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These Things We Note

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Unfortunately for conversation, not all the witty things are wise and too few of the wise things are witty.

T T W N
A microphone is a seductive thing.

T T W N
Among the ages of man it might be appropriate to include the age when he quits wearing his belt below his paunch and begins wearing slippers.

T T W N
Marshal Petain received the adulation of the western world as a general and the hate of that same world for collaborating with the Germans and thus knew both sides of public emotion. Now that he is dead it may be correct to say that he was probably neither as good nor as bad as pictured.

T T W N
Some things still surprise us. Some persons and agencies and particularly the federal government become so imbued with their own infallibility that they keep on recommending the same medicine whether it improves the situation or not. We note in this regard that the cure for the biggest flood of all will be more dams. What would a fresh mind be worth?

T T W N
How eastern papers are going to enjoy that cougar episode in Portland last week. Red Indians on a scalping bed wouldn't be more wild and wooly.

T T W N
We note that a divorcee has set a salary figure for entrants into a contest for her hand. It didn't used to be made public.

T T W N
We're having a lot of this king for a day stuff like man of the year, young business man of the year, secretary of the year, etc., and Oh Yes, from Hollywood, wife of the year.

T T W N
The Hart mountain trip was an event of last week end. Started in 1932 by 49 Oregonians with an interest in wild life conservation and continued by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, the annual trek to the 8000-foot high antelope refuge gives many city dwellers their only breath of fresh air and sight of wide expanses. Other than the banning of women, dogs, guns and minors, there are no rules except those by which men must live by when together. There are trips to the desert to see the antelope, hikes up the mountain, visits to the hot springs for a swim and much conversation about hunting, fishing, politics, laws, food, medicine, war and all the other topics of interest to men when there are no women to impress. City folks get acquainted with cow men, timber cutters talk to editors, college professors learn the opinions of businessmen, government employees hear frank expressions from citizens. It is a state-wide town meeting. They eat their fill of steaks, barbecued beef and ham, drink what they like, and go to bed at dark to look up at the stars and develop a sense of values different from that which motivates the daily struggle for food and shelter, power and glory. It has long been said that the way to get acquainted with a man is to go camping with him. That is also the way to get acquainted with 400 men. And, as one so often discovers, the other fellow is a pretty good guy when you know him.

T T W N
Evidence from St. Louis indicates that federal office holders are too seldom satisfied with their salaries and find other and devious ways of adding to them.

T T W N
Gambling spoils everything it touches. Now basketball, a kids game for sport and exercise, is used as a means of making youngsters dishonest.

T T W N
This Republican attempt to get rid of Acheson by stopping his pay is a silly thing that sounds like hot weather.

Granting that the desired result is worth almost any effort the method proposed is still silly.

Smut Specialist Tells of Soil Infection Danger

Here Wednesday to get early information about the wheat crop were Earl Gilman, grain inspection service, Roy T. White, grain supervisor from Pacific Coast headquarters, C. S. Holton of Washington State college and Bob Fletcher of the Crop Improvement association.

The men wanted an early appraisal of the 1951 wheat, its quality and yield and also the amount of smut and the mixtures and admixtures. They will cover many of the wheat counties of the northwest on their tour.

Dr. Holton is a specialist on smut. He said that he had noted that wheat near summerfallow where smutty wheat was raised last year is often smutty. This he laid to soil infection. He said that the smut spore is scattered from threshing for wide distances and that it will germinate at similar temperatures to wheat (50-60 degrees for smut and 70 for wheat) but either will germinate at other temperatures but more slowly.

There is no known treatment for soil infection. Purpose of wheat treatment is to assure the operator that the seed itself is not smutty. When the sprout emerges from the seed it may be infected if there is smut in the soil. This danger continues until the sprout is out of the ground.

Smut treatment, said the doctor, is a program that requires good seed preferably from smut resistant varieties, good seed treatment, care about possibility of soil infection. All are important.

As long as the soil is dry smut spores do not germinate. Ordinary smut varieties will germinate and die (unless able to infect wheat) within one year but dwarf smut will live in the soil for as much as seven years, perhaps indefinitely. If a farmer was able to seed a month after fall rains there would be little chance for soil infection as the smut would have germinated.

Bob Fletcher reported that there would be some accredited Elmar seed in Union county this fall.

Oddly Roy White is a cousin of Hugh White of Wasco and Earl Gilman is a son of Charles Gilman and one-time lived in the Michigan settlement southwest of Grass Valley.

