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These Things We Note

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My, Goodness! A town publicizes a picture of an event queen with clothes on. Skirts on a queen. This must be official.

The world is softening up; an Irish girl made the headlines by beating up on a cop.

We feel a little sorry for those who saw grasshoppers at Hart mountain. But perhaps that's better than snakes.

State highway officials persist in calling "Buck Hollow", "Buck Creek". They say it is impossible to have a hollow unless there's a creek in it which is an indication of a lack of mental curiosity covered with mental persistence. Or to not use the language of administrative ineptitude, ignorance abetted by stubbornness.

Jackie Robinson is reported as saying to the congressional committee that life in this country can be "mighty tough for people who are a little different from the majority." It doesn't apply here but some are different by preference anyway.

President Truman wants to have plenty of money to spend, which is a normal ambition. Most people have to work to get it and he wants to raise taxes so everyone will have to work.

Men standing on street corners waiting for a harvest job have small chance of being hired unless known. It isn't like it used to be when men came by scores and farmers needed them. Grain was cut with headers and the normal crew was seven and 30 acres was a good days work for a 14 foot header.

Then threshermen had to have 18 to 22 men and a good days run for a stationary outfit was 900 to 1000 sacks or about what a good 16 foot combine turns out now in a good day. And the combine is doing the work of header crew, only twice as much of it, and the threshing crew, and in addition night time finds the grain all in the elevator. Neither the standing grain, the cut grain, the straw nor the threshed grain is ever touched by human hands.

There used to be dozens of horses involved also and cooks, my word how they sweat and hustled in those narrow cockhouses, and wheat was worth but six bits.

Three men do the work of 30, efficiency is infinitely greater, there is much more machinery and the price is higher.

It may be a good many years before the nation knows whether Alger Hiss was tried more fairly in federal court or in Time magazine.

In Colorado a sort of International get together was held to discuss man and what made him click. Man is becoming collectivized and therefore losing his personality, it is said. As he depends on the state or something else he loses the power to depend on himself, which reduces his independence and his power to survive in a competitive situation.

Well, we reckon any biologist or any physician could have said the same thing. However, the philosophers did say it and it was at a religious conference after a fashion.

Most of us worry little about what we put in our stomach and none at all about what we put in our heads and we worry little about our place in nature. Too much trouble—let's have fun.

Too bad the marksmanship was so poor in that Los Angeles killing.

The new game board looks like a set of good appointments, but, of course, it will have its troubles with fewer fish and game and more hunters and fishermen. It would need a miracle to make everyone happy and it has been a long time since miracles have been performed.

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

Mr and Mrs Ralph Balzer and son, Carcel, arrived Friday evening from Portland to spend the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer and to attend the wedding of his brother, Clair, on Saturday.

Mrs Charles Perrigo and daughter, Leslie and David Bayer went to The Dalles Monday where Leslie entered the hospital for medical attention.

Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer had as their guests several days last week Mr and Mrs Bob Wren of Sheridan.

Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer and Mr and Mrs Melvin Balzer and daughter, Sheila, went to Redmond Monday and visited the Peterson rock gardens.

Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer, Mr and Mrs Melvin Balzer and daughter, Sheila, and Mr and Mrs Ralph Balzer and son, Carcel, motored to Timberline lodge Sunday afternoon. The latter left for their home in Portland and the others took the Mt. Hood loop highway home.

Rev. H. Y. Schultz of Portland stopped at the C & C Food store Monday and visited with Mrs Kenneth Crews a while. He told her he had married her father and mother, Mr and Mrs Henry Roth 34 years ago and that they were the first couple he had married.

Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles took her mother, Mrs S. L. Boyce to Prineville Sunday after spending a week with them to visit her daughter, Mrs Lou Fischer.

Mr and Mrs Bill Lawson of Portland were dinner guests Saturday at the home of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews.

Mr and Mrs Earl Olds took his daughter, Mrs Glenn Perry to The Dalles Monday where she entered the hospital for medical treatment. Her mother Mrs Irma Whitehead who arrived from Portland came home with them to care for her grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs John Buether received word Friday night that their son in law, Francis Hammond had suffered a heart attack and was taken to the Redmond hospital. They left Saturday morning for Powell Butte to be with their daughter a few days. Mr. Buether went back up Monday for a few days.

