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## These Things We Note

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This is the time of year when there are lots of recipes for cooking over open fires, in outside fireplaces and over coals. Civilization must become a bore when the days are warm and the evenings pleasant because a lot of folks return to primitive ways whenever the opportunity arises.

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Is it possible that all the ballyhoo is wrong about the peace petitions? Should we have signed them unthinkingly? Now Russia can help her propaganda machine by telling Indians, Chinese and other Asians that the United States isn't in favor of peace. We don't know. But the men who have been directing our thinking about foreign matters have been wrong so long and so fully that a little doubting about their advice seems proper.

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Newspapers are finding out about the man who began designing clothes for short women. Smart guy. He finally noticed that women are more often short and (is thick a suitable word?) instead of long and thin and that dresses made short and thick fit better than when made for the longer type. Anyway the bulges came in different places. The only trouble is that women still want to be long and thin and are going to buy that kind of dresses anyway.

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A travel bureau says that one can rent a castle for \$40 per week in Australia or can stay in a comfortable hotel room for \$2.00 per day including meals. Sounds OK. Why doesn't some one start something like that here. It would be popular.

It does a candidate little good to run out of character. He's got to be himself. A spender can't tell people that he will be economical, because the people know he will not. A conservative has trouble making people believe he is a radical and the reverse. In fact the voters are smarter than the candidates in most instances.

So Joe Dunne is going to run for governor. Well, a man of his build can't run for much of anything else.

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The new princess of England will not have much of a choice when she gets ready to marry, the drop in the kingly population being what it is. She can marry beneath her station. About half of the people do and the other half thinks they did.

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"For heathen heart that puts her trust In reeking tube and iron shard— All valiant dust that builds on dust, And guarding, call not Thee to guard— For frantic boast and foolish word, Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord." (Last verse of Recessional) —R. Kipling

TTWN

A woman in California would like to have a picture of the Sherman county court house and none are available where they might be sold. She writes that she is making a collection of pictures of court houses which seems as sensible as saving stamps or match books.

Oregon has some distinctive looking court houses and we admit a preference for the one made of rough stone. The one at Heppner is impressive being on the hillside. Baker and Wal-lowa counties' have stone court houses also.

After reading how some citizens of the south are intimidated by the more rabid southern whites, and how some are afraid of the possible retribution of government officials, and how some persons obtain special consideration from the few dishonest who are in power, and how too few consider the moral code unless profitable, it seems that Americans could use stiffer backs and more ammunition right here

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields were hosts to the members and friends of the Church of Christ of Wasco at their new home east of Rufus after church services Sunday. The pot luck dinner in the afternoon was served from a long table in the basement. Purple phlox flowers were used for a centerpiece. The occasion was in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Claude F. Stephens who are moving from Wasco soon. A lovely bridge lamp was presented to the Stephens as a farewell gift in appreciation of their kind efforts during the several years they were here. The afternoon was spent visiting and looking over the Fields lovely new home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Gilder, and sons, Miss Barbara Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rich and son, Errol and daughter, Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hill and son, Gary Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Hill, Mrs. Bertha Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and son Don and daughter Judy, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Striker, Mrs. Mattie Van Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid, Joe S. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins stayed at the Fields and spent the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson of Salem returned home from a months trip in the east, stopped overnight Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields. A large umbrella covered with white and blue crepe was set at one end of a lace covered table, and under the umbrella sat Miss Carole Smith, at her bridal shower last Thursday afternoon. The shower was given for Miss Smith by Mrs. William Huck and was at the Rufus grange hall. Mrs. Harland McDonald took charge of the program which began with Dorothy Blackburne playing a piano solo. Mrs. McDonald gave a reading; a flower quiz game followed with Mrs. Sam Brock receiving a prize for the highest score. Miss Cecilia Belloni and Miss Vaneta Peck sang "Always" accompanied by Dorothy Blackburne on the piano; there was a game where each guest was given a straight clothes pin, ribbon, crepe paper and told to dress a bride. Mrs. Frank Smith's bride was judged the winner. Carole was presented a red rosebud corsage by the hostess before she began opening her many lovely gifts. Carole was assisted by Miss Darlene Smith, a classmate. After the gifts were opened, the hostess served refreshments from card tables. Paper plates and napkins in a shower motif was used. About thirty five ladies were present including Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Edna Melzer and Mrs. Ted Thompson of Moro. Carole Smith and Keith Thompson will be married in Moro on Sunday, August 20 at 2:0 p. m. daylight time.

