Kaye's new radio program, the "Sammy Kaye Showroom", made it bow at 12:00 p. m. Monday, May 16 over station KODL-The Dalles. The 15-minute transcribed program, sponsored by Pratt Motor Co., Wasco, Oregon, will be heard Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

will play for the state "B" championship. The game will start at 2:30.

The Moro Huskies moved into the finals of district 1B baseball play Monday with a convincing 8 to 1 win over the Arlington Honkers on The Dalles field. Dick Rust, Moro left hander, again hurled the Huskies to the win, allowing Arlington only three hits and striking out eight men.

Moro scored once in the first inning when Scott Fritts walked and later scored on an error at first base. Arlington tied the game up in the second inning when Jerry Sweet hit for the circuit with none on.

In the fourth von Borstel led off with a walk for Moro and Lane was out trying to sacrifice when he stepped over the plate, leaving von Borstel on first with one out. Rust then lofted a high one to center field which dropped in when the center fielder lost the ball in the sun, sending von Borstel to third and Rust to second. Roy Harvey then struck out for the second out and the hopes of a Moro rally dropped but Joe Harvey, next hitter managed to get himself hit by one of Burden's slants to load the bases. Burden then ran the count out to 3 and 2 on Clarence May before walking him to force in the tie breaking run which later proved to be the winning run. Just to make things more secure, Scott Fritts then doubled into right center to clean the bases and put Moro ahead five to one, a lead that was never endangered again.

Moro scored one run in the fifth and two more in the sixth to give Rust a comfortable lead to work on but he didn't really need it as Arlington didn't threaten seriously again.

Moro: 8 runs 5 hits 2 errors
Arlington: 1 run 3 hits 8 errors
Batteries: Moro: Rust & J. Harvey.
Arlington: Burden, Bailey & B. west.

V. TROUNCE SHOWS CLASS

The piano recital presented by the pupils of Rufus school instructed by Miss Vivian Trounce was held May 17 at 8 p. m. at the Rufus school auditorium. Program as follows: Cherry Tree and Believe Me If by Patricia Blackburne; Blue Danube by Jimmy Fox; Fire Engine and Augustin by Arnold Miller; Pixie's Good Night, Elaine Eaton; Water Sprites, Vaneta Peck; Rustic Dance, George Fox Jr.; Rose Petals, Paul Blackburne; The Brooklet, Donna Wilson; Swing in the Treetop, Joyce Smith; June Flowers, Gerita Riggs; Valise, Jessie Rice; Liebestraum, se, Jessie Rice; The Rope Dorothy Blackburne; The Rope Swing, Donna Wilson and Elaine Eaton; Zampa Overture, Dorothy Blackburne & Miss Trounce.

MRS JUNIORS SHOWING

The juniors of Moro high school, desirous of making some money, will give a play come Friday night at Grass Valley auditorium. Name: "Where's Laurie?"

It is a play of high school students and written for them. Only three characters are above high school age and these are taken by Shirley McIntyre, David Moore and Leona Moore.

The plot is as involved as one must be to portray the social affairs of a senior class. Leitha Leader is in the title role, Lois Kelly, Carole Norton, Gladys Moore, Ina Mae Ziegler, Martha Bardenhagen, Marie Blagg, Helen Simon are the girls in the play and Willy Knighten, Ed Justesen and Ronnie May take the male junior parts.

RURAL BOARD ELECTION

Two positions are to be filled on the Rural School Board at the elections in June. Petitions may be obtained from the superintendent up to May 20, by any one wishing to have his name placed on the ticket.

The places are now held by George Fox from Zone 1 and by Charles Burnet from Zone 3.

Riders Postpone Pic Social Until Sunday

The Sherman County Riders have postponed their previously announced meeting and picnic social dated for Friday night. It will be held Sunday, May 22 at the fair grounds. The picnic play at Grass Valley is the reason given for the postponement.

Historical Society Speaker Chosen

Francis Lambert, formerly treasurer of Multnomah county and descendant of pioneer Oregon families, will give the main speech at the meeting of the Sherman County Historical Society at DeMoss Springs June 5. Mr. Lambert has been in Sherman county on historical missions before, having helped Walter Meacham and local men lay out sites for planting of pioneer markers.