Mrs Frank Bayer and Keith Bayer went to The Dalles Saturday to bring Frank Bayer home from the hospital recovering from a recent appendectomy.

Mr and Mrs Charles Perrigo gave a dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer Jr., for their daughter, Linda, who celebrated her fifth birthday anniversary. Guests included besides the above mentioned Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer Sr., Mr and Mrs Claude Bayer and son, David, David and Keith Bayer, Leslie Perrigo and Julia and Byron Bayer.

Mr and Mrs Ted Trimble and Mrs Grace Perkins were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mrs T. M. Rolfe and Mr and Mrs Bert Cox motored to Antelope Monday to spend the day visiting the former's daughter, Mrs Charles Baker and family.

J. W. Blagg and Gerald Blagg went to Portland Sunday afternoon on business returning Monday evening. Mrs Irene Mansfield accompanied them to her home in Portland after spending the week end here.

The marriage of Miss Marie Blagg, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Blagg and Clair Balzer, son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer, was an event of Saturday, July 16, at 11:00 a. m. in the Baptist church in Grass Valley, the home of both families. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Odell performed the ceremony.

WHAT YIELDS HOLDING UP TO AVERAGE

Results of harvesting indicate that the crop will be larger than at first estimated and may reach 3,000,000 bushels.

Most reports are that the yield is good although some farmers seem disappointed. Yet, there are more reports of fields making 30 bushels than 20 bushels and even deducting for optimism and early reports there seems a good chance that the county will average 23 bushels which will bring the total up to the 3,000,000 mark. Quality is not high but test weights are around 58 or 56. Already two wheat loans have been made, one on No. 2 and one of No. 3 wheat.

By now, most all of farmers in this community are out gathering in their wheat. With the exception of one or two outfits, the hustle and bustle of harvest is here. That means hours from early morning until late at night until the harvest has been stored safely away, and the hopes of two years has been reached. One year the land lays idle and stores up moisture for the next year when the land is in crop and it is growing. It was threatening rain Tuesday, and few sprinkles were felt in the morning, making the air quite chilly. This makes the wheat stocks tough and much harder to get the "cream" out. Therefore, the hot days, most town people complain of, is just right for the wheat harvester.

Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum and Mrs Leah Jensen went to Stanfield last week where they were guests of Mr and Mrs Miles Barager. They went especially to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs Barager who is a sister of Mrs Yocum and Mrs Jensen.

Visiting here from Vernonia were Mr and Mrs Truman Davenport. Mr. Davenport's parents and also a brother, Harvey, live in this community.

Mrs Curt Tom and a friend from The Dalles spent three days last week visiting friends in Walla Walla, Washington. They returned to Rufus Saturday.

Mrs Catherine Boise has accepted a position in The Dalles and is making her home there at present.

Mrs Mae Fowler accompanied Mrs Lila Hailey to Rockaway, leaving early Monday morning. Mrs Fowler will stay there for several weeks with Mrs Hailey who lost her husband last week. Mrs Hailey has an auto court at Rockaway.

Mr and Mrs Bill Meyers and son have moved to Portland for the next three weeks or so. Bill is working below Camas with the engineers on the dredging crew.

Mr and Mrs Donald Klock and daughter Patty were in Rufus Friday where they visited with Mrs Klock's parents, Mr and Mrs W. A. Morris.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs J. G. Huffman, who live in the Chenoweth district, Sunday night were Mr and Mrs Joe Morris and sons.

Mr and Mrs Robert Morris and daughter Shirley were in Walla Walla, Washington where they were guests of relatives last week end.

Mrs Pearl Pearson and two children have been visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald. Mrs Pearson's husband is stationed with the navy.

Mrs Harland McDonald was on the sick list last week, but is reported as improving this week.

James Coats Weds Walla Walla Girl

James E. Coats, son of Mr and Mrs Claude Coats of Wasco, was married Sunday, July 10, at the Congregational church at Walla Walla, Washington, to Miss Beverly Mulhair, daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles W. Mulhair.

The church was decorated with gladioli and baby breath and a sorority sister of the bride sang, "Thru the Years" and "Because". The bride was led to the altar by her father and was gown in white taffeta, with fitted bodice and long train. Her bouquet was Rubrum Hilee. She was attended by sorority sisters whose dresses were styled similar to that of the bride.

