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These Things We Note

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Tex Irzyk was hunting elk and had killed a big bull, which he and three others were skinning. An Indian came by and Tex asked him about the technique of skinning elk and if there was danger of cutting the hide. The Indian looked at the big antlers and said, "No cutum hide."

The Indian stood watching the white men dress their kill and asked politely, "Got lots of dogs?"

Tex found out what he was talking about when a days cooking under pressure failed to make the elk eatable.

A gray cat prowls around this part of town which is not remarkable because cats of many colors may also be seen. But this particular cat has a bob tail, a short stub that seems to serve as a balance as well as the twelve inch steering sweeps of other cats.

There's an economy about this gray cat that is not usual. He seems to get along, look slick and as happy as any cat without the ability to swish a tail when stalking a bird or to rub his tail on a stationary pant leg.

We don't know whether to feel sorry for him for having lost so prominent a part of his anatomy or to feel happy for him for discovering a more efficient architecture.

What this country needs is some undeveloped country for the individualists to move into. They are the people who can conquer a country but can't keep the socialists from taking it over.

Except for a few odds and ends the football season is over and the sportsmen can begin watching their favorite athletes from a more comfortable vantage.

Grandpa remembers when there were no organized games and the boys around the country side amused and entertained themselves by feats of athletic prowess now long forgotten. They ran and jumped and chinned themselves and set pegs and wrestled. They didn't watch; they took part. It's lots easier now.

One thing the bi-partisan approach to international affairs has done is to effectively keep the American people in the dark. It has circumvented the basic purpose of two parties—which is to promote debate. Debate gives the people a chance to learn of the merits and demerits of a bill or treaty or program. It has been years now since Americans knew what was happening or was about to happen. It may be doubted if they even learn of it after it has happened.

From a turkey's viewpoint Thanksgiving is a day set aside by men for the persecution of the turkey tribe, a black day indeed. One on which they might well arise in rebellion were they organized.

Jim Allen is being congratulated because he is on tenure and cannot be fired. So far no one has congratulated the school.

Let him who sits in the lethargy induced by a proper Thanksgiving dinner recall the days when food stimulated instead of deadened. Recall the days when exercise kept him lean and active made him hungry; when the pie tasted as good as the soup, when fullness was not repletion and a good meal a very temporary pause in a state of continual hunger. Them was the days.

Do you know what happens to an animal that has been bottle raised when it has to be turned out on the range? Do you know what happens to a child that is parent protected beyond the proper time? Do you know what happens to a people who are given security until they forget how to struggle?



SOMETHING NEW IN DENMARK . . . Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, Red Wing, Minn., watches her daughter play the piano. Mrs. Anderson has been appointed by President Truman as the first woman ambassador of the United States, and her post will be the capital of Denmark. She was national Democratic committeewoman from Minnesota. "It's a great honor," she said, "and even a greater responsibility."

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap went to Kent Sunday to spend the day visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vern Mobley and family.

Francis Hammond of Powell Butte was a visitor at the home of his parents in law, Mr. and Mrs. John Bueher one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters, Leslie and Linda, left Wednesday for Emmet, Idaho, to spend Thanksgiving and the rest of the week visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perrigo and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg motored to Portland Wednesday. Mrs. Blagg stayed at Forest Grove to visit her father, Aaa Eslinger and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eslinger, going in to Portland Thursday evening to stay over night at the Harold Blagg home, leaving Friday for Eugene to spend the week end visiting her sister Mrs. W. C. Patterson and family. Mr. Blagg attended the Oregon-Oregon State football game and they returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap left Tuesday for Hazelton, Idaho, to spend Thanksgiving and the rest of the week with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper.

Rev. H. Gravenor of the Methodist church of Wasco, will begin next Sunday morning, November 27th at 11 o'clock a series of Pre-Christmas sermons. The subject will be "Watching With The Shepherds" and the first sermon "The Shepherd of Israel."

A special Missionary meeting will be held in the Wasco Methodist church Wednesday evening, November 30 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Gillette of Mozambique, Port of East Africa, will speak. He will bring pictures and antiques. The public is invited.

