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These Things We Note

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Ben Medofsky, born in Russia, son of a rabbi, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the singing of patriotic songs at the memorial dedication at McDonald's ferry last Sunday. It sounded as if he were the only one who knew the words. That often happens, too often, because those who were born in other lands appreciate the freedoms of this country more than do those born to them.

It is now reported that Secretary Acheson will be removed before election. Anyway elections still do some good in this country.

Why is it that often a big, heavy, slow football team will go in for passes and a smaller, wirier team will want to buck the line?

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The dollar is down to fifty some cents and will drop below the half mark when coming price increases are in effect. Would some historian tell us how far clipping the currency can go?

T T W N

A coast town will soon be without lights. It seems that we've read that lights weren't necessary for what people go to the coast for.

Babe Ruth didn't say the half of it when he remarked that in baseball "you're a hero today and a bum tomorrow." Glen Taylor was a vice-presidential candidate yesterday and a prospective jail bird today.

He looked old and somewhat broken and his clothes were not new. It might have been a touch. But when he spoke it was in the crisp tones of one who had not given up, who was not licked by the world. No whining mendicant he; instead a man looking for a job.

T T W N

This is fall and the leaves are hanging on the trees from habit more than from a real attachment. The earth is going into retirement for a season and to change the chemistry of the soil to better produce another crop. Husbandmen are showing their stock and crops with pride and profit. Soon all of us will be, like nature, resting for another year.

The report from the American bankers is that farmers are not borrowing money and are not much in debt. Quite the contrary, we'll bet that farmers have more money loaned out than borrowed.

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At that Truman will probably fare better meeting with Mac Arthur than with some of the fighting and belittled marines.

In every conversation when men meet andtry to get acquainted, each, if a thoughtful person, tries to find out whether the other is motivated by consideration for right and wrong or for profit of some kind.

The old timer was talking about the olden days when farmers hurried their horses into the harness as soon as the threshing machine crew had some sacks piled and started hauling wheat. It had to be done so there would be time for seeding before snow flew, and it had to be done because the banker and the store keeper were saying that they had to have some money. Well sir, he says, it wasn't so bad, we ate good, had enough clothes and slept fine. There was time to visit the neighbors. It really ain't much worse to worry about not enough money as it is to worry about too much.

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Blessed are the uses of adversity. The generations that have had to struggle know how to get more out of a dollar or an hour than those who had it easy.

Moro Loses 13-7 Game To Maupin Redsides

Moro high school lost by a 13-7 count Friday to the Maupin team.

Maupin's Redsides, lighter and more assured of what they wanted to do, won on the ground in the main although their first touchdown came from a pass interception when Paulson, right tackle, intercepted a Moro pass as it fell from the too far outstretched hands of the intended receiver, and ran 80 yards to score. He had good protection by Woodside, Maupin's fullback. Although Lane caught up with the fleeing pair Woodside blocked him from making a sure tackle.

Woodside made the other score for Maupin after a long series of ground plays by Barbour and Woodside. The extra point was not made but was not needed.

Moro scored first, just after Woodside had punted to Moro on the 35 or 40 yard line. Roberson threw a pass to Rust who was protected all the way by von Borstel. Lane ran the extra point.

Moro had the heavier team but did not make yardage with it, rather its gains were made through the air and these were not consistent. Anderson left end for Maupin intercepted many passes.

One sure ground gainer for Maupin was a play where Woodside took the ball and went through off tackle while Barbour went around his own right end. The handoff was superbly done and Woodside could make two to four yards or Barbour could make six or eight. Ambrose varied the running for the victors by a delayed end run that was not successful often but did serve to mix up the defenders.

Lane made some good runs through the middle for Moro when holes were opened for him. Rust and Roberson carried the ball often but did not often make consistent gains thereby. Les Edwards played well after he went in for injured John Alley and von Borstel was successful part time in turning Barbour back into the line. Koch gathered in a couple of fumbles.

The game was won by the better blocking and apparent understanding of plays on the part of the Maupin boys. Moro's tackling was often good and very hard.

MORO:
Ends: von Borstel, Harvey, L. Martin
Tackles: Bucholtz, Koch
Guards: Duncan, Schilling
Center: Alley Edwards
Quarter: R. Martin
Halves: Roberson, Rust, Kaseberg
Full: Lane

MAUPIN
Ends: Farlow, Calkins, Anderson, Bare, Hunt
Tackles. Herring, Paulson
Guards: Biladeau, Hunt
Center: Metcalf
Quarter: Schmidt
Halves: Barbour, Zigenhagen, Ambrose
Full: Woodside
Officials: Tommy Ward, Don Dumont.

