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## These Things We Note

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We suppose it is considered progress that a man can be born in a log cabin and die from an atomic bomb.

The president says that Americans should have an average income of \$12,000 by the year 2000. The way the national debt is growing they'll need it.

The storm which we are now digging out of was hailed as the worst blizzard of the winter at first and grew rapidly to become the worst of this century. We are like that. Yet it has been quite a storm, comparable probably with any within the last 20 years. Grandpa can tell about worse ones back when no family had central heating, hot water tanks, warm barns; when the woodpile was outside, the stock on the range, and town 15 miles away over unplowed roads; and about which memory has become more competitive than factual. Farmers now days have stopped that old worry about tying a rope between the house and barn to insure accurate passage between. They don't have any reason to go to the barn.

A group has filed a petition for an initiative bill that would stop liquor advertising in Oregon. Some one has faith in the value of newspaper advertising. We suppose, however, that the group will use billboards to carry on the campaign. And lose.

The Oregonian reports that George Sandy says that the modern printer is no longer a tired man with an eye shade and addiction to the use of the spittoon. Well, we suppose the cigarette has pretty well displaced the chewing tobacco as burned marks on print shop furniture testify but as for the eye shade we refused to be ruled out of the printing business because we wear one. Incidentally this is printing week and it lasts seven days. Five days would have been enough but even that is better than some. The coal miners could have a coal week in two days.

Tuesday was Ben Franklin's birthday and it is appropriate that we remember it by rereading that some of this American philosopher's sayings: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

"Dost thou ovie life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

"It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright."

If the reader would like to see the person who is injured by the loss of China to the reds he need but look in the mirror. Much of our foreign trade in the west was with China, it took our wheat and our manufactured goods. Now we are quarreling about what to do next or what we should have done. One thing sure is that we should get a state department that could look more than one direction at once.

We'll bet this is the only country where the papers carry items about reducing diets.

Freedom is one of the most expensive of human necessities to obtain and is often sold the cheapest when once obtained.

An Arizona man has been arrested on a charge growing from the cutting of his wife's hair. That just about completes the circle.

Each of two men was given a horse. "How are we going to tell them apart?" asked one. "I'll cut off my horse's mane," suggested the second. So they trimmed one horse's mane but it soon grew out again. The men then cropped his horse's tail but it, too, soon grew out. "Let's measure the horses," suggested the first. Sure enough it worked. The white horse was two inches taller than the black horse.



DANCE OF THE DELEGATE . . . Warren E. Austin, permanent United States delegate to the United Nations, dances with his wife at a spectacular masked ball at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York. The U. N. delegate from Burlington, Va., was only one of the many glittering names from the world of diplomacy, the stage, and society who were present for this gala benefit affair to help the pension fund of the New York philharmonic symphony.

## 4-H Clubs Being Organized In Many Activities Preparatory To Coming Spring

Fifty Sherman county boys and girls have been organized into six 4-H clubs, recently, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent. Thirty-two of these boys and girls are starting their first year of club work. To obtain a better knowledge of proper tractor maintenance ten boys have been organized into a Tractor Maintenance club under the leadership of Lamar Sayrs. Clarence May was elected president of the club with Larry Kaseberg and Roger Ball elected to the offices of vice-president and secretary, respectively.

The Well Done and Whistling Tea-Kettle Cooking clubs were organized in Moro with Mrs. Ralph Busse and Mrs. Thomas W. Thompson serving as local leaders. The Well-Done club girls elected Sylvia Zachary as president, Kay Kirkelle, vice-president, and Rea Eaves, secretary of their clubs.

Susan Woods will take over the presidency of the Whistling Tea Kettle club since Dayanne Sayrs, elected president, is joining with another group of girls in a second year cooking club. Tonal Miller will serve as the secretary for the group. A new vice-president will be elected at their next meeting.

