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These Things We Note

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It may be too early to wonder if the Russians can double their fists long enough to shake hands or not, but we do.

T T W N
It's like they told us. We owe the national debt to ourselves and inflation is a way to pay it off by reducing the value of the dollar (the measurement of the debt). We're rich like the German worker who had a wheelbarrow full of marks and it took a handful to buy a loaf of bread.

T T W N
The worst that can happen to anyone is to be relieved of the responsibility of caring for oneself.

T T W N
No one seems very happy over the prospects of a cease fire in Korea and it does appear that we are in a dangerous situation over the Truman engendered Malik proposal. If the terms are bad and we agree to them we'll take a licking. If they are bad and we do not agree we will be blamed for keeping up a war. Under those conditions there is little incentive for the communists to propose good terms. Furthermore our allies would like to quit.

T T W N
The argument used to be about the priority of the hen or the egg; now they argue about which was first; the nagging wife or the ornery husband.

T T W N
If you want to ponder on how fast the world has been moving consider that the man who wrote "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree" has just died.

T T W N
Wheat is a queer cereal: we raise twice what we need and subsidize the price, then we give it away to foreigners who don't seem to appreciate it.

T T W N
Cello Indians and those who fish there are going to ask for \$80,000,000 damages if the government builds The Dalles dam. Worth it, too. But why not turn modern and let the government catch the fish?

T T W N
Oregonians, after 50 years, are getting smart about the referendum and using it to block laws that might cost some group a bit of money or prevent the enforcement of other new laws. How long this can go on without practical anarchy we wouldn't guess.

T T W N
We're going to watch Oregon school teachers who heard at a recent meeting that there was plenty of tax money in Oregon if the right way to get it could be found.

T T W N
Some one should give thanks for the cool weather which has helped the wheat to ripen at a reasonable rate. Although the wind has been in the east it has not been a hot wind whereas a few years ago "hot" wind and "east" wind were synonymous terms. Over in the cool and balmy, valley counties the timber is dry and dangerous while in this miasmic land of hot wind and baking sun, it is cool and balmy.

T T W N
This arms race with Russia would be less racking if our air force would stick to the story about what we have in the way of planes. Wonder if its like the wife's story of "nothing to wear" even if the closet is full of clothes.

T T W N
Regardless of what anyone might think about the housewives who are trying to cut the price of beef by not buying it, they are on an economically sound basis and if they'll eat pork and mutton and beans for awhile beef will be cheaper.

T T W N
The mills of the gods may grind slowly but something of that kind could be learned from the courts which after two years are trying the pineapple case of The Dalles. Riot was in 1949.

T T W N
America persists in having the highest powered cars and the highest automobile accident rate.

Fire Burns Roof; Endangers Several First St. Buildings

Fire endangered buildings on First street Wednesday noon when flames started on the roof of the Clarence Huls carpentry shop. Start was probably from wiring. Smoke with a peculiar smell had made passersby sniff and sniff the air for a couple hours before the fire broke out.

First to see the fire was David Bennett who called attention to it as his father started to read him a story. Tom Monroe and Vern Arstall came quickly with the fire truck and a line was run from the corner hydrant. As soon as the men were on the roof the water soon dampened the fire out but not until half the shingles were off one side of the roof and the sheeting well scorched. Some water damage was done to the equipment in the building and it will need a new roof.

All Out For Swimming Lessons

It seems to the bus drivers as if every kid in the county was bent on learning to swim during the two weeks course given by the Red Cross. Every morning the busses, borrowed from school districts are loaded to the doors with anxious youngsters carrying lunch pails and in a hurry to be on their way.

It was thought by Mrs. Willy Knighten, Red Cross chairman, that there might be 50 from Moro and instead there have been over 60 each day. Total for the county is 189 to date with interest still growing.

