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These Things We Note

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Someplace along the line the following series of definitions has fallen into the editorial fist.

A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt.

A depression is a period in which you have no belt to tighten.

A panic is a period in which you have no pants to hold up.

The barns at the Pacific International are filled to the last stall for the first time in years. There's even lots of sheep and swine whereas for years, there were few. Breeds of dairy cattle are getting larger and rangier as beef cattle become chunkier and shorter.

Alas the draft horse, pushed off the farms by the tractor and now pushed out of the show ring by a bucking brother or some lumber legged upstart that couldn't pull any part of a plow. It is time some one wrote the epitaph for the draft horse, once man's partner in agricultural production and now a memory unheralded in song or story.

Many a business man gets into politics and forgets the sound and basic principles by which he became wealthy and well known enough to enter politics.

Perhaps the annual interest in the world series is a demonstration of national prosperity more than anything. It might also be some proof that as a nation we dislike to face the soberer facts of international existence. But it is a lot more fun to hover over a radio listening to the recital of big league baseball than to ponder the results of the rapidly disintegrating atom. Speaking of the atom, we wonder if the invention of gunpowder wasn't about as revolutionary and wouldn't have been as awesome had there been a press to hold its breath over it.

The people most interested in limiting the legislative representation from Multnomah county are residents of Portland who know most about it.

Tax administration will have a hard time plugging up the holes that tax legislation has made. In some laws there are more exemptions than inclusions.

The major value of a school coach is to teach sportsmanship and that is not easily defined although well understood. Whether a coach has a winning team or not is less important than how his team wins or loses and their attitude toward their opponents. "Play fair and hit hard" for the job. Newspaper men, telegraphers with placed in proper sequence.

It is correct to play to win and important to be prepared to lose.

The value put upon morals cannot be overestimated. Some think it applies only to spiritual matters but every man who asks for credit, life insurance or business rating has his morals passed upon. One doesn't like to have a man who owes him money engaging in activities for which he may be—or should be—shot.

We note, somewhat regretfully, the decline of eyeshades. It is almost impossible to buy them and those on the market are of the flimsy kind designed for small heads. They used to be in demand and office workers generally wore them as part of their regular daily harness is good sportsmanship and here-graphers were especially given to wearing eyeshades. Of course, we know what happened to telegraphers and newspaper men we see mostly of late wear coats and glasses. What became of the old timer who worked in shirt sleeves, drew an eyeshade down over his eyes, picked up a blue pencil and went at it?

Each side calls the other's farm bill "terrible" and probably both are right.

About the County

Leland Anderson, who is in his first year at OSC was home last week end for a pleasant respite, returning for classes Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blau of Portland were visiting their ranch near Wasco this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. Lester Johnson and Mildred McDonald attended the Oregon-WSC football game at Pullman, Washington last Saturday, returning that evening.

Mrs. Gordon Rich was in Portland for a physical check-up last week.

Last week several people from this community attended the Pacific International in Portland.

The Wasco Women Friday afternoon club discussed in their session some timely topics: one among them being the matter of courtesy of fast freight trucks in local municipalities.

While a number of local "Nimrods" came back with evidence of the chase, there were others returning with a different story.

The Rhinehart family have moved from the former L. B. King property into the Joe Mee holdings.

Vance Lenore has bought the old site in wasco, the "Blackwood" or Clara Pyburn house and lot.

At the Wasco Church of Christ Sunday the topic will be "God Over All, Through All, And In All."

There will be church services in Grass Valley at the Methodist church, Sunday, October 16, at 3 p. m. with Rev. H. Gravenor of Wasco in charge.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge met Wednesday in regular session with 20 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lund of Portland spent several days with Mrs. John Engstrom last week, returning Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Engstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe and son, Stephen, went to Portland Saturday to visit relatives and attend the P. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young Monday to have birthday cake with the twins who celebrated their 2nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell of Spokane, Washington, spent the weekend in Rufus visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Wycliffe Rice.

