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These Things We Note

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"He is," said the district attorney, "innocent of nothing but virtue."

Communism is based on a materialistic philosophy. It has to be. Karl Marx is the man who popularized materialism. Communism grows where men and women become material, where dollar getting is held most important, where things of the flesh are triumphant, bodies instead of minds or spirit. That is one reason why poor countries incline toward communism; they must be materialistic. It may be that the way to make the world communist is to encourage the people to overlook or forget morals, God and virtue.

It seems likely that hold-ups will be less frequent in Portland since a determined man stopped one with a gun, killing two stick up men in the process. Everyone feels pleased over it, glad that justice was done. Justice, in these presumably civilized times, is seldom so quick, nor so rough and almost never so sure. Justice seems to be handicapped by the fears of error thrown around it by men less brave and direct than that straight shooting protector of his daughter's property.

Edgar Lee Masters, who has often been quoted in this column, is dead at 81. It has been years since he wrote "Spoon River Anthology" in which the inhabitants of a small Illinois village told of their lives and why they acted as they did. Rev. Abner Peet:

"I had no objection at all to selling my household effects at auction. On the village square. It gave my beloved flock the chance to get something which had belonged to me. For a memorial. But that trunk which was struck off to Burchard, the grog-keeper! Did you know it contained the manuscripts of a lifetime of sermons? And he burned them as waste paper."

Masters was occasionally caustic, always philosophical, eternally observant of the human scene with its odd entanglements known to every dweller in small towns.

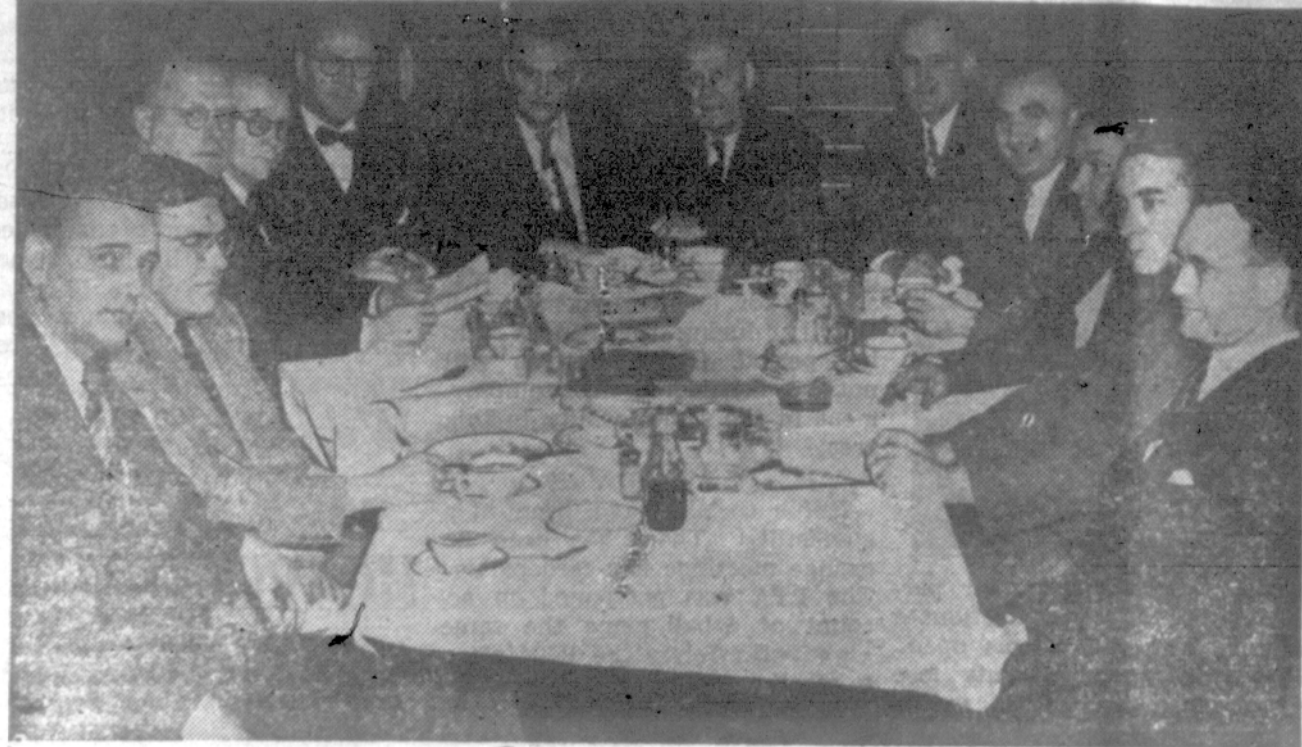
A Texas town is looking for the happiest taxpayer. They are going to have him at the annual barbecue. We'll bet there's not much taste to him.

