

## These Things We Note

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There's no sense in trying to satisfy a constant complainer; he'll find another subject.

The story goes that some years ago when foot racing was a popular sport three men were lined up for a race. Their wives or best girls spoke to them thus: "Come on Bill, if you really try, you can win."

"Pete, if you run like you do after other women you'll win in a walk."

"I know you can win, honey." Other things being equal who won the race?

Old friends are the best—Not one would I lose; Fit the feet of my soul Like an old pair of shoes.

Across the far miles, Or ever so near, To know that were friends Brings comfort and cheer.

As onward I go There's joy in my heart In these old friends of mine; May they never depart.

New friends, like new shoes, Most gladly I choose, But the old fit my soul Like an old pair of shoes.

—E. C. Gedding

We wonder if historical societies and pioneer organizations are in danger of becoming standardized so that one becomes just like another. Each should reflect the kind of people they represent.

Maybe a program of early day activities would enliven some of them. Athletes in olden times ran footraces, wrestled (sidehold and catch and square hold), jumped, turned-down, had fiddling contests, jiggling contests, prize waitzes.

Also, of course, they told lies about things they saw or thought they saw. But that activity has not changed materially except that the radio has taken it out of the field of personal experience and put it in the field of "I heard" which is too general and less interesting.

In early Roman days when a tribe or a nation was defeated its warriors were made to pass under the yoke which was an article of war erected for the purpose. The army marched under it and passed on into slavery.

Naturally no one ever went under the yoke if they could help it for by so doing they lost their liberty. They never, for instance, voted to do that.

Plutarch once said: Cato used to assert that wise men profited more by fools than fools by wise men; for that wise men avoided the faults of fools, but that fools would not imitate the good examples of wise men.

The Oregonian wrote a particularly fine editorial about the departed George Mowry, a Moronite who never lost his love for his home county. The city paper said George was a man whose information was broader than his profession, that he was an educated man.

Well, there are far too few who are learned and informed. They become the philosophers. Lucky is he who can know a half dozen of them.

When a man gets to thinking that he can win by taking money from the government under any fair taxation system he is admitting he is less efficient than the average.

Oregon and the northwest does not have enough industry to keep the new population busy. It is doubtful if there will be work enough on the dams to keep all the new men busy until there is more industry, assuming that there will be more when there is enough cheap power.

Unless there is assurance of continued business sufficient to keep everyone busy there is probably too many people around here.

## Conservation Plan To Be Heard Here June 17

A hearing is scheduled to be held at the court house Friday June 17 on the proposition of voting on the formation of a soil conservation district for the entire county.

At the hearing the state committee made up of two farmers and three government men: state engineer, head of the extension service and the experiment stations will decide whether or not a vote is the proper for the county.

The law about formation of such a district is lengthy in order to protect land owners. A soil conservation district is a governmental subdivision without power to tax, levy bonds or make assessments. The supervisors have these powers: "to secure soil surveys, to conduct demonstrations, carry out preventive and control measures with consent of owner and renter, to enter into agreements with government or owner, to acquire, to exercise eminent domain, to receive income from such properties and spend such income, to make equipment available, to build buildings, to make plans, to accept and use gifts, to sue and be sued and as a condition to the extending of any benefits under this act to, or the performance of work upon any lands—the supervisors may require contributions in money, services, materials—and may require landowners or occupiers to enter into and perform such agreements as to the permanent use of such lands as will tend to prevent or control erosion thereon."

There are three supervisors to each district who shall receive expenses only. They may propose regulations but may only put them into effect by a vote of three-quarters of the owners. Actually the law in Oregon is so written that the district supervisors can do little without the support and the vote of a god-sized majority. There has been no trouble over exercise of power by the supervisors.

An accurate soil survey would take several years to obtain and it would be necessary before much work could be done. Such a survey would be of immense value to the county.

A vote on formation of a district must follow the hearing within a reasonable time.

## Fathers-Sons To Eat Ma's Cooking Together

A Fathers and Sons Banquet will be held Friday night, June 17, at 6 o'clock in the basement of the Community church. Sponsor is the Mariners club.

Speaker will be Dr. Morgan S. Odell of Lewis & Clark university in Portland. Tickets are on sale at the Tavern. This event is for everyone. Membership in any club or group is not necessary to attend.

