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These Things We Note

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Educated people have fewer children. It may be expensive but it is the only known way to keep down the population.

This kind of weather wouldn't even rate as summer time in Alaska.

Judges at horse shows will have an extra burden upon them around Salem and Portland this fall. In addition to judging pace, style, action, way of going, they will also be called upon to determine, size, flesh, condition, distribution of fat over carcass, quality of loin.

Mr. Monroe Sweetland has said that the reason he endorsed Mr. Gus Solomon for federal district judge was that "he represents the principles and spirit of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. As a federal judge we have confidence that he would give effect to those principles."

Why, we wonder, should it be necessary to insult Mr. Solomon by inferring that as a judge he would lean to the political theories of any administration past or present. In our innocence we had thought that judges were supposed to be impartial. That's what comes of living in the country; one gets so naive.

Down on the river which the Indians called, Towornehook the sun works down the western hills each morning to warm the gorge briefly before it slides slowly up the eastern hills in the afternoon providing a long twilight, the most peaceful part of the day.

Planes roar overhead so high the eye cannot catch them but the motor sound bounces off the cliffs and makes the gorge an ear trumpet.

Trains travel at night perhaps because there are no stations along the lower Deschutes and it is more efficient to use that part of the road after hours. There are some diesel engines and they haul great strings of cars both up and down, carrying the materials and equipment that makes it possible for life in all America to be just like it is in all other parts.

There is no physical reason for spending a weekend on the river unless one likes the outdoors in one of its more rugged moods. True, there are no telephones, no auto accidents, no mail, few people. Also, there are no fish which may be ascribed to none being planted, moss in the river, too many chubs, too many fishermen, warmer water since irrigation, poor fishing ability. (check any two.)

But for one who doesn't object to being reminded that nature is so much more important than mere man the sight of those high hills and deep gorges puts things in proper relationship. What is there is real and permanent and it won't dissipate with a changed viewpoint, the popularity of differing opinion or the flicker of public fancy.

Now someone thinks that alcoholism is caused by intestinal disturbances. He may have the cart before the horse; the bellyache ahead of the booze. There's a lot of cures for drinking hard liquor or rather a lot of suggested treatments. In grandpa's day there was but one and it is still the only successful one: quit drinkin' the stuff.

Within a few days Moro will have a skyscraper that can compare with any in the state. The new elevator will be 170 feet high, lacking perhaps six inches, and not many cities in Oregon can boast of a higher structure. It takes something like 15 stories for an office building to be that high. The newer elevators are being built taller because they are cheaper in per bushel capacity.



BACK TO JAPAN . . . Jacob Deshazer, 36, made his first and only trip to Japan early in the morning of April 20, 1942, as a bombardier in General Doolittle's famous raid on Tokyo. He was forced down and spent 46 months in a Jap prison camp. Today, Deshazer and his wife, shown here, and their year-old son are on their way to Japan determined to serve the rest of their lives as missionaries.

June In Colder Than County Judge Tom Average and Drier

June was an even tempered month, the maximum temperature being 16.4 degrees less than the average maximum and the minimum being 9.2 degrees more than the average minimum. Coldest was 30 on June 30 and warmest being 94 on June 5, which makes it look as if summer was in reverse.

Dry Grain Is Clean Grain, Says Expert

Keep your grain dry and avoid insect pests. [That's the advice of Robert W. Every, OSC extension entomologist, who adds that grain insect pests are not likely to become troublesome in grain that has a moisture content of 10 percent or less.

Upwards of 300,000,000 bushels of grain are destroyed each year by insects, officials of the U. S. department of agriculture estimate. Losses in storage are high. Every explains, because the largest part of the nation's wheat, oats and corn is stored on farms. Up-to-date insect control measures are in use on only about 5 percent of the farm storage space.

Here are the A, B, C's that will reduce insect damage: First, clean storage bins thoroughly. Be sure that all grain from last year's crop has been removed since it is a possible source of insect contamination. Then, spray. Every recommends the use of a 5 percent DDT emulsion spray. For best results, he recommends that it be applied at the rate of 1 gallon of spray to each 1,000 square feet of bin area.

After grain has been placed in the bin, it is also a good idea to inspect it periodically to see if insects are present.

