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These Things We Note

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Big conference college football is big business. As such it tends to become formalized like Chinese paintings. The players move as slowly and woodenly as if directed by strings. It is the pagantry of it that is interesting, the thousands of people, the yell leaders in whom now repose the enthusiasm all members of a college student body used to possess, and those brightly colored behemoths moving as in a picture running at half speed.

It is dry all over. In the valley the smoke hangs low and the air is blue; so blue the ever surrounding trees seem closer than usual. The whole country seems to be held in a sort of suspense awaiting a wet word from nature before starting any plans for another year.

Chaplain Beard has written his book. He calls it "Saddles East" and it is about the ride he and Mrs. Beard took over the Oregon Trail and about which many Sherman countians have heard. Many will want the book.

Republicans are concerned about whether to continue trying to be a "me-too" party or to boldly stand for the individual against the state. We wonder what the people would do if given an opportunity to vote against the big state. Pessimists say that this nation will have to go down into chaos before it again begins to cherish the freedoms we have given away. Perhaps that is true and we never want to be free except when oppressed—and maybe like some oppression when free.

We would like to re-read the news stories that prevailed in 1928 and early 1929. Memory indicates that they are much like those now being written—and read. Chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage. Now some smart guy says we will soon have three car families.

A national magazine points to the material progress we have made as to refrigerators, cars, houses, fur coats, etc., and we wonder if all of them are worth as much as the debt we have incurred while getting them.

Let us say this again: "We live in deeds, not words; In thoughts, not breaths . . . He most lives who thinks most, Feels noblest, acts the best."

Young Republicans of Oregon have said that pensions should be paid workers out of the profits of the industry. That sounds simple—and is. Now and then there are long periods in which there are no profits, sometimes profits are excessive. Perhaps the young persons meant that the customer was going to pay the pensions which is realistic, although without the political appeal inherent in getting something from the profits of others. If all of us, by paying higher prices, provide pensions for all of us isn't it something like making a living by taking in each others' washing. Of course, there would be a slight charge of around 40 percent for bureaucracy.

A singer says girls should wear long hair if they want to attract men. It is a matter about which we have no experience, but the evidence doesn't seem to substantiate the statement. Besides it may not be worth it anyway.

We were . . . and are . . . slightly amused at the Oregon law making it necessary for slow drivers to pull off the road and let the fast ones go by. Observation does not indicate very general adherence—and probably won't.

A social skill that should become popular in Washington is the rolling of cigarettes.

Soil Conservation Election Coming Next Wednesday

About 70 land owners of Sherman county have attended the educational meetings held for the purpose of acquainting them with the soil conservation law and what might be expected of it.

The vote on the measure will be held Wednesday, November 16 at four polling places: the city hall at Wasco, the courthouse at Moro, the grain growers at Grass Valley and the grange hall at Kent. Usual voting hours will be observed.

Talking at the meeting were Charles Nish, member of the state committee, Raymond Crabtree, supervisor of the south Wasco county district and Howard Cushman, secretary of the state board.

Arguments presented are that by organizing a soil conservation district land owners of the county could obtain some aid from the federal government for dams, terracing, etc., and originators of the petition felt that they might remain more independent under such a plan. Opposition is that the farther the farmer stays from federal agencies the better off he is.

There are 496 voters eligible to cast votes next Wednesday on the measure. Each must have over 10 acres of land. It requires a majority vote and at least 30 percent of the eligible voters must vote to make the election legal. Thus it will require 150 voters. Absentee ballots have been sent out of county land owners.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brady and son of Condon spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Bertha Holland at the Dell Olds' home. Mr. and Mrs. Moran of Portland came Saturday to clean house for her aunt, Miss Anna Schwartz, as she will come home Tuesday. Her nephew, Art Bucholtz of Moro went down after her Monday.