## Mrs. Lincoln Myers Buried Monday

Thelma, the youngest daughter of William and Rosilla Bozarth, was born to them in China Hollow in 1894.

December 22, 1911 she became the faithful companion of Lincoln Myers, at that time a laborer on the Cello Canal at Big Eddy. Mr. Myers in 1907 had left his home state of Iowa, with its tall corn and terrible tornadoes for the favored west.

To this union are three sons, William, Roy, Lloyd, and four daughters, Evelyn, Leta, Betty, and Ruth.

Mrs. Myers' mother, Rosilla and a sister, Eva Bell, preceded her to the great beyond, many years ago.

While in California for a short while, Thelma united with the Christian church. For the past few years, she has been a patient sufferer. Her particular ailment had been to be laid between the mother and sister who lie in the older part of the Wasco cemetery.

Departing this life she leaves her husband, Lincoln, her sister, Mrs. Jessie Myers and a brother, Earl Bozarth, and her family of sons and daughters and six grandchildren.

## Arthur Spencer Ends 22 Years of Taking Locust Grove Children To Wasco School

Arthur W. Spencer has driven the Locust Grove school bus for 22 years, since back in 1927, which makes him one of the first school bus drivers in the county and certainly the one with the longest service.

Mr. Spencer retired when school ended last week because he has reached the age when the state says no man can work except for himself.

During the 22 years of driving Mr. Spencer has used two busses, each lasting 11 years. He has hauled children now grown and sending children of their own on the same bus, driven by the same reliable driver. The number of children taken to school total well over 300 but no record has been kept.

No accidents have marred the 22 year old record and the school bus fenders are undented.

Mr. Spencer lives on his place west of Wasco at the head of Fulton canyon.



## Dick Reckmann Hurt In Fall With Horse

Dick Reckman, farmer and stockman of Grass Valley, was injured seriously Tuesday while riding for cattle on the breaks of the Deschutes river.

Accompanied by his brothers Henry and Andy and Harry Hartley he was gathering cattle. While alone his horse presumably fell on him on a rough spot of trail and his hip was injured. When he was found it was thought his hip was broken because it had swollen badly.

A group of men from Grass Valley went out to the river and carried the 240 pound man to the top of the hill and he was taken to the hospital by ambulance. It was learned that he had no broken bones but was badly bruised. He is expected home in about a week.

## TROUT BEING LIBERATED BY GAME COMMISSION

The early releases of year-old, legal-sized trout are now well under way. To date there have been 464,923 of these big rainbow trout liberated. Along with these there have been 126,840 legal cutthroat, 7,752 eastern brook, and 25,000 silverides liberated in Oregon's streams.

Four big tank trucks are now hauling these trout from the Oregon State Game Commission's hatcheries. At the present time, two of these trucks are working out of the Oak Springs Hatchery near Maupin, Oregon.

Robert Holloway, in charge of trout liberations for the Game Commission, stated that slightly over half of the yearling winter hold-over trout are now out. He pointed out that other legal-sized trout will be liberated all during the summer along with the liberation of smaller sized trout.

## Historical Society Picnic Brings Young And Old Together

The day was warm and sunny and the food was rich and plentiful, enough in themselves to make any picnic a success. Also the program of the Sherman County Historical Society, given Sunday at DeMoss Sprink park, was entertaining.

For music Sandra May played two numbers on the piano, the Rufus quartette sang two songs and Mrs. Orville Ruggles played some old songs; the cub scouts raised the flag and gave their oath to it, Rev. Gearhart, just back from conference invoked the blessing.

Mrs. Millie von Borstel reported as secretary, Willy Knighten for the marker project which is getting along well, Mrs. Helen Bruckert for the betterment committee and Giles French for the historical section.

Francis Lambert, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, spoke of the value of history. The past is part of our inheritance and means as much to us as do the material surroundings, he said. He told of the services the state society renders to the county societies and the publications available to Oregonians.

Elected on the nomination of the committee were Mrs. Helen Bruckert, president; Dewey Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Oscar Ruggles, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Millie von Borstel, director for five years.

Next Sunday, June 12, the Sherman Riders will hold a potluck dinner at the fair grounds for members, friends and those interested in riding. The officers request that horses be brot so there can be some practice for shows scheduled later in the year. The dinner will be served at one o'clock, standard time.

