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These Things We Note

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Overheard: The purple haze of summer sunset — he has the sad face of an unfed gelding — a tree is a benefactor; it casts no shade in winter, when it would be useless and lot of it in the summer when it is appreciated — a well sirloined woman — he drives like a hungry man going to eat.

T T W N
The simplest and most usually considered method of bribery is by use of money, a form which most people can refuse with disdain. Food and entertainment are other means and less expensive, while the cheapest of all—and most effective—is a few kind words. Few men—and fewer women—can withstand a well placed compliment.

T T W N
We wonder how many newspapers that are berating Senator McCarthy are running the Drev Pearson column.

T T W N
"So," said the ex-bureaucrat, as he finished his story, "after I'd made a mistake I got to thinking that I wasn't God, nor very God-like, and, in fact, human like the rest of the people and not worthy to be telling other people what to do. After I'd thought it over I decided I didn't want to advise and influence anyone, but to let 'em make their own mistakes. I came to the conclusion that I did not know any more than anyone and that the fellows who were telling me I didn't know either. After that I couldn't be a bureaucrat anymore, and the wife and I bought this store where we can be humble and common and quit telling folks what they'd ought to do."

T T W N
The administration took another step toward poorer government when Mariner Eccles was permitted to resign.

T T W N
Her legs were as brown as a piano's and larger.

Every now and then one sees a man with the hang-dog look that advertises a bad conscience. Worse, however, is the brassy face of one who has no conscience.

T T W N
Tests recently given college students indicate that many of them get nothing out of four years at college but a degree.

T T W N
So it's goodbye to the old Hotel Portland, relic of an older and better day, a day when hotel proprietors didn't crowd the walls so close to the bed, when one could lie down in a bathroom. In those days men knew the luxury of space.

T T W N
The other day folks were talking about taxes and one protested the idea of taxing co-operatives and asked "What would a co-op do if it had to pay taxes?" What does a corporation do? "No one volunteered the answer which is, 'Raise prices.'" That's what makes living high, son.

T T W N
A small boy with over \$200 in pennies is warned not to hoard them. He's lucky to be able to. And incidentally when does saving end and hoarding begin?

T T W N

Some senators fear that when war work really gets started inflation will get worse. It could be stopped by taxation, by taking away from individuals so much that they would not be able to buy at inflated prices, or by taking much more heavily from those who make the money from inflated prices. It cannot be stopped by price controls because when people have lots of cash they will develop a black market. The government doesn't have the nerve to put on the taxes so the black marketeers will get the money.

It looks as if there will be a contest this summer for water between the tomato on the flat and the neighbor on the hill.



REINFORCEMENTS FOR IRE . . . The first member of the first contingent of the U.S. fourth division is about to step off the gangplank at Bremerhaven, Germany, as the first reinforcements for the western European defense army of General Dwight Eisenhower arrives from the United States. The G. I. looks as if he is about to run into tough opposition all at once. Actually, he and his fellows were given a cordial welcome by French General Juin, commander of land forces.

Field Day Set For July 6 When New and Old Experiments Will Be Shown At Station

July 6, a week from this Friday, George Mitchell and Bill Hall at the experiment station will hold another field day and show visitors what has been done for the past year and what is projected for future years.

First the visitors will be shown some increase plots of Elmar and Brevor, two new wheats that are smut resistant. Elmar is a club type wheat much like Alice and Elgin, but with less smutty Hymar crossed into it. There are some small fields of it here this year—and there is some smut in them, but it does resist smut. Brevor is a wheat with a normal type of head. It descends from Oro, Turkey, Florence, Federation

Drivers Licenses

Pay Hospitalization

Original and renewed Oregon driver's licenses on and after August 2 will cost \$1.50 instead of \$1.25.

