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These Things We Note

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In the pages of the Congressional Record where the often hidden some gems of argument not reported may be found a debate on expenses of Bonneville administration held early in May. Mr. Jensen of Iowa offered an amendment to the appropriation bill for Bonneville which would have reduced the travel expense from \$1,584,175 to a mere \$1,000,000 even. Mr. Jensen thought that was too much although for the present year it was \$1,346,024. Debate lasted approximately ten minutes and was ended with a vote of 43 for the amendment and 63 against.

If this be final disposition of the matter it does appear that a little item of \$564,175 was approved by less than a quarter of the members of the committee and also that Bonneville employees and officials do get around.

TTWN
Some philosopher has said that he had to talk to a graduating class he would tell them nothing unless he had to and then would warn them that his advice was a generation old. That's probably a fairly good attitude because his advice would probably not be taken anyway. However, there are permanent things that have not changed.

TTWN
There is no doubt about the effects of erosion in this county. One can see where the plows dig up sub-soil on the ridges and hill tops where top soil is thin and so-called alkali spots are getting more numerous.

TTWN
This is a great time for the young folks. School ends for the year, the wheat league stock show is on and 4-H summer school will begin soon. It used to be that the summer was a time for play and winter for school. There seems to be some reversal of former conditions.

TTWN
A columnist urging the erection of a memorial for those killed in the world wars in which we have engaged suggests that it be an athletic pavilion for sports and general meetings. No doubt it is meant well, but why use a patriotic motive for a selfish purpose? If a sports arena is a worthy and justified enterprise, let it stand on its own feet.

TTWN
Crowds gather in the cemeteries Memorial day and potter briefly or extensively around the graves of those who have preceded them. They visit and talk in low tones of respect. They stroll about and read the inscriptions on stones where the mighty or the meek of another day lie buried and they comment on the ease or difficulty of those lives.

TTWN
For some go through their whole earthly existence with hardly a tear and others are beset by a thousand oppositions. The tearless ones may achieve that distinction by never challenging life and he or she with the oppositions may rise above them and become great (locally or otherwise) or give up and be buffeted into a shapeless spiritual mass.

TTWN
We wonder how difficult it would be for a municipality as well as a family to exist on an "inadequate budget."

TTWN
Around an abandoned store building was discovered an odd pair of pliers, one face of which was a hole and the other was a knob. Use: To stretch a place for a corn in a pair of shoes. My word, how times change. People used to wear tight shoes and loose pants. Now it's the reverse.

TTWN
The new officers of the Sherman County club will be able to do as much as the people of the county help them do. The club can provide the leadership but it will take the members to do the work.

Rufus Graduates Five Seniors

Commencement at Rufus was held Friday, May 26. The class motto was, "We Have Committed the Golden Rule to Memory; Let Us Now Commit It To Life." The class flower was a rose, and the class colors were green and white.

There were five high school graduates who were Darlene Smith, Dorothy Blackburne, Jessie Rice, Richard Peck, and Carole Smith. Graduating at the same time were three eighth graders who were Paul Blackburn, George Fox Jr. and Vaneta Peck.

The program began with the procession played by Miss Vivian Trowce; the invocation by Rev. Roberts; Dick Francis sang "Roses of Picardy", accompanied by Miss Lloyd; Dick Peck gave the welcome; Carole Smith the class motto; Jessie Rice gave the salutatorian address; Dorothy Blackburne and Darlene Smith both gave the valedictorian address; Cecelia Belloni and Donna Wilson sang "The Bells of St. Mary's".

Dr. Harry Dillin, president of Linfield college gave the address, and talked on foreign affairs. Dr. Dillin just returned from a 25,000 mile trip covering half the world, and had many things to tell. Joe Morris who is chairman of the school board presented the diplomas. Dick Francis sang, "When You Were Sweet Sixteen" accompanied by Miss Lloyd; Mrs. Brady, principal of Rufus presented the awards; Rev. Roberts gave the benediction and Miss Trowce played the recessional march.

Farmers Talk About Rainmaking and Vote Aid To Experiment On 1950 Rodeo

A group of thirty farmers met at the court house Monday night to hear about an experiment in rain making or hail control that has been going on in the Medford area for a couple of years. Purpose of the meeting was to inform farmers of what is being tried in rain making experimentation and how it may be handled, partly to prevent misrepresentation on the part of promoters.

