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These Things We Note

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One of the amusing things worth noting is the speed with which independent colleges build up their faculties by hiring older teachers released by colleges where the retirement system is mandatory. If you want to learn under a learned and experienced teacher the independent college may offer more.

This may only be September but the year begins for school children this month.

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This week Americans are indulging in their favorite sport—judging the beauty of some 50 scantily clad entrants in the American Beauty contest.

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We have to note that several murders occurred during the hot spell which probably has no scientific justification. But lots of folks felt ill-tempered.

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The progress of growing up gives us the greater part of our education. Formal education provides a few additions, some confidence and a reputation. Under it we learn the same things that others learn and lose some originality. Thus formal education is probably an asset, partly it makes us more inclined to be like others which makes us more easily governed. Did you ever try to herd a band of independent sheep?

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It strikes us that the important news of the world for 1950 is in and that it is good. The land produced good crops of food and fiber. There will be wheat and corn and beef and pork and wool and cotton. In a simpler time that was the most gratifying of news; the fact that we could live another year. Actually if man spent all of his time producing something he'd live better. When he gets too far ahead on his food he tries to catch up on his fighting or when the food is short he does the same.

Viscount Bryce said that the history of government veered from anarchy to tyranny and back.

Wouldn't it be heartening to learn that the best cook crowned at the state fair received the same acclaim as will Miss Oregon.

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We have to disagree with the president when he says that the marines are merely the police department of the navy and that their reputation comes from a very fine propaganda bureau. While it is understandable that an old artillery man might be jealous of the marines it is a task force with carefully chosen personnel and high morale. And anyway it hardly seems proper for the commander in chief of the fighting forces to belittle a part of his command.

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The infantry, the infantry With the dirt behind their ears The infantry, the infantry That laps up all the beers OH, the cavalry, artillery, the corps of engineers They couldn't lick the infantry in a hundred thousand years.

So sang the marching men of an earlier war at a time when it was a theory that the services mentioned above in derision could displace the foot soldier.

Now we are (or were) told that airplanes flown from land bases would win wars and that infantry would not be needed. So we let the infantry go to peace-time pursuits and even stopped construction of a big flat-top that could be used as a flying base because we were going to win wars with big bombers and big, terrible bombs.

Could we suggest that before a man becomes head of our military department the above jingle be made a part of his oath of office?

School Starting With Schedule Unchanged

School will begin in the greater part of Sherman county next Monday although Rufus children will register yet this week.

At Moro school will begin on standard time at 9:15. The daily schedule will be the same as last year with school let out at 3:15. The first day will be a half day and children will be dismissed at 12:15. Bus routes will be the same as last year says George Koehler, superintendent.

The announcement from the school authorities may be an expected and perhaps tiresome bit of information for adults, meaning only that new clothes must be prepared, tanned faces washed and a routine of early morning work began. To children, especially the ones in lower grades it means an entire change of life.

They must begin to learn how to get along with others on a daily basis not just on visits or at play. It is a first and important step toward learning to be an adult. At such times one might question, "Who wants to be an adult?" but that is taken care of by the process of growth and is automatic whether one learns to get along with others or not.

That is, everyone who lives long enough becomes an adult physically. One of the purposes of education (the main one probably) is to learn to become an adult emotionally. And this begins for a new crop of very young men and women who are going to look just so cute in their new school clothes and who are going to be so scared inside.

City Sells Bonds

To Tripp Company

The city of Moro sold \$3000 in street and drain bonds Tuesday night with Charles N. Tripp being the best bidder with an offer of 2 1/4 percent for the issue. Other bidders were Fordyce company at 3 1/4 percent and the First National Bank with 4 percent.

Bonds will be made and delivered as soon as possible along with an opinion from the city's bond attorneys.

Information from Beal and company is that the steel tube for first street has been shipped and delivery is expected within a few days. Installation will be started soon after the tube arrives.

Beefo Loses Cash To Night Crawlers

Persons at present unknown drilled holes in the back door of Beefo's place sometime between one o'clock Monday morning and daylight and robbed the place taking the money in the till in the back room and the cash register and contents in the front. A small gun was also stolen from a secret hiding spot.

