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These Things We Note

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A socialist, being one who wants most things done by the government, is of necessity one who feels unable to obtain an average living by his own efforts.

The end of a New York espionage trial finds Judith Coplon sentenced to 15 years and Valentin Gubitchev deported to Russia. Despite protests it is probable that Coplon got off the easiest.

Signs become historical within a short time. Some one starts into business and proclaims his venture boastfully with bright colors and huge letters. And before the paint fades it is a mockery. Stone and brick buildings, roofs and barns, decrepit signs along roads all show evidence of the truth of the Biblical saying, that "pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." We often advertise ourselves far beyond the time of our business life as well as beyond our ability.

Dogs, it may be presumed, are an indication of a certain affluence in that a family must have enough food before dividing with a dog. There are exceptions. That being the case it is safe to say that Moro shows its good financial status as much by the dogs as by its automobiles. We have big dogs and little dogs; so far as is known we have no bad dogs, nor any good dogs, either, for that matter. Just dogs that wag their tails when fed, bark when scared, dig when playful. Dogs, it is said, by their affection do strengthen the ego of the owner and that explains them somewhat.

The census is going to be a sort of estimate about a good many things because, in some cases, only one in thirty is to be asked.

A professor says it requires exceptional mentality to make out a federal income tax form. It beats the deuce why it should take more brains to make out the form than to earn the money to make it necessary to make out the form.

A magazine analyzes the probabilities of the coming decade by assuming that all our present trends will continue and grow. Trends into habits, habits into dependencies, dependencies into destruction would be the way that would appeal to an individualist.

Any observer must wonder whether the coast Indians are going to realize much benefit from the sixteen million dollars the government awarded them last year in a land claim. The leaders will get some experience in the law and with governmental bureaus. The average will receive money enough to afford to be worthless. They may not want to be worthless but sixteen million dollars is enough to make a lot of people worthless whether they are white or red.

"We are all blind until we see that in the human plan nothing is worth the making if it does not make the man. Why build these cities glorious if man unblinded goes? In vain we build the world unless The builder also grows." Edwin Markham.

Cigarette smokers are among the nation's best taxpayers. Federal taxes are nearly 12 cents per pack and perhaps more than that when the transportation tax is added. On most states there is an additional state tax of two or three cents per pack. About two-thirds of a cigarette is tax, which may account for the smoke looking blue.

Once upon a time being a Roman citizen made men prouder than anything; shacks, being an American costs more.

Soil Moisture In Tests Made In Wheat Fields

Soil moisture tests made by County Agent Thompson and computed at the experiment station indicate that moisture conditions around Moro, at least, are far above average. The average soil moisture for April 1 is 13.1 percent. Tests made on the Art Christianson farm show 21.6 for the first foot, 18.9 for the second, 12.9 for third, 12.4 for fourth, and 14.9 for the fifth or an average of 16.1.

On Ronald Powell's there was 22.7 in the 1st, 19.3 in the 2nd, 16.7 in the 3rd, 17.6 in the 4th and 20.7 in the 5th. Average 19.2. On Charles Burnett's field where it had been sub-soiled after seeding there was 21.8 in the first, 19.0 in the 2nd, 18.5 in the 3rd, 21.1 in the 4th, 22.7 in the 5th and 25.7 in the 6th for an average of 21.5. Across the road where the land had not been sub-soiled the test showed 24.4 in the 1st, 21.8 in the 2nd, 13.5 in the 3rd, 13.6 in the 4th, 15.3 in the 5th and 16.8 in the 6th for an average of 17.6.

Precipitation for the crop year is slightly below normal. To March 1 we have had 7.40 against an average of 7.83. In March we have had .54 inch which is about normal, the average for March being .87.

Fields are drying after the eight inch snowfall of last week and farmers are again trying to get into the field by next week.

COMMITTEEMEN FILE
Additional filings for precinct committeemen were made Friday, March 10 at the courthouse. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Clara Rolfe filed from Grass Valley and Mrs. Marjory Shall filed from Klondike.