Beef club members in the Moro area have joined together in a standard club and will elect officers at their next meeting January 25. W. T. Balsiger is serving as local leader for this group. A sewing and forestry club were organized at last week at Rufus. Five girls are starting the beginning sewing project under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Wilson. Mr. Donald Brislan, instructor at the Rufus school, has eleven boys organized into a forestry club. Officers of these two clubs are not available at the present time.

All of these 4-H clubs are planning their club year with at least ten meetings, including a picnic or party, carrying on their lessons, entering into demonstration contests, exhibit by each member at the county fair, and complete their 4-H club record books.

## OLD RESIDENT DIES

James H. Frazier, former resident of Sherman county, died at his home at Wenatchee, January 12. He was a brother in law of the late Al Wright and was 90 years of age.

## About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Frances Woods was an overnight guest Thursday night at the John Reckman home.

Ina May Ziegler of Grass Valley was a guest at the Lester Wilson home from Thursday to Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke of The Dalles spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell were dinner guests Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl and family and Miss Marion Buchanan were dinner guests last Sunday at the John Decker home. The afternoon was spent skiing and sleighing.

The snow storm and blizzard began at Rufus Thursday when the grade into town became icy and visibility was reduced to fifty feet. Friday morning at 11 o'clock school was dismissed and none was held this week. There is about 18 inches of snow on the level, although it is not level, and farmers estimate that there is not more than an inch of frost in the ground which should assure some moisture from the snow.

The basketball game between Moro and Rufus boys was postponed Friday night as neither school had held classes that afternoon.

Some farmers have been able to get to town with trucks but the going is slow and hard with the drifts deep in the cuts. Some of the men have gotten frozen cheeks. The worst case is that of Tommy Macnab whose car stalled Friday while going home. He had to walk and was nipped by the cold which was down to zero. It has hovered around zero since Friday.

The Rufus community surprised Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris last Tuesday night the occasion being their 35th wedding anniversary. The crowd met at the Morris home and played cards and visited until late when supper was served. The group presented the Morris' with a gift and their six children brought them 12 big roses. Children are Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Ronald Klock, Mrs. Frank Adams, Mrs. Bill Myers and Joe Morris. Present at the party were Mesdames and Messrs Harland McDonald, Andy Engberg,

## UP Farm Train Due Here Next Monday p.m.

Smut and weed control will be the main topic of discussion during the Union Pacific agricultural improvement car visit to Moro Monday, January 23, according to T. W. Thompson, extension county agent.

The program will start at 1:30 p. m. at the depot in Moro with all Sherman county people able to get out of the snow invited. Speakers accompanying the car include Rex Warren, extension specialist Oregon State college; R. O. Fletcher, Walla Walla, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association; and George L. Penrose, Portland, U. P. agricultural agent. W. E. Hall, Moro, not accompanying, will also speak. Sherman county being one of the serious offenders in the smut picture can well benefit from the latest information on smut control, to be presented by Mr. Warren, said Mr. Thompson, county agent. Weed control, variety situation, and seed house storage facilities will be discussed by the other speakers.

## KNIGHTEN HAS FORMS

Application forms for the Washington State World War II veterans' bonus are available at state and county agencies and service organizations throughout Oregon, the state Department of Veterans' Affairs announced at Salem this week. The Oregon veterans' department has received a supply of the forms and has distributed them to county veterans' service officers in 22 counties. The county service officer for this area is Willy Knighten.

## ROADS DRIFT SEUT

Roads opened the first of the week drifted full again in some instances and road crews were having trouble getting through many of them. It is expected to be next week before anything resembling normal living is restored and that only with fortunate circumstances. School officials have about decided to wait until Monday before trying to open schools.

Dick Yocum, William Huck, C. A. Tom, Carl Thompson, Tracy Fields, Bruce Millard.

Mrs. Bill Macnab returned home with her infant daughter last Thursday just beating the storm.

George Fox Jr. attended a meeting of his 4-H club in Rufus last Thursday night and spent the night with Paul Blackburne. The snow came on the next day and George hasn't been able to get home so far.

