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These Things We Note

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Often it seems that the dishonest man hates the virtuous, more than the virtuous distrusts the errant one.

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Those huge old cottonwoods in the Grass Valley park have been there since the early eighties. Dr. C. R. Rollins planted them shortly after he came here in 1879 to be the first and only doctor between The Dalles and Canyon City. The story is told that once Dr. Rollins, who also had the first orchard, was selling the property where the trees are and the buyer said just to be making conversation that the first thing he would do would be to cut down the trees. And the good old doctor tore up the contract and stopped the sale. Dr. Rollins had a hotel where the pavilion now stands and in it a small store and drug store.

The cottonwoods have grown to be nearly six feet through in the fertile valley. They have seen cattle on the hills before men brought in plows, have seen wheat wagons start out in the early dawn for the Columbia river, have heard the whistle of the first train to pull into Grass Valley, and were old and revered when small boys, now grey and elderly, climbed their top-most branches to carve their initials.

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And speaking of trees Truman Strong has just cut down some cottonwoods that were 60 years old, planted there by his father. They leaned too near the highway.

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The idea of Mr. Truman making a non-political trip is rather foolish because the possibility of Mr. Truman doing anything non-political is so very remote.

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The Montana governor apparently had himself quite a time in New Orleans and the mayor apologized for his arrest on a charge of plain drunkenness—a charge much more plebeian than governors usually get. The whole thing is now called a mistake and that is perhaps the only entirely true statement since the charge was made.

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Newspaper men have a peculiarity. Recently on a trip thru eastern Oregon with a group whose utterances were usually newsworthy an effort was made to have copies of papers sent to members of the party. Few were received. That is the peculiarity. We do not think it stems from economical motives but partially from the fact that newspapermen are ridden with a multiplicity of detail that crowd such requests out of the center of attention. Most important is probably that a publisher or news writer feels that news is dead as soon as the presses roll the ink on the type announcing it. He might stay up all night to obtain a story of minor value and fight for the right to print it, but once done he has no more interest in it than in an empty bottle. Why anyone else should be interested he cannot conceive.

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The visit of President Truman was the topic of conversation among the tired and retired on the edge of the sidewalk when the sun warmed the air this week.

"It reminds me," says Uncle Emmett, "of my cousin Lyle and his son in law. Lyle had a girl who went to the city and got married to a dude there who wasn't much shakes at makin' ends meet an' Susie, that was Lyle's daughter, got to sending home for money. Lyle had some then and being kinda proud he kept sending some and actually keepin' the whole family and some in-laws, too, I guess.

"One Christmas," Susie wrote that they was comin' home for the holiday with Lyle and wife and they arrived one cold day and spent a couple of weeks.

"When they was gone I asked Lyle how he liked his son-in-law. 'Well,' he says, 'I was right glad to see him. He's the most expensive luxury I've got and I liked to get acquainted.'"

School Playday, Music Festival Due Monday

The annual play day and music festival of Sherman county schools will be held Monday, May 15 beginning at ten o'clock in the morning with the music festival at the school house. The forenoon will be used for singing and playing. Lunch will be served in the park.

Afternoon the first four grades will have a play period in Moro and the upper four grades will go to Grass Valley where a program of races and softball will be shown.

The committee for the two events is Mrs. Giannonatti and Donal Brisland of Rufus, teachers Winecoop and Rinehart of Wasco, Ellis and Anderson of Moro, Keiper of Grass Valley and Knott of Kent.

Everyone is invited to attend these programs.

Lloyd Johnson's Name Up For Postmaster

Lloyd R. Johnson's name was sent to the senate by President Truman with recommendation that he be appointed postmaster at Moro to replace Jay C. Freeman, resigned. Mrs. Elsie Jones has been acting in that capacity since the retirement of Mr. Freeman.

Dr. Ethel Reuter To Talk To SC Club

Dr. Ethel Reuter of The Dalles will speak before the Sherman County club at its next meeting Wednesday evening, May 17 at 7 p. m. standard time at the Moro Hotel.

