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These Things We Note

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The hills are as green in the high country south of us as they are here, the gardens as far advanced, the air as warm. Cattle are not slick as yet, nor are they fat. One bunch of 1400 yearling heifers had a lot of growing to do before fall.

Prineville, Burns and Lakeview a few years ago were little cow towns with saddle horses sleeping at the hitch racks, a few general stores and a few booted men about the streets. Now they are full of loggers and log trucks and the smell of pine has overpowered the smell of sage.

Yet the towns have not changed a great deal. People speak to strangers on the street, the free and easy style of acquaintance remains and you are considered OK unless you prove otherwise. We think that expresses something favorable to the life of the open west. It was a good way of life and those who once learned it never change.

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On a recent trip to six southern Oregon towns and before six audiences the independence of the people was apparent. They almost invariably cheer an expression opposing governmental interference with private rights. How they vote, or how much money it requires to get them to vote for governmental restrictions is a question for the national politicians who are willing to consider such a policy.

The fact remains that the people spontaneously applaud an expression of individuality and independence. Their reactions are still those of the America they used to write books about.

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Southern Oregon is very beautiful. Spring has been a fact there since March although spring has not been as warm as common. The green valleys and the wooded hills make the countryside appear peaceful and quiet. There really isn't much farm land and the incomes are not high. But if one wanted peace at the head of a creek where he could retire from the world he could find it down there.

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It looks as if we are trying to find security from working for a living.

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Northwest newspapers seem somewhat surprised that Truman advocates taking over private power agencies whereas Roosevelt merely wanted power developed by the government. That is customary. Hunger for more authority always grows.

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Senator Wayne Morse has this quotation framed and hung on the walls of his Portland headquarters:

"If I were to try to read, much less answer all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

Abraham Lincoln

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A man who carries water on both shoulders may be all wet.

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Oregon voters in the primary elections indicated that they have about caught up with some whose attitude toward public morality has been in doubt, they gave reason to believe that expenditures for government will be curtailed for lack of funds. It was a good election.

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A Washington woman discovered gold while trying to make a case for charging the county a higher price for a road right of way. Come on, you moralists, it's your town.

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If there is to be a contest between schools and television we know which one is going to win. Look for some one to produce the theory that children can be better educated by television.

Truck Driver Dies Of Heart Attack While Driving

Max E. Snider, driver of a West Coast truck, died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday night on Highway 97 at mile post 6, which is in front of Wiley McDonald's home. Wrecking of the truck was averted by George William Parshos, truck owner who was relief driver of the trip and succeeded in keeping the truck on the road. Time of the accident as given by officials who investigated was 9:55 p. m. (DST).

Coroner Alley and Sheriff Fields were called to make the investigation. The body was taken to Spencer & Libby in The Dalles.

Snider is survived by a wife and daughter who live in Portland. Details of his life are not available but he was of middle age.

Veterans Preferred For Settlement

Priority will go to World War II veterans in the purchase of from 6 to 13 farm units in block 2 of the Columbia basin irrigation project five miles southeast of Pasco, Wash., the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs learned this week.

The federally reclaimed lands in this project are sold to winners in a public drawing rather than offered as free homesteads because the government had to acquire the land by purchase. Veterans must apply to the Bureau of Reclamation at Ephrata, Wash., by June 17.

The bureau says six farms will be sold shortly and another seven or more will be acquired by the government for sale. The units range in price from \$360 to \$730, and in size from 40 to 86 acres. The land is unimproved. Entrants also must have \$2700 in capital or farm equipment or livestock.

Applications are available from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, State Library Bldg., Salem, and 415 S. W. 11th, Portland, or from county service officers.

Graduation Here For Schools of Sherman County

Graduation of children from high schools will be done next week when the evenings will be full with programs held for the purpose of sending youngsters into a higher educational class.

Rufus will graduate Friday night of this week, thus ending before any other school. Finishing high school there will be Dorothy Blackburne, Richard Peck, Jessie Rice, Carole Smith, Darlene Smith. From the grade school Paul Blackburne, George Fox Jr., and Veneta Peck will graduate. Dr. Harry Dillon of Linfield will deliver the address.

