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These Things We Note

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"I find," said the old philosopher, "it much easier to get along with the man who wants my dollar than the man who wants my vote."

Thirty-two degrees is a magic temperature in a way. It seems pretty cold when the thermometer drops to 32 on spring nights or when summer's warmth finally succumbs to frosty fall. But Oh, it seems so balmy and warm when the mercury, after days and days of sub-zero temperatures, climbs to 32 above and the leaves begin to drip slightly in the middle of the day. Why, a man can step out of the house without his ear muffs, cars will start, birds can chirp and the gardener begins to wonder how long it will be before he can plant his peas.

Another politician has used the term "put human rights above property rights" and if it is again going to be the cry of the political charlatan we would like to have it explained. A Christian ideal is that men should be respected as individuals but it isn't a right. The ideal of our government, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence is men "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" and one of the purposes of establishing our form of government was written in the preamble of the constitution as follows: "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." None of which defines human rights but promise some liberty in human conduct. The very fact that there are property rights should be one of the most important human rights. At least, in places where there is no property rights there is little of the liberty we established this government to get, and in nations where there is no property rights there is little respect for an individual. It sounds like a lot of fine sounding malarky.

Down in The Dalles the council has authorized advertising on parking meters—a move that has been declared illegal in some states. That is not the point, however, we took typewriter in lap to make. Even in the days of universal use of parking meters almost no one approaches them in kindly spirit, few drop their nickels in gratitude. There is still resentment that the public streets are not available to citizens without charge. Were the money used to improve streets or clean them there would be less complaint. When the mildly angered citizen digs in his pocket for an ever absent nickel he is not likely to have his humor improved by reading a sign impugning him to "Vote for Blotz" or to "Drink Brown Sugarola." The value of advertising is partly in the humor of the reader. The thought that the city is getting returns from the machines from both advertising and rental of public space, while also taxing residents will not be forgotten. As advertising space parking meters should be about the poorest.

But perhaps it is a trend. What could the state get for rental of the display space on the marble walls of the capital, for instance, or the city of Moro get for letting a circus post bills on the side of the fire house? City officials in The Dalles might object to having the Bull Durham company decorate the sides of the municipal auditorium. But, well, as has been so truthfully said, "What some people won't do for a dollar."

We wonder how the government thinks it is helping the egg and milk men by giving the surplus supply away. That it will be given to the "needy" is a rather thin excuse for the needy are eating, too. Or is the fabled Gnu-Tru-Screw deal admitting that there are still a needy bunch of ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-governed people in this land?

National Wheat League Organized By Oregon Men

The foundation was laid for a permanent wheat growers association at Denver, Colo., January 28-29. Forty-two delegates representing the states attended the meeting. The association will be known as The Wheat Growers Congress.

Jens Terjeson, chairman of the Oregon Wheat commission, was elected chairman of a five-man steering committee to get the new group rolling. According to Terjeson, representatives at the meeting singled out a national farm program for wheat from the grass roots, public relations, research on marketing and industrial uses of wheat as pressing problems.

The delegation from Oregon consisted of Terjeson, Henry Baker, President of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, and Paulsen Kaseberg, past-president of the league. Delegates attended from Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah and Nebraska.

The five-man steering committee was chosen on a regional basis. Members are Jens Terjeson, chairman, Pendleton, Oregon; B. C. Buckles, Stratford, Texas; Herbert Clutter, Holcomb, Kansas; C. E. Tupps, Aurora, Kansas; Herbert Hughes, Imperial, Nebraska. The committee will meet again March 4, at Garden City, Kansas.

Gene Cushman Has Fatal Heart Attack

Eugene A. (Gene) Cushman long time Sherman countian, died at his home at Carson, Washington Sunday night. He had retired early saying that he did not feel well and was found dead a short time later by his wife.

Mr. Cushman was born in California, January 23, 1869, and came with his parents to Sherman county in 1882. He lived here until some ten years ago when he retired to the place at Carson. He farmed while here.

Surviving are his widow, Nellie (Woods) whom he married in 1892, a son, Virgil of Condon, two daughters, Mrs. Leah Sibray of Portland and Mrs. Esther Morris of Millican, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday February 10 at 11 a. m. from the community hall at Carson.

