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## These Things We Note

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What we need is an Alcoholic Anonymous for Uncle Sam.

TTWN

Easter is over, the fast broken, the new clothes worn and aged and spring spiritually started. There was neglect about informing the weather man but the outer chill should not annoy one who is warmed by an inner revival of spirit.

TTWN

Too many young men and young women are going to schools of higher learning without realizing that there is nothing taught there in which they are interested. We do not know whose fault that is, nor do we care. It is neither alarming nor a favorable sign of something or other. It has always been that way. But it might indicate that we are trying to send too many youngsters to schools and that we could profitably reduce the snob appeal entailed in ownership of an alma mater—even if the ownership was brief.

One fills a place in this world just as well by growing pigs as by telling others how to grow pigs; by practicing gardening as well as by writing about doing; by doing a job well, not in the social elegance of the job.

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Two high school boys were parting in front of a confectionery store. "Enjoy yourself," said one, "it's later than you think."

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The proposed National Association of Wheat Growers will be abbreviated to NAWG, not a very pleasant sound. Yet, if it was Grain Growers instead, it would be NAGG, not much better. It might call itself the Wheat Producers of America and thus take over an appellation one time renowned if not respected.

TTWN

It would be a good joke if these fancy bombs didn't explode after all. But no joke if they do. Do you suppose man could arrange to obliterate himself?

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A school boy writes that there is too much sad news in the papers, right. There's too much sad news, period.

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A nation is successful or not in proportion to the number of haves and have-nots it has. Reducing the former also increases the latter.

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A Californian's husband has cut off his wife's hair because she stayed out too late. That's almost as good as taking her shoes away as a means of keeping her at home.

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Boeing has developed a sort of jet truck engine weighing 200 pounds and much smaller than the usual diesel engine. If made for cars think of the space available under the hood, now less than half filled by engine.

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Those new Hollywood baseball uniforms are presumably designed to keep players from sweating. We think they could sweat a little more in many cases.

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A valued correspondent sends us a clipping in which John Haynes Holmes says that to prevent Communism we must cure the evils on which Communism grows which are stated to be poverty, disease, misery, etc. It may be that the Rev. Mr. Holmes has been carried away with his own good intentions. Surely no communistic nation can show as clean a record about human misery as can the democratic nations of the world.

Communism probably does grow by attacking the sometimes rather apparent weaknesses in our capitalistic formula for universal happiness. If those who may be wavering between belief in communism and capitalism will but compare them we will be well satisfied.



The Easter Seal agency has announced that construction of a building, replacing temporary tect Percy Bentley's sketch of new children's hospital school quarters of the school, will cost the new structure is shown here.

## Crop Insurance Pays Farmers More Than Cost In Nation and In Eastern Oregon

Under the Federal Crop Insurance program, wheat farmers received more for 1949 crop losses than they paid out for premiums, while the Crop Insurance Corporation lost on wheat for the first time in five years, Representative Stockman of Oregon announced today from Washington.

The Congressman stated, "I have considered the entire report I have obtained from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and I believe the program is serving its basic purpose of protecting farmers against loss of their crop investments due to causes beyond their control."

The program was in effect in 1949 in five counties in eastern Oregon represented by Congressman Stockman, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Union, and an amendment to the Crop Insurance Act permitted it to be reestablished in the counties of Baker, Wallowa and Wasco for the 1950 crop, while Jefferson county is being considered for

future addition. The 1949 crop losses in Union county were due almost entirely to a heavy freeze that occurred on June 29, which followed several earlier severe frosts. Frost damage was also a big factor in Umatilla county losses. Scattered losses in the other counties were due to combination of winterkill, winds, frost and drought. 258,893 acres were insured in the five counties of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Union, and premiums earned amounted to \$162,038, while indemnities paid to farmers amounted to \$286,930.

The report indicates that the 1949 average yield per acre on wheat for the nation was the lowest since 1938. The wheat insurance program operated in 199 counties through the country, and premiums were paid by the farmers totaling \$7,498,700, while they collected \$10,989,100 from the Crop Insurance Corporation.

## Moro Baseball Team Wins and Loses

The Moro high school baseball team won and lost in games with The Dalles this last week, losing to the first team and winning from the second.

Friday's game against the first string of The Dalles resulted in a defeat by a 29 to 6 score. The Dalles making 20 runs in the first inning off the offerings of Skippy May whose early spring form left much to be desired. After Rust took over, although after an illness, the opponents made but 9 runs.