Wednesday May 31 eighth grade graduates from Moro, Grass Valley and Kent will have a program in their honor at Grass Valley. They are Dennis Andersen, Margaret Baumgartner, Jack Brady, Jerry Duncan, Donald Schilling, from Grass Valley; Lavon Blum, Kenneth Duncan, Orlena Kirby, Larry Sayrs, Max Saxton from Moro and James Griggs and Frances Woods from Kent. Miss Florence Beardsley of Salem and the state department of education will speak.

That same night graduation will be held at the Wasco High school for grade and high school pupils with C. H. Beard, superintendent elect of The Dalles school, giving the address. Finishing high school will be Gwen Nesbit and Lloyd Gossion. Ending grade school work will be Carol Briggs, Barbara Buck, Lois Everett, Sharon Laughlin, Donald McIntyre, LeRoy Stultz, Glenn Wallace and Joan Fridley.

Graduation for the Moro high school seniors will be held June 1 when Dr. Virgil Fogdall will come from the university to speak. The list of graduates includes Scott Fritts, Willy Knight, Edgar Justesen, Ronald May, David Moore, Marie Balzer, Martha Bardenhagen, Lois Kelley, Leitha Leader, Shirley McIntyre, Gladys Moore, Leone Moore, Carole Norton, Helen Simon, Ina May Ziegler.

Livestock Show Has More Entries Than Ever This Year

With estimates on entries of wheat-fed livestock running well over double exhibits at the 1949 show, all committees are busy perfecting arrangements for the Oregon Wheat Growers League fat stock show and sale in The Dalles June 5-7, said Eugene Courtney, show manager.

Special emphasis is being given to housing for the larger number of exhibitors expected, and to keeping market levels high at the auction sale the night of June 7 by purchase commitments from show boosters in the 10 eastern Oregon counties with exhibitors.

About 200 4-H and FFA boys and girls will show an estimated 350 head of fat steers, lambs, and swine. The 158 steers expected is an increase of 116 per cent over last year's showing: 112 sheep, 107 percent higher, and 86 hogs, 139 per cent greater.

Exhibitors will come to the show from these counties: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Wheeler.

Howard Spencer Buried Thursday

Howard Spencer, who had lived the greater part of his 65 years in Sherman county, died at a hospital in The Dalles Monday after a long illness. He was born May 4, 1885 near Alameda, Kansas.

Mr. Spencer had farmed west of Wasco for many years until he retired some years ago turning the ranch over to his sons.

Surviving are his widow, Hattie, two sons, Eugene and Clarence, and a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Howell all of Wasco; two brothers, Frank of Portland and Arthur of Wasco, and four sisters, Mrs. Flora Blakney of Portland, Mrs. Hazel McCarty of Echo, Mrs. Laura McCarty of The Dalles and Mrs. Blanche Everett of Wasco, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday at The Dalles with interment in the cemetery there.

Kenneth Walker Killed In Shovel Accident

Kenneth Walker, 36, was killed on a truck in a field 19K.K.3 ed Sunday while loading dirt onto a truck in a field a mile or more east of his farm home on Gordon Ridge between Wasco and Moro.

Mr. Walker had a new scoop with which to load a truck and was hauling dirt to make a fill. Sunday afternoon he had gone to do some work saying he might be late getting home. When he failed to come home by dark his wife asked Donald McDermid to find him. Apparently he had been looking into the gas tank of the tractor when the trip that held the loaded scoop up released. He was caught and his chest crushed.

It was estimated that the accident occurred sometime after three Sunday afternoon although the body was not found until after nine that night. Sheriff Norman Fields and Coroner Alley investigated.

Kenneth Paul Walker was born in Wasco, October 20, 1913 and attended school there before going to the University of Oregon. During the war he was stationed in the Aleutians. On his return he was married to Oletius Neal in The Dalles and moved to his parent's farm south of Wasco which he had been farming survivors besides his widow are two daughters, Allison and Paula, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker of The Dalles, a sister, Mrs. Rosemary Powell of The Dalles.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in The Dalles with members of Taylor lodge A.F. & A.M., of which he was a member directing the services.

