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These Things We Note

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A woman tripped across the wearing a big, black picture hat, followed by a man carrying a box. Women wearing big, black picture hats are often followed by men.

One can read in the news much about "shortage of dollars" which will have no meaning to most of us. It merely means that the English are going to have to go to work to continue living and that no government can deliver ease and comfort, high wages and short hours, health and happiness by political legerdemain. Whether private or public agencies own business, workers must produce or be hungry. Private agencies were more efficient than public in England which follows the teachings of history elsewhere.

We note that women apparently take as much delight in showing their legs as men take in looking at them.

Albert Schweitzer said at Aspen, Colorado that gadgets are not the indications of civilization; that ownership of automobiles, bathtubs, refrigerators, television outfits meant little and that morals were the means of determining the degree to which a people had advanced.

A community of people, however large, that knew how to get along with each other would be more civilized than one with all the gadgets without social ability.

The Pope recently decried our sensuality.

It follows that probably the poorest citizen is one without morals, who is also too weak to adhere to them if he had any.

It has apparently been decided that the CVA as proposed is philosophically poor and politically good; poor government or good politics. The decision will indicate which we prefer.

Believers in law enforcement can properly give notice of Chief Charles Pray of Portland, who under the leadership of Mayor Dorothy Lee, has been enforcing laws which many have said were unenforceable. Pray is showing that citizens do not have to have illicit liquor sales, slot machines and other underworld money makers if they elect and appoint the right law enforcers.

Arming the nations of the Atlantic pact would keep us busy for some months and would keep our taxes high for some years and would keep the world on the brink of war for some decades.

It is said that there are enough teachers again now. There'd ought to be; it's the best paid job for beginners.

"I," said the bright young man, "am a college graduate." "That's fine," replied the prospective employer, "now if you'll get to work and learn something you'll be OK."

One of the boys in the car that hammed a wheat truck on Moro Street Tuesday is reported to have expressed this reaction while the car he, was in was stuck in the side of a 200 bushel truck: "But we can't stop, we're in a hurry."

Don't we Americans have the damndest time living up to our constitution. Now we are arguing about the separation of church and state again. And there's the awfulest debate on constantly about who can talk or write. Then there's the Negroes and Jews that are officially equal every way and still have trouble getting into a social club law or no law, constitution or none.

Maybe if they get wages high enough everyone will have to work for himself again; and spend only what he actually earns.

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

Mr and Mrs Roy Stanley of Fresno, Calif., who have been on a trip to Yellowstone park and other scenic places visited Mrs. Esther Stanley last week at her Wasco home.

Mrs P. G. O'Meara expects to be home soon from the hospital according to last word from her. Mrs. Albert Kaseberg had a painful fall in her home and has since been very uncomfortable.

Rev. and Mrs Claude Stephens will be absent from his pulpit Sunday while they attend a reunion of the Stephens clan. His father was an early settler in Multnomah county near the old Barlow road and the family will get together to relive old times.

Rev. Benjamin L. Hicks, 81, one time minister of the Christian church at Wasco died last week at Albany and funeral services were held Saturday at Turner, where he had been living since his retirement. He is survived by a stepson, H. E. Huddle and a stepdaughter, Mrs John Weedman.

Harvesters are wearing away the grain fields and getting good yields to make the farmers happy.

Tractors Dangerous

Dedicate the week of July 24 through 30 — and then other weeks as well — to the removal of at least one farm work hazard; get the farm safety habit, suggest members of the Oregon Farm Safety Council in calling attention to National Farm Safety week.

The farm tractor is still an important accident problem on the nation's farms, reports Council Chairman F. E. Price, assistant dean, OSC, school of agriculture. Overturning caused at least eight Oregon farm deaths during an 11 month period ending July 1 this year. Seven others lost their lives in accidents involving tractors.

