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These Things We Note

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And there's the advertisement for perfume which enticingly states "99 for a large 2 oz. bottle." What a use of words.

T T W N
Two nearby newspaper editors, O. G. Crawford of the Heppner Gazette-Times and H. J. Simmons of the Fossil Journal, retired July 1 both saying that they were going to take a vacation and some rest. Everyone does that at sometime whether he is around to write his own story about it or not. Perhaps these two were among the wiser ones, the ones who knew enough to retire without the old man with the scythe, although we do often wonder how anyone retires from the newspaper profession. There will always be something they'll want to report, some idea they'll want to express and we'll bet both of them kept a typewriter.

T T W N
Walter Meacham, known here as he was all over the Oregon Trail country, is dead from a heart attack. There will be no more stirring tales of the pioneers from his pen and children will not get to listen to stories of the hardships of their forefathers.

T T W N
Moro is right in style with a water shortage which also afflicts such presumably well watered towns as Portland and The Dalles. What an uncomfortable way to be modern.

T T W N
It was 89 here Friday without benefit of the Chamber of Commerce.

T T W N
Anyway Americans who read the papers will learn a lot about geography if this nation keeps having troubles all over the world. Look, we've learned how to spell and almost pronounce German, French and Norwegian names, and later Japanese, Chinese and Korean, to say nothing of a lot of mixed stuff from the islands. Now it looks as if we are going to learn about Iran until maybe we can know why a Persian rug looks that way.

T T W N
A correspondent says that it will be necessary to write the cease fire terms so both sides will appear as the winner. You say it; it ain't printable. Actually, both sides lost.

T T W N
A guy was talking; The reason they had to invent talking pictures was because not enough people could understand the show when silent; and the reason they got color was the same reason; the reason they had to make television was so people could better understand radio but they still ain't good enough. They'll have to make 'em smell 'em and feel 'em.

T T W N
Well, here we are talking about an armistice in one war at the same time as we are talking about a peace treaty for another. It's like a baseball player sliding into third with it occupied.

T T W N
A columnist writes a phrase, "captive of his critics" about some big shot and it fits many an occasion. Tell a man he's something or other long enough and he may get to believing it. Like a wife calling her husband an old drunk.

Not an Oregon boy or girl lost his or her eyesight on the Fourth.

T T W N
A beauty note says that the chin shows signs of age before the ears do. Maybe its the wear.

T T W N
"If the new deal had been invented 100 years earlier," said Uncle Emmett, "and the people had been like they are now, they'd have just joined the slaves for security instead of fighting for their freedom."

T T W N
The trials of Vogeler and Oatis demonstrate the uselessness of trying to let Americans live in a country dominated by the Reds. Yet we go furnishing them machinery and sometimes food.

Rain Makes Spring Grain Surer Crop

It rained the night of the Fourth in Sherman county with the register at the station showing a .45 inch fall, about twice the normal for July.

Reactions of farmers were varied but generally they were happy over the rain because it will definitely help the spring grain which is still green and will probably keep the fall wheat from shrinking. Cool weather is almost certain for a few days and wheat often ripens plumper in cool weather.

A high wind Tuesday brought clouds which dropped rain on the counties east of Sherman. Trees shed their limbs profusely but no major damage was done by the wind. The Fourth was cloudy and much cooler than the days of last week.

Mrs Tom Preece Buried At Halsey

Mrs. Louise Starr Preece, wife of Tom Preece, former principal of the Moro school, died June 29 at the family home at Weaver, California, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Monday at Halsey, Oregon, near the Starr family home of Shedd.

Survivors are her widower, Tom, and two children, Tommy and Kathryn, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Starr and two grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson went down for the funeral.

Old Swimmin' Hole Embellished For Kids

Swimming lessons will begin Monday for Sherman county's children who can go to The Dalles for a couple of weeks for that purpose.

Mrs. W. W. Knighten has been making arrangements for the lessons and is anxious that parents of children who want them to swim call or see the local chairman and make definite commitments. Chairmen are: E. L. Jordan, Rufus; Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Wasco; Mrs. Keith Thompson, Moro; Mrs. Bruce Alley, Grass Valley; Mrs. Bob Helyer, Kent.

Moro children will leave by bus at 8:30 Monday morning and approximately 8:45 on future mornings. Other towns will have their own schedule. Lessons will continue five days a week for two weeks.

Money Makes Demand

Record high employment and income are keeping demand for farm products strong but prices will depend greatly on national supplies, according to a mid-year outlook report just released by the Oregon State college extension service. Demand is not expected to weaken, even though the Korean war may let up.