Susan Moberg Gets Place In Contest

Winner of a \$500 college scholarship, sponsored by Oregon Mutual Savings Bank, is Joanne Green of Gervais, a senior at Woodburn high school. Presentation of the scholarship award was made Wednesday by George F. Brice, Oregon Mutual president.

Susan Moberg of Astoria and Mary Bennette, McMinnville, are first and second alternates for the scholarship award. They received awards of \$25.00 each. A statewide essay competition on the subject, "Why mutual savings banks are called 'Banks of the People'" determined the winner of the scholarship.

Helen Watkins Wins Trap Shoot

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Watkins attended the A.T.A. Oregon state championship trapshooting meet held at Pendleton, May 19 to 21, inclusive. Helen Watkins won the 1950 ladies Oregon state championship and trophy with a score of 190 x 200. She also tied for "C" class win, one day of the meet by shooting 97 x 100. This ladies state title makes her eligible to enter the ladies "Champion of Champions" race which will be held at Vandalia, Ohio in August.

Lloyd (Brick) Smith Dies At 82

Word was received here Monday morning of the sudden passing of William Lloyd Smith, 82, of Dufur, who suffered a heart attack Sunday at his home.

Mr. Smith was born January 25, 1868, in Richland, Iowa. He was well known here by the older generation as he spent his boyhood days and youth in Sherman county. He later moved to Wasco county where he farmed for many years before retiring in Dufur.

Survivors are his widow, Emma J. Smith, one son, Kenneth, and one daughter, Mrs. James Ingels, all of Dufur; three brothers, Ross and Hubert of Riverside, Wn., and Arthur of The Dalles; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wells of Independence, Oregon; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Kingsley Catholic cemetery by Father Duignan.

Scouts Plan Big Time With Circus and Whizzeroo

Scouting skills will be demonstrated by 200 Boy Scouts from this district at a Whizzeroo at the high school football field in The Dalles at 8 p. m. (DST) Saturday, May 27, said Ralph Brice, The Dalles, general chairman for the event.

The boys will congregate from troops in Goldendale and Khektate, Wn., and Wasco, Maupin, Dufur, Grass Valley and The Dalles in Oregon. During the two hour outdoor show, they will demonstrate first aid, fire by friction, bridge construction, use of signal towers and other skills.

Authentic Indian dances will be put on by the Iroquois patrol of Portland.

Preceding the night program, a Cub Scout parade will be held on downtown streets of The Dalles beginning at 1 p. m., to be followed by a Cub and Scout Circus at the city park on Union street at 1:15.

Starting Friday night, May 26 a Camporee will be held at Sorosis park in The Dalles. The boys will camp out Friday and Saturday nights, and conclude their program Sunday. Camping skills will be judged.

Mayor Fred G. Mauser of The Dalles asked that citizens of the area give their support and encouragement to the scouting movement during the three day period.

Gordon Lemleys Lose Infant Son

Philip Charles, the four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley of Grass Valley, died Saturday. He apparently died in his sleep as he could not be awakened in the morning.

The parents met an ambulance from The Dalles and resuscitation was attempted but without avail.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 Monday at the Grass Valley cemetery with interment there. Members of the family are the baby's parents, a brother, Kenneth and a sister, Janice; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley of Grass Valley and Mrs. Edith Sayrs of Moro.

Wasco Clubwomen Go To Convention

Mrs. B. Estelle Halley and Mrs. Hildred Zell of Wasco left Tuesday for Chicago by train. They expect to fly from there to Boston, Mass., to attend the National Convention of Federated Women's clubs. Mrs. Zell is president and Mrs. Halley, corresponding secretary of the state federation. Mrs. Zell will return home following the convention at Boston and Mrs. Halley will go to New York City to meet Miss Mary Fortner of Kansas City. They will tour the east together sight-seeing for two or three weeks.

MORO HOLDS CLASS NIGHT

Class night will be held May 26 at 8 p. m. in the Moro gymnasium and will consist of the achievements and activities of the senior class. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday May 28 at Moro with Reverend Gearhart officiating. Commencement exercises will be held the 1st of June with Virgil S. Fogdall, Director of Mens' Affairs, from the University of Oregon as speaker. Reverend Fred Bayler, from Kent, will officiate at graduation.