Two Killed In Grants Crade Crossing Wreck

Just a mass of wreckage was viewed Sunday morning after a truck and trailer was hit by a train at the railroad crossing at Poplar Grove station just two miles west of Rufus. The accident occurred about 7:30 Saturday night as the Streamliner was going east and the truck which had just come over the ferry was going south. The two men in the truck were killed instantly. They were Glen M. Pate, 34, Tacoma, Washington, and Henry E. Johnstone, 21, Yelm, Washington. It was a Tacoma for hire truck and trailer with a load of extra fancy delicious apples from Yakima, Washington. It was reported many of these trucks were noticed going south Saturday night. The impact of the collision broke the hitch loose on the trailer which was not damaged in the least. It appeared that the truck was hit on the cab which was a mass of junk, and which was carried several hundred feet from the back end of the truck part. The motor of the truck was knocked across the railroad and landed right beside the Columbia river highway about a hundred feet away.

The Streamliner stopped and gave aid calling the ambulance and the coroner before proceeding east. Apples torn from the boxes were scattered for fifty feet along the tracks. Spectators salvaged the good apples in their arms and paper bags Sunday morning. It was reported that officials were on the scene at day break Sunday morning viewing the wreckage.

After the crash another truck driver who was parked at Poplar Grove station unhooked his trailer and went across the tracks to get the other trailer which had come loose from the wrecked truck, taking it over and parking it near the station. This driver also identified the two men who were killed.

Neighbors who lived just a couple blocks from the scene said they never heard any crash at the time of the accident.

The Maryhill Motel changed hands last week. The motel which was built by the Frank Smiths some four years ago has been operated by them until this date when it was sold to a woman living in Bend who is taking possession. It is understood the Smiths took in an eighty acre irrigated farm near Bend on the deal. Most of the contents went with the sale of the motel; the new owner plans to operate it herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and son Bill and daughter, Carol, are moving to a house owned by Bill Huck just below Rufus. Mrs. Smith's health has not been very good the past year, so she plans on getting a good rest before they start a new business venture. They will also remain in Rufus until Carol finishes her junior year in the high school.

The Rufus school Frolic dance crowd was small, but large enough to make expenses and a bit over. The school gym where the dance was held was decorated in various colored crepe paper streamers, and attractive colored fall leaves which the grade school children made. "The Columbians", a six piece all male orchestra of The Dales furnished the music. To Glen Thompson fell the job of parking the cars. The teachers took turns at taking in the tickets.

Paul Weyand is a new sixth grade pupil at Rufus school. They live in one of Carl Thompson's houses and his father is a carpenter.

The Community Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. George Fox Wednesday afternoon. This was the first meeting for this fall. Present for the occasion were Mrs. Claude Coats, Mrs. K. Fridley, Mrs. William Macnab, Mrs. Chet Coats, Mrs. Leland Medler and the hostess. Refreshments consisting of cherry pie and coffee were served later in the afternoon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Vernon Miller at Moro on Wednesday, October 19. The members will all meet at the Wasco hotel at 1:30 p. m. and go out together.

Rufus grange met Thursday evening with Master E. C. Eaton presiding. Mrs. Catherine Boise resigned as chairman of the Booster night program. Mrs. Harland McDonald and Mrs. Joe Morris were then appointed to act as chairman, but at this date no plans have been made. The state grange conference which was announced to be on Saturday October 22 has been indefinitely postponed.

The Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. Sam Brock with Mrs. Grace Medler as co-hostess on Thursday, October 13 for a dessert luncheon at 1:30 p. m.

R. T. Dingle is still in The Dales hospital unable to have guests other than the immediate family. Mrs. Dingle has been working to get her house in order to bring Mr. Dingle home. She hopes this will be sometime next week.

The Rufus high school boys motored to Wasco Thursday for a game of six man football with the Wasco high school team winning by a 60 to 7 score.

Mrs. Gordon Reid and sons left Sunday for a few days visit with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Riley at Corvallis.

Mrs. Claude Coats got word that her son in law, Charles Beck of Condon accidentally shot his foot while on a hunting trip. She learned that all of the bones in his foot were broken and that he would be hospitalized for three or four weeks. He is in The Dales hospital.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and daughter Joan of The Dales were overnight guests Saturday night at the home of her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macnab.

Miss Phyllis Joy Medler was to arrive home Saturday night for a couple of weeks stay with her mother, Mrs. Grace Medler, where she will help her mother get settled in the new home she recently purchased.