UP Making Picture About Smut Cost

Here to make a picture to be shown in the Union Pacific farm train next winter are George Penrose, agricultural agent for the railroad and Jack Patterson, camera man from California. The picture is about smut but includes several views of wheat fields including some from the local experiment station and some taken from the top of the Moro elevator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The Sunday school rally held at Wasco Christian church last Sunday afternoon brought out a very good crowd who watched the program given by the Sunday school children of the county. Each school had a different number. At the close of the program Rev. Gravenor gave the sermon of the day.

GRASS VALLEY ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Rogan and daughter, Jill of Portland spent the week end at the Gene Reynolds home.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Smith had as their guests the evening of the Fourth, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and Deanna. Picnic dinner was served in the basement as it was cold out side.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haynes arrived Saturday from Richland, Washington and spent the week end with his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes of Salem also were at the Dunlap home for the week end.

Mrs. Etta Buchanan is back from Portland where she went for medical attention. She is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble went to Portland Sunday to attend the Trimble family reunion at Mt. Scott park.

Jim Jones, Fred Madison, Alton Olds and Carl Kelley left Friday for the Metolius on a fishing trip returning Monday.

Mrs. Harold Eakin and children, Mrs. Marcus Esslinger and children, Mrs. Elton Eakin and children, Mrs. Vernon Eakin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman and children went to The Dalles Monday to take their children for swimming lessons. Twenty-six youngsters accompanied by Mrs. Frank E. Bayer went on the bus driven by A. L. Kintner.

Ross Fritts of Mountain City, Tenn., came Sunday and spent a few days with his cousin, Shel-ton Fritts and family. Monday they were dinner guests at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and family.

Oregon Finances Most Secure Says Speaker

"Oregon is the only state on the coast that has consistently been Republican for the past 12 years and is decidedly in the best financial shape of any coast state," said State Representative John Housell to Republicans at the picnic held Sunday by the Republican women at DeMoss Springs park.

"Oregon voters must decide whether to continue spending money at the present rate and raising more money by taxation or to reduce the extent of government and thereby the extent of taxation," said the speaker who also noted that Oregon voters have been responsible for most of the recent raises in taxation by increasing school and bonus levies. The legislature, he said, has not been extravagant.

He supported the school bill now under attack by the grange and recounted the success of Hood River county in school consolidation and reduced school costs.

Preliminary organization of a group of Young Republicans was initiated with Allen Tom and Mac Hall volunteering to continue the work on its behalf.

A basket dinner filled the party members with good will and cake before the program. State Senator Stewart Hardie of Condon was a visitor.

Old Well To Be Deepened Now Plan

The committee composed of members of the city council and additional members from the Moro Booster Club met Tuesday night and made as its first choice of action about water, the drilling of the present well thru another stratum of rock.

It is expected that the drilling will start in October and probably take two or three months. Reason for the action was the greater economy of drilling in the old hole with the possibilities of obtaining water as good or better than any other known spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hankins and son of Port Angeles, Wash., were here a few days this week to visit with his mother, Mrs. Roy Belshee and Mr. Belshee.

County Agent Considers Radio Program; Noxious Weeds and Reapers This Week

Diane Christianson, Moro, during her trip to Chicago had an opportunity to participate in the Welcome Traveler's radio program. Diane told the radio audience about her 4-ft club experiences over the past ten years. Rebroadcast for western stations will be heard at 3:00 p. m., Monday, July 16 over KGW, Portland.

The Welcome Traveler's sponsors, after hearing of Diane's donation of a steer to the Shrine Hospital in 1950, presented a pop corn popper and a years supply of pop corn to the Shrine Hospital.

Canada Thistle, a perennial noxious weed, has been located by Russell Belshee on his land near Harmony. Canada Thistle is distinguished from other thistles by its small heads and creeping underground roots that give rise to new plants. Leaves are long and narrow with numerous cuts along the margins. A sharp spine is located at each point between the cuts. Canada Thistle is a serious pest and should be eradicated immediately upon location.

