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These Things We Note

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It appears that a job is something no one can lose except by his own action. He can refuse to work at it and at the same time prevent any one else from working at it. Wonder how we could tie up some business that way.

Some higher up said the other day that while it might be okay for this nation to make the H-bomb it would be improper for us to use it first. This carries the idea of gallantry a little too far for us. Why let the residents of some large city or manufacturing center be killed off before using our best weapon? It sometimes appears that the higher ups are preparing for war against Portugal or Siam instead of Russia. If wars are going to be fought with bombs—and that seems assured—let us get the biggest and bestest and use it firstest.

This may be just the week for this column to break into a dissertation about planting peas. February is a good month in which to plant peas but most pea planters prefer to plant them in unfrozen ground and few like to dig beneath the snow for their first gardening. Yet wouldn't it feel fine to be planting peas?

Georgia Neese Clark said that she trained for months before a mirror to develop a "cold eye." Naturally that story was in the women's section of the paper but it would have delighted the men. They know how easily most women develop a "cold eye" and that it isn't done with mirrors.

We are told that income from the federal housing plan is to be based on the income of those occupying the houses and not on the cost of construction. Will some one please build us a \$50,000 house on that basis?

When we get the air raid watchers on duty again maybe we'll find out about those flying discs.

There is a proposal for a constitutional amendment to change the method of electing the president. How we elect them is not so very important; who we elect has more to do with our success.

Some leader in rural recreation was here this week to teach the farmers and small town people how to square dance. The fact that she is on the list of tax supported persons is all that keeps it from being uproariously funny. All that anyone in this county has to do to learn to square dance is to get on the floor at a grange meeting and let the consequences naturally follow. There's a lively bunch of square dancers hereabouts, most of them young, and we'll bet there's young men galore who would dance the toes off the instructor and yell on every turn while doing it.

The theorists do think up some of the goshawfullest things to do to rural people, probably because they are universally polite and uncomplaining. If country folks want to learn to square dance they are not so destitute of ability or means that they cannot arrange to learn without the aid of an everwatchful government.

Perhaps they'll be around before summer to show us the beauties of the stereoscope, or how to hook up a horse to a bug.

Rev. F. Claude Stephens found this on the Freedom Train under the caption: "The Freedom Pledge"

"I am an American, a Free American
Free to speak without fear
Free to worship God in my own way
Free to stand for what I think is right
Free to oppose what I believe wrong
Free to choose those who govern my country
This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold
For myself and all mankind."



Stockman Announces Candidacy For Congressional Post

Announcement for re-election to the Congress is made by Representative Lowell Stockman (R) of Oregon today. He is serving the second district of Oregon in his fourth term, and during the 80th and 81st Congress his position on the powerful Appropriations committee of the House has enabled him to render particularly valuable service to the state and district he represents.

Today he made the statement that he will continue to work for full development of the resources of the Pacific Northwest and that his efforts would be directed not only toward continued construction of McNary Dam, transmission lines to load centers, and necessary reclamation projects, but also toward obtaining lower freight rates which will make it possible for Oregon products to compete in the markets of the country.

In his national program he said he would continue to protect our liberty against socialism and work for a return to the fundamental principles of our Constitution before it is too late. He will promote national solvency which permits sound progress but provides for balancing the budget and systematic payments on the federal debt, reduction of government spending and cutting of taxes so as to restore initiative and incentive to work.

GAS TAX UP

The one cent per gallon added to Oregon's gasoline levy July 1 boosted 1949 gas tax revenue approximately 12 percent, Secretary of State Newberry reported.

Newberry said the increase was almost entirely due to the added tax, since total sales for the year were up less than two percent. After increasing approximately ten percent each year since 1945, Oregon's travel mileage is apparently leveling off, he indicated.

The motor fuel tax division listed gross 1949 taxes at \$26,293,380.15, with refunds to non-highway users of \$3,041,448.09 and administrative expenses of \$106,325.36. The highway fund netted \$23,145,606.70.