CONTRACT LET

Logging and clearing operations on the Lolo Pass section of the Big Eddy-Troutdale 2330,000 volt. transmission line right-of-way are expected to start in the near future, according to H. R. Richmond Jr., manager of the mid-Columbia district, Bonneville Power Administration. The contract for this work was awarded to Brightwood Logging company, Brightwood, Oregon, on a low bid of \$249,000 for cleanup after logging operations. The bids opened July 17, 1951, read as follows: Brightwood Logging Co. \$249,000; Ralph Corning Constr. \$329,950.

MORO NEWS

Susie and Julie Woods, Gene Fridley and Jean Ross are at the 4-H summer camp at Suttle lake this week.

Mrs. Nora Jack is here again this summer to visit Aden Axell. Her grandson came with her.

Judge Ed Howell was here Wednesday to start the Woods-Moore case in which is involved guardianship proceedings and sanity hearing. The case attracted a crowded courtroom and will probably not be decided for several weeks.

Miss Dorothy Wilson spent the first part of the week in a hospital in The Dalles having a foot repaired slightly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Nahouse were visitors at the Ronald Powell home last week. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nahouse of McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds of Grass Valley were also guests.

Loy Cochran of Portland, now employed as combine operator for Bud Powell, had an arm sewed up after an accident Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bazzel are home from their trip to Kansas, which gave them a months vacation.

Tommy Thompson, county agent, is driving truck for Arthus Christiansen during his vacation.

About the County

Fire Sweeps Range Land East of Rufus; Wasco Boys Aid

A fierce fire burned over more than 800 acres of grassland in the northeastern part of Sherman county Monday evening and early Tuesday morning.

The fire began on the south east edge of the Striker land farmed by the Richelderfer brothers. It quickly jumped into the rank grassland owned by Leland Medler and was off to a good start with the wind helping it along. The Wasco fire truck and men were called to help put out the blaze which went down to the John Day river. The men put out the northern blaze where an old road goes up the hill in land owned by George Fox. There wasn't any wind that day until in the afternoon when it was real strong.

The fire burning southward was nearly extinguished at one time in Box canyon, but the wind caught it, sending it out of control and it burned all the way to Lester place and Matney place now owned by Leland Medler. The fields at the top of the hill were in summer fallow, so there was no wheat burned. The men noted a deer and a fawn running out of Box canyon going up to stay on the summer fallow, smart, eh?

The fire came on south and burned an abandoned house, garage and some lumber on the old Matney place. Leland Medler also lost a valuable pump which he used to irrigate alfalfa land on his property in this area. Back fires were set at the Medler-Fox road which comes down the canyon, keeping the fire from jumping the road and going farther south to wheat land which hadn't been cut yet. It was the good help of the Wasco fire truck and the men that saved the buildings on the George Fox place and the fire burned up to them. Back fires were used around the buildings.

It was 4 a. m. Tuesday before all the men left the burning area to go home to bed. They were tired, hungry men too, as many didn't have supper that night before as the fire broke out about 6 p. m. Monday night. Leland Medler plowed from the road to the summer fallow up by his house keeping the fire from going farther west. Then the men backfired from the plowing. The fire really was hot and the men couldn't get close to it as it swept through the tall grass and sage brush. Tuesday, Leland Medler and George Fox patrolled the area all day to see that none of the smoldering bushes and clumps broke out again. Some of the men felt the effects of the smoke in their eyes and lungs the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Logan and son, Robert, arrived Friday from Oakland, Calif., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel had as dinner guests Sunday her sisters, Misses Cassie and Mabel Holmes of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. William Pausch, Callers in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hendrickson and sons, Bob and Bill, and Mrs. Barbara Bateman from Gresham.

Mrs. William Cauthers of Moro celebrated her 84th birthday anniversary at her home Sunday afternoon when her children, grandchildren and great grand children were present. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles of Wasco, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huls of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles of Grass Valley and Mrs. Philip Ruggles and children of The Dalles. Birthday cake and ice cream were served later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe and sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell drove to Warm Springs Sunday for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Canavero and family left Friday for their home in Los Gatos, Calif., after spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb and her sister, Mrs. Ross Fields and family.

Miss Marian Buchanan of Kent entered the St. Vincent hospital in Portland for surgery Monday morning.

Mrs. Grace Edwards and son Jack of Fenton, California are here to visit with her sisters Mrs. Orville Hockman of Moro and Mrs. Harold White of Wasco. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Landstrom and daughters stopped in Moro Friday for the weekend with her mother Mrs. Ora Peetz. They were on their way home to Portland after attending a meeting of Bureau of Land Management officials at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Nickie Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wright of Baker is at the Vernon Miller home for a visit. Miss Gloria Douma left Saturday on a trip to San Francisco, Calif., going by plane to Oakland. She is visiting friends and may remain a couple of weeks.

