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These Things We Note About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

These Things We Note

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Basically the urge that motivates officials to consolidate government must come from an inborn conceit. Federal officials want to control water and power resources because they think they can do a better or more politically profitable job than local or state officials. In the long run fewer ideas would go into the development under a single agency than under an agency manned by local, state and federal officials. And the competition of ideas has been a large factor in the development of this nation.

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"Oh give me a dame with an up-hoistered frame, A dame who is built like a pillow. To hck with the rest— Just give me a chest. That moves up and down like a billow."

—Tillamook County News
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The Spartans, doughty old Greeks who kept their civilization alive for many centuries, paid particular attention to the physically and mentally fit, and in fact, were pretty rough on the weak. Modern tendency is to pay most attention to the weak.

Census figures show that housing units in Sherman county have dropped from 866 to 745 which, of course, is an error because many new buildings have been built in Sherman county in the last ten years and few have burned. But then, who believes government figures anyway,

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Soon it will be time for the adherents of fancy time and the upholders of the standard to get together on what time it should be. That will be a happy day for the office clock. That instrument carried two hour hands around and around for a part of the summer, a red one for the fast and a black one for the regular, but no one seemed to understand so, of late, the clock has not run at all. It just stands in frustrated confusion. Visitors look at it and say "The clock isn't running" which is apparent most of the day. That is better than having them argue and accuse the clock of unfaithfulness to something.

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Criticism of Secretary of Defense Johnson for firing some 100,000 civilian employees is plenty but not important now. There's a lot of them left. It is not so much that he fired a bunch of them but that the ones who remained did little. It is not civilian employees we lack in this war; it is men and equipment. Had twice the number of civilian employees been fired and the money put into tanks it would have been good policy.

Everything American eventually becomes too highly organized. We have too many officers, vice-presidents; too few workers. We could do with a quarter less executives and should start a campaign (another thing we've got too many of) of executing executives.

It looks as if there will really be a shortage of box cars next week unless the striking railroad men change their attitude. Such tactics have just about put the railroads out of business.

Farming is sure to be easy. There are chemicals to kill the weeds, a government to insure the price and now a firm offers to guarantee the rain.

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We are unable to figure out the kind of a brain it requires to take the diversion of the Columbia river to California seriously. As long as there is water in the Sacramento, the streams flowing down from the east mountains or in the northern California rivers, it is particularly silly.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo took their daughter, Leslie, to The Dalles Saturday to have her finger dressed. She had the misfortune to get the end of her index finger on her left hand cut off when she got it caught in a chain on the combine. Her father took her and her sister for a ride on the combine on the Frank Bayer ranch last week when it happened.

Mrs. Grace Zevely of Moro spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May.

Two young men from the Multnomah school of the Bible in Portland will have charge of the evening service at the First Baptist church. There will be the other regular services as usual.

Earl Olds saw one of the fireballs Saturday about noon from his ranch east of Grass Valley. He said it looked like a roman candle with a tail and was in the north western part of the sky going toward the Deschutes near Gordon Ridge where it exploded and disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ketter are the parents of a daughter, born Monday August 21 at The Dalles hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett are the baby's grand parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger had as their guests Thursday her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogue of The Dalles.

Miss Betty Smethurst of Lexington spent the week end at the Herman Ziegler and Earl Olds' homes.

Mrs. Clair Balzer gave a dinner Sunday at her home honoring her husband on his birthday anniversary. Other guests included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and their grandchildren, Sandra and Michael Blagg and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

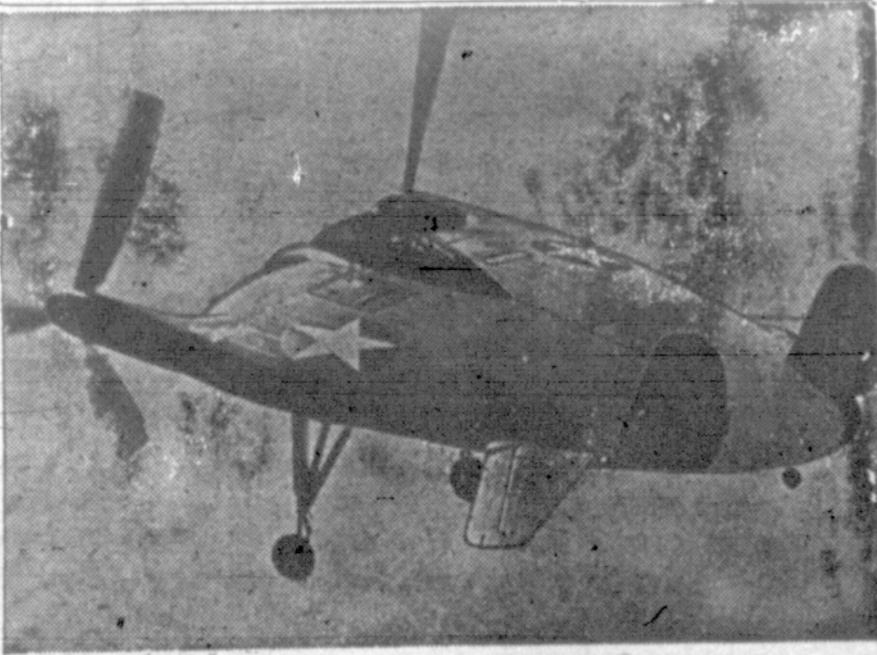
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, were in The Dalles Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coon at the Florin Coon home.

