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These Things We Note

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What are the things men live by? Not by bread alone, says the good book, which means not by material things.

Men live by the things we believe, the things we fight for, the things we do and would not do. One who would sacrifice his beliefs for material gain is either weak or too much given to physical ease and the things of the flesh. He lives by the body. We are good or bad in direct relation to our adherence to principle sometimes called stubbornness.

There are things about which there can be no compromise, one's morals, one's integrity, one's patriotism and that recalls a famed bit of verse from the "Lay of the Last Minstrel," Sir Walter Scott:

"Breaths there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself has said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd
As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go, mark him well!
For him no minstrel raptures swell;

High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,—
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch, concentred all in self,

Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

Kelley Loe, ex-editor of "Everybody's Business" and public relations man for the state A F of L, chides us in his gentle philosophical manner for a recent editorial in which we said the county could be helped if retired citizens remained within its borders. Kelley used to live across the river in Washington and knows the country.

He contends that when our farmers attain sufficient years and dollars they should retire to the valley where the breezes are laden with moisture instead of dust where life is easy to the well matured body.

And he thus interjects another thought into what could be a controversy: that ease is a requirement for mankind not for the young and rugged who can match the country, but for the aged. He defends the migration on such grounds. Perhaps, then, some of the sadness seeing them go, comes from their own tacit admission that it is time to require a softer life.

At Celilo the white men are building new houses for the Indians, neat little wooden structures on a sandpile (noting not the Biblical warning). Soon the squaw used to reclining on the soft breast of Mother Nature can lie on the hard boards; and the buck accustomed to gazing reflectively into the embers can turn on an electric light and read the funnies. Ain't civilization grand?

Do you remember a month ago when you were hoping it would get cool?

Maybe one of the reasons why England didn't lose much in the recent conference with generous Uncle Sam was that she didn't have much to lose.

The advice, we are sure, will not be heeded but it would be comforting if the president would appoint a lawyer to the supreme court, that is a lawyer who had become prominent in the profession and was recognized as a student of the law; one who knew more law than politics.

One thing is certain: If we are going to subsidize socialism it is better to do it in England than at home.

About the County

Mrs. John Block and Mrs. John Rust were hostesses at a bridal shower held at the I.O.O.F. hall Friday afternoon honoring Miss Barbara Duncan, who will become the bride of Everett Cantrell Sunday September 18. A short program was given consisting of several songs by Le-one Moore, who accompanied herself at the piano and Mrs. Don Smith read a poem she had composed. Miss Duncan then opened the many lovely gifts for the pleasure of all. Refreshments of cookies, ice cream, punch and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust motored to Bear Springs Sunday to meet Mr. and Mrs. George Beach of Portland and to bring Phyllis Rust and Juanita McClain home after spending a week visiting relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Art Schilling and son, Carl, and daughter, Diane, were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer were hosts at a birthday party at their home Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Perrigo. Those present included Mr. Perrigo and daughters, Linda and Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Julia and Byron and David and Keith Bayer.

About thirty-six adults and young people attended the party at the Baptist church Friday evening. Games were enjoyed for a while and the trio, Mrs. Charles Perrigo, Mrs. Ivan Blagg, and Mrs. Sally Martin, sang several songs and this was followed by pictures shown by Russell Belshee of Moro. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served later in the evening.

The ladies of the church are serving dinner at the church Monday and Tuesday for the men working at the parsonage digging a basement and putting on a new back porch and new foundation and also are having the house painted.

Mrs. W. D. Barnett and Mrs. Olan Stark and son, Terry, were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Ziegler and daughter, Ina May, went to Portland last Tuesday to shop a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles returned home Friday night from a trip visiting his brother, Starr Ruggles at Stayton and going along the Oregon coast to Astoria where they visited friends and on to Salem to take in the state fair before returning home.