FARMERS INCOME DOWN COSTS STAY UP

Early estimates indicate that United States farmers received less money this year than last, according to the weekly farm price, cost and weather review prepared by the OSC extension service reports and other data.

Farmer's net income in 1949 is expected to be about 16 percent lower than in 1948. Gross farm income in the United States was down about 10 percent, but production expenses were only 3 percent below last year.

Gross farm income, as estimated by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, includes cash receipts from farm marketings, the value of home-consumed farm products, the rental value of farm dwellings, and the government payments. Farmer's cash receipts from farm marketings are expected to total about 9 percent below 1948. This decrease is due entirely to lower average prices which more than offset the increase in total quantities sold. With the average prices down this year, the value of farm products consumed in farm households will also be lower. Monthly insurance payments.

A minstrel show was given by the high school students of the Rufus school on Friday, November 18, under the direction of Miss Bobbie Jean Lloyd and Donald Brislain of the high school faculty. The cast included Buzz Brand, Donna Wilson, Carl Smith, Dorothy Blackburne, Jack Steward, Dick Francis, Charles Wilson, Donald Brislain, Bobbie Jean Lloyd and Howard Steward. The show gave lots of laughs and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. All of the students who took part played their parts so well that it was impossible to pick out any outstanding ones. Howard Steward who was the manager of the show was the only white person, the rest were all darkies.

The Community Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claude Coats. Not many were able to come but enough to tie the quilt which was donated to the club by one of the members. The club plans on presenting the quilt to some needy family.

Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday evening with Master E. C. Eaton in the chair. Nineteen members answered roll call. Mrs. E. C. Eaton handed in her resignation as Ceres. Mrs. Sadie Rich was then put in that position after her resignation from on the executive committee. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers was put in as one of the executive committee then. It was discussed what to do about the work on the grange hall. It was decided to meet at the hall Sunday afternoon and have a pot luck supper in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer's son was in the hospital with pneumonia last week, but is better and home at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks and children of Cornelius were up for a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson. Mrs. Brooks is a daughter of the Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Wilson and Mrs. Buck Miller and children all of Arlington spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters spent a few days in Portland last week returning home Sunday.

MORE PERSONS MAY GET SS PAYMENTS.

Vernon A. Welto, manager of the La Grande field office of the Social Security Administration announced today that benefits under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act as of June 30, 1949 amount to \$51,520,000 a month.

In the eleven counties of Eastern Oregon served by the La Grande office, approximately \$27,337 is being paid monthly to 1,492 persons. In Sherman county 12 persons receive \$229 monthly in Old-Age and Survivors Insurance payments.

Moro Loses To Malin Steady Rain Falls Ending Successful Football Season To End Drought And Ease Strain

The Moro football team ended its season with a smacking defeat from the hands and elbows and feet of a determined Malin team last Saturday when the quarter finals of the "B" league were the prize of battle.

Moro, going by well loaded bus, accompanied by a group of parents and rooters failed for the first time this year to rally after giving the opponents the first touchdown. Turning the other cheek didn't work on the Maliners.

Moro at one time reached the Malin 13 yard line but lost the ball on downs. Malin did a neat job of winning, using passes and ground plays and making all work. Not a point after TD was missed.

The Moro season must be considered successful, as not a game was lost in district play. Conversely not a game was won outside the district. The team had weight and willingness but lacked in fundamentals. Tackling was high and mighty, blocking too often a friendly tackle.

It began raining Tuesday evening between five and six o'clock and gives every evidence of continuance until a good fall rain has fallen.

There has been no hard rain, merely a steady ad quiet downpour. There's nothing dramatic about it, just business.

It is raining at Kent and at Wasco and probably all over Oregon's wheat area.

It will be the first of December before any seeding could be done this fall which probably means that farmers still unseeded will wait until spring although good weather might encourage some to put in a few acres.

Grain that was sown earlier may come up, or it may not, depending on whether it was ever wet or not. We will know about that next spring.