Don Bryant of Seattle was best man and fraternity brothers of the groom were ushers.

The reception was held at the Beta Theta Pi house which was decorated with many seasonal flowers. Here the bride's cake was cut and the visitors book signed by guests.

Both were students at Whitman college where the groom graduated in June. They will live at Phoenix, Arizona, where Mr. Coats will attend the Institute for Foreign Trade.

ANDREW PATJENS RETURN

Mr and Mrs Andy Patjens returned Friday from their trip to Germany and other European countries. They also spent several weeks sight seeing in our own U. S. A., as they returned in their new Studebaker. The Patjens report a wonderful trip.

Activity of most of Wasco farmers-grain harvest. Bulk trucks are moving to the elevator—not so much as last year, but satisfactory.

Mr and Mrs Ed Cardinal are up from Portland, to tend their grain harvest on their Klondike farm. Their nephew, J. Kelly Cardinal from New York is with them.

Harry Allen, who was badly burned last week in the Dorrmaier fire was taken to The Dalles-Monday for medical treatment.

Mrs Gina Medler was up from Portland last week visiting friends and attended church services at the Church of Christ.

Many housewives just now are doing a good turn in helping to save the apricot crop by putting it in jars for winter.

At Wasco, Church of Christ, Sunday topic "Active Agent in Man's Salvation."

Many transients are seen at times on streets of Wasco, looking for work, from the age of high school boy to the more mature, but with the farmer already having his crew and not a very heavy crop, there is not work to employ the "willing worker."

Mr and Mrs Dick Ninesfeldt, daughter and son in law of Mrs Lehman, with their son Dickie, were visiting at the home of Guy Andrews. Ninesfeldt's are from Gold Hill and were favorably impressed with this part of the state. They returned to their home Tuesday.

Veteran Payments Nearing End

An estimated 95 percent of Oregon's World War II veterans will be ineligible for GI jobless benefits after July 25, stop date for payments to men discharged from active service prior to the official end of the war on July 25, 1947, the Oregon department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week. The remaining five percent can draw until their two years following discharge time is up.

As the end to this phase of the GI bill neared, figures from the Oregon State Unemployment Compensation Commission disclosed that only 6530 veterans, or less than five percent of Oregon's World War II veteran population, had exhausted their benefits, which amount to \$20 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks for the unemployed ex-GI and \$100 for slightly more than ten months of self employment.

Meanwhile, efforts to get Congress to extend the deadline were stalemated, according to Washington reports. Arguments put forth to congressmen by veterans' groups nationwide, including the advisory committee to the Oregon veterans' department, urging the time extension were these:

1. Veterans graduating from college are having difficulty finding jobs in the current recession.

2. The recession is forcing the lay-off of veterans ahead of other workers because they were hired last and lack seniority.

3. The bulk of veterans have not yet earned sufficient wage credits to draw state unemployment benefits. In Oregon, the SUCC said only 60 percent of 94,680 veterans who filed for GI benefits since 1944 will be protected by state jobless payments when the veterans' program runs out. On top of this the state veterans' department said, must be figured thousands who never worked in jobs covered by state benefits.

Oregon veterans received \$31,300,000 in federal jobless pay in the nearly five years of the program. The jobless peak was in March of this year when 24,329 veterans drew benefits in one week. The lightest load, 1152 veterans, occurred in October, 1948.

Pioneer Trails Head Coming To The Dalles

Dr. Howard Driggs of New York City, president of the American Pioneer Trails association and party, will be in The Dalles Sunday evening, July 24, and the Chamber of Commerce is planning a basket dinner for them at 6 p. m. Interested Sherman countians may attend.

Crop Insurance Cost Under 3% Says Shepard

John Shepard of Seio, member of the PMA board and Creighton Lawson, who is working with the crop insurance division, were in town Tuesday somewhat concerned over the fact that Sherman county has not accepted the crop insurance program as well as other mid-Columbia counties.

Mr. Shepard said that Umatilla county farmers were 80 percent insured and that farmers in counties with an average yield smaller than Sherman were insured.

