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These Things We Note

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It is probable that the average resolution maker has by now decided that it is to much trouble to be the kind of a man he would like to be and fallen back to being the kind of a man he is. He has succumbed to the smell of the forsaken cigarette, decided that one small stabilizing drink will be alright under the circumstances, passed his wife and learned all over again that such arrogance leads to no satisfactions of spirit. It is a hard world that may not be treated preemptorially, and the easiest way is to fall back into the old rut which was reasonably comfortable after all.

Might we suggest that Mr. Celeri do his gambling with cards.

Senator Morse is quoted as saying that the Republican party should turn back to its 1948 platform. And we thought the senator was being critical about any turning back.

Reviews of the first half century, and there were some good ones, were all very certain that it would be impossible to have another depression, not because we have an economic condition that would prevent them, but because it would throw so many people out of work or into a lower income bracket. That is thinking of a most wishful sort.

Here is a thought for the New Year: "The past is like a funeral gone by. The future comes like an unwelcome guest."

Some writers say that a scientist should have been made man of the half century—the choosing of which is a bit of sublime conceit. The scientists have done a lot for us since 1900 at that; we can now go faster, work easier and blow up more neighbors at a time than ever before. However, we do not seem to be very much different than a half century ago and grandma would recognize the same human foibles had science served to keep her around so long. Wanting and having the fastest car is no different than wanting and having the fastest horse and Uncle Ned's reactions when Aunt Sukie ran off with the preacher were no different than his nephew's in the same situation. The atomic bomb didn't change that a bit.

We suppose it is the privilege of every newspaperman to pick out the ten or five biggest news stories of the now defunct year. We have no desire to recall all of them but some of them would be the big elevator fire which made headlines all over the west. Another was the surprising crop being better than expected. The truck-train collision near Rufus was a first rate disaster. Perhaps of greater importance was the construction of more elevators to hold more wheat so we can continue to hold more surplus (it's profitable) the passage of the soil conservation district bill, continued smuttness of wheat, two contracts for improved roads, construction of many new farm homes. Nearly everyone will have some personal item to remember 1949 by; mothers will recall that Jimmy was born that year, fathers that 1949 was the year they bought the Cadillac, sons that they played on the football team, daughters the first long dress, and bachelor uncles the party at the park. Who is to say what's most important to whom?

Another rural activity that often serves to while away the winter days is feuding. A right good neighborhood quarrel can warm up almost any kind of winter. And as long as its forgotten in the spring it does little lasting harm.

Questions as to who will be the Democratic nominee in 1952 were settled this week.



SOUGHT AULD SOD . . . Pierce Farley, 52-year-old waiter, doffs his hat as he steps from a Pan American plane at Idlewild airport, New York City, on his return from Ireland. He had a hankering to see the home of his ancestors once again, so with four days to spare, he flew to the auld sod and back, with only 12 hours of sightseeing in Limerick.

Doesn't It Beat Time What Troubles A Man Can Get Into By Drinking and Driving?

One of the least known but most effective penalties for driving while intoxicated requires the offender to satisfy the demands of the financial responsibility law for three years after conviction, Secretary of State Newbury pointed out today.

This is in addition to mandatory revocation of driver's license, a possible maximum of one year in jail, and a fine ranging up to \$1000.

A person whose license has been revoked is not eligible to apply for a new license for one year unless the convicting judge recommends reinstatement, Newbury explained. First offenders, particularly those who must drive to make their living, are frequently recommended for partial restoration of privileges usually subject to restrictions as to place, time, and vehicle which may be driven. The secretary emphasized that the license is automatically revoked on conviction and that a recommendation for reinstatement is in no case a permit to drive.

Since the license cannot be restored until the requirements are met, a recommendation from the court is only the first step. It is when the holder of such a recommendation attempts to apply for his new license that he discovers the workings of the financial responsibility statute, designed to assure satisfaction of damages to accident victims. It requires, proof, either through adequate insurance coverage or the posting of bonds, of ability to satisfy judgments in the event of being held liable for an accident. If the offender had insurance in force, he usually finds his company has cancelled his policy as a result of his conviction. If he applies for a new policy, he discovers most companies are equally reluctant to accept his business.

Those who are unable to post bonds must take their problems to the "assigned risk" pool of insurance companies, which carefully investigates each application. If convicted the applicant is unlikely to repeat his offense, his coverage is arbitrarily assigned to a participating company, at premium much higher than normal in exchange for the greater risk assumed. He may reapply for his license, but the insurance

New Ordinance Now Affects Parking

Moroites may properly remember that the recently passed ordinance regarding parking of cars on the Main street between Fourth and Second is now in effect. This ordinance restricts parking in this two block section to two hours during the day. Another section of the ordinance makes illegal the parking of any car or truck on city street for purposes other than normal traffic. This is to prevent the leaving of wrecked and unused cars on the streets. Penalties are fines of from two to fifty dollars.

Republicans Announce Grass Roots Meeting Monday, January 9

There will be a meeting of Republicans at the court house next Monday afternoon at two o'clock. It will be for the purpose of determining the ideas of Sherman county Republicans about questions on which the party will take a stand later in the year, in fact, it is a grass roots meeting. Everyone with an opinion will be heard.

