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These Things We Note

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Now some apologists are in a controversy about whether CVA and similar government projects are socialistic or not. There is only one correct answer. They are. Socialism means government ownership and management of the machinery of production. To deny that such things are socialistic indicates a certain and inexcusable "liberalism" with the truth.

TTWN
Developments in Oregon politics make it very plain that a man should be careful who he loans his mouth to.

TTWN
Suggestion that the tax committees of the Oregon house and senate be combined is another step away from the concept of a two house legislature. The joint ways and means committee has cost Oregon taxpayers millions of dollars and a joint tax committee would no doubt make for less well considered tax legislation. The object of a legislature is not to finish quickly, but to do a good job.

TTWN
The long range weather forecast as published in a magazine is that the Pacific northwest will have bountiful rains this fall.

TTWN
It is likely those ranch-owning cowpokes who contest for rodeo prizes would fire a hired hand pronto if he busted calves and steers like they themselves do in the arena. Which is to say that rodeo events are more showy than practical.

TTWN
They were talking about a politician whose adherence to principle has been unsatisfactory. One said, "he has developed a marked degree of vertibral flexibility."

A hair cut always did cost an hour's wages. But at that barbers may be pricing themselves out of business.

TTWN
Decision by the president to suppress MacArthur's remarks to the VFW indicates that the argument as to where this nation should draw its line in the Pacific is to be conducted within the walls of a Washington office. MacArthur wants to defend Formosa and Korea whereas the administration ruled both out of bounds earlier this year, although pledging the country to defend French aims in Indo-China. There's a lot of inconsistency and the citizens should be informed about both sides not just led into some policy.

TTWN
The planned, and needed four lane road between Portland and Salem could be built easily by adding base rock and paving the wide shoulders now on that road.

TTWN
Now with modern machinery it is the style to wash dishes but once a day. That is, in homes without a grandmother. She wouldn't permit it.

The average motorist will be pleased that state police are stopping logtruck drivers who are overloaded. The state has built roads at great cost and these roads are being used by loggers which makes a huge saving compared to the days when loggers had to build their own roads or railroads in order to get logs out of the woods. There seems no good reason why overloading should continue.

TTWN
There is nothing wrong with an excess profits tax if there can be an agreement on what an excess profit is. Like other taxes it is what some one else makes.

TTWN
In a grocery ad we note the expression "extra fresh" and wonder at the comparability of the incomparable.

If you want things unlucky to start happening, just get behind in your work.

County Valuation Up Slightly For Tax Purposes

Valuations of real and personal property in Sherman county have been compiled by Marie Hoskinson, assessor. Total valuation is up to \$8,535,640 from \$8,337,560 last year.

A few more acres are listed as tilled this year, which may be because of fewer restrictions on plowing land or sale of some land by government agencies. Total tillable land listed is 268,694.99. Non-tilled land is now 185,626 acres instead of 199,939 last year. Major value of the county is in tillable land which is worth \$5,696,980 for assessment purposes.

Platted lands, meaning city lots are valued at \$52,380 and improvements on them are valued at \$414,760, an increase since 1949. When improvements on platted lands were assessed at \$318,300. Structural improvements on unplatted lands are now valued at \$511,260 instead of \$557,890.

Farm machinery is valued at \$887,030 which is greater than the 1949 valuation of \$733,790. Movable machinery is listed at \$37,860 and stocks of goods at \$110,080, both being slightly lower than last year.

There are fewer animals of all kinds in the county this year, horses dropped from 587 to 507, cattle from 9175 to 8437, sheep from 951 to 790, swine from 991 to 933 and chickens from 1931 to 1637. Valuations of them have dropped slightly also except for cattle which carry a higher valuation this year. Unit value is \$54.88. Sheep per unit are worth \$5.69 for assessment purposes and hogs \$11.75.

Personal property is listed by the owner under oath and valuations are also given although the assessor may change them.

CLAUDE COATS LEAVE

The Rufus church gave a farewell party last Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats who are going to make their new home on a farm owned by them at Odell. Mr. and Mrs. Coats were presented with a lovely lace tablecloth, a gift from the group. Chet Coats entertained the group showing colored slides of the family and community. For the refreshments, there was a nicely decorated cake with the names of Claude and Ella on it, and twenty six candles, representing the years which the Coats' have been active in the Rufus Nazarene church.

Claude Coats is in partnership with his son Chet Coats on the place which he has been farming, and will retain his partnership. A son, Bill, who is a sophomore in high school will attend school in Odell.

TYGH FAIR NOW ON

The Tygh Valley fair will provide week end enjoyment for many Sherman countians. It began Thursday and will continue until Saturday night when the Hiawatha pageant will be presented as the final event.

Thursday will be given over to judging and demonstrations and no program is billed. Friday will be Kid's day and also the day for judging 4-H club exhibits. There will be fire works that evening.

Saturday there will be a horse show and races in the afternoon and a rodeo in the evening beginning at eight o'clock. Saturday night has been set aside as Sherman county night.