Balzer-Blogg Wedding Held At Church

Miss Marie Blogg, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Blogg of Grass Valley became the bride of Clair Balzer, son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer of Grass Valley at a ceremony held Saturday morning July 16 at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church in Grass Valley. The Rev. F. L. Cannell of Pleasant Home read the double ring ceremony before the altar decorated with tall baskets of yellow gladioli.

Mr. Gorman Rose of Moro sang, "I Love You Truly" and "Because", before the ceremony accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Orville Ruggles, who also played the wedding march.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white silk marquisette with fitted bodice with a bertha embroidered in seed pearls. Her finger tip veil was held in place by a crown of seed pearls. She carried a white bible with bouquet of pink rose buds and lily of the valley.

Her maid of honor, Miss Leone Moore, wore frock of yellow rayon satin with a bandeau hat to match and carried a bouquet of orchid gladioli.

The bridesmaids, Miss Carol Norton and Miss Leitha Leader wore identical frocks of orchid organdie with picture hats to match and carried bouquets of yellow gladioli.

John Buether was best man of the groom and Donald Thompson and Harold Melzer acted as ushers.

A reception after the ceremony was held at the Masonic hall. The three tiered wedding cake, white decorated with pink rose buds and topped with the traditional bride and groom figurines was at one end of the lace covered table which bore a center arrangement of sweet peas and baby breath in a crystal basket flanked by lighted white tapers in crystal candelabra.

For traveling the bride wore a white suit trimmed in navy blue with navy accessories and her corsage was rosebuds from her bridal bouquet. The young couple left on a short wedding trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Some wheat farmers have already finished harvest, but the majority have another week or two of work yet. There hasn't been an official announcement, but it is thought around here that the yield is just half what it was a year ago. The fields are spotted, some places yield more while a short distance away in the same field it produces less.

A few sprinkles of rain fell here Sunday, and although it was cloudy no rain fell Monday.

Vernon Miller finished harvesting on the Tom Striker place and Wednesday he and Mrs Miller, their sons and harvesting crew moved the outfit to the Lewis McKee place east of Moro to harvest the wheat crop there. The Millers have leased the McKee farm and will make their home there; therefore their boys will attend the Moro school. The community feels a loss in losing the Miller family, as they have made many friends here during the last five years in which they have made this their home. However, Miller will farm the Striker place for at least another year.

Mr and Mrs J. I. Lucero and children Linda and Steve of Los Angeles visited at the home of Mr and Mrs Benton Barnett the first of the week. Mrs. Lucero is a daughter of Mrs Barnett and it was the first time in fourteen years they had seen one another.

Jimmy Thompson is working in Condon this summer. Mrs. Thompson and two daughters left to spend a week in Condon with her husband.

A native Sherman countian, who was born and raised here, left for California Monday. Hugh Mathieson who sold his interests here to Gordon Reid about a month ago, loaded what was left on two trucks when he took his departure. Also leaving with him was Mrs. Mathieson to whom he was married about four years ago. Mathieson has had failing health the last year or two and is the reason he relinquished his roots here. The Mathieson farm was home-steaded by Hugh's father sixty five years ago. They had but one child, Kate, who was with them when they arrived, but six more children were born to them and raised on this farm. With the exception of Kate, who is dead, and Margaret Leff, who makes her home in The Dalles, a brother and three sisters still make Sherman county their home.

Miss Gerita Riggs has been helping out Mrs Harvey McClain who has been ill.

Mrs Frank LeMaster is cooking for Mrs Bill Macnab during the harvest while her husband drives tractor for the Macnab brothers.

Mrs Louise Thomas and Art Brown were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs George Fox. They are both employed during harvest at the VanGilder farm north of Wasco. Mrs Thomas who came to northern Sherman county in 1905 is well known here although she has been living in the valley the last few years since her husband's death. Her son Marvin Thomas still lives near Wasco where he operates a wheat farm.

Mrs Allen Tom and daughter, Carolyn, made a trip to Portland Friday returning home again Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Warner's youngest child had a major operation Tuesday. At the end of the week it was reported doing alright. Their older son who is two years old has the measles.

