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These Things We Note

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If there were more disciplining of children when they were young there would be less need for disciplining parents when they are old.

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No Gretchen the man didn't say he liked the White House. It was White Horse.

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"My, my, said Uncle Emmett, as he scanned the headlines, 'I wish the selling of shirts had been successful back in the twenties'."

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The senator said: "I do not expect to bat 1000 percent in this legislative league but I will take three hearty strikes at the ball every time I can get up to bat."

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Overheard: "as arrogant as a pedestrian walking with the light"; "a man about whom hung an aura of corruption"; "as bright as a child's Christmas hopes";

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Anyone who wants to sell out to a chain outfit should know who to hire as a manager.

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The conversation was about eating and it drifted into the kind of food grandpa used to have. Try it sometime when hunger needs a stimulant. In memory's eye are those huge stacks of thick crusty slices of home made bread, sausage and country gravy with hot biscuits, apple pie in which the ingredients were used without stint or substitution, cream that a modern dailymen would be arrested for selling. Yea, being modern is wonderful but being old fashioned was sure fillin'.

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In these parts we know nearly everything about the "rain-maker" except whether he can make rain or not.

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Well, said the cynic, people are so inclined to love the weak and hate the strong, I hardly know what I'd rather be.

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John Gavin, just deceased, had a quiet courteous way of dealing with his clients and a great store of anecdotes from which to draw appropriate examples. Folks seemed to amuse him more than they annoyed him and he enjoyed a long and pleasant life living with them.

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They say about him that he is a man who has spent his life to date in an endeavor to disprove the statement that honesty is the best policy.

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Religion often gets credit for making a man out of a rascal when old age really turned the trick. —Forest Log

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Now the president is trying to be a dictator, not about government yet because the congress holds him down, but about music. Whether the sole scion of the Truman tribe can sing or not is not known to the writer who has not heard her voice, nor would we know if we had. We judge singing by volume our critics say. However, it was about Mr. Truman we started to write. It is a dangerous symptom when the head of a nation wants to settle his troubles, personal or political, with a punch in the nose. For groups of people we suppose it would be the guillotine. This Tish, Harry, you're not mowing 'em down for the Pendergast gang now.

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Is it more scientific to pray for rain when there's no frost in the ground than otherwise?

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It seems possible that those Chicago rail workers have injured the nation to a greater extent than a like number of Chinese.

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Dr. Krick says it will be a warm, wet winter and we've got one coming since the last two.

Tax Study Group Report Asks For Simpler System

The Interim Tax Study committee that has been working for a year and a half on problems of Oregon taxation made its report this week. It will be published, by the first of the year and copies made available to public officials, legislators and other interested citizens.

The report proposes several changes in Oregon's tax system and these are so integrated that committee members have said that all of it should be adopted to effect the reforms necessary. Except for advocating a cigarette tax to pay for the veterans bonus the committee recommends no new taxes, nor increases in existing taxes. The entire report is designed to broaden tax bases and eliminate tax off-sets and exemptions that have grown in Oregon's tax system in recent years.

Briefly the report recommends amendment to the six per cent limitation, elimination of the state property tax, removal of the personal property tax off-set in the corporation excise tax and repeal of the exemptions to the corporate excise tax, strengthening of the assessment methods for personal property or substitution thereof of a business tax. Other recommendations are that initiated measures carry a statement of the cost, that tax collection as well as assessment be placed in the assessor's office, and the cigarette tax.

The six per cent limitation should be changed so that the voters may vote a new base for any taxing unit at any primary or general election, reads the report, which further states that the old base and the suggested base be presented on the ballot. This is the simplest form of change in the six per cent limitation that has been proposed and much easier understood than the one voted on in 1948.

Property Tax Abolition

The committee recommends that the state property tax be eliminated as a source of state revenue. It wants this done by statute only, although some members want it done by constitutional amendment.

Until the last session of the legislature the corporation excise tax was used to off-set property taxes. Because it was off-set tax itself, those corporations that paid large personal property taxes were given an exemption up to 50 per cent for personal property taxes paid. The committee recommends that the rate be changed from eight to six percent and the off-set repealed.

Also recommended for repeal are the exemptions under the excise tax. This will if adopted make all corporations that earn a profit pay taxes.

The committee learned on its several trips that all assessors are having trouble with the personal property tax. It is considered inequitable and highly unfair, besides being hard to assess or collect. It is recommended that personal property be assessed monthly and that many of the present exemptions be repealed and that the legislature give serious study of a business tax to be levied in lieu of the personal property tax.

