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These Things We Note

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A boss of a crew usually knows enough to fire both men when there is a fight on a crew. For that reason alone it would have been better to get rid of Acheson along with Johnson. But if Acheson is going to stay we hope his venture into Europe works better than his abandonment of China.

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We are getting so mechanized. In a couple of generations a man won't be able to tell night from day without a light meter.

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The WCTU now says that the diplomats were drunk at Yalta. It is doubtful if they can use that as an excuse, even though it may seem that they must have been.

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One of the confusing things is that so many persons and groups claim that democracy must be preserved by adopting their program. In Portland those in favor of the equal rights ordinance say that giving Negroes the right to eat anywhere is a move toward democracy; the school teachers say that the voters must pungle up another \$30 per census child in the name of democracy. The arguments are ont convincing.

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A man needs a lot of nerve to mount a rodeo buck, but he doesn't need it long.

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One thing this county needs is a good loud speaking system. Except for the ones owned by the schools, which are indoor sets, those used must be borrowed from outside the county. There are lots of events that would be improved by a speaking system.

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It is a little warm but pretty good football weather and the boys here and all over the land are out pushing one another around over possession of an inflated ball described in higher circles as an "oblate spheroid". We Americans, trained in a philosophy that exalts competition, like all games and particularly the rough games of physical contact. We see the backs who shine as individuals and give them high praise and it is to wonder if these young men who are taught thus can ever be regimented into the present political thinking that is growing socialized so fast.

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There's another furore about posture going on. It seems worthy of noting that a drooping posture keeps many persons from looking as good as they could. Every once in a while it becomes fashionable to walk like a limber reed, however, and fashion wins over beauty. But then it often does.

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A larcenous lady in Portland has confessed, saying that it was impossible to cheat a thoroughly honest person. Only the suckers are slickered she says. Perhaps it was not meant so, but it is a fine recommendation for the old adage, "Honesty is the best policy."

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A grocery buyer could be considered a hoarder for half what an older generation considered prudent buying. Stories of the pitiful little city people hoard sounds like living from hand to mouth to a resident of a country where families bought a hack load or didn't go to town at all.

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Men's clothes will cost more even though the government will take over the job of keeping a few millions in clothing.