The new crop insurance program will eventually become a county program, said Mr. Lawson, for whenever enough reserves are built up the county may take over the program and set whatever rates are necessary with the government merely supervising. Sherman county has about a third of the required reserves to date.

The actual rate for full crop insurance is now a little under three percent which means that an insured farmer could have a complete failure in 35 years and come out even. "Not many farms go that long without losses," said Mr. Shepard.

Sherman county's present rate is .6 bushel per acre. For a man with 15 bushel land and a 1000 acres the cost would be 600 bushels. He would get a 20 percent reduction because of the size of his farm and a further five percent reduction because of early payment. Insurance would cost him \$912 for which he could receive \$30,000 in case of total loss.

Whenever sufficient reserves are built up a further reduction of 30 percent will be possible. That would make the insurance rate about two percent, permitting one total failure in 50 years or enough partial failures to make one total in 50 years, explained the visitors.

A few more than 50 farmers in this county are now insured, said Mr. Shepard, and they have been constant in their adherence to the program as are farmers in other counties.

Mrs Walter Adams To Be Buried Sunday at Kent

Mrs Walter R. Adams, 68, a former resident of Kent and Antelope, died at a hospital in Tacoma, Washington early this week and will be buried at Kent next Sunday afternoon at 2:00. Graveside services will be held at that time. Mrs Adams was a sister of the elder Wilsons.

Northwest Must Have Low Freight Rates

Fair and equitable transportation rates for northwest wheat are necessary if it is to compete again in eastern markets, said Frank P. Aughnay, manager of the newly-formed Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association, in Pendleton recently while on a get acquainted tour.

Present shipping costs, he said, are discriminatory and are driving northwest wheat and flour from eastern markets.

According to Aughnay the basic freight rate a hundred pounds, set in 1935 by the ICC, was higher than that for the east; therefore percentage increases that followed widen the spread between the freight costs till it is now impossible for northwest producers to compete in eastern markets.

Circular Guide Out

A new handy reference guide to available mimeographed information station circulars of extension circulars, giving numbers and titles, has been issued as revised extension circular, number 530, now ready for distribution thru county extension offices or direct from OSC.

The 11-page mimeograph covers publications in the fields of agricultural economics, crops, dairy, food technology, horticulture, ornamental plants, vegetable crops, livestock, poultry, soils and weed eradication. Within each listing is included separate extension and experiment station publications by order number and title.

Wheat Acreage Cut To 118,632 For 1950 Crop

Sherman county farmers can seed 118,632 acres to wheat for the 1950 crop.

Official word to that effect was received by the county PMA office Thursday morning. This is an actual reduction of some 11,000 acres from the 129,000 acre total of the 1949 crop. The cut to be enforced by the government is 17 percent from seeded acreage and 20 percent from the usual acreage. Both figures are involved in computations based on previous history of the movement and mean little.

Even the 118,632 may be slightly restricted because ten percent must be reserved for possible appeals. Notices of allotments to individual farmers must be sent out by August 15. Then there will be a 15-day period for appeals to the local committee and following that a 15-day period for appeals to the state committee. Then the ten percent can be distributed by the county committee. A three percent reduction will also be figured for new farmers, as in previous programs.

A meeting was held Wednesday night when E. Havey Miller, state PMA head, and Arnold Bodker of the same office stopped in Moro. Friday local officials including O. G. Hilderbrand, chairman, Frank von Borstel, Ralph Busse and Tom Thompson will attend a meeting in Pendleton to learn of full details about the wheat cut.

POST TREATMENT REPORT
Fence post treatments that have no value as well as those that have lengthened the life of posts are summarized in the latest report on the T. J. Starker "post farm" which has now been under research observation for 22 years.

With Douglas fir posts, three treatments that have proved worthless are brush application of asphalt, charring, and cold soaking in zinc chloride. Port Orford cedar was not benefited by a hot-and-cold bath of carbolineum B, though Douglas fir posts were. Eight treatments, including the "salt" treatments, that proved beneficial on fir and pine are given.

County Claims and Proceedings Show Court Actions

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 1949 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Minutes of June 1 read and approved.

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

Monthly report of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of June 30, presented and filed.

Monthly report of County Clerk showing General Road fund budget balances as of June 30, presented and filed.

Semi-annual report of Sheriff showing tax collections from October 15, 1948 to June 30, 1949, presented and filed.

