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These Things We Note

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It may be wondered if the old ever teach the young anything. Social customs change with every generation, as youth puts aside the habits of their elders.

The courts are called upon to settle cases that are very involved. Each one seems different from the other and gives to wonder how the number of laws is not larger—great though they are. If we could merely invoke the golden rule every one would be a malefactor, and in so many varying degrees that it would still be confusing.

The government is studying the proposal to take waters from northern California and southern Oregon into the great central valleys. This perhaps relieves the Columbia basin from encroachment although it might be a step toward that. This yearning of drouth ridden California for some one else's water should be funny but it may not be. By no stretch of the imagination can the soil of southern California be made to pay for the cost of transporting the water.

If agricultural scientists want to do something really beneficial they could cross the gooseberry with the thistle and produce a berry that sheds its own blossom.

An ad from a magazine says: "The next nine months are going to be momentous ones." Can any one remember when we have had any other kind?

We hope at least one juke box is preserved so that future historians can properly judge twentieth century Americans. And were the things actually invented by the famous family of the same name?

The argument about the meaning of the word "liberal" still goes on most of it without consulting the dictionary or other word sources. It comes from "liberalis" pertaining to a free man. A liberal is one who advocates such action as tend to giving more freedom to the individual.

A liberal, therefore, opposes government control of anything that reduces the freedom of the people. Most of those who now are going about the state and nation proclaiming themselves as liberals are reactionaries who would return to the days of big government. We rebelled against too stringent government control back in 1776 and the people who wrote our constitution were liberals because they gave more power to the people than they had ever had.

When they get around to it we do wish the soil conservationists would square their theories with the facts. We are, they say, losing soil very rapidly, and are growing bigger crops.

"Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh."—Ecc. 12:12.

To judge from the magazines we note that having something wrong with you or your family is quite a break. You can write a story about it.

In these budget making and passing days it is appropriate to remember that good government is not entirely a matter of money. Some other things that must be considered are management, public interest, support of citizens.

Of one who recently passed this quotation was repeated: "And his passing is, as when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,

Goes down with a great shout against the hills And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

Perhaps Mr. Lilienthal should resign or be supplanted. The atomic commission is of sufficient importance that the chairman thereof should be above suspicion.



Moro High School baseball team, winners in district playoff, from left to right, front row, Norval Lane 3rd; Roy Harvey, Scott Fritts, 1st; Wily Knighten, 2nd; Dick Rust, p; back row, cf; Joe Harvey, c; Keith Thompson, ss; Fred von Borstel, 1st; Keith Nelson, p; Ronnie May, s; Leslie Edwards, s; Clarence May, rf; Dean Martin, s.

Native Grasses Still Best Bet For Farmer With Conservation or Pasture In Mind

Jack Woods, who is the field man for the Pullman grass experiment station, has the job of planting and watching grass seedlings on plots at Lind, Wn., Moro, Pendleton and Sand Point, Idaho. The rainfall varies from 9 inches to well over 20. Over 10,000 grasses have been tested since 1935 when the experiment was begun.

From experience gained in these extensive tests it is possible to determine what grasses are best adapted to each area. There is nothing surprising about the result for with few exceptions the grasses that are native to this country are the ones that proved the best in the tests. Mother Nature had tested out a lot of grasses herself before the three kinds of bunch grass covered the Sherman county hillsides.

Recommended by Mr. Woods for grass seedling in Sherman county are Whitmar, which is one of 135 strains of Agropyrum Spikadum Inermi. It is a beardless big bunch grass very much like the big tall bunchgrass that grew here when the Indians came.

Another recommended grass is Sherman, a big blue bunch grass, the seed for which came from the railroad and highway right of ways in this county. It is a good seeder but pulls up easily and is recommended as a hay crop. It is the middle sized bunch grass of the three that made the cover for Sherman county in the grass days.

Third native grass is Idaho fescue or some sheep fescue closely akin to our native grass. This is the fine, short bunch grass of the early days. It has developed as much as seven tons of roots per acre at Pullman where there is about 20 inches of moisture.

Of the imported grasses Crested wheat is a good developer of roots and is well known here. It came from Asia in recent times, the first planting having been made on the Moro station grounds. It is sometimes found to be too coarse if allowed to mature.

