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These Things We Note

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Merry Christmas

It's an old greeting and, like many other old things, the best. The Sherman County Journal wishes its readers to have a merry time on the holiday originally set aside for joy over the birth of the Saviour and observed in these less religious times as a day of giving and receiving gifts. We hope you get lots of them and that they are just what you wanted.

We note that information about road conditions are not always accurate and that the traveler takes his chances now as in olden days when he goes out upon the road.

If a mere citizen might inquire: whose welfare is the welfare state most interested in? Is it for the welfare of the man who wants to do something or for the man who wants to do nothing?

Mr. Pegler (Westbrook) and Mr. Pearson (Drew) are reported to have made an agreement to not talk about each other, which one has since broken. We are glad about that. Now if they would make an agreement to talk of no one but each other—and keep it—the whole country would be well served.

The price of pensions went up and now the price of steel and soon the price of pensions, etc., etc. Perhaps you remember the old Tennessee story of the two fighting cats. One jumped on the other's back and then the other jumped on the other's back and it kept right on until both disappeared in the sky. Maybe the pensions and the price of steel will both disappear—but not up.

We suppose there's nothing un-Christian about having the tallest Christmas tree, but having it doesn't seem to add much to the spiritual values of the day.

Considering the financial condition of the government and more particularly of the post office department, we hope the custom of sending Christmas cards continues.

The best cartoon of the week was one by Art Bimrose in the Oregonian depicting Santa Claus watching bundles of money about the world and wondering about his coming journey: "Is this trip necessary?"

Some people are given to following the popular trend, going along with the customs, like sheep. Others are moved by what seems the most profitable and are foxlike to that extent. And then there's those who are motivated by what they think or believe. There's no animal like them.

A man with curly red hair and very crossed eyes, who is listed as a salesman and a sheepherder, is wanted by the police. We think that a man of that description would be forced to a life of absolute rectitude.

Some papers have announced the opening of the Shaniko hotel which will be something of a surprise to those who have been operating it for some time.

Some one recently said that country newspapermen were the busiest people in the world. We think that is true and also think that members of any other group think the same thing about themselves.

Groups used to go about singing carols the last evenings before Christmas and it was a very fine custom especially on a clear winter night when it wasn't too cold for open mouths. Some ability at singing was desired but not entirely necessary if the spirit was good. It gave a proper setting for Christmas.

Planners Review Work; Find Some Progress Made

Progress toward accomplishment of past recommendations was received by the Sherman County Agriculture Progress Council at the annual meeting December 10 in Moro.

Committee chairman's outlined the recommendations, discussing accomplishments, as set forth by the sub-committees of the Sherman County Planning conference in January 1948. Outstanding accomplishment of the committees was accredited to the Land Use committee for its work in the formation of a Soil Conservation District for the county.

To keep abreast with the rapid change in modern agriculture the Council decided that the sub-committees should meet to rework and bring up to date past recommendations. It was the feeling of those present that such items as use of diverted acres, revision of assessment on grass land acres, recommendations to the board of supervisors of the Soil Conservation District, the creation of a consolidated high school, use of nitrogen fertilizers, the need for a county health nurse, the use of diesel oil in place of water as a carrier of 2-4-D for annual weed spraying, and the enforcement of the Weed Control district law, where of such major importance that the county people should consider these topics at sub-committee meetings throughout the winter months. Sub-committees meeting will be held during January and February.

Wallace May, chairman of the Council, reported on the printing of the Planning Conference report which will be distributed to all county folks before the sub-committee meetings. Other members present at the Council meeting were Deway Thompson, Crops committee; Vernon Miller, Land Use committee; Kenneth Fridley, School committee; Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, Farm Home and Rural Life committee; Ernie Woods, Weed committee; George Mitchell, superintendent of the Sherman Branch Experiment Station, and T. W. Thompson, county agent.

William Teutsch, assistant director of the extension service at Corvallis, attended the meeting giving the background and purpose of the Planning Council and sub-committees in adopting a program proposed by the people for the county extension agent to follow.

The constitution and by-laws as drawn up were presented to the Council. With minor changes these were approved by members present.

FISHING DATES UP

Charles A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game Director, calls attention to the fact that the annual public hearing concerning angling regulations for 1950 will be held in Portland office of the Oregon State Game commission at 10:00 a. m. January 13. The public is invited to attend this hearing, and anyone having suggestions to make concerning the new angling regulations will be heard at that time. Representatives of organizations and individuals not able to attend should send in their recommendations by mail before that date.