The boost was enacted by the 1951 legislature in a move to strengthen the state's motor vehicle accident fund, established to reimburse hospitals, doctors, nurses and ambulance operators for the care of indigent patients injured in motor vehicle accidents. Contributions were raised from 25 cents per license to 50 cents by legislative action because income from the former 25 cent charge was no longer sufficient to meet the number of claims.

Applications for renewed Oregon driver's licenses, which expire on and after August 2, must be accompanied by the new \$1.50 fee even though the application is filed prior to that date, says the secretary of state's office.

A License: There's A Few Details and Some Records Involved First

If you knew all that is involved in licensing the state's 750,000 motor vehicles, you'd probably understand why it is important that you renew your licenses immediately upon the expiration date. So says Carl Gabrielson, head of the Secretary of State's motor vehicle division for 31 years.

Take, for example, the story of one application on a new car license, which arrives some morning in the secretary's Salem office. If you think all the secretary has to do is run down to a basement storeroom and select a nice high number for you, you're in for a surprise.

There are some 284 regular employees of the Department of State in Salem who spend all their working hours processing the estimated 2,000 applications for new and renewed licenses received each day. In addition, the Portland branch and other branches throughout the state bring the motor vehicle licensing payroll to 378 regular employees and about 27 extra help. Before a new car license leaves the care of the state, ap-

proximately 20 of these employees have helped process it and ready it for mailing to the car owner.

Since 1949, when the "staggered" licensing system was initiated in Oregon, the Herculean task of keeping records on all vehicles in the state has been fairly simple, Gabrielson says.

"There's only one difficulty," he adds. "With no big year-end push to get plates, it's strictly up to the owner to remember to renew his license during the month stamped on the plates. Some never remember until they are arrested and fined for wearing the wrong year tabs."

But, even though the staggered system has simplified the processing job involved in licensing cars, a trip through the motor vehicle division seems to the uninitiated like a trip through the mirror-maze of an amusement park fun house.

When an application arrives in Salem, the first person to handle it is the remittance clerk, a fancy title for the man who takes the \$10 fee, gives the application heads for the "ditto" room where a battery of duplicating ma-

Wasco Wins 11-10 From Odell; Starts Second Half Ahead

The Wasco baseball club won another game Sunday from Odell to keep its record clean for another week. It has not lost a game this season and therefore topped the Mid-Columbia league for the first half of the season. The Odell game was the first game of the second section of the season.

When the season is over winning teams from the Mid-Columbia, Wheat-Timber and Central Oregon leagues will meet in a four game series to determine the winner and should Wasco continue at the lead of the local league the games will be played there.

Wasco won Sunday by a 11 to 10 score by making three runs in the ninth inning on long—and necessary hits. Wasco has strengthened its line-up for the second half and Sunday the players were: S. O'Meara, and Santoz, left; R. Green, 2nd; White, center; Tom, short; Haskosky, pitcher; Urness, first; Esteston, catcher; H. Richelderfer, third; D. Richelderfer, right; and B. Green right. Urness and Riskosky alternate between first and pitcher.

Missionary Society Continues Work

The Moro Missionary society recently held its final meeting until fall, at the home of Mrs. Russell, Belshie. Twenty-one members, and eight guests were present. Mrs. Dewey Thompson, vice-president of the society, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. John Parker had charge of the devotionals. In addition to the routine business, the members were requested to save their pennies during the summer and bring them to the September meeting. The accumulated amount would help with the special projects supported by summer offerings.

Mrs. William Gearhart was director of the program. She introduced Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, who gave a splendid review of the book "Cry, the Beloved Country" by Alan Paton.

Following the meeting, dessert was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Belshie, assisted by Mrs. Charles Belshie, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Vacation School Ending With Program

The Vacation Bible school at the Moro Community church comes to an end Friday night with a program by the children at 8 p. m. The kindergarten group will give readings under the direction of Mrs. Carole Thompson, Mrs. Grace Busse, and Dayanne Sayrs. The primary group will give a playlet under the direction of Mrs. Lucile Gearhart. The junior group will give a mock radio presentation under the guidance of Rev. W. W. Gearhart and Mrs. Josephine Sayrs. Everyone is welcome.

