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These Things We Note

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Bill (Bojangles) Robinson has stopped shuffling those musical feet and the only thing that could cause him to do it was death. There was a time when no one could dance like Bojangles, who had more rhythm in his feet than most folks in their whole body.

The old fashioned person is one who is still afraid of big business; the moderns are afraid of big government.

A Hollywood designer picks Francisco Franco, the big boy of Spain, as one of the world's worst dressed men. But in defense may we remind that Franco is not so securely established on the American sucker list as are most foreigners.

The new edition of Oregon's blue book is out and in the hands of citizens some of whom are grateful and some of whom feel obliged to criticize. One point always made about the blue book is the size of the name of the secretary of state who is official compiler. In the case of the 1949-50 book such criticism will be based on tradition, not on fact. The list of duties of the secretary of state is longer than that of either the governor or treasurer, other members of the board of control, and the reason for that is, the secretary of state has been given more duties than any other public official.

Critics of our moral laxness might punningly remark that we seem to cherish the profits more than the prophets.

Hunters can expect a fine bit of hunting when they get into the late season territory along the John Day next month. One might inquire if the reason there are so many deer there, is that they have moved down from higher areas because of approaching winter and that the large numbers are a natural phenomenon. Well, one way to settle the age long argument about hunting and fishing is to catch all the fish and shoot all the game.

In connection with freedom of the press, and particularly the example at Pasco, it may be pertinent to say that if a newspaper cannot say what it wants, the individual cannot say what he or she wants to either. Freedom of the press and speech are a part of the same amendment.

When the price of eggs drop the government loses more than anyone, that is the taxpayers lose being the government. This is because the government already owns as many eggs as the hens will lay from now to next spring. Hens are gaining on the government, too, by laying about five percent more eggs than are used. Everybody knows what to do about it but nobody's doing it.

Departing Lillenthal says the atomic bomb is now a thousand times more lethal than the first one. We won't have to wait many years before one of these things goes off by accident or design and blows this old earth clear into the middle of the next solar system. We hope Aunt Susie doesn't have her washing out on the line that day because she wants things quiet at such times.

If the Russian government keeps on teaching the Russian people to hate the Americans and if the American government keeps on teaching the Americans to hate the Russians no one should be surprised when these two peoples go to war.

Modern youth doesn't know how lucky he is. If he turns out to be a failure it is the fault of parents and society; if he makes a success it is because of his own abilities.



A GENERAL COMES HOME... Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley, famed for his firmness with the Soviets during his assignment as military commander in Berlin, is accompanied on the U.S. army transport "General Maurice Rose" by his family on his return to New York. The vessel docked at Staten Island, and the general was taken to New York in an army launch. City officials were at the pier to greet him and a reception was planned at city hall later in the day. Left to right (front) are Mrs. Edith Howley, Dennis and General Howley and (rear) William, Frances and Peter.

County Court Sells Lots, Considers Crushing Contract, Approves Vet Aid Lease

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF NOVEMBER TERM OF COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

Monthly financial report of County Treasurer as of October 31, presented and filed.

Monthly report of County Clerk re: General Road Fund budget balances as of October 31, presented and filed.

Request of Milton V. Miller for road culvert and gravel referred to road foreman.

Bid for purchase of obsolete horse-drawn road grader held in suspense pending inspection thereof.

Deeds issued conveying tax fore-closed property in Kent to E. C. Smith, et ux, and property in Wasco to Thomas W. Stults, et ux.

M. J. Cooley, contractor, confers with Court relative to crushing rock for county while engaged at crushing for Sherars Grade, Grass Valley road; matter held in suspense.

Bond pertaining to deputy tax collector presented, approved and filed.

Request granted for provision of office space for representative of Board of Directors of Oregon Vocational Educational Administration representing Veterans' Program on Farm Administration.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR OCTOBER, 1949, APPROVED NOVEMBER 2 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:
SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
Wet Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$59.93; Sherman County Journal, \$26.50; Norman E. Fields, \$60.00.

CLERK'S OFFICE:
Bushong & Co., \$3.31; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$12.41; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$103.80; Elsie Jones P. M., \$7.00; Ross Ornduff, \$45.00.