Tuesday the locals downed the second team of The Dalles 23 to 10 on the Wasco diamond with Rust pitching and also knocking a couple of homers. Lane made a circuit swat in each game.

The Moro team was inclined to errors in both games piling up a total of 18. Practice is held on a grass field until the Grass Valley field is dry enough to use which may be the last of this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and son, Carcel, arrived Friday from Portland to spend Easter week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. The Balzers had as additional guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block had as dinner guests Easter Mr. and Mrs. Arch Zehner, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith and Mrs. John Hays of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gould and his mother, Mrs. Mayme Gould arrived Saturday from Portland to spend the weekend at the home of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Bruce Alley and family. Mrs. Gould remained a while with her daughter.

Mrs. W. D. Barnett had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and son Terry from Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hastings.

Mrs. Alice Smith went to The Dalles Saturday evening to spend Easter at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Solvestor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were dinner guests Easter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and children, Terry and Helen, of Bend were over night guests at the home of Mrs. W. D. Barnett Saturday.

Mrs. S. L. Boyce of Portland arrived Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kintner to visit her daughter, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and daughter, Susan, and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Smith and Bill Pausch were in The Dalles last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Charles Stewart.

Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mrs. Bud Brinkert were in The Dalles last Tuesday to meet the latter's mother, Mrs. Fred Crowley who returned from Airle where she spent the week end.

Starr Ruggles came Sunday from Stayton to visit his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fischer and children, Wanda and Walter, of Prineville spent Sunday visiting her sister, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family.

Mrs. Wayland Weld and son, Gail, left Thursday for their home in Lowell, after spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett had as dinner guests Easter Mr.

and Mrs. Edgar Alley and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alley of The Dalles, and Mrs. Marie Smith of Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds had as dinner guests Easter their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews of Stevenson, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews of Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydron and family spent the week end in Rufus visiting relatives. Mr. Hydron, who was hurt in an accident on the railroad track is still unable to go back to work.

Mrs. T. L. Fields was hostess to the Tillikum bridge club at her farm home Thursday afternoon. Easter decorations were used in the rooms. Dessert luncheon at 1:30 p. m. was served to the nine members and three guests who were present. Winning high score for club members was Miss Olive Robinson and for low was Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. The guests high prize was won by Mrs. W. A. Ruggles.

An Easter program was given at the Rufus church during the Sunday school period, to a record attendance of 71. About 25 children gathered at the church grounds Saturday afternoon to hunt Easter eggs and were surprised to find candy eggs in the nests with the colored eggs. Mrs. E. C. Engles, Mrs. Adrian Roberts, Jessie and Vincent Rice attended the county Easter sunrise services.

Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts, Mrs. E. Engles, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydron and Miss Jessie Rice attended the Young People's convention in Richland, Wash., last week. They gave their reports at the meeting Sunday night, which members enjoyed hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne and family spent Easter in Dufur visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Casey.

The student body at Rufus school is sponsoring a full length movie and short subjects to be held at the school house every Tuesday evening, until school is out. Season tickets are being made available to families at a special rate.

Mrs. Melvin Brady and Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti represented Rufus at the teachers meeting held in Portland last Monday and Tuesday.

Rufus grange was held in regular session Thursday night with Master S. A. Wilson presiding. The usual business was taken care of by the fifteen members present.

Mr. Keenan of Biggs, had Sunday dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts.

If there were more balmy days like Monday, the wheat would make growth more rapidly. The wheat and native grass are really short for the middle of April. It's been a cold, backward spring here. The gardens have been planted and a few are up enough to mark the rows. Some discing is being done by the farmers who have quite a bit of plowing to do. The discing seems to hold the moisture in the ground, so plowing can be done much later than it can otherwise.

Some baby crickets have already been noted on the breaks of the John Day river. The insects are so tiny, it takes close inspection to see them.

The P.T.A. met at the school house Wednesday night for a special meeting. On account of teachers institute, they were unable to meet Monday, the regular meeting night. Mrs. Allen Tom called the meeting to order. All officers were present. A report on the carnival was given by treasurer Mrs. Don Macnab. A drip-later coffee maker which was purchased for the use at the meetings was on hand and was used for the lunch that was served after the meeting.

A representative of a film company in Portland, was present, and showed a film entitled "The Sea Captain". Other short subjects were also shown. At the end of the evening, a lunch was served by Mrs. William Meyers, Mrs. William Macnab and Mrs. George Fox.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and her children and their families held a family reunion dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab, Easter Sunday.

Miss Mary Brackett of Ione was home for the Easter week end. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family had Sunday dinner at the H. H. Brackett home and in the afternoon they motored to Ione to take Miss Brackett back to the school which she teaches.