Only an estimate of the amount taken is available but there was probably over \$100 in the front register and about half as much in the back one.

UNEMPLOYMENT NIL

Unemployment claims dropped to 7,475 during the last week of August, lowest figure in nearly two years, while payments for the month were \$620,978, less than half the August, 1949, total, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported today.

Only 3,700 new claims were filed last month, bringing the total for 1950-51 benefit year to 21,725 against 40,124 for the same period a year ago.

Approximately half of those without jobs were from trade and service lines, while cannery workers numbered nearly a sixth of the total. Only a few hundred were from logging, lumbering and other heavy manufacturing, where skilled workers were in demand because of defense production needs.

Readjustment allowances to unemployed veterans declined to an average of around 100 a week. Last month's payments were \$9,883 lowest since August 1945.



PASS THE CREAM . . . Shades of Anna Held! Piper Laurie (left) and Joyce Holden, both featured in the movie, "The Milkman," starring Jimmie Durante, decide to try a little of the stuff that made Anna Held famous over 50 years ago. In addition to enjoying the milk bath, the two girls are helping to observe the month of June as national dairy month. We don't know whether the milk is pasteurized or not, but we do know the beauties are Grade A.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Lyle Olds of Brentwood, Calif., came up Thursday and attended the funeral services for Tommy Jones at Madras. He spent a week here visiting relatives and friends while staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Peters.

Ed Ailey, Dell Olds, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox went to Madras Thursday to attend the funeral of Tommy Jones.

Quite a number of Grass Valley people went to Tygh Valley to attend the Wasco county fair Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling went to The Dalles Sunday and stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coon, while Mr. and Mrs. Florin Coon spent several days in Sandy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and son, Don, left Tuesday on a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, where they will spend a month visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and children, Stephen and Janice, went to Portland Thursday where they will make their home. Stephen will again go to Benson Tech and Janice will enter Grant high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. W. F. Schilling went to The Dalles Friday to attend the funeral services for Gus Schilling held at Callaway's chapel.

Mrs. Minnie Squire arrived Friday from Baker, where she visited her son, Harry Squire and family, to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee before leaving for her home in Gresham. Mrs. Kee met her in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert had as their guests over Labor day week end her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ediger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Morlan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Conlee all from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brittain of Tygh Valley and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse of McCoy were Monday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelper arrived last week for the opening of school September 11. Mrs. Crowley is back again this year and the new teacher, Miss Ethel Hansen, will teach the first and second grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McPherson of Omak, Washington spent Labor day week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Coffey and daughter, Donna, and her friend Marita Avoles of Portland arrived Saturday to spend Labor day week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manning of Portland arrived Friday evening to spend the Labor day week end at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen and son, Dennis, went to The Dalles Monday where they took the train for Portland on a little vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley

Teachers Get Trained First In Sherman County

Teachers of Sherman county met in Moro Tuesday and Wednesday for a pre-school clinic which is one phase of the inservice teacher training program of the state.

The teachers were divided into three groups. The ones who will teach the first four grades were led by Mae Lindsay, supervisor of the elementary education. The upper grade teachers were instructed by Miss Florence Beardsley, director of elementary education and the high school teachers held discussions with Clifford Robinson, director of secondary education.

Grade school teachers were told about child growth and development in relation to things taught and high school teachers were instructed in vocational guidance, library work and improvement in instruction.

Gordon Fraser, who has been in London for over a year with the department of agriculture has taken a job as chief of the Food & Agriculture division of the U. S. High Command in Germany.

Elmer Merritt Shot By Son In Family Row Over Gas Pump; Son Held

Fred A. Merritt, 26, is in the Sherman county jail and his father, Elmer Merritt, 80 or more, is in a hospital in The Dalles as a result of a family quarrel at the Merritt home at McDonald's ferry on the John Day river.

The story of the shooting, as reconstructed by police and law enforcement officers is that Fred Merritt and his nephew, Fred Brock, who is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brock, from Missouri, the original home of the Merritts, were in The Dalles. On the way home they stopped at Wasco and Klondike getting to the river late in the afternoon.