## December Bad Time For Drinkers, Drivers

Application of Oregon's financial responsibility law resulted in suspension of 5,973 operators' licenses and 7,187 vehicle registrations last year, according to the department's annual report. Majority of the drivers whose licenses were suspended failed to file proof of responsibility after being involved in property damage or injury accidents. Owners of vehicles involved must also file proof, and 5,114 of the registration suspensions resulted from failure to comply. Other vehicle suspensions were for unsatisfied judgments, drunken driving not resulting in accident, and failure to maintain proof after filing.

More drivers' licenses were reinstated than were suspended, however. Expiration of the three-year period allowed return of 5,009, and furnishing of proof after suspension another 3,593. A total of 4,051 vehicle registrations were reinstated on filing of proof. December was the month of heaviest activity, with 792 operators' and 907 vehicle licenses suspended. February showed the lowest totals, affecting only 139 operators and 200 vehicles. October was tops in revocations for drunken driving with 232.

## Soil Conservation District Now Ready To Operate

The Sherman County Soil Conservation District was given full approval by the State Soil Conservation committee at a recent meeting in Corvallis. County landowners had previously approved this measure 169 to 55 on November 16.

Charles Kuypers of Rufus, and Luther Davis, of Kent were appointed by the state committee as supervisors of this district for two and one years respectively. These two men fill out the five man board of supervisors which will carry on the business of the district. The other men elected to the board at the time of balloting were A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco, Vernon I. Miller, Moro, and W. L. May, Grass Valley. The five man board gives equal representation to each of the communities in the county and thus equal part in the formation of a long range soil conservation plan.

An organization meeting of the supervisors will be held on Tuesday, January 24, in Moro with a representative of the state committee present to assist in outlining the duties of the board and the election of a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

## MHS Basketeers Win From Dufur

The Moro high school boys won their second game of the season Tuesday by beating Dufur 40 to 29. Games scheduled this week have not been played and probably will not be this season. At Dufur the second squad won 28 to 13 with Leslie Edwards with 10 and Bob Martin with seven doing a large part of the scoring.

SCORE:

Moro	FG	FT	F	PTS
Alley, J. R. F.			3	3
Rust, D. L. F.	2	6	3	10
May, R. C.	6	4	3	16
Roberson, R. G.	2	1	1	5
Knigheten, L. J.	1	3	0	5
Bucholtz, T. C.	1	0	1	2
Moore, D. G.	0	0	0	0
Lane, N. F.	1	0	1	2
Ober, G.	0	0	5	0
DUFUR				
Mead, F.	2	3	5	7
Potter, F.	3	1	4	7
Lovey, C.	5	0	5	10
Crump, G.	2	1	2	5
Thompson, F.	0	0	1	0
Hix, C.	0	0	0	0
Taylor, G.	0	0	0	0

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. on Tuesday, January 24.

## Stockman Thinks Germany Should Be Armed For Our Own Protection

A reeducated and rearmed West Germany may prove to be our most substantial European bulwark against Russian aggression, Congressman Lowell Stockman of the second district of Oregon stated from Washington today. Representative Stockman has recently returned from an inspection tour of Europe with the House Appropriations Committee, and he said that, "While we have made great progress in revitalizing the economy of Europe, our efforts may prove useless unless we induce the German nation to accept the principles and to practice the methods of democracy. There is need for practical training in how to live in freedom."

While Congressman Stockman does not think Russia will deliberately start war any time in the foreseeable future, due to the firm stand we have taken in Germany, he declared, "We could be swept quickly into war if we relaxed and failed to stand firm." He feels that the rearming of Germany would operate as support to our stand.

The Congressman said that while he found Europe to be "A place of too many people on too little land with too little resources," he was impressed with the outlook of the people he saw on the West German farms, and with their energy, ambition, spirit of sacrifice and willingness to work. "The attitude of their leaders and of their younger people," he said, "will

## Blizzard, Cold Make Living Uncomfortable, Travel Hazardous, Slow

Snow started falling last Thursday in fairly warm air which by Friday morning had turned to a sweeping blizzard with a high east wind. It was one of the worst storms in recent years and country roads were soon drifted full.