Sherman County Pomona grange will meet at the Harland view grange hall Saturday, August 26, 12 o'clock standard time, for a dinner with meetings to follow.

Rufus grange met in regular session last Thursday evening with Master Allee Wilson presiding at the meeting. The attendance was not large even though the grange hasn't met since the first meeting in July. Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mrs. William Huck were appointed chairmen of a booth to be put up at the Sherman county fair.

HOOVER COMMISSION FINDS OPERATIONS VARY

The two giant enterprises in the communications field in this country are the Bell Telephone System and the United States Post Office Department. The privately owned Bell System paid \$346,144,000 in taxes last year, while the Post Office Department, of course, paid none. The Bell System operated at a substantial profit, while the Postal Service incurred an operating loss of \$577,471,000. The total value of all physical properties owned by the Bell System is reported at 9 1/2 billions. The Post Office Department has no idea whatever of the value of its vast property holdings.



FIRST FLYING SAUCER? . . . This low-powered flying model of the XF5U-1 "flying wing" may be the forerunner of the flying saucers which have stirred up much controversy. The subject took on new interest when a national magazine and a prominent radio commentator announced that saucers are actually American top-secret military machines. Both navy and air force quickly denied that either is building revolutionary craft that could be mistaken for the flying saucer.

There was a break in the last spell of warm weather Monday night when the west wind arrived. The cool weather Tuesday was a welcome change to the last several weeks of torrid weather. It was the longest warm spell this community has had during this summer. The roads are so pulverized and dry a good rain would settle the dust. Along the Columbia river at Rufus, a rain would be welcome, but to the few outfits who are harvesting wheat it wouldn't be so good. The bulk of the counties harvest is in the elevators, but there's wheat to cut the week after this one.

Word from Rev. Henry G. Hanson is that Mrs. Hanson had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago and had to spend a week in Emanuel hospital. She is better but still weak.

James and John Lamb and families are moving to Hoquiam, Washington within a few days. James Lamb has sold his house to Dick Holdaway and John has sold to Claud Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and daughters, Alice and Rosalie, went to Redmond Sunday to the rodeo.

Editorial

A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

As a suggestion that might be of value in solving some of the school problems of Sherman county it might be as well if the Moro district would go ahead and build a high school building large enough for 100 pupils.

It would prevent the state from holding payment of basic school funds from this district would give adequate room for classes and for physical education and sports. It would give pupils of high school age in Sherman county a good plant in which to obtain schooling.

As for finances the Moro district has a valuation of \$2,798,793 which is a larger valuation than that of Dallas which has 1483 census children, of Heppner, which has 382 census children, of Condon which has 212 census children and of Redmond which has 985 census children.

The Moro district is of sufficient valuation to build a satisfactory high school without burdensome cost to the taxpayers. Such a school would go far toward giving this county an adequate high school. As far as plant is concerned it would solve the problem.

If Grass Valley cared to join with Moro—a sensible move for both—the valuation would total \$4,502,000 which would be larger than that of Coos Bay, four times that of Clatskanie with 529 census children and a fine new high school, larger than St. Helens, larger than that of West Linn or Milwaukie.

Should the entire county eventually join the school district would have a valuation exceeded by only four districts in the state. These would be Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford whose census children are numbered in the thousands.

Should Moro go ahead with the building other districts could join at will and pay their part of the still remaining cost of the building. Should they not join Moro would have a good school plant—something we can well afford.