Every recommends two fumigants for use in cases where insects are present in stored grain. They are a mixture of ethylene dichloride and carbon tetrachloride or chloroform. The latter is commonly known as tear gas. Feed and seed stores or chemical supply stock both chemicals.

About 6 to 8 gallons of fumigant are required for each 1,000 bushels of grain to be fumigated. Fumigation is accomplished by sprinkling or spraying the chemical over the top of grain bins. Since both gases are dangerous, it is advisable to wear a gas mask. Every concludes.

Mr and Mrs John Parker returned Wednesday from a Fourth of July trip to Vancouver, B. C. where they visited her brother and enjoyed the green scenery along the coast.

County Judge Tom Suggests Engineer

The county court finished its first six months in office with the July meeting which was held Wednesday morning. Bills were ordered paid in most instances although there was some disagreement.

Judge Tom re-expressed his opinion about management of the road program by saying that what the county must have is an engineer who is able to lay out the work for the crew and to plan for roads and design bridges that must be built.

No action was taken to obtain a man of this kind until a later meeting.

Sixty 4-H Clubbers Tour Two Counties

Sixty-4-H club children spent last Friday and Saturday in Sherman and Wasco counties under the direction of very busy county agents and extension workers.

The children, most of whom were from Wheeler county, inspected the station, spent the night at DeMoss Springs park before going on to Wasco county via Sherar grade. There they stayed at the fair grounds and went to Paul Muller's place, the Raymond Crabtree home, where they heard about the soil conservation district and at the Dodd farm to hear about stock.

In charge of the group were Tommy Thompson, Sherman county agent, Miss Mabel Wilson, Home demonstration agent, Morrow county; Les Marks, Wheeler county agent; Ernest Kirsh, Gilliam county agent; Harold Werth, Hermiston; Ernest Lathrop, Wasco county club leader and Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent.

FIRST NATIONAL FEELS ECONOMIC CHANGE

In answer to the June 30 call of the comptroller of the currency, the Sherman County branch of the First National Bank of Portland reports deposits of \$1,600,590.48 and loans of \$256,011.00. In charge of the local bank is Carrel S. Bennett, manager.

A year ago the figures were, deposits, \$1,499,799.02, and loans, \$313,749.05, Bennett said.

President F. N. Belgrano Jr., stated that for the First National group of 61 banking offices, as a whole, the June 30 statement shows loans of \$181,397,739.97, and deposits of \$554,856,546.94. A year ago, with 56 banking offices in the group, the figures were, deposits, \$572,979,049.71, and loans, \$169,875,390.13.

Mr and Mrs Ernie Engles and family left Saturday for Buhl, Idaho, where they will visit with Engles folks. They expect to be in Rufus again by Thursday of this week.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Art Bucholtz of Moro took his aunt, Miss Anna Schwartz, to The Dalles Thursday for a medical check-up.

Mr and Mrs John Block and Mrs John Hays went to The Dalles Sunday to spend the Fourth at the home of Mr and Mrs Roy Feely.

Mr and Mrs W. C. Schilling and daughters went to Heppner to spend the Fourth of July at the home of Mr and Mrs Glenn McLachlan, and family.

Mr and Mrs L. D. Peterson and children, Betty Lou and Bud., of Los Angeles, California, and her father, J. R. Hewitt of Overton, Nevada, came last Sunday to visit Mr. Peterson's mother, Mrs. Amelia Peterson.

Chet Peterson of Bend spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs Amelia Peterson.

Mrs W. C. Schilling and daughters arrived Friday from Cottage Grove to spend the week end with Mr. Schilling at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs W. F. Schilling.

Jack Lewis of Olex spent Thursday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Bud Coon.

Alton Olds and Lloyd Noonan spent the Fourth of July week end on the lower Metolius.

Ed Vinton of Portland stopped Tuesday to visit relatives on his way home from Bend where he spent the Fourth with his son.

Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel had as their guests the Fourth of July weekend their son, Frank von Borstel Jr., county agent from Roseburg, Mrs von Borstel's brother in law, John Goodrich of Yreka, Calif., Mr. von Borstel's sister, Mrs Elizabeth Nachter and daughter, Betty from Roseburg, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Jack von Borstel from Corvallis, Marianna Koch of Oregon City, and Mr and Mrs John Vossen of Corvallis.