Mr and Mrs George Jensen of The Dalles are both driving the bulk wheat trucks here during harvest. Mrs Jensen is driving for the Herman Brackett outfit while her husband is driving for the Dick Yecum outfit.

The peaches are beginning to ripen for the Rufus fruit men. They just finished harvesting their apricots. What made No. 1 were taken into The Dalles and sold while the rest hung on the trees.

Mr and Mrs William Coats of Dallas spent the weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs John Mathieson. Mr Coats is a brother of Mrs. Mathieson.

Mr and Mrs Eben Kee spent several days at the coast, returning home Wednesday accompanied by his sister, Mrs Loy Cochran of Portland who will spend a few days with them.

About thirty young people charivariated Mr and Mrs Duane Lemley Saturday night at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley. The evening was spent dancing and refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mr and Mrs Bud Coon had as their guests Saturday, July 16 Mrs Nellie Messinger and Mrs George Kaseberg of The Dalles. Ed Alley returned home Tuesday from Kansas, where he spent some time with his daughter and family.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. July 23, an outage on the REA lines was reported both at Grass Valley and The Dalles. Crews went out to look for the trouble. A blown fuse was found about five miles out of The Dalles, but when the line was re-energized, it tripped breakers further out on the line. Checking the line section by section took until about 2 a. m. Sunday morning before the break was found one mile east of the A. D. Richelderfer ranch north of Wasco, where an airplane had cut both wires.

Mrs. Walter Adams

Graveside services for Mrs Nora Lee Adams of Orting, Wn., was held at Kent Sunday with the Rev. Apley of The Dalles and Rev. Earl Hastings of Kent officiating. Among those attending were Mr and Mrs I. E. Wilson and daughter and Mrs Essie Wilson and her son and his wife all from Pullman, Wash. Mr and Mrs R. J. Harbin and son, Earl, of Portland, Mr and Mrs B. M. Sias and daughter of Forest Grove, Mr and Mrs J. H. Wilson Mr and Mrs W. C. Helyer, Mrs Mary Hulse, Mrs Mary Wilson, Mrs L. W. Amick, Mrs Clara Helyer, Mr and Mrs W. B. Wilson, all from The Dalles; Mr and Mrs Ted Kaiser and children of Portland, Mr and Mrs Walter Wayne Adams of Salinas, Calif., Mr and Mrs Jesse Adams of Wapato, Wn., Mr and Mrs J. C. Wilson, Mr and Mrs Jesse Barry Mr and Mrs John Schassen, Mr and Mrs Logan Gentry and their son and his wife, Mr and Mrs J. Wilson and son all from Portland; Dr. Joe Wilson of Moscow, Idaho, Mr and Mrs G. Douma and Mrs Ida Davis of Moro, Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles and Mr and Mrs Sam Davis of Grass Valley; and the widower, Walter R. Adams.

P. Waldo Davis

P. Waldo Davis, known and appreciated by all Sherman countians, died in Eugene last week and was buried there Friday.

He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, May 21, 1871 and was past 78 at the time of his death, which was from an heart attack. His father was a minister in Eugene in the '80s and P. Waldo graduated from the university in 1894. He joined the DeMoss players and married Lizzie DeMoss in 1900.

He was one of the members of that family and with them traveled over America and Europe giving concerts in churches, halls, opera houses to groups of all kinds. The most active part of his life was spent in this manner although it is difficult to pick out any part of P. Waldo's life that was most active. He was always on the go, always ready with a word and always ready to play music.

He was a regular attendant at the historical picnic and at The Dalles pioneer society where he played his musical bells. For years he has lived in Eugene where he was a favorite with luncheon and dinner clubs as well as churches and granges. He was a Baptist, an Odd-Fellow a Lion, a Granger and many other societies and enjoyed them all.

Surviving are a son, Herschel of Eugene; a daughter, Mrs. Byron Blackwell of Powell Butte, four grandchildren; a sister in law, Aurelia DeMoss of Eugene; a brother in law, John of Moro.

