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These Things We Note

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It is not appropriate that a father should remark on the day set aside by enterprising necktie salesmen for his benefit, nor make statements regarding the cost thereof. Father's day is a pleasant notion, intended, aside from the commercial aspects thereof, to pay respect for the so-called head of the family. We are sure that in most cases the sergeant who was officer for a day behaved in a manner that did not bring down the ire of the real family ruler. He was appreciative of the kiss on his bald spot, the decorated necktie, and the cake he knew he shouldn't eat. Fathers, by the time they have become available for family celebrations, should know how to accept attention for a day.

TTWN

Cattle over the beef counties of Oregon look fine this spring and fears that the cold weather might have hampered the growth of grass were useless.

TTWN

This is the time of year when Americans in great droves pack up their old clothes, their credit cards, their year's savings, their children and with the family auto keyed to a high speed take off across the continent to see how many miles they can drive in a day.

There's lots to see in America, even in Oregon which is but one state, Oregon is perhaps as diversified as to scenery as any state and the traveler can find mountains, seacoast, range land, wheat fields, row crops, irrigated lands, forests and cities all in a day's travel. Oregon pays little attention to all this moving population. Its inhabitants sell few colored post cards, erect few cabins, have few entertainment places designed to snare the vagrant dollar. We take 'em in stride and are much given to commercializing on them.

TTWN

It seems odd that a nation can produce so much and still work but a few hours per week. Would it be possible to pay off the national debt if we put in 40 hours per week instead of the 35 or so that is average for many workers.

Debts don't worry us—that is except for the elders who were trained to pay debts—and unless the banker begins to press for payment we may be paying interest for years.

TTWN

This column can't help but feel sorry for those who have to go to the government for their living. This doesn't only include those who work for the government; it takes in the groups that must rely on some government bureau for their rate structure, and may take in the farmers. Sometimes they have asked for the protection (years ago) but it always pinches in the long run.

TTWN

A fine degree of citizenship was demonstrated at the school meeting in Moro Monday night when representatives from Moro, Wasco, Kent and Grass Valley talked over their common problems and arrived at a decision without bitterness, heated argument or rancor. School meetings in which no one raises his voice or waves his arms are few. That is if there are real problems to decide, which there were.

TTWN

If those bakers stay out until the lady of the house learns to bake real bread the strike will be lost. We'll bet there's some happy husbands and children over it already.

TTWN

Doctors are getting pretty good at taking the good working parts of human anatomy and using them in a different chassis. It may get to be quite a business and we can all get funeral expenses out of our spare parts when the end of coordinated operation comes. The insurance companies will probably chisel in and demand their share, however.

Sixteen Scouts Leave On Trip To Valley Forge; Washington

Fifteen Sherman county Boy Scouts left Tuesday evening from Vancouver, Washington on a scout trip that will take them across the continent to visit historical shrines. They will be gone for about a month.

Making the trip are Edwin Balsiger, Bobbie Martin, Jimmy Roberson, Roger Miller, Arden Peters, Rodney Rolfe, Ross Norton, Donald Schilling, Bill Root, Larry Kaseberg, Douglas Alley, Bud Root, LeRoy Stultz, Donald McIntyre and Bob Howell. Floyd Root of Wasco will accompany the boys as will captain A. Leppalutto of The Dalles. Four hundred Oregon boys will be on the tour.

They will visit Washington, D. C., see congress in action, spend some time at Valley Forge, see historical places, big cities and be informed by informed guides what they see.

New Officers Elected By School Districts

Election of new school board members and also directors for the non-high board and the rural school board was done by electors in the county Monday. Nothing startling came from the elections.

Chosen at Kent to the school board was Robert Tatum, at Grass Valley Art Schilling was re-elected, at Moro Paul Fraser, at Wasco Tad McCoy and at Rufus Frank Smith. For Emigrant Kenneth Fridley was named to succeed himself and Bill Macnab was given the three year term at Biglow.

For non-high directors W. H. Barnett was elected at Grass Valley and Roland Johnson at Biglow. They will sit with Wallace May of Grass Valley, Kenneth Fridley of Emigrant and Bernard Martin of Grass Valley. Rural school board members chosen were Donald MacInnes of Kent, Lester Barnum of Grass Valley and Floyd Root of Wasco. Other members are Charles Burnett of Moro and George Fox of Rufus.

More Milch Cows In Oregon Fields

Oregon's dairy cow numbers are on the way back.

After dropping from a high of 290,000 in 1943 to a low of 238,000 last year, the state's cow population is climbing again, states Roger W. Morse, OSC, extension dairy specialist, who adds that June is national dairy month. Dairy animal numbers two years of age or older on January 1 this year were 240,000.