Sunday July 3 a family reunion was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Armandus von Borstel with about fifty-seven relatives and friends. A pot luck dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was spent visiting and ball games. Among those present were Mrs Margherita von Borstel, Messrs and Mesdames Walter Koch and children of Oregon City, Alfred Koch and son, Bud, Donald von Borstel and daughters, Ted von Borstel, Carroll Sayrs, Frank Sayrs of Moro, Keith DeCoursey and his mother from Klickitat, Wn., Frank von Borstel and Frank von Borstel Jr., Jack von Borstel, John Vossen, Hans Bardenhagen and daughter, J. E. Norton and daughter Carol and son Wily, Wily Knighten and son Wily, and John Goodrich, Mrs Elizabeth Nachter and daughter, Diane Christian, son and Henry Peters.

Wheat Price Set

The 1949 wheat price support program was announced Thursday, according to the weekly grain market review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. The USDA will support producer prices for this year's crop at a national average of \$1.95 a bushel at the farm. This compares with an average of \$2 last year.

The support program is based on 90 percent of parity at the beginning of the marketing year July 1. Parity for this year is figured at \$2.17 a bushel. Last year parity was \$2.22 a bushel.

The loan value at Portland and other northwest terminal markets is set at \$2.14 a bushel. This is for wheat stored in eligible warehouses. The loan rate at Portland for last year's crop was \$2.19.

The loan rate at Chicago for this year's crop is \$2.24 a bushel. Minneapolis \$2.21, and Kansas City \$2.19. San Francisco and Los Angeles also have a loan rate of \$2.19 a bushel.

Loans will be available to producers from the time their grain is harvested through January 1950. The maturity date is April 30, 1950 or earlier on demand. Purchase agreements will also be available this year.

County support rates will vary by counties. The difference reflects the transportation costs to the terminal markets. The freight rate figured in Sherman county is 15 cents per bushel.

WASCO NAMES RECORDER

Wasco's city council accepted the resignation of John A. Foss as city recorder at the Tuesday night meeting and appointed Art Macheel to fill the vacancy thus caused.

Also done was approval of the expenditure of the state highway money on the bridge near the R. H. McKean property which was nearly washed out last winter. The city budget was given the official OK by the budgeting board.

Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson are leaving Friday for a two weeks trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. Steve O'Meara has been in the hospital in The Dalles for several days and is reported as recovering.

Several members of the Wasco community spent the Fourth in various places. Vancouver, B. C., Camp Sherman, Bend, Wallowa county, The Dalles, Glendale, Woodburn the Willamette valley. Others remained at home making preparations for the future.

Mrs Ruby McCann of Bend is a house guest of her brother, Ora Workman and family in Wasco.

Rev. and Mrs F. Claude Stephens spent most of last week with their son, Dean and family in Klamath Falls returning home Saturday after a fine visit.

Mrs P. G. O'Meara entered the hospital Thursday.

"The Kingdom and Citizenship" is the topic at the Christian church Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Dale Laughlin went to Crater Lake for the Fourth of July holiday, leaving Saturday at the end of their bakery route and meeting friends there.

Miss Ada Packard is here for the summer at the Leonard Fields home.

Mr and Mrs James Riskosky left last week for Denver to be at the bedside of his father who is very ill.

Mrs Marie Barnett Cooper was here last week from Portland to see how the crops are coming along.

Mr and Mrs Lewis Hastings spent a week end in Hood River with the Hal Sheltons' recently.

Miss Gladys Moore is home again from a vacation trip to Portland where she visited friends.

Maurice Smith came up Friday from Ordance to spend the week end at the home of his brother, Myrl Smith and family.

Mr and Mrs Myrl Smith and son, Lowell, Maurice Smith, Bill Smith, Bill Elliott and Lois and Dorothy Kelley went to Madras Sunday and on to the Peterson Rock Gardens and then on to Bend where they all enjoyed a picnic lunch, later they were joined by Mr and Mrs Owen Eakin and family and Mr and Mrs Harold Owens and all stayed for the water pageant.

ELEVATOR BINS DONE

The crew of the elevator construction company left last week end for the holiday with the bins being all poured to the full 120 feet of height. Work of pouring the scale house and the headhouse got under way this week with a smaller crew and these additions are expected to be finished very shortly.