A preliminary meeting had been held in Arlington. It was there suggested that farmers of the three counties, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow form an organization to raise \$3000 and form a board of directors to aid experiments in seeding clouds for hail prevention and rain precipitation.

No certain way of raising the money was found although it was suggested that an equitable way of getting \$1000 for Sherman county's share would be through the co-ops on a bushelage basis.

Chosen to represent the county were George Wilson of Kent, Vernon Miller of Moro and Kenneth Blau of Wasco.

County Agent Tommy Thompson said that the college was interested solely for the purpose of aiding and obtaining information from experiments in this area. Success seems assured in Medford where planes are credited with preventing hail last year and bringing additional snow during the winter.

Fair Board-Mack County Court Claims Compiled Barbours Agree On 1950 Rodeo

The county fair board started to arrange the program for the 1950 fair at a meeting held Monday night at the court house. Mack Barbour and the board members reached an agreement on rodeo events and price after a session that lasted until midnight.

Under the agreement, which will be resolved to formal contract Barbour will put on a five event rodeo at the Sherman County fair Saturday and Sunday, furnish and pay all the performers including, judges, pick-up men, announcer, clerks, etc., and provide 10 Brahma bulls, 15 saddle broncs, 15 bareback broncs, 20 roping calves and 15 bulldogging steers for each day's show. The board will pay \$2700 for the total cost.

In addition to the rodeo program, which would be nearly a two hour performance in itself, the fair board will provide for four races Saturday and five Sunday without including the final event, the chariot race.

Whether there will be incidental acts depends on circumstances but the program will require over three hours without additional acts.

Total cost of the show will probably be more than the receipts of the fair board. It will be necessary for citizens to attend and aid the fair or it cannot be continued with the superior kind of programs that have been shown for several years.

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 3rd AND 12th MEETINGS OF COUNTY COURT

MAY 3, TERM

Claims against all funds allowed as presented - excepting one claim against County General Fund.

Monthly financial report of County Treasurer showing all fund balances as of April 30, presented and filed.

Monthly statement of County Clerk showing all budget balances in General Road Fund as of April 30, presented and filed.

Grass Valley grade school students visit Court.

Delegation appears before Court Re: additional work desired to be done on Cottonwood road No. 206; arrangement made for joint meeting of Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco County Courts to be held 12.

County Coroner appears before Court re: matters incidental to Coroner's office.

In re: request for culvert tributary to Cardinal ranch near Klondike referred to foreman.

Re: proposed improvement to approach from Scott Canyon road to Highway No. 30 approved.

Astrid Tuggle appointed clerk of Wasco Election board, precinct No. 11, due to illness of one clerk.

Application for rental of certain county road equipment rejected.

Action on collection of certain delinquent personal property taxes held in suspense.

In re: adoption of daylight saving time; matter deferred.

Sheriff authorized to attend meeting at Klamath Falls re: matters pertaining to marks and brands laws.

Re: requested stock underpass tributary to C. W. Kenny ranch; matter referred to road foreman.

E. C. Eaton of Rufus appointed as weed control supervisor, and county advisory committee appointed to work in coordination with supervisor and county extension agent. County agent appointed Secretary for weed control program meetings.

Petitions of J. J. Decker et al and Kenneth Sather et al for closure of a portion of road No. 1262 approved and matter referred to road foreman for inspection and report.

Action on purchase of pickup truck to be utilized in weed control program held over until special meeting of May 12, pending the quotation of prices from dealers.

Fixing of date for preparation of budget deferred until special meeting of May 12.

No further matters being at issue, adjournment ensued.

May 12 Special Meeting
Joint meeting of County Courts of Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties held in Moro in re: desired additional appropriation by State for additional work to be done on Cottonwood road No. 206, and for more rapid progress toward completion.

Resolution adopted for presentation to State Highway Commission incidental thereto.

Pickup truck for use in weed control program purchased from J. K. McKean Co.

