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These Things We Note

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Gardeners: Those black spots in your garden are the remains of tomato vines.

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The movement to match Moro's high school football squad with the University of Oregon some idle week-end has been killed by the improved appearance of the Ducks, not the decline of the local team.

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What nation is going to pay the costs of our socialism like we are paying for England's?

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Some boys are doing club work, fattening calves and making gardens, some are playing football and going to school and some are killing policemen. Why are some so good and some so bad?

O. H. Borthwick, cousin of Death Valley Scotty, and long time resident of Antelope writes this reflection pertinent to the hunting season.

But I'm just an "old hick". From out of the sticks, The land of sage-brush and ticks Where the coyotes yell, O'er mountain and dell, Where the Antelope use to play By night and by day, By the deer still roam, All around our homes, Tramping down the golden wheat Wasting more than they eat.

Therefore it seems a good reason That we should have one out of season But the law and Warden say Not Yet we practically raise both buck and doe.

It doesn't seem fair, yet it is so According to law, we haven't a chance.

No more than the man in the fancy pants. We are just on a par, With the man behind the bar. At the sound of a crash It is quite obvious that you can guess That a man went down instead of their quest.

—O. H. Borthwick, Antelope, Oregon

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There's almost too much going on to make the election important this year yet, nevertheless, everyone in this county should be prepared to vote because there are so many things about which their opinion should be recorded.

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Some smart man (lucky of course) thinks he has a chemical that will reduce the number of times a lawn has to be mowed each summer. What. And let his wife get fat?

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Every time we print a list of pedigrees for stock to be sold we note the care taken with the records of animal parentage. A breeder will pay almost any possible sum to obtain a bull of a certain strain to improve a fault in his herd. Of course purebred animals all have records of their ancestors and stockmen know that qualities and characteristics are passed on to offspring by parents. If a farmer has a bunch of heifers with light bone he will want to buy a bull with bigger bone to correct the fault. He knows what sort of an animal he is breeding to obtain. Humans might be able to do the same thing for themselves if there was an idea what kind of a person was the ideal. Until that happens young men will keep on looking for a lass with a well turned ankle and a come-hither eye and to beek with the ability to cook or think.

A news story says that since 1940 the dollar has lost 40 cents through inflation. May a citizen suggest that the government take note of that and make the next war's bond issue inflation proof.

"No woman can look charming if her feet are hurting", reports an OSC bulletin. "My land", says Uncle Emmett, "that's the last place I'd look ed."



TEARS AND KISSES . . . Units of the 46th division, including Los Angeles 108th Infantry regiment, entrain for Camp Cook as some of the girls kiss the boys goodbye. Ralph Wald (left) and Sgt. William Gates kiss their war brides farewell before train leaves Los Angeles. Standing guard are M.P.'s, Cpl. Herbert Cohen and Sgt. Herbert Conner.

Holy Report Warns Against Danger of State Control In Educational Affairs

Citizens of Oregon should be concerned with the problem of state control in the field of education.

This statement, buried in the mass of facts and recommendations of the 400-page "Holy report" on Oregon's schools, is a keynote generalization. It is possibly second in importance only to the basic recommendation—statewide reorganization of school districts.

Dr. C. T. Holy, the Ohio State university expert who headed the legislative interim committee survey of Oregon's schools, says without qualification: "Oregon's first school job is reorganization to eliminate the many professionally and financially sub-standard little districts."

Reorganization of the State Department and the State Board of Education is also vital but most of the changes at the top as recommended, are dependent on cleaning up the local problem (seven kinds of school districts, a county pattern that ranges from one school district to more than 90, and annual costs per pupil that vary from \$20 to \$200).

"The work of the state department is greatly complicated and increased by the existing district organization. If the small district system is continued, there is little doubt that the state staff will have to be increased, Dr. Holy says.

Throughout the voluminous appraisal of public schools, and showing up in many of the 275 recommendations, is declaration of the state's function—improvement of instruction and curriculum, maintenance of minimum standards only, with "regulatory" function, over local districts be held to a minimum.