Mrs. Roy Haynes and Mrs. Claud Curry of Portland came up Thursday to spend the week end visiting at the H. O. Dugger and John Rust homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts had as dinner guests Sunday Grace Danielson, Felice McKinnon and Thelma Graham from the Baptist Seminary in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles had as dinner guests Friday Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison and Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and sons, Tommy and Dickie.

The Boys Airplane club has been postponed until after the special meetings are over at the Rufus church. The next meeting will be with Norman Fridley. Claude Coats, went to The Dalles Monday to get his son in law, Charles Beck, out of the hospital. He has been in the hospital since the first day of deer hunting season when he had the misfortune of shooting his foot while cleaning his gun. Mr. Coats will take Mr. and Mrs. Beck to their home near Condon. Mrs. Coats will keep their children, Betsy and Jimmy for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Gilder are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son born to them at Mid-Columbia hospital at four a. m. November 4th.

At the end of last week, Oregon enthusiasts of football left to be in Portland to see the Oregon-Washington game played at Multnomah stadium. Among those going from Wasco were Mr. and Mrs. Harold White and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Watkins. Those who did not go heard the game over the radio—and it was exciting.

Last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid were former friends of many years past, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grimes, Mrs. Hayward and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bellmore of Portland, coming at different times Sunday. The day was spent in happy reminiscences motored to Klamath Falls to attend Eastern Star last Friday.

PMA Officials Nomination Will Be Tuesday

Nominating committees were chosen this week for the county's five agricultural communities for the purpose of selecting candidates for the coming PMA farmer-committee elections, according to O. G. Hilderbrand, chairman, county PMA committee.

The present county PMA committee, which made the appointments, explains that the nominating committees are to choose two representative farmers as nominees for each position. To be elected in each community are a chairman, vice-chairman, third member and two alternates to the community PMA committee, and a delegate and alternate to the county convention. Delegates to the county convention will name the county PMA committee for 1950.

The nominating committee will meet Tuesday, November 15, at 10:00 a. m. in the county courthouse in Moro. Committees appointed are as follows for the five communities: Locust Grove—Kenneth Blau, Paul O. McCoy, and David Richeliefer; Wasco—V. W. Dutton, LeRoy Belache, and Jerry Barnett; Moro-Lamer Sayre, Lloyd Henrichs, and Bob Boynton; Grass Valley—John Buether Jr., Gene Reynolds, and Bob Rolfe; Kent-Harry Young, John Reckman, and J. J. Decker. The names of nominees will be printed on ballots which will be distributed to all eligible voters in each community. Ballots will be sent out after the nominating committee has acted. Plans are to complete voting by the first week in December.

Small Rain Comes Proving It Possible Even Though Odd

Twenty hundredths of an inch of rain fell Wednesday night to bring the total for the month up to .28. The dry spell is not ended but there is some sign of dampness that may result in happier farmers and better seedling conditions for the 1950 wheat crop.

There is a deficiency of deep moisture this fall and inasmuch as use of deep moisture is one of the advantages winter wheat has over spring wheat it may not be so expensive to sow a spring wheat crop as usual.

In September there was .21 inch of rain and in October .58 which, with November's present .28 brings the fall moisture up to above an inch.

Indications and forecasts are for more rain but in no large quantity for a time.

VETERAN DISABILITY REDUCED AGAIN

Veterans with service connected disabilities of 50 percent should start immediately to gather their vital records in order to establish eligibility for dependency allowance benefits authorized by recent Congressional action, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs advised this week.

Public Law 339 of the 81st Congress gives added payments to such veterans if they have wives, children or dependent parents. The new benefit, which starts December 1, was previously limited to those 60 percent or more disabled as a result of military service.

Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday evening. Due to the absence of Master E. C. Eaton, a past master, Bill Huck, presided.

Adeline McDonald reported on the Home Economics club and reminded members of the meeting at her home November 10, with Bernice Morris as co-hostesses.