Mrs. Reuter was on the staff of the Wasco-Sherman Health department during the war and is well acquainted with its activities. Her talk will be about work of the department during 1949, the official report for which has just been issued. She will also talk about Cancer Control, her most recent activity.

Because of the county-wide interest in matters of health, Bill Hall, president says that arrangements will be made for a large crowd. Women will be especially invited.

Boxing-Wrestling Show Scheduled

The final boxing and wrestling program of the Moro elementary school is scheduled for 7:30 standard time, Friday, May 17 in the Moro gymnasium. About 20 bouts have been arranged for as well as a short exhibition by the girls of grades 1 and 2. The program will be over in plenty of time to attend the dance at Grass Valley that night.

Proceeds will go to finish paying for the boxing ring and mat recently purchased and other athletic equipment.

A picture taking day has been set for 2:00 Wednesday, May 17 at the Moro football field for the tumbling team. Since the flash pictures were not of the best, it is thought daylight pictures will be much better. Anyone wishing to take his own pictures either still or moving, is invited to be present.

Hog Not Pork

Appearance of the live hog, apparently, is not always a true indication of its carcass value. Proof of the porker is in the slaughter.

A Duroc-Jersey barrow that failed to place in the live hog judging held in connection with the recent market hog and carcass show sponsored by the Oregon Purebred Swine Breeders association took up honors in the carcass contest.

Harry Lindgren, OSC extension animal husbandry specialist and show chairman, reports that a 224 pound market hog exhibited by Earl Christoferson, Sherwood, took top honors in the carcass class. Dressing out 76.2 percent, the hog yielded \$21.19 worth of primal cuts and by-products per 100 pounds of hog.

Pakistani Agricultural Representative Here To Study American Methods

R. Zabakht Khan, a native of Pakistan, was here for several days to learn about experimental and farming methods from Bill Hall and George Mitchell at the experimental station.

Mr. Khan is from an agricultural station at Quatta, Baluchistan, which is one of the provinces of Pakistan, which was until 1948 a part of India. It is the Moslem section that becomes independent with the withdrawal of the English.

Pakistan is divided into two parts, east Pakistan which adjoins Burma and is east of India and west Pakistan which includes the provinces of Baluchistan, Sind, Northwest Province and Punjab. Pakistan is now trying to have Kashmir made a part of that nation as its people are also Moslem.

In Bengal or east Pakistan the agricultural production is rice and jute and the native diet is rice and fish. There are heavy storms and high rainfall and 250 persons live there per square mile. It makes up half the population of Pakistan.

West Pakistan is much drier, in fact, at the station in Baluchistan which adjoins Iran, the moisture is about ten inches and wheat is grown after two summer-fallow seasons. It produces about 500 pounds per acre. Five rivers flow down from the Himalayas, starting in Kashmir and along these rivers the English have built vast irrigation systems where wheat, cotton, sugar cane and oil bearing seeds are grown, mostly in Punjab province. Sind is farther south and hotter and with only six inches of rainfall but irrigation makes good crops possible.

Karachi is the Pakistanian capital and some local men were stationed there during the war as it is an airbase for the far east.

Mr. Khan is in the United States for his first trip and will remain six months, two having already elapsed, to visit experimental stations and learn how crops are grown in America. The United Nations and his own government provide the funds. Although the visitor is a small man he says that his people are usually of large size and that natives of the Punjab are large.

Scouts Plan For Whizzeroo

Members representing the different packs and troops of The Dalles district held their second in a series of planning meetings April 11 at Joseph G. Wilson school for the forthcoming Cub Scout circus, Boy Scout Camporee and Whizzeroo to be held May 26, 27, and 28.

Plans are getting underway with each den working very hard on one of the following: Concession, feat of skill, clown or circus act for the circus which will begin at 1 p. m. on May 27.

Allen Laine was elected to help den set up prizes for their concessions.

Bruce Winston is responsible for getting the tickets which will be on sale as soon as possible.

Another big attraction which is under way is the Noahs Ark which will be held during the Whizzeroo the evening of May 27.