Until noon Wednesday about .70 inch had fallen, the most in one rain since the start of the crop year.

SHERIFF HAS \$302,759

Cash received by the sheriff at the end of tax collection time last week was \$302,759.38. This is not the amount that will be discharged from the roll as the amount must be taken into consideration which will increase this amount by some \$9,000. Sheriff Fields estimates that his percentage of collection will be near 97 percent.

BEWARE OF STRANGERS

Parents should not overlook the danger of molestation by strangers when cautioning their children against everyday traffic hazards. Superintendent of State Police H. G. Madison said in Salem today.

"Children should be warned never to accept rides with persons not known to them personally, no matter what story may be told them," Madison declared. "The fact that a stranger drives a big car is certainly no guarantee of character."

He added that if adult drivers and pedestrians would follow a similar policy of refusing to trust strangers, traffic accidents could be drastically reduced.

CAR LICENSE FEES

If the annual motor vehicle registration fee is \$10.00, why does a license good for twelve months cost \$10.20?

That is the question puzzling thousands of Oregon passenger car owners as they receive statements this month from the secretary of state stating the amount they must pay for their 1950 license plates. These amounts range from \$5.10 to \$14.45 for validity periods ranging from six to seventeen months.

The secretary of state explained that the last legislature increased the regular annual license fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00, but at the same time provided for a staggered renewal, permanent plate system in which one twelfth of all future expirations will occur each month. To put the plan into operation, it was necessary to issue the first plates for periods of six to seventeen months, with the fee varying accordingly.

To avoid the difficulty of computing fees in fractions, the legislature simply set the license cost at 85 cents per month for the first plate. Future renewals will be for one year at the \$10.00 annual fee.

CHANTERS TO SING

The Chanters of Al Kader Temple of the Shrine, one of Oregon's greatest men's chorus groups, will make their first concert appearance in this territory at the high school auditorium in Hood River at 8:30 p. m., Friday, December 2, under the auspices of the Mid-Columbia Shrine club.

RED CROSS WANTS BLOOD

November 30, 3 to 8 p. m. is the date of the Red Cross Blood Donor unit in the Mid-Columbia area. This drawing is to be held at the high school in The Dalles. As Sherman county residents are recipients of blood when needed they are urged to help build up the bank by donating at this drawing.

Cattle Sprayed For Lice In Local Demonstrations

Three spraying demonstrations for the control of lice on cattle were held recently throughout the county.

Four hundred head of cattle were sprayed on the Leonard Fields, Howard Ross and Luther Davis ranches. Stock were rid of the lice by using 50% wettable DDT at the rate of 10 pounds of material per hundred gallons of water. Each animal was thoroughly covered with 2 to 2½ gallons of the solution using a high pressure spray rig.

Fall spraying of cattle to control lice has proven very profitable for livestock growers. A tour to the cooperating farmers ranches will be held next spring to point out the value of this fall spraying practice.

Ed Green, representative of an agricultural chemical firm, and T. W. Thompson, county agent, conducted the spraying demonstrations.

D. H. LEECH DIES

Mrs. Charles Belshee received word Monday of the death of her uncle D. Harvey Leech, who was at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eileen McCully on the Mt. Hood loop road near Hood River. He was well known in this county having been an early settler. He would have been 86 in February. He was a minister having started the Methodist church at Antelope and later preached at Eugene, Albany, and Salem and was also presiding elder of the Methodist conference. Surviving besides his daughter are three sons, Archer of Portland, Charles of Medford and John of Blodgett.

PRICES DROP

Prices received by farmers and farm costs dropped during the month ending October 15, according to the OSC extension service. The buying power of farm products has declined around one-tenth during the past twelve months.

The prices received index showed the sharpest dip since February of this year. On October 15, this index stood at 243 percent of the 1910-1914 level. That was a decline of nearly 2½ percent for the month, and was 12 percent below a year earlier. The all crops index was 10 percent below mid-October 1948, and the livestock index was down 15 percent. Cotton was bringing the lowest price since June 1946 and hogs were selling at the lowest level since September 1946.