BOYS SENT HOME
Three 15 year old boys were picked up at Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon. They had left their homes at Ellensburg, Wash., Monday having come to the conclusion that they weren't learning much at school. They were Clyde Reed, Jim Gordon and Kenneth Weiss, who are now home again.

Although Indonesian bakers are making poor bread because of import and selling price restrictions, Indonesians are developing a taste for bread products. According to a report from the USDA's Far East Grain Mission, a large number of Indonesians had no acquaintance with bread or wheat products because rice, corn and cassava form the bulk of their diet. Now there is a growing demand for bread and other wheat products, especially in the cities.

One authority suggested to the mission that there is an opportunity to sell more bread and rolls in small shops around the cities and harbors to laborers, white-collar workers and in the homes.

E. J. Bell, Oregon wheat commission administrator, just back from leading the Far East Grain mission, said that to develop this market it is necessary that: (1) wheat flour good for bread-making be delivered regularly in good shape, (2) the cost be the same as imported rice and (3) enough foreign exchange be on hand to pay for flour imports.

The report said, that under the new government's self-sufficiency program, flour imports are controlled. But no allowance is made for the biscuit and noodle makers. They only get the broken sacks and sweepings. Despite this handicap, bakers have built up a sturdy business in biscuits and pastries.

A bad thing about the control of flour imports is that a lot of the flour gets to the bakers in poor shape. Whenever the army has too much flour, they sell their overaged flour to the bakers. This flour will not make good bread. Bakers who don't know say their poor bread comes from poor postwar flour, the mission said. Since the war, U.S. flour has dominated the market.

The Indonesian government will not let the bakers add manufacturing costs to the selling price of the bread, only the cost of ingredients. They figure the bakers make enough from pastries without making a profit on rationed bread. Bakers then use a lean recipe and make a poor bread.



FORSAKES HOLLYWOOD FOR GOD . . . The Reverend Herman Humke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Punkslawney, Pa., presents Colleen Townsend, ex-movie star, with a Bible on behalf of the Retail Business Men's association. Colleen is forming a budding Hollywood career for the life of an evangelist. She preached a 15-minute sermon at the Punkslawney church.

About the County

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family and Mrs. Bernard Martin left Friday for Lebanon to spend the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Sewell and family of Gardena, California, spent last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Duncan.

Among the business visitors in The Dalles Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts and son, Scott, Roy Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer, Helen Simon, Carol Norton, Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Mrs. Fred Peters and daughter, Mrs. Bertha Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knight and son Willy Jr. of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and daughter, Mrs. Vern Mobley and children, Mary and Donnie from Kent, left Tuesday for Hazelton, Idaho, to spend a few days, visiting the former's son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley went to The Dalles Sunday where Mrs. Lemley entered the hospital for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe were business visitors in Goldendale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert, Mrs. John Rust, Mrs. William Brinkert and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday. The latter going on to Vancouver to visit her sister returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox had as week end guests their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morgan and daughter, Vicki, from Condon. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Auger accompanied them home for a week.

Rev. E. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and daughters Joy and Cathy and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and daughter, Julie, enjoyed a buffet dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner Sunday evening after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox had as their guests Saturday and Sunday her sister, Mrs. Blanchard from Hoquiam, Washington. Sam Stark returned home recently from a trip to Turlock, California where he visited his sisters.

All of the community who thought spring was here, were surprised Saturday morning to awaken to two inches of snow laying on the ground. At Wasco, it was as deep as four inches. Enough snow fell Friday to make the ground white, but it was so cold part of it was like

Rufus Fun Fair Finds Frolics

The "Fun Fair" night at Rufus school which was the Rufus P.T.A. Saturday night was attended by a record crowd. The evening began with a Negro minstrel show which the crowd seemed to enjoy. It was an all high school cast and the students did well in their parts. Jack Steward was the master of ceremonies of the play.

