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These Things We Note

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A headline reads, "Methodists Look for 200 Women here Sunday." Should find some of them.

TTWN
Congress has adjourned and the weary law makers are on their way home to try to catch a few votes. We may hope that they will mix with people enough to learn what the people really want from government.

TTWN
As a personal request we'd like to know what the Almighty seeded the clouds with Monday night in the Willamette valley. One could flood a desert by using a formula like that.

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There are lots of lists showing what congress did do and did not do. We are very thankful that it did not pass the ones defeated and would have been happier yet had it not passed the ones approved.

TTWN
The difference between UN and US is more apparent in Lake Success than in Korea which which merely illustrates a fact well proven in history: our soldiers are much better than our diplomats. (sic).

TTWN
Out of 100 men examined for the armed services in July 45 were turned down for physical reasons and another 15 for lack of mind or education. There was a time when the strong and smart were able to get the dumb and weak to do their fighting. Now the tables are reversed.

The rain makers have lost one opportunity already with the passage over us of some very dark clouds.

TTWN
England protected a large part of the world for years and also exploited what it protected. It is now, a decadent and socialistic nation without hope of becoming great again and without policies that would make it great. The United States is starting to protect as much of the world as will request it and so far has taken no definite steps to exploit. Estimates on the length of time such policies will take to render this nation as impotent as England should be stated in years not generations.

TTWN
We now have a law against communists. We hope it works better than our law against murderers.

There's a firm that persists in sending this office advertising about a time clock. Now we have nothing against time clocks; the ones we have seen are efficient little gadgets that mark the work time of persons with what appears to be accuracy and dispatch. We have always been most happy that the punching of a time clock was not a part of our daily doings.

But around here we work when we have to and quit when we can and if it be two hours to day and 20 hours tomorrow we'll get it in somehow without the aid of time clocks, walking bosses, union stewards, or other mechanical and human watchers of employee ambition. Maybe one of the best ways to keep from feeling down trodden and abused and resentful is to do a little bit more than is expected of you. Anyway no time clocks are needed where that is done.

TTWN
One thing we can't understand is what difference it makes in the fairness of the fare who owns the Portland traction system.

The president is quoted as saying that James Byrnes was a failure who quit. No wonder Truman doesn't like the idea.

TTWN
This time of year is often the most pleasant of all. Even after the first fall rain there comes days and sometimes weeks of warm, balmy weather—the final touch of summer before the chill of fall takes the leaves from the trees in preparation for winter's snow.

1950 Both Hotter And Colder Than Usual Here

The calendar year to date has been a little colder and a little wetter than the average according to figures compiled by George Mitchell, superintendent of the experimental station. Perhaps the most remarkable change from the normal is the temperature figures for the first nine months of this year. All months up to August were colder than the normal. January was 13.6 degrees colder than the normal with an average of 16 degrees as the mean for the month. February was four degrees colder, March 2.8 and April 3.5 degrees colder than the normal which, added to a 2.2 degree below normal May made the 1950 spring a pretty cold one. June and July were but a little colder than usual. Then August was 2.4 degrees warmer than the average August and September was 4.8 degrees above normal giving some hopes that the tide of cold has turned.

Farmers were fortunate in the weather for the first nine months of the year. January brought 2.98 inches of rain or 1.44 inches more than normal, March was a little wetter, some .44 inch, and June brought 1.73 inches of rainfall, a full 1.03 above the average. All other months were below normal in rainfall. But who could pick three better months for an excess of moisture.

Total rainfall for the first nine months was 7.95 compared to a normal of 7.00.

The mercury reached 98 degrees twice this year, once July 24 and again August 21. It was 95 September 2, the warmest September day except a 97 degree day back in 1944. During the 39 years since the station has been established here 16 have had Septembers with more than 90 degrees recorded.

Coldest mark for the year was set February 2 when a new record at the station was made with a 23 below zero temperature. Mitchell had to go back to December 1919 to find the former record of minus 20 degrees.

AMERICAN LEGION INSTALL

Installation of new officers of the American Legion and the auxiliary was done at Kent Thursday night with the Kent post and unit as hosts. Officers from The Dalles did the installing.