COUNCIL ENDS OPTION

The city council in special session passed needed legislation to enable the city to sell the old Legion hall. The option on the lots on Main street was cancelled and the down payment returned to Ken Zachary because of the inability of the city to give a good and sufficient title.

WASCO-WEST PROBABLE

Judge C. A. Tom returned from the December meeting of the highway commission Wednesday and on a visit to Moro reported that the contract for the Scott canyon road was let and that an item of \$50,000 had been allotted to the Cottonwood road for probable contract next year. He also said that he had been assured that the Wasco west road improvement would be on the July docket of the commission.



DOWN-UNDER UPSETTERS . . . One of the biggest upsets in the last dozen years of tennis was registered at Longwood Cricket club, Chestnut Hill, Mass., when this pair of ambitious Australian youngsters, George Worthington (left) and Frank Sedgman, third seeded foreign pair, outfought and outthrew defending champions Gardner Mulholland, Miami, and Bill Talbot, Wilmington, Del., to win 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 9-7, in the quarter-final round of the US national doubles championship.

Walter Medler Funeral Held Wednesday

Walter A. Medler, 69, died in a hospital in The Dalles after a long illness following an operation. Funeral services were held at The Dalles Wednesday afternoon with services in charge of the Elks lodge.

Mr. Medler was born near Walla Walla, Wn., July 18, 1880, and was brought to Sherman county in that year. He has lived here continuously since adulthood. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Medler, very early settlers north of Wasco.

Surviving are his widow, Fay, a daughter, Mrs. Jeanette McDonald of Portland, one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Barnum of Moro and a brother, Fred of Portland.

PETERSON-RASMUSSEN

Mrs. Sarah Rasmussen and Jens Peterson of Pendleton were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in a candle lighted ceremony. Rev. W. W. Gearhart read the service.

The bride was accompanied by her brother Oscar Ruggles and Mrs. Allie Ruggles stood with her as matron of honor. The daughter in law of the bride sang. Miss Connie Ruggles was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Earl McKinney and Mrs. Willard Barnett aided the hostess.

Present were all of the Ruggles family except Mrs. Lois Olds and the brother of the bridegroom.

Mr. Peterson is a ranch foreman in Umattilla county. Mrs. Rasmussen is a teacher in the Pendleton schools. Both will retire next year. They left for California for a holiday trip shortly after the ceremony.

ROAD CONTRACT LET

The contract for construction and oiling of 2.91 miles of the Scott canyon road was let Tuesday at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland to George E. Corliss of Ontario. The contract is for \$75,467, somewhat cheaper than the estimate which was \$100,000.

TOWN TEAM ACTIVE

The Moro town basketball team has won one game this season while losing four often by close scores. The first game was lost to Grass Valley after an overtime period with the final score being 38 to 39. Moro next defeated Maupin on the Moro floor by a score of 26 to 27 and lost the next to Wasco by a 30 to 44 count. Wasco did not expect to have a team earlier in the year but are out again with much the same group of players. D. Richelderfer, Dormaier, Gebert, Pat and Pete Macnab, Nisbet and Henry Richelderfer.

When the Moro team played a return game at Maupin it met defeat 37 to 45. This week the team went to Condon Tuesday night and were defeated 37 to 47.

Playing for the locals are Don Thompsons, Ted, Don, Keith and Tommy, Ken Young, or Frank Sayrs are centers, Pinkerton, Merydith, McCrae, V. Melzer, Cushman, Anderson, Mac Hall, usually make up the line-up, although others have been used. Scoring is done by Don Thompson who has piled up 65 points to lead all the others. Keith Thompson has 27, Dean Pinkerton 26 and Ken Young 18.

Grange Master Talks At Rufus Conference

Morton Tompkins, state grange master, Mrs. Beulah Moore, state grange lecturer, Mrs. K. Ethel Lathrop, state grange home economics leader, Mrs. Helen Roberts, state juvenile superintendent, Miss Bertha Beck, state grange secretary, and Vern Lantz of Redmond, state grange deputy, were all guests at a luncheon preceding the state-grange conference held at Rufus Wednesday. The luncheon was served with Mrs. Harland McDonald in charge. Other guests at the luncheon besides the state officers and Mrs. McDonald were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. George Fox; Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Sadie Rich.

At 1:45 p. m. Mrs. Beulah Moore opened the conference for Sherman county with several songs sung by the members present. Each state grange leader held a round table discussion with members of their office.

A long table with places for fifty people was fixed for the pot luck supper held at 6:30 p. m. The white cloths were used on the tables and Christmas trees, candles and reindeer for decorations. Poinsett covered napkins were laid at each place which were all filled. Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. Sadie Rich had charge of the table decorations.