Game Commission Leases Deer Range

In order to improve winter range conditions for deer along the North Fork of the John Day River, the Oregon State Game Commission has leased holdings of the Pilot Rock Lumber company of Pilot Rock. It was announced today by C. A. Lockwood, State Game Director.

This lease covers the company holdings on the North Fork of the John Day River below the mouth of Camas Creek. This is one of the main deer winter ranges in this area, stated Lockwood. The lease is for one year with an option for renewal for the next four years. The interest and cooperation of the Pilot Rock Lumber company in improving conditions for the deer speeded up the transaction considerably continued Lockwood. Game commission plans call for the planting of shrubs and grasses to improve this range for the deer.

CANDY HURTS TEETH

Evidence that the combination of an adequate diet and a restricted use of candy and soft drinks results in fewer decayed teeth in children is shown in a dental study of 163 boys and girls at the Children's Farm Home by two Oregon State college school of economics research staff members.

Results of the study are published in the December edition of the Journal of Dental Research. The investigation, part of the state-federal cooperative research on the relationship of nutrition to tooth decay, was conducted by Dr. Demetrios M. Hadjimarkos and Dr. Clara Storvick.

Jack Rucker Burned And Frozen At Home Near Kent

Jack Rucker, well known oil timer of this community was taken Wednesday evening to the hospital in The Dalles suffering from second degree burns and exposure.

Mr. Rucker was draining stove oil from a barrel at the time of the accident last Tuesday. Both hands were covered with the oil which resulted in second degree burns. He continued to work in the sub-zero weather trying to stop the flow of oil from the barrel until his hands were partially frozen. He managed to reach the home of Mrs. Mildred Smith Tuesday evening where he received first aid. Owing to snow blocked roads it was Wednesday evening before he was brought to the main road and rushed to the hospital by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer. He is not expected to be released from the hospital until the last of the week.

Rebecca Coryell Dies At Vancouver

Mrs. Rebecca Coryell, mother of the Hilderbrand family of Wasco, died at Vancouver, Wn., Saturday at the age of 70. She had been living there for some years.

Mrs. Coryell was born Rebecca Chamberlain in Missouri and came with her parents to Lyle, Washington in 1889. She was married to George W. Hilderbrand in The Dalles, May 17, 1897 and lived in Sherman county until she left the ranch when the sons were old enough to farm it.

Surviving are three sons, Ormond of Hood River, Joe of Wasco, Walt of Yakima (Ross was killed at Wasco several year ago) three daughters Vesta (Mathias) of Yakima, Cleda (Bingham) of Spokane and Grace (Medler) of Wasco, and her widow Ernest Coryell. She also leaves 14 grand children and eight great grand children and the following brothers and sisters: Nettie McCarty, Battle Ground, Wn., Fannie Pitzenberger-Portland; Minnie Hood, Austin, Texas; Emma, Portland, White Salmon, Wn., Robert Chamberlain, White Salmon and Fred Chamberlain, Washougal, Washington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday February 8 at Vancouver, Wn., with interment being held Monday, February 13 at the Wasco cemetery.

Moro High School Wins Two Games

Moro's first team won two games this past week although having some difficulty in hitting the basket on occasion. In the game against the junior varsity at The Dalles the team showed better than at any time before this season says Coach Merydith. The second string were beaten by the Papposes by a score of 41 to 33 although the first team won by a 36 to 26 score.

Wasco was beaten 39 to 18 but Moro's points nearly all came in the last quarter. Wasco being ahead during the first part of the game. Rust was high point man in both games.

Next game will be Friday night when The Dalles high school KPs will be played at The Dalles, then Saturday night the boys will go to Condon for a return game against that school.

Moro	The Dalles JV
Rust 14	Porter 1
May R. 10	May, C. 7
Bueholtz 5	Haynes 2
Knighten 4	Spickerman 5
Roberson 3	Williams 5
Harvey 0	Clement B. 6
Alley J. 0	Kneestead 0
Martin L. 0	West 0
Martin B. 0	Davidson 0
Edwards 0	Berry 0
	Mendenhall 0
	Bonney 0

Moro	Wasco
Rust 14	Yocum 0
Edwards 0	Wallace 5
Alley J. 0	Roberts 1
Harvey 0	Buck 8
Martin L. 10	Gosson 4
Bucholtz 8	Nisbet 0
Roberson 5	
Moore 4	
Knighten 0	
Martin B. 0	

Diverted Acres Should Be Under Conservation

Diverted wheat acres under the acreage allotment program should be devoted to soil conserving practices. This was the recommendation of the Land Use committee of the Sherman County Planning conference at a meeting Tuesday in Moro.