Anyone interested in obtaining more or bigger government would find instruction in watching the Tri-City Herald. The editor had an argument with the powers of the atomic commission and of General Electric at Richland, Washington. He then found it impossible to obtain advertising in Richland because all merchants rented from the commission. The editor attacked contractors who were allegedly building shoddy houses for veterans and was sued. Now some one has expanded the Richland owned weekly into a daily. Up there it apparently doesn't pay to disagree with the head of the government bureau. He is boss. Sure, you got rights. What you gonna do about it?

No man knows enough to govern other men. Under our form of democracy no one gets much authority over his fellows, less than in other countries. That is why we have this system, it gives a check on those who have not yet learned that no man knows enough to govern others.

Now some "observers" have seen flying discs. An ordinary citizen who sees them is bawled or punched drunk or just plain drunk, but when an "observer" sees them they are real.

Congressmen Discuss Wheat Problem With Growers



Both Oregon Senators, The House Oregon Delegation, and Rep. Clifford Hope of Kansas met with representatives of the proposed National Wheat Growers Assn. at a luncheon in Washington, D. C., recently to discuss the problems facing the wheat industry. Left to right: Rep. Norblad, Republican, Ore.; I. H. Peterson, Secretary to Sen. Morse; Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Republican, Ore.; Sen. Gray Gordon, Republican, Ore.; Rep. Lowell Stockman, Republican, Ore.; Lloyd Case, Secretary Colorado Grain Growers Assn.; Rep. Homer D. Angell, Republican, Ore.; R. B. Taylor, of the Oregon Wheat Growers League; Sen. Wayne Morse, Republican, Ore.; Ed Bell, Administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission; Rep. Clifford R. Hope, Republican, Kans. and U. W. Clutter, Kansas Wheat Farmer.

Mrs. McIntyre Heads 4-H Leaders Group

A Sherman County 4-H Leaders association, to plan and direct the county 4-H program, was organized Tuesday evening, February 28, at Moro.

Four-H leaders and parents attended this meeting electing as their officers for the year Mrs. Virginia McIntyre as president, Mrs. Charles Wilson, vice-president, and T. W. Thompson, county agent, secretary. The meeting attended by thirteen leaders and parents was held at the Thompson home.

A county 4-H leaders association is for county people including not only leaders, but parents and supporters of club work throughout the county, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent. A leader's organization serves as a leader training medium necessary to promote a useful and educational program for the county 4-H club boys and girls.

Preliminary plans for a county 4-H Night on March 20 were made by the group. The general program for the evening will include the presentation of pins to 4-H club members for their past year's work, entertainment by club members, recreation conducted by Miss Ester Taskerud, state club agent, and refreshments made by the various cooking clubs throughout the county.

Candidates Slow Or Unwilling In County

Fillings for office in Sherman county up to noon Thursday left some vacancies remaining although it is possible that they will be filled before closing time Friday night.

Donald Martin for Republican nomination for commissioner and Norman Fields for Democratic nomination for sheriff are the only ones filed for county office, but the filing of Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, Democrat for treasurer was expected.

Precinct officers filed were Republican: Rufus: Charles Tom Minnie Morris; Klondike: Kenneth Walker; Monkland: Mrs. Howard Conlee; Kent: Frank von Borstel, Mrs. Floye von Borstel; Moro: Giles French; Wasco: E. D. McKee, B. Estrella Halley.

Democrat: Rufus: H. H. Brackett, Naomi Brackett; Wasco: Gordon Harper, Virginia McIntyre; Klondike: Kenneth Fridley, Helen Bruckert; Monkland: Leona Douma, A. J. Bucholtz; Kent: Art Justesen, Winnie Wilson; Grass Valley, T. M. Garrett, Bertha Brinkert; Moro, Lucille May, Curley DeMoss.

FARM CHANGES AT WASCO

Bee Macnab of The Dalles has bought the Jewel Herin place, and one of her sons will run it in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Herin have bought another ranch near Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman of Wasco are moving to the Mrs. Marion Medler farm where Workman will do the farm work.

Judge Ed Howell Announces Candidacy For Re-election

Judge Ed Howell of John Day was in Moro Friday to see if there was any judicial business in this, one of his four counties. Judge Howell said that he has filed for election. He was appointed by Governor Douglas McKay following the death of Judge D. N. Mackay last fall. Howell has just returned from a six weeks tour of duty in Portland and was recently elected secretary of the circuit judges association.

Harry Hydron Saves Train After Injury

Harry Hydron had the misfortune of running into rocks on the railroad track while riding his motor car. He was thrown several feet from the tracks and the motor car landed on top of him. He was bruised and cut and his right wrist was badly broken, but he was able to get up and get warnings out to stop the train and thus saved a train wreck. He spent several days in Walla Walla, Wn., hospital; however, he is home now, but will be unable to work for several weeks.