Mrs. Howard Conlee, county Republican chairman, reminds the members of the party that Ralph Cate, national committeeman, has been recently appointed on the policy committee. He is in the east now for the first discussion of national party policy. Probably not in a generation have Oregon Republicans had so good an opportunity to have their ideas heard in the councils of the party.

Undoubtedly the greater part of the discussion will be about the farm program and those with ideas about it are especially asked to come. It is not a closed meeting; it is an open meeting for all Republicans.

GRASS VALLEY BAPTIST

At the Grass Valley Baptist church for next Sunday the topic for the morning worship hour will be "Pressing On For God" and the evening service at 7:30 "God's Beginning." Sunday school at the usual hour 10 a. m. Young peoples meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting 7 p. m. Choir practice Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

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

Mrs. W. D. Barnett had as dinner guests New Years day Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and sons, Herman and Arden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters and daughter, Henry and John Peters, Mrs. Bertha Holland and Fritz Rohweder.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morgan and daughter, came down from Condon Saturday to spend the holiday week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox. Kenneth Hattrup of Portland was a guest from Wednesday until Monday at the Theo. von Borstel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark were Sunday morning guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knott and family were guests for New Year dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield.

Miss Dorothy Brown of Moro was a guest from Saturday until Tuesday at the home of Miss Carol Kopp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bredemeyer of Portland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffries.

Harry Justesen was released from the hospital last Wednesday.

Church To Entertain

The second "family night" will be held at the Wasco Methodist church Sunday, January 8. There will be a potluck lunch at 6:30, followed immediately by moving pictures including an animated cartoon for the youngsters. Please bring your plate, cup and silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alley had as their guests over the New Year weekend her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Buell, Gary and Carol of Springfield.

George Lamborn Buried In The Dalles

George M. Lamborn, long a resident of the Wasco community, died at a home near Troutdale Christmas after a long illness. Funeral services were held December 27 in The Dalles with interment in the cemetery there. Mr. Lamborn was born in Iowa June 9, 1862 and had lived the greater part of his 87 years in Sherman county where he had a farm south of Wasco, now owned by L. P. Haven.

Surviving are his widow Hattie and a sister, Mrs. Bell Browning of Sacramento, Calif.

Weather Man Sends Fridley Talks of School Needs Before Club

Although Sherman county has not had weather as cold as surrounding areas it is generally agreed that it has been cold enough for all necessary purposes. Tuesday night the station thermometer dropped to four and Wednesday night it went down to nine. A skiff of snow fell Wednesday evening to make a total of barely two inches. The ground is freezing. The highways are snow covered as far south as Grass Valley but are not dangerously slick, the hills having been sanded.

Mrs. Vernon Melzer Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Vernon Melzer suffered head injuries Tuesday when the car in which she was riding was in a collision at the main intersection in Moro. The other car was being driven by County Judge Tom Power of Madras. When the two cars collided they ran into another car being driven by Millard Melzer.

Mrs. Power was also injured. Both women were taken to the hospital where they were treated and Mrs. Power was released the same day. The Power car was most damaged in the collision.

George Wilson and sons George and Paul flew to Portland Friday for medical treatment for the boys. They returned Saturday.

1949 Reviewed Week by Week

Review of 1949: July 1: Body of Gordon Hall removed from Deschutes river. County historical society joins state association. July 8: Experiment station has field day. July 15: Fair board reports that coming fair will be full of thrills. July 22: Wheat acreage cut to 118,632 for 1950. July 29: New Moro elevator opens, 62 days after construction starts.

August 5: Wheat crop still ahead of average. No deer hunting for Sherman county says state commission. August 12: County has wheat storage of 4,500,000 bushels. 3,000,000 crop nearly all harvested. August 19: New wheats make marks at station. August 26: Utility values raised by tax commission. Government recommends use of wheat land for grass.

September 2: Moro streets oiled, also fair ground road. Change may be made in acreage allotments. Sept. 9: Allotment officials confused over new government ruling. Twenty-five football players out for drill. Sept. 16: L. E. Kaseberg wins sweepstakes for best wheat. School enrollments up. Sept. 30: Moro wins from Fossil 19-0. Wasco Library festival successful.

October 7: Some rain falls, some seed. Class in farming for GIs started. Oct. 14: Biggest tax bills mailed. Moro beats Maupin 19-0. Oct. 21: Additional levy of \$27,500 made on Moro school taxpayers. Oct. 28: Moro wins from Condon 37-8.

November 4: Midco sale held. Moro 32, Arlington 13. Nov. 11: Bruckert farm held best conservation example. Contract made for completion of Sherar's grade road. Nov. 18: Soil conservation district voted 169 to 53. Madras 47-Moro 7. Nov. 25: Wheat league committees recommend. More rain falls.

December 2: tax turnover made. Football players dined. Dec. 9: Petition for school district change filed. Wheat league speakers warn of lost markets. Dec. 16: PMA officials chosen. Dec. 23: County income over \$6,000,000 says county agent. Planners find some work done. Dec. 30 11P announces farm train. Tractor class starting.

EXAMINER COMING
A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, January 10, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.