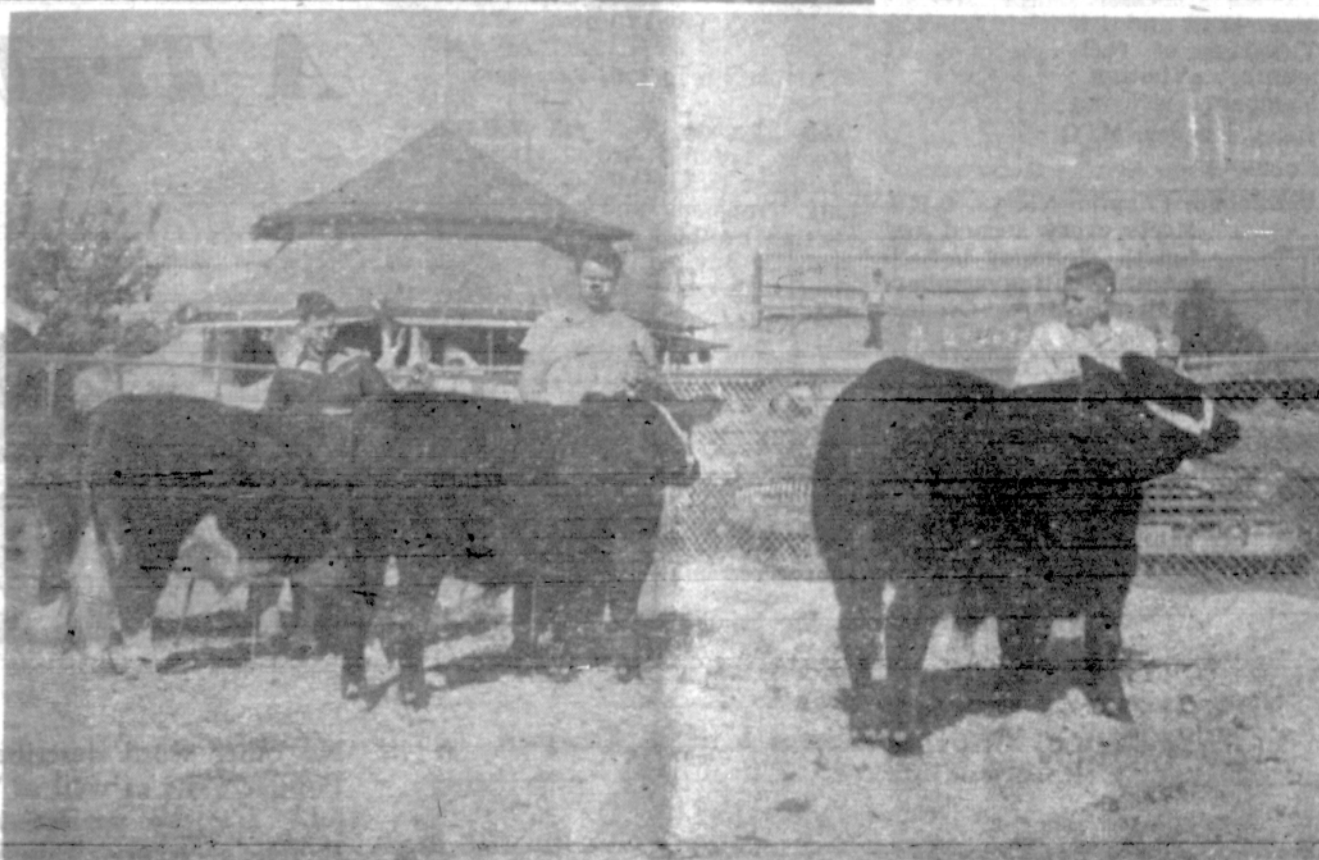
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This area is to be a proving or failing ground for an experiment in rain-making. It is cheap, only \$5000 for a good fall rain over three counties. It is a bet no farmer could pass up. Scientifically, however, there isn't much evidence that it will work and the wheat commission and OSC are going to look into it and the investigation may cost almost as much as the effort.



Six of the 4-H cake bakers who put on the demonstration of cake making Friday. Joan Eakin, third from left won the championship. Shown are Sherry Woods, Mary Brady, Joan Eakin, Margaret Baumgartner, Carol Burnett and Dayanne Sayrs. Absent were Barbara Buck, Cherrill Fields, Margaret Scherrer and Ronnie Benson.

Showing for the grand champion fat steer after the two best in both Angus and Hereford class were chosen. Foreground is the grand champion owned by Edwin Balsiger, next is the Larry Kaseberg Angus held by Carl Schilling, third is in the champion Hereford and reserve champion held by owner Larry Kaseberg and partly shown is the second Hereford owned and held by Gary Miller.



Eleven year old Sally Fields baked a chiffon cake that was judged the best in the cake class and thus bested the county's adult cake makers, many of whom have a community wide reputation at the art.

Young horsemen and women had their hour at the fair when they rode into the ring on Shetland ponies and were judged just like grown-ups. Showing were Helene, Shirley and Paul, children of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sather, Nancy McKean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McKean, and Deanna Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin.

Moro Digging Ditch; City Caucus Called

The city of Moro has started work on the ditch with county equipment moving the dirt. A break of an arm on the bull dozer delayed it slightly. Both the bulldozer and carry-all are being used. When the ditch is dug the steel tube will be laid under direction of a man from Beall & Co., of Portland.

A date for a city caucus was decided upon. It will be held October 10 at eight o'clock in the evening prior to the October council meeting. To be elected are a mayor, a treasurer and six councilmen.

BEEFOS EQUIPMENT FOUND
The robbery of Beefo's has been solved by the apprehension of Bill Hardy formerly of Tygh Valley who had worked around Grass Valley at one time.

With another man he was arrested at Oregon City where some \$5000 in loot of various robberies was found. The gun was pawned and the cash register was regained with little damage other than a broken drawer.