State Representative Joe Dy-er and wife and son of Astoria, were Tuesday night guests in Moro while returning their son to home after a Boy Scout camp outing near Dufur.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse of The Dalles, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. V. Moore were on a trip to Portland and the valley to visit relatives last week.

School board members, Ernest Woods and Lloyd Henrichs will leave Monday for Lima, Ohio, by air to take delivery on two school buses for the Moro school district. Mrs. Henrichs and Mrs. Woods and two daughters will accompany them on the trip.

Miss Lorraine Millard who was driving bulk truck in harvest, went to the hospital last week end for a couple of days. Lorraine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard, is home again and feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters Jeanie and Karen spent Saturday night and Sunday in Dufur visiting Mrs. Macnab's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Addington.

Leslie and Ernest Webb and Ernest's son, all three school teachers, were here a week ago to see about the Webb building in Moro. Leslie is from King City California and the others teach in Oregon.

Loy V. Cochran returned to his home in Portland Friday after spending most of the spring and summer doing farm work in Sherman county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crews and son, Don, are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews in Wasco. Ray Crews and family have just returned from India where he has been stationed as a representative of an electric company. He has ended his work there and will be stationed in London, England, after he visits his parents here and the parents of his wife in California.

David McLeod was taken to a hospital last week with what was thought to be appendicitis. He was released and a few days later returned to the hospital but so far has his appendix.

Fair Plans Ripen As Opening Day Gets Nearer

The fair is gradually whipping into shape with this or that problem being settled every day.

Mack Barbour will bring his bucking string to Moro again and it contains horses that will appear at the Round-Up at Lewiston and will go to Madison Square garden after the western tour is over. Included in the bucking string are Conclusion, responsible for killing a cowboy at Redmond, Bold Venture, Rough Going, Blue Smoke, Golden Rule, Red Gold, Cherokee, Zane Grey and others that have appeared here in years before.

The rodeo this year will include calf roping, Brahma bull riding, bulldogging, saddle and bareback bronc riding.

The racing program will be made later when entrants are all known.

Roy Jackson, who has been heard by many who attend meetings at the Wheat League show in The Dalles, will come for Saturday and Sunday with his group of singers and players. They will entertain the crowd between acts and do some singing.

The big carnival outfit has been signed and will come in early fair week to get set up for the fair days. It is the biggest and most complete show that has ever appeared here.

There will be lots of club calves and there will be large numbers of open class horses shown. New contests for 4-H club girls in the pavilion will interest many and the crochet contest will bring new displays of that kind of work. Reservations are being made rapidly for display space of machinery.

What arrangements will be made for publicizing the fair in neighboring areas has not been announced by the board but the final two weeks will probably see some activity which involves fancy shirts, boots and tight pants together with the lingo of fair time.



MIDYEAR ECONOMIC REPORT . . . Leon Keyserling, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, discusses for newspapermen the charts which appear in the report to the President by the council. It is entitled, "The Economic Situation at Midyear, 1950."

Two Thompson Boys Married Same Day In Different Parts of County

The Moro Presbyterian church was the scene Sunday afternoon, August 20 at 2:30 p. m. of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Smith of Rufus and Keith W. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson of Moro.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Gearhart in a setting of pink gladioli and white tapers which were lighted by Miss Dorothy Blackburne and Miss Darlene Smith, both of Rufus.

Mrs. Ronald Powell sang, "Because" and "I Love You Truly", accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Carroll Sayers, who also played the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was gowned in white satin with a finger tip veil. Her wedding flowers were white gladioli centered by an orchid corsage. Her maid of honor was her cousin, Miss Patti Jennings of Portland and the bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Johnson and Miss Judy Johnson of Clackamas, also cousins of the bride. Little Jaxie Sims of Rufus and Mary Ann Thompson, niece of the groom, dressed in long dresses of blue and pink and carrying baskets of flowers were flower girls.

The groom's best man was his brother, Ted Thompson, and the ushers were Donald Thompson and William Smith, brothers of the groom and bride.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Smith chose a navy blue sheer dress with matching accessories and Mrs. Thompson wore a navy blue and white checked dressmaker suit.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlor. The lace covered table was decorated with pink roses, delphinium and pink tapers. After the young couple cut the first piece of the wedding cake was served by Mrs. Julia Criger, aunt of the bride and Mrs. Ted Thompson poured the punch. Miss Priscilla Melzer had charge of the guest book.

For going away the bride wore a rust colored suit with matching accessories. After a wedding trip to the coast Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will make their home at the C. J. Thompson ranch east of Moro.