Information is that the Mer-

ritt's often quarrel and when Fred came home his father was quarreling with another brother, Marion, over a hand gasoline pump. Fred took sides with his brother and tempers flared.

As Fred started out of the back door his father was standing in the yard alongside of a discarded cook stove armed with a shotgun. He fired the single-barrel gun which tore some wood off the outside of the screen door and hit the door jam less than a yard from the floor. The pattern of the gun was very small and had it scattered Fred would have surely been hit in the legs as he is but five feet four inches tall.

Fred had a .22 caliber rifle loaded with longs and he shot at the old man hitting him on the left side of the neck below the shoulder line.

Fred drove to Wasco and gave himself up to Charles Everett, city marshal and deputy sheriff. The father was taken to The Dalles where he is hospitalized. His left side is paralyzed although he has a reasonable chance for recovery. The bullet is still in the wound and possibly pressing on nerves that cause the paralysis.

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was placed against young Merritt Tuesday afternoon by District Attorney T. Lester Johnson when he appeared before Justice of the Peace R. O. Scott.

Pending formal hearing Fred is being held in jail by Sheriff Fields, who with State Patrolman Brockway, is investigating the crime.

Gus Schilling Buried In The Dalles

Paul Gustave Schilling (Gus) died at Goldendale, Wn., last week and was buried in The Dalles cemetery. He had been ill many months.

He was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, March 1, 1880 and came to Sherman county soon after where his father had a homestead. He was a farmer, carpenter and stone mason and had a reputation as a careful mechanic. He worked at railroad for many years and during the latest war worked in The Dalles roundhouse.

He is survived by his widow Anne, Goldendale; two sons, Bob of Lyle and Paul of Goldendale; two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Thomson of Antelope and Mrs. Viola Wilson of Bend; a brother William now of Independence and a sister, Mrs. Clara Stevens of Portland and five grandchildren.

He was a member of the Elks lodge of The Dalles whose members officiated at his funeral.

Fred Walker Dies Suddenly Sunday

Fred Walker suffered a heart attack while seated on a bench on the main street of Grass Valley Sunday and died within a few minutes.

Frederick Hunter Walker was born in Wheeler county, Nebraska, February 4, 1882 and soon came to Sherman county where he lived with his parents east of Grass Valley. When a youth he enlisted in the army and served in the Philippines under General Martin, ex-governor of Oregon. Later he moved to the Supple country where he spent much of his adult life.

Surviving are a son J. D. of Boise, Idaho, a sister Mrs. Ida Olds, a nephew Alton Olds and a niece, Mrs. Ted Trimble all of Grass Valley.

Funeral services were held at Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church with interment in the Odd-Fellow cemetery.

Mrs Annie Williams Schools Lacking In Funeral Held Tuesday Mathematics

Mrs. Annie Williams died at The Dalles Saturday, September 2, and funeral services were held at Moro Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in Rose City cemetery in Portland.

Mrs. Williams was born in eastern Canada April 21, 1876. She came to Moro with her husband about 20 years ago and lived here until she was taken to the hospital a little over a week ago. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Virgil Conlee and a son Donald of Valdez, Alaska and many stepsons and daughters whom she mothered as carefully as she did her own.

Here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George DeBlock, all of Portland, Mrs. Mamie Mitchell of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunlop of The Dalles and children and Donald Williams.

Schools throughout the state begin to reopen this week and with the reopening the traffic safety division, Salem, issued an appeal to Oregon motorists to drive slowly in or near school zones.

More students than ever before will be going to school this fall, the division said. Extreme caution will be needed if children are not to pay for driver mistakes with their lives, particularly since speeds in school zones have increased as much as 75 percent during the summer. These first few weeks of school, the division stressed, can be particularly dangerous if motorists do not remember to slow down.

The division also reminded drivers of the school bus stop law, first put into effect last fall, which requires cars to stop when either approaching or overtaking a stopped school bus loading or unloading children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to all our kind friends and neighbors who came last Sunday and helped put out our fire.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald
Mrs. Mae Fowler