When the minstrel was ended, the bingo game, fish pond, and fortune telling booths were opened. With the large crowd it didn't take long for the fish pond to sell out. Chances were sold on a painting donated by Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. Gallo-way of Biggs was the winner. Mrs. Ray Brown and Donal Brislain told fortunes. Mrs. Joe Morris and Mrs. George Fox assisted by Mrs. Curt Tom and Miss Elaine Eaton were workers at the fish pond. At the needlework table was Mrs. Walt Morris selling the articles. \$19.70 was the sum taken in at that table. Helping at the bingo game were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab, Robert Davis and Leland Medler. At the lunch counter Mrs. Luther Steward and Mrs. Leonard Jordon served. Mrs. Sarah Giannonnati sold the tickets at the door. Mrs. Melvin Brady sold chances on the painting.

Among the crowd at the carnival was the meanest thief. During the minstrel show a culprit stole the ticket box which contained the door prize tickets. As the tickets were sold each one put their names on the door prize tickets: thus even if the one winning was not present they could get the prize. After the box was found, tickets were passed out amongst the crowd, and at the drawing Mrs. Jack Rothery of Wasco was the lucky one. The prize was a lovely table lamp donated by George Moon Hardware. Stores and business houses from The Dalles and Sherman county donated merchandise for prizes at the bingo game. As the evening grew late, it was decided to hold an auction to sell the remaining bingo prizes. Robert Davis did a good job as the auctioneer, and everything was sold.

Mrs. Leonard Jordon who was general chairman of "Fun Fair" reported \$489.40 with a few minor bills yet to be taken care of, was the total sum taken in. This money was raised to help with the school hot lunch program which the Rufus school hopes to have going this fall.

Census Applicants To Be Screened Soon

Dave Parmeter, of The Dalles, has been appointed as census supervisor for Wasco and Sherman counties and was in Moro Thursday morning to look over the field. There will be an agricultural questionnaire to be made as well as the population census.

There will be a meeting at the court house next Tuesday, March 21 at which time applicants can meet with the district supervisor and learn about the work to be done. Two enumerators will be used in Sherman county.

POSTER-YOUNG WEDDING

Miss Helen Young of The Dalles and Thomas A. Foster of Moro were married Saturday, March 11 at noon at Goldendale, Washington. The bride's parents and brother accompanied the wedding party which also included Herbie Lawrence who acted as best man and Miss Beverly Roberts who was bride's maid.

After the ceremony the party returned to The Dalles for a wedding dinner. The young couple are now at home on the Art Barnum place where they are working for Stan Coelsch.

Legionnaires and Auxiliaries and Friends Dance On Birthday

Everyone ate, some sang, many danced (from waltz to var-souevama, and sans subsidy). The little ones had a good workout and the elders did as well. Half a dozen played the piano. And it was a most friendly party when the members of the Legion post and unit of Moro observed the 31st anniversary of the formation of the American Legion.

Commander Lloyd Johnson and President Mollie McLachlan were official hosts and without formality because everyone helped make their own good time. The food was self supplied and as good and plentiful as always occurs in such circumstances.

No business was transacted other than the business of having some fun for an evening.

Diane Christianson Chosen Candidate

Diane Christianson was chosen as a princess from the Moro high school student body to compete with princesses from the Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and Klickitat county area. The Mid-Columbia Shrine club will select a princess from one of these areas who will be presented with a \$100 riding costume and an all-expense paid visit to Portland for the duration of the second annual Shrine Rodeo to take place in that city.

The person chosen as queen of the Portland Shrine Rodeo will win an all expense paid trip to Madison Square Garden Rodeo and a chance of becoming national queen.

Miss Christianson is the second member of our student body to compete for this honor, as Dorothy Wilson is being sponsored by the Sherman County Riders.

Farm Prices Going Up Again

Farm prices, both nationally and in Oregon, continued to increase during the month ending February 15, according to the weekly farm price, crops and weather review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data.

While, naturally, the advance was only 1 percent, the Oregon index forged ahead as much as 2 1/2 percent. At mid-February, however, the Oregon average was still 6 percent below a year earlier.

Only one major decline occurred in Oregon from mid-January to mid-February. That was in the price received by farmers for potatoes. Other principal commodities either remained the same or strengthened during the month.

All meat animals advanced. Chickens were also higher but eggs held unchanged. Butterfat and wool prices were the same as a month earlier. Apples increased. In the grain and hay division, baled hay showed a substantial gain, but grains were unchanged to only slightly higher than a month earlier.