Soil Maps Being Made To Give Erosion Data

The job of making a soil map of Sherman county is approximately half done and two soil surveyors, Henry Grabenhorst and Carl Peterson are working daily to complete it.

A survey of each farm is the first objective of the soil conservation service for from such scientific data comes the recommendations that are made to each land owner about the methods that may be used to conserve his soil.

The surveys consist of a map of the farm which is taken from aerial photographs. The surveyors go over the land and bore down to determine depth of soil. Each kind of land is judged on the basis of texture which ranges from coarse through light, medium, heavy and very heavy. The greater part of the soil in this county has been placed in the medium class although there are some light soils in the north end and a small section of heavy soils around Wilcox on Mackin flat.

The percentage of slope is also measured, that being an important consideration in appraising the possible erosion of the land.

General characteristics are also marked on the maps by letters or figures which comprise a series of hieroglyphics which require a bit of learning before they can be understood. They have to do with the above characteristics of depth, type, and slope of soils. Other figures indicate the origin of soil, whether on gravel or basalt, the quantity of water erosion and the severity of wind erosion.

When the maps are completed each farmer will have a map of his farm that will tell him a great deal about the quality of his acres as to kind of soil and its adaptability. He will also have the recommendations of the soil conservation service as to the best uses of the soil.

These recommendations are not enforceable. It will be up to the farmer whether he follows them or not. The present purpose of the soil conservation service is to obtain information and present it to farmers.

Henry Ross Buried Here Wednesday

Burial services for Henry William Ross, 43, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Moro cemetery.

Mr. Ross, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, died last Thursday in Butte, Montana, after a short time in a hospital there. He was born in Astoria July 5, 1907, came to Sherman county shortly after birth and remained until after World War I. He was here a few years ago before moving to Montana.

Survivors are his widow, Virginia, his parents, a sister, Mrs. Harvey Thompson and a brother, Howard and their families. Services here were in charge of Callaways.

Olds Family Get Together Sunday

A reunion was held at the park at DeMoss Springs Sunday, June 24 for descendants of the Emmett and Elizabeth Messinger Olds family. A pot luck dinner was served at 1:30 to 46 relatives. A meeting was held after dinner when Mrs. Bertie Brown was elected president, Dell Olds vice-president and Mrs. Glenn Perry and Mrs. Earl Olds secretaries. It was planned to hold an annual reunion. The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Omer Brittain from Tygh Valley, Mr. and Mrs. George Balzer and children, George Elmo and Sandra from Wamie, W. R. Olds from Yuba City, Calif., and his daughters, Mrs. Jean Kennedy and children, Bruce and Meredith and Mrs. Shirley Peterson, both from Brentwood, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse from McCoy, Mrs. Marion Crews from Stevenson, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell and children, Robert, Karen and Richard, Mrs. Lorena Eaves and daughter, Resa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Noonan from Moro and their grandchildren, Larry and Judy Noonan from DeMoss, Wn., Charles B. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, and son, Robin, Mrs. Ida Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble, Alton Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughters, Donna and Glenda and Mrs. Fred Peters and daughter, Derrie Ila, all from Grass Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown and son, Russ, from The Dalles.

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Moro's Water Supply Smut Threatens Big Reduction In Wheat Crop

The city of Moro ran out of water Monday evening; both the cistern and the well being out at the same time. By Tuesday morning the well was throwing some water, probably enough for normal use if everyone was careful.

The city is not anxious to impose rationing of water because it is hard to enforce and it is very difficult to devise a system that does not work a hardship on the residents of the hill. For the present the city is relying on the neighborliness of the water users to restrict water use as far as possible so all can have water.