Wasco Women Meet With Former Members, Officers

The Wasco Woman's club met Friday, May 5, at the Methodist church for its Mothers day and homecoming meeting. Mesdames Charles Fulton and Hugh White were hostesses for this occasion. Invitations were issued to all past members of the club and each member was asked to invite and bring a guest or guest mother. Officers of the fourth district of Oregon Federated Women's club and all members of the Tuesday Afternoon club of Wasco were also invited to attend. There were seventy-six present all of whom were given a permanent corsage of plastic carnations.

While the ladies were assembling, Mrs. Gravenor at the organ favored with several selections.

Mrs. Carl Tuggle, president of the club, gave the address of welcome and introduced Mrs. Hildred Zell, president of Oregon Federated Women's clubs, who presented the following state

men, skilled in warfare.

His impressions of America are that the people do things in a grand manner, with big buildings, big farms and everything big. He is impressed with the extensive use of machinery, the general prosperity of the country and the courtesy with which he has generally been treated by those he comes in contact here.

Most of Pakistan, particularly the western part, is much higher in elevation than the station here. Only the valleys are farmed and they are often five miles wide and up to a hundred miles long. Sheep are grazed on the hills. There are few cattle used for beef but there are some well developed breeds of work bullocks and of dairy cattle. Most of the farm work is done with bullocks and a small cultivator which stirs the land. A plow that turns the earth is now being used to some extent. Most of the threshing is done by driving bullocks over the cut grain.

Farms are from 10 to 30 acres in size although in the drier part of Baluchistan there is land enough for all who are equipped to farm it. Pakistan grows a small surplus of wheat which is sold to India.

Mr. Khan talked to the high school about his country and was guest at several social functions while visiting here.

MORO LOSES 10 TO 5

Moro lost to Condon Tuesday on the Grass Valley field by a score of 10 to 5 when they failed to hit in the proper places. Knights and Rust made triples and May and Martin made doubles but they were not bunched. Moro's total hits were five while Condon made eight. Errors were about even with six for Moro and five for Condon. Batteries were Rust and Fritts and Conboy and Hebert.

New Rufus Card Club Gets Off With Good Start With Meeting At Mrs. Wm. Macnabs

Mrs. William Macnab was hostess to the new card club organized in the community at her home Wednesday evening. Two tables of pinocle were in play. Mrs. Pat Macnab was a guest. Mrs. Tom Macnab won the first prize and the consolation prize went to Mrs. Gordon Reid. Refreshments were served at the close to the following: Mesdames Don Macnab, Elton Medler, Kenneth Fridley, Tom Macnab, Pat Reid, Leland Medler, Pat Macnab, George Fox and the hostess.

The sewing club will hold its next meeting May 17 at the home of Mrs. Elton Medler. The Rufus piano recital will be May 16 according to Miss Vivian Trounce, instructor, and will be at the Rufus school auditorium. Larry Engles, Busy Fingers; Jeanne Macnab, Daffodils and Tulips; Bobbie Byrd, Dancing Lesson and Merry Dances; Vincent Rice, Big Base Singer; Pat Blackburne, Blue Danube; Elaine Eaton, Bubble Song; Vaneta Peck, Spanish Dance; Paul Blackburne, Over the Waves; Donna Wilson, Brooklet Spangle; Cecelia Belloni, Oh Promise Me; Jessie Rice, Valse Arabesque by Theodore Lask; Dorothy Blackburne, Prelude in C Sharp

Eugene Eaton Named Weed Supervisor

Eugene Eaton of Rufus was appointed weed supervisor for Sherman county Wednesday by the county court. He was named to give force to the decision of the court to enforce the existing weed control law and use all known methods to combat the 60,000 acres of perennial weeds in the county.

Appointment of a Weed Control Advisory Board consisting of farmers from all areas of the county has been made by the court. The advisory board will serve as a coordinating action board making plans for this year and future years control program.

Committee Named

Members of this newly appointed board are: Joe Morris, Fay Brackett, L. E. Kaseberg, Fred Dornier, Lamer Sayre, Bob Belshe, Lloyd Henrichs, Norris Gilkison, Dean Reynolds, Kenneth Sather, and Bill Jeffries. Allen Tom, chairman of the weed committee of the Agriculture Planning Council, will serve as chairman of this advisory board. Thomas W. Thompson, county agent, will act as secretary.