The Eastern Star sponsored a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and family at the Masonic hall Monday evening. A pot luck dinner was served to about forty-seven persons. After dinner Mrs. Clair Balzer and Miss Leone Moore sang, "This is the Hour" and "Sentimental Journey" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elton Eakin. The rest of the evening was spent visiting. The Eakins were presented with a farewell gift.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap went to Kent Sunday to spend the day with their daughter, Mrs. Vern Mobley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young had as their guests last week Miss Louise Murphy and Miss Betty Thoresen of Chicago who stopped to visit enroute to California. While they were here Mr. and Mrs. Young took them to Portland where his sister, Mrs. Florence Clark, joined them and all went to Seaside and Astoria. One day they took them to The Dalles and over to Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and son, Arden, went to Newberg Sunday, September 4, to visit relatives and to Salem to visit relatives and to attend the fair one day returning state Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Marx and children arrived Saturday from Portland and will stay with her sister, Mrs. Arch Cantrell and family until they find a house in The Dalles where they both are working having started to work Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds left Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Eben and Kee left Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds left Wednesday for Astoria to go fishing. They all returned the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds brought her mother, Mrs. James Walken-shaw of McMinnville home with them for a visit.

Indian summer seems to have settled on this community. It has been still and warm all week. A couple of days the clouds threatened, but put down no rain. It has been so long since there has been any rain, the countryside could use some to settle the dust if nothing else.

Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts are having a two weeks vacation. They plan to visit for a week in Ephrata, Washington, with their daughter and son in law. The next week they plan to spend at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Belshee and daughter attended church in Rufus Sunday. Mr. Belshee supplied the pulpit in Mr. Roberts absence. Next Sunday, September 18th, Miss Jordan and Miss Spies will have charge of Sunday morning services.

Sunday evening the Rufus church services were dismissed and the people attended the Salvation Army where they were having a farewell service for Audrey Blackburne. Audrey is leaving Tuesday for the Salvation Army school in San Francisco, California. She is a 1948 high school graduate of Rufus.

A group of people met on the Blackburne beach Thursday evening and played games and had a watermelon feed. The watermelons were unusually good and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordon of San Francisco were overnight guests of the E. L. Jordons Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jordon are spending their vacation here with Mr. Jordon's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jordon of The Dalles.

Lunch was served to about 200 people at the R. N. Guilford farm sale last Wednesday. People from Wasco and Gilliam counties together with Sherman county were present, also some cars bearing Washington license plates. Helping serve the lunch were Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers and Mrs. Alta Smith. The Guilfords expect to leave here at the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid were parents again August 29th when another son, Patrick William, arrived. Their other small son is named Gerald. Mrs. Riley of Corvallis was up for a couple of weeks to be with her daughter, Mrs. Reid when she came home with the new baby. Mrs. Riley left for home Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huck had the pleasure of entertaining radio comedians over the week end. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gormley of Stockton, California, who are known to the radio audiences as Arkansas and Prairie Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morgan who live in Fresno, California were also weekend guests of the Hucks.

Lafe Barnett who is nearly ninety years old made the trip here alone from Oklahoma where he has been visiting. Mr. Barnett is the father of Benton Barnett of Rufus and has a home in Hood River.

Hugh Mathleson who sold his Rufus farm this summer and moved to California, spent a couple of days here last week and attended the Guilford sale. Mathleson says he now has a cafe and camp ground about 240 miles below San Francisco on the coast highway.

George Fox was a business caller in Portland the first of the week.

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Many Wascoites are planning to attend the county fair this week end.

Among those going to see the state fair last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters Jeannie and Karen. Frank Medler accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab and daughters Arlene and Kay were also visitors at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Addington of Dufur attended the Guilford sale Wednesday and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab.

Earl Pearson who is in the government services and stationed on the east coast, arrived in Rufus Thursday morning for a surprise visit with his family who are making their home at the Fleck Orchard auto camp.

His daughter Judy is a first grade pupil at the Rufus school. Mr. and Mrs. James Fox were called to Troutdale last week on account of the death of Mrs. Fox' brother in law, Frank Wand. They returned home Saturday after the funeral.

Richie Dingle who has been so ill in a Dalles hospital is no better. Mrs. Dingle is having him moved to her house in The Dalles and where she can give him the required attention he needs.

There is to be a telephone meeting of the forty-two line Tuesday evening at the Guilford residence.

Mrs. Bertha Moon, a former resident of Wasco, having been away for a season from her home community, has returned to breathe anew the happy spirit of friendship. She is gladly welcomed again into her home circle.

Three Sherman county 4-H club members made exhibits at the Oregon State Fair at Salem last week. Marie von Borstel and Margaret Baumgartner, both of Grass Valley, are the first girls to make entries from Sherman county in many years.

Larry Kaseberg, Wasco, exhibited a Hereford steer, placing first in junior showmanship in the Hereford division and third in the fat steer class.

Margaret Baumgartner entered an angel food cake won the top award in this division.