NW Farm Council Hears Farm Plans

The meeting of the Northwest Farm Council was held at Spokane March 1 and 2 with Floyd Root and Paulsen Kaseberg of Sherman county among the representatives for the Oregon Wheat League.

Jay Wescott explained the present farm law, Wm. Teutsch the Brannan plan and Paulsen Kaseberg the certificate plan. All major Oregon farm groups were represented by their presidents including Morton Tompkins of the grange, Ronald Jones of the Farmer's Union, Lowell Steen of the Farm Bureau and Henry Baker of the Wheat League.

Merrill Oveson told of the progress made in the soil conservation research program and Bob Fletcher told of new cereal research. A debate on CVA resulted in a compromise resolution.

Boy Scouts Win Honors At Court

At The Dalles Wednesday night two boys from the Wasco troop 736, were awarded their second class badges at a district court of honor. They were Billy Root and Leroy Stultz.

Larry Kaseberg, Douglas Alley and Billy Root won merit badges. The Wasco troop will have a first aid team in the competition at Portland March 17 when Larry Kaseberg, Billy Root, Douglas Alley, Don McIntyre and Leroy Stultz and Bob Howell, alternate, will go down for the contest. They are being instructed by C. A. Tom.

Harland View grange will put on the first and second degree of the grange on March 18 at the Harland View grange hall.

Red Cross Drive Now Going On In Sherman County

The Red Cross drive in Sherman county started March 1 announced Mrs. Paul May, chairman. District chairmen are Mrs. Robert Helyer, Kent; Mrs. Art Bibby, Grass Valley; Mrs. Paul May, Moro; Mrs. B. Estrella Halley, Wasco; Mrs. W. A. Morris, Rufus.

The drive chairmen will obtain the aid of others in their communities. The quota for the county is \$1200.

It is hoped to have a swimming program and to take the children to The Dalles to learn to swim this summer and there is a lunch program to provide lunches for any children who are unable to pay.

The regular services of the week will be held at the Grass Valley Baptist church Sunday. The topic for the morning message will be "Who is On The Lord's Side?" For the evening message it will be, "The House of Prayer."

Tea Planned For Drapery Purchase

The junior ladies annual St. Patrick's day tea will be given Thursday March 16 from 2:30 until 4:30 at the home of Mrs. Wendell Balsiger.

Mrs. Carroll Sayrs will tell about her trip to Ireland and also show some of the things she brought back from the trip. Mrs. Kenneth Young and Mrs. Bob Belshee will have instrumental numbers.

The proceeds from the tea will be used to buy draperies for the church. Everyone is cordially invited. There will be cars available at the hotel at 2:30 for those who wish to ride.

7th - 8th Grades of Wasco In 1925 Shown

The boys pictured in the paper last week were 7th and 8th grade boys of Wasco in the year 1925. Nearly all of them have been identified. The two boys in front are Gordon Harper and one whose identity is a matter for debate. The four boys in the next row, are a Casteel boy, Charles Nunn, Bill McKean and another whose identity is not certain. The third row is Max Williams, Gene Hull, Elvis Rich, Kenneth Walker, Orville Casteel, Henry Richeldeer, Harold Dutton, Melvin Walsh and Philip Andrews. Back of them are George Moon and Delmar Smith.

MHS To Give Recital At Kent

The Moro High school will present a free musical recital at the Kent school house Friday, March 10 at 8:00 p. m. according to a letter sent out to parents this week.

The mixed chorus will sing four songs with Ed Justesen carrying the solo of "Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline"; Bob Howell singing "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" as soloist and Marie Balzer singing "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy".

The South Sherman County P-TA will hold a short meeting after the program.

Farm Committee Due

The Farm Home & Rural Life committee of the Sherman County Planning Council will meet at 2:00 p. m. next Thursday, March 16.

The committee will review past recommendations relative to physical examinations for children, health officer, health nurse, county recreational areas and youth groups bringing them up to date as necessary. The extension educational program for the county in this particular project field will follow the recommendations as discussed through this committee.

Mrs. W. E. Bruckert chairman of the committee has urged the attendance of members at this meeting.

Miss Frances Clinton, state agent in home economics at Corvallis will be available for the meeting.

County Court Considers Special Road Levy At Primary Election

The county court, bent on doing something about road financing, a problem that recurs often, called the budget committee, A. A. Dunlap, Dewey Thompson, Albert Kaseberg, into consultation Friday and also asked the road viewers, but only one, Joe Peters, appeared.

The members of the court said that for years the greater part of the county road money had gone for maintenance and little for construction, that bridges were damaged and needed immediate repair, that culverts had been installed that were too small and replacement was needed, that grading of roads higher would be beneficial to many of them.