TREASURER'S OFFICE:
Naomi Van Gilder, \$45.00.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$56.94; Sherman County Journal, \$26.50.

COURTHOUSE:
Elsie Jones P. M., \$2.40; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$27.53; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$43.70; City of Moro, \$1.85; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$382.91.

CIRCUIT COURT:
Gordon R. Griffiths \$13.94.

COUNTY COURT:
Vernon I. Miller, \$18.00; Lester Wilson, \$21.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$5.45.

JUSTICE COURT:
Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$11.29; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$3.35.

CORONER'S EXPENSE:
Dr. W. R. Taylor, \$10.00; E. M. Alley, \$21.50.

COUNTY AGENT: \$1,642.50

GOVT TRAPPER: \$50.00

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BOND: \$33.55

EMERGENCY FUND: \$25.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S EXPENSE: \$17.50

COUNTY PRINTING: \$12.80

AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS: \$152.50

RETIREMENT FUND: \$57.63

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.26; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.22; Public Employees Retirement System, \$144.95; National Hospital Association, \$10.50.

ROAD FUND:

WAGES:

Frank Bazzel, \$244.38; E. McPherson, \$213.10; Earl Rehr, \$220.77; H. A. Shields, \$221.07; R. F. Looney, \$254.83; A. H. Olson, \$212.47; Frank Bayer, \$241.36; James T. Brown, \$31.05; First National Bank, \$95.50; State Tax Commission, \$18.18; Public Employees Retirement System, \$65.74.

REPAIRS:

J. K. McKean Co., \$16.00; Smith Auto Parts Co., \$24.92; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$0.11; Arstitt-Monroe Pontiac, \$109.97; Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$1,218.95; Wasco Motor Co., \$50.75; J. Contractors Equipment Corp., \$160.79; Welk Welding & Repair, \$45.00; C. H. Urness Motor Co., \$8.20.

GAS & OIL:

Arstitt-Monroe Pontiac, \$3.92; Union Oil Co., \$513.97; Shell Oil Co., \$11.00.

TIRES & TUBES:

Firestone Stores, \$52.36; Wasco Motor Co., \$4.60; Arstitt-Monroe Pontiac, \$3.92.

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$12.00; Moo's, \$7.00; Sunset Motor Co., \$75.60; Howard Cooper Corp., \$816.44; Arstitt-Monroe Pontiac, \$86.40.

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$63.99; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, \$12.15; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$2.39; City of Moro, \$1.75.

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:

Rich Felght Lines \$44.24.

RETIREMENT FUND: \$43.39.

SCHOOL GIVING DANCE

Much excitement is in store for Moro high school's royal family the night of Saturday, December 10, in the Moro school gym where coronation of the Winter Wonderland King, Ron May, and Queen, Evelyn Kirke, will be held.

This formal dance has been an annual affair for four years and is being sponsored by the Moro high school student body with refreshments by the F.H.A. girls later in the evening. Extensive decorating is being done and Arnold Hansen's orchestra is furnishing the music.

Every one is encouraged to come and dance in the Winter Wonderland's magical atmosphere.

Rain For November Totals 1.99; Over Month's Average

The late November rain brought 1.67 inches to Sherman county farms according to the official record at the experimental station. This, together with .32 inch earlier in the month makes the November total 1.99. The normal for November is 1.69.

The rain was sufficient to wet the soil down well and make seeding safe as far as moisture is concerned. Lateness of the season is now a hazard.

FARMERS CAN VOTE

Sherman county farmers were reminded this week that they have only until December 10 to cast their ballots for community Production and Marketing Administration farmer committees and county convention delegates.

ACCIDENT HURTS FIVE

An accident that hospitalized five of 12 persons concerned occurred on the Sherman highway just south of Thornberry Saturday evening about dark.

An Oldsmobile sedan, driven by O. W. Kaylor of Merrill, was going south. In it were Mr. Kaylor his wife, daughter Barbara, son, Lee, Lee Bowling and wife of Prineville and two daughters.