Jack Jefferies employed to paint certain portions of interior of Courthouse.

Certificate of appropriation issued by Court certifying budgeted appropriation for office of County Agent for 1949-1950 fiscal year.

Order issued directing Clerk to cancel outstanding General Fund County Warrant.

Order issued approving increase of certain County Officials and employees, and Commissioners' per diem fees and mileage, and directing Clerk to so accordingly pay.

Hearing held on proposed budget for fiscal year 1949-1950; budget adopted as published and order of tax levy to cover so made.

County Agent authorized and directed to negotiate for printing of pamphlets covering 1948 Conference Committee Report.

Right-of-Way Easement for County Road by Frank Medler et al, presented and filed.

transfers in budgeted item balances as may be necessary in balancing out fiscal year accounts.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE, 1949, APPROVED JULY 1 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT GENERAL FUND

SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Norman E. Fields, \$50.00; Howard Cooper Corp, \$46.40
CLERK'S OFFICE
West Coast Printing & Binding Co, \$17.90; May & Son, \$1.45
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
M. J. Mahoney, \$75.00; Marie Hoskinson, \$50.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$3.00; Mahoney Office Equipment, \$10.00
COURTHOUSE
City of Moro, Water Dept., \$7.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$24.82; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$39.12; Ivan Kirkelle, \$12.65; Eastern Oregon Electric Co., \$4.80; Jack Jefferies \$1000.00; Ranch & Home Store, \$25.89; Fry-Fyter Products Co., \$69.00; Elsie Jones, P. M., \$4.80; Williams Construction Co., \$27.46
COUNTY COURT
Vernon I. Miller, \$21.00; Lester Wilson, \$22.50
CIRCUIT COURT
D. N. Mackay, \$100.00
LAW LIBRARY
The Frank Shepard Co., \$20.00; West Publishing Co., \$90.00; The American Law Book Co., \$62.50; Bancroft-Whitney Co., \$80.50
DEMOSS MEMORIAL PARK
W. R. Reid & Son, \$9.57; Columbia Agricultural Supply & Equipment Co., \$32.61
COUNTY CORONER: \$27.65
COUNTY SCHOOLS: \$124.50
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: \$2189.20
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY: \$361.19
GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$50.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$14.85
SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEAS-

SURES: \$2.56
COUNTY PRINTING: \$112.80
AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS: \$67.50
RETIREMENT FUND: \$58.68
MISCELLANEOUS

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$7.80; First National Bank, \$91.30; State Tax Commission, \$13.88; Public Employees Retirement System, \$147.59; National Hospital Association, \$10.50
ROAD FUND

WAGES
James T. Brown, \$267.16; E. McPherson, \$208.35; Frank Bazzel, \$212.32; Frank Bayer, \$200.38; Charles H. Perrigo, \$242.54; First National Bank, \$66.30; State Tax Commission, \$12.56; Public Employees Retirement System, \$46.04
REPAIRS
C. H. Urness Motors, \$54.20; Loggers & Contractors Machinery, \$9.11; Wasco Motor Co., \$11.05; Motor Supply & Equipment Co., \$6.43; Industrial Motom or Parts, \$19.25; Central Machine & Welding Works, \$35.15; O'Meara Supply & Implement Co., \$14.08; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac, \$148.96; Joe's Motor Service, \$24.50; J. K. McKean Co., \$5.92; Service Garage, \$7.57; The Dalles Equipment Co., \$1.62; Hulden Motor Co., \$11.10
GAS & OIL
Standard Oil Co., \$379.49; Shell Oil Co., \$13.70; Union Oil Co., \$74.87
TIRES & TUBES
Wasco Motor Co., \$3.05; Arstall-Monroe, Pontiac, \$3.70; J. K. McKean, \$1.00; Service Garage, \$18.50; Firestone Stores, \$260.00; Walthers-Williams Co., \$208.55
GENERAL SUPPLIES
Ranch & Home Store, \$8.73; Moon's, \$5.76; Contractors Equip-Corp., \$397.40; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$49.79
MISCELLANEOUS
State Industrial Accident Commission, \$51.47; Railway Express Agency, \$0.98; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$15.24; City of Moro, \$3.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.90
RETIREMENT FUND: \$3.83