The hall was set up by Rufus grange members after the supper was cleared away. The Rufus grange presided at the opening. The opening was viewed and commented on by Vern Lantz. Each of the state officers addressed members present. Bertha Beck talked of the power of the grange and how to be a better granger. Mrs. Helen Roberts said juvenile grange members know the ropes when they become subordinate grange members. Mrs. K. Ethel Lathrop spoke on the power of women and their responsibility. Mrs. Beulah Moore asked all lecturers to get their quarterly reports in on time, and on where are the men to lead. Morton Tompkins addressed the members on different grange policies. The members then wrote down questions which were taken up and answered by Vern Lantz or Morton Tompkins.

Harlandview grange officers put on the closing of the grange, with Charles Burnett as master. Vern Lantz said it was one of the best closings he had witnessed.

Among the members from Harlandview grange attending the dinner and conference at Rufus were: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Toni Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higley, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshe and Blaine Miller.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS OUT

Conviction of driving while intoxicated brought revocation of their drivers' licenses to 188 Oregonians in November, Secretary of State Newberry reported today.

An additional 64 licenses were suspended for offenses ranging from reckless driving to violation of the school bus stopping law. During the month a total of 2,819 convictions for moving traffic violations were added to individual driving records after being reported by the courts concerned, Newberry said.

Senior Play Tells Story of Cajun Family Amusingly and Entertainingly

The Crochet family were Cajuns and lived in the bayous of Louisiana. They were poor because they were neither ambitious nor thrifty, but nevertheless they were stirred out of their shiftlessness when the flood waters brought a doorstep to them, which they had added onto their shanty. They wanted a house to go with it.

Members of the senior class last Friday night acted out the troubles of the Crochets in obtaining, by accident, a larger house.

Marie Balzer was the mother of the family, a quick spoken, quick angered woman who alternately loved and belabored her husband, Willy Knighten, called the Commodore because he had at one time been captain of a river boat which he had wrecked because he was asleep.

Children of the Crochets were Topal (her mother couldn't decide between topaz and opal), played by Martha Bardenhagen; Evvie, younger and less interested in the men, played by Lois Kelley; Arthur, who had tried to win a bet by trying to swallow a billiard ball, played by Ed Justesen; the twins, lively and talkative, played by Carole Norton and Leitha Leader.

Mr. Tobin, a slightly better financed citizen of the bayous, was Scott Fritts; brother Dewey, whose generosity was accepted during an intermission in prayer, was Ronnie May; Tayo, a barber who played a sort of villain was

David Moore; the landlady who had no luck at all collecting the rent was Gladys Moore and the florist, Shirley McIntyre furnished the funds for the purchase of the house.

The crowd that came to see the play was large and well pleased with the characterizations portrayed in the play, especially that of the lead characters who were on the stage most of the two hours the play lasted.

Mrs. B. H. Roberson was director and other seniors Helen Simon and Leone Moore aided with scenery and prompting.

GRANGE HAS PARTY

Harlandview grange had its annual Christmas party, December 17, preceded by a pot luck dinner and regular grange session, with the new master, Howard Ross presiding.

A well prepared program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Earl Gentry.

Santa appeared in a bright shining red suit and gave every child a present, and gifts were exchanged by the adults. Santa had a sack of candy and nuts and popcorn balls for everyone.

The evening was spent visiting and watching the children enjoy playing with new games, whistles or run-about-toys. A dessert lunch of cake, pie and coffee was served later in the evening.

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

Miss Martha Bardenhagen entertained the members of the senior class of Moro high school and several other friends at a party following the senior play at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen, Friday night. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches, coffee and soda pop were served. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Merydith, the Misses Carole Norton, Leitha Leader, Ina May Ziegler, Lois Kelley, Shirley McIntyre, Gladys Moore, Darlene Macheel, Carolyn Lemley, Helen Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer, Eddie Justesen, Fred von Borstel, Ronnie May, Willy Knighten, David Moore, Scott Fritts, and Walter van Metre and Preston Williams of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson motored to Portland Thursday to meet their sons, George and Paul, who arrived by plane from Victoria, V.I. where they are students at the Shawigan Lake preparatory school. The family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bredemeyer until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wilson of Wawawai, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson were dinner guests Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Harper of Portland were weekend guests at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacIntas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and children motored to Portland Wednesday where they were guests at the home of Florence Clark until Friday. They were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young were week end visitors in Yakima, Washington at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wilson of Wawawai, Washington were guests from Tuesday to Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson. They were enroute to Davis Dam, Nevada to spend Christmas at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stevenson.