## Road Fund For 1949-50 Total \$89,000

When the county court and the three appointed budgeteers were finished with their annual task last Friday afternoon the budget had been made for the 1949-50 fiscal period. It will be under the six percent limitation and the court will have \$89,100 to spend on the roads between July and July.

The \$89,100 figure comes out this way. The road fund totals \$60,100, there will be road fund carryover of \$8,000 and there still remains \$21,000 in the special road fund. It was estimated that this will be all the money the county can get spent in the next year. There is some 60 to 70,000 yards of gravel on hand although not perfectly distributed. More will be needed.

Total levy for the county will be \$85,888, slightly within the six percent limitation.

No startling changes were made in the budget items. The salaries of officials were raised including \$600 for the judge, \$500 for the justice of peace, \$480 for the clerk, sheriff and assessor, \$440 for deputies, \$240 for the treasurer and \$200 for the janitor.

The appropriation for welfare was increased as usual. More was allowed for the coyote trapper, more for court house repair, more for schools and less for the health nurse because it was not felt that value received had been obtained from that appropriation.

The budget will be published next week and the following week and the final hearing on it will be held July 6 at which time it can be changed but slightly.

## MORO NOTES

Mr and Mrs Roy Powell and the others in their party spent Memorial day at a national cemetery at Margraten, Netherlands.

Jimmy Moberg, son of Mr and Mrs James Moberg, was salutatorian at the graduation of the Astoria high school and also won a scholarship to Linfield college at McMinnville. Mr. Moberg was pastor of the Community church while here.

A thirty minute color film entitled "Voices of the Deep" containing shots of fish life and reproduction of fish sounds will be seen at the Community church Friday night at 8:00 p. m. with Russell Beishee as exhibitor. All are welcome.

One hundred books for children have been received by the Moro library and will be available for lending Friday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30. These books are from the state library.

Darwin Van Glider injured his back Wednesday while working on the highway.

Mr and Mrs Ray Jewel stopped at the Willy Knighten home Wednesday night while on their way to Portland from La Grande where he has been teaching and she has been county home demonstration agent.

Willy Knighten is in Salem this week to attend the county school superintendent's conference.

Little David Bennett fell Sunday morning and cut a gash across his hand which required a trip to the doctor and some sewing.

Mr and Mrs Ira Messinger were up from The Dalles for the historical picnic Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Louis Sather were in Corvallis Sunday and Monday to see their son, Merrill, graduate from Oregon State.

Merle Becket stopped in Moro a short while Sunday morning when on his way to Redmond to help judge the horse show there. Some of the local riders attended.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Huntley of Tolovana Park are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Collins Moore this week.

Bob Dunlap, brother in law of Mr and Mrs Virgil Conlee, was here from Boise, Idaho Sunday night and Monday while on his way to Bend.

Mr and Mrs John DeMoss left Wednesday for Portland to see Mrs. DeMoss' cousin, Ezra Barker, who is at the Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Aurelia DeMoss of Eugene, who was here for the historical picnic Sunday, accompanied the DeMoss' as far as Portland.

## Telephone Rates Up In Sherman County Since June 1

According to C. P. Horn, manager for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, the telephone rate changes for local service in Sherman county involve monthly rate increases as follows for Moro and Wasco:

Residence Service - 4 party	25c
Residence Service - 2 party	50c
Residence Service - 1 party	75c
Residence Ser. - Suburban	25c
Business Service - 2 party	75c
Business Service - 1 party	\$1.00
Business Ser. - Suburban	50c

Grass Valley is the same except 2-party business phone is raised \$1.00 and suburban business is raised 50 cents.

No increase in rates for farmer line service. Increases also apply to certain other exchange rates and charges, including service connection, move and change, and installation charges, as well as extension telephones and certain miscellaneous services.

For intrastate long distance service, all present 5 cent routes will be changed to 10 cents for station calls for the first 5 minutes with 5 cents for each additional 3-minute overtime period. Minimum charges for collect calls will be 20 cents and for person calls will be 25 cents for the first 3-minutes with 5 cents for each overtime minute. In certain additional mileage steps from 10 miles to 172 miles, there will be 5 cents and 10 cents increases on station calls.

## May Rainfall Short Of Average

During all of May there was but .51 inch of rainfall, more than an inch short of the average for May. Moisture for the crop year has been 10.28, exactly average.