Russell is not one to let noxious weeds go; therefore, immediate steps for eradication were taken. An application of 2,4-D using at least two pounds of parent acid and twenty gallons of water was applied. Mr. Belshee has developed a habit of treating morning glory patches with a soil fumigant applied by a weed gun into the soil every eighteen inches alternated between rows. Following spraying with 2,4-D he cleaned his weed gun and fumigated the Canada Thistle patch with carbon bisulphide using two ounces per hole.

Carbon bisulphide is a very inflammable material and must be carefully handled but is the most effective chemical. Best results are obtained when the soil is saturated so loss will not occur. Sodium chlorate is likewise an

Fair Board Gets Organized For Job September 14-15-16

Plans for the county fair which will be held here September 14-16 had a further boost Monday night when the board met and talked about plans and other things until nearly midnight.

Mac Barbour has been hired to put on the rodeo and some repair work on chutes and fences will be necessary to keep his rampaging Brahmas and buckers from the crowd.

A carnival with rides will be engaged and it will be located at the fair grounds. Arrangements were made for advertising the fair and members of the board will recruit a group and visit adjacent towns to sell about the program.

Jimmy Wheelwright will bring his band. The band and unnoted jobs of arranging for hay and straw, housing and food, judges and ticket takers is pretty well done. Really it's only two months until we'll all be standing up and yelling "Come on Red" as the bang-tails come down the track.

Harlandview Grange Hears Of Convention

Harlandview grange met last Saturday night and heard reports from C. O. Boley who was a delegate to the state convention held in Portland last month. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bruckert also reported on their trip and the convention. There will be no more meetings until the first Saturday in August.

The Home Economics club of the grange met recently with Mrs. Hazel Belshee as honor guest. The meeting was at the home of Mrs. Edna Belshee and Mrs. Mollie McLellan and Mrs. Trudy Miller were co-hostesses. Mrs. Belshee was the speaker and chief shower on her departure to The Dalles to live.

Present were Irene Fraser, Leta Belshee, Ethel Belshee, Alice Lavender, Mary Higley, Florence Bruckert, Helen Bruckert, Althea Benet, Ann Miller, Pauline Dougan, Helen Martin, Leta Fraser, Laura Sather, Betty Henriks, Jennie Martin and Ruth Martin.

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Applications for a radio program can best be made in the late fall at a five point rate.

Robert King, station manager of the Experiment Station regarding noxious weed control, Bob had killed the weeds of his morning glory plants down with 2,4-D, but wanted to make an application of sodium chlorate at this time. Bob had located seven new patches of morning glory. He lost track of them merely by staking until he went ahead and made a separate application and sprinkled with enough water to take it in. The top inch or two of soil will be washed down further sterilizing the treated area. Successful applications made in the fall, but on a practical basis not to lose track of morning glory plants this fall. Good plan. Others have tried this, maybe it will help you.

Prior to this I had an opportunity to see my first reaper, H. O. Dugger. If many years, Mr. Dugger has felt it was a very practical piece of equipment. It is not cleanable and it seems to break a saddle more work so he feels a new binder is his only solution.

A plow or disk in the field is worth two dozen in the shed for controlling a harvest fire. Why not pull one into the field along with the combine and be prepared for what might be a drastic fire year? Returned exhausts, spark arrestors, back pumps, screening radiators, a sprayer filled with water ready to move, back pumps, sacks and shovels may all help to divert a disasterous wheat fire, Thompson states. Prevention and preparedness are good watch words for farmers in a year when cheat grass is heavy and wheat leaves abundant. Time expended in being set for every existing fire can pay golden dividends in returns when the grain is safely stored in the warehouse. Survey the existing tools available for fire fighting and prepare the crew for an emergency. Once a fire has started size up the burning area and attack the fastest spreading points if possible. Thompson stresses. Best method is the best method of attack. Cheat grass is heavy and leaves little precaution and readiness under force. A long with loose dirt and water. Backfiring should be done only as a last resort. Plows or disks can be used to prepare a fire free harvest, make base of backfire or to trail Thomas W. Thompson ahead of the fire.

