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These Things We Note

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Technocracy was a plan of some years ago to settle the problems of the world. Mechanics was one of the methods to be used to make and keep people happy and fightless. Now the technocracy signs along the roadside are falling down.

We've always thought we'd kinda like to meet the man who painted the signs for Mail Pouch chewing tobacco on otherwise paintless barns. His handiwork lasted longer than the product and from an economic point of view constituted some waste.

An element of error exists in much of the printed word, or, at any rate, it is subject to dispute. Recently readers have written to correct some of the things said in this newspaper—of all things.

Carl Holder of Paisley says that the boot brand was used by Perry Watkins in addition to or instead of Frank Watkins, his brother. Our information was that Frank had used it. There may be other readers who know.

Bob McKean writes from Portland to say that you cannot get a room in that city any old time and the Oregon Voter intimates that the city's law enforcing mayor might be partly responsible.

These might be compared to called strikes against the editor. Either he is wrong or the umpires are.

If the University of Oregon faculty has as many new and odd and unsavory ideas as the architects hired by the powers that be, all the things said about communism on the campus must be right. After that college bastille said to be an art gallery there is now a modern monstrosity addition to historic Willard hall that would make Oswald Garrison Villard sue for the return of his first grant to the school. And he'd get it, too.

Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Elliott seem to be two of a kind, two men who as boys were never taught the difference between right and wrong. On behalf of local government it may be said that at least the city of Portland is moving to disconnect Elliott from his job while nothing is being done to retire Mr. Vaughn. It may be that, like a bed bug, it is better to have him in view.

This lack of public morals should be starting to the public, but possibly it has grown used to moral delinquency on the part of officials in these last few hectic years when there has been so much of it.

No public official who ever stops to consider his responsibilities stoops to accepting gifts of deep freezers or anything else of value.

The new section of road along the Columbia is very good, but could as well have been four lanes wide. One sees as much of a hill from below it as along the middle of it. The river is prettier from above on the old road.

The driver never sees the scenery anyway, nothing but the yellow line and an occasional car rushing upon him like a savage dog from around a corner. When there is competition for tourists some state might paint some interesting pictures in lieu of the yellow line for the especial benefit of drivers who sometimes have something to say about where the car goes.

Portland pupils have to have birth certificates before starting school. To prove they are really bonafide persons, no doubt, nothing like being careful and not wasting the teacher's time in instructing some one that isn't.

The purging of those Dixiecrats is a terrible thing. They can't be Republicans in Alabama and now they can't be Democrats. All is lost.

Utility Values Raised Here By Tax Commission

Valuation of public utilities in Sherman county has been increased by the utility division of the tax commission according to figures sent to county assessors Marie Hoskinson last week.

Not all valuations have been increased, for instance, the branch line figures per mile are identical. The figure is \$7560 per mile. Comparison may be made with the main line which is valued at \$44,352 up from \$43,344 last year. Total valuation of the branch line is \$397,807 and an additional \$79,958 for yard and side track.

The main line value is \$655,966 up from \$641,057 last year. The yard and side valuation is \$237,726.

Little change was made in the valuation of Pacific Power & Light properties although there was an increase in rural distribution lines from \$71,804 to \$83,643. Valuation of the distributing systems in the towns remains the same at \$22,050 at Grass Valley, \$15,750 at Moro and \$25,200 at Wasco. The transmission system valuation decreased slightly. There is 111 miles of transmission lines in the rural part of the county, valued at \$55,944.

The telephone company's properties are valued higher this year also being \$145,106 instead of \$127,197.

Figures for actual tax levies for the county will be known soon but not until all the valuations have been compiled and budgets computed against them.

The premium lists for the Sherman County Fair will be ready for distribution about the first of September so that those intending to enter exhibits for the fair will have time to look over the list of prizes offered.

Morrison Family Meets in Salem

The Morrison family, long Sherman county residents although of another day, met at the home of Mrs. George Wilcox in Salem, August 21 for a family get together. It was in honor of Joe Morrison, father of most of the remaining family.

Present were Mrs. Margaret Bates of Corvallis, a sister of Mr. Morrison; Nan Thomas of Bremerton, Washington, another sister; James, a brother of Portland made up the elder part of the contingent of 40 relatives.

Children present were Clarence of Wasco, James of Portland, Marie of Salem, Margaret of East Sound, Wash., Lillian of Arlington and Mary Alice of Albany and all their families. Stan Coelisch and family were also present bringing one of the great grandchildren.