The state department, according to the report, has been forced to great expansion in the past two decades, particularly since 1940, largely by the added responsibilities of the standardization program (this is the attempt to bring backward schools up to level through "equalization" money provided by the 1947 basic-aid measure) and by the involved mechanics of distributing this money.

In 1930 there were two professional employees in the state department, including the superintendent. In 1949-50 there are: 20 professional, 38 clerical in general education; 6 professional 4 clerical in education of the physical handicapped; 12 professional, 12 clerical in vocational education; and 17 professional 12 clerical in vocational rehabilitation.

The reason the state department must inevitably expand unless the voters, through the legislature, order a reorganization and strengthening of local districts, is simple. Dr. Holy—as simple and obvious as the political axiom that a weak county government invites state control and a weak state government brings on federal control.

Rain Makes Seeding Safe As Months Total Reaches .85"

Rain that measured .45 inch fell Wednesday night pretty generally over Sherman county making it possible for farmers to go ahead with their seeding. Prior to the Wednesday night rain seeding had been slowed because there was too little moisture for shallow seeding and prospects were too good for continued deep seeding which is usually done in warmer weather.

The latest addition to the moisture makes the total for October .85 or practically normal and conditions are that more rain may fall before the storm is over. In September there was but .14 inches of rainfall.

Some farmers, particularly in the north end, have used deep furrow drills in recent years with good success and these men have already seeded and some of the grain is coming up.

Vote On County High School Halted

There will be no vote on the establishment of a single high school district for Sherman county this fall according to Lloyd Henrichs, chairman of the Moro school district. He has received a letter from the office of the department of education stating that there is doubt if the law would serve the purpose desired in this county as now written.

The department postponed its request to the local board that more work be done on the school house for the time being. This was done because the Holy report, which asks for better organization of Oregon school districts, is going to come before the legislature and changes may come that might make the former ruling inappropriate.

BOYS TALK BEFORE RUFUS P-TA

The Rufus P-TA members met Monday evening at the school house. The new lunch room and its modern equipment was admired. The school janitor Carl Thompson, had the place shining with new painted walls, wood-work and floors.

The business meeting was in charge of Mrs. Allen Tom. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Joe Brackett, secretary. The group decided to purchase the Hamilton Beach mixer which the lunch cook, Mrs. Hazel Engberg, was using for approval. The group also decided to buy a new 8 foot General Electric deep-freeze.

The meeting then was turned over to Floyd Root in charge of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Root showed slide pictures of his and the boy scouts' trip last June to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge. These pictures were all in color and gave a good idea of what took place and what the scouts saw. Larry Kaseberg gave an outline on the first half of the scouts adventures and Jim Roberson gave the last part. Both boys were to be commended for their ability to give good talks.

The boys told of some of the predicaments which they got into that was amusing to tell about now, but catastrophes at the time.

Virgil Brock who is on the territorial committee of the Boy Scouts was introduced. Floyd Root presented the scout charter to Mrs. Allen Tom, as president of the group. Ray Brown will be the Rufus scout leader.

Guests present for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kaseberg and son Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root and sons of Wasco and Jim Roberson of Moro and Virgil Brock.

A lunch consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and coffee was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Allen Tom, Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. Joe Morris.

On the program for the November meeting a man from the army engineers will speak on the Columbia river development and the John Day dam. It is hoped a good sized crowd will be able to attend and hear about the dam which is of so much interest to the Rufus community.

Moro Smothers Papooses 46-7 In Runaway Game

The Moro high school football team, confident after its first victory, ran over the Papooses, second team of The Dalles high school, here last Friday by a 46 to 7 score.

The local lads scored seven touchdowns spacing them two for each quarter until the last when they stopped with one. As a game it was a rout.

The locals ran around end, intercepted passes, bucked the line for successful plays all afternoon. John Alley, center, intercepted a pass and scored a touchdown. Dick Rust, who played a much improved game, made two. Bob Martin made one after a long pass, Lane made two and Roberson made one.