Committee members did not encourage any specific conservation practices to be adopted by all farmers. The committee felt, however, that each farmer should work out a conservation program using grass seedings as a basis for his soil conserving efforts.

Sherman county is next in line for a county-wide soil survey according to A. S. King, extension soil specialist from Corvallis, who attended the meeting. Soil surveys are conducted by the USDA in cooperation with the Oregon agricultural experiment stations. Mr. King informed the Land Use members that the survey will be completed within the next two years.

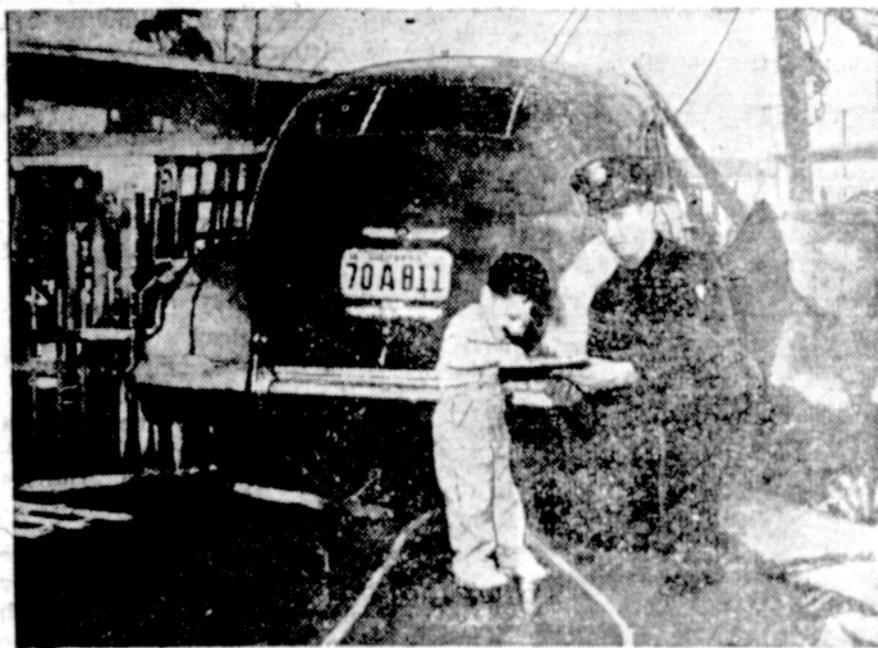
Vernon Miller, chairman of the Land Use committee led the discussion in reviewing past recommendations of the committee. Members felt the use of the rotary subsoiler and chisels were a paying operation most years. The seeding of grass waterways was stressed as a committee recommendation to assist farmers in controlling erosion.

W. L. May, chairman of the Soil Conservation District supervisors, discussed the action of the board relative to the program for the district.

The committee went on record in favoring support of the county court in enforcement of the now inactive County Weed Control law.

Crop Insurance Head To Come Here

Muri E. Cummings, State Director, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and members of the State PMA office will meet with wheat crop insurance policy-holders of the county at the Court house Wednesday February 15 at 1:30 in the afternoon. This meeting has been called by the local PMA committee to acquaint all wheat crop insurance participants with the benefits contained in their policy. All wheat farmers are invited to attend the meeting.



HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A LICENSE . . . This is the shambles created in Los Angeles recently when little 2 1/2-year-old Terry Hupp took his mother's car out for a spin. Here, Terry "signs" the traffic report. With him is police officer Charles O'Dell. Terry started motor, plowed through four fences, a trailer park and a few trees. To all questions of the "arresting" officer, he merely observed, "Yipe!" One trailer occupant was treated for shock.

Funeral For Emma J. Sayrs Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma J. Sayrs were held from the Moro Community church Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. following her death Saturday evening, February 4.