Hospital Bed and Invalid Walker Available Now

The American Legion auxiliary has made arrangements for a hospital bed to be kept at the Legion hall for use of those in the county who may be in need of it.

In addition to that the Sayrs family donated the walker used by Mrs. Emma Sayrs to the auxiliary as a memorial to her. It may be used by those needing it in the community. It, too, will be kept at the hall and in charge of the auxiliary.

The first fall meeting of the auxiliary was held at the home of Mollie McLachlan Tuesday afternoon with 14 present. Three new members were admitted and Mrs. Florence Bruckert agreed to act as secretary-treasurer replacing Mrs. Carl Melzer who is moving to the valley. The auxiliary is anxious to have all eligible women join in order to strengthen the organization in its work to aid veterans and send material to those fighting the nation's wars in Korea.

GRASS VALLEYITES TRAVEL

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and their daughter, Mrs. Florence Clark of Portland and Mrs. Matt Simon returned home last Tuesday evening from a vacation trip that took them to Yakima and Spokane, Wn., to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, entering Canada at Kings Gate across to Kootenay Bay to Trill and back into the U. S. and then back to Osoyoos, Canada, taking highway No. 3 to Princeton, Hope and Chilliwack on to Vancouver, B. C. took the ferry to Victoria and across to Port Angeles, Wn., on to Olympia and to Portland and home.

POST OFFICES COST TAXES

For taxpayers of Sherman county the \$558,000,000 deficit of the Post Office Department in the federal fiscal year which ended June 30 will mean approximately \$8,000 in terms of general federal taxes, according to a study released here today by the Council of State Chambers of Commerce.

The council's study showed that except for a few scattered years the Post Office has been doing business at a loss for 60 years. Since the end of World War II these losses were found to total \$1,758,044,299 which means an extra tax of \$12 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Moro Wins 28-0 From Fossil In Opening Game

The Moro football team won its first game of the 1950 season by handily knocking off the Fossil team at Fossil last Friday. The score was 28 to 0.

Moro scored twice in the first quarter looked very bad on offense although the weight in the line kept them strong defensively. In the fourth quarter they came to life again and made another pair of touchdowns. Scoring were Lane twice, Roberson and Martin.

Rust went out early in the second quarter and several other boys had a chance to enter their first game. Rolfe played a part of the time, and Sayrs and Kaseberg also had a turn at backfield work.

Playing in the line this year are some very large lads several of whom weigh over 200 pounds. Von Borstel at end, Kock at tackle and Schilling at guard make up one side of the line that weighs almost 700 pounds. Bucholtz, Duncan and Harvey are lighter but not small and John Alley at center is close to the 200 pound mark.

Others who will be in the line up before the season is over are Les Edwards who may play in the backfield or at end, Doran Fritts, a lineman like his famed brother, Scott, Bill Smith, a new comer, Douglas Alley who has the weight but needs more speed.

Coach Jimmy Johnson is a South Dakota product who has attended junior college at Vancouver, Washington and who took his last three years at Willamette where he played tackle and helped coach last year.

System used is the "split T" another of the many variations of the "T" system. Last year the team used a "Wing T". The line is spread under the "split T" system although the backfield positions are similar to those used last season.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Children of the Mid-Columbia area which includes all of Sherman county will be out of school next Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2 while teachers attend the annual North Central Oregon Regional workshop which will be held in The Dalles. Lessons and demonstrations will be given teachers to equip them to teach reading and care for libraries more efficiently.

Soil Conservation Program Expansion Planned At Committee Meeting

Plans were laid to begin conservation planning with groups of farmers in the Locust Grove and Kent areas at a regular meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors Tuesday, September 19 according to T. W. Thompson, secretary of the board.

The Locust Grove area has been given highest priority for soil conservation farm planning by the board. Range improvement work will be conducted in the Kent area.

Sherman county farmers who desire assistance through the soil conservation district may make applications at the district office, through the county agent's office or at the soil conservation service office in downtown Moro.

T. P. Helseth, soil conservation service, explained to the board of supervisors that a flood control survey was being made of the Columbia basin area and that the soil conservation service and the forest service were the main agencies designated by the department of agriculture to carry on this survey. The board of supervisors passed a resolution favoring this type of survey in the Sherman county district and requested that particular attention be given to the flood problem in the watershed draining from the south which discharged water through the town of Moro. They requested also that particular attention be given to the flood problems in Wasco, Grass Valley and Kent areas.