Last year, farm sales of dairy products brought Oregon dairymen \$55,357,000, or about 15 percent of the state's total farm income. The figure does not include value of dairy animals sold for slaughter.

One or more cows is being milked on approximately 48,000 of the state's total of 63,000 farms. The largest number of cows—about 70,000—are in herds ranging in size from three to nine animals, indicating dairying is still a family-sized farm operation.

Mobergs Doing Well In School Work

Miss Vivian Trounce has received a letter from Susan Moberg of Astoria telling some of the news of the one-time Moro residents, the Mobergs. Susan graduated from high school as valedictorian and received a TSA scholarship which will pay her tuition at Monmouth this fall. She won second in an essay contest which brought her \$25. Mr. Moberg is teaching at Warrenton, having left the ministry for the schoolroom. Kathryn went to Monmouth and James to Linfield and both made the honor roll for the year. Billy is singing in a choir and the little ones are growing up. Joan having finished the eighth grade.

Visitors See County's Stock On Annual Tour

The annual livestock tour organized by Bob Teale and Sherm Guttridge of the Western Livestock Journal made its stops in Sherman county Saturday visiting three beef herds. The party traveled by car this year and, this being the first day of the trip, the number was smaller than before. California and Washington stockmen swelled the Oregon group to make a cavalcade of some 20 cars.

At the Fred Cox ranch the group looked over the herd bulls and some heifers of Lloyd Henrichs who is starting in the purebred beef business and later had an opportunity to inspect the well fed heifers that Fred and son kept at the home place. Afterwards the party drove to the Cox pasture where some 25 cows and calves were penned for inspection.

At the Harold Eakin ranch the crowd saw his new herd bull recently obtained from North Dakota and were generally pleased with him. Harold left that night for the Patterson dispersal sale in North Dakota to bring home some more animals. The new bull is of Thornton breeding.

At the Ralph Eakin farm the Mountcrest bull that attracted attention last year was shown again along with the cow herd and some young bulls and heifers.

The party spent the night at Maryhill and Sunday went on to Gilliam and Morrow counties to look at beef animals there.

Red Cross Meeting To Discuss Swim Program; Elect

The annual meeting of the Sherman county chapter American Red Cross will be held at the court house the first Monday in July which is the 3rd, says Mrs. Paul May, retiring chairman.

It will be necessary to elect a new slate of officers and those who are interested in the swimming program for the summer should be sure to attend because, although the money is available for the project plans are not completed. Mrs. Orlov Martin is secretary and Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson, treasurer.

BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING

The program of the vacation Bible school held for the past two weeks at the Moro Community church will be held Friday night at the church at 8 o'clock DST. During the continuance of the school about 50 children have attended and many of them will appear in the program. The public is invited.

UP PAYS \$38,829

The Union Pacific railroad company in the year 1949 had a payroll of \$17,647,739 in the state of Oregon alone, according to a statement released today by Rex D. Miles, acting local agent for the company.

Taxes paid by the company in Sherman county for 1949 amounted to \$38,829.73. Taxes paid in the entire state of Oregon totalled \$1,556,481, declared Miles.

Wheat Crop May Exceed Average If July Favorable

June rains of double the strength of the average have increased crop prospects in Sherman county. Average at the station is .70 inch and this year the fall was 1.42.

Rainfall was very spotted this year and some farms have not been wet very much while others are soaked. The Friday night rain that hailed out some fields southwest of Grass Valley missed several places in the line of the storm. Both Grass Valley and Kent had hard rains and Moro had none although there was a good rain at the Landry farm west of town.

A heavy rain fell in the Kaseberg country, although the rain in Wasco was not heavy. Estimates of the size of the crop are in season. The AAA office says that there are approximately 124,000 acres in grain this year and indications are that the average crop will be larger per acre than the normal which is now 20 bushels. If no further losses from hail ensue between now and harvest the county should produce 2,750,000 bushels of wheat or the equivalent thereof in other grains.

This will be slightly above the average crop for the county. The loan rate on wheat has not been set by the government but it is expected that it will be similar to that of last year or approximately \$2.00 per bushel.

Weather for the week has had numerous changes, from warm on Sunday to actually cold on Thursday. But no native complains very much: it's good for the wheat.

Two Crops Damaged By Hail In Storm Last Friday

Damage to wheat by hail was suffered last Friday night southwest of Grass Valley when a storm came up from the Deschutes and followed the ridge to the Manke farm and across that to the land farmed by Norris Gilkison. Damage was estimated at 30 percent by the Manke brothers and at least that percentage by Gilkison. The rain that followed the hail was so hard that deep ditches were washed in the summerfall and even spring grain may be damaged. Total loss cannot be computed until adjusters have made their report, but early hail damage is often greater than at first appears.