BETTER DUSTING PLAN

To seek ways of using the airplane more efficiently in the state's agriculture, airplane dusting and spray operators will meet with research and extension service personnel at Oregon State college Monday, February 20, announces W. L. Teutsch, extension service assistant director.

The one-day meeting, starting at 9:30 a. m. in the campus Memorial Union building, will be sponsored jointly by the Oregon Aerial Dusters.

Including 100,000 acres of forests which were sprayed to control tree pests, Teutsch estimates that 360,000 acres were covered this past year in some type of air operation related to agriculture. This includes applying weed sprays, fertilizer applications, and spraying and dusting for insects.

Chairman of the morning session will be Claude Williams, Prineville, president of the Oregon Flying Farmers. The afternoon program will be headed by Richard Williams, Portland, president of the Oregon Aerial Dusters. Dr. A. L. Strand, president of OSC will discuss work underway at the college to bring together research and extension work with airplane use.

Virgil Freed, OSC, experiment station agronomist in charge of weed control work, will speak on newest developments in herbicides.

Water Mix Urged For Annual Weed Spraying Job

Water application is preferred to oil in applying 2,4-D according to Virgil Freed and Rex Warren, agronomists at Oregon State college.

The two weed specialists pointed out in a letter to extension agents that the 2,4-D—oil combination usually kills annual weeds quickly, and that lower volume sprays are necessary. Both Freed and Warren add that winter wheat yields will also be reduced.

How much the yields will be cut of course depends on the amount of spray and other conditions. Trials at Corvallis and here at Moro on the Experiment Station have proved that a reduction in yield is always a possibility when using oil in place of water. The yields on these trials ranged all the way from a fraction of a bushel per acre up to as high as ten bushels per acre.

When using oil, it is not always possible to see injury to the crop but injury will be reflected in lower yields, stated Freed. Improper applications may result in burned streaks in the crop or stunting of growth. Uniformity of application and proper dosage and volume are all important.

Operators who desire to use oil even at the risk of crop reductions should use no more than one gallon for oil per acre. An application of two quarts is preferred. However, drift may then become a factor. Emulsion of this oil with an equal or greater part of water often will be desirable to reduce injury.

In any event, timing the 2,4-D application is important. The weed specialists recommend that 2,4-D sprays be applied when the wheat plant is in the mid-tillering to early jointing stage. In other words, the wheat plant should have developed from three to five tillers before application.

Richard Stakely Dead At 88 Years

Richard C. (Dick) Stakely died at the age of 88 in a hospital in The Dalles after a long illness. Mr. Stakely was born in Missouri and when young went to Texas where he became a ranger and U. S. Marshal. He has been in this country about 60 years and has lived near Kent and Grass Valley.

Surviving are six nieces, Mrs. Caille Duncan, The Dalles, with whom he lived; Mrs. Fred Biser, The Dalles; Mrs. Laura Mashburn, Rochester, Wn.; Mrs. Bessie Miesner, Connell, Wn.; Mrs. Emily Jarvis, Ft. Worth, Texas; Miss Ercel Stakely, Eureka, Calif.; and two nephews, William Stakely of Eureka, Calif.; and Charles Stakely of Ft. Worth, Texas.

The deceased was a charter member of the Tygh Valley I.O.O.F. lodge. He owned land east of Kent.

The funeral was held from the Spencer & Libby chapel Tuesday and interment made in the Wamlie cemetery.

Farm Bureau Hits Brannan Plan

"Agriculture's Tomorrow" will be a dismal day if we sacrifice a sensible, long-range farm program for socialized agriculture," said Oregon Farm Bureau President Lowell Steen at the annual meeting of the Hop Control Board in Salem February 9.