Fifth of the recommended grasses is Bulbous Blue, a shorter grass that grows a heavy seed crop and will grow several years from the same blub. It depends on spring rains for its growth and therefore varies widely in production. It is recommended that it be sown with Crested Wheat or Ag Inermi (Whitmar) where it will keep cheat grass from coming in.

A recommended grass program would be one that depended on Crested Wheat until May 1, then on Whitmar until fall, then back to Crested Wheat which should green up after the fall rains. Bulbous Blue would be sown between the bigger grasses. Three lots should be rotated annually so each could go to seed once in three years. Big Blue would be used as a hay crop.

As for root development in dry land areas there is little difference between Idaho fescue and Whitmar, each producing about three tons per acre in the about three inches. Crested Wheat and Big Blue produce about 2 1/2 tons per acre and Bulbous Blue 1 1/2 tons. These tests were made at Lind, Wn., where moisture is below that of Sherman county.

Seed is available for Big Blue and a sheep fescue similar to

Kaseberg Tells Of Difficulties With Farm Plan

Paulen Kaseberg, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers, told of efforts of the grain growers and the Oregon Wheat commission to have a suitable farm program enacted by the congress. The effort has entailed two trips to Washington, D. C. by Mr. Kaseberg of which he told before the Sherman County club at its meeting Wednesday noon at the Moro Hotel.

The first trip was to work for better markets to the orient, to get aid for the Umatilla erosion project and to find a better program for northwest wheat growers. Some success was achieved for the first two matters. The second required another trip.

The delegates who were Mr. Kaseberg, Ike Weatherford, Ed Bell and Bob Taylor from Oregon failed to get the support of the national farm bureau at Omaha when, in early May, they made the second trip.

They appeared before committees and before individual congressmen and senators to explain their plan. This is essentially the McNary-Haugen plan in that it gives 100% parity (new formula) for the wheat used for food and the certificate price for the remainder of the crop. The bill has been written and will be introduced soon. This meets with the request of those who advised the northwesterners.

Opposition will come from areas where wheat acreage has been greatly expanded and from those who want continued government subsidies direct from the treasury. Use of wheat varies, said Mr. Kaseberg, from 515 to 535,000,000 bushels or slightly under four bushels per capita. Increase in population has not changed it much. Approximately half the wheat would be sold at parity, under the northwest plan, and half would get the world price.

Allan Tom, club president named Arnold Dunlap, Giles French and Paulen Kaseberg as a nominating committee to report June 15, when the meeting is to be held at 7 a. m. at the Allan Tom's new farm home near Rufus. Wives of members are also invited to the concluding breakfast.

1949 Class Has Class Night; Graduation

Classnight for the ten seniors that graduated from Moro high school last night was held Wednesday with a dinner at the Community church. Joe Harvey acted as toastmaster and introduced class members who gave the proverbial class will, sneak trip, history and prophecy. Mrs. Heitmeyer and Gordon Kunke presented letters and Keneth Young gave awards.

Graduating are Neil Coats, Wilma Edwards, Joe Harvey, Jean McIntyre, Priscilla Meizer, Keith Nelson, Jacqueline Rust, Virginia Smith, Keith Thompson, Connie Wilson.

Coach Kunke was given a heavy leather traveling bag by the Letterman's club in token of appreciation.

Historical Society Officials Make Picnic Program

Program for the picnic of the Sherman County Historical society to be held at DeMoss Springs park next Sunday, June 5, has been made.

Francis Lambert, secretary of the Oregon Historical society, will come to speak before the assembled group. While he has not announced his topic he is familiar with Sherman county and its history and with the purposes of historical societies of other counties and the state.

Reports will be made on many of the activities of the society for the past year. The marker committee will make a report through George Potter, chairman. Plans for building the marker for the pioneers who crossed the John Day at McDonalds have been furthered during the year.

The betterment committee, Mrs Helen Bruckert, chairman, has a report on this rather unique activity of a historical society but one that meets the provisions of the constitution directly: to make the county a better place to live.

The park and table committee took a day or two off this week to get the park in shape for the event. Registration will begin at eleven o'clock, food will be served at one and the program will follow. It is not an old folks picnic. It is for everyone and everyone is welcome.

