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These Things We Note

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We wonder where this notion came from: That a man working for the government could and would do a better job than a man working for himself. Shortest obituary ever written.

Presuming that a mere private in the ranks might offer a suggestion to the Republican high command let it be this.

Mr. Brannan is a piker. Grab onto it with both hands before he thinks his scheme through. Advocate that the government provide all food free and pay the farmer good prices for producing it.

The present Branhan plan only goes part way perhaps ten or twenty five percent of the way. Go the whole hog. Politically it is perfect. Everyone gets his daily bread and the producer gets taken care of splendidly. What's the difference what it costs?

It might be necessary to add a little service for the benefit of men who lived in camps or worked out but you could hire some cooks and waiters for them. Go ahead. Remember, when you're buying votes it makes no difference what you pay; it comes out of the same people anyway.

Who started this license business anyhow? Anyway Portland has practically finished it with columns of licenses that get all but the oldest and newest professions.

It was assumed when the constitution was written that an American could do almost anything. He could enter into any business and be pretty much of a free agent. He could carry a gun. He could cut open a neighbor's hair; he could open a store; he could lend money; he could kill pigs; he could give dances. That was all understood by the first Americans because they had rebelled partly because of a dinky little tax on tea.

Now you can do any of those things but you gotta have a license and you can't afford a license unless you want to really go into the business. As a practical matter the guy who invented this license business repealed the bill of rights. It had some semblance of social value until they started using it for revenue. Now it looks like commercialized unconstitutionality.

Ordinarily the recall is an awkward weapon but it would be pleasing to know that Mike Elliott isn't the kind of a sheriff the people of Multnomah county like to have.

The essentials aren't so expensive; it is the non-essentials that raise his with the income.

Some very smart people, including Senator Douglas of Illinois, have been saying that democracy cannot exist where there is poor housing. They show pictures of poor housing to prove it.

Shades of Uncle Elijah and Aunt Samantha. Uncle Elijah fought for the union in the civil war and left from and came home to a little cabin in the hills that was a hundred yards from the creek where Aunt Samantha got her water. They had a tallow dip for light until they bought a coal oil lamp. They were good citizens willing to stand on their own feet and be responsible for their own house.

They didn't put a price tag on their citizenship and threaten to go communistic if the milk wasn't delivered on time or the government check was delayed. They didn't have to have chicken every Sunday and a steak on weekdays to continue to believe in the principles on which America was founded. They were not so crassly material as the moderns who want to bribe people into being citizens.

And now for something original: Is it hot enough for you?

California Woman Killed In Highway Accident Near Kent

Mrs Lowell E. (Donna) Waters, 30, of Woodland, California was killed on the Sherman highway about a mile and a half north of Kent Friday morning, July 8 at 10:30 when the 1948 Chevrolet two-door sedan she was driving rolled over in the road. She had just passed a truck driven by Tom Huntington of Antelope and her car had swung across the road as she regained the roadway.

Mrs Waters was accompanied by her mother, Mrs Andrew Leishman and her brother, Robert. Mrs Leishman was seriously injured having a broken shoulder and multiple cuts on her face and probable internal injuries. Robert, 8, suffered few physical hurts but was severely shocked.

The women were going north to Spokane when the accident occurred.

The Sherman county ambulance was called by Sheriff Fields. Tom Monroe drove the ambulance.

The car was reported by the sheriff to be a complete wreck.

Mr. Waters and Mr. Leishman came immediately after notification from Woodland and returned the body of Mrs. Waters and the others who were injured. Mr. Waters is a business man at Woodland and his wife was employed by a theater firm. The Leishmans were retired.

Hart Hailey Buried In The Dalles

Hart Hailey, 64, died July 8 at Rockaway where he had been living since leaving Rufus some years ago. He had a string of cabins.

Mr. Hailey was born near Goldendale August 3, 1884 and had spent most of his life in Sherman county where he was a farmer most of the time. Surviving is his wife, Lila, and several cousins in Sherman county.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at The Dalles with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery there.

Acreage Reduction Imposed For 1950

It was announced this week that acreage allotments would be imposed on American wheat growers for the 1950 crop. It was at first stated that this would be unnecessary because of the decline in estimates for the 1949 crop but the decision has been made for reduced acreage, nevertheless.

State quotas have not been set and after they have been established the state PMA boards will have to establish county quotas. Then the county committees will determine the individual farm quotas. These should be made known in time for fall seeding which begins in August in Oregon most years.

There will be no marketing quotas, according to this first announcement, which means that one can sell what wheat he grows but he would be ineligible for the loan if he did not reduce his acres.