Moro's New 60 Day Elevator Opens

The first load of wheat was taken into the new Moro elevator Saturday morning about 7:30 when George Kruger, hauling for Jess Landry appeared as the night crew were testing the electrical equipment and shoving tools and unused material out of the way.

The scale house of the new 300,000 bushel elevator was not completely finished and all of the pipes from the head house to the bins were not in place but wheat was accepted only three days after the July 20 deadline established when the contract was let a week after the fire, May 5.

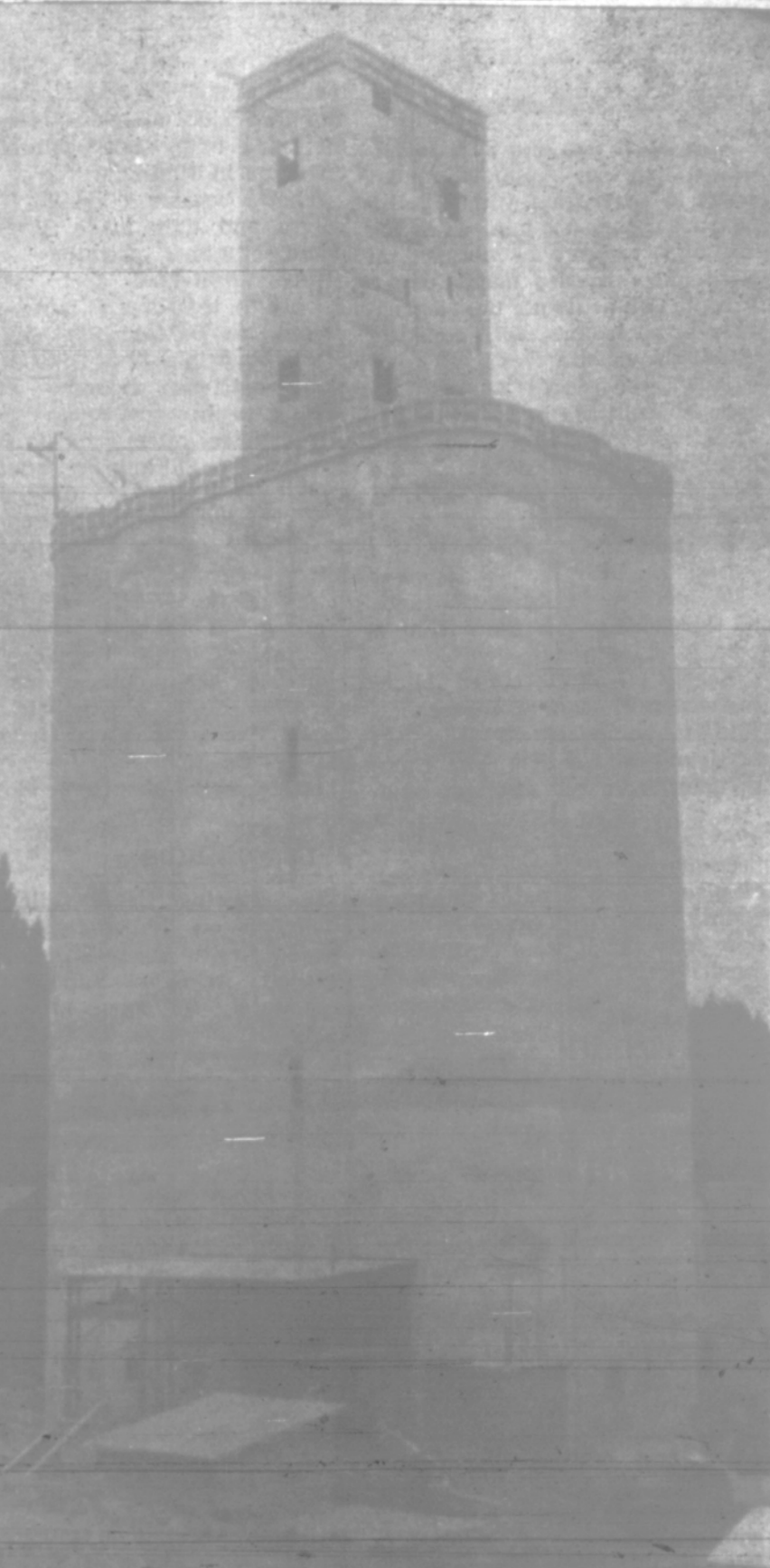
Work actually started May 17 when a shovel began excavating for the pit but was delayed because of water and some very hard rock. When the foundation was down the walls went up at a rate of 11 feet a day and the main structure was finished by the July 4th holidays.