Attacking socializing measures of the "Brannan Plan," Steen listed seven reasons why the American Farm Bureau Federation has vigorously opposed the measure. (1) Fair prices instead of subsidies is Farm Bureau's aim. (2) Cost of Brannan's plan would necessitate rigid controls on farmers. (3) The plan is designed to subsidize the nation's grocery bill. (4) The plan would nationalize agriculture in the end. (5) Limiting the size of farms would put a ceiling on opportunity. (6) The plan would sacrifice the fair-exchange concept of parity. (7) The political approach in presenting the plan has jeopardized the bipartisan approach to the development of farm policy.

Beefo Ruins Car Missing Another In Dark and Fog

While Richard (Beefo) O'Meara was going home to Wasco Sunday night he suddenly saw a shape looming up in the fog and turned out of the track to miss it. His car turned over and slid down the highway for several feet almost completely ruining the body of the car. He had missed another car which had been stopped because the lights went out. Bob Hoskinson Jr. was stopped to help the other driver. Beefo was not hurt other than bruises, but his new car—very badly.

MHS Takes Easy Wihs From Dufur

Tuesday night at Grass Valley both the first and second teams defeated Dufur teams by huge scores and with local boys making big individual scores. First team results:

MORO 46
Rust, F, 19
May, F, 4
Bucholtz, C, 3
Roberson, G, 0
Knights, G, 5
Harvey, G, 2
Alley, S, 4
Martin, S, 0
May, S, 6
Moore, S, 3

DUFUR 22
Polled, F, 2
Mead, F, 2
Tovey, C, 11
Crump, G, 2
Ober, G, 3
Reeves, G, 0
Hix, S, 0
Taylor, S, 2
Benedict, S, 0

Second team:

MORO 42
Kock, F, 15
Edwards, F, 1
Martin, C, 8
Martin, G, 12
Kaseberg, G, 6

DUFUR 13
Walston, F, 1
Reeves, F, 8
Hix, C, 0
Taylor, G, 4
Benedict, G, 0

Snow Water Seems Anxious To Leave

Those who feared that the water would run off the fields before most of it had soaked in had reason or their fears and present indications are that those who feared that the snow would go off with flood might have been hasty.

Except for the north end of the county and the leveler side of it at that, much of the snow is going down the creeks. East of Wasco it is reported that the snow remained throughout the storm and that frost was not so deep but that it is going into the ground.

From other sections of the county reports are that a lot of moisture is being wasted carrying mud to Bonneville dam.

Water began running this week in Hay and Grass Valley canyons and the creek through Moro opened Wednesday morning, this when there was about six inches of snow on the ground. Frost depth was generally estimated to be at least three inches, too much for the snow to penetrate.

It rained nearly every night this week and there was almost no freezing. A week ago when freezing occurred each night it appeared that there might be a slow enough thaw that the three inches of moisture could be saved.

Worst of it is that no very good means of telling how much is lost and how much saved has been found. This leaves it to speculation, a most unreliable source of information. But it is very plain that there is to be a considerable loss of moisture.

Moro Wins From Condon After Two Overtime Periods

Moro defeated Condon 44-43 Saturday night in an exciting game of basketball as can be found in a season's travel.

The game was tied at the half 20-20; tied again at the end 41-41; and tied again 43-43 at the end of the first overtime period and Moro emerged victorious only after playing the second overtime. Those who made the trip say it was exciting all the way. Conby for Condon was star performer and high point man, making 20 while Rust for Moro made 17.

Moro
Rust, F, 17
R. May, F, 12
Bucholtz, C, 8
Roberson, G, 0
Knights, G, 6
J. Alley
Harvey, 1
C. May
Moore

Condon
Pattee, F, 4
McLoughlin, F, 11
Conboy, C, 20
Brown, G, 1
Hebert, G, 7
Wilkins
Keeney
DeHart
Greenwalt
Campbell

CONTRACTS LET

At the highway commission meeting held last week in Portland contracts were awarded for the Biggs section of the Columbia river and Sherman highways, a state project for rock production won by Vernie Jarl for \$29,220; and for another rock production job to furnish surfacing for the John Day and Heppner-Wasco highways for \$28,079 won by Oscar Joelson.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, February 21, 1950 at the court house between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby had as dinner guests Monday evening honoring the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Janice, Carolyn Lemley, Barbara Alley and Dorothy Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children went to Tygh Valley Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain.