Harvesting On But Yield Data Still Scanty

Wheat is coming into some elevators in Sherman county but in no great quantity so far. Wheat has been received at Hay Canyon, Klondike, Wasco, and Rufus but few fields have been completely finished and those are small.

Farmers are less communicative about the yield this year which in itself indicates a smaller crop than they have been used to. A field east of Rufus is reported to have made 20 bushels and one east of Moro 23 bushels. Other reports are of 12 bushel yields.

Eight outfits have started around Wasco and 12 near Moro with more pulling out each day. By next week some closer means of checking on the estimates will be possible.

At present indications are that the county will produce 2,600,000 bushels or more although hot weather on the spring wheat around Kent could make this impossible. That would be an average of 20 bushels on the county's 129,000 acres in crop.

Of this amount about half will be in the Wasco district, with Moro having 700,000 bushels and Grass Valley slightly less if present figures are sustained by final totals.

The wheat is generally somewhat under No. 1 being light in weight. This will materially reduce the income as the \$2.00 price is established on No 1 wheat.

New Elevator Up To Full Height

The new Moro elevator will be finished as far as cement work is concerned this week. The headhouse is built and the scale house steel frame already in place and pouring started. Floors in the headhouse are poured and ready for machinery.

Wendell Balsiger, manager, says that the total structure will weigh 19 million pounds and will hold approximately that weight in wheat when filled. Machinery will be extra. Some 185 tons of steel went into the structure being placed four inches apart at the bottom and eight inches apart at the top, crossed at that intervals, that is.

Whether it will be possible to deliver wheat to the elevator by next Wednesday, the 20th, is not known and depends, perhaps, on luck at installing the machinery.

RAILROAD CREW LEAVE

The Morrison-Knudson crew that has been backing the trestles near Hay Canyon for the Union Pacific left Tuesday after completing the job which required nine weeks. Most of the crew returned to Peudleton.

Using heavy equipment the men had filled three trestles since coming here, one of them 72 feet high. Without powder the sidehills were gouged out to obtain the dirt and rock needed for the huge fill job.

A road was built for Walter Bruckert and also a dam while the men were here.

About the County

Buddy Root and Stanley Boice were taken to the Episcopal boys summer camp at Cove last week by Buddy's grandfather, G. H. Root.

Mrs Lydia Darby is home again after a holiday visit with her daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Ferguson in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Tom Striker have been visiting their grand daughter, Mrs Ben Klindworth at Connell, Washington.

Mrs Josephine Hamilton of Durham, North Carolina, a sister of Dr. Leah Richelderfer is here for a summer visit with the Richelderfers.

Mrs Robert Turner and her three children of Anchorage, Alaska, are visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Hugh White and her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Harold White.

Ted Everett was admitted to the Mid-Columbia hospital recently.

Professor J. O. and Mrs. Russell of Turner were recent visitors at the Agusta Hickin home. Mrs Belle Clothier is again moving about the streets of Wasco, renewing old acquaintances and places.

One of Wasco's popular high school teachers, Mr. Duke and family have turned their way to Colorado. He is interested in the commercial life. From his new location he will be nearer his parents.

M. E. McKee and son, Gordon of Portland spent the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee. Mrs McKee returned with them to their Portland home.

Several farmers near are seriously thinking of harvesting their grain, beginning some time this week.

W. D. Watkins has been pouring cement for a new foundation for a firmer footing for a needed building.

Several lots about town are blackened as a consequence of burning weeds during the week. Good riddance!

John Asher is busy getting his newly purchased property of the R. H. McKean estate bordering the highway north of town, ready for occupancy. The song of the hammer is heard early and late.

A letter from Mr and Mrs George Lamborn of Wood's village, Troutdale, stating they have been in their new home one year the sixth of July. Last word from Mrs P. G. O'Meara is that she is improving satisfactorily in the St. Vincent hospital in Portland.

Topic for this Sunday at the Christian church is "The Active Agent In The Kingdom Of Heaven"

RANGES POOR

Oregon ranges deteriorated rather sharply during June due to lack of moisture and continued driving winds in many areas.

The July 1 range condition of 78% was the third lowest July condition on record. The hillside and lower elevation ranges in eastern Oregon have been burned beyond help. Stockmen had a short season of green feed which was generally of high quality. Summer ranges in most areas are already well matured—much earlier than usual. The higher ranges are generally good, offering plenty of forage but are in below normal condition and in need of rain.

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Veterans Must Attend Oregon Schools

Oregon veterans of World War II requesting state educational benefits for studies outside the state henceforth must be able to show that the training they require is not available in Oregon, the department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week.