Date of June 8 fixed for meeting for budget preparation. No further matters pending, court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1950 AP-PROVED MAY 3, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:
SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Elsie Jones, P.M. \$5.00; Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$11.80; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$0.45; Mahoney Office Equipment & Printing Co. \$5.28

CLERK'S OFFICE:
The Flax Co., \$3.50; Elsie Jones, P.M. \$12.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE:
Elsie Jones, P.M., \$10.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$94.56; Burroughs' Adding Machine Co., \$0.45; Marie Hoskinson, \$10.00; Elsie Jones, P.M., \$12.00

COUNTY COURT:
Vernon I. Miller \$17.60; Lester Wilson, \$24.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$12.75

City of Moro, \$1.85; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$27.95; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$43.00

DEMOSSE PARK
Don DeMoss, \$9.90; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95

EMERGENCY:
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$2.55; Paul Cyphers, \$1.52

ELECTIONS:
Bushong, \$117.00 West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$136.80; Sherman County Journal \$55.10

COUNTY JAIL:
Moro Coffee Shop, \$15.80

PREMIUM, OFFICER'S BOND:
\$5.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$14.50
BUREAU, BIOLOGICAL SURVEY: \$800.00
GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$50
COUNTY PRINTING: \$11.40
RETIREMENT: \$64.89

MISCELLANEOUS:
State Industrial Accident Commission, \$11.56; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.32; Public Employees Retirement System, \$163.21; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND:
WAGES:
Frank Bazzel, \$321.53; E. McPherson, \$235.12; Earl Rehr, \$218.00; H. A. Shields, \$244.02; Frank E. Bayer, \$248.43; George DeMoss, \$270.67; Joe Drinkard, \$297.30; Jason Glenn, \$253.88; First National Bank, \$115.80; State Tax Commission, \$23.36; Public Employees Retirement System, \$106.74

REPAIRS:
Sunset Motor Co., \$83.34; J. K. McKean Co., \$44.55; Smith Auto Parts, \$36.70; Service Motor Co., \$23.16; Motor Supply & Equipment Co., \$6.40; C. H. Urness Motors, \$7.00; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$56.41; Howard Cooper Corp., \$62.53; Contractors Equipment Corp. \$129.00; Eldins Motor Co. \$6.95; Wasco Motor Co., \$10.71; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac, \$47.63; Welk Welding & Repairs, \$27.00

GAS & OIL:
Pike's Garage, \$1.50; Union Oil Co., \$360.71; McKean & Son, \$1.50

TIRES & TUBES:
Walther-Williams Co., \$18.25

MISCELLANEOUS:
State Industrial Accident Commission, \$95.58; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, \$7.75; City of Moro \$1.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.55; Jay McKay, \$112.00

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:
J. W. Linn Lumber Co., \$207.00

RETIREMENT: \$70.45

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND:
BRIDGES & CULVERTS:
Armco Drainage & Metal Products Co., \$1535.20

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WILL PICNIC SUNDAY

The Sherman County Historical picnic will be held at DeMoss Springs Sunday beginning at noon or before when the crowd gathers. First event of the day other than registration and visiting is a pot-luck lunch which is a universally attractive feature.

The program will include music from all parts of the county. The well liked Rufus quartet will sing, Tom Fraser will sing a solo and Jimmy Roberson will play the piano. Orville and Juanita Ruggles of Grass Valley will sing.

Reports of the committees will be given with Harry Pinkerton talking about the betterment program. Some discussion of the marker project is expected.

Speaker will be Ralph Shane, road engineer of the Warm Springs Indian reservation, who has completed a history of the reservation and is acquainted with early explorations in this area. He will bring his maps showing development of this part of Oregon.

Everyone, young and old, is invited to come to the picnic and see the displays of historical material that tell of early days.

COUNTY CLUB TO MEET
The next meeting of the Sherman County club will be held at the Moro Hotel Wednesday, June 7, says Bill Hall, president. Main business of the meeting will be election of officers for the club year which will begin in September.

At the last meeting the nominating committee reported and recommended the election of L. E. (Pat) Kaseberg for president, Ernest Woods for vice-president, Tommy Thompson for secretary and A. A. Dunlap, Vernon Miller and Kenneth Fridley as directors.

26 Club Children To Exhibit At Fat Stock Show

Twenty-six Sherman County 4-H Livestock club members will exhibit fifty-two head of fat stock at the Oregon Wheat Growers league fat stock show and sale June 5-7 at The Dalles. Livestock club members from all parts of the county will show and sell 35 head of steers, 16 head of sheep and one hog. Boys and girls will compete in the showmanship contests on Tuesday afternoon with the judging of fat stock to follow with completion Wednesday morning. The auction sale will be held at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday, June 7.