Going north was a Plymouth driven by Fritz Wait of Madras driving the car belonging to G. W. Pomeroy of Madras. Other occupants were Mrs. Pomeroy and daughter, Rosa Lee.

Reports of the wreck are that the north bound Plymouth swung into the path of the Oldsmobile and was hit on the right front corner by the front of the Olds. Both cars were seriously damaged. Pomeroy and wife and Wait and Mr. and Mrs. Bowling were taken to the hospital, four of them by the Sherman county ambulance with Harry Benson driving. All are expected to recover.

REBEKAHS CONVENT

Seventy members of the Rebekah lodges of this area met at Grass Valley November 28 for the annual convention which was attended by Mrs. Lela Ramsey of Madras, state president.

The afternoon was taken up with convention and lodge business interspersed with entertaining numbers by the different lodges, the Grass Valley lodge giving a lively skit. At 6:30 a banquet was served by the American Legion auxiliary at the Masonic hall at which Clara Koch president, presided.

At the evening meeting three candidates were initiated for the Wheatland lodge by the Grass Valley degree team. Mrs. Ramsey made her address to the members. Officers elected were Bertha Belsho, president; Beatrice Howell, vice president; Clara Houston, secretary. Mrs. Vera Evick of Madras was a visitor.

WASCO NEWS

Mrs. George Smith of Richmond was visiting relatives near Wasco at the homes of Damon and T. L. Fields. Her husband joined her in time for Thanksgiving dinner at the T. L. Fields' home. Last report from R. T. Dingle is that he is improving.

Mrs. Damon Fields was operated on in the Mid-Columbia hospital recently.

Mrs. F. Claude Stephens is convalescing at her home, making very good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Spangler spent last week end with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gale of Portland.

Annual church bazaar and dinner, Saturday, December 3, at 2 p. m. in basement of Wasco Methodist church. Farm, candy, and fancy work booths.

Spirit of Thanksgiving was fully observed in Wasco last week in a very happy manner by most every one. Our young people who are attending school were home. Families were together for the happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shelton and daughter, Nancy, of Hood River; Vera Marshall, Mrs. McKee's sister and daughter Mary of Portland; C. R. Dunlap and wife, Mrs. McKee's brother of Bend; were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the McKee home in Wasco. They returned home Friday.

Wheat League Attracts Sherman County Residents

Committees from each of the county organized as a member of the Oregon Wheat Growers league met Thursday at Heppner to write resolutions to be presented to the general assembly the final day of the convention.

Friday and Saturday will be used for the program which will include talks by J. O. McClinck, executive vice president of the Chicago Board of Trade, who will tell farmers what services the board can give wheat growers, and John Locke, secretary of the Millers National Federation who will talk on wheats.

Many other topics will be subjects for talks during the two day program, among them being weed control chemicals which will be discussed by Virgil Freed of Oregon State. Merrill Oveson, manager of the Umatilla project for determining best soil conservation methods, will speak as will S. P. Aughtway of the Pacific Northwest Grain Products association and Dr. C. N. Holton who is a wheat disease specialist from Pullman.

A large delegation is expected to attend a part of the meetings from Sherman county including the chairman of the five committees that studied the preliminary program. Kenneth Fridley, Giles L. French, Gordon Harper, Russel Belsho, Dewey Thompson, Tommy Thompson, Allen Tom, George Mitchell, W. S. Powell, L. E. Kaseberg, Floyd Root, Ernest Woods.