Rev. H. Gravenor, minister of Wasco Methodist church, will commence a service of sermon's called "Lenten Meditations" on Sunday, February 19. These sermons will be on the "Seven Words of the Cross." These sermons are for a preparation that we may more properly appreciate the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and daughter of Klickitat, Wn., were guests from Friday until Tuesday at the home of George Howell.

The girls' 4-H Sewing club met Saturday afternoon at the home of the leader, Mrs. Harley McKay. Following the regular meeting a birthday party was held for Nancy Decker. Refreshments consisting of birthday cake, jello, ice cream and hot chocolate were served. Valentines were exchanged by the girls and a valentine motif was followed in the decorations. Those present were Gertrude Beuther, Nadine Griggs, Helene and Shirley Sather, Nancy Decker, Frances and Janet Woods, Mary Ann McKay and Mrs. Durward Helyer and two small sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer Mr. and Mrs. Ed Long, Mrs. Etta Buchanan and Miss Marion Buchanan were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen. The evening was spent playing canasta.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sather motored to The Dalles Monday where Mrs. Sather entered The Dalles hospital for a major operation.

There will be regular services at the Baptist church, Sunday, February 19. The subject of morning message will be, "The Word of Life." The evening message will be entitled, "The Great Physician."

Rev. F. Claude Stephne's topic for his Sunday sermon at the Wasco church of Christ will be "Abiding in the Rock of Ages."

Bill Pausch of Grass Valley has spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel while he was moving hay from teh von Borstel ranch to his own ranch.

Moisture in the Kent vicinity for the period from September through February this year has reached 6.75 inches as against last year's reading of 5.55 inches for the same period, according to the records kept by the local U. S. weather recorder, J. E. Norton. There has been a more favorable distribution also this with 3.45 inches of moisture during January and February against last year's .49 inches for the same period. It is the belief of many agricultural experts that much of the moisture during the fall is lost from surface evaporation.

An average of eight inches of very wet snow is still laying on the ground. Whether there will be a big run-off depends on the rate at which the frost comes out of the ground. At present the frost ranges from none to a depth of six inches in some places. This has given rise to speculation in regard to the coming year's wheat crop. Many farmers have predicted that it will spot in accordance with the rate the frost leaves. Only about a third of the wheat in this vicinity has been seeded and the general opinion is that it has not been harmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Johnson and Mrs. E. R. Bredemeyer of Portland were overnight guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox and daughter, Penny, of Bend were visitors from Friday to Sunday at the home of Mrs. Cox' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith. Penny, who was born prematurely last October 26 weighing 3.8 pounds and with a very poor chance of survival is now a healthy baby with a weight of 9.8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hayes and son, Mike of Pendleton were overnight guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and children were business visitors in Portland from Wednesday through Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell and daughter of Fargher Lake, Wn., Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell.

Mrs. Floye von Borstel and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knott attended OES chapter meeting last Tuesday evening at Grass Valley. Plans were made during the evening for a public pinochle party to be held February 21 at 8 o'clock at the Masonic hall.

The winter storm is breaking up slowly, but with most of the moisture saved. There is a little run-off of water in the Scott canyon south of Rufus, but farther up the hill, the snow is melting, but the canyons aren't running any extra water. The natives said Monday that there just wasn't any bottom to the roads; they were so soft and muddy. However, the school bus driver Luther Steward made it up as far as Don Macnab's place and back with no change in his usual schedule. The other hill school bus route taken care of by Leonard Jordan didn't have as much luck getting around Monday. Allen Tom said he couldn't get out even with his truck.