MUSIC RECITAL GIVEN

Miss Vivian Trounce of Wasco held a musical recital for her 24 pupils of Arlington school Wednesday, at the Nazarene church in Arlington.

Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper of Portland was in Sherman county recently, having come in to vote and look after her interests here.

There will be Daily Vacation Bible school in the Wasco Methodist church, June 5 to 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin are traveling through the eastern states after picking up a new Cadillac in Michigan. They expect to return to Oregon around the first of July.

Election Surprises Absent; Road Levy Defeated

In addition to adding to the totals of most of the winners in the primary elections of last Friday Sherman county voters defeated the proposal for a special levy for road purposes and stopped an attempted write-in for a new candidate for sheriff. The road levy was defeated in rural precincts although it carried in both Wasco and Moro precincts. It also carried at Rufus. Voters otherwise were decisive in their refusal.

The proposed candidacy of John Belloni Sr. who hoped to obtain the Republican nomination for sheriff by the write-in method met defeat as Belloni obtained 56 votes to 138 for Sheriff Norman Fields on that ticket while Fields was nominated with 297 votes on his own ticket.

The county gave Senator Wayne Morse 242 to 131 for Deadwood Dave Hoover and 28 for McBride. It gave Howard Latourette 146 to 117 for Louis Wood.

Douglas McKay had 369 votes without opposition, Stockman had 329; Bowman, for the Democrats in the congressional race obtained 135, Bull 85 and Garcke 50. Democratic candidates for governor were led by Pearson (the only county in the state to be in that camp) with 111, Austin Flegel, the winner, had 81 and Lew Wallace 86.

Walter Tooze got 322 votes for supreme court justice winning from Robert McGuire who had 180 and Austin Dunn with 175. Tooze beat both in the state and will need no further election to win.

Precinct committeemen and women elected were, Republican: Rufus, Charles Tom, Minnie Morris; Monkland, C. O. Higley; Mrs. Howard Conlee; Klondike, Kenneth Walker, Marjorie Shull; Kent, Frank von Borstel, Floy von Borstel; Grass Valley, A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Clara Rolfe; Moro, Giles French, Dorothy Moore; Wasco, E. D. McKee, Mrs. B. Estelle Halley.

Democrats: Rufus, Herman Brackett, Mrs. Herman Brackett; Klondike, Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Walter Bruckert; Monkland, A. J. Bucholtz, Mrs. A. Douma; Kent, Art Justesen, Mrs. Geo. Wilson; Grass Valley, Tom Garrett, Mrs. Bertha Brinkert; Moro, John DeMoss, Mrs. Paul May; Wasco, Gordon Harper, Mrs. Virginia McIntyre.

There was a comparatively small number of voters at the polls and interest was low, there being no stirring issue to cause voters to make the trip.

Roy Harvey Elected Student President

Moro high school student body elections were held May 10. Roy Harvey was elected president. Roy was recently elected vice president of district 2 of the Oregon State Association of Student Councils. He is also very active in sports and dramatics. LeRoy Martin is the new vice-president and has been president of the sophomore class for the past year. Secretary will be Darlene Macheel who has been active in girls sports and carried the lead in the junior class play. Diane Christianson will serve as treasurer. She has been president of the GAA. Bud Kock was chosen sergeant at arms.

Marlene Ketter, Darlene Macheel and Dorothy Kelley will be the new cheer leaders for next year.

Les Edwards moved up from assistant editor of the Annual to editor's birth and Marlene Ketter was voted in as his assistant. Evelyn Kirkelle also moved into editors position of the school paper and Jim Robertson will be assistant editor.

TAX TURNOVER

Turnover of taxes for the quarter of the collection period gave to the taxing units an additional \$1457.58 in taxes and \$11.39 in interest. The largest of these is the rural school board which gets \$770.39. The county gets \$205.74, the general roads \$118.15, City of Wasco \$176.74 and school districts and other taxing units smaller sums, none large.