Farm markets have softened in recent weeks but prices are still about a fourth higher than a year ago. Farm costs hit a record high at mid-April, then dipped slightly. Many of the commodities important in Oregon's agriculture, with the notable exception of most meat animals and wool, are still below parity.

Supplies of most field and forage seeds are likely to be smaller than last year, economists point out, and prices may hold above government supports. Prospects are generally good at this time for another billion bushel wheat crop, although feed grains may be short, depending on corn.

The "big four" of the processing vegetables—green peas, sweet corn, snap beans, and tomatoes—are plentiful. The output of the late potato crop is still uncertain.

National fruit and nut prospects are spotted, the economists report, with indications of large crops of some fruits and small crops of others. Supplies of beef and lamb may not change much, but there will be larger amounts of pork and poultry.

Much more detail is contained in the outlook report which is available from county agricultural agents or from Oregon State college.



TORNADO DAMAGE . . . Anxious home-dwellers find themselves with plenty of air conditioning as a result of a 90-mile-an-hour tornado that ripped through Richmond, Virginia. At least 50 persons were injured, hundreds were left homeless, and property damage was estimated in the millions. House above was in 25-block section ripped by the tornado. The entire front wall of the two-story structure was neatly ripped off, producing house with a view.

County Agent Has Answer For Sick Chicks; Club Children Enjoy Summer School

Twenty county 4-H boys and girls returned from the 1951 summer school after a wonderful two weeks on the Oregon State college campus at Corvallis. Club members spent their morning hours attending educational classes while afternoons and evenings were spent in recreation activities and assembly programs. All Sherman county youngsters participated in various activities of summer school.

Club members were housed in the various dorms or social fraternity houses on the campus under typical college atmosphere. Joy Baumgartner, Grass Valley, served as president of Winston hall and Larry Kaseberg, Wasco, vice-president at Sigma Nu fraternity by will of those housed there through an election.

All youngsters had a wonderful time, but were glad to be back to Sherman county and home. The opportunity for these youngsters to participate in summer school is made possible by scholarship donations from civic and business organizations. All club members attending must receive a scholarship.

One of the outstanding features of the 1951 summer school was the all 4-H 85 piece band consisting of 15 band members throughout the state. The band with such a short training period did an excellent job under direction of the State college band leader, Gertrude Buether and Gordon Helyer, Kent, were Sherman county's contribution to the first 4-H band at 4-H summer school.

Joann Ross, Moro, was a member of the all 4-H girl chorus under the leadership of a member of the college music department. The chorus and band performed for the 1900 club members attending on two different occasions and spent many hours in practice.

The girls style review is also an outstanding evening feature of the ten days in Corvallis. Joy Baumgartner and Mary Brady, Grass Valley, and Joan Eakin, Moro represented Sherman county by modeling dresses they had made through their 4-H Clothing club work. Murie Scales, extension clothing specialist, gave special commendation to these girls for the excellent job and fine cooperation extended by these future homemakers.

The thirty sixth 4-H Summer school held its yearly club worship service in cooperation with the First Methodist church in the immense Gill coliseum. Sherry Woods, Moro, conducted the responsive reading with a Marion county club member. The worship services were broadcasted over the state owned station KOAC in Corvallis.

A special award is presented each year by the women's auxiliary of the Pacific Aberdeen Angus association to highest placing 4-H girls with Angus at the Wheat League show. Janice McIntyre, Wasco, received a second place plaque from results of the Wheat League show from

this association.

Hildred Zell has made the first report of harvesting this year. Fall barley is being harvested and according to Hildred is running around one ton per acre.

Ralph Rust reports sizeable loss of eight week old chicks. Symptoms reported are bloody droppings and immediate death. Evidence of bloody droppings indicates occurrence of one form of Coccidiosis, the most important cause of loss to poultry flocks in Oregon. The immediate death indicates an acute type of the disease. Less severe infections may show no evidence of bloody droppings, / and instead of immediate death chicks may show a lack of appetite, be droopy, and lose weight rapidly. Symptoms alone maybe quite misleading; therefore, observation of the blind gut or ceca is necessary to make a correct diagnosis.

The most successful control is a system of sanitation to prevent coccidiosis. A standard program of sanitation is not possible but various suggestions may help to control coccidiosis. Never crowd the birds. Change litter regularly. Use wire platforms for drinking fountains. A sunporch with wire floor is helpful. A deep litter program may be used if stirred regularly and lime or superphosphate is used to control moisture. Where cecal coccidiosis is a repeated problem clean out the litter more often during the period of outbreak.