Valuations Up Slightly In Year Figures Show

The valuation of taxable property within Sherman county and assessed locally is a approximately the same as in 1950, according to figures released by Marie Hoskinson, county assessor, and sent to the state tax commission.

Total in 1950 was \$8,532,910 and in 1951 this year an increase of about four percent. Efforts are being made throughout the state to assess at a higher rate but this is aimed principally at counties where newly improved land and new buildings are a major factor.

There has been no change in the valuation of tillable land, the 268,694 acres being valued at \$21,200. Likewise one-tillable land is still valued at \$1.58. Improvements on both platted and unplatted lands have increased.

Movable machinery has grown from \$27,830 to \$49,400; merchandise from \$110,950 to \$130,420; farm implements from \$889,110 to \$961,850. Horses, cattle, swine, sheep and poultry have all declined in both numbers and total valuation.

There are only 472 horses now a loss of 25 during the year. We have 7597 cattle on the assessment rolls as compared to 8412 last year. Sheep are down to 627 and hogs to 615 while farmers have let the flocks of chickens run down to 1124 a drop of nearly a third since last year. It will be realized that the figures on animals were taken as of January 1 so do not include the 1951 crop. Estimates of cattle are well over 15,000 when taken from agricultural figures. In fact, the census taken last year showed 1285 hogs and 87 were turned in to the assessor. There was a difference in time of several months.

Mrs. Kate Hansen Dies At 87 Years

Mrs. Kate Hansen died Sunday night in a hospital in The Dalles following a stroke of paralysis by a few days. Mrs. Hansen was born in Denmark, April 19, 1864 and had lived in Sherman county since 1904. Her husband, Soren Hansen, has been dead 30 years.

Surviving are a son, Ove of The Dalles, a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Driskin, Moro, four grand children and four great grand children. Mrs. Hansen was the mother of eight children.

Grain Fire Prevention Held Profitable

Grass and grain fires may strike disaster in your area if you are caught unprepared. Here's some hand precautions which may divert disaster pointed out by County Agent, T. W. Thompson.

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Court Hires Gerber To Oil Streets In Town of Kent

The county court met Friday instead of Wednesday this month because Wednesday was the Fourth of July and besides Friday was the day set for approval of the budget. There being no objection that document was approved as printed in June.

The court hired Gerber to oil the main street of Kent from the highway to the intersection east of Norton's store and a five block stretch from main street to the school and back to the highway.

Tommy Thompson, county agent, was named as horticultural inspector with additional duties. The soil conservation office will stay downtown and it is possible that PMA office will also be moved away from the court house later. The court also bought the gravel pit on the Scheurer quarter from Sam Davis.

New Rails Being Laid On South Section

A crew of Arizona Indians is laying new steel on the railroad line between Grass Valley and Kent. The rails now in use are thought to be the original ones, put down by the Columbia Southern 50 years ago. They were 56 pound rails.

Heavier equipment may be used when the new 75 pound rails are in place and faster speeds made on the south end of the line. Rails on the remainder of the line are 90 to 110 pounds. The new work will be done in time to move the 1951 wheat crop.

Price Rates Now Official Reports Busse

Official price support rates for the 1951 Sherman county wheat were announced this week as \$2.24 per bushel by the local PMA office.

New this year will be the warehouse storage charges to be paid by the farmer. Warehouse charges will be based on the date of deposit at the local elevators. A charge of ten cents per bushel will be made on all wheat deposited prior to September 3.

Effective rate per bushel for wheat grading number one will be \$2.14. Reductions of the 2 1/2 cent service fee and 1/2 cent per bushel tax then under the laws of Oregon for use by the Oregon Wheat Commission will be made.

Loans and purchase agreements are available to January 31, 1952. Wheat not redeemed will be taken over by the Commodity Credit Corporation April 30, 1952.

Wheat grading No. 2 will receive a one cent deduction while wheat grading No. 3 will receive a three cent deduction. Deductions for smut will be one cent for one half of one percent and three cents for one percent and over. Wheat grading lower than No. 3 for other than reasons of test weight will not be eligible for loans.