Moro plays Odell here Friday, October 13 and October 27 will play Arlington there; November 3 , Heppner, here and November 10 Culver here.

Grass Valley Women Have New Officers

The Grass Valley Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Herman Ziegler Thursday afternoon with eight members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Boyce Blaylock. Mrs. Blaylock and Mrs. Edgar Alley resigned as president and vice-president respectively and Mrs T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. Dean Reynolds were elected to fill the offices. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Andersen Thursday afternoon October 19.

Little Janet Waite fell while playing in the basement at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry Monday, Breaking her arm at the elbow. Mr. and Mrs. Perry and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waite took her to The Dalles for medical attention.

Governor McKay Coming For Visit To County

Governor McKay will be in Sherman county the morning of Saturday, October 21 according to an announcement from his headquarters in Portland.

He will be in The Dalles Friday evening and will visit in Sherman county Saturday morning, going as far south as his time permits. Opportunity will be given to those who would like to meet the governor.

Ed Bell In Washington On Wheat Business

E. J. Bell, Oregon wheat commission administrator, is at the nation's capitol at the request of the National Association of Wheat Growers to find out how the inernationol situation is affecting wheat and what the thinking is on the national farm policy.

Bell will also report his findings to the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the wheat commission when he returns to Oregon.

While in the East, he will talk to Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, officials of the departments of state and defense, leaders of the Millers National Federation and National Farm organizations.

Bell also said he would ask the USDA what it plans to do about the recommendations of the Far East grain mission, made last winter under Bell's leadership. The mission was sponsored by the wheat commission.

In his report on the grain mission Bell recommended that the U. S. will not have a market in the Far East unless it meets competition, buys more from the Orient and the Orient in turn removes trade restrictions.

Reapportionment Measure OKed

Efforts of the opponents of the balanced reapportionment plan to keep that measure off the ballot were definitely defeated Tuesdaywhen the supreme court refused to consider an appeal taken from a Marion county court.

Suits have been started against the plan of the "population" or Neuberger plan at every possible opportunity since last March when the ballot title was attacked. These attacks have made the battle to obtain a fair apportionment in Oregon much more costly than otherwise, but have pretty definitely shown that the measure is constitutional.

Straw Is Problem Asset To Farmers

Straw and what to do with it— that's a question bothering farmers throughout Oregon at this season of the year, states Arthur S. King of Oregon State college who has his own pat answer to the problem.

The soil conservation specialist says burning used to be the generally accepted method of getting rid of straw after a crop has been harvested. But, since straw and stubble contain mineral plant food, most of which is lost through burning, King is suggesting that farmers work crop residues into the soil.

Even more important than the value of the minerals is the fact that straw is a source of organic material. Decomposing organic matter, he says, is absolutely necessary to keep an ample supply of the 15 mineral elements for plant growth available at all times.

Continued use of crop residues in the soil improves its physical condition. Farmers throughout the state, King says, report that soils on which straw has been returned farm easier, there are fewer clods, and tillage costs are reduced.

Use of straw and stubble may result in temporarily reduced yields on immediately following crops. Bacteria which decompose the straw utilize the available nitrogen at the expense of the growing crop. This handicap may be overcome by the use of nitrogen fertilizer.

Marker At John Day Crossing Dedicated Sunday

The marker on the John Day was dedicated Sunday by a comparatively small crowd that braved the rain to make the trip to McDonald's crossing to witness the ceremony.

Walter Meacham, secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Trails association, told of three wagon trains that tried new paths thru the then deserted country and were lost. The Meek party that went across Malheur and Harney county before reaching Camp Creek, a tributary of Crooked river was one whose route was recently surveyed. That party came in to Buck Hollow and crossed the Deschutes river on their way to The Dalles.

Another party was one that departed from the usual route at Fort Hall and were nearly all killed before reaching the Owyhee. These were mentioned to give evidence of the sacrifice that was made by the pioneers in setting this state and establishing the foundation for the government and civilization we now enjoy, said the speaker.

Mrs. Agnes Merritt told of her personal recollections of the trail that crossed the river near the monument, saying that her mother came across there in 1860. She donated the ground for the monument as a means of hastening its erection.

Jay Price, president of the Sherman County Historical society, sponsor of the marker, presided. Rev. F. R. Jackson of Hood River gave the invocation. A large part of the program was omitted because the performers did not come, fearing rain.