Nancy Emiline Jane Powell was the youngest child born to John and Emily Powell, who had crossed the plains in the wagon train of 1852 with his father, Joab Powell, who became one of the early day circuit riders of the Willamette valley. Mrs. Sayrs was born December 25, 1861 on a farm near Scio. She moved to Prineville with the family and was married to Frank A. Sayrs there February 22, 1880. He died February 28, 1924.

They came to Sherman county in 1883 and took up a timber claim west of Moro which still remains in the family, some member of which has always farmed it.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayrs, four of whom survive. They are Mrs. R. T. Morgan, Mrs. Clare Axtell of Moro, Mrs. V. Race of Portland and Carroll of Moro. Another son Omer died in 1943 and a daughter, Mrs. Opha Morgan died in 1947. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Sayrs was a member of the Moro Community church, the Lupine Rebekah lodge and the Women of Woodcraft. Interment was in the Moro I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Farm Wages Now Part of Price Formula

The Agricultural Act of 1949 provided that certain changes in the formula for calculating parity prices would become effective on January 1, 1950, according to the weekly farm price, crops and weather review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. One important change, was the inclusion of wage rates in the parity index. Prior to January 1, 1950, this index included only prices paid, interest and taxes.

The government indexes of prices received and prices paid by farmers both rose slightly during the month ending January 15. The index of prices received by farmers on January 15 stood at 235 percent of the 1910-1914 level, two points above December 15; but 30 points, or 11 percent, below January 15, 1949. Prices paid by farmers, including interest, taxes, and wage rates, stood at 249 percent of 1910-1914. That was 3 points above mid-December, but 7 points, or 3 percent below a year earlier.

With prices received by farmers at 235, and the new parity index—prices paid, including interest, taxes and wage rates—at 249, the parity ratio on January 15 stood at 91. That compares with 104 a year earlier. Under the old formula, with wage rates omitted, the parity ratio would have stood at 98 on January 15.

Weather Warmer Little Thawing Done So Far

It was Saturday before the weatherman relented and sent some warm air into chilled Sherman county and Monday before temperatures rose to the thawing mark. Thus ended one of the longest and coldest spells of cold weather known to Sherman county. Probably there have been worse winters and colder temperatures but they were before 1909 when weather data recording began.

This week the sun has shone rather feebly at first and rain and snow have fallen. The rain alarms those who fear a run-off and the snow alarms those who fear more winter.

The snow has settled all over and is nearly off the highway. Where there is traffic there is slush.

No one knows accurately how much frost there is in the ground and there is undoubtedly great variation in the frost in any event. Cars have been stuck right in the middle of a road already and the snow is not half melted.

The rain and snow Wednesday morning brought only .03 inch but previously in February .40 had fallen to give a total of .43 for the month. In January the total fall added up to 2.98 making that month the third wettest since station records have been kept. Only two Januarys have exceeded the 1950 January, in 1912 3.58 inches fell and in 1936 we had 3.46 inches.

Temperatures have been in the thirties during the day and around 28 to 32 at nights which means that the thawing goes on slowly and freezing begins in the afternoons. If this continues it will be some days before there is any run-off in the main creeks.

Streets in the towns were pretty well cleared by Thursday and the highway was black except in a few places where ice and snow still remained. Although travel was impossible and everyone on the highway moved without chains few were on the roads. The usual hundreds of Californians, always going someplace, were apparently at home held there perhaps by the snow in the Siskiyous. Even the big trucks were not so numerous.

Some are impatient to have spring, to see the old earth again, but farmers are content to have the snow remain until it can soak into the earth.



It was a long time ago when these pictures were taken and they give evidence of some damage during that time. But they will recall to those with gray hair, if any, what the towns looked like, back when.

Scene 1 at Grass Valley shows the elevator before it grew and grew to cover a half block; 2) is the Baptist church, the one that burned down years ago in Grass Valley; 3) the Weigand building flanked by some Model Ts; 4) the bank building shortly after the big CCC store burned and before the trees grew again; 5) the Methodist church and 6) the school building still looking natural.

The picture at the side is from Wasco showing the old Livery Stable with the well remembered trotting horse pictured on its false front.