Harvest is swinging into the third week, with part of the outfits finished. Those that do custom cutting will be working for several weeks yet. The wheat is of good quality, but it has not yielded as much as was expected earlier, so the farmers aren't feeling too prosperous this year. The price is about the same as last year. Some of the trucks are hauling their wheat to Biggs this week as the elevators here are getting filled up. A few rain drops fell Sunday but not enough to dampen the ground. It was threatening again Monday, but on the whole last week was a good work week. No rain is wanted by the farmers not, until all the wheat is safely in the elevators.

The Women's Missionary society of the Rufus Nazarene church met Thursday afternoon at the Fay Brackett home. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Klock and daughter Patty and son Douglas of Portland spent last week in Rufus visiting friends and relatives on their vacation. While here they were house guests of Mrs. Ray Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams of Salem spent their vacation with Mrs. Adam's mother, Mrs. Grace Medler. They came Thursday evening and remained until Sunday evening. Robert Davis had the misfortune to get his hand hurt while working on his combine during the harvesting of his wheat crop. The accident occurred last Fri-

day, and complications has kept Bob in the hospital in The Dalles. The penicillin shots which he is receiving should make him recover soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marsh and son Floyd and George Fox of The Dalles were dinner guests Sunday at the George Fox home. Mr. and Mrs. Delos Williams and sons Paul and Mark stopped in Rufus briefly as they were enroute home to Colton from North Dakota where they had been visiting relatives and attending summer school. Their son Dale remained in Dakota for a longer visit.

Word has been received in Rufus that Miss Phyllis Issachson, a former high school teacher in Rufus was married in North Dakota recently. Dillon Carroll who drove tractor for Leland Medler in harvest returned to his home in Lebanon last weekend.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson, who had a major operation last week is reportedly doing satisfactorily. Mrs. Johnson is in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland and expects to be dismissed Saturday and will go stay with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson for a few days before coming home. Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. George Drinkard was in Portland to be with her daughter, but was expected home Tuesday.

Miss Carol Pate of Spokane has been visiting and helping her grandmother Mrs. Andy Engberg for the last couple of weeks.

There was a good crowd at the Rufus grange dance Saturday night, and the crowd seemed to have a good time despite the fact the piano player, Mrs. Ben Hockman was unable to play on account of a sudden illness.

Mrs. John Rust and daughter, Geraldine and Phyllis, and Mrs. John Block were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen and son, Dennis, went to Prineville Sunday to the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Knedrick Dunlap and children went to Kent Sunday to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts and children came up Friday from Corvallis to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox. They left Monday for Paulina lake to spend a week.

Herman and Carl Ziegler and Evelyn Kirkelle of Moro motored to Pendleton Sunday to spend the day visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter of Lakeview spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox. Mrs. Baxter is a cousin of Mrs. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and daughter, Susan, motored to Maryhill Sunday for a picnic and to see the museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vinton of Vancouver spent the week end at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

Mrs. Bill Pausch spent the week end in Portland visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May had as their guests from Tuesday until Thursday Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McGilvera of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles went to Portland Saturday and attended the Sherman county picnic held at Peninsula park.

Miss Jackie Helzer came up from The Dalles Monday evening to spend a few days at the Donald Clodfelter home as a guest of JoAnn.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews left Saturday for their home in Stevenson, Wn., after spending two weeks helping her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds with harvest.

Bruce Echoes of Hood River was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Clair Adams and son Jerry left Tuesday for their home in Arlington having completed harvesting on the Donald Clodfelter ranch.

Frank Pike flew to Hermiston Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike. He returned home Sunday evening accompanied by his father who will spend a few days here with them.

Miss Helen Simon came up from Portland Friday evening to spend the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Neal, the former Glenna Hansen, of Goldendale and Mrs. Soren Hansen of Moro spent Sunday evening at the Matt Simon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Belshee motored to Portland Sunday afternoon and brought back with them the five girls, Nina Belshee, Karen Wilson, Deanna Martin, Peggy Reckman and Sharon Cantrall, who attended the Baptist camp at Trout Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Schade-witz and son of The Dalles and Oren Schade-witz and Roy Harbin of Portland were Sunday guests at the Carl Schade-witz home.