The county men have been busy with their snow plowing equipment. Saturday, they plowed out Biglow canyon which has been closed up since January 12. Arnold Lampert, brother of Mrs. James Fox, came the first part of January planning to stay a week with the James Foxes. Then came the snows, and he was in there until this Monday when he was able to get out and leave for his home in Troutdale.

Just as much isolated was the George Drinkard Sr. family. A jeep got through the snow to their ranch a few times bringing their necessities, but they hadn't been out since January 12. Their grandson Joe Drinkard III had his books from school, so he did his school work while he was forced to stay home. George Jr. and Jimmy Fox have not been able to make it to school for three weeks. These youngsters have grown an inch or so enjoying their winter vacations. No real hardships have been imposed on any one due to the storm. There was plenty of time for meditation to count our blessings. There has been very little sickness now that the chicken pox has finished here. The electricity and telephones have been serving us faithfully. A letter received by your correspondent from a relative in Troutdale stated that they had no electricity and no telephone, and were with out their rural route mail for a week.

Up from The Dalles Sunday to be dinner guests and spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab were Mrs. Bee Macnab and son Bob and daughter Joan and Mr. and Mrs. Russ McCullough. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children were additional guests.

Bill For Wheat League's Farm Plan Introduced

A bill for two-price plan for wheat has been introduced today by Congressman Lowell Stockman of the second district of Oregon.

Under this plan wheat would be allowed to sell on the open market at prices competitive with other grains, but the government would issue certificates to the growers entitling them to the difference between the market price, or loan rate, and the full parity price, but never to exceed 60 cents a bushel, on that part of the wheat crop used for domestic flour and other human food, while the remainder of the crop would move into export and feed and industrial markets at competitive prices.

The certificate plan would be self-financing since the processors, or millers, would be required to purchase certificates for the wheat products intended for domestic human consumption, and the price of the certificates would in turn be added to the price which the consumer would have to pay at the grocery store for flour or breakfast foods. The price of these products would thus reflect the parity price for wheat, which is considered to be fair to both grower and consumer.

This plan is recommended by the Oregon Wheat Growers league and endorsed generally by the farm organizations of the Pacific Northwest. It is intended to allow the wheat farmer greater freedom from acreage control and to give wheat a chance to compete with other grains in the export, feed and industrial markets. Growers would not ordinarily be restricted to certain acreage allotments in order to receive certificates. In case of large surpluses, however, it might be necessary to invoke production controls. It is particularly desirable to minimize the necessity for acreage allotments in the semi-arid regions of the Pacific Northwest where the limited rainfall makes it practically impossible to diversify from the planting of wheat to other crops.

Loans would be made to the growers at about the rate for corn, but not less than 60% of parity, or about one-third less than present rates. This loan would amount to, about \$128 instead of the \$192 farm average. This would support the price enough to prevent serious disaster in the case of drastic market decline.

The plan would bring wheat farmers about the same price as now for the approximately one-half of their crop which would go into domestic human food consumption, and for the remainder of the wheat crop, the growers of the Pacific Northwest have indicated a willingness to accept the one-third decrease in price, since they believe the plan will help expand existing markets and at the same time will help keep down surpluses by encouraging a shift from raising wheat on lands where other crops would be more profitable than low-price wheat.

Newsman To Talk Of News Gathering

The 31st annual Oregon Press conference will begin February 17 on the University of Oregon campus. Newsmen from all parts of the state will join with members of the school of journalism faculty in presenting a program of speeches and panel discussions.

News and editorial problems will be the theme of the two-day meeting which is sponsored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association and the school of journalism. About 175 persons are expected to attend the conference.

Marquis W. Childs, well-known author and journalist, will be the principal speaker as the fourth annual Eric W. Allen Memorial fund lecturer. A syndicated column on political affairs by Childs appears in the Oregonian. His speech February 17 will be on news coverage in the nation's capital.

John H. Travis, publisher of the Hood River Daily Sun and president of the conference, has arranged a busy program for the newsmen.