The grange is sponsoring another series of card parties as it did last year. This party will decide just what kind of cards the people want to play. The first party will be Friday night, November 11 at 8 p. m.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Master, Atlee Wilson; Overseer, William Huck; Lecturer, Adeline McDonald; Steward, Eugene Eaton; Assistant Steward, George Fox; Chaplain, Jean Thompson; Treasurer, Minnie Morris; Secretary, Lulu Wilson; Gatekeeper, Benton Barnett; Ceres, Della Eaton; Pomona, Lois Steward; Flora, Agnes Barnett; Lady Assistant Steward, Bernice Morris; Executive Committee, Curt Tom, Herbert Church and Sadie Rich; Musican, Lucille Fox.

For the lecturer's hour, Mrs. Joe Morris read a letter from Joe Bryant entitled, "Reminiscence". Mr. Bryant worked for the railroad and lived with his family at Biggs. The Bryant children attended the Rufus school during the thirties. They were good grange members during their residence here, and from here they moved to Seattle, Wn., where they have since resided.

A pot luck supper was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

4-H CLUBS FORMED

Organization of two 4-H clubs in the Wasco area was accomplished during October to teach young girls through doing better practices in home economics.

A sewing club, with Mrs. Virginia McIntyre as local leader, is composed of fourteen girls ranging from 9 to 13 years of age. Lois Ann Everett daughter of Mrs. Norma Everett was elected president of the club.

Mrs. Lavilla Morrison is leading a cooking club of seven teenage girls. Club members elected Cheryl Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fields, president of their club. Mrs. Morrison is serving her second year as a local club leader in the Wasco area.

The first meetings of these clubs was spent in organization and planning the years program.

Heppner Wins 19-7 In Tough Football Game

Heppner broke Moro's winning streak Friday by taking the annual game by a 19 to 7 score in a rough game that added to the injuries of local players.

Dick Rust a out with a pulled shoulder and Eddie Justesen has an injured back from the game. Both were playing end, Fred von Borstel being out with illness, and both were hurt trying to stop the end sweeps of the Heppner single wing attack. Les Edwards and LeRoy Martin finished the game at ends. Carl Schilling sustained another knee injury.

Heppner scored in the first quarter after intercepting a Moro pass in midfield. They gained on the ground and passed to the Moro five from where Ruhl went around end for the first score. Again in the second quarter Heppner scored mostly by driving ground plays. At the end of the half the score was 13-0.

Moro made its touchdown in the third quarter on ground plays with Knighten doing most of the ball carrying. Heppner ended the scoring in the final period with a 20 yard pass for a touchdown.

Heppner plays the same sort of a game as does Moro and were well informed about Moro's plays. It was a spirited team. Moro goes to Madras today to meet the boys from that school in the final game until playoffs for the state "B" championship begin. Malin or Phoenix will probably be the first opponent.

SCOUT EXECUTIVES VISIT

George Alexander and Bruce Winston, executives of the Portland area council of the Boy Scouts of America, visited in Sherman county last week.

Mr. Alexander is assistant Scout executive for the council. He lives in Beaverton, south of Portland. Prior to coming to this council a year ago, he served as field Scout executive at Omaha, Nebraska, and Joplin, Missouri, and as an executive at Greeley, Colorado.

Mr. Winston is field Scout executive for this area of the council, and lives in Hood River. He has been in the county regularly during the last year and is well known to local Scout leaders.

The two men spent Thursday in Moro and Kent. Mr. Alexander returned to Portland Thursday night while Mr. Winston remained over night and worked with local leaders on Friday, also.

OES ENTERTAIN OFFICERS

The annual Sherman county district meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star convened at the Masonic Temple in Wasco on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, with members of Annie Fulton chapter as hosts.

Chapters taking part in the work were Sherman chapter of Grass Valley, Bethlehem chapter of Moro and Annie Fulton chapter of Wasco.