Jack Lawrence, like the postman who took a walk on his holiday, is driving truck for Lawrence Kenny during harvest. Tommy Jones is driving truck for Flatt while Jack is vacationing.

Giles French, in company with John Sell of The Dalles and John Housell of Hood River, went to Hart mountain Friday for the meeting of the Order of the Antelope. French was elected to the lead office of Chief Whitetail at the meeting held Saturday night and will preside over the 1952 assembly.

J. K. McKee was in Portland Tuesday on business. Gordon McKee is here to do some summerfallow work preparatory to taking a harvest job when cutting begins on the Moore ranch.

Mrs. A. Rose came up from Portland Saturday with James B. Adams who was on his way to Ontario for the Eastern Oregon Land company. Mrs. Rose is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flatt while she is visiting friends made during the days when her husband was station agent in Moro. She now lives with her daughter at Carmichael, Calif.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. John Rust were in The Dalles Wednesday on business and to visit the former's granddaughter, Mrs. L. W. Brockway and infant daughter at the Mid-Columbia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter had as their guests a few days their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marsh and his father Glenn Marsh Sr. of Hood River, who arrived Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and family, Jim McDonald, David Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children, Julia and Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and son Terry from Kent motored to Bear Springs Sunday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and children of Tygh Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark of Astoria and their guests Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Stark of Hollywood, Calif., and all enjoyed a picnic dinner and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son Larry and Dennis Andersen went to The Dalles Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith.

Fred Cox went to Vancouver Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Emma Cox, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel and children returned home Sunday from Portland where they spent ten days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins, Mrs. C. H. Kellogg came up from Portland with them and will spend a week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrill and children, Gene and Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan and Jeanie Duncan drove to Tollgate on Mt. Hood Sunday and met their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrill and children from Portland for a picnic dinner and visiting. Jeanie Duncan went home with Everett Cantrill and family for a visit.

Mrs. Leo Dumlum and sons Wally and Denny returned to their home in Salem Monday morning. They had spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Carol Briggs of Wasco is helping at the Leland Medler home during harvest.

The work in the Rufus grange hall kitchen has been finished by the carpenters. They also lined the hallway. The Home Economics club hopes to have cupboards put in also this fall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers was quite low last week, and her family was called in to stay with her.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to Hood River Sunday and spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Mrs. J. A. Walter. J. W. Woolwine and Janice Bibby accompanied them to The Dalles and spent the day at the Lee Woolwine home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alley and grandchildren, Karen and Dickie Alley and Mr. and Mrs. John Block drove to Tygh Valley Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Feely and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thasher.

Mrs. Arne Annula and Mrs. Elma Jakku of Hood River were here Wednesday evening to make sales of tickets for the Hood River Music festival which is an event of next week end, August 3-5. Mrs. Wily Knighten has the tickets.

Ralph H. Calk, Republican National committeeman and M. B. Frykman, manager of the Equitable savings and loan, stopped in Moro a short time Wednesday afternoon, while on their way home from Pendleton.

Dr. Krick Paid For Rainmaking

Rainfall in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties was only 82% of normal during the three months period April-May-June according to information released by the U. S. Weather Bureau this week. Precipitation totaled 2.16 inches. The average for the past 20 years is 2.64 inches. Cloud seeders operated during every favorable situation thru out the period according to Ernest Kirsch, corresponding secretary of Tri-County Weather Research.

The Tri-County contract expired June 30. Farmers in the area paid Krick a total of \$23,512.64 for the cloud seeding program. An initial payment of \$15,000 was supplemented by additional bonus payments totaling \$8,512.64. Bonus payments were earned when rainfall in the area was 185% normal during the October-November-December period and 135% normal during the January-February-March period.

Wheat Crop Still Looks Like One Of County's Best

The wheat yields still remain surprising. Even an optimist can be pleased over them. Actually the lowest yield reported direct to the writer is 30 bushels per acre. Some others have said they will get 20 to 25 but returns of completed fields are very high.

In the Wasco territory where threshing is farther along than in other parts of the county wheat is running from a reported 47 to as low as 30 on lighter land with an average estimated by George Harris of The Sherman Grain Growers, of between 35 to 38 bushels so far according to reports. Smut is not as bad as feared. While some fields are very bad, many do not show smut at all, and the danger of large reduction of yield from smut may be discounted.

In 1948 the Sherman Grain Growers warehoused 1,900,000 bushels but this year there is more spring wheat and more barley so less than that is expected by conservative estimators.

The only point that is getting a great deal of wheat in the Moro Grain Growers' territory is Hay Canyon where nearly 200 trucks are unloaded each day. Wheat is coming into DeMoss, Moro and Erskine also, but is not coming very fast so far.