McCONAUGHY-BROWN

Sunday afternoon, November 13, at the Mt. Tabor Methodist church in Portland, Miss Margaret Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown of Portland, became the bride of Gene McConaughy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy of Wasco. The Rev. Carl Stierli officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of white net over taffeta. It had a fitted bodice with a peplum and very full skirt. Her finger veil was worn over the face and she carried a white prayer book with white gardenias.

Mrs. Robert Herrington, aunt of the bride was matron of honor and wore an off the shoulder gown of powder blue. She carried a spray of pink chrysanthemums.

Charles Carr was best man and ushers were Clyde L. Fridley and Robert Herrington.

Mrs. Ted Kelly sang "Because" and "Thru The Years" accompanied at the pipe organ by Miss Joyce Sinner, who also played the wedding march and other selections.

Mrs. Virgil Brown, mother of the bride wore brown and had a corsage of gardenias. Mrs. A. D. McConaughy, mother of the groom, wore black with a corsage of gardenias.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. The table was decorated with a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and lighted tapers. Mrs. Ed Parkhurst served the wedding cake and Mrs. Robert Nisbet poured. Miss Marilyn Brown had charge of the guest book. For going away the bride chose a black suit and accessories with a color accent in her pink blouse. Her corsage was the gardenias from her wedding bouquet.

After the wedding trip to the coast, the couple will make their home in Wasco.

Committees Ask League To Keep Working On Farm Problems

Committees named to make resolutions for Sherman county to be taken to the meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers league in Heppner next week have met and decided upon the course they would like to have the state organization follow.

The Production and Transportation committee, headed by Gordon Harper recommended clean seed and certified seed with the price set at 25 percent above the normal price and that one grower of certified seed be located in each community. Weeds should be treated with sodium chlorate in small patches and 2-4D in larger areas, governments and farmers should cooperate in keeping lanes clear. The weed law should be enforced.

The Oregon Wheat commission should find outlets for barley and seed stocks for hay type barley should be found by the league.

Grass should be sown on diverted acres, not barley; fertilizer demonstrations should be continued.

The Federal Programs and Land Use committee with Russell Belshee as chairman asked that the wheat certificate plan be adopted, that 90 percent parity be continued as long as quotas are enforced. The group did not favor flexible parity.

It asked that there be no compulsion about soil conservation and that price supports be used as aid to soil conservation. It commended the Umatilla soil conservation experiments and asked equitable acreage allotments, requested that new land be ineligible for allotment as wheat land. It also wanted the loan money above expenses to remain in the county of origination.

The Wheat Disposal and Market Development committee with Wendell Balsiger as chairman asked recognition of the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's recent bulletin and commended all organizations that had helped in the campaign for lower freight rates. It praised the trip of Ed Bell, Henry Baehr and Archie Camp to the Orient on behalf of our wheat markets and asked support of the stock show in The Dalles and wanted more support of shows for wheat fed stock.

The Taxation and Legislation committee with Allen Tom as chairman advocated that the state be reapportioned by giving each county a senator and that the house be apportioned by population and voted aid to the passage of such an amendment.

It asked for more study of the proposed business tax which is being suggested as a means of replacing the personal property tax. It favored a change in the method of apportioning highway funds back to the counties so that area and miles of roads be recognized as well as number of cars.

It adopted a resolution asking that adequate standards for secondary schools be written into law; that these standards be enforced or state funds withheld and further asked that there be a revision in the method of apportioning funds under the basic school law.

The committee went on record as opposing the present CVA bill although asking for development of the Columbia river. The certificate plan for wheat disposal was supported.

The Youth Activities committee with Wallace May as chairman asked that Washington counties be permitted to take part in the stock show at The Dalles and that FFA also be permitted to enter. It also recommended that single steers must be born by December 1 of the previous year and that pens be for three in instead of five. Dates of the show are to be June 5-6-7 if the committee's recommendation is passed at Heppner.

ACCIDENT TOLL HEAVY

Oregon automobile traffic in September exacted an average of five to six lives for each 100 million miles of actual travel, figures compiled by the secretary of state office reveal.