He contested against Robert S. Farrell Jr. for the office of secretary of state in 1944 and has since become a vice-president of the First National Bank which causes him to frequently visit eastern Oregon.

The other features of the program will be provided locally with local music and reports of committee chairmen.

Progress has been made toward the completion of the marker near the John Day river to commemorate those who crossed there some 100 years or more ago. Homer Wall has surveyed the site which is being deeded to the historical society by Mrs. George Merritt. Construction may be started by the time of the picnic.

Rufus Students Hold Final Dinner

The high school students and faculty attended a banquet May 11, at Stiles-on-the-Deschutes. The high light of the evening was the awarding of volleyball letters and wolf insignias by Mrs. Brady and the awarding of basketball letters by Mr. Danahey. Bill Smith acted as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers:

The Serve—Dorothy Blackburne
Over the Net—Darlene Smith
Point—Jessie Rice
Side Out—Mrs. Brady
The Tip Off—Howard Steward
Down the Court—Eddie Miller
Through the Hoop—Roger Miller
The Free Throw—Mr. Danahey
The Whistle—Mrs. Ross

Volleyball letters were awarded to Lorraine Millard, Dorothy Blackburne, Jessie Rice, Darlene Smith, Gerita Riggs, Carol Smith, and Joyce Smith. Arleta Wristen was awarded a letter for playing with the team during Lorraine's absence.

Basketball letters were awarded to Bill Smith, Howard Steward, Eddie Miller, Wayne Eaton, Jack Steward, Buzz Brand, Roger Miller, Dick Francis, and Joe Yocum.

The Rufus high school juniors and seniors accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brady spent the weekend at Seaside. Friday afternoon the group was conducted on a tour of the new Oregonian building and saw all phases of the publication of the "Oregonian". The group enjoyed diving, swimming in the pool, roller skating, and visiting the aquarium. Sunday afternoon the group stopped at Jantzen Beach and returned home that night. Taking cars were Bill Smith and Lorraine Millard.

The following day at Rufus Edith Millard, William Smith and Arleta Wristen will graduate with Dr. Roben Maaske, president of EOCE giving the address.

The same night, Thursday of next week, the eighth grades of Grass Valley, Kent and Moro will graduate at Grass Valley with James Bushong, superintendent of schools at Bend, as the speaker.

Rufus and Wasco grade schools will hold exercises with the high schools.

Finishing the eighth grade will be 27 pupils: Gayle Eaton, George Riggs, Charles Wilson and Donna Wilson of Rufus; Larry Kaseberg, William Coats, Douglas Alley and Louise Carter of Wasco; Edwin Balsiger, Ronald Butler, Wilbur Platt, Rose Edwards, Yvonne Kirkelle, Mary Miller, and Joann Ross of Moro; Carl Kelley, James Hart, Arden Peters, Janice Bibby, Carolyn Lemley, and Phyllis Rust of Grass Valley; Dorothy Brown, Carol Kopp, Georgia Woods, Ross Norton, Rodney Rolfe, and William Smith of Kent.

County Court Defends Road Fund Special Levy Before County Club

Fred Greer Saves Life and Hope

Fred Greer was cruising along at about 25 last Saturday morning on the turn just north of Grass Valley when the body of the light truck he was driving for the Flatt Truck Line tipped back raising the front wheels off the pavement.

"Hold on", said Fred to Mrs. Maude Garrett, who was riding with him, "I think I can land her". But he couldn't and the hind wheels cut a figure 8 and landed in the ditch.

Passengers were taken to The Dalles with shock and the knot and gash on Mr. Greer's head. No great damage was done to the truck.

Auxiliary Gives Party For Departing One

The American Legion auxiliary gave a party for Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen at her home Thursday afternoon honoring her with a handkerchief shower. The auxiliary also presented her with a traveling bag. The afternoon was spent visiting with refreshments served later to twenty members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bardenhagen and daughter, Martha, will leave June 3 on a trip to Germany to visit her mother and other relatives.