Boys and girls exhibiting stock at the fourth annual show and sale are as follows: Busy Beefers club of Moro led by W. T. Balsiger—Donald Miller, Roger Miller, Louis Miller, Sharon Coons, Gary Miller, Arnold Miller, Diane Christianson, Edwin Balsiger and Joan Ross; Oregon Trail Beef club led by Elton Medler—Sally Fields and Bill Coats; Gordon Ridge Beef club with L. E. Kaseberg as leader—Lee Kaseberg, Donald McIntyre, Douglas Alley, Larry Kaseberg, Bud Root and Bill Root; Moro Sheep and Pig club led by A. B. Christianson—Jean Ross, Susan Woods, Sherry Woods, Tonal Miller, Joan Ross and Diane Christianson. Individual beef club projects—Leroy Martin, Elaine Brinkert, Franklin McKay, Gordon Helyer and Arthur Decker.

Chester Smith Dies At Age of 67

Chester W. Smith, 67, who had been a resident of Sherman county for 46 years died in The Dalles Sunday evening at a local hospital.

Mr. Smith had been in an accident two weeks before when his car was demolished and hit by a truck at the east end of the Biggs bridge on the Columbia highway. He had been in the hospital since that time.

Chester Smith was born at Turner, Oregon, January 28, 1883 and lived there until he was 21 when he came to Sherman county with his parents and family. He was married to Mary Edna McClain whom he met at Grass Valley. They had one daughter, Mrs. John K. Wilson of Portland. Both survive.

Other survivors are two brothers, Arthur O. Wasco and Lester of Goldendale and a sister, Mrs. Lydia Darby of Wasco.

Funeral services were held at Callaways in The Dalles Thursday afternoon with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.

Mr. Smith was a farmer all of his active life. He retired last fall and moved to The Dalles. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Four Sherman County Boys Finish OSC In Largest Class

John Ormand Hilderbrand, Wasco; Clarence Linden Mersinger, Moro; James Delbert Ziegler and Robert George Ziegler, Grass Valley; are among the 1982 seniors and graduate students to receive degrees at the eighty-first annual commencement June 5 at OSC, Corvallis, Saturday, June 3. is alumni day while the baccalaureate will be held Sunday, June 4, with Dr. D. V. Poling, famous eastern minister and author.

Robert Ziegler completed work for his master of science degree in education with a minor in chemistry.

Hilderbrand will receive a bachelor of science degree in agriculture, Mersinger and Robert Ziegler in business and technology.

This is the largest single class in higher education ever to be graduated in this state, and it may hold the record for some years, officials say. Despite the size, the entire graduation ceremony will be held in the new college coliseum, where relatives of all those receiving degrees will have reserved sections.

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

About fifty attended the Sherman county Pomona grange dinner at Rufus grange hall Saturday noon. The table and room was decorated with plants and spring flowers.

After the dinner Walt Bruckert, master, called the meeting to order. The members serving the different offices were besides the master, Ross Gullford as overseer, Sadie Rich as lecturer, Eugene Eaton as steward, Atlee Wilson as assistant steward, Mrs. Sam Brock as chaplain, Mrs. Walt Bruckert as secretary, Mr. Bob Belshe as gatekeeper, Mrs. Clarence Higley as Ceries, Mrs. Louis Sather as Pomona, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers as Flora, Mrs. Allee Wilson as lady assistant steward, Louis Sather and Wm. Huck on the executive committee, and Mrs. Sadie Rich as Home Economics club chairman.

Eugene C. Eaton the new weed control officer, reported the law has been in since 1940 on the eradication of weeds, but hasn't been enforced to date.

The most obnoxious weeds are white top, morning glory and rag weed, also Russian knap weed. Mrs. Sadie Rich spoke on the Cattlemen's Association convention which she attended, and explained the many different programs they are working on. Sherman county is the only county that isn't organized in livestock raising. Mrs. Rich who holds an office in the association has the honor of getting the most new members since January first, and received a Parker 51 pen as a prize for her work.

Mrs. Atlee Wilson gave a report on the condition of Rufus grange, and Walt Bruckert gave the Harlandview report. Mrs. Sadie Rich reported on the district Home Economics meeting held at Bend last March for the Pomona granges.