In event of sudden outbreak as Mr. Rust observed one of the proven coccidiostatic drugs, such as the sulfas, should immediately be fed to the birds, either in the feed or drinking water. Several sulfas compounds as well as other drugs have been found to be effective coccidiostatic agents. The drug of choice should be the one most readily available at the lowest cost. For control of an acute outbreak, treatment should be given continuously for at least three to five days. This treatment should be repeated after four or five days in case the birds respond slowly or show evidence of a recurrence.

Since the appetite is affected, any method of feeding that will encourage the birds to eat will be helpful. Supplemental feeds, such as a moist mash or freshly cut greens fed once or twice daily may be helpful.

Thomas W. Thompson
County Agent

LOYD KELLY ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Deer Island announce the coming marriage of their daughter Rita, to Loyd Kelley of St. Helens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beaty Kelley of Rainier. The wedding date has been set for the latter part of July.

Miss Miller was a graduate of St. Helens high school May, 1951. Mr. Kelley, now employed at St. Helens in the paper mill, graduated from Moro high school in 1944.

Moro Water Problem Serious; Not Impossible

Water requirements of the city of Moro average 50,000 gallons per day during the summer months with peak days running above 100,000 gallons. If the cistern is full the peak days do not bother anyone unless they come together.

At the present time the city is getting an estimated 15 or 20,000 gallons from the fair ground well and is getting probably 30,000 from the city well. With care that is sufficient for the average day as long as it continues.

What will run the city out of water will be excessive use on some peak day which may be caused by hot weather or much watering by many people. The cistern is half full which will care for some use above the average. In case of necessity the city will install a chlorinator in the big well in the flat so it will be available if there is a shortage or in case of fire.

The city has written to the geological survey to find out what information that office has about water and wells in this part of the state; it has talked to engineers conversant with water conditions around here; it has engaged dowers (water witchers) to try their skill; it has sent word to well drillers that the city will drill for water.

Question arises as to whether it would be wiser to drill in the fall after the demand for water is lessened and then to drill in the present well which is already 288 feet deep or to start anew immediately and on top of the ground. The cost would be decidedly in favor of drilling in the present well. The decision will probably depend on the information the city is able to obtain from those who should know and the opinion of the committee named to decide about water and that of the city council, which is, in the end, the body empowered to make final decisions.

Unemployment Comp. Payment Low

Compensation paid to Oregon's temporarily unemployed dropped in June to \$310,416, lowest monthly total in nearly six years. Only 3,142 persons, less than 1 per cent of the covered workers, drew benefits last week—another new low since the end of the war in August, 1945.

In announcing the latest figures, however, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission called attention to the \$10,652,643 paid out during the past twelve months, an amount only two millions less than employers' contributions during the same period. Despite record employment all over Oregon since the Korean outbreak a year ago, last year's payments were greater than in 1947 or 1948.

Benefits last month were 32 per cent lower than in May and were 56 per cent under those for June, 1950.

New claims filed for compensation during the 1952 benefit year, which starts this week, reached 4,560 as compared with 5,013 for the same period last year.

During the benefit year just ended, 86,406 claimants asked compensation, barely 58,000 received one check or more, and 13,000 drew their maximum amount. These figures compared with 144,407 claims in the 1949-1950 benefit year, 113,000 receiving compensation, and 32,000 exhausting annual rights.

HUNTERS: ATTENTION

Recommendations for Oregon's 1951 hunting regulations will be heard Friday, July 13, beginning at 10:00 a. m. in the game commission's Portland headquarters on S. W. 16th and Alder.

All parties interested in regulations regarding seasons, bag limits and methods of taking game animals, game birds, and furbearing animals are invited to attend. The commission requests that for accuracy in the record all important facts and statements be submitted in writing.

Tentative regulations will be set after the hearing and the commission will reconvene within two weeks to set the final 1951 hunting regulations.

Hounsell Coming For Republican Picnic At DeMoss Sunday

Plans for the Republican picnic to be held next Sunday, July 8, at DeMoss Springs park under the auspices of the Republican women, are going ahead and reported to be about completed. There will be a picnic dinner at one o'clock followed by the program which will have State Representative John P. Hounsell, of Hood River, as principal speaker.

Young Republicans are especially invited to attend because of plans to organize a chapter of the Young Republicans in this county.

Mrs Jesse Helyer Dies After Illness

Mrs. Barbara Walpole Helyer died at her home in The Dalles Friday evening following a long illness. She was born in Pendleton December 17, 1913, and had been a resident of Sherman county most of her life.

Survivors are her widower, Jesse Helyer of Grass Valley, a son Alan; her mother, Mrs. Etha Schilling of The Dalles and a brother, Robert Schilling of Springfield.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Cal-laws with interment made in the IOOF cemetery in The Dalles. Norris Gilkison, Earl Oids, Kenneth Sather, Harley McKay, William Jeffries and Ernie Smith were pallbearers.