The weed control law was originally adopted by the county court June 4, 1940. Active enforcement has not taken place as to date. The courts action upon enforcement deals with control of Morning Glory, Russian Knapweed, White Top, and Canadian Thistle upon all within the county land. Eradication of these weeds will be encouraged, but enforcement will be limited to the extent of adequate control from spreading of underground roots and seeds.

Minor by Rachmaninoff; Duet by Miss Trounce and Dorothy Blackburne, Hungarian Rhapsody; Miss Trounce, No. 2 Lzlet an Impromptu by Chopin.

Rufus school announces the following dates: The county Play Day and Music Festival at Moro May 15; and the high school will go on an educational trip to Portland and points of interest between here and there, Camas paper and plywood plant for one. The Rufus PTA donated twenty dollars toward this trip. May 10 and 17 immunization clinic for pre-school children in The Dalles. The clinic wishes the children in the afternoon preferably; May 26, Commencement at Rufus school gym. Darlene Smith and Dorothy Blackburne will be Valedictorians and Jessie Rice the Salutatorian. The grade school graduation will be the same night.

Mrs. J. G. Huffman and daughters, and Mrs. Charles Quint and daughters of The Dalles were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris Friday.

Raymond Curtis was a visitor in Portland Wednesday where he went on business.

Billy McDonald who is in the navy has a furlough and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

Written and directed by Mrs. Keith McDonald; vocal solos, Mrs. Frank Lahmann Sr., Rochester, Wn., mother of Mrs. Carl Tuggles, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Prizes were awarded to the oldest grandmother, the oldest mother and the youngest mother present.

Attractive flower arrangements of seasonal spring flowers used to adorn the meeting place were accomplished by Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg and Mrs. Howard Pratt.

Refreshments of French pastries and ice cream in krumbake shells were served from lace covered tables centered with arrangements of pink and white carnations and asparagus fern.

The committee in charge of refreshments were as follows: Mesdames Robert Bish, H. D. Dutton, Josephine Lamborn and Carl Tuggle.

Sheriff's Office Attracts Candidate For Write-in Votes

Local politics took on an evidence of life this week when John J. Belloni Sr. of Rufus began distributing cards asking Republicans to write in his name for the nomination of sheriff. Mr. Belloni is a recent convert to Republicanism, having been a Democrat since coming to the county seven years ago. He lived for a time at Kent and lately at Rufus. He was a veteran in World War I and has a family.

Stimulated by this possible competition Sheriff Norman Fields, Democrat, veteran of World War II, began urging Republicans to write in his name for the Republican nomination also. So no matter which Republicans favor they will have to write to do anything about it.

Operetta Acclaimed

Marion Crews brought his singers and actors over from Stevenson, Washington Friday night and presented "Springtime Frolic" to his old friends of Sherman county. And the friends responded heartily with appreciation.

Most remarkable feature of the show was the tunes, new and catchy they were and appropriate to the cast and the plot. The plot, as is the way with operettas was merely an adjunct to the music. A large crowd came to hear it and was pleased with the young people who came up into the treeless region to show their talent—and with those bright tunes.

Reeders Wed 50 Years

About 150 friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Reeder of Shaniko attended the golden wedding anniversary of that pioneer couple Sunday, April 30 at the Shaniko Hotel.

The dining-room where the reception was held, was gaily decorated with baskets of yellow snapdragons and daffodils, calla lilies, and other flowers. The lace covered table was centered with the three-tiered anniversary cake which was made and decorated by Mrs. Joe Hood of Tygh Valley, grand daughter of the Reeders. On either side were triple golden tapers in crystal holders, while directly in front was a low bowl of yellow roses.

Mrs. Elma Reeder Lindsoe of Fargo, N. Dakota cut the cake, while Mrs. Ralph Reeder of Portland attended the coffee urn, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Reeder Starr of Albany. Mrs. Elsie Reeder Jones and Mrs. John Reeder of Shaniko. Mrs. Doris Bayer of Moro took care of the guest book and during the reception soft piano music was furnished by Mrs. Edna Jones of Alice.