Mrs. Roy Barnett of The Dalles spent Friday and Saturday visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Jeffries and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson of Portland were dinner guests last Monday at the Carl Schade-witz home.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, August 22, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

There will be divine worship at the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday, August 20 at 3 p. m.

The following new books have been ordered by the Wasco City Library and will soon be available for your reading pleasure.

Jubilee Trail—Gwen Bristow; Raising a Riot—Alfred Toombs; The Bizzare Sisters—Jay & Audrey Waly; Under the Skin—Phyllis Bottoms; This and No More—Benedict & Nancy Freedman; The Embroidered City—Lewis Gelfand; A Bullet For My Love—Octavus Cohen; Them Was The Days—Martha McKeown; Each Bright River—Mildred McNeilly; The Empire Builders—Robert Case; The Widows of Broome—Arthur Upfield; What A Body—Alan Green.

Major R. D. Smith of Seattle was an over night guest Wednesday at the Clyde Stradley home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buehler went to Powell Blaine and Redmond Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Nye and his father went to Prineville Sunday to the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and son, Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd and daughter, Ardine, Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and son, Don, Roy Harvey and Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Kintner went to Portland Sunday to hear Billy Graham, returning home the same evening.

Ed Fritts came home Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts. He left Friday for Portland accompanied by his mother. They attended the Billy Graham meeting and on Saturday went to Vancouver, Wash. to attend the wedding of Mrs. Fritts' niece, Miss Mary Lou Hendricks to Richard Johnson from Seattle. Mrs. Fritts returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Blum returned Monday morning from a weekend spent in Portland on business and visiting relatives.

J. A. Swanson, in charge of a crew of men who were painting the J. K. McKean building, fell from the northwest wall Monday into some plow bottoms and was injured painfully. He was unable to work for a few days.

David Nish returned to Moro last Friday accompanied by his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grimes who returned to Portland Saturday. Mr. Nish says he gets nervous in the city and wanted to come home for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walter drove to Sweet Home last week end on business returning Monday evening.

The women ran the court house last week with the sheriff gone, Ross Ornduff in Portland for an eye operation, Tommy Thompson away on vacation. Willy Knighten and Ralph Busse, both upstairs, were the only men on the crew.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones and sons, Robert and Richard, stopped Friday night and Saturday in Moro to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum and other relatives here. They were enroute home to Portland from a vacation spent at a lake near Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Warren have been in Portland most of this week with their son, David, who is not recovering from his recent operation as fast as hoped for.

## SPREADING WHEAT THREAT Crop of 2,700,000 Bushels Probable For Sherman Co.



Dwarf smut, a spore disease, is spreading in Oregon's Columbia basin. Identified first in a Union county field in 1947, this year the disease was found in four counties—Wallowa, Union, Baker and Wasco. Some fields were reported as high as "75 percent smuted," and obviously, yields were cut drastically. From left, OSC Extension Specialists Rex Warren, farm-

crops, and A. P. Steenland, plant pathology, are shown examining a characteristically dwarf smuted Elgin plant. Infected winter wheat plants usually have one or more normal appearing heads, an excessive number of short-stawed, dwarf smuted heads. Only re-couse for farmers with infected soil is to spring plant or band resistant varieties such as Max, Imperial or Imperial.

Prospects for an average wheat crop seem good to date with elevator managers estimates indicating that the county will get over 2,500,000 bushels of wheat and barley.

Yields have been somewhat discouraging at Wasco where some of the land did not come to early expectations. The crop will be under the 1949 crop and, of course, much below the bumper crop of 1948. Already the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers has warehoused . 850,000 bushels of wheat and 100,000 bushels of barley. It is thought that the total will be 1,100,000 bushels when harvest is completed.

At Wasco the elevators are full because of hold over wheat and about 40,000 bushels has been poured on the ground. It is in a jackbin and easily available for shipping.

The Moro Grain Growers has received around 750,000 bushels of grain and may reach 850,000 bushels when all are through harvesting. Harvest is ending rapidly in the central part of the county and many are already through with cutting for this year.

The Grass Valley Grain Growers expect to receive 700,000 in wheat and barley with most of it wheat, naturally. Yields of winter wheat were around 27 bushels with spring grain making between 20 and 25 bushels of fair quality wheat. Proportionately the south end has better yields than the other parts of the county.