A 1949 amendment to the state veteran's educational aid act of 1945 says the director of veterans' affairs cannot permit a beneficiary to draw benefits while attending school or college outside of Oregon without a "satisfactory showing that the training required is not available in an accredited institution with in the state of Oregon." The amendment goes into effect July 16.

Edward T. Taggart, educational officer for the state veterans' department, said the new restriction probably will result in eliminating most of the applications for studies outside Oregon under state aid.

Glenn McLachlan and son, Darrell of Heppner came Saturday and were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs W. F. Schilling Sunday morning. Mr McLachlan and son accompanied by W. C. Schilling motored to Redmond where they met Mrs Schilling and daughters of Cottage Grove and Mrs McLachlan and daughter, Lela who spent several days visiting them. All enjoyed a picnic dinner. The McLachlans returned to Heppner and Mrs Schilling and daughters to Cottage Grove and Mrs Schilling returned here.

Sunday after church services members of St. Phillip's Episcopal Mission and friends gathered at the Grass Valley city park for a pot luck and weiner roast. Those present were the Rev. E. E. Taylor and son, Robert, of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs B. C. Baumgartner and family, Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds and family, Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and family, Mr and Mrs Donald Clodfelter and family, Mr and Mrs Charles Perriso and family, Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock and son, Bud, Gerald Kock, Mrs T. M. Rolfe and Bill Holmes.

Mr and Mrs Eben Keel and her nieces, Jackie and Sandra Squire and Mr and Mrs Art Bibby and daughter, Janice returned home Saturday from Warm Springs after several days there.

Mr and Mrs Millard Eakin and family drove to Redmond Sunday where they picnicked with the Glenn McLachlan and W. C. Schilling families.

Mrs James Easter and Mrs Harold Owens were in The Dalles Monday on business and to meet Larry Easter who returned from Portland where he had visited relatives.

Mr and Mrs Harold Owens had as dinner guests Friday evening Mr and Mrs Harry Young and the twins & her cousin Miss Peggy Phare. Mr and Mrs Olan Stark and son, Terry and Mrs W. D. Barnett.

Mr and Mrs Harold Owens spent the fourth of July week end at the home of Mr and Mrs John Pezzetti in Bend.

Mrs Marion Crews and Mrs Irvin Stearns and daughter of Stevenson, Wn., spent Monday visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs Dell Olds.

Mr and Mrs Dell Olds had as weekend guests Mr and Mrs Arthur Gillespie, the former Beulah Williams, and their two daughters, Marilyn and Jacquelyn and their husbands. Marilyn's husband is the Indian movie star, Sabu Dastagir, and Jacquelyn's husband is Lt. Colonel Robert E. Lacy of the U. S. Air Force stationed at Metropolitan Air Base, California and their four and a half year old son, Dick Lacy, all from Hollywood. Mr and Mrs Dell Olds took them on a fishing trip to Sherar's bridge Monday where little Dick Lacy was the only one to catch a trout.

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Sherman County Boys Raise Pure Seed

Three Sherman county 4-H club boys have prospects of the first certified wheat seed ever grown in this county, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

A seven acre field of Elgin and a ten acre field of Golden passed field certification last month. The seven acres of Elgin wheat, grown by Larry Kaseberg of Wasco, is part of only 21 acres of certified Elgin in the Columbia basin area. A Gilliam county 4-H clubber, Henry Jaeger of Condon, has the remaining fourteen acres of certified Elgin.

The Golden field was grown by Milton and Norman Fridley of Wasco.

All that remains now for the final stamp of certification is a laboratory test at Oregon State college. Samples of this wheat are submitted to the seed lab and must come within the limits of the standards, before certification is final.

Certification specialist Elmer Johnson and assistant specialist Merrill Sather from Oregon State college made the final field inspection. Certification failed on 384 acres in the Columbia basin area as a result of too much smut in the fields. For certification the smut allowance is one percent.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

There is an air of expectancy in the community. The north end of Sherman county is preparing for another wheat harvest season. Last weekend most of the last minute repairs on the combine and tractors were finished to begin the threshing on Monday morning. Incidentally, Monday was such a windy day here, which isn't the kind of weather the harvesters like. Already, Friday afternoon two outfits were in the fields harvesting. Several new combines will be in the fields for their first time. The wheat is of good quality is the report, but the yield is not coming up to expectations.

The apricot harvest is also on for the Rufus fruit men. Visiting here for the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs Benton Barnett were Mr and Mrs Fred Curtis and daughter, Juanita of Portland. Fred is a son of Mrs Barnett and formerly lived in the community. Saturday evening both the Curtis and the Barnetts spent the evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson.