Among the out of town relatives who came for the occasion was a sister of Mr. Reeder, Mrs. Dora Wright of Palo, Iowa, whom he had not seen in 47 years, others were Mrs. Phebe Rehder of Palo, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lindsoe of Fargo, N. Dakota, Mrs. Michael Kalnz and son, Michael of Ely, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reeder and Mrs. Hattie Reeder of Orchards, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Long of El Cerrito, Calif., and Mrs. Ed Bordwell, a sister of Mrs. Reeder from Petaluma, Calif.

The complete Reeder family was present consisting of three daughters and their husbands—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil K. Lindsoe Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Starr and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones; two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reeder and Mr. and Mrs. John Reeder; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, among which were an orchid corsage and lei for Mrs. Reeder and an orchid and ginger lily flower for Mr. Reeder sent them by a nephew who resides in Honolulu. A golden tree which contained 50 one dollar bills to form the leaves was a gift from the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder have lived their entire 50 years of wedded life in Shaniko, where for the past 30 years he has been superintendent of the water works. Mr. Reeder has the record of being the oldest peace officer in the state of Oregon, having held that office for 45 years.

Moro Council Proposes \$15,000 Drain Bond Issue

The city of Moro will ask the voters thereof to approve a bond issue for \$15,000 for the purpose of realigning the watercourse through town and providing passage for water across First street.

The decision by the council came after two nights of discussion about the kind and length of a bridge wanted, about whether to make the repair or not, and about how much the minimum cost would be.

Roughly the bond issue funds will be spent as follows: ditching \$4,500; steel plate arch type (oval shape) pipe \$5000; sidewalks and headwalls \$1500 and re-laid sewer \$2000. Minor costs will use up the remainder.

The type of steel tube will be oval one bolted in two foot sections, material a quarter of an inch thick, heavily galvanized and with a record of lasting a minimum of 50 years. It will have an opening of at least 114 square feet, almost twice the present one.

The council will hold an adjourned meeting of the Tuesday night's session on Friday night to prepare for the call for a special election which attorney George Updegraff estimates can be held early in June.

The council also approved a motion to adopt daylight saving in the city of Moro which means that the city hall will operate on daylight saving until September. Also affected may be state agencies that have been ordered to follow local government. Private businesses will, as usual, make their private decisions about time for opening and closing.

The budget for the city was approved as printed. It calls for a tax levy of \$526 which is all the city can levy under the six percent limitation.

Mothers-Daughters To Have Party

Mothers will honor daughters this year at an informal party instead of the usual banquet. The event will be held at the Moro Community church the evening of May 5 at eight o'clock standard time.

The larger part of the program will be a play presented by a cast of four local women who will give a play written by Mrs. Vincent of Cannon Beach, who will be present.

The party will be given by members of the Moro Woman's club.

HARRY R. MOORE

Harry R. Moore passed away May 5 at Nelscott, Oregon. He was born in Moro May 2, 1889 and married to Bernice Moorehead, who survives him, in 1923. He was the son of the late Henry A. Moore and America Cushman Moore. The family moved to Portland when Harry was 13. He attended Hill Military academy, graduating in 1906 and later attending the University of Oregon, affiliating with the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. Moore enlisted in World War I, in the ambulance corps of the 91st division and served overseas for eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore moved to Nelscott about two years ago, where he was a member of the Kiwanis club and North Lincoln county American Legion post.

NEW AIRPORT READY

May 28 a new airport, the only one in the Columbia gorge, will be dedicated with an expected 300 planes from the northwest including some army jets, according to Hal Cameron and Eugene Moon of Stevenson, Wash., members of the Lions club there which is sponsoring the event.

The airport is on the Oregon side of the Columbia just east of Cascade Locks. Flies will arrive by 7 a. m. daylight saving time to be ready for the dedication ceremonies which are expected to draw governors from four northwestern states. The sponsors report that Life magazine has promised to cover the dedication.