WATER HELPS STOCK

Water is cheap, but how it is handled on the farm can make considerable difference in the net profit returned to the farmer says, M. G. Huber, OSC extension agricultural engineer.

Cows watered two or three times a day, for example, drink about 40 percent more water than those cows watered but once. Likewise, cows having water available at all times produce at least 10 percent more milk and butterfat than those with limited water available.

In pointing out that Oregon farms are 92 percent electrified Huber says that 63 percent of the state's farms are equipped with electric water systems. That figure is exceeded only by New Jersey where 69 percent of the farms have electric water systems. A good many additional Oregon farms have water supplied through gravity systems from springs and reservoirs.

Moro School Faculty Complete For Opening

Several new faces will be found by Moro school children when they return to the school house next September 12.

Kenneth Young will again be superintendent and will find time to teach general science and physics. Ted Meredith will be the new coach and will teach math. He is from Pacific university. Mrs. Meredith will teach home economics and social science and will coach girls athletics.

Archie McCrae will teach commercial subjects, social sciences and library. Mrs. B. H. Roberson will again be the English instructor.

In the grades Donald Anderson will teach grades 7 and 8. He is a Linfield graduate and has been taking summer courses at Monmouth. His home is at Silverton. Mrs. Grace Zevely will teach grades 5 and 6. Mrs. Doris Evans from Idaho, will teach grades 3 and 4 and Mrs. Jaenette Yocum the primary room. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Evans will instruct grade children in athletics. All of the teachers are married and all will be here by September 1.

DEPUTY SHERIFF MARRIES

Mrs. Doris Wilson, deputy sheriff, and Arthur S. Watkins of Wasco were married at Walla Walla, Washington Friday evening, August 19, 1949. They continued on to Yellowstone park stopping at Hazelton, Idaho, to visit Mrs. Watkins' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper.

Mrs. Watkins is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins of Wasco. Both have lived all of their lives in Sherman county and are well known.



CLICKS WITH CAMERAMEN . . . Miss North Carolina 1949, Nancy Yelverton, Rocky Mount, still looks friendly and gay as 34th photographer takes her picture, four hours after she started posing on the sands at Atlantic beach, Morehead City, N. C. The cameramen worked in pairs, shooting 15 minutes each. Nancy passed up rest periods because she had swimming ball dates. She's 18, 5' 5", 116 pounds, and has brown eyes, blue waist and 34 1/2 hips.

Dean Wilcox Married Sunday In Salem To Miss Beryl Roberta Schantz

Dean Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox of Salem was married Sunday at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Salem to Miss Beryl Roberta Schantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schantz of Salem.

The bride, gowned in ivory skinner satin, was attended by her sister Shirley. Walter Turner of Forest Grove was best man. Ushers were classmates of the groom or relatives of the bride. Duane Lemley of Grass Valley was one of them.

After the ceremony the reception was held at the bride's parents home in Salem which was decorated with gladioli and sweet peas. Maynard Nelson, brother in law of the groom, sang at the reception. In accordance with the custom of Marylhurst college students the bride and party went to the college after the reception and the bride placed her bouquet on the altar of the chapel there.

The couple left for a trip into Canada and will live at Forest Grove where Dean will continue his studies at Pacific university. Dean was born in Grass Valley, graduated from Moro high school and served in the navy before starting his studies at college.

CARS COLLIDE

A car driven by Dick Morgan and one driven by Mollie McLachlan collided on the main intersection Wednesday morning resulting in a bent fender and damaged radiator to the McLachlan car and a ruined grill for the Morgan car. Some bumps were received by passengers in the McLachlan car, a bumped nose by Mrs. Nora Jack, a bruised head by the small child of William McLachlan who was being held by his mother.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox motored to Salem Saturday to attend the wedding of Dean Wilcox. They went on to Corvallis to visit their son in law and daughter Mr. & Mrs. Al Roberts and family returning home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lemley also attended the wedding.

Harold Blagg of Portland and Mrs. Aerial Hill of Bremerton, Washington were married in Portland Monday and arrived Tuesday to spend a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, left Monday on a vacation trip to Vancouver, B. C. They plan on being gone a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and daughter, Irvin Parkhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Stark of Los Angeles motored to Tygh Valley Sunday to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and family.