Sunday will be the biggest day with the 4-H parade in the morning followed by a worship hour. The rodeo will be held that afternoon and the pageant that evening. Several special acts have been engaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds went to the Pendleton Round-Up Saturday evening returning home Sunday. Sandra and Michael Blagg accompanied them to their home in Pendleton after spending a month here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Woody and family came up Saturday from Portland to spend a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon. Helen Simon came up with them and spent the week end with her parents returning to Portland Sunday.

KEX Entertainers Make Music, Make Fun



Ray Jackson and his North who will entertain fair visitors Sherman County Fair, westerners of Radio Station KEX Saturday and Sunday during the

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

The Missionary women met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Adrian Roberts. The women discussed missionary box work for this fall. The project will be a box of clothes to be sent October first to the overseas missions. Any one wanting to donate garments for this box leave them at the Rufus parsonage.

School will start for the Rufus teachers September 5 when they will go to Moro for the county planning of work for the coming year. School will be open Thursday, September 7, at Rufus school for the children to enroll. There will be a half day of school Thursday but a full day Friday.

The teachers staff will be Mrs. Martha E. Brady, principal, Donald Brislain, coach, Mrs. Kathryn Lyttle of Seattle, Wn., the new high school teacher. Then in the grades will be Mrs. Sarah Glannonatti, the same upper grade teacher as last year and Mrs. Edith Neyhus of Ridgefield, Wn., the new primary room teacher. Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. W. E. Rice, Mrs. Adrian Roberts and Mrs. Fay Brackett are sponsoring a bridal shower in honor of Dorothy Blackburne at the grand hall in Rufus at 2 p. m. standard time, Friday, September 1. Miss Blackburne will be married Sunday, September 10, at a Goldendale church.

Baptismal services of the Goldendale Nazarene church and the Rufus Nazarene church was held down at the Columbia river Sunday. There was special music and it was a grand day. Rev. Joseph Selz of Walla Walla was the speaker.

The Rufus church team of ball players lost its first game of baseball to The Dalles church players at a game in The Dalles last Thursday evening. The score ended in an 8 to 12 victory for The Dalles. The Rufus line-up was Frank and Bill Smith, Howard and Jack Steward, Gayle Eaton, George Riggs, Ted Reid, Ernie Engles and Ray Brown.

There was a special meeting at the Rufus church Wednesday night when Dr. A. L. Parrot of the Samaritan hospital at Nampa, Idaho was the speaker and talked on hospital work.

Miss Gloria Kraxberger, Hugh Harper and Jack Leonard of Canby were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler went to Portland last week to see about building supplies for the new home they are going to build. They were accompanied from The Dalles to Portland by Mrs. Bee Macnab and daughter Joan and Bruce Medler.

Recent houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett were Hugh Mathieson, Earline Clark and Mrs. Silver from Paso Robles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Casey and children of Dufur were Sunday guests of Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne.

Of interest to Rufus friends is the wedding of Miss Kathleen Agnes Reynolds who became the bride of William J. Bilyeu August 19 at the Holy Redeemer church in Portland, with Rev. Francis Flanagan officiating. Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reynolds who used to make their home in Rufus with their family. Mr. Reynolds worked for the railroad and the children attended the Rufus school for a number of years.

Mr. Bilyeu is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bilyeu of Portland where the Reynolds have made their home the last few years. Mrs. Raymond Fitzgerald was matron of honor for her sister, and Miss Ellen Reynolds, also a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Ronald Jiroch was best man, and Robert Bover, William Leveque and Richard Albrich ushered. A reception at the home of the bride followed the ceremony.

Miss Rena Norton of Portland spent several days last week visiting her brother, J. E. Norton and family at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells brought her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe home Friday evening from Roseburg where she spent several weeks with them. Mr. and Mrs. Wells left Sunday for their home in Roseburg stopping at Redmond to visit her nephew Kermit Baker at the hospital.

Herman Ziegler went to Lexington Saturday and went to the Pendleton Round-Up Sunday returning home that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler and son, Carl and Miss Evelyn Kirkelle went to Ellensburg to spend the day visiting Emanuel Esslinger and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Esslinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family went to Sweet Home Sunday to take Miss Dolores Rice and her brother, Huell Rice to their home. Miss Rice spent the summer at the Eakin ranch helping Mrs. Eakin and her brother spent the harvest season there.

Howard Pierce left Saturday for his home in Portland after spending over three weeks here working at the elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. James Easter and sons, Larry and Roy, returned home Friday from a vacation trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to Hood River Sunday and had dinner with her mother and brother, Mrs. J. A. Walter and William Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Schade-witz of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts were luncheon guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schade-witz.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, Keith, went to Warm Springs Friday where they will spend a week.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughter, Carolyn and Dick Rust were in The Dalles Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews came over from Stevenson, Wn., Saturday evening to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds.

Mrs. Eleanor Borg of The Dalles was a business visitor here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Esslinger and daughters, Alice and Rosalie, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Esslinger.

Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Julia and Byron, were in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, returned home Saturday evening from Warm Springs where they stayed over night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son, Larry, and Danny Duncan spent the week end at Warm Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Adams and son of Yakima and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jarmine of Toppenish, Wn., arrived Saturday to spend the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schade-witz at Kent.

Acres Allotments Due Immediately

Acres allotment notices for 1951 crop will be mailed to all Sherman county wheat operators in the near future. The local PMA office announces that the wheat acreage reduction is approximately 17% for the 1951 crop. This compares with an original reduction on the 1950 crop of 20%, though due to some changes in the law, several operators received an increase in acres to seed. The total wheat acreage allotted to the county is 118,704 acres. The county committee has established allotments for the individual farms allowing credit for crested wheat grass as usual. These individual allotments are now being checked at the Portland PMA office. Pending further information it is assumed that there will be no restrictions regarding seeding the acreage left out of wheat. Operators who seed within their allotted wheat acreage will be eligible for price support on their 1951 wheat.

DRAFT DUE HERE SOON

Vernon I. Miller, member of Selective Service, local board No. 26 for Sherman, Hood River and Wasco counties announced, that no men were called from Sherman county on the August 30 fall.

"We have received no definite notice as yet," said Mr. Miller, "but there is every indication that after the middle of September Board No. 26 will be called to induct several men."

"The majority of registrants being sent for pre-induction examination, have been classified in Class 1-A up to 18 months but no word has been received from them, their employers, or others who might be interested in their deferment. The time to make any request for deferment is when a registrant is classified 1-A and employers can expect little consideration, excepting in the few cases of extreme urgency, for deferment when a registrant has been ordered to report for his physical examination."

Mr. Miller also calls attention to the fact that any deferment is given for a period of only a few months. The expiration date is always written on the registrants notice of classification. In order to be considered for further deferment, the employer of the registrant must get a new request into the man's file and any new information which may be pertinent. This must be done just before the expiration date of the present deferment.

New Social Security Law Makes More People Eligible For Payments

Here is what happened to old-age and survivors insurance in the Eastern Oregon area Monday when President Truman signed the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act.

All monthly insurance checks now being paid to the 1,693 social security beneficiaries in the eleven counties administered by the La Grande office will be raised substantially, beginning with the September checks, according to Vernon Welo, manager of the La Grande office. Mr. Welo explained that these automatic increases, for September, are scheduled to reach local beneficiaries during the first week of October. Increases will range from about 50 percent to about 100 percent.

Manager Welo said that under the old terms of the social security law the 1,693 beneficiaries in this area would have received about \$31,984 for the month of September. Under the new increases, however, total payments for September are estimated to be about \$58,009, or an immediate increase of some \$26,325 monthly in insurance benefits to this area.

Under the new law the amount of earnings which a beneficiary may make in a month, and still except his insurance payment for that month, is raised from \$14.99 to \$50. This applies to beneficiaries under age 75, and for earnings in a job covered by social security. After attaining age 75, a beneficiary may have any amount of earnings and still accept his insurance checks.

Approximately 9,700,000 more persons may have old-age and survivors insurance under the revised law. For most of the new groups, coverage will be manda-

Fair Board Picks Judges For Race and Stock Show

Personnel that will handle the Sherman county fair have been picked by the fair board. Perhaps of most importance is that LeRoy Belshee and Leonard Fields will again be stewards for the track events. This assures spectators that there will be no waits.

Race judges will be William Brinkert and Dell Olds of Grass Valley and Wendell Balsiger of Moro. Finley Richardson will be starter again. Announcing will be split again with a microphone for the rodeo announcer; and one for the race announcer.

Judge of the horse entries will probably be Giles Bennett, formerly of Government Camp, but now of Portland who was here at a riding club show a few years ago. Russell McKennon of Pendleton will judge the cattle, swine sheep and poultry and his wife will judge the pavilion entries. Mrs. Nora Macnab will judge the 4-H demonstrations.

Display space for the showing of machinery has not all been taken to date although there are numerous inquiries. It has been filled in recent years.

The lateness of harvest has made fair preparations also later than usual. No dress up date has been set by the fair board but the final few days before the fair may see the townsmen blossom out in fancy colored shirts and other regalia of fair time.

Fair board members and other boosters are scheduled to appear before the Kiwanis club in The Dalles September 7 to tell about the fair and the program arranged for it. They will probably be heard over KODL at the noon meeting.

Guests at the Glenn Perry home Sunday were his mother, Mrs. John Perry from Hillsboro, his brother, Earl Perry, and the Misses June and Dorothy Lucas from Glenwood, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer and family of Kent spent Sunday at Warm Springs.

Frank Marsh of McMinville and Bryan Goodenough of Salem were business visitors in Shadman county Thursday.

Mrs. Jacob Wassenmiller went to Portland with her daughter, Natalie who spent several weeks here with her. Mrs. Wassenmiller will spend several weeks visiting her daughters and families.