Total crop of wheat and barley delivered to commercial warehouses will be about 2,700,000 bushels if present estimates are realized. To this must be added the grain stored in the Eakin elevator which holds 80,000 bushels and in farm storage elevators which will hold about 200,000 more. Grain stored on farms for seed should total 150,000 bushels inasmuch as there are some 125,000 acres of summer-fallow to be seeded.

The crop has been well above average although disappointing to those who set their sights high earlier in the spring. Returns in cash should be \$5,500,000 from grain or \$2500 per capita from that one source.

## High Speed Makes Many Funerals

High speed accidents on open highways are playing a leading role in Oregon's traffic death upsurge, the secretary of state's traffic safety division reported Friday.

The division said fatalities to date are 14 percent higher than last year at the same time, and that about three out of four death crashes are taking place outside the limits of any city or town.

Collisions with other vehicles or fixed objects, running off the roadway and overturning in the roadway are principal accident types in which death results, the records reveal. In most cases, the drivers lost control of their vehicles at high speed.

Studies of last year's traffic record show that out of every 31 mishaps at 50 to 60 mile an hour speeds resulted in death. One in two between 70 and 80 miles an hour proved fatal.

## County Quota \$250 For Reapportionment

Sherman county's quota of the fund to be raised to pass the balanced reapportionment bill is \$250. Quotas were determined by the committee in charge of the coming campaign which expects to raise and spend \$20,000 in support of the initiative measure. This is a small amount for a state campaign and combined efforts of local and county committees will be needed to bring success.

Because no advertising contracts can be made without cash on hand it is important that the funds be raised as quickly as possible.

Forces arrayed against the measure have announced active opposition in an effort to try to beat the bill which would give each county at least one representation and aid rural Oregon in obtaining better representation.

## TAX COLLECTIONS AND DELINQUENCIES AS OF AUGUST 15, 1950

Taxes extended by Assessor on 1949-50 roll	\$ 324,156.00		
Taxes from Sheriff's Assessments		\$ 324,156.00	
Total taxes charged for 1949-50			\$ 324,156.00
Net amount taxes collected	\$ 311,260.16		
Total of rebates	9,899.46		
Gross Taxes Collected	320,659.62		
Taxes otherwise discharged		\$ 320,659.62	
Gross taxes collected & otherwise discharged		3,498.38	
Total of taxes delinquent on 1949-50 roll			\$ 3,498.38
<b>1948-49 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	\$ 280,756.18		
Total of taxes collected	279,348.44		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			1,407.74
<b>1947-48 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	\$ 225,174.88		
Total of taxes collected	223,553.24		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			1,621.64
<b>1946-47 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	191,253.87		
Total of taxes collected	190,957.21		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			296.66
<b>1945-46 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	\$ 175,066.27		
Total of taxes collected	174,665.69		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			400.58
<b>1944-45 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	\$ 138,018.05		
Total of taxes collected	137,993.85		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			24.20
<b>1943-44 ROLL</b>			
Total of taxes charged	\$ 109,718.23		
Total of taxes collected	109,078.86		
Total of taxes delinquent Aug. 15, 1950			639.37
Total of taxes delinquent on 1943 and prior years		\$ 3,890.74	

## C. V. Belknap Buried At Forest Grove

Clifford Vern Belknap, about 78, died at the Masonic home near Forest Grove Monday after a long illness and funeral services were held there Thursday with interment in the Forest Grove cemetery.

Mr. Belknap was a product of the middle west where he grew to manhood and served for a time in military service where he developed the erect bearing that distinguished him throughout his life.

He came to Moro where he was the town barber for years until he could no longer work at that trade. He left here four years ago for Eugene and Cottage Grove where he lived for a short time after marrying Mrs. Mary McCormick, Salvation Army worker, who retired about the same time. The first Mrs. Belknap is buried at Moro.

Surviving is one son, George, a member of the faculty at the University of Oregon. Mr. Belknap was a member of the local Masonic lodge and was an officer for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore returned to Moro Sunday and began residence in the hotel. They were married two weeks ago at her home in Idaho and spent his vacation as a honeymoon in Canada.

Anaean Knighten came home last week end from the University of Oregon where she finished at the end of summer school. She will teach physical education in Hood River this winter starting after Labor Day.

Tom Williams, new livestock field man for the First National bank, was here Wednesday from his headquarters in The Dalles. He replaces Tom Dorrance who is now manager of a ranch near Prineville.