Holiday Air Not Very Stimulating

As a holiday the Fourth of July, 1951, was not a success. Sherman countians paid little attention to it not because they were unwilling to take a day off for marking the nation's 175th birthday but because the amuse-ment and entertainment offered did not stimulate the imagination. A few went to The Dalles and partook of the Frolics, some went fishing, some used the day for picnicking with friends and relatives and some worked which was about as patriotic a way to spend the day as any way.

Wasco Church To Change Schedule

The Wasco Methodist church beginning next Sunday, July 8 will change the time for Sunday school and morning worship for the months of July and August. There will be a unified program of both services commencing at 10:30 a. m. The minister will preach a junior sermon for the Sunday school group and later the regular sermon for adults.

This coming Sunday morning there will be a children's service. A junior choir will sing. Adults and parents are urged to attend. Remember the time—10:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.

Small Son of Joe Hammonds Dies

Graveside services for Joseph Arnold Hammonds, 14-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hammonds of Kent was held at 10:00 a. m. Saturday at Grass Valley IOOF cemetery. The child died at a hospital in The Dalles, June 27.

Survivors in addition to the parents, are grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman, Grass Valley, and Mrs. Agnes Hammonds, Arlington, Mass.; great grandparents, Dick Reckman, Sr. Boring and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Portland and great, great grandmother, Mrs. Ida Davis of Moro.

Funeral arrangements were under direction of C. R. Callaway and Son.

WASCO BUS CHANGE

Pacific Trailways home office at Bend announces new bus service for Wasco. Passengers will now be picked up and discharged and pre-paid express may be left at Steve McMullin's confectionery. Northbound departures are at 4:02 p. m. and Southbound departures are at 4:53 p. m.

The loan price of wheat will be \$2.14 cents to the farmer this year according to Wendell Bal-siger, Moro Grain Growers manager, who obtained the information from Portland.

Although the loan price is 19 cents more than it was last year according to news reports the government is charging the grower with a part of the storage on wheat as it has on barley in recent years.

Last year the loan price was \$2.05. Nineteen cents above that is \$2.25 which becomes \$2.14 when the ten cents for storage is removed. The government is charging a flat ten cents and it is not based on the price of storage at the local elevator or warehouse. In fact the government will usually pay more than ten cents, but will make a flat charge to the growers.

Peculiarity about the new loan is that beginning October 12 the storage rate will be reduced one cent every 19 days. A farmer who takes out his loan early in January will have to pay but five cents instead of ten. If he keeps his grain until April 30 the government will pay the storage, we are informed. This means that private wheat buyers will have an additional ten cents to make up in order to get wheat away from the Commodity Credit Corporation. There will be no refund on storage if the wheat is sold before April 30.

The loan price is based on parity of June 15 and the storage reduction is a newly added gimmick as far as wheat is concerned.

The increase will add some four percent to the county's income provided the wheat crop is average. Discussion on that point depends to its greatest extent on whether the estimators have looked at the same field or not. Some fields will bring a reduced yield on account of smut. How much cannot be known until threshing actually begins.

Sunday School Classes To Meet At Wasco

The annual Sherman county Sunday School Rally will be held Sunday afternoon, July 8, at 4 o'clock in the Christian church in Wasco.

There will be a program at 4 o'clock in which all the Sunday schools of the county will have a part. At 6 o'clock there will be a potluck dinner and following the dinner there will be an evening meeting with Rev. Gravenor of the Methodist church as speaker.

First National Makes Money In Past Year

Statement of condition figures released today by the Sherman county branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that, as of June 30, 1951, deposits at the branch were \$1,345,073 and loans \$326,313.

In reporting the figures, Carrel S. Bennett, manager of the branch also released comparable figures at the branch a year ago, June 30, 1950. On that date, deposits were \$1,487,399, and loans were \$195,284. The figures were made available in line with First National's policy of publishing statements of condition quarterly.

At the same time, the First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices reported that on June 30, 1951, deposits totalled \$503,641,556, loans \$256,098,759 and resources \$547,742,036. These figures represent an increase over June 30 a year ago of \$24,875,264 in deposits, \$79,841,764 in loans, and \$29,062,356 in resources.

Combined figures for the First National Bank group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices, show that on June 30, 1951, total deposits were \$624,705,021, loans \$297,475,172, and resources \$677,349,113. This represents an increase over the 1950 figures of \$37,756,273 in deposits, \$92,436,588 in loans, and \$42,894,321 in resources.