The list of yardage gained looks fantastic. Dewayne Duncan a guard snared a fumble and made 10 yards, Leroy Martin, a sub, 15; John Alley's run was for 25 yards, Bob Martin ran 38 yards, Lane 30, Roberson 20, Rust 15, Wilbur Platt, a sub, 15, Roy Harvey 25 and Fred von Borstel was catching passes steadily.

The heavy Moro line kept the backfield men safe from enemy hands when passing or kicking and opened holes where wanted when it was time for line plays. Moro plays the rugged Maupin team at Maupin this Friday and expects trouble Maupin having beaten Culver by a 47 to 0 score last Friday.

New Substation Going Up Soon

The Pacific Power & Light company has bought the Tom Douma lot at the corner of Second and Scott streets, back of the Pontiac garage, and will soon erect a substation on it, according to Lawrence Kirby local agent for the company.

The new station will be placed on the ground, on concrete blocks. The transformers will be surrounded by a modern steel fence and everything about the new installation will be up to date, if present plans are followed. Cost is estimated at \$13,000.

The company will move from in front of the old Legion hall where transformers have been located for many years and H. B. Roberson will install a service station there.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

Additional funds are needed to meet Sherman county's quota in the campaign to finance the reapportionment battle. Contributions are being received at the office of the Sherman County Journal from where the money will be sent to the headquarters in Salem.

Opponents of the bill are better financed than those favoring it and have taken more space in the Voter's pamphlet with some statements that need correcting.

BANK LOANS UP

Figures compiled by the Sherman county branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on September 30, deposits for this branch amounted to \$1,994,569 and loans \$1,287,873.

The totals were made available by Carrel S. Bennett, manager, in line with a new policy of First National to publish its financial statements quarterly.

A year ago, on September 30, 1949, the local bank's comparable totals were, deposits, \$1,824,592, and loans, \$1,159,012.

As of September 30 this year, the First National Bank of Portland, with its 45 offices, reported deposits of \$494,684,588, loans of \$217,575,018, and resources of \$536,202,820. Against the loan figure there has been set up out of earnings since January 1, 1949, to September 30, 1950, a reserve for possible loan losses in the amount of \$850,679. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future, and it has not been allocated to any particular loan or type of loan.

By way of comparison, on September 30, 1949, deposits were \$467,876,086, loans, \$157,084,692, and resources \$505,784,252.

Sherman County Club To Start Meetings With Rufus Grange

The first meeting of the Sherman County club will be held at the Rufus Grange hall on Wednesday evening, October 18, according to L. E. Kaseberg, president.

This meeting was arranged before the club adjourned for the summer and the women of the Home Economics club of the Rufus grange have planned a bountiful meal for the club members who attend.

The program will consist of a discussion of the nine measures that will appear on the ballot at the November election and such other business of the club that may come before it. It is understood that President Kaseberg will have his committee appointments ready at the meeting.

City Caucus Date Is October 10

The caucus for the nomination of Moro city officials will be held next Tuesday night at the council rooms. It will be followed by a regular council meeting.

The city officials are now serving because no election has been held to change them or to re-elect them. The people should nominate and elect a mayor, three councilmen for four year terms, three councilmen for two year terms and a recorder.

A representative group of citizens will be needed to give the caucus the proper backing. It will be possible to nominate other tickets by petition until 20 days before November 7.

Wasco Service Women To Sell Food

The American Legion auxiliary of the Frank E. Brown Unit No. 91 met Monday afternoon at the Legion hall in Wasco. A group of members met at the hall last Friday to prepare the hall for future meetings. The oil heater which the late Ormand Hilderbrand donated to the hall was set up. This was the first meeting held in the new club house.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Kenneth Blau. Mrs. Earl Richelderfer acted as secretary due to the absence of the regular secretary, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet.