Warehouse charges will be reduced every 19 days from September 3 to April 30 according to date wheat is deposited in local warehouses. Wheat deposited January 1 will receive only a five cent per bushel warehouse charge deduction. Warehouse charges are not based on the date loans are applied for by the individual.

BOR HOWELL MARRIES

Mr. Raymond A. Knowles, of The Dalles, announces the marriage of her daughter, Joyce E. Hayworth, to Pvt. Robert H. Howell of Wasco, who is in the U. S. Aid Force.

The ceremony took place in Goldendale, Washington May 22, 1951, at the Baptist parsonage with the Rev. Smith officiating.

WASCO-CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. H. Gravehor of the Wasco Methodist church announces a service of summer sermons on the subject, "Respectable Sins". The first will be July 15, "The Evil Temper". Remember please, service begins at 10:30 a. m. and closes 11:30 a. m. Also a junior sermon.

Service of divine worship will be held in the Grass Valley Methodist church July 15 at 3 p. m.

Field Day Gives Chance To See New Wheats

Brevor and Elmar wheats, fertilizer trials and the cheering statement that there was moisture only 18 inches beneath the wheat crop were the attractive features of the annual field day at the experiment station held Friday, July 6.

George Mitchell, station superintendent, called attention to the fact that Elmar was identical in appearance to Elgin. Only difference is that Elmar isn't resistant to half of the 34 known varieties of smut while Elgin isn't resistant at all. For that reason Mitchell recommended that Elmar for seed purposes be not planted on land that had been growing Elgin.

The erosion experimental plots showed little variation between trashy and moldboard fallow although some had shown earlier in the year.

The grasses failed to draw many visitors from the trucks that hauled them around the tour although Crested Wheat, regular and fairway types, Intermediate and Pubescent wheat grasses, long wheat grass, some bromes and the standard Whitman, Sherman and sheep fescue were shown.

Bill Hall, plant breeder, reporting on the nursery while standing among rows of hundreds of new wheats, said that time of seeding had an effect on smut because smut germinates best at 50-60 degrees while wheat prefers a temperature of 70 degrees. Safflower, an oil producing seed crop, yields a third as much as wheat, he said, and is also a cattle feed.

An increase plot of Brevor, a long headed, white strawed, new wheat, resistant to all kinds of smut, was shown and it drew favorable comment from farmers, especially those who have smut in their fields this year. Brevor said Bob Fletcher, manager of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association, is a good wheat although not an easy milling one (it is as good as Baart for milling). It makes a good cake flour and yields as well as Elgin.

At the winter wheat variety plots Mitchell pointed out the fertilization trials which did not show in the ripening wheat as clearly as they had when the grain was green. Experiments were made by testing with applications of 10-20-30-40 pounds of nitrogen and with 400 pounds of standard fertilizers containing mixtures of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus.

Ralph Besse, assistant director of experiment stations, told the 75 visitors that much of the success of Oregon agriculture had come from information developed at the experiment stations of the state and pointed to the new wheats and tillage methods that had been discovered at the local station.

Christiansons Married 25 Years Sunday

Nearly a hundred relatives and friends called Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Christianson on their farm to congratulate them on their 25th wedding anniversary. The Christiansons were married in Oregon City in 1926.

Refreshments of cake and punch and coffee were served with Mesdames E. H. Moore, Clarence Sparling, R. B. Hoskinson, E. Schaeffer, Collis Moore pouring and serving. Miss Diane Christianson took care of the guest book.

Coming from Oregon City were Mr. and Mrs. C. Schaffer, friends of 25 years ago.

COMMITTEE NAMED

A board meeting of the Sherman County Historical society met at the court house in Moro, June 29, 1951. At this time a motion was made to appoint a trail marker research committee to investigate the locations for marker and trail and report to board members at next meeting. Those chosen were Giles French, Albert Kaseberg and Oscar Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flatt returned Thursday from their trip east after a new Pontiac and a check-up in Rochester, Minn., at the famous Mayo clinic.