Northwest Wheat On Board of Trade

The Pacific Northwest was featured this week with the opening of North Pacific Coast wheat future contracts on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade, according to the weekly grain markets review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. Trading started on September 11. Delivery of wheat for these contracts has been authorized at the principal Pacific Northwest ports. These are Portland, Longview, Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma. Trading has been authorized for the December, 1950, futures and the March and May, 1951 future contracts. This marks the first time, in its 100-year history, that the Chicago Exchange has permitted the trading in grains to be delivered outside the Chicago area.

Total Wheat Loans Over \$3,000,000

The local PMA office has made loans totaling \$3,340,667 on 1950 grain, reports Ralph Busse, manager of the office. There is a total of 816 loans of which 579 are loans on warehoused wheat which accounts for \$3,032,396 of the loans. Twelve loans on farm stored wheat total \$132,167 and there are 225 barley loans totaling \$175,504.

Nearly all loans are now completed in all probability and the total will probably not greatly exceed the above figures, even though this accounts for only about two-thirds of the grain grown this year.

David Bayer left Wednesday for Corvallis where he will enter OSC for his senior year.

County Taxes Up \$316,000 For Next Year

Taxpayers will soon receive information about taxes in Sherman county. It will be included with their tax statements.

There are only seven school districts in Sherman county now and these vary in valuation from \$90,100 at Emigrant to \$2,823,331 at Moro. The Rural School tax is 19.6 mills which is for all districts and other district taxes will add a high of 6.7 at Kent to nothing in Biglow and Emigrant. Rufus is 3.0, Wasco 1.3, Moro 4 and Grass Valley .9. These amounts were voted over the Rural School budget.

Percentages show that Biglow and Emigrant districts use 70.2 percent of their taxes for school purposes, Moro 69.3, Grass Valley 68.1, and Wasco 67.1. Roads take 13.3 percent in the rural districts and between 10.7 and 12.8 percent in other districts. The state and county tax is about 15 percent of the total and inasmuch as there is no state tax the county gets the 15 percent.

City taxes will be \$642,652 in Wasco, 24.4 mills to make the total levy 53.6, \$1801.89, 7.8 mills for a consolidated levy of 36.1 in Moro; \$1598.41, 9.4 mills in Grass Valley where the total millage will be 38.2.

Road taxes will be \$38,186.61 raised by a millage levy of 3.7, and the county general tax will be \$47,475.26 raised by a levy of 4.6.

Total taxes are \$316,172.18, highest for many years. Schools alone will take \$220,683.49. Valuation of the county is \$10,320,709 of which \$1,787,799 is public utility valuation.

Couples Celebrate Anniversaries

Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger Sunday September 24 celebrating the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Alsop of Wamic and Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss of Hansville, Washington.

A salmon dinner was served at noon to members of their families. The afternoon was spent visiting, playing horse shoe and canasta. Guests present were Mrs. Lizzie Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Altwasser and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hughes of Maupin; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and grandson, and Mrs. Ada Dugger from Boring; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Montgomery of Sheridan; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minks and Mrs. Iva Kee from Wamic; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughter, Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Art Allgeier and Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughters, Geraldine and Phyllis, from Grass Valley, Miss Jessie Brekm and Mr. and Mrs. Don DeMoss from Hood River and Mr. and Mrs. Curly DeMoss and Mr. and Mrs. George DeMoss and daughters from Moro.