CAR MISSES ROAD

Don Estonzoza, 32, San Francisco was having trouble staying awake Friday morning with the result that he missed the highway at the slaughter curve and rolled his 1947 car up the creek bed. He was not seriously hurt. The car was. Possibility that the left front brake might have tightened was also considered by Sheriff Fields who investigated the wreck.

STRONG LOSES WHEAT

The fire siren called out the townsmen of Moro last Friday when a grass fire started west of Truman Strongs and rushed ahead of a high wind across some cheat, through Crested Wheat grass and across a point of nearly ripe wheat before anything could be done about it.

The wind was so strong the fire did not spread badly and only about five acres of wheat were destroyed. The fire truck responded and arrived in time to put out fire on posts and dampen the path of the blaze.

Field Day Group Sees Station Crops, Nursery

The farmers who gathered at the experimental station Wednesday afternoon to visit the field plots there were able to see another year of development in the accustomed tests. Tests, it will be remembered, grow more valuable with the years.

They also could see several new experiments and some new wheats and grasses.

There was nothing very new in the spring varieties and no great prospects of a high yield in any of them. A selection of bald barley that is earlier and a good yielder may be valuable. It is Moro selection 5206.

A Comet x Sunset cross, an early hard white wheat might come to a good end later. There are some new winter wheats particularly a group of wheats in which the station staff is trying to develop a club wheat that will be smut resistant. An Alice x Oro P-3 will smut no more than turkey type wheats, having gotten that resistance from Oro. It is a club headed wheat but not quite ready for distribution being irregular in growth.

The composite cross trial has been going on for a long time. Equal quantities of Triple, Hybrid 128, Rio, and Rex were sown and the product resown each fall. Now it is almost all Rio, a turkey wheat, and Rex, the highest yielder of the bunch is almost gone.

Hymar x Elgin is another cross designed to eliminate smutting in club wheats. Although Hymar is a club wheat it is smut resistant and it is hoped it can carry its resistance. Another Alice x Oro is a long-headed wheat, but not bearded like Oro. There may be a club wheat on the station now that will be smut resistant and that would solve a long serious problem.

The field of Crested Wheat grass has been plowed and put in wheat which shows little indication of improved nitrate content from the years of grass growing, but looked very good nevertheless.

There is little difference in methods of plowing or times of cultivation this year and the plots on which alfalfa and grass were grown as a prelude to wheat are almost back to normal.

In the nursery the experimenters are trying to find a wheat that will have the best qualities possible. It should be as free from smut as Turkey, Hymar or Requa (which doesn't dwarf smut) and it should yield like Rex or Elgin or Federation and have the quality of protein of Blackhall or Baart and it should have good stiff straw and mature early and be winter hardy.

To find this wheat is the reason for the nursery where literally hundreds of kinds of wheat are grown each year. Some experiments are conducted to improve a wheat already acceptable and others to produce some new wheat.

Tests are being made now at Pullman to find out what conditions make wheat have protein. For instance high temperatures at certain times give wheat stronger protein. At Albany, California, tests are being made to find out about differences in protein. Protein, it is now discovered, has many other qualities than can be found by test weight.

The crowd saw the creeping alfalfa that came from Klamath Falls and may be valuable as a mixture with grasses. It saw oats and barleys and their neighbors and when it was over they looked over the station house and were refreshed with a cool drink by Mrs. Mitchell.

HARVESTING STARTS

Harvesting started this week but too late for results to be known. Clarence Morrison expected to start Wednesday in his place east of Klondike and Floyd Flatt, with Marcus Eslinger cutting, and Carl Melzer were to start Thursday. Yields of up to 20 bushels, were expected which, if obtained, will indicate a very good crop for the county as a whole for first yields are usually on land with less than average yields.

COUNCIL REVIEWS WORK

The city council reviewed the work being done with the money voted for a bond issue last year. Cleaning the ditch, rebuilding the drain channel and improving the water system are all under way.

It is expected that some sidewalks will be built while working men and contractors are in town and any one wanting sidewalks constructed may profitably get in contact with the city officials.

(Paving of the streets as planned should be possible by September as some crews are expected to be near here by then. The budget was belatedly approved.