BUDGET MADE TODAY

Those who want to have a part in advising about the county budget for 1949-1950 may be heard at the budget meeting today, Friday, when the county court and the three budgeteers, A. A. Dunlap, A. C. Kaseberg, and Dewey Thompson, meet to take up that part of county business. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

The Grass Valley grade school children, teachers, and some of the parents motored to Rock Creek dam Wednesday on their annual picnic. They played games, went swimming and wading, with a picnic dinner served at noon.

Mrs James Easter took Mr and Mrs Ed Alley to The Dalles Thursday where they took the train for Kansas to spend several weeks visiting at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Wayne Karnes.

Mr and Mrs Don Smith and son, Larry and Carolyn Lemley, motored to Warm Springs Saturday to spend the week end returning home Monday evening.

Mrs Gould arrived Friday from Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs Bruce Alley and family. Mrs. Gould and daughter and children left Saturday for Burns to spend Memorial day weekend.

Grant Armsworthy returned home from Eugene where he had been visiting his daughters. Mr and Mrs Pat O'Meara are having some remodeling done on their home in Wasco.

Mrs Art Macheel and children spent the Memorial day holiday at Tacoma, Washington. Elvis Rich and family were at Elmer Hill and family were at Yakima, Washington for the Memorial day vacation.

Mrs Clara Fyburn of Lebanon was an overnight guest of Mr and Mrs R. T. Dingle Monday. Relatives gathering at the W. A. Morris home on Memorial day were Mr and Mrs L. E. Langford, Miss Nellie Morris, and Mrs Clara Macnab all of The Dalles, Mrs Morris Macnab and family of Portland, Mr and Mrs Ike Kate and son of Tigard, Mr and Mrs J. C. Meyers and son of Bend, Mr and Mrs Frank Adams and family of Arlington, and from Rufus Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett, Mr and Mrs Ray Brown, Mr and Mrs Joe Morris and sons, Mr and Mrs Bill Meyers and family, Mr and Mrs Bob Morris and family, and Mr and Mrs Bob Byrd and family.

Ray Jewel, former Moro principal, will be superintendent of the Lakeview schools next term.

Moro Library To Reopen Tuesday

The Moro library will open for business next Tuesday, June 7, for the first time in years. The new location is the city council rooms in the official city hall, upstairs.

The Moro Woman's club is official sponsor of the revival of the library and it is expected that other organizations will take a part this fall. During the summer emphasis will be put on books for children.

Work of keeping the library open will be voluntary with Mrs Darwin Van Gildey and Mrs Orville Hockman taking the first shifts.

The books have been sorted by the head librarian of The Dalles and some new books are here from the state library. Interest in the reading of books can be satisfied now, if there is enough of it.

Mrs Joe Yocum Buried At Wasco

Funeral services for Mrs Joe M. Yocum were held here Monday from the Wasco Methodist church following her death at the home of her daughter, Mrs Bert Kane near Heppner.

Mrs Yocum was born Mary Margaret Hendrick in Polk county in 1872 and was married at McMinnville in 1896 to Joe Yocum. They lived east of Wasco for many years, moving to The Dalles and then to Heppner.

Surviving are her widower, and six children, Rita Oviatt of Newport, Vera Happold and Vivian Kane of Heppner, Bessie Church of Portland; Erce, Dick, and Lawrence Yocum of Wasco.

New Elevator Pit Proves Tough Job

Work on the pit for the new elevator has been slow this week because the rock is so hard it can hardly be drilled. Some of the plans have been changed to obviate a couple feet of drilling but the last ten or twelve feet of the pit was very slow. The company expects to get the base down within two or three weeks after which the sidewalls will be put up in a short time with the modern system.

NEWS FROM RUFUS

Miss Jean Lloyd of Eugene has been hired to teach English for the coming year. Miss Lloyd is a graduate of the University of Oregon where she has also done graduate work. Miss Lloyd is an accomplished musician and has had training in journalism, dramatics, and library work.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Warner are the parents of a new son, born May 22. They have another son about 1 1/2 years old.

Mr and Mrs George Fox and sons George Jr and Jimmy, spent the weekend in Troutdale where they were overnight guests of Mr and Mrs Will Fehrenbacher. Mrs Fehrenbacher is a sister of Mr. Fox. They went down especially to attend the wedding of Mrs. Fox' cousin Francis Gerding of Corvallis who was married Monday morning to Carol Lampert of Troutdale.