Edna Throne, worthy grand matron of the Grand chapter of Oregon was present on her official visit and was escorted to the East where she was welcomed and presented with a lovely corsage. Lloyd McRae, right worthy grand sentinel of the General Grand chapter, being a guest of the evening was also escorted and welcomed as was Helen Watkins grand representative of South Carolina in Oregon, and distinguished member of Annie Fulton chapter. Worthy matrons and patrons of the chapters taking part in the work were seated in the East. During the evening, a most impressive floral degree was given honoring Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Throne. A bouquet of red and white rose buds, tied with a large blue bow was presented to her. Also, a gift from the chapters.

The temple was beautifully decorated for the occasion with large baskets of chrysanthemums. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served from a buffet table attractive with a center arrangement of fall fruits and vegetables.

City Council Moves To Restrict Parking On Main Street

Passage of a parking ordinance by the Moro council for the first two of three readings was done at the meeting held Tuesday night. The ordinance, if it is approved finally in December, will prevent parking for more than two hours at one place on Main street between Second and Fourth. It will restrict parking in front of the postoffice to ten minutes and provide for use of First street for truck unloading. Another section will prevent the use of any street for parking for storage or display by dealers or garage operators.

The council authorized the mayor to sign a pest control contract for an indefinite period in an effort to rid the city of rats. It gave Henry Mumm, city marshal, the job of meter reading and water bill making and authorized officials to start collection of gambling device levies.

Consideration was given to sale of the old Legion hall and decision made to offer it for sale through bids which will be opened at the December meeting.

NITROGEN EXPERIMENTS

Fifty Sherman county farmers attended a demonstration meeting on the use and application of anhydrous ammonia at the Hildred Zell ranch Monday morning November 7.

Acres plots were laid out using several different rates of anhydrous ammonia, a nitrogen carrier, in duplicate trials to determine the value of this material for wheat production in this county. The demonstration was established along the Fulton Canyon road west of Zell's ranch and will afford county people an opportunity to observe the value of this material next spring.

Anhydrous ammonia was also used on the Damon Field and L. E. Kaseberg ranches.

Art S. King, extension soil specialist from Corvallis, George Mitchell, superintendent of the Sherman branch experiment station, and Claron Hesp, district supervisor for the concern handling the anhydrous ammonia, were available to discuss and answer questions relative to the use of the material. The demonstration was arranged by T. W. Thompson, county agent.

VFWs ATTEND MEETING

Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries of District No. 15 met at Bonneville, Sunday afternoon for their fall meeting.

Norris Gilkison of Grass Valley, district commander, presided. He introduced Vere McCarthy of Condon, department commander, G. O. Pike, department service officer, Joseph Haller, department inspector, Norman S. Howard, department legislative chairman, Bob Christman, department chief-of-staff. Department Commander McCarthy stressed junior athletics and community service. District Commander Gilkison emphasized membership.

The auxiliary meeting was conducted by Mrs. Marvin Howell of Wasco, district president. Guests included Mrs. Stanley Tripp, department president, Mrs. Carl Oberg, department secretary, Mrs. Cecile Hafer, department chaplain, Mrs. Alma Haller, department guard and Mrs. Amelia Mebus, department vocalist. Other guests were Mrs. Edna Lane, Mrs. Edith Pike, Mrs. Peggy Stevens, all of Portland and Mrs. Leone Wilcox of Battleship, Oregon.

Those from Sherman county who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, Ivan Blagg and Bruce Alley all of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse, Mrs. Mary De Moss, Mrs. Robert Boynton of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lantz, and Mrs. Hattie Spencer of Wasco.

SHERARS CONTRACT MADE

The contract for grading, surfacing and oiling the Sherars bridge road from Grass Valley to the top of the hill was let Monday by the highway commission for \$171,000, that being under the estimate.

Midco Sale Has \$356 Average For Stock Sold

After the sale of 22 bulls and 11 heifers the Midco sale was stopped by action of the directors and some consignors. Total price paid for the 33 head was \$11,770 of which \$8010 was for bulls and \$3760 for heifers. Averages were \$341.81 for heifers and \$364.09 for bulls. All were Herefords.