Mr and Mrs Leland Medler and son Douglas were business visitors in Portland, going down Sunday afternoon.

Several folks from here attended the funeral of Gordon Hall which was held in The Dalles Thursday afternoon.

Rufus grange met Thursday night in regular session with Master E. C. Eaton presiding. The Boy Scouts charter was renewed for another year, with the grange continuing as sponsor.

Friends here have received word of the death of Hart Hailey who for the last couple of years has lived at Rockaway. Mr. Hailey's last business venture here was the owner and operator of the Rufus Tavern, during the war years.

Mr and Mrs Carl Rutschman and family of Dayton came up Saturday to the home of Mrs Rutschman's parents, Mr and Mrs Claude Coats. They brought up some boysenberries grown on their farm there for the neighbors here.

Sunday morning Mr and Mrs Coats and family together with their children and their families left for Walla Walla, Wn., to attend the wedding of Jimmy Coats and Miss Beverly Mulhair of Walla Walla. After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home on the Claude Coats farm where Jimmy will help his father during the harvest. Jimmy expects to return to school for his masters degree at college this coming fall.

The Rufus Airplane club will meet Tuesday evening at the Ernie Engles home. The boys have finished one model and are working on another model.

Mr and Mrs Charles Beck of Condon are helping Claude Coats start the harvest which they began Monday on his farm. Mrs Beck is a daughter of Mr Mrs Claude Coats.

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Fair Board Says Fair Will Have Lots of Features

At the July meeting of the fair board the plans for the 1949 fair came a little closer to realization. The dates are September 15, 16, 17, 18.

Judging of 4-H club livestock and home economics entries will be done Thursday afternoon and the open classes will be placed Friday. There will be three days of program.

On Friday the Mid-Columbia Saddle clubs will give a horse show which will include drills, exhibitions and races. This will be generally in charge of saddle club officials.

On Saturday Mack Barbour will be here with his rodeo outfit with enough horses and riders to fill the entire afternoon program, although there will be horse races in addition to his program. Barbour will bring a supply of Brahman bulls in addition to his horses.

Jimmy Whetmore, who has long been a band leader, will be here with his band for three dance nights. These will be held Thursday night at Grass Valley Friday night at Moro and Saturday night at Wasco.

The Dalles high school band will come for the program days and will make music at the fair grounds.

E. L. Woods, county agent of Crook county, will judge the 4-H and open livestock classes and Miss Winifred Gillian will be judge of the home economics divisions. A horse judge has not been found.

These are the simple facts of the program, all of them to be embellished and expanded by further information as the event draws nearer. Suffice here to say that the board has made extensive plans for this 1949 show and has been generous in preparing for it.

4-H Winners Get Wheat League Checks

Premium money and sales checks were mailed to Sherman county club members who exhibited at the Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H Fat Stock Show and Sale held in The Dalles, June 6, 7 and 8 from the county agent's office this week.

Eighteen Sherman county club members received over \$10,000.00 in sales receipts and premium awards from The Dalles show.

Smut Treatment Essential, Says Col'ge

Save your most smut-free wheat for seed, clean it, then treat it no matter what its variety is the suggestion to wheat ranchers from two Oregon State college extension specialists, Rex Warren and A. P. Steenland.

In outlining a smut control program, Warren, a farm crops specialist, declares that either New Improved Ceresan, Ceresan M, copper carbonate or basic copper are effective seed treatments. The problem with the latter two-copper carbonate and basic copper—is usually one of mechanical failure in not being thoroughly mixed with seed wheat. Both agents rely solely on contact to kill smut spores. Ceresan products, meanwhile, are doubly effective. They have a fumigation action through the formation of a gas as well as being deadly to smut by direct contact.

Steenland says extra seed treated with Ceresan last fall and not planted will still germinate and produce a crop. Left-over Ceresan treated seed is best planted at a rate about 20 percent heavier than fresh treated wheat to make up for a germination drop, the plant pathology specialist adds.

Wheat treated with either New Improved Ceresan or by the wet slurry method using Ceresan M will not show any appreciable germination decline if sown within six weeks after treatment.

A common error in using Ceresan is not allowing 24 hours to elapse between seed treatment and drilling. This time allowance is required to get full benefit from the Ceresan gas, Steenland explains.



ANOTHER GANDHI ARRIVES IN U. S. . . . Devadas Gandhi, youngest son of the late Mohandas Gandhi, India's beloved spiritual leader who was assassinated last year, is met by J. J. Singh (left), president of the India League, as he steps off the plane which brought him to New York's La Guardia field. Although the younger Gandhi does not purport to be a major religious force, as was his father, he is following the Mahatma's footsteps in working for his people's good.