J. W. Blagg and Clair Balzer were business visitors in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb returned home Thursday from Portland where they spent a week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wayland Weld.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and daughter Susan left Thursday for California where they will spend two weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. L. S. Logan and family at Oakland and her sister Mrs. Mario Canavero and family at Los Gatos.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith came from The Dalles Thursday to spend a few days with their son Don Smith and family. Mrs. John Hays came in with them and visited her daughter, Mrs. John Black.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Baker went to The Dalles Sunday taking the ferry across and up the River, Oregon highway, crossing the Bridge of the Gods to the Oregon side and on to Portland taking the new highway and visited the former's son Ralph Baker and family, before returning via Mt. Hood and Sherman's grade.

Everett Cantrall, who is working at the Fred Meyer store in Montavilla was home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May and son, Clarence, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball went to High Rock Wednesday after huckleberries.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles spent Sunday in Moro with her mother, Mrs. William Cauthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling and W. C. Schilling left Friday for Cottage Grove to visit Mrs. Schilling and family. Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling went to Eugene to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kindt and family and on to Leaburg to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edwards and family, back to Cottage Grove where W. C. Schilling and daughter, Lavelle, came back with them Monday. Lavelle will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds spent Sunday, August 14, at the Peterson rock gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles picked huckleberries at High Rock Tuesday.

Miss Natalie Wassenmiller left Sunday for her home in Portland after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Jacob Wassenmiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley went to Portland Saturday and attended the ball games Sunday returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer, David and Keith Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bayer and son, and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters went to Twin Lakes Wednesday to pick huckleberries.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner and family, Stephen Bibby, Harry Stark, Danny Duncan, Wallace May, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, Mrs. James Easter and son, Larry, Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble and Mrs. Lewis Olds left Wednesday for Warm Springs where they plan on spending a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughters, Geraldine and Phyllis and Juanita McClain went to High Rock Sunday for huckleberries.

Claud May of Klondike was a dinner guest Monday at the Wallace May home.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Smith and son, Lowell, took Miss Caroline Bickel, who had been visiting them from Kentucky, to The Dalles last Monday where she

took the train for Eugene to visit an aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gates and daughter, Janelle, of Tacoma, Wash., spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds.

County Court's August Activities

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF AUGUST 1949 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Minutes of July term read and approved.

Claims allowed as presented against all funds save and excepting one claim.

Monthly reports on fund balances, as of July 1, of County Treasurer and Clerk presented and filed.

Annual Report of County Clerk presented and filed.

Orders made and entered increasing annual salary of Justice of Peace, directing payment of Predator Control appropriation and salary and expenses of Circuit Court reporter.

Bid for purchase of tax foreclosed property accepted and property declared sold.

Bid of Interstate Construction Company of Portland accepted for re-roofing of Courthouse.

Bid of Clean-Rite Cleaners of The Dalles accepted for painting of exterior wood-work of Courthouse.

Order entered directing Treasurer to borrow funds from Special Road fund account for benefit of General County fund until November tax turnover.

Treasurer directed to transfer accumulated inactive fund balances to General County fund account.

Matter referred to Road Foreman relative to request made for additional gravel for Rich-Wasco cemetery road.

Purchase, sale and trade-in agreement made with Howard Cooper Corporation for obtaining of new road grader.

Matter of employing services of a county road engineer held in suspense pending further consideration and formulation of plans.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAIN-

ST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1949, APPROVED AUGUST 3 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; Mahoney Office Equipment, \$182.70; Elsie Jones, P. M. \$10.00; Doris E. Wilson, \$5.00; Norman E. Fields, \$10.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$358.72

CLERK'S OFFICE:

J. L. Murray, \$40.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$56.75

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$18.00; Elsie Jones P. M. \$10.00

COURTHOUSE

Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., \$34.43; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$26.89; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$41.30; Ranch & Home Store, \$0.90; Frank Mullen, \$12.00; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co., \$24.40; Clean-Rite, \$113.25

COUNTY COURT

Vernon I. Miller, \$12.00; Lester Wilson, \$13.00

CIRCUIT COURT

Gordon R. Griffiths, \$10.00

JUSTICE COURT

Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$65.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$120.65

CORONER'S EXPENSE

Dr. Paul Vogt, \$5.00; Leonard R. Smith, \$5.00; Dr. W. R. Taylor, \$5.00

COUNTY JAIL

Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$12.35

DEMOSSE MEMORIAL PARK

Douma's Grocery, \$2.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$64.89

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.26; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.22; Public Employers Retirement System, \$163.21; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND

WAGES: J. T. Brown, \$241.25; E. McPherson, \$203.49; Frank Bazzel, \$127.79; Earl Rehr, \$216.22; H. A. Shields, \$88.21; R. F. Looney, \$88.21; First National Bank, \$62.20; State Tax Commission, \$10.94; Public Employers Retirement System, \$90.87