Ben Brooks and daughter, Roseanna came up Saturday to be overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson. The Brooks who live about 35 miles northwest of Portland came up in a truck hauling up a tractor.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro, Thursday, October 20, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

The Grass Valley Women's club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Bayer Jr. Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Eugene Amidon and Mrs. Earl Gentry of Moro installed the club into the Federation of Women's clubs and also installed officers of the club. Mrs. Frank Bayer Jr. was installed as president, Mrs. Boyce Blaylock as vice-president and Mrs. Edgar Alley as secretary-treasurer. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Charles Perrigo as hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Herman Ziegler, Thursday October 20.

Little Karen Alley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alley, celebrated her fifth birthday anniversary Saturday, when her mother asked a number of her friends to spend the afternoon with her. The children played in the yard a while and after the gift packages were opened for the enjoyment of all, the children were called to a table decorated with the Halloween motifs. Five birthday candles were lighted on the birthday cake which was served with ice cream and punch. Guests included Donna and Glenda Perry, Nancy and Florene Cress, Alfa Jean and Lois Payne, Julia Bayer, Jeanie Baumgartner, Susan Fields, Linda and Leslie Perrigo and Dickie Alley. Also present were Karen's grandmother, Mrs. Ed Alley, Mrs. John Block, Mrs. Ross Fields, Mrs. Chas. Perrigo, Mrs. Glenn Perry and Mrs. Don Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles spent Sunday at Moro visiting her mother, Mrs. William Cauthers.

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the church Thursday afternoon with seven members present. The ladies tied out two quilts during the afternoon. Mrs. O. N. Ruggles served refreshments after the meeting.

The deer hunters have about all returned home. Those bringing home the venison were C. W. Fields, Ed Alley, B. C. Baumgartner, Jim Jones, Dell Olds, Eben Keck, Frank Pike, Alton Olds and Fred Walker. The latter's was a five point buck and dressed in at 300 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg had as dinner guests Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Mrs. Clair Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco, Miss Leone Moore and Clair Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May returned home Saturday from their trip to Flint, Michigan.

Lester Bucholtz of Salem was a visitor here Sunday.

Walter Gould came Saturday from Portland to go hunting with his brother in law, Bruce Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olds of Portland came Saturday to spend the week end with her mother, Mrs. Jacob Wassensmiller, who returned with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons motored to Portland Friday to attend the P. I. Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and daughter accompanied them to shop, all returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and twins motored to Portland Saturday going to Oregon City to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen and back to Portland to stay over night with his sister, Mrs. Florene Clark.

Mrs. Tommie Barnett left Wednesday for Spokane, Wn. to be with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Johnson and the new grand daughter.

At the Grass Valley Baptist church Sunday Rev. A. L. Klinton will preach on "The Voice of God" in the morning and on "The All-Sufficiency of Christ" at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French were in Salem Monday to attend the October meeting of the Interim Tax Study committee where a business tax was proposed to replace the personal property tax and the corporate excise tax both of which were declared to be loaded with exemptions that reduce the returns so greatly as to make them inefficient.

A group of football fans drove to Pullman last Saturday to see the Oregon-WSC game returning that night. They were Ken Zachary, Keck McKean, Max Barzee, Ken Fridley, Collis Moore and Irving Hart.

Many Sherman countians have been in Portland the past week to see the Pacific International and visit the 4-H club boys and girls who are exhibiting there. The meeting of the Moro Women's club scheduled for Friday afternoon has been postponed until October 21 on account of the funeral for Mrs. Reinkje Douma which will be held Friday.

Moro Wins 19-0 From Determined Maupin Team

Moro overcame a determined Maupin football team on the local field Friday afternoon and won 19-0 after finishing the half with 6-0 mark. Two touchdowns were made in the fourth quarter after passes to Fred vonBorstel began to click. First half attempts were uncaught.

The first score was made when Hinkle fumbled for Maupin on the 20 and Moro pushed the ball across with Knighten and Lane carrying. Moro had failed earlier to score when three offside penalties were called inside the five yard line.

It was the last quarter before Moro could score again although the long pass from Knighten or Lane to vonBorstel was tried repeatedly. The score came after Jim Roberson had carried the ball to midfield where he was tackled and the Maupin team penalized 15 yards for slugging and one player was sent to the bench. The next play brought the successful pass.

The final score came in a similar situation and vonBorstel caught the ball in the north corner of the field and stepped over. On the third attempt at the point vonBorstel was rushed so ran the ball over for the first point made after touchdown.