Maximum temperature for May was 92 on the 12th and the lowest was 32 on the 4th. It was a warmer month than usual the average temperature being 59.3, up 4.3 degrees from the normal. The wind blew an average of 5.7 miles per hour making this May a very quiet month inasmuch as it usually averages 7.9 miles per hour in that month. Windiest day was the 16th when the average was 12 miles for a 24-hour period.

## WASCO NEWS ITEMS

Mr and Mrs Sam Brock celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last Sunday and while at the historical picnic were presented with a bouquet of red gladioli by the society in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Sadie Rich and her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Van Glider, went to Redmond Sunday, taking along a couple of horses to ride in the contests for horse men.

Sunday evening Mr and Mrs James Riskowsky and Mr and Mrs Robert Duke were dinner guests at the Ora Workman home.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Lütje have moved to the farm home of Mrs. Mae McDermid.

Last Saturday Mrs. Beadle and son of Gresham came to Wasco in their car to take Joe Brooks home with them for a visit. He will visit Mr and Mrs George Lamborn before he returns.

R. L. Andrews, a cousin of Guy Andrews, now of Seattle was here last week finding friends of the days when he, too, was a Wasco resident.

Quite a number of Wasco people went to DeMoss Springs Sunday to attend the picnic of the county historical society.

Mrs. Augusta Huckin left Saturday for Walla Walla to spend a few days with friends.

"What is Man That Thou Art Mindful of Him" will be the subject of F. Claude Stephen's sermon at the Christian church next Sunday.

Jim O'Meara and Floyd Gore were in Seattle for the O'Meara Implement company last week. Mrs. Etta Morford, one time telephone operator at Wasco, was here last week for Memorial day. She now lives in Tillamook.

Miss Vivien Trounce is in Los Angeles to attend the wedding of a niece.

Mrs. Lee Dehler was in The Dalles Sunday to pay her first call on her new grandson, William M. Alsup.

## Christensen Tops Two Classes At Stock Show

Sherman county youngsters returned today from the Oregon Wheat League Fat Livestock show in The Dalles with a large share of the prizes awarded for winners and with more than the monetary returns for sale of stock.

Biggest winner was Diane Christianson, 17 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur B. Christianson, whose steer won grand champion and whose lamb was grand champion. Her pen of lambs was also first. The winning steer brought \$1.50 per pound for all 935 pounds of him and the top lamb brought \$2.35 per pound.

Sherman county was represented at the sale by many buyers who bought a large part of the stock exhibited from this county. Prices were higher than in any previous year. Average for all beef sold was 39 cents a pound, for hogs was 36 cents and for sheep was 72 cents. There were five classes of Herefords divided as to weight. Winners from Sherman county were:

- Heaviest: Roger Ball 1st; Sharon Coons 2nd.
- Next heavy: Diane Christianson 1st; Roger Ball 2nd; LeRoy Martin 4th.
- Next heavy: Clarence May 3d; LeRoy Martin 4th; (Stephen Oveson was first in this class.)
- Next heavy: Larry Kaseberg 1st; Arnold Miller 2nd; Vern Mobley 10th.
- Lightest: Roger Ball 1st; Keith Mobley 6th; Sharon Coons 11th; Frank McKay 12th.

There were two classes of Shorthorns.

- Heavy: Merle Eakin 2nd; Duane Eakin 3rd. The heavy Shorthorn was owned by Ronald Baker of Ione and was champion Shorthorn of the show.
- Light: Duane Eakin 1st; Merle Eakin 2nd.

There were two classes of Angus.

- Heavy: Edwin Balsiger 3rd.
- Light: Donald Miller 1st and reserve; Billy Root 2nd; Douglas Alley 3rd; Sally Fields 5th; Larry Kaseberg 6th.

The Diane Christianson steer was grand champion, the Ronald Baker Shorthorn reserve champion. Duane Eakin was best Shorthorn showman.

In the sheep divisions Diane Christianson took champion and reserve champion for class and show. Joann Ross was second in her class. Diane won with her pen of five lambs.

For hogs Duane Eakin took grand champion with his entry in the breed class with a Hampshire. Merle Eakin was second. Merle Eakin won first with his pen of four. Toni Miller was fourth in the Poland China class.