Kent Legion Has Birthday Party

Members of the Legion auxiliary sponsored an oyster dinner at the Legion hall in Kent Thursday evening, March 9, honoring the 31st anniversary of the American Legion. During the dinner Marie Balzer, Carol Norton, Georgia Woods and Leitha Leader sang "Carolina Moon" and "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" accompanied at the piano by Martha Bardenhagen.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel, past state president, introduced guests. Mrs. Mitchell Thorn, junior past state president, was the speaker of the evening, her subject was, "National Defense", having recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she attended the National Defense convention. Other guests were Mrs. Stanley Kruger, state vice-president; Mrs. Edward Seuffer, district president and Mr. E. E. Billings, commander of The Dalles Post No. 19. All were from The Dalles.

After dinner members of the Legion held their regular meeting. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Young Thursday afternoon March 23.

School Boards Making Up Budgets for Year

The Rural School board met Wednesday to reconsider its budget but did not get around to discussion of the budgets of school boards of the county. It was agreed to remove the previously made appropriation for a music teacher, who has been paid out of the rural school budget. In the future each school will be responsible for its own musical instruction.

This week taxpayers of the school districts are getting an opportunity to pass upon the budgets of their districts. The small amount of interest indicates that no reductions will be made in the original estimates made by board members.

Under the rural school district law each local district makes up a budget which then goes to the rural school board. This board has power to reduce, approve, increase or otherwise change the budget of the local school board. All budgets are consolidated into one levy which is the same over the entire county.

However, the law has been amended to permit the local school board to obtain approval of a larger budget in a vote for funds over the six percent limitation. This has been done regularly, not only here but generally over the state.

An attempt is being made to amend the budget law to provide means of paying for capital expenditures on an amortized basis instead of in one year, a method which leads to very irregular tax levies.

BANK PROMOTES BRANCH

The boys in the bank have been distributing the "Statement", house organ of the First National, the March issue of which contains a feature story about the local branch together with some good information about the county in general and many pictures of buildings about the county, groups of citizens, etc. Copies are available to those who would like them.

VETERANS MAY FARM

Sixty-five farm units totaling 7273 acres will be opened to homestead entry in the Northwest in 1950, with World War II veterans offered priority, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs was informed this week.

Eleven of the farms covering 723 acres are located in the Roza division of the Yakima project in Washington and 54 units amounting to 7000 acres are in the Riverton, Wyoming, project, according to a brochure received here from the federal Bureau of Reclamation, which administers public openings on irrigated lands.

An additional 974 acres comprising 50 farm units also will be sold by the reclamation bureau this year in the Burbank unit of the Columbia basin irrigation project. These are lands purchased from private owners and irrigated by the government. Here again, veterans of World War II will have first chance to acquire the land.

Few Answers Expected of Average Person To Census Enumerators Next Month

Only eight specific questions in the 1950 Census of Population will be asked of all individuals when enumerators make their calls at households during April. This was pointed out today by District Supervisor Robert W. Gibson in charge of the local office of the United States Bureau of the Census.

The eight inquiries to be made concerning every person will be name, relationship to head of household, race, sex, age, marital status, state or county of birth, and citizenship status.

Two additional inquiries concern all persons 14 years old and over. These relate to employment status and kind of job. The remainder of the questions will be asked only of a sample of persons, selected by chance according to the order in which their names fall on the Census schedule.

For every fifth person there will be four questions at place of residence one year ago,

country of birth of father and mother, whether attending school and highest grade attended. For every fifth person 14 years old and over there are four questions on number of weeks worked in 1949, income in 1949, veteran status (males only), and duration of unemployment (if unemployed).

Three other inquiries will apply only to every thirtieth person 14 years old and over in certain categories. One in 30 persons neither working nor seeking work during the week before the Census will be asked to report on kind of job last held if employed at any time in 1949. One in 30 persons reporting themselves as ever having been married will be asked if they have been married more than once, and the number of years in present marital status. One in 30 married women will be asked how many children they have borne.