Mr and Mrs James Fox went to Troutdale early Monday in time for the wedding of Mrs Fox' niece Carol Lampert. They expected to visit there for a day or so with relatives before coming home again.

Mrs Sarah Gianonatti, who teaches in the Rufus school, plans on leaving Tuesday for her home in North Dakota.

The Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs Trace Fields Thursday, June 9 at one p. m. Mrs Andy Engberg will be the co-hostess.

Mr and Mrs Stuart Johnson of Salem were guests for a few days at the home of Mr and Mrs T. L. Fields. Saturday night they went out to dinner and to a show in The Dalles. The Fields' took their guests for a drive Sunday up in the Gilliam county territory above Condon. They reported the crops looked pretty good in Gilliam county.

Mr and Mrs Verle Fields of Salem were Monday guests of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields for dinner. They had spent the week end holiday with other relatives here.

James Coats, son of Mr and Mrs Claude Coats, graduated from Whitman college this week with a magna cum laude rating, the highest given.

Special Road Tax Beaten By Five Votes; Few Voted

Sherman county voters by a vote of 186 to 181 turned down the proposal of the county court for a five mill special levy for four years.

The vote by precincts was:

	Yes	No
Rufus	47	18
Kjondike	17	17
Monkland	10	22
Kent	9	21
Grass Valley	18	43
Moro	30	37
Wasco	50	30

There is no certain way to divide the town from the country vote but it is apparent that the farmers did not favor the levy.

No campaign was made either for or against the levy although members of the court did some work for it. It would have given the incorporated towns some money for streets.

The budget committee will meet today (Friday) and it would be possible for that group to authorize a budget item above the six percent limitation for roads. The people would have to vote on this also.

It is expected that the budget committee will find no more than \$40,000 to be used for roads. There should be \$15 to \$18,000 remaining June 30. This could permit a monthly expenditure of somewhat over \$5000 for the coming year or about the same as the present rate.

The county has some 60 to 70,000 yards of rock waiting to be spread and some tubes. More tubes are needed for drainage, the court has said.

There was no excitement about the levy election; slightly over 31% of the voters cast ballots. There wasn't even much interest in the result.

V.P.W. ELECTS, INSTALLS

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the auxiliary of District No. 15, department of Oregon, met in Moro, May 21 for the district convention with delegations from Bonville, Parkdale, Hood River, The Dalles and Sherman county present.

Earl Walker, Cascade Locks, district commander, conducted the meeting held in the VFW hall and introduced Vere McCarty, Condon, department senior vice-commander; Robert Ashworth, Portland, commander of District No. 1 and Herbert Matthieu, The Dalles, past commander. The Dalles, past commander of District 15. The following officers were installed by Vere McCarty for the ensuing two years: Norris Gilkison, district commander; Robert Chrisman, Hood River, senior vice-commander; John Dyball, The Dalles, junior vice-commander; Ivan Blagg, quarter-master; Charles Prigmore, Hood River, chaplain.

Mrs Herbert Matthieu, The Dalles, district president, presided at the auxiliary session which took place at the IOOF hall. Mrs Robert Ashworth, Portland, dept. conductress, was guest of honor and installed the newly elected officers: Mrs Marvin Howell, Wasco, president; Mrs Earl Walker, Cascade Locks, senior vice-president; Mrs Arseno Beland, The Dalles, junior vice-president; Mrs Elmer Fredricks, Cascade Locks, treasurer; Mrs Iris Lindgren, Hood River, chaplain; Mrs Robert Holmes, The Dalles, conductress; Mrs Robert Moore, Hood River, guard. Appointive officers were: Mrs Robert Boynton, Moro, secretary; Mrs John Rust, Grass Valley, Mrs George DeMoss, Moro, Mrs Eldon Lane, Grass Valley, and Mrs William Brinkert Jr., Grass Valley, color bearers; Mrs Edith Phillips, Hood River, patriotic instructor; Mrs Ralph Busse, Moro, musician.

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Memorial services were held on the court house lawn Monday morning with members of the American Legion and VFW taking part. Colors from both organizations were displayed. The Community choir sang two numbers and the audience joined in the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America". Kenneth Young, commander of the local Legion post, read two poems for the occasion. Rev. Carl Stierle and Chaplain Carl Melzer led in prayer. Taps was played by James Hall, scout.