Repair of leaky faucets, and water closets will help, also more careful use of water in every way so it is not wasted. It is expected that 40,000 gallons can be pumped each day from the well which will be enough for normal use except perhaps Mondays and extremely hot days.

The committee named to determine the location of a new well is gathering information about where to drill it and hopes to have a driller at work before the end of July.

The city has leased a small chlorinator for use on the well in the flat during the summer and will utilize that source as there is a shortage of water from the hill wells. It will be installed Monday.

Swimming Lessons Start July 9

Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Willy Knighten, Red Cross chairman for Sherman county, for swimming lessons for Sherman county children over six years old.

Lessons will begin Monday, July 9, at the natatorium in The Dalles and will continue for two weeks ending July 20. Lessons will be given five days a week, Monday through Friday and will start at 10:00 a. m. Buses will be provided for children wishing to take the lessons and further details will be given next week.

Eakins Gather At Bear Springs Again

The Eakin family reunion was held at Bear Springs Sunday, June 24, with about 150 people present. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. V. B. Eakin, president, presided at the business meeting. Emmett Eakin gave the business report, this was followed by a program consisting of a talk, "Let's Go For Broke", by the speaker Clyde Beard of The Dalles, a song by Bonnie Jean Andrews of Parkdale, Lee Andrews of Parkdale told of his trip through western Europe, a reading "Sleeping at the Foot of the Bed", by Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Melvin Eakin played an accordion solo. Terry and Ray Eakin won the rabbit and Ted Smith of The Dalles won the lovely crocheted doll. Mrs. V. B. Eakin introduced the new guests present this year. Baseball was a big feature of the day. Ice cream was served to all at the close of the day. Among those present were the following families: Owen Eakin and her mother, Mrs. Susan Baker, Vernon Eakin and her mother Mrs. Paul Hertzberg, Elton Eakin, O. N. Ruggles, Ernest Blaylock from Grass Valley; L. D. Eakin V. B. Eakin and Mrs. Roy Baker from The Dalles; Alva Eakin from Boyd, Millard Eakin from Powell Butte, Walter Ruggles from Wasco, Donald Martin from Moro and her mother, Mrs. Catterson from Burns and Mrs. Jennie Martin from Moro.

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Farmers once said of this wheat crop that it would be near or better than the 1948 crop, a year that has taken the place of one-time fabulous 1916 as a model of productive perfection.

That statement is heard less often in recent weeks, probably for the reason that several factors have entered the estimating which make the job more difficult than usual. Among these are the lack of a big rain in June and the fact that what rain did come was very early in the month which may not give the proper support to the spring grain in the south end; another factor is smut that is a serious problem in the north end of the county.

Should the weather remain reasonably cool it is the general feeling that the late wheat will mature well enough to produce a good crop, but there is no assurance of cool weather and even the rain-maker does not promise additional rainfall for this growing season.

There is certainly lots of smut in some fields in the north end of the county. There is some smut in nearly all fields. How serious it will be cannot be known until threshing is well along. It is possible to find spots in fields where half the heads are smutty which does not mean that half the kernels are smutty because it is uniformly the smaller, sucker heads that have smutted.

There is often some smut, especially in club type wheats, and a few heads of it occasion no more than normal worry and less than that if the smut be the dry ball type that can be blown out with chaff.

There are, on the optimistic side, some very fine fields of wheat, with huge heads and far enough along toward ripeness to assure a fine yield. It seems possible that with reasonably good weather the county could make 4,000,000 bushels. There should be no doubt about beating the average of 2,500,000 bushels. That we will reach the 4,500,000 of 1948 does not seem likely with the handicaps now apparent.

Whetmore Coming

Although the famous Whetmore music is predominantly a sweet style, both sweet and swing fans are always eager to acclaim Jimmie Whetmore and his orchestra when they come to town. For so "clean" (to use a musician's term) are the Whetmore rhythms and so ingenious his special arrangements, that the most rabid swing fanatics are forced to cite him as the best of the "enemy".