The Interim Tax Study committee was appointed because of a resolution passed by the 1949 legislature and was composed of two senators, Howard Belmont and Eugene Marsh; two representatives, John Sell and Giles French; and three others named by the governor. They were Mrs. Louise Humphrey of Portland, Kellee Loe of Portland and Judge Earl Day of Medford.

HARRY BEEZLEY

Harry Beezley died Sunday in Marysville, California, and was buried in The Dalles under direction of Callaways. Harry Beezley lived at Grass Valley 30 years ago and was married to Florence Bibby who died some years ago.

Frank vonBorstel Heads County PMA

Delegates to the county PMA convention met at the court house Wednesday for the purpose of electing county PMA officers to serve during 1951. Representing each community were delegates: H. V. Watkins, Locust Grove; L. E. Dehler, Wasco; Lloyd V. Henrichs, Moro; Dell Olds, Grass Valley; and Luther W. Davis of Kent. Re-elected to the position of chairman of the county committee was Frank von Borstel of Grass Valley. Russell H. Belshie, Moro, was elected member, David R. Richelderfer of Wasco was elected vice-chairman to represent the north end of the county on the committee. Delegates were of the opinion that the coming year probably would be a busy one for the members of the committee.

Mrs. Dell Wright Laid To Final Rest

Mrs. Dell Wright, 71, died at her home in Wasco Wednesday, December 6 after a long illness. She had been a resident of Sherman county for nearly 40 years living much of that time near Hay Canyon.

Mrs. Bertha Winnifred Wright was born in North Rome, Pennsylvania February 20, 1879 and moved to Washington when a girl. At Salukim, Washington she was married to Dell Wright who survives her. Others of the family are sons, Lester, Perle, and Alvin Wright of Wasco and a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Barnes of Portland.

Funeral services were conducted from the Wasco Methodist church Friday of last week by Rev. E. H. Ahrendt of Portland and interment was made in the cemetery at Moro by Spencer & Libby.

ICY ROADS TROUBLESOME

When the hill bus driver Luther Steward, left Rufus Wednesday morning to pick up the children he had no idea of the icy roads he was to encounter. The ice started about the Tate place, and was worse as he climbed higher. The bus was unable to climb the four corner hill, as he had no chains. All of the children arrived at school safely that morning. Fay Brackett was late meeting the bus, so after putting chains on his car took the children on to Rufus. The conditions were a little better on the afternoon route.

It took several days for the glare of ice which was a half inch thick to leave the roads around four corners. When the ice did melt it left the roads in a real muddy condition. Just as they were drying up a bit, a big shower of rain hit here Monday morning. However, it was one of those quick rains, and in the afternoon, the sun shone and it was warm and balmy out.



SCREEN FAVORITE PLANS COMEBACK . . . Norma Shearer, a bright star in the Hollywood constellation in the silent screen era, enjoys the beach at Biarritz, France, after announcing that she wants to re-enter the motion picture scene. The man giving the former star his undivided attention is her husband, Martin Arrouge. Biarritz is one of the most popular southern French summer resorts.

Moro School Basketball Team Wins First Game

The Moro high school basketball team has played its first game of the season and won it handsily from Dufur by a 35 to 28 score but that didn't satisfy Coach Johnson who figured that a team that made but 13 field goals out of 65 shots was hitting a mere 184 percent.

High man for Moro was Fred von Borstel who made five field goals and five free throws for 15. Bucholtz had nine, Roberson seven and Rust and Martin two each.

Spares used didn't get into the scoring very heavily. Martin, Lane, John Alley, Edwards and Roy Harvey were in the game for brief periods.

The schedule this year is so very short due to a feeling on the part of some schools that travel should be kept to a minimum. Maupin will be played there this Friday night. In January Dufur will come here the 5th, Culver the 7th, Arlington the 20th and Maupin the 30th. No games are scheduled away from home that month.

In February the team will play Wasco there the 2nd, here the 5th, Culver, there the 9th and Arlington there the 23rd. Other games are being sought.

NO LEGION PARTY

The American Legion and Auxiliary party scheduled for Saturday night, December 16, has been postponed because of the weather and the school play that has been finally set for that date. That was decided at the Legion meeting Wednesday night. The next meeting will be held January 10.

PARKING LIGHTS TOO DIM

At least one Oregon resident was killed during November as the result of a driver using parking lights while driving in fog, Captain Walter Lansing said today.

Lansing, a state police officer who now heads the secretary of state's traffic safety division, warned again that use of parking lights in foggy weather, instead of regular headlights, is not only a violation of law but an open invitation to a traffic accident.

In the death mentioned, Lansing said a woman was killed when her husband started to pass a car and met head-on another car using only parking lights. The husband stated that he could not see the other car until it loomed up directly in front of him.