Friday afternoon the wind moderated and snow continued to fall until there was eight or ten inches on the level although there was no level because of the drifts. Travel was almost stopped and big trucks returned to their base and remained there. Travelers were warned to stay off the highways and for most of them no urging was necessary.

Friday night the thermometer at the experiment station dropped to eleven below, coldest of the winter. Saturday brought

## Snow and Ice Change Driving Requirements

Ice and snow conditions now general throughout the state are bringing an upsurge of skidding accidents, the secretary of state's Traffic Safety Division has reported.

The division said following another car too closely, sudden speeding up or braking, and too much speed at intersections and curves are commonest driving faults causing trouble on ice or snow.

Braking distances are from 3 to 12 times greater under such conditions, it was pointed out, making it imperative that drivers keep plenty of space between their car and the vehicle ahead.

To help avoid that helpless feeling when your car goes into a skid, the division offered these tips:

1. "Pump the brakes when applying pressure to the brake pedal to keep wheels from locking, help prevent side skids, and to maintain directional control.
2. Be gradual in starting, stopping or changing direction of movement.
3. Use tire chains to reduce braking distances and to provide added traction when moving from a stopped position or climbing a grade.
4. Whenever possible, stay off the roads entirely following severe storms to facilitate snow removal and sanding by maintenance crews.

## Canada Sends Storm

Schools were closed Friday and remained so. Nearly all meetings were cancelled. Social affairs consisted of chattering remarks about the weather and heartfelt implorations for relief from the cold. Radio and newspaper stories promised no change except occasionally and these promises were not observed by the weatherman.

Given the blame for the cold spell was a frigid wave that came down from Canada across eastern Washington. It arrived ahead of a warmer storm that was due from the ocean. The cold wave had superior force and forced its way down the Columbia gorge to give Portland icy streets and colder weather than city citizens are used to having. The gorge routes were closed and many cars and trucks were abandoned, some were blown off the road and others wrecked. Heavy snow and slides kept the Columbia highway partially closed for three or four days and made travel slow and dangerous when travel was possible at all.

## Little Frost

What seems at present a fortuitous circumstance was that the snow fell on ground barely frozen and the consensus of opinion is that the snow will go into the ground—or the major part of it at least. Some who have been traveling across fields and on nearly bare ridges say that cars will break through the light frost.

The early part of the storm brought .85 inch of moisture being a light, powdery kind of snow. Normal snow of this depth would make almost an inch and a half. With normal run-off this will add much to the chances for a 1950 crop. Stock in Sherman county were near the feed lots in most cases and no loss has been reported by stockmen from the storm. Some small bands of sheep were having lambs and were being cared for adequately.

UNITED STATES WHEAT SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION WITH COMPARISONS

	1949-50 SEASON		1948-49		1949-50	
	1949-47	1949-49	1949-49	1949-50	Preliminary	
	average					
			—Million bushels—			
Carry-over stocks, July 1	279.7	196.0			307.3	
New crop	1,106.5	1,313.5			1,146.5	
Total domestic supply	1,386.2	1,509.5			1,453.8	
Estimated quantity for feed and seed & industrial use for season	390.7	230.1			225.0	
Quantity remaining for milling, export or carryover	995.5	1,279.4			1,228.8	
Disappearance, July 1 through December 31						
Wheat milled for flour	319.1	329.2			276.1	
Export of wheat as grain	84.8	189.0			146.7	
Export of flour or milled	408.9	518.3			422.8	
Total exported or milled						
Balance on hand January 1 for milling, export or carry-over	591.6	761.2			806.0	
Exports of flour in grain equivalent, July-December (not included in grain exports)	54.3	83.1			21.4	