4-H Judges Have Lively Contest

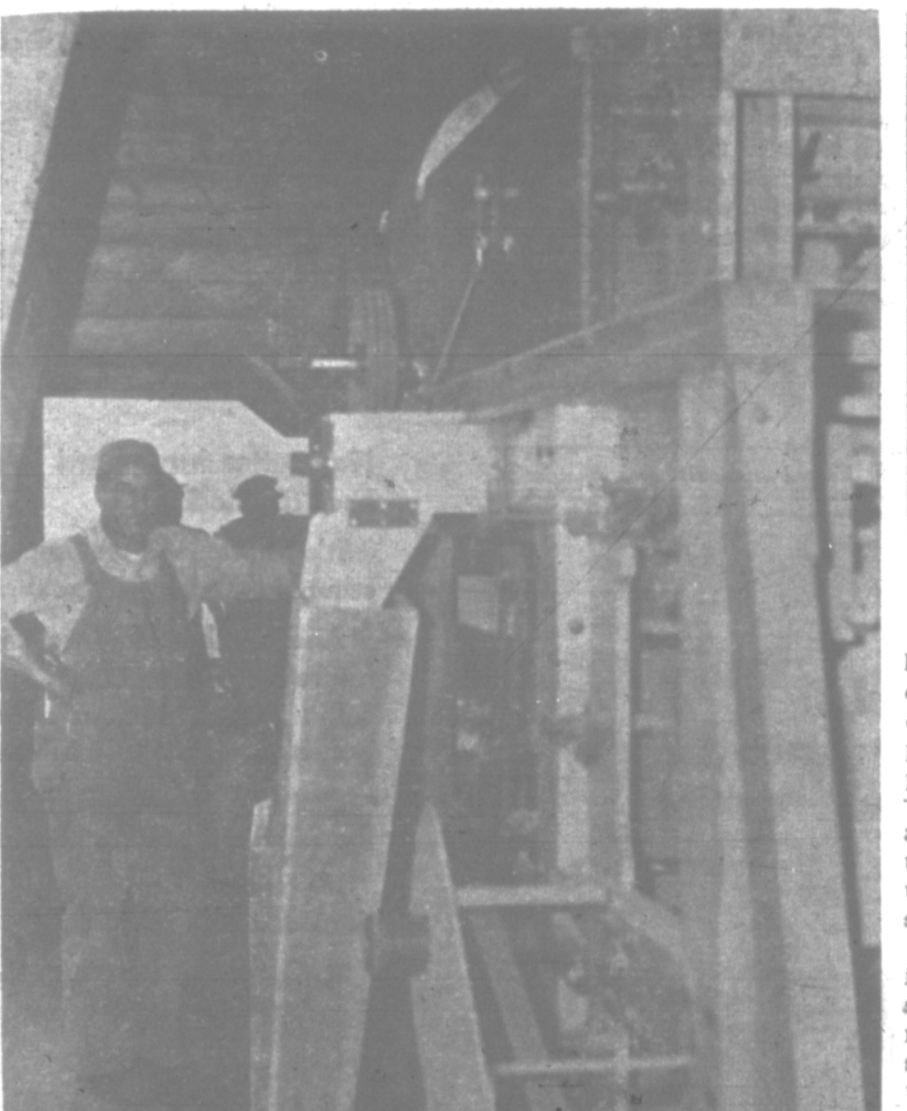
Three 4-H Livestock club girls walked away with team honors in the 4-H judging contest at the Sherman County Fair.

These sharp-eyed girls were Joan Ross, Sherry Woods, and Tonal Miller from the Moro Sheep and Pig club led by A. B. Christianson. The county livestock judging contest was on the basis of the three highest member from each club constituting a team. Winners of the contest are eligible to participate in the livestock judging contest at the Pacific International October 7.

Four-H club boys from Locust Grove Beef club consisting of Larry Kaseberg, Bill Root, and Lee Kaseberg came through winning second place team honors The Locust Grove club is led by L. E. Kaseberg.

Third place team honors went to Edwin Balsiger, Gary Miller, and Donald Miller from the Busy Beefers club of Moro led by W. T. Balsiger.

Wasco Co-op's New Seed Cleaning and Treating Plant Busy



Elevator Foreman Art Macheel stands beside the cleaner, first of the new cleaning and treating plant at Wasco.

Newest development in the wheat business in Sherman county is the new seed cleaner and treater erected and equipped by the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers at Wasco. The plant is attached to the main elevator at Wasco.