REPAIRS:

Contractors Equipment Corp., \$47.85; J. K. McKean Co., \$331.80; McFadden Auto Parts, \$2.96; Arstl-Monroe Pontiac, \$222.74; Smith Auto Parts, \$26.73

GAS & OIL

R. H. McKean & Son, \$3.60; J. K. McKean, \$2.80; Standard Oil Co., \$349.68

TIRES & TUBES

Arstl-Monroe Pontiac, \$11.45; Firestone Stores, \$38.24

INSURANCE

W. T. Balsiger, \$769.07

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$44.79; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$10.25; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$2.39

ROAD MACHINERY

Contractors Equipment Corp., \$510.69

CRUSHED ROCK & ROAD IMPROVEMENT:

State Highway Commission, \$299.75; L. E. Dehler, \$150.00; T. L. Fields, \$73.80

RETIREMENT FUND: \$36.13

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Wasco County Grain Growers, \$7.65; Ranch & Home Store, \$14.40; R. H. McKean & Son, \$21.55; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$0.80; Mid-Columbia Equipment, \$52.75

Use of Federal Wheat Lands Recommended

The department of Agriculture through some of its various branches in Oregon has been telling wheat farmers what it hopes to do with the wheat allotment. This includes figures on probable yield and estimates.

For 1949 the estimate is a carryover of 294 million bushels to which is added the 1949 crop of 1,189 million bushels for a total of 1,483,000,000 bushels.

The government expects 695,000,000 bushels to be used for food, feed and seed and estimates the export at 450,000,000 bushels for a total of 1,145,000,000. The carryover into 1950 will therefore be 338,000,000 bushels.

By reducing the acreage to 68,944,099 it is expected that the nation will produce 1,115,000,000 in 1950 and have 338,000,000 bushels carryover at the end of that crop year. This is based on an average production of 16.1 bushels per acre.

For use of the land in eastern Oregon the government recommends grass protective strips (strip cropping); sod waterways; adapted perennial grasses for seed crops and lists as possible grasses: crested wheat, the two bigger bunch grasses, fescues and other grasses.

There are more beef cattle in Oregon now than before. In the 1920-24 period there were 432,000; in 1938-47 there were 596,000 and in 1949 the estimate is 660,800 which, it is thought, might provide a means of using the grass grown on land taken from production.

To obtain the figures for consumption for 1950 the government has estimated 715,000,000 bushels for domestic use, which is an increase of 20,000,000 over the previous year's estimate. The estimated export, however, is reduced to 400,000,000 bushels. Basis for these estimates is not given.

Hoover Commission Gets Oregon Support

A. S. Grant, Baker, chairman of the second congressional district for Oregon's Citizens committee for the Hoover Report, announced today that many citizens are voluntary endorsing the Hoover Commission's recommendations to save an estimated \$3,000,000,000 of federal expense.

Already, Mr. Grant pointed out, the Hoover Commission is "definitely in the black" as to annual tax-reflected savings, through at least \$1,000,000,000 of costs based on the Tydings' bill reorganization of the Armed Forces, and a quarter billion savings through "general services bill" enacted June 30.

Support for the remaining estimated \$2,000,000,000 of Hoover Commission federal cost savings, has come from R. D. Baker, Claude W. Gilliam, D. L. Pierce and John C. Duckwall, Hood River; Millard Eakin, Grass Valley; C. W. Harris, Condon; A. M. Hattan, Paul A. Lee, E. H. Thompson and L. Orth Sizemore, Klamath Falls; C. A. Marshall, Nyssa; W. Lowell steen, Milton; Noah Vibbert, Gateway; H. O. Wiswell, Haines; L. H. Hamley, Pendleton; Harold J. Eidemiller, Madras.

Mrs Louise Thomas Roy Brown Wed

Roy Brown, 59, and Mrs Louise Thomas, 58, of Wasco were married at Goldendale, Wash., August 17.

Mrs. Thomas has lived near Wasco most of the time since 1905 and is the mother of Marvin Thomas, prominent wheat rancher of Wasco. She also has two daughters, Mrs. Mary Williams of Astoria and Mrs. Mable Overholts of Marion. Both trained nurses.

of the oldest pioneer farms south of Madras and east of Culver. Mr. Brown was raised on one and is well known in central Oregon. He has a son, Donald Brown and daughter, Mrs. Taylor McClay at Redmond. Two daughters at Medford, Mrs. Wayne Darby and Mrs. Albert Stable, and one near Hampton, Mrs. Herb Meeks.