Fair Successful As To Both Exhibits and Race And Rodeo Programs

When Jerry Wilson's chariot team swung wide on the first turn of Sunday's final race and let Stan Coelsch's team take the middle of the track it was possible for Stan to catch the Coons' string and win by a nose. It was one of the closest and exciting chariot races in the memory of county fair goers.

That race ended a day filled with program events that kept the capacity crowd thrilled from one o'clock when the parade came through the gate until the final pounding of hoofs ended the last race.

There were nine horse races and two sections of saddle bronc and bareback riding, calf roping, steer bulldogging and Brahma bull riding interspersed with music by the Northwesterners.

Stan Coelsch was the big winner in the Sherman county races taking the two county races each day. His DuWin took the half mile Saturday in 54.6 and his Fair Fun won Sunday in 53.4 Helyer's Doodlebug and Coelsch's Mid Kappi were second in the half.

Pioneer Marker Dedication Oct. 8

A marker at the John Day crossing of the wagon trails of the forties will be dedicated October 8, announced Jay Price, president of the Sherman County Historical Society while here for the Sherman County Fair from his home in North Bonneville, Wash.

The marker, which is a native basalt rock, has been selected by a group of society officers including A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. M. He von Borstel, Lester Barnum and Walter Bruckert. An appropriate bronze plaque has been imbedded in it and as soon as a base is poured it will be ready for placing.

Walter Meacham, secretary of the Old Oregon Trails association will be the speaker for the occasion and additional program will be announced by Mrs. O. N. Rugles, society secretary.

Lloyd Johnson was sworn in as postmaster Monday afternoon when the inspector arrived to check Mrs. Jones out and Johnson in. She remains as assistant. Lloyd has held the appointment for some weeks but had to wait until the auditor arrived.

Cliff Gunderson was the best bronc rider with a ride on Blue Smoke in Saturday's show. Few horses were ridden, Chet McCarty stayed on Black Widow and Tex George on Rough Going to make the only rides Sunday. Neil Hart and Bud Travis also rode Saturday.

The Barbour horses and cattle were in excellent condition and the booted showmen had trouble with all of them. Neil Hart with all of them. Rodeo events went off on schedule and there were few waits during the program on either day. Weather was cloudy Saturday and bright and sunny Sunday which may have accounted for the capacity crowd.

ABOUT THE COUNTY
John J. Decker of Kent was elected vice-president of Oregon's Flying Farmers at the recent meeting at Baker. Roger Lenning of Baker is president and LeRoy Wright, secretary.

Mrs. J. A. Newton of Farmington, New Mexico, is here to visit with her sister, Mrs. Jack Noonan for a few weeks. She came for the funeral of Mrs. Flora Coon last week.

Dewey Thompson and wife are in Eugene a part of this week where he is judging the horses at the Lane county fair.

J. S. Sawyer has been named by the highway commission to fill the position as engineer in this area replacing L. V. Koons who was moved to Salem. Mr. Sawyer has been engineer at Lakeview.

Arthur Zell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell of Wasco, has enrolled at Hill Military Academy in Portland for the fall term which began September 11. Cadet Zell is in the 10th grade. Rally day next Sunday, September 24, at the Wasco Methodist Sunday school. Rev. H. Gra-venor.

Exhibit Emphasis Changes In 4-H Showings At County Fair

Emphasis on the exhibit end of the fair was slightly different this year with more activity in the pavilion and less in the barns. Some of the 4-H club calves had been taken to the wheat league show and sold which reduced the number of calves and contestants in the livestock divisions. And demonstrations in cooking and sewing attracted a crowd to the pavilion where girls showed what they had learned.

Edwin Balsiger with an 1100 pound Angus took top honors in the 4-H fat steer class. The mellowness of his calf pleased the judge, Russell McKennon and he chose him over other good Angus calves owned by Larry Kaseberg, Milton Fridley, Gary Miller, Bill Root and Donald McIntyre. The Angus class was a very good one.

Larry Kaseberg had the best Hereford and reserve champion with Gary Miller, Lee Kaseberg, Sally Fields, Frank McKay, Douglas Alley and Gordon Helyer following in that order. Larry also won the showmanship contest for senior showman and Gary Miller was named as the best junior showman.