It was a different Moro team Friday indicating that the boys are getting used to the new combination T and single wing play Coach Merydith teaches. Most improvement was in the defense where Fred vonBorstel shone by breaking up the Maupin backfield continuously. Maupin found no way to block him out. Scott Fritts had agood day on defense and also led interference on occasion. Ronald May was a good line backer that afternoon and some of the freshmen and sophomores did effective work while in the line-up. The blocking and tackling was much improved.

Officials were: Umpire, Thompson; Referee, Fridley; Headlinesman, Jack Cushman; Timer, Glenn Perry.

GORDON FRASER HOME

Gordon Fraser flew home to visit with his folks a day or two last week before he flies to London next week to start work as secretary of the International Wheat agreement force. Gordon has been working at food distribution for some years both in the army and out and this advancement is in line with his former work. He may remain abroad for some years.

MRS. REINKJE DOUMA

Mrs. Reinkje Jousra Douma, 84, mother of the Douma family of Moro died at Albany, Tuesday October 11, after a short illness. Mrs. Douma had been living at Albany for several months. She was born in Holland, November 17, 1865 and came to the United States and Oregon in 1889, moving to Sherman county in 1902. After living east of town for a few years the family moved to Moro which has been its home since. Harman Douma, who she married in Holland, died in 1906.

Surviving are five sons, Tom of Portland, Jacob and Marius of Wheeler, Gheardius and Aurelius of Moro; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Peters of Maupin and Mrs. A. J. Brown of Maupin and Garland, another son died in 1915. Surviving also is a brother, Joseph Jousra of Princeton, N. J. and nine grand children and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Moro Community church Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. with C. R. Callaway in charge. Interment will be in the local Odd-Fellows cemetery.

MRS. L. D. MAY

Mrs. L. D. May died Monday in The Dales at the age of 81. She had been ill for several days in her final illness.

Mrs. May was born April 23, 1865 and married in 1894 in Solomon City, Kansas, to L. D. May. She had lived in Sherman county since 1900. In recent years the Mays had lived near Grass Valley.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Everett of Carmel, Calif., and Wallace of Grass Valley; three daughters, Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day, Grace Zevly of Moro and Mrs. A. E. Brandt of Huntington, N. Y.; 12 grand children and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Moro Community church with Callaway in charge. Mrs. May had requested that flowers be omitted and contributions made to the church building fund.

On Wheat Board



Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco has been named to fill the vacancy left on the Oregon Wheat commission by the removal of Millard Eakin to Powell Butte, which is out of the wheat area. Kaseberg's appointment was recommended by the Sherman County club at its last meeting and by many others.

He is president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league for this year and an active grain grower. Born near Wasco he graduated from schools here and the University of Oregon.

The term for which he was appointed will expire in June 1950 but reappointment is possible under the terms of the law. Others serving now are Marion Weatherford of Gilliam, Jens Terjesen, Umattila, Ralph McEwan, Baker and William Enschede, Washington county.

Sherman County Club Will Meet Oct. 19

The Sherman County club will hold its next meeting at the Moro hotel at 7 p. m. Wednesday night, October 19 according to announcement by Bill Hall, president.

Speaker of the evening will be Giles French, who will talk about a plan for re-apportionment of the Oregon legislature, a subject considered important to this area. Mr. Hall says that women will be particularly welcome to this meeting.

Ed Howell Named Circuit Judge

Ed H. Howell of John Day, was appointed circuit judge of the 11th district, Tuesday by Governor McKay. He succeeds Judge D. N. Mackay of Condon who died ten days ago.

Mr. Howell is a native of The Dales and graduated from Willamette university in 1940 practicing first with Gavin & Gavin in The Dales. He is now a member of the Wilson-Howell firm. He served with the army air force for four years. Howell is now 34, one of the youngest men to be named to the circuit bench in Oregon.

Bob Roberson-Says M. et In Europe

A letter from Bob Roberson, written in Switzerland tells of meeting Carroll and Helen Says there for a two day visit while they were touring the continent on their trip. Bob has been getting around Europe pretty fast from his headquarters in Vienna. The Says have a car set aside for their use and are having a fine time seeing all the sights as well as visiting with relatives in England.