Mrs. T. L. Fields attended the afternoon and evening session of the annual Pythian Sisters convention for district No. 6 held in The Dalles Saturday. Mrs. Curt Tom attended the evening session.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg had as guests Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Fields. In the morning, Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Engberg, and mother Mrs. Mason attended the Easter church services in Wasco.

Miss Dolores Fox spent Easter vacation at home with her parents. Miss Fox arrived home Wednesday evening, and left for Seattle where she attends college again Monday noon.

## Tax Meeting To Inform Speakers And Listeners

Citizens of Sherman county, especially officials of county and city and school district, have been invited by The Dalles chamber of commerce to attend and take part in a forum meeting to be held Monday, April 17 at The Dalles hotel. Guests at the forum will be the members of the legislative interim tax study committee who will present the facts about the present condition of state finances, discuss the effect proposed measures would have on it and suggest some changes to the citizens.

Members of the committee are considered to be among the limited group of tax-wise state officials and as such realize that the people make the taxes in Oregon as well as pay them. The legislature cannot pass a tax measure that is not subject to referendum and that has been the fate of all except the minor ones.

The program will consist of an outline of present fiscal condition of the state by Senator Howard Belton, chairman of the interim committee. Representative Giles French will talk about the financial effect of the proposed school bill to increase state support by \$30 per census child and the proposed bonus bill for veterans. Mrs. Louise Humphery will talk about welfare problems and probable cost.

Of proposals that are being debated in the committee there are several but none for new taxes. Earl Day, former legislator, Jackson county judge and state tax commissioner, will speak about proposed changes in the corporate excise tax. Representative John Sell of The Dalles will discuss HJR 9 of the 1949 session which would eliminate the right of the state to levy a property tax. Mrs. Humphery will talk about proposed improvements especially those having to do with personal property assessments and the 6% limitation. Rep French will explain the proposed business tax. Chairman Belton will sum up the program after which those present may ask questions or offer suggestions.

Members of the committee on the program are Senator Eugene Marsh and Kelley Lee, who are not able to make the trip. In addition to the tax committee Harry Dorman, state budget director, Verne Young his assistant and W. W. Collier, research analyst, will attend the meeting at The Dalles.

Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting and take part in the discussions.

## Postoffice Might Hire Substitute Clerk

An examination for probational appointment to the position of 'SUBSTITUTE CLERK' at an entrance pay rate of \$1,065 an hour has been announced by the Director of the Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region to fill existing and future vacancies in the Post Office Service at Moro, Oregon. Applicants must actually reside within the delivery of the Moro Post Office or be bona fide patrons of that office. Persons employed in the Moro Post Office will be considered bona fide patrons of the office.

## High School Boys Attend Meeting

Wily Knighten Jr., Roy Harvey, LeRoy Martin, and James Hart were in Prineville Wednesday to attend a district meeting of the newly formed State Association of Student Councils. It is composed of representatives from the student bodies of Prineville, Redmond, Bend, Madras, The Dalles, Lakeview, Burns, Spray, Mosier, LaPine, Moro and some other smaller schools of the middle and Columbia river area of Oregon.

Purpose is to correlate activities among the schools and learn of new activities.

Roy Harvey, vice-president of the student body, and another student will probably attend the state meeting which will be held at Newberg, May 6.

## Petitions Here For Reapportionment Plan To Save Power

Petitions have arrived on the rural reapportionment plan.

This is the reapportionment plan that will give each county at least one representative, make senatorial districts that include no more than three counties and restrict any county to a quarter of the total of representatives and senators. It recognizes the American principle that area should be a factor in apportionment of representatives in a democracy.

It is of extreme importance because the opposition measure would apportion the legislature on a strictly population basis and give this county something like a quarter of a representative and perhaps a fifth or sixth of a senator; actually none because we would be joined with larger counties.

Petitions may be signed at the Moro Grain Growers, Grass Valley Grain Growers, B. C. Baumgartners, Sherman County Journal and Kenneth Fridley has them at Wasco.

## Carrie Bell Ginn Dies In California

Carrie Belle Coleman Ginn died at Oceanside hospital in California, Wednesday morning at 2:30 at the age of 85. Born near Clarinda, Iowa, February 3, 1865 Mrs. Ginn came to Oregon in 1891 and taught school in Sherman county. She married Robert J. Ginn November 27, 1894 at the Umatilla House in The Dalles.