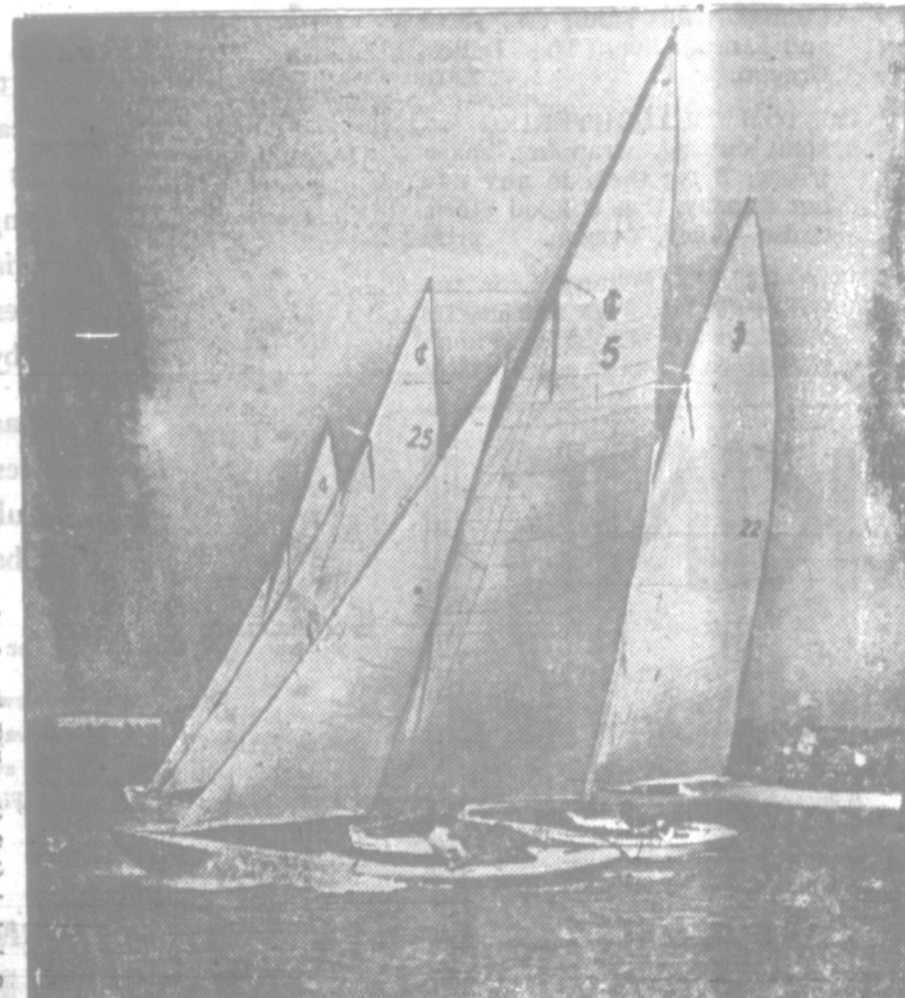
The annual banquet Tuesday night was attended by those in the management of the show, The Dalles chamber of commerce members and guests. A buffet luncheon was given Wednesday evening before the sale started to prospective buyers.

Joann Ross won in junior sheep showmanship and Diane Christianson was second in senior sheep showmanship. Joann was reserve champion showman for the event.

## KENT AUXILIARY ELECTS

### NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The American Legion Auxiliary held a meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Robert Tatum with eight members present. Plans were discussed for a picnic to be held June 19 at the Grass Valley park for all the Legion and Auxiliary members and their families and friends. Election of officers was held with Eliene Eslinger being re-elected president; Jane Young, first vice president; Geraldine Tatum, second vice president; Jacqueline von Borstel re-elected secretary; Nadyne Reynolds re-elected treasurer; Mildred Norton re-elected historian; Mary Sayers elected chaplain and Opal Jefferies elected sergeant at arms. Next meeting will be June 29 at the home of Mrs. Fred Justesen.



YACHT RACE STARTS . . . Yachts entered in the opening race of the 1949 Amorita cup series for International-one designs in Great Sound, Bermuda, got off to a fast, close start. Eight yachts were slated to compete in the series, four representing the United States, and the other four from Bermuda. The *Wisp*, one of the U. S. entries, whisked to victory in the first test.