These figures compare with a grand average of \$424.91 in 1946; \$387.84 in 1947; \$563 in 1948 and \$356.66 in 1949.

Detail of the sales made indicate that a larger proportion of buyers were from outside the county than usual. This tendency has been growing since the first year of the sale and was considered a healthy sign of broadening interest.

There was indication that the directors expect to continue the Midco sales in future years in as much as it is not unusual for sales to be stopped if bidding does not meet with the expectations of the sellers.

Details of the sale follow: Heifers: Lot 13 J. L. Jacobs & Sons sold to T. L. Fields, Rufus, for \$700.00.

Lot 21 Fred E. Cox & Son to Bill Coons, Moro, 435.00.

Lot 23 L. K. Smith sold to Roy Newport, Culver, 380.00.

Lot 16, Ralph & Katherine Eakin to E. R. Blaylock, Grass Valley 400.00.

Lot 17 Ralph & Katherine Eakin to D. E. Hall, Madras 300.00.

Lot 30 C. K. Barker to Ralph Reed, Spray, 255.00.

Lot 12 J. L. Jacobs & Sons to Clarence May, Grass Valley 300.

Lot 14 J. L. Jacobs & Sons to W. E. Hanna, Dufur 320.00.

Lot 38 J. Roger Ball to Ralph Reed, Spray, 235.00.

Lot 47 Harold & Cecile Eakin to Ralph Reed, Spray 230.00.

Lot 28 George E. Webb to Mrs. E. Eslinger, Moro 205.00.

Bulls: Fred E. Cox & Son sold to Ernest Patjens, Shaniko for \$835.00.

Lot 10 J. L. Jacobs & Sons to Leonard Fields, Wasco, 620.00.

Lot 11 J. L. Jacobs & Sons to Burns & Alice Montgomery, Prineville, 460.00.

Lot 20 Fred E. Cox & Son to C. E. Davis, Grass Valley 520.00.

Lot 60 Chas. Forrester to Norman Perry, Glenwood, Wash., 400.00.

Lot 8 R. E. Lynds to Gordon Reid, Rufus 310.00.

Lot 61 Eugene Forrester to Donald Martin, Moro 420.00.

Lot 44 Clarence May to Spring Hill Hereford Ranch, Goodnoe, Hills, Wash., 470.00.

Lot 6 Roy Newport to Claud Clauson, Homdale, Idaho, 305.00.

Lot 34 Ted M. Ball to Lloyd Messenger, The Dalles 260.00.

Lot 9 J. L. Jacobs & Sons to Ernest Patjens, Shaniko 410.00.

Lot 15 Ralph & Katherine Eakin to Can Webb, Tygh Valley for 315.00.

Lot 50 Hoag Hereford Ranch to O. J. McGill, Wamic 290.00.

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Lot 5 T. L. & Nellie Fields to C. A. Tom, Rufus 400.00.

Lot 46 Harold & Cecile Eakin to H. Holzapfel, The Dalles 300.

Lot 35 T. M. Ball to L. A. Clayman, Maupin 255.00.

Lot 58 J. C. Morgan to H. L. Morrow, Wamic, 255.00.

Lot 55 Joan Morgan to Don Macnab, Rufus 255.00.

Lot 45 Harold & Cecile Eakin to H. Holzapfel, The Dalles 260.

Lot 039 Donald Ritzchke to Amandus von Borstel 200.00.

Lot 33 Vernon Eakin to Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley 190.

WASCO PTA TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Wasco Parent-Teachers Association will be held next Thursday, November 17, 8 o'clock at the Wasco school house.

Of special interest to the parents will be a film put out by the Y.M.C.A. on "Recreation For Youth". Shown separately will be a movie to entertain the children.

Mothers of the first and second grade room will serve refreshments.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Thursday, November 17, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.