"This is just one example," said Lansing, "of what driving with parking lights can lead to. Other motorists cannot see you until they are almost upon you, and further, you cannot see the highway clearly."

Parking lights, Lansing concluded, were never meant for foggy weather driving.

P-TA Will Meet To Talk Smith-Hughes

The South Sherman County Parent-Teacher association will hold a meeting at the Moro school building Friday night, December 15 to discuss possibilities of obtaining a Smith-Hughes instructor for the school perhaps on a part time basis. Information has been obtained on this subject. In addition to the above question the matter of crossing markers for highways near the schools will be considered. There will be free movies for the children.

Gordon Reid Buried In The Dalles

Gordon W. Reid, 31, was buried Monday in The Dalles following his death last Thursday in Portland. He had been seriously ill about two weeks although in failing health for some time.

He was born near Rufus November 15, 1919 and had finished high school at The Dalles and attended both Willamette university and Oregon Tech. He served in the air force four years and was married in 1944 to Patricia Riley of LaGrande.

Survivors other than his widow are two sons, Gordon Arthur and Patrick William; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of The Dalles and a brother, Frank, who is again in the service and a sister, Mrs. Veda Johnson of Tigard.

Since his return from the army Mr. Reid had been farming his father's place near Rufus.

GEORGE BOLTON, PIONEER, DIES NEAR LEBANON

George N. Bolton, 85, died at Lebanon Monday afternoon of last week writes his daughter, Mrs. Lula Landstrom.

Mr. Bolton was born at Boyd in Wasco county and owned a drug store here at the turn of the century making him well known to old timers.

Mr. Bolton was a member of the Wasco County Pioneers. Surviving are his widow, Flora (Funk) and two daughters.

Boy Scout Leaders Elected For Area

Scout leaders, cub leaders, members of the district committee and wives gathered Monday evening at The Dalles Hotel gold room for their annual meeting and banquet. Most of the towns of the wide spread district were represented: The program was opened with the presentation of the American flag by Cub Scout Larry Graham, Boy Scout Jim Tidyman and Sea Explorer Doug McWilliams. Rev. Martin T. Larson of The Dalles gave the invocation.

John Sell, district chairman of The Dalles district presided. A report from the nominating committee for the coming year's officers was presented by presented by Judge Wilkinson, chairman of the nominating committee. The report of the nominating committee was accepted by unanimous vote. The following were elected: District vice chairman, Dr. Robert T. Boals of The Dalles and Arvo Nelme of Goldendale; District commissioner Jack Tidyman of The Dalles; Neighborhood commissioners, Forrest Harter of Klickitat, Virgil Brock of Wasco, Jack McCloud of Maupin, B. H. Roberson of Moro, Kenneth Hill of Goldendale and Gordon Acker of The Dalles. Members at large elected to the district committee for the coming year were: Pat Kaseberg and Floyd Root of Wasco, Paul Alley of Moro, and Captain Leppalauro, Lee Stewart, Dr. Martin Merris, Kenneth Libby, Jim Kimball, John Craig, Ray Waters, Wm. Lawrence, Clyde Beard, David Bates, Mel Patton, Allen Laine, Frank Fought and Ray Kelly of The Dalles.

G. V. WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Grass Valley Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Sim Duncan Thursday afternoon. Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, president presided at the meeting. Mrs. Clair Balzer joined the club. Refreshments were served at the close. Others present were Mrs. Herman Ziegler and Mrs. Wallace May.

Wheat Leaguers Decide Course of Action In Many Fields at Meeting

Dr. Irving P. Krick, head of acreages and smaller use of the company that has guaranteed to bring additional rain to Gillingham, Morrow and Sherman counties, was the headliner at the 23rd annual Oregon Wheat Growers convention held in The Dalles last week end. Dr. Krick has been a long range weather forecaster for the U.S. government.

In talking to the wheat men he explained his theories of weather and means of increasing rainfall to a responsive audience. His contract calls for a minimum of \$15,000 and a maximum of \$55,000 for bringing additional rain to the three counties. He claimed to have brought three and a half inches of rain in October, a record, and to be able to continue the unprecedented rainfall through June unless farmers call a halt on his activities.

Payment Protected

Krick's company uses a silver iodide generator to send the particles into the air to stir the clouds to profitable weeping. Payment is to be made according to a formula worked out by R. T. Beaumont, OSC, which uses records from some 30 stations as a guide to the amount due Krick.

Dr. Krick talked Saturday morning as part of a two day program of speeches and panel discussion about many phases of raising wheat in Oregon.