Louis Sather was elected as an alternate to attend state grange which will be held in June at Ontario. Mrs. Clarence Higley Juvenile grange matron thanked the children for saying their pieces in the declamatory contest, and said she enjoyed her work. E. C. Eaton reported the Rufus P.T.A. is sponsoring the 4-H club for boys and they have set out ten trees of four different varieties on the Rufus grange grounds.

Bill Huck, Bob Belshe and Atlee Wilson were put on the finance committee.

The Sherman county Pomona grange is planning on a picnic at DeMoss Springs the last Sunday in June. The Home Economics chairman is to arrange the picnic.

Howard Hazlett said the fifth degree work will be put on at Harland McDonald.

Chenoweth grange November 5. Mel Olmstead said more subordinate grange members should belong to Pomona to keep it alive. Mrs. Howard Hazlett told Rufus they have a nice hall, and thought Pomona should have a degree team. Mrs. Olmstead said grange was friendly and a good organization to belong to. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hazlett and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Olmstead are from The Dalles and members of Chenoweth grange, and both visited the Sherman county Pomona grange Saturday. Mrs. Miles Barager from Stanfield said their Pomona grange is very active.

Mrs. Trace Fields, lecturer of Pomona grange presented the following program: The group sang, "Smile, Smile, Smile", a playlet, "Mothers Kingdom" in which Mrs. Harland McDonald was the mother, Mrs. Andy Engberg the 20-year old daughter, and Mrs. William Huck the 12-year old daughter.

Mrs. Melvin Brady, principal of Rufus school was the judge to determine the winners in the speaking contest held by the Harlandview grange old class. Sharon Belshe came out first, saying, "Black Sateen Bloomers", Wilma Gentry was second with "The Happy Tomboy", and Mavis Miller third with "Putting One Over On Mother". In the 10 to 14 year old class two boys tied for first place, they were, Louis Miller, saying, "Billy's Gym Class" and Jimmy Belshe "A Negro Boy Goes Fishing".

Tommy Higley came out third saying, "Mothers Almanac". The winners of these groups will receive a ten dollar scholarship to pay their expenses to state grange where they will compete with children from Oregon. The program ended with all singing, "The Church in the Wildwood", accompanied by Mrs. Bob Belshe who also played the marches and other music.

There was a reminder that the Sherman County Historical Society will have a picnic at DeMoss Springs next Sunday, June 4.

The Baccalaureate was held at Rufus school Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ernie Engles played the processional; Mr. Wycliffe Rice gave the invocation; Rev. Roberts the scripture reading and sermon ending with the benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams of Colton came up especially for commencement Friday night. Mr. Williams is the former principal of Rufus school. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe returned home Saturday evening from Seattle where she spent several weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mathews and family. Mrs. Mathews came home with her mother to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Boyce and family of Portland came Memorial day to visit his sister, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelly and family motored to Warm Springs Memorial day where they met Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and family from Kent and spent the day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelder and son, Wendell spent Memorial day in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and family of Spokane, Wn., spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett.

Mrs. Ted Trimble and her mother, Mrs. Lewis Olds left Friday for Warm Springs where they will spend a couple of weeks.

Among those from Grass Valley in The Dalles Saturday for Boy Scout day were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan and sons, Dewayne and Harold, Danny Duncan, Mrs. Art Schilling and son, Donald, Herman Peters and son, Arden, Rodney Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall and son, Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and Mrs. John Rust were in The Dalles Thursday to attend the funeral of Howard Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust spent Thursday evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison.

Mrs. Alice Smith and Geraldine Rust were in The Dalles Wednesday evening to attend eighth grade graduation exercises at St. Mary's academy. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Judy, was a member of the graduating class. Judy came home with her mother to spend the summer.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. W. B. Mathews and Bob Rolfe went to Antelope Sunday to spend the day with the former's daughter, Mrs. Charles Baker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, and Gene Eakin, took Mrs. Paul Herzberg and Mrs. Jennie Martin of Moro to The Dalles where they took the train for Portland to spend Memorial day. Deanna accompanied them and will sh at Bunvettl them to visit an aunt and attend the ice follies.

Mrs. James Easter and son, Larry, took her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riggins to The Dalles Wednesday where they returned to their home in Portland after spending several days here with them.