Marie von Borstel took honors in the bread baking division with a white ribbon award. Marie representing Sherman county entered the Style Review, Dollar Dinner and Bread Baking contests failed to place.

School Enrollment Up As Primary Crrsrs Expand

An increase of 25 percent in grade school pupils and 16 percent in high school pupils was shown in enrollment figures for the Moro school when registration was finished Monday.

In the grades will be 97 pupils compared to 76 at the beginning of school in 1948. In the high school are 75 compared to 65. The grade school pupils materialized somewhat without warning and the quantity was somewhat surprising. Division 33 to grades shows first 18; second 14; third 15; fourth 10; fifth 12; sixth 10; seventh 11; eighth 5.

The high school increase comes partly from additional students from the north end of the county who are enrolled at Moro. Freshmen number 26; Sophomores 16; Junior 17; Seniors 15.

At Grass Valley 40 are enrolled in the grade school, a decrease of five from the 1948 enrollment.

The Wasco school also had more small children ready to enter school than were expected. Seventy-nine are enrolled in the grade school divided as follows: first 14; second 17; third 9; fourth 7; fifth 14; sixth 7; seventh 3; eighth 8.

There are 15 in the Wasco high school, most of whom, it is understood are sophomores.

Football Attracts More Players

Seven new boys have reported for football practice, says Coach Merydith which makes about three teams on the field each afternoon. Names of the new comers are Billy Root, Rodney Rolfe, Doran Fritts, Roger Miller, Larry Kaseberg, Arthur Beuther and Douglas Alley.

Line-up of the team is still very problematical because the coach is new to the boys and also to the opposition that may be encountered. Probably the back field will be made up of Knighten, Lane and Rust in the halfback spots, Martin or Robertson at quarter and Moore at full with some replacements later.

John Alley and Ronnie May are at the center spot, Scott Fritts and Skippy May at the guards, Kock and Schilling and Bucholtz are holding down the tackle positions so far and von Borstel and Edwards are at ends although some others will get into all these positions at some time.

The first game of the season will be played against Fossil here on September 23 and a hard game is expected by the coach.

Blums Open Soft Drink Place

G. L. Blum expects to open his soft drink parlor this week in time for the fair. He has been placing booths and polishing knotty pine woodwork for some weeks in order to be ready. He will sell ice cream by the dish or by the gallon and will have fountain service for all soft drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Blum hope to make their place a mecca for young people who like to get together and have some fun visiting.

Moro Grain Growers Building Going Up

Construction of the new office of the Moro Grain Growers has started this week following the service pipes and foundation which has been going on for several days.

The building will be on the location of the former elevator and office but will not be so wide and longer. The sidewalks will be of concrete tile and the old concrete foundation will be utilized where possible.

FRANK BENNETT DIES

Frank Bennett, 75, well known well driller of this area died in Idaho last Saturday. He was an early settler in Sherman county, later moving to The Dalles where he has resided since. He drilled many wells here during and after the war.

Community Church In Drive For Funds To Improve Building

A campaign will begin yet this week to raise a fund of \$20,000 for building an annex and changing the interior generally of the Moro Community church, says W. W. Gearhart, pastor.

For some months church members have been looking at architect's drawings and planning the needs of the church and community for the coming years. The plans include additions and major interior changes.

The main chapel of the building would be changed so that entrance would be from street level and the rostrum would be in the northeast end of the enlarged room.

There would be a social room convenient enough for parties, a dining room large enough to comfortably seat 100, a new kitchen, an adequate furnace and five additional classrooms for the Sunday school children, and new toilets.

The plans for the new additions have been drawn by Hollis Johnston, Portland architect, and may be seen at the church.

The committee in charge of raising the funds is composed of Russell Belshee, Carl Melzer, Dewey Thompson, Mac Hall, Harry Pinkerton, Carrell Bennett, William Hall and Mr. Gearhart.

Cards for donors will be available soon and it is expected that funds will be raised and construction started so that the building can be ready for an expanded winter program.

FOSSIES ATTEND FUNERAL OF SON-IN-LAW TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Foss and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg left Sunday for Astoria upon receiving word of the death of Fred A. Hellberg, 38, who died of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home there Sunday morning.

Mr. Hellberg was a graduate of the University of Oregon, a partner in the drug business with his father and had served three terms in the Oregon legislature as representative from Clatsop county. He was married to Dorothy Foss who survives him as do his parents and two children, Janet, 10, and Freddie Jr., 5.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Astoria.