Mrs. Bill Jeffries and daughters, June and Colleen motored to The Dalles where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett. Mrs. Jeffries and her father, Roy Barnett, spent Thursday in Portland. While there they visited at the home of Mrs. Jeffries' grandmother, Mrs. Bill Young of Forest Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knott and family were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields spent last week end in Portland. While there they were house guests of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains.

George Fox Jr. was out of school several days last week. He had a lump on his jaw bone and after an X-ray was taken it was found an abscessed tooth was the cause. The infected tooth was pulled out, and he had no more trouble with his jaw.

Miss Elva Howey was called to Beaverton the first of last week on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Howey is the primary teacher at Rufus school. Mrs. Hoover taught the children during the time Miss Howey was away. Mrs. Hoover is the mother of Mrs. Melvin Brady, principal of Rufus school, and has been visiting her daughter here. Mrs. Hoover is a former school teacher and her home is in Centerville, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Rickels of Tulalake, Calif., visited relatives in Rufus Friday evening. The Rickels were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson. Mrs. Rickels is a sister of Mrs. Benton Barnett and John Mathieson in Rufus. The Rickels were enroute to Condon to visit a daughter and family who live there.

Mrs. Walt Morris, Mrs. Bill Meyers and son Billie and Mrs. Ray Brown motored to Arlington one day last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams. They went especially to deliver birthday wishes to Mrs. Adams who celebrated a birthday last week.

Walt Morris was a guest of honor at a birthday dinner given by his wife, Mrs. Morris at their home last Sunday. His children and families were home to help him celebrate his anniversary.

Charles Wicklander of Portland was calling on some grange members in Rufus Sunday. Wicklander who is on the state grange executive committee, also represents the grange for life insurance.

Two volley ball games between the parents and the children were high points of the evening. The women defeated the girls 30 to 28 and the men defeated the boys 27 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty of Grass Valley were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats motored to The Dalles Sunday afternoon to meet the west bound streamliner and welcome their daughter, Miss Lois Coats who has been going to school in Colorado. Lois will spend the holidays visiting her parents and other relatives.

County Income Over \$6,000,000 Finds Thompson

Sherman county's 1949 gross farm income estimated at \$6,358,000 according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

This income is divided among various types of agricultural products as follows: Grain and hay \$5,144,000; Livestock \$1,115,000; Eggs and Poultry \$50,000; Tree Fruits \$34,000; Dairy Products \$10,000; and Misc Animal Products \$5,000.

From these figures we find that nearly 81 per cent of our farm income is derived from grain and hay products. Livestock the second most important agricultural industry in the county accounts for nearly 17 per cent of the total gross farm income.

The percentages of these two items to the entire gross farm income have both increased since 1942. Returns from dairy products and eggs and poultry have declined. The gross income for tree fruits has declined and may be attributed to the 1948 flood damage.

The average income for the 1926 - 1930 period was \$2,940,000 and for the 1936 - 1940 period, \$1,890,000.

It is likely that these figures may be revised somewhat, but regardless of possible discrepancies we have made substantial progress during the past twenty years with improved techniques, better farming methods—and some inflation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helyer are the parents of a son born Thursday, December 15 at The Dalles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin.

Herman Peters Jr., Joe Harvey, Keith Bayer and James Hartley came home Friday from Salem to spend the holidays with their parents. They are all students at Willamette university.

At the regular meeting of the Eastern Star Tuesday December 6 the following officers were elected Mrs. Frank von Borstel worthy matron; Harold Eakin worthy patron; Mrs. Myrl Smith associate matron; Eugene Knott associate patron; Mrs. Owen Eakin conductress; Mrs. Eugene Knott associate conductress; Mrs. Wallace May secretary and Wallace May, treasurer.

The American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Charles Perrigo with nine members present. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds returned home Sunday after spending several days in Portland shopping and attending the Ice Cycles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox and Allan McDougal left Monday for Condon to visit Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morgan over Christmas.

Mrs. Fred Cox was hostess for the Mission Circle Christmas party at her home Thursday afternoon with nineteen members and guests present. Devotional services were led by Mrs. Orville Ruggles. The afternoon was spent dressing dolls. Mrs. Wayne Kelley won the prize for the best dressed doll. The dolls were sent in a box of clothing to an orphanage in Kentucky. Mrs. Bernard Martin gave a reading after which refreshments were served. All present received a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert and Mrs. John Rust were visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen had as dinner guests Sunday celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Day from Anchorage, Alaska, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garbrant from Hodd River and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lane from White Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, Mr. and Charles Perrigo and children, Mrs. Frank T. Bayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sealand of Seattle, Washington spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson and Mrs. E. C. Engles were in The Dalles shopping Friday.