But the girls came into their own when a roomful of women were attracted to the stage where five pairs of youngsters spent all day Friday baking cakes and others gave a style revue in

the evening to keep the pavilion occupied until late.

Joan Eakin was placed as champion cake baker although Barbara Buck and Sherry Woods also won blue ribbons. Margaret Baumgartner, Carol Burnett, Dayanne Sayrs and Mary Brady won red ribbons and Cherrill Fields, Ronnie Benson and Margaret Scherrer won white ones.

In the style revue Margaret Baumgartner was acclaimed the champion and Barbara Buck and Mary Brady won blues also. Gertrude Buether, Elaine Brinkert, Beverly Helyer and Shirley Sather won red ribbons and Nadine Griggs and Helen Sather were third.

Joan Eakin won in canning. Jean Ross is drop cookie champ and Joan Gilman, Sandra Zachary, Rea Eaves, Kay Kirkelle and Sandra May also placed. Mavis Miller, Susan Baumgartner and Jerine Blaylock placed in that order in ice box cookie contest.

Mildred Eakin and Wilma Gentry were one-two in the vanilla cup cake contest and Ivan Kirkelle, Barbara Buck and Carol Briggs placed in that order at making a sponge cake, proving that boys can do other things than fatten calves.

At baking an angel food cake Carol Burnett, Elaine Brinkert, Mary Brady, Dayanne Sayrs,

PMA Officials Here For Meet

Officials of the state PMA were in town Tuesday and held a meeting that night with local officers to hasten the signing of farmers to contracts for crop insurance.

As explained federal crop insurance is for the purpose of guaranteeing the farmer recovery of his expenses of operation. The local rate is .6 bushel per acre for which a farmer will recover 65 per cent of his 20 year average in case of complete loss of crop for any reason other than poor husbandry.

At present there is a reserve of over \$100,000 in the fund for Sherman county and when this reaches \$119,000 the rate will drop. All money above that reserve will go to reduce premiums up to 30 per cent. Additional reduction may be obtained by those who keep the insurance for seven years without loss. This brings a 25 per cent reduction. There are 13 areas in this county with production averages of from 4.1 to 19.1 bushels per acre.

Five farmers recovered on the insurance this year and the fund will pay out some \$10,000. About 35 per cent of the farmers had federal insurance for 1950 and it is expected that between 60 and 70 per cent will take it for 1951. The deadline is September 30. Jake Keeler is in charge of crop insurance for Sherman county.

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Leon Smith Suffers Fatal Heart Attack In Hospital

Leon H. Smith, 33, died early Sunday morning in The Dalles hospital with a heart attack. He had been in Moro for several days as superintendent of the cattle section of the Sherman county fair and had attended the dance at Wasco the night before. He parted from the party of young people and went home about one o'clock. Early in the morning he became ill and went to The Dalles, walked into the hospital and was put in an oxygen tent where he died shortly. Cause of death was given as coronary thrombosis.

He was born April 11, 1917 at Wasco and has lived there all his life, going to school and farming in late years. He married Evelyn Olson and they are the parents of three sons, Larry, Don and Ray. Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Smith, a brother, Delmar of Spokane, and a grandmother, Mrs. Anna Lee.

He was a member and former master of Taylor Lodge A. F. & A. M. and of the Elks lodge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in The Dalles with interment in the cemetery there. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiated. Pallbearers were LeRoy Belshee, Paulen Kaseberg, Marvin Thomas, Leonard Fields, Francis Watkins and Donald McDermid.



John McDonald Lyon

Lyon Concert Program Released

The program that John McDonald Lyon will present in his appearance here September 27 has been received by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. These numbers will be played on the Hammond organ at the Moro Community church.

No charge will be made for the event but a collection will be taken to pay the not inconsiderable expenses of the concert.

Heard will be Alexandre Guilmant's Preludio, Allegretto by Cesar Franck, Come, Sweet Death by Bach-Fox, Minuet, George Friedrich Handel, Entrada, Edurdo Torres, Caprice Viennois, Fritz Kreisler, Deep River, Spiritual, Londonderry Air, Traditional Irish, Sunrise, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Petite Pastorale, Maurice Ravel, Westminster, Eric Coates.