The marker bears a bronze plaque stating that it was erected to commemorate the crossing of the John Day by the pioneers from 1843 to 1863. And that Tom Scott established a ferry here and that D. G. Leonard built a bridge near here, both events in the 1860s.

More Lose Lives In Traffic Accidents

Oregon traffic accidents killed 40 persons last month to bring the state's death toll for the first nine months of the year to 290, reports the secretary of state's office.

The death count was 237 last year at the same time.

Most of the upsurge came during the heavy travel of July and August as well as last month, with 149 lives lost in those three months alone. Thirty-five of the September fatalities resulted from accidents taking place on rural roads and highways, as against five in the cities.

No Caucus Held; Deadline Oct. 17

No caucus was held Tuesday night because no one came but members of the council. Anyone who wants to run for city office may file a petition with the city recorder bearing the names of a sufficient number of electors or any group of citizens may nominate by a caucus or mass meeting if done by October 17.

The city council voted to buy the Raymond lot and include it in the city park and to fence the northeast side of the park so it will be available to person on foot only. Grass will be seeded on that portion of the park.

Sage Hens May Return to County

Arid sage lands in Wasco county may again be populated by sage hen. Eighty-seven of the large grouse were recently trapped from sage hen concentrations in Malheur county and transported to the Wasco county homesite by agents of the Oregon State Game commission. Once found throughout most of eastern Oregon sage country, the birds are now restricted mainly to southeastern Oregon.

This is the largest number of sage hen yet tranplanted by the game commission in its program to re-establish the birds on ranges from which they have long vanished.

Declaration of Freedom

I believe in the sacredness and dignity of the individual.
I believe that all men derive the right to freedom equally from God.
I pledge to resist aggression and tyranny wherever they appear on earth.

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I am proud to enlist in the Crusade for Freedom.
I am proud to help make the Freedom Bell possible, to be a signer of this Declaration of Freedom, to have my name included as a permanent part of the Freedom Shrine in Berlin, and to join with the millions of men and women throughout the world who hold the cause of freedom sacred.

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Measures on Ballot Program Topic

The measures on the ballot will be the main subject considered at the meeting of the Sherman County club which will be held at Rufus the evening of October 18. The Home Economics club of the Rufus grange will serve the dinner to the club members attending.

There will be club business to be transacted and appointment of committees by the president. L. E. Kaseberg. All who are interested in the welfare of the county, men and women, and those who would like additional information about the measures will be welcome.

Wheelbarrow Pusher Trlks At Rufus

Larry Hightower, a very odd yet interesting person, visited the Rufus school October 4. This world traveler related many extraordinary experiences encountered along the highways of America while pushing his only means of conveyance, a wheelbarrow.

From the Mexican border to Conada; from Maine to California; this gentleman has covered the U. S. in a most unique manner; that is he has traveled every inch of the way by foot pushing a wheelbarrow.

By the time he hadfinished his lecture, each and every one of the students felt that they had accompanied him on his treck, which covered the 48 states. He told of witnessing radical communist activity in the east and of appearing on many radio programs, of visiting the Notre Dame compus, and many other enviable incidents.

John Sell Leader Of District Scouts

The newly-elected district chairman, John Sell stepped into the post vacated by the resignation of Capt. A. Leppaluoto Monday night and took the reins of a scout program that has risen from 22nd place in Portland area council standings to first place in two years.

Sell said emphasis on quality of the scouting program will be stressed from now on in addition to bringing the advantages of the program to more boys in this area. He announced immediate plans for formation of both scout and cub units in Wishram. Leppaluoto gave up the position he held two years when the pressure of business made it imperative for him to be out of town a good part o the time..

The district has scouting units in Lyle, Klickitat, Goldendale, The Dalles, Rufus, Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley & Kent, Maupin and Dufur.

Mr. Sell has been active in public affairs in The Dalles for many years, having served in the legislature last sessoon.

VFW and Auxiliary Hold District Meet In Moro Halls

The meeting of District No. 15 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxilaries was held in Moro Sunday afternoon, October 8. A dinner was served in the Moro Community church basement to approximately sixty-five members and friends.

The district was honored with quite a number of department officers, L. R. "Red" Henderson, department commander, and G. O. Pike, department service officer came up from Portland. Commander Henderson stressed particularly the need for an Oregon Cottage at our National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Also, he hopes to have the membership considerably raised by the time his term is over.

District commander, Norris Gilkison of Grass Valley, presided at the men's meeting held in the Moro VFW hall.