MRS. NANCY BEARD

Nancy Isabelle Smith Dugger Beard, mother of Mrs. John De Moss and long time early day resident of Sherman county, was buried at Oregon City, October 12 following her death Saturday at her home at Washougal, where she had long been ill.

Mrs. Beard was born January 1, 1856 in Nashville, Tenn., and was married to George Dugger there. They came to Sherman county in 1902 homesteading southwest of Grass Valley.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ollie Cox, Oregon City, Mrs. Izzie Allgeier, Sandy and Mrs. Etha DeMoss, Moro; two sons, Garfield of Washougal and Marion in California; 23 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, also two step daughters and three step sons.

Funeral services were conducted from the Stroller Roseligh chapel and interment made at Mountain View cemetery near Oregon City.

Tax Bills Mailed; Larger Than In 1948-49

Sherman countians received their tax bills this week and found them generally a little larger than last year. For the 1948-49 year the total tax for the county was \$280,734.58 and this year's tax bill is \$296,728. There is no special road levy this year and this item took \$40,032 last year.

The total school tax last year was \$155,775.18. This year it is \$208,023.00. Neither include the money received from the basic school fund.

The special city tax is \$7348.19 for this year and was \$7817.92 last year.

The county general fund is \$47,207 and was \$40,999 last year. The general road fund is \$34,150 and was \$36,118, (to which may be added the special road fund of \$40,023). In 1948-49 the schools cost 55.48% of the total tax bill; in 1949-50 the schools cost 70.10% of the tax bill.

In 1948-49 roads cost 27.8% of the total tax bill; in 1949-50 road cost is 11.5% of the tax bill.

A new feature of tax statements is the law making mandatory inclosure of a statement showing the amount of tax offset as made possible by the state income and excise taxes which are (or were until last session) used strictly for property tax relief. Sherman county's offset is \$180,857, or 18 mills.

That is, the tax bill would have been \$477,585 had it not been for the property relief feature of the income and excise taxes. In Moro, for instance, the levy would have been 17.4 instead of the 29.4 that it is. At Rufus the levy would have been 46 instead of 28 mills.

4-H Clubbers Win PI Prizes

Sherman county 4-H winners at the Pacific International have been announced by County Agent Tommy Thompson, who returned Wednesday night from the show.

Larry Kaseberg was alternate to receive the Mann Ranch Hereford heifer, the judging being on record book, showmanship, and herdsman ship. Diane Christenson won first in her class with a fat lamb and 6th in another class. She also placed 3rd in sheep showmanship.

Larry Kaseberg was first with his sample of wheat and Norman and Milton Fridley were second. In beef showmanship all Sherman county entrants received ribbons. Edwin Balsiger was first with Angus, Frank McKay 3rd. In junior Hereford Gary Miller was 2nd and Sally Fields 3rd. In the intermediate class Larry Kaseberg was 1st, Douglas Alley 7th and Bill Root 9th.

In the fat beef Larry Kaseberg was 2nd with allight Angus, Edwin Balsiger 6th with a heavy Angus.

Bud Root placed 7th in the lightest Hereford class; Edwin Balsiger was 8th in the 870-950 Hereford class; Larry Kaseberg was 4th, Diane Christenson 6th and Gary Miller 3th in the 950-1000 Hereford class and Douglas Alley 8th in the heavier Herefords.

The sale was combined with FFA and open class fat stock this year which caused fewer animals to be sold separately. Larry Kaseberg sold an Angus for 38 1/2 and all other Sherman county calves were in lots of five. The average price was around 31 cents with some lots going for 32.

Postoffice Helpers To Be Examined

Federal civil service announces an examination for appointment to the position of substitute clerk postoffice service.

Persons who desire positions at Moro or Grass Valley will have an opportunity to take a civil service examination at The Dales Oct. 29, at 8:30 a. m. No specific experience or education is required, but applicants must take a written examination.

Further information on this examination and the necessary application forms may be obtained from the postmaster, Moro Oregon or Director, 11th U. S. Civil Service Region, Rm. 302, Fed. Office Bldg. Seattle 4, Wn.

AIRPLANE CLUB MEETS

The boys of the airplane club brought their airplanes to Sunday school at Rufus last Sunday to show their work to those present. They have done real nice work and the parish is real proud of them. They showed seven planes that they had built.