Although not as large as the 329,000 bushel Grass Valley elevator the Moro elevator was built under rush conditions following a dramatic fire which made it seem impossible to provide storage for the 1949 crop.

The lower picture shows Ernest Houston taking a sample away while Wendell Balsiger and Bob Brisbane and George Weiss, foreman of the construction crew, watch the new machinery perform its first task. Over 60 loads were taken in Saturday.

A fast leg makes it possible to empty the pit by the time a truck can get off the scales which means that over 200 trucks can be unloaded daily.

There are six big bins and many small ones in the interstices between the big ones. The larger ones will hold around 35,000 bushels each.



Jackman Says Grass Best For AAA Acres

The proper use of diverted acres was stressed by E. R. Jackman, extension specialist of OSC, at a joint meeting of eastern Oregon County Committees of the PMA, State PMA officials and eastern Oregon county extension agents in Pendleton, July 22.

Mr. Jackman, suggested that adaptable grass species be planted on diverted acres in Columbia basin wheat producing counties. Grasslands serve a two-fold purpose in assisting to cut down soil erosion and providing forage for greater livestock production.

New plantings of grass on an average acreage cut of 20% in the Columbia basin wheat producing areas should be made on individual conservation farm plans to protect hillsides from eroding and to conserve the soil for future generations.

Arnold Bodtke, official of the state PMA office, reviewed the practices which will receive payment by county PMA offices to farmers complying. They are strip cropping, stubble utilization, pasture development, crop rotation practices shifting from soil depleting to soil conserving crops and assistance to planting of range grasses.

Car Hits Wheat Truck at Intersection

A car driven by Alexander Dias of Spokane, Washington, ran into a wheat truck driven by George Kruger and owned by Jess Landry Tuesday afternoon resulting in some badly displaced sheet iron on the front of the car. Dias is a student at Gonzaga university. None of the participants in the accident were injured and the car was taken in charge by the insurance company Wednesday morning and the boys finished their journey to Spokane by other means.

Jake Keeler Takes AAA Insurance Job

The local AAA office will have a fieldman starting Monday, August 1, according to an announcement by O. G. Hilderbrand chairman.

Jake Keeler, formerly of Pendleton, will take over his duties as crop insurance agent and compliance supervisor on that date. Mr. Keeler will visit all farmers in the near future to explain the wheat crop insurance program for 1950.

Land Sales Make Ownership In County Greater

Land sales have been made in the past month that mean removal of old families from the Sherman county scene, change in ownership of long established farms and the continuation of consolidations such as has marked the county's agricultural history since it began.

Hugh Mathieson, son of an original Scotch settler, sold his 480 acres to Gordon Reid and is moving to California.

Mrs. Grace Medler has bought the Minnie Hyland place, now farmed by Ross Guilford and her son, Elton, recently married will live on the place it is reported.

Dr. M B Taylor, long a large landowner southwest of Grass Valley, has sold the 2600 acres south of the Back Finnegan road to J. E. Brown, whose son, Max will operate. The home place, it is reliably reported, has been sold to Charles Davis, who in turn sold his section 23 and adjoining half section to Fred Cox. Millard Eakin, whose son, has bought a ranch at Powell Butte and will move there after harvest.