The auxiliaries were honored by national color bearer and department president, Mary Strayer of Salem and department secretary Marie Dana who instituted our local auxiliary several years ago. Department chaplain Cecele Hafer, department chief-of-staff, Clarice Henderson, department vocalist Amelia Mebus, president of district 1 Jean Peterson and Leone Wilcox of district 1478, all of Portland.

Department President Mary Strayer emphasized the need for an Oregon Cottage at Eaton Rapids, also the extreme need for more hospital funds. She urged each and every one to help personally in the membership drive.

District Jr. Vice-President Mary Beland of The Dalles presided at the ladies' meeting in the absence of District President Beatrice Howell of Wasco. The auxiliaries gathered in the Odd-Fellows hall.

Posts and auxiliaries from The Dalles, Hood River and Sherman county were in attendance. From Sherman county were: Norris Gilkison, Ivan Blagg, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, Mr. and Mrs Bill Brinkert of Grass Valley; Mr and Mrs. George DeMoss, Mr and Mrs. Ralph Busse, Mrs. Robert Boynton of Moro; Mr and Mrs. Eldon Lane and Mrs Hattie Spencer of Wasco.

Stockman Honored For Good Service

Congressman Lowell Stockman has been notified that he has been named as one of six congressmen by the National Affairs League for outstanding contributions toward achieving a strong and prosperous America. The citation cites Stockman's "courageous and independent voting record" as being conducive to his selection.

Stockman is the congressman from the second Oregon district, comprising all of eastern Oregon, one of the largest districts in the nation.

Awards Won At PI By Sherman County Youth

Sherman county's club children took their usual supply of prizes at the Pacific International this week and sale of animals will add to their incomes as the ribbons add to their pleasure.

The county livestock judging team was placed in the blue ribbon class or first along with nine other county teams. Reserve champion sheep was owned by Diane Christianson. Joann Ross won first on a Shropshire and was first with her market lamb. Diane won first in the market lamb class for Southdown with Joann second. For pen of three Southdown cross lambs Diane took third.

For sheep showmanship in the senior division Diane was fourth, Margaret Sherrer was fifth in the intermediate division and Susan Woods was fifth in the junior divison.

Of the 242 steers in the fat class Sherman county's entries took other prizes. Diane Christianson was second in the Hereford division where the grand champion was also champion of the show. Gary Miller was seventh with a Hereford in the 875-930 class, Larry Kaseberg second in the 940-975 class, Diane Christianson first in the 1035-1260 class.

For Angus Gary Miller was third and Larry Kaseberg sixth in the 710-975 class and Edwin Balsiger fourth in the 955-1150 class.

In beef showmanship classes Gary Miller was first for Angus juniors; Edwin Balsiger first for Angus seniors; Diane Christianson third for Hereford seniors. Edwin went on to become runner-up to the champion Brent Horn, who was also the best showman as well as having the best fat steer.

Other winners were Bill Root 8th, Milton Fridley, 15th and Douglas McIntyre 18th for light Angus; Sally Fields 14th and Bud Root 20th for small Herefords, Douglas Alley 12th, and 16th, Frank McKay 23rd and Gordon Helyer 26th for medium Herefords. Gordon Helyer was also 24th for heavier Herefords. Tonal Miller won 6th and 10th for fat Hampshire hog and Sherry Woods was 12th with a Southdown cross sheep.

Diane Christainson's Hereford was reserve champion of the show and the county herd was second, a distinction hard to win.

Moro Women Will Hear of Measures

The next meeting of the Moro Woman's club will be held at the club rooms at two o'clock Thursday, October 19, says the president, Mrs. Paul May. There will be a discussion of the nine measures on the ballot at the November election by Giles French. If those coming will bring their voter's pamphlet it will aid them in following the discussion. A door prize will again be offered.

Erb Memorial To Be Dedicated

More than a quarter of a century of dreaming and planning will be culminated in the dedication on November 3rd of the University of Oregon's new two million dollar Erb Memorial Union.

Some 27 years ago members of the class of 1923 first visioned the union building that was to be a social and recreational center for all students in the state university.

At 8:15 o'clock Friday evening, the first day of the university's 1950 homecoming weekend, the president of that 1923 student body will help dedicate the building that makes a center for student activities a reality on the university campus. John McGregor, attorney of New York City, will be on the campus especially for the dedication.

The formal ceremony will be held in the large ballroom in the Union with top state officials, as well as prominent alumni, participating.