Many Come For Thompson Weddings

Here for the weddings of the Thompson boys Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughter of Astoria, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gumeson and family Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller, Mrs. E. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson and family, Miss Patti Jennings, Mrs. Dorothea Jennings, Mrs. Julia Criger, Mr. and Mrs. Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hass and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peake, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Peake and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Volanchek, and Mrs. Milton Nelson, all of Portland, Mrs. Emil Johnson and the Misses Elizabeth and Judy Johnson of Clackamas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White of Bothell, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Peake and Mrs. Wm. Noyse and Wm. Noland of Newberg, Mr. and Mrs. Al Peake and daughter, Darlene, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Peake of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson of Pomona, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cushing of Camas, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Olson, Ed Howell Ann Jean Cramer of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Steinke and Iris Hetman of Olex, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White of Lyle, Washington.

Wheat Loans Keep PMA Force Busy

Wheat loans are being made very rapidly these days as farmers finish their harvest and hasten to collect the money possible under the loan plan. Money in their pockets, farmers slip quietly away with their families for a vacation to some spot they have wanted to visit or revisit. The change from working 16 hours a day to vacationing on the same schedule takes but little time.

The wedding of Miss Sharon Lee Briggs, daughter of Mrs. Thor Jacobsen, of Wasco and Donald Dean Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, of Moro was performed on August 20 at 8 p. m. The ranch home near Wasco of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith, uncle and aunt of the bride was the scene of the candlelight ceremony.

The Rev. Wm. Gearhart read the double ring ceremony in a floral setting of gladioli.

The bride was lovely in white lace and satin with a finger tip veil and carried a bridal bouquet centered with an orchid which became her corsage for going away. She was given in marriage by her grandfather, E. T. Olsen of The Dalles.

In pastel formal, Janet Workman, Betty Dormaier, Erma Wallace and Joan Watkins, schoolmates of the bride formed a ribboned aisle for the bridal party.

The candles were lighted by Miss Gwen Nesbit, Miss Delores Watkins sang, "Because", accompanied at the piano by Miss Patricia Kaseberg, who also played the wedding march. Miss Patsy Fulton was maid of honor and Ted Thompson, brother of the groom was best man.

At the reception following the ceremony Miss Watkins sang, "At the End of a Perfect Day". Mrs. Clayton McCall, aunt of the bride, served the wedding cake and Mrs. Ted Thompson presided at the punch bowl. The girls of the wedding party assisted by Miss Priscilla Melzer, cousin of the groom, served the guests. Mrs. Ann Jean Cramer, of The Dalles, sister of the bride had charge of the guest book.

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Light Rain Falls To Annoy, Delay Farmers

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Rainmakers To Ply Trade Here In September

Directors of the three grain growers organizations in Sherman county met with the three delegates chosen earlier this year by a group of farmers to investigate rain-making Saturday night. Agreement was reached to enter into the project in conjunction with Gilliam and Morrow counties. In Sherman county it is probable that the grain growers organizations will foot the expense which will save getting individual contributions.

The plans offered by the delegates, George Wilson, Kenneth Blau and Vernon Miller are two. Farmers of the three counties may pay \$36,000 and have the rain-makers start September 1 with their equipment trying to cause precipitation. They will endeavor to bring twice the annual rainfall in the months of September, October and November.

They will begin again in April and during that month and May and June will seed clouds and endeavor to bring rain when the farmers of the counties want it. Rainmaking under this proposal would be at the discretion of the farmers themselves—if possible at all.

Two Propositions Made

Under another plan the rain makers would start work September 1 and bring twice the average rainfall for the three fall months for \$15,000 or collect nothing. In April they would start again and bring twice the average rainfall. If done they would collect \$40,000. Which plan is tried depends on a decision to be made by the three county group.

With the money that was raised by the farmers earlier this year the rain-makers have charted the weather in this area for 30 years, it was reported at the meeting, and have concluded that they can make it rain more than normal by seeding, the clouds with ground located blowers charged with silver iodide. It is a method recommended by Dr. Krick of California who was the foremost weatherman for the armed forces during the war.

It appears that the three counties will probably engage the services of the rain-makers and start on a great experiment in making rain come when and as wanted. The gamble is held by many farmers to be a good one. For \$36,000 or \$55,000 an increase in yield might be obtained that would be worth five to ten millions at present prices.

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BEACH BEAUTY . . . Shirley Penta, a vacationer to Hampton Beach, makes pretty footprints on the sand and cuts a prettier figure as she lets the sand fly. She was an entry in the "Miss Hampton Beach" beauty contest.