It was decided to have the regular meetings at 2:00 p. m. during the winter months. In the spring when the days are longer the meeting time is 2:30 p. m. The members planned a social meeting for the Legion men. The date to be set later.

It was voted to have a food sale the second and fourth Saturday of every month. The sale will be held at the Eastern Oregon Electric store owned by Patsie O'Meara. The refreshments consisted of pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee and was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. Lee Dehler and Mrs. Gus Hartmann.

Mrs. Virgil Brock was a guest of the club. Members present for the meeting were: Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Mrs. Elton Medler, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Earl Richelderfer, Mrs. Robert Bish, Mrs. Keith McDonald, Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Clyde Fridley Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Blau and the hostesses Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Dehler and Mrs. Hartmann.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel as chaplain. (Mrs. Gene Reynolds and Mrs. Charles Perrigo having formerly received the obligation as treasurer and 2nd vice president, respectively.)

Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bayles and Carl von Borstel from Kent. After installation brief talks were given by the officers.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Wallace May, Wednesday, October 11 at 2:30.

CRUSADE GETTING STARTED

The Crusade for Freedom drive has won thousands of signers in some places in Oregon although little has been done to date in Sherman county.

Purpose of the campaign is to enlist the support of millions of Americans to work for getting information behind the iron curtain where the desire of Americans for peace can be told to Russians and others who have no regular means of learning about this nation.

Pioneer Marker Dedication Will Be Sunday Event

The marker on the John Day river will be dedicated Sunday afternoon.

It is a solid volcanic rock boulder blown from a cliff on the Art Barnum ranch by the CCC. Imbedded in it is a bronze plaque, suitably inscribed to tell readers that near the point of placement the emigrants into early Oregon crossed the deceitful John Day river.

The monument is being erected by the Sherman County Historical Society through the efforts of Jay Price, president; Lester Barnum, vice-president; Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, secretary and a committee that helped choose the rock and mount it in solid concrete.

The work of placing the stone was done last week by Lester Barnum, Ted von Borstel, Walter Bruckert and Oscar Ruggles. Walter Meacham, secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Trails association, will be speaker of the occasion. Giving the welcome will be Jay Price, now the eldest person born in Sherman county, and Mrs. Agnes Merritt, long a resident of the area near the crossing, will recount some of her memories of McDonald's Ferry near where the emigrants found the original crossing.

Mrs. Ruggles, who has been making up the program has arranged for appropriate music. A basket dinner and free coffee will be served at one o'clock after which the program will start.

Everyone is invited and all are requested to bring their children. Purpose of the society in erecting the marker is to make permanent note of its regard for the hardy pioneers who made this state possible by their fortitude and self reliance in crossing the plains.

Auxiliary Installs At Kent Session

About sixty-five attended the pot luck dinner for members of the American Legion and auxiliary at the Kent Legion hall Thursday evening. E. E. Billings, district commander, of The Dalles was installing officer for the Legion and brought Mr. Davenport, commander of the Dalles post and the installing team and installed the officers of the George Bell Post No. 49 of Kent. Marcus Eslinger was installed as commander, John Buether, 1st vice commander and Harry Wayne Young as adjutant.

Mrs. Stanley Krueger, state president, of The Dalles was installing officer for the auxiliary. Her installing team included Mrs. Edward Seufert, district president of The Dalles and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, past state president and others from The Dalles. Mrs. Harry Young was installed as president, Mrs. Robert Tatum, 1st vice president, Miss Marie von Borstel, secretary, Mrs. J. E. Norton, historian, Mrs. Ben Mansfield, sergeant at arms.

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SCHOENFELD RESIGNS

Nineteen years of service to Oregon agriculture as dean and director of the far-flung agricultural organization of Oregon State college, ended October 1 when William A. Schoenfeld retired voluntarily. He was succeeded by F. Earl Price who has been assistant and associate dean for the past 12 years.

Dean Schoenfeld will continue as a member of the college staff on an emeritus basis and will also retain many of his activities in the agricultural field through membership on various boards, commissions and foundations on a state, regional and national basis.