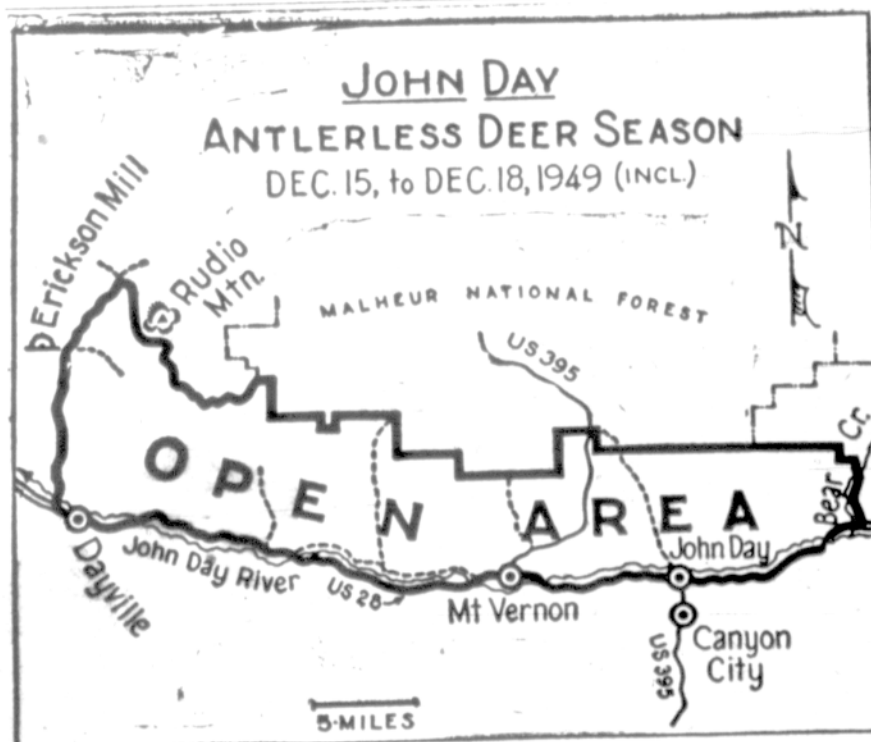
Paulen Kaseberg is president of the league this year and will preside at some of the sessions.

CONSERVATION BOOKS OUT

County handbooks containing conservation practices eligible for payment under the Agricultural Conservation Program will be prepared in the near future. Thomas W. Thompson, secretary PMA committee states that the county and community committees will soon meet to make recommendations for the 1950 ACP program. Local conservation practices must meet certain requirements of the state committee. This committee has announced that the application of nitrogen will not be approved for payment in 1950.

School Children Sing Tonight

At 7:30 Friday, December 2, a concert featuring the mixed chorus and girl's glee club of the Moro high school will be presented in the auditorium under the direction of Gorman Rose, music supervisor. This hour has been selected to allow the girls to depart on an athletic trip to Eastern Oregon immediately after the program. The mixed chorus will sing seven numbers, the girls glee five numbers and there will be six solos.



Three checking stations will be operated by the Oregon State Game commission during the special antlerless deer season in the John Day area. These checking stations will be located at Dayville, Mt. Vernon, and at the junction of the Bear Creek road with U. S. Highway 28.

These stations will open noon, December 14, and will close at noon, December 19. It will be necessary for all hunters to check in at one of these stations. At this time a check-in permit will be issued to the hunter, and it will be necessary for the hunter to have this permit in his possession along with his hunting license and special tag while hunting. Before leaving the area, all hunters must check out at one of the stations, whether successful in bagging a deer or not.

Football Players To Get Letters and Praise at Banquet

The school community, and that includes the larger part of the county is going to pay honor to the football squad at the school house next Monday night with the Rod and Gun club as sponsors.

There is going to be a dinner, a short program and a talk by Paul Stagg, coach at Pacific university. Tickets for the event may be obtained from B. H. Roberson, president of the club, at Alley's in Grass Valley, Steve's in Wasco and Beefe's and the Tavern in Moro.

Coach Ted Merydith will award letters to the boys who played the requisite part of the schedule.

This will be the opportunity of the football supporters, who have been many, to give the final hail and farewell to the 1949 team that won all of its games in its own district and played with spirit when aroused by threatened defeat.

Cox Buys Hereford

Heifer At Mann Sale

Fred Cox and Son brought a new 2-year old Hereford heifer home from the Mann sale at Pendleton last week, one that makes them very proud. She is Double M Lady Mixer 10th, sired by Anxiety Mixer and with blood of Baca Domino and RS Prince Royal on the dam side. She is bred to RS Princeps 57th and is expected to calve in February. The price paid for this animal was \$1525. Fred and Don Cox expect this well bred heifer to add much to their already fine herd of Herefords.