There was agreement among wheat growers that the certificate plan would bring long-time benefits to this area and several committees recommended its passage. The certificate plan is a two price plan that would have the government assure parity for the wheat used for human food and would permit a lower price for grain used for feed and for export. Although it would probably reduce the average price of wheat it would make a market for all wheat grown and is estimated to not reduce farmer income materially.

Advocates of the plan pointed out that we are losing our foreign markets because of price and that, in fact, nations to which we are loaning money are buying wheat from our competitors. They also said that the price of meat is unduly high because of high wheat cost and that a better balanced agriculture could be attained by use of the certificate plan.

More River Work Asked

Henry Baker, retiring president, advocated an increased tempo in Columbia river development as a means of bringing more people to the northwest. Dr. F. E. Price, new director of agriculture at OSC, told of the work the college and experiment stations do for farmers here, pointing to a statement that 90 percent of the crops grown had come from some research project under college supervision.

Ronald Jones, of the state farmers union, told of a meeting in Washington where heads of the nation told of the dangerous times the country now faces because of the war. E. Harvey Miller reviewed the work entrusted to PMA committees. Eugene Courtney spoke on The Dalles stock show and the increased use of feed it has engendered. Merrill Oveson told of the 1950 development in the conservation program being carried on in Umatilla county.

There were talks on milling, on freight rates, on crop insurance, on fertilizers and at the annual banquet E. J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission, told of his trip to the Orient and what could be done to stimulate the use of wheat among the Philippines and Indians and Chinese.

Herb Clutter, Holcomb, Kansas, president of the National Wheat Growers association, spoke Friday and advocated that wheat growers cut themselves loose from the government's strings as soon as possible. The present program, he said, is one of restriction, of reduced

acreages and smaller use of wheat. Wheat growers must have an expanding program and he suggested increased consumption, advertising, industrial uses, wheat for feed and a cessation of governmental use of wheat as a pawn in international politics. And above all, that farmers take their future into their own hands.

Elected to office for the next year were: Don McInnes Union county, president; Floyd Root, Sherman county, vice-president; Lester King, Umatilla county, second vice-president; Richard Baum, Union county, secretary; Roland Schaad, Union county, assistant secretary. The 1951 meeting will be in Pendleton.

Committee work was mostly completed Thursday although reports were changed until the final passage Saturday. The taxation and legislation committee under Kenneth Fridley favored a business tax when a proper method of distribution can be devised, consolidation of assessment and collection of taxes in the assessor's office, abolition of the state property tax by constitutional amendment, repeal of the excise tax off-sets and exemptions, payment of one-half cent on all wheat, a bill to establish liability for spray damage, wanted the plant breeder back at the Pendleton station. The committee also favored a constitutional amendment that would make it mandatory for sponsors of initiative measures to state the cost and revenue sources and voted to aid the formation of an agricultural tax association in Oregon.

Quicker Sales Advocated

Other policy matters on which the league approved resolutions as drawn up by its committees were: requested PMA to permit wheat growers to deliver wheat under loan during a 90 day period preceding the maturity date to facilitate moving wheat out of storage before a new marketing year; urged that the government adopt a more realistic, business-like attitude toward promoting sales of U.S. wheat and flour abroad, including insistence that our wheat and flour be given an even break in licensing regulations of importing nations which we are helping to finance; and requiring that where the U.S. government puts up the money our flour and wheat be given preference over flour and wheat from other countries.

Recommended that the league use its influence to speed up the power development of the Columbia river and its tributaries, granted funds by the 1951 legislature to establish a soil testing laboratory to guide farmers in wise use of fertilizer.

Voted to affiliate with the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Decided to continue support for the annual fat stock show and sale at The Dalles; favored establishing equal rates on barge and rail wheat delivered at Columbia river terminals (present loan rates provide a discount of eight cents per bushel on wheat delivered by barge).

Smut Proof Wheats

Advised farmers to expand plantings of Elmar and Brevor wheat as fast as seed becomes available as they are resistant to dwarf smut.

J. H. Rea of Milton was named conservation man of the year for 1950 and received the bronze plaque awarded annually by the Oregonian, Portland newspaper. Rea grows wheat and canning peas on a large scale using 7100 acres of cropland. Judges praised his accomplishments in building up the organic material in his soil through crop residues, crop rotation, green manure, and use of commercial fertilizer.

Winners of county conservation men of the year contests were: W. H. Bechdolt, Morrow county; Earl Butler, Gilliam county; Kenneth Blau, Sherman county (recently killed in an auto accident); Morrow Brothers Jefferson county; Roy Foreman, Wasco county; Ed McCane, Union county and Clyde Ward, Baker county.