Wheat that is found to be cleaner and more true to variety than the average is fed to the

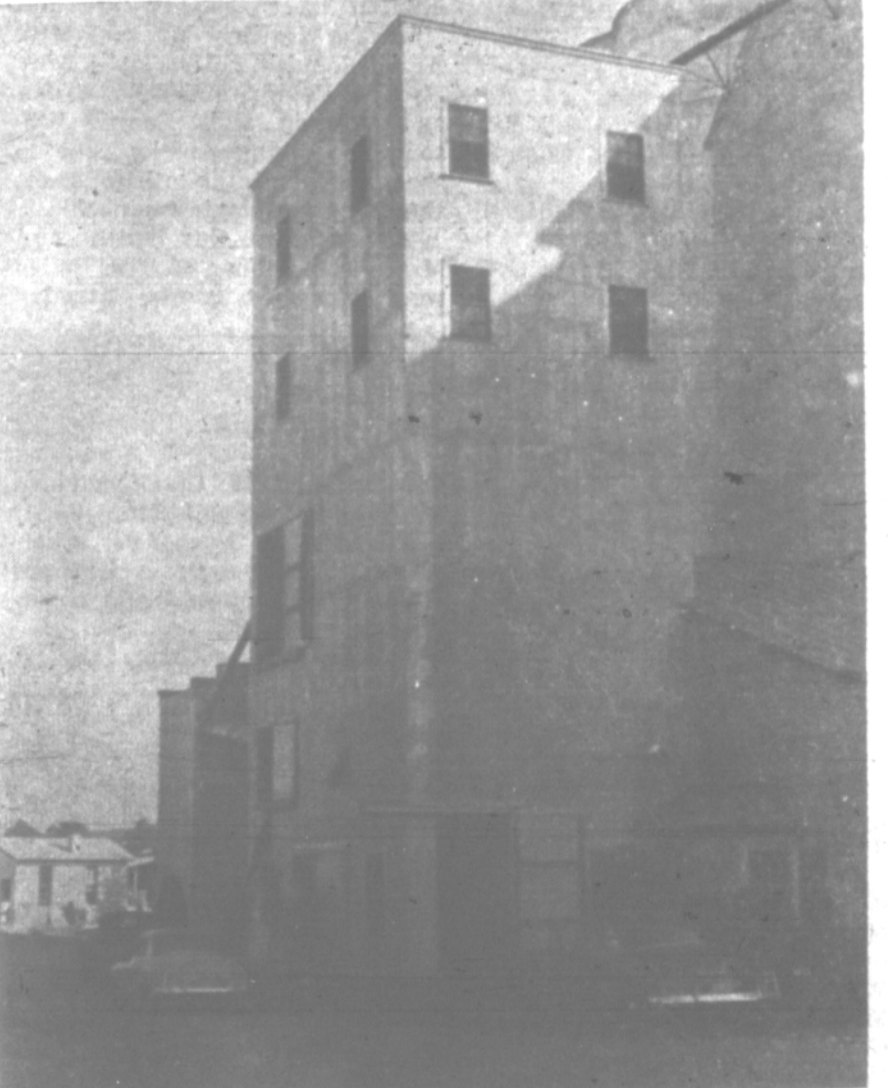


The little cup that dumps the liquid with which wheat is treated for smut is just discharging enough mixture to render 10 pounds of wheat seed smut proof.

are four and a basement. The upper or fourth floor contains the pipes which are used to shift the grain where needed.

On the third floor the grain is run through a disc and cylinder separator if it is considered necessary. About half the grain is so handled. The row of discs take out the small and cracked grains and the cylinder removes most of the foreign grains.

Grain that only needs to be treated goes to the second floor where a modern little slurry treater mixes it with smut killing chemicals. A little cup is dumped into the hopper for every ten pounds of grain which makes the wheat only slightly damp. From the treater the grain goes to the sacker or is dumped into bulk trucks, depending on how the farmer wants to handle it.



The Sherman Cooperative and treater is a complete unit Grain Growers wheat cleaner adjoining the huge concrete elevator.

Cost of the building and equipment is near \$50,000. Wheat is cleaned and treated for \$5.00 per ton and it is possible to run some 300 bushels per hour when at capacity. Usual running speed is 225 bushels per hour.

Dust is collected and blown into a separate building where it can be hauled away. The plant was built to meet recommendations of the North-

west Crop Improvement association which has asked that modern seed cleaning plants be established throughout this wheat area. Grain has been treated at Wasco for farmers in several counties as well as local men.

Art Macheel is foreman in charge of the plant under general direction of George Harris, coop manager.