Wasco Methodists To Hold Meetings

A week of special meetings has been planned in co-operation with all Methodist churches throughout the nation. These meetings, called week of dedication begin with the morning service Sunday, March 12, and continue throughout the week until Friday. Meetings will begin at 8 p. m. Rev. F. Claude Stephens of the Wasco Church of Christ will preach Tuesday night, the laymen of the church will handle the program Wednesday night and the minister will preach Monday, Thursday, and Friday. A welcome is extended to all.

Sunday, March 12, will be Family Night at the Methodist church with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p. m. followed by a program and pictures. Members and friends of the church are invited.

County 4-H Leaders Gathering Again

County 4-H club leaders will attend a training in Moro at the courthouse on March 18 starting at 10 a. m.

The forenoon session of the day meeting will be a joint meeting of agriculture and home economics leaders. The program will deal with a review of the purpose of 4-H club work, club meetings, 4-H activities, recreation, exhibits and contests. Separate sessions for agriculture and home economics leaders will be held in the afternoon. Discussion during this session will include project requirements, subject matter, demonstration and judging.

The Pacific Power & Light Co. is providing a luncheon for the leaders during this training meeting.

Mrs. Winifred Gillen and Cal G. Monroe, state 4-H club agents will be here for the meetings to discuss the home economics and agricultural phases of 4-H club work. Parents of 4-H club members and other interested persons are welcome but are asked to notify the county agent to allow for prior arrangements.

Wasco Women Hear About Painting

The Wasco Woman's club met Friday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. H. D. Dutton with Mrs. Norman Gochnour as joint hostess.

Mrs. George Harris, was guest speaker for the afternoon. She spoke on the subject of china painting. She exhibited some lovely pieces she had painted.

Members brought pieces of hand painted china, antique glass and other antique articles which were exhibited for the pleasure of the assembly.

Roll call was answered by each member, telling something of the article they exhibited.

Other guests of the club for afternoon were Mesdames C. J. Wyncoop and V. A. Larson. Tasty refreshments were served by the hostesses at the conclusion of the meeting.

The court wanted support for its proposal to ask the voters for a special millage at the May 19 election in order to get money for new road construction.

Particular road projects were discussed first the probable alignment of the Wasco-Heppner road being foremost. That has a bearing on the construction of the Wasco west road and perhaps the Scott canyon road, now being built. A plea was made for oiling of Kent's main street.

The engineering data compiled by Chris Fauerso and Jeff Wilson for the county to present to the interim highway committee in 1948 was brought out and considered. (It is a very complete report which gives the condition of every road with recommendations about its reconstruction. The county's road needs were tallied at something over \$2,000,000.)

The following facts were found. Of the previous special millage a total of \$77,641.06 was collected. Of this amount \$58,874.51 has been spent leaving \$18,766.45 still available. The greater part of it has been spent for gravel—about \$53,000 for about 40,000 yards of gravel. It was estimated that the county owns some 50,000 yards of gravel, but it is in the central part of the county and almost none is available at either Kent or Rufus and is being hauled long distances for spring repair.

County Judge Tom said that the high bridge on the Fulton road, the bridge in Wasco, the ones near H. H. Brackett's and Jim Tate's, the two bridges near Saddle Rich's and those in Biglow canyon all needed to be strengthened before another run-off. He proposed that the road below Dick Yocum's in Gerking canyon be changed to eliminate two small bridges.

The court members proposed that they put on the ballot in May a proposal for a special tax of five mills for two years. This would raise approximately \$49,000 annually, which with the amount that would go to cities and the small part that would not be paid and the three percent discount, might be reduced to \$45,000 or \$46,000 per year.

The court now has available the \$18,766.45 remaining in the former special road fund, some \$23,000 in regular road funds, the state road fund and some incidental income that will total nearly \$60,000. Additional funds budgeted in May will be collected in November.

The court agreed that if public opinion seemed favorable it would go ahead with the plan and would spend the above funds between now and November in the following manner: At least \$10,000 would be needed for wages, \$15,000 worth of gravel would be crushed for Kent and a like amount for Rufus, culverts would be bought and placed.

The policy of the court would be to make better drainage by these new tubes, and by higher grades on many roads, would follow the engineering recommendations by putting more base rock on roads before graveling and would probably contract some jobs. School bus routes would be favored in construction.

The court said that some new machinery would be needed in any event, certainly a shovel and perhaps another truck. Although accounts are not kept to show maintenance and new construction indications are that not over ten percent of road money in recent times has been spent for construction purposes.

The majority of those called in felt that no new levy would pass unless the county had spent the funds already available. All did realize the need for a road program, properly engineered, carefully planned, well executed, because most of the roads of the county are well over 20 years old. The final decision may rest with the voters.