Women Plan Help For Crippled Children

Moro Woman's club met Friday, November 25. After a short business session, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Orlow Martin, director. Following some group singing, Norma Barzee played a piano solo. Olive Young gave a very interesting talk on the different religions comparing them to the Christian religion. She told of the tour in New York she took this summer, visiting Hindu, Moslem, Buddhist and Theosophy temples of worship. At each temple a lecture was given in English, telling of their beliefs.

Mrs. William Roos was hostess.

The next meeting will be December 9 and will be the annual silver tea for The Children's Farm Home. Gifts for the children at Doernbecher hospital are to be brought to this meeting. Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs will be director with Mrs. Howard Ross, Mrs. A. B. Christianson and Mrs. Paul Fraser as hostesses. Mrs. Carl Tuggle will be present with holiday table decorations and favors. She is district art chairman of the clubs.

Tax Turnover Divides Money To Taxing Units

Sheriff Norman Fields turned over \$304,271.74 to Treasurer Naomi Van Gilder Wednesday, which together with \$9,399.46 credited to rebates, completes collection of nearly 97 percent of the taxes levied against Sherman county property.

Left delinquent is \$10,384.80.

This year instead of the county assuming all the rebate it is apportioned to each taxing unit which means that no district will get all the money it levied inasmuch as 97 percent would be the maximum. Total accounted for was \$313,670.20 of which \$9,399.46 was deducted for rebates.

Amounts that the several taxing units of the county will get after rebate is deducted are: County \$44,405.51; Rural school board \$166,282.91; County Road fund \$30,206.26; Wasco Road district \$795.68; Moro Road district \$670.87; Grass Valley Road district \$449.97; City of Wasco \$4727.33; City of Moro \$434.08; City of Grass Valley \$1283.73.

School districts: Bliglow \$1146.44; Rufus \$3556.28; Emigrant did not levy a tax; Wasco \$12,936.04; Kent \$2,997.39; Moro (including districts consolidating) \$3926.21; special Moro tax \$25,551.37; Grass Valley \$4897.59.

Delinquent taxes collected during the quarter ended with November 15 amounted to \$528.16 for 1948-49 taxes \$8.96 for 1947-48 and \$10.28 for the period prior to 1940.

WASCO WOMEN MEET

The Wasco Woman's club members entertained their husbands at dinner at the Methodist church Friday evening November 18. The committee in charge of the dinner were Mesdames Bish, Harper, Lamborn and Harley Dutton. The tables were decorated in an interesting Thanks giving motif by flower committee members Mrs. Howard Pratt and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg.

Following the dinner a program under leadership of Mrs. Sadie Rich was enjoyed by all. Interesting moving pictures and slides were shown by Gordon Harper and Mrs. Sadie Rich.

Mrs. Cobie de Lesplasse, of Hubbard, spoke on "The Netherlands. Mrs. de Lesplasse and her husband visited the Netherlands a short time ago in the interests of Child Education.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR PLANNING SCHEDULED

Progress accomplished and future programs to follow for a progressive county agriculture program will be outlined December 10 at the annual Sherman County Progress Council meeting.

Wallace May chairman of the council, explains that the plan is to hold an annual council meeting with the committee chairman's reporting progress made and future efforts needed to guide the development of the farming industry and rural home life in years ahead.

The County Agricultural Council serves as the executive body County Progress Planning committee. The county folks to attend the meeting will be the six committee chairmen — Land Use, Vernon Miller; Livestock, Harold Eakin; Schools, Kenneth Fridley; Crops, Dewey Thompson; Farm Home and Rural Life, Mrs. W. E. Bruckert; Weed Control, Allen Tom; a fair board member, member of the county court, W. L. May, chairman of the council, and T. W. Thompson, county agent. Any interested county folks are more than welcomed to attend this all day meeting.

One of the primary purposes of the council is to assist the extension service of OSC in determining and carrying on a coordinated county program. The council also seeks to coordinate the activities of all agencies and organizations touching agriculture, including rural homelife, in carrying out the recommended programs by the individual Planning Conference Committee.

During the council meeting plans will be made for sub-committee meetings of the Planning Conference to bring recommendations and plans of the committee up to date for the coming year.