Surviving are two sons, Harold of Moro and Richard of Spokane, Wash.; three daughters, Faith Needham of Vista, Calif.; Margery Dalby of Sante Fe, New Mexico and Mildred, a missionary in south India, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also surviving are two step sons, Arthur of Pendleton and Elwood of The Dalles.

Mrs. Ginn lived in Moro until the death of her husband and has spent most of the time recently in California with her daughter Faith.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ginn will be held Friday noon, April 14 from the Church of the Little Flower and interment will be made in the Forest Lawn cemetery, in Los Angeles.

## Moro Community Church Dedication Will Be April 18

The new Moro Community church will be dedicated next Tuesday night April 18 when members of the Portland Presbytery will be here for the quarterly meeting. Work on the church has been going on since the last week in October and more than \$17,000 has been spent on the enlargement and improvements. In addition members have volunteered more than \$5000 in labor.

All living ministers who have served the local congregation from the church have been invited although not all can attend. Rev. Henry Hansen, retired, and living in Portland will attend and take part in the dedication program. Dr. O. L. Walter of the Morland church in Portland will be the speaker for the dedication and Rev. Wm. Lindsay of Lake Grove church, moderator for the district, will preside. The choir will have appropriate music for the occasion.

The Portland Presbytery will meet in Moro Tuesday and some 60 members from here to the coast are expected to come. Meetings will begin at 10 a. m., a luncheon will be served at noon and in the afternoon the picture "Reaching Down from Heaven" will be shown. Rev. John M. Paxton, western area representative of the New Life movement will speak.

The local church was begun in 1887 and the original parts of the building were constructed a few years later. There have been several additions of which the most recent one is the most extensive.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCES

Next Sunday evening is "Family Night" at the Wasco Methodist church, April 16. Pot-luck luncheon served at 6:30 p. m. Please bring own dishes. Program and sound movies to follow. The pictures are: 1. "Three Little Bruins in a Canoe" 2. "The Unfaithful Seryant" 3. "The Good Samaritan".

## Census For Reapportionment

The primary purpose of the 17th Decennial Census of the United States to be conducted in April, 1950, is to determine the population of each of the 48 states as a basis for the division among them of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. This is in accordance with Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution of the United States. This section provides that representation in the House "shall be apportioned among the several states....according to this respective numbers" to be determined by an enumeration of the population. This section provided that the first Census was to be taken within three years after the first meeting of the First Congress and within each subsequent 10 years. Under this provision, the First Decennial Census was conducted in 1790 and the years ending in "0" have thus become to be recognized as the decennial census years.

The Constitution provides that each state shall have at least one seat in the House of Representatives. After the 1790 census, seats in the House were apportioned to the states at the rate of one per 33,000 population. If this basis still prevailed, the House would today have more than 4,000 members instead of the present fixed 435. After 1850, the Congress first determined its total membership and then divided the seats among the states in proportion to their respective populations. In recent decades, because of the shifting population, some states have gained seats in the House and others have lost. No reapportionment of House seats was made after the 1920 census, the only decade since 1790 in which this was not done, while after the 1930 and 1940 censuses the present fixed number of 435 seats was distributed among the states under what the Congressional Apportionment Statute defines as "the method of equal proportions."

NOTE: Actually Norblad's district had 141,061 votes, Stockman's 73,473, Angell's 179,071 and Ellsworth's 98,537 in 1948.

## Wheat Loans Expire At End of April

April 30th is the final date for producers to redeem their Commodity Credit wheat and barley notes, according to an announcement from the local PMA office. The grain pledged as collateral for the loan will be taken over by CCC after that date.

CCC loans completed by the PMA office on the 1949 wheat crop totaled 2,228,000 bushels. Producers have redeemed, and sold on the market, 280,000 bushels of this wheat within the past month.

## Sherman Countians Schedule SCS Men

The next meeting of the Sherman County club will be held at the Moro Hotel, Wednesday evening, April 19.

The program for the evening will be prepared by the soil conservation service which is now starting operations in Sherman county pursuant to a favorable vote on a soil conservation district here last fall.

Speaking will be Richard Salsman, soil specialist of The Dalles and Tom Helseth, district conservationist from Pendleton. These men will be able to tell Sherman countians the aims and possible results of the soil conservation service in this county.

## OSB MEETS

The Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening April 4 for their regular meeting. Mrs. Frank von Borstel, worthy matron presided at the business meeting. After the meeting an Easter program was held with Mrs. Harry Young as general chairman. Games were enjoyed and later refreshments were served at a table decorated with bowls of daffodils, Easter baskets, colored eggs and Easter bunnies with place cards in the Easter motif.