Among those from Grass Valley attending the PTA meeting held in the school house in Moro Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen, Mrs. Catherine Sonnenberg, Mrs. Boyce Blaylock, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son, Larry, and Mrs. John Hays went to The Dalles Sunday to visit Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Maude Garrett, at the hospital and were dinner guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith.

Guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Engstrom were Mrs. Elsie Patjens and Mr. Scott of The Dalles.

Mrs. Charles Perrigo gave a dinner Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of her husband. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer, Keith Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bayer and son Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Byron and Julia, and Mrs. Scott Whitwood of The Dalles.

Schools Nearing 1949 Graduation

Schools in Sherman county will begin closing next week although it will be June 2 before the last one shuts the doors behind the departing students of 1948-49.

At Wasco where Leland Anderson is to graduate the commencement will be held May 25, next Wednesday and Alvin Kaiser, assistant professor of speech and drama from Eastern Oregon College of Education will give the speech.

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The mathematics of the county roads for the past eight years was presented to the Sherman County club here Wednesday night when a small number of members gathered to hear the county court's reasons for favorable action on the special road tax which is up for adoption or rejection May 27. Commissioner Vernon Miller gave the figures.

The post-war construction fund started in 1943 had total receipts of \$80,235.41 of which \$57,047.48 was spent for gravel and the remainder for culverts and machinery.

The special road tax fund was voted in 1947. It levied four mills for two years and \$77,501.72 has been paid into this fund to date.

Of this sum \$51,752.02 has been spent for gravel, \$2605.45 for culverts, \$2134.54 for repairs and equipment and \$529.76 for gas and oil. There is a balance of \$20,479.95 remaining to date.

Road fund levies have been increasing since 1940 but not at a steady rate. The budgets have been as follows: 1940—\$35,600; 1941—\$54,000; 1942—\$25,050; 1943—\$39,050; 1944—\$30,600; 1945—\$61,400; 1946—\$43,600; 1947—\$50,000; 1948—\$48,679.14; 1949—\$55,890. Mr. Miller pointed out that the budget for roads have not increased as fast as the cost of labor and equipment has increased.

Average monthly expenditures have been 1940—\$3,223.49; 1941—\$3,352.24; 1942—\$2,610.41; 1943—\$3,218.80; 1944—\$2,275.51; 1945—\$1,363.21; 1946—\$1,658.94; 1947—\$3,559.03; 1948—\$4,027.66; 1949—\$4,041.69. The war time costs were down because of inability to hire men or buy materials and this was given as one of the reasons why additional expense is necessary now.

In all the county has bought 109,618 yards of gravel and has paid \$123,338 for it. It is all paid for. Miller estimated that between 60,000 and 70,000 yards are still in the piles.

Judge Curt Tom said that other expenses including welfare and additional salaries will take up all the permitted six percent limitation so there will be no road funds possible from the general fund. He advocated putting drainage in all roads before putting on gravel so the gravel would not be wasted. Some tubes are on hand, he said, and the gravel has been bought.

He praised James Brown, county road foreman, who, he said, had a good crew which he had culled out to the efficient ones who were working steady and taking care of the machinery. Judge Tom and Commissioners Miller and Wilson all said they expected to go ahead with the former program and finish work on the roads in the special road chart.

James Brown spoke of the work that had to be done in the north end because of the hard winter saying that roads were soft until late and could not be worked satisfactorily. Some of them are rough and will be until it rains again. Grading now is impossible because it is too dry. There is enough material on hand to put 700 yards of gravel per mile on well used roads. Trucks are old and it costs \$3600 for a new one. Some of the machinery is in a bad state of repair and should be traded in. It is hard to keep a crew at wages paid when others are paying more.

The next meeting will be held at noon at Moro, June 1, with Paulen Kaseberg talking about the farm program the wheat league advocated at the Washington hearings. On June 15 the final meeting will be held at Allan Tom's home near Rufus.

Total valuation of the county as of last year was \$9,761,791. Five mills on that valuation would raise \$49,808.96. If the valuation were to remain the same the total to be collected would be \$199,235.84 for the four year term. Actual amount raised would depend on the valuation in future years.

NEW MINISTER COMING

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rice and family have moved to the farm home of Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers. The new minister of the Nazarene church is expected in Rufus soon.