L. E. KASEBERG WINS WHEAT SWEEPSTAKES

L. E. Kaseberg won the sweepstakes on wheat when the judging of field crops was concluded Thursday with a display of Hard Federation 31. His entry was adjudged to be excellent.

Second was Harold Eakin with Turkey and third was Truman Strong with Elgin. All were winners in their divisions.

Powells Return From Trip Around World Glad To Be Home, Anxious To See More

W. S. Powell and his daughter Mrs. Opal Parkins, came home a week or more ago from a trip that took them around the world. They left San Francisco in May intending to stop at Hawaii but could not because of the still continuing dock strike.

They first landed in the Philippines where they found much strife among the natives with the government, still weak, being hampered by guerilla bands that come down from the hills to attack settlements.

In Japan, Mr. Powell says, it appears that MacArthur is doing a good job for every acre possible seems to be tilled and growing rice or barley for food. They spent three days there traveling about the country from Yokohama and Kobe.

They landed at Hong Kong and briefly in Canton but the towns in China were pretty disturbed over the coming Communist invasion and it was hard to get around to see a lot.

Going down the east coast of Asia they stopped in Indo-China and at Singapore where they had four days to look over that historic city and the English settlements that gave that nation a hold on the orient.

Their ship took them up the west coast of India to Bombay which is quite a modern city

Gala Days of Begin As Bright Clothes Appear

Young men in bright shirts and tight denim pants are in town strolling the streets at meal times and squatting solemnly on the fair ground fences between times. Strange women and known assume a similar garb.

White eyed horses that watch a visitor to the corral, Brahma bulls with rowelled sides, rubber necked steers are filling the lots at the grounds. There is more of hurry and an air of preparation about the town as if something was going to happen.

Something is.

Wednesday the heads of departments at the fair were taking in exhibits, labeling them and arranging them. Thursday the same thing went on with judges taking over in the afternoon to place ribbons, the blue of complete success, the red of a valiant try, the white of an also-ran, on the pumpkins, the fat steers, the white cake and the dark, the best rug, the finest wheat, the most fleecy lamb.

Friday the program begins and early that afternoon the riders of Mid-Columbia counties will preen themselves behind the barrier and come galloping into the arena with flags flying as march music quickens the horses' step. The riders promise a fast and lively show this year with nearly every act a double that is something on the track and something in the arena at once.

Saturday the rodeo will begin and Saturday there will be held the first day of the fair horse races. These two items will be intermixed and spectators will need all their eyes to watch. Mac Barbour has a string of bucking horses that are wanted at all the big shows. He is putting on the show and will have riders here to mount the horses. There will be saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, steer bulldozing and Brahma bull riding, a full list of contests.

The race program will be similar to that of other years with Sherman county horses entered in the races they can fill and horses from other counties filling in. Mid-Columbia riding club horses will enter many of the races.

Sunday will be similar to Saturday except that will be the day of the finals and the races will be more closely matched. Parades of 4-H and open class stock will be held each day.

Forenoons will be used by most fair visitors to look at the exhibits and watch the judging of cattle and horses. There are lots of horses this year, more than the barns will hold and the cattle barn is full.

But why go on, you're going to be there anyway.

Sherman Countians Will Hear of CVA

The Sherman County club will meet September 21, Wednesday, at the Moro Hotel at seven o'clock in the evening, according to newly elected Bill Hall.

Some preliminary organization business will be up for discussion and two subjects will be discussed.

Millard Eakin of Grass Valley member of the Oregon Wheat commission, will talk about the program of the commission for the first two years of its existence.

Charles Sanford and Stanley Church of the Pacific Northwest Development association will take on the proposed Columbia Valley administration, giving particular attention to the bill now proposed for enactment of that proposal.

The meeting is to be held at night because it is felt that more time will thereby be available for the program.

They Came Across the Atlantic from Marseilles after Viewing the French and Italian Rivers. Their final European port was Genoa. Upon arrival at New York they came directly home not waiting for the ship which takes more time in American waters.

Mr. Powell reports that it is possible to get automobiles at almost any place and that drivers are generally good and roads narrow but usually surfaced. They stayed aboard ship with too much foreign food. They missed Hawaii and England and may take trips to those places later. However, Sherman county looks mighty good for the present.