Both Mankes and Gilkison were in the hail belt in 1947 and were almost completely wiped out.

County Bond Quota Unfilled So Far

Sherman county's quota in the bond drive that is going on in the state and nation is only \$10,500 of which 58% has been sold at the last accounting period.

For some time this county was in an unaccustomed place at the very foot of the list of counties. It is usually at the top, a place now occupied by Gilliam county which has 128% of its assigned quota of \$22,000.

Sherman countians who have the surplus funds with which to buy bonds can put the county in the lead by buying such bonds before the first of the month.

Fishermen May Get Keys On Application

Members of the Sherman County Red & Gun club who wish to continue their membership for the current fishing season may send in their dues to B. H. Roberson or T. Lester Johnson or see them and pay the dues.

No change was made in any regulations at the announced meeting of Wednesday night. The road is in good condition, it is said, and a new lock is on the gate. Keys will be given to those paying their dues.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and son, Dean, spent Sunday in Portland visiting her mother, Mrs. S. L. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles left Sunday for Ione to spend a few days visiting their daughter Mrs. Earl McKinney and family.

Miss Lois Coats arrived home Sunday from Greeley, Colorado where she attended school last year. Miss Coats received her degree in education, and will teach this fall near Portland. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coon back to The Dalles Friday, after spending a week here with them.

Mrs. Archie Cantrall was in The Dalles Friday on business, she brought her mother, Mrs. Leo Everett back with her for a visit.

Mrs. Harold Stevens and son Bobby and Mrs. Curly DeMoss and children were in Eugene to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gemmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger attended the meeting of grain growers in Portland last week and were also in Portland again Tuesday to send their son to the eastern trip with the other boy scouts.

Mrs. E. A. Gemmel, who is 89 years old, was here from Salem last week to visit her grand daughter, Mrs. Curly DeMoss.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell returned this week from Portland where she had been attending the Grand lodge of the Eastern Star. Mrs. E. Amidon was also a delegate to the convention.

Wilbur Platt is here again to spend the summer at DeMoss with his aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French were in Portland Tuesday where he attended some of the sessions of the Institute of International Relations at which several widely traveled men spoke on foreign affairs.

School Meeting Decides Question Of Preference

Over a hundred patrons of the Moro school from all over the county met Monday night and took part in a discussion of policy for the board of the Moro district. The board had asked patrons to attend because of the report made by Willard Baer, an inspector for the state department of education which had found the Moro high school deficient on five counts. Advice of the parents was requested.

The school was found "non standard" because of the program of studies, the school plant, furniture and equipment, library, and marks and records and reports. It was pointed out that three of these are matters to be adjusted by the superintendent. This may require a longer school day because of the necessity for periods of an hour instead of 45 minutes.

The board will have to make arrangements to build or otherwise provide at least one more classroom for the high school and to obtain more science equipment.

Questions specifically voted on were: whether to restrict the use of the Moro school to District 17 alone, which found little favor; whether there should be a high school for south Sherman county alone which had a few votes; whether to circulate petitions for an election for a county high school district which carried by a large vote. It was later put into a formal resolution on motion, by Wallace May of Grass Valley.

The state department must have assurance of some action taken by August 15 according to its letter. Discussion was around the report, whether to increase the length of periods, whether to separate grade and high school busses, and about union high and county high districts. A school large enough for the entire county would cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 it was said by those who had been inspecting new buildings.

Lloyd Henrichs, board chairman, presided, explained the problem, and kept the meeting rolling.

Balanced Plan Must Hurry For Place

Twenty five county "Balanced Plan" committees are racing the June 30 deadline for legislative reapportionment petitions, it was announced in Salem this week. A spokesman for the non-partisan committee for Balanced Reapportionment said that petitions are coming in but it will be a tough battle to get 30,000 signatures in time. Organization of committees in the remaining counties is being rushed to completion.

SERIOUS THREAT

State Senator Philip Hitchcock, "Balanced Plan" committee said, "The people of Oregon are beginning to wake up to the fact that if the 'Population Plan' goes through, voters in a large part of the state will be disfranchised. The 'Balanced Plan' is designed to prevent domination of the state by one population center and give the voter a voice everywhere in Oregon."

Justeson-Christianson Wedding In Nevada

Miss Evelyn Christianson and Arthur Justesen were married in Nevada last Friday according to word sent to her mother, Mrs. R. C. Byers here.

Their marriage had been expected but the details of it have not been sent by the couple who are on a trip in California and Nevada. Both are Sherman countians for most of their lives and well known. They will live on the Walton farm east of Kent which the groom owns.

CLUB MEETS JUNE 23

The announced meeting of the Sherman County club will be held next week, June 28, says Bill Hall, president. Election of officers will be done at that time and a speaker may be obtained.