It will be a week before there is any general threshing in the Grass Valley section and perhaps two weeks or more before the yield of spring grain in the south end can be estimated. Regardless of fears about it, it looks good in most places.

Mid-Columbia Wheat Men Visit Canada

American and Canadian wheat growers would benefit by working together to stabilize the international wheat market, said Don McKinnis of Summerville today, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, in a report to the Oregon wheat commission.

McKinnis headed a group of Oregon wheat growers which visited over 100 Canadian wheat farms and four Dominion experiment stations in June. The tour was organized by the Wheat league to compare the growing and selling of wheat in Canada with the Pacific Northwest. Canada is the Northwest's biggest competitor.

Henry Baker, lone wheat farmer, in his report summed up the opinions of those making the tour.

"We should have closer cooperation between the Oregon Wheat league and the Canadian wheat farmer to maintain a wheat price that is favorable to both countries under the International Wheat agreement."

McKinnis reported that most Canadian farmers are happy with the agreement and the loan program of the United States.

Another Oregon grower making the tour, Sam Cook of Helix, said the Canadian wheat farmer can undersell the U. S. on the world market. He said this is because of Canada's lower standard of living and because Canada's economy largely depends on its grain trade.

The Canadian Wheat Board markets all the wheat in Canada and most of the farmers are behind it, reported Orville Cutsforth, another lone grower.

Primary purpose of the tour was to find out how much it costs to grow wheat in Canada. But according to the group, it was impossible to get an accurate estimate. The cost per acre would be low but the cost per bushel high because of the many hazards of insects and weather. For example, the saw fly cuts off the wheat head before harvest. Severe frosts and early snows also take a toll of wheat yields.

MEETING CALLED

H. E. Oliver, president of the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting in that town for August 17-18, for the purpose of getting all those who favor three way development of the Columbia river. It is called a Mid-Columbia Community Conference. Senator Warren Magnusen and Congressman Hal Holmes will attend.

County Board Buys Land for Road

CONDENSED REPORT OF JULY 6, 1951 PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT MEETING

1951-1952 fiscal year budget adopted as originally prepared and tax levy accordingly made. Claims against all funds allowed as presented excepting one claim against general road fund.

Statement of County Treasurer showing all fund balances as of June 30, 1951, presented and filed.

Statement of County Clerk showing all budget balances in County general road fund as of June 30, 1951, presented and filed.

Contract executed employing Charles R. Logan as County Auditor for fiscal year 1951-1952.

Certificate executed re: appropriation of funds budgeted for office of County Agricultural Agent for 1951-1952 fiscal year.

3.44 additional acres purchased from Sam J. Davis to provide additional requirements at Flanagan quarry site and gate agreement entered into.

Clerk directed to make necessary transfers to balance out 1950-1951 budget accounts. Treasurer directed to transfer Law Library Fund and Malt Beverage fund balances to County General Fund account.

Resolution adopted and Order entered re: Salaries of elective officials, Circuit Court Reporter and fees and mileage of County Commissioners.

Thomas W. Thompson, County Agent, appointed as County Horticultural Inspector.

Resolution adopted and Order entered directing inspection re: Closure of County Road in vicinity of Grass Valley.

Treasurer and Clerk instructed re: payment for street improvement work performed at Kent.

Re: Enforcement of speed and traffic regulations; Court favors and assures cooperation with city and state officials.

Re: Providing of suitable office space as required for Soil Conservation Service; Court declines request.

Re: Sale of certain stock crossing guards; Court declines to sell.

Clerk directed to pay Mr. W. C. Miller \$100.00 in settlement pertaining to change in location of Lone Rock-Harmony road.

Present elections precincts approved without change of boundaries, as now exist.

Purchase of used G.M.C. truck and used road roller approved. No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE, 1951, APPROVED JULY 6 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND
SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
Moro Postmaster, \$6.00; West-
ern Union, \$3.63; Norman E.
Fields, \$60.00 & \$26.20

CLERK'S OFFICE:
Craig's Office Supply, \$2.07
TREASURER'S OFFICE:
West Coast Printing & Bind-
ing Co., \$75.00; Moro Postmas-
ter, \$12.25

E. H. Howell, \$100.00
COUNTY COURT:
C. A. Tom, \$125.00; Donald
Martin, \$181.60; Lester Wilson,
\$24.00

JUSTICE COURT:
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph
Co., \$7.30

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:
Wasco County Clerk, \$2739.98

COUNTY JAIL:
Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$7.80;
Norman E. Fields, \$8.64

DEMOSS PARK:
Pacific Power & Light Co.,
\$1.57; May & Son, \$3.00; Moro
Lumber & Fuel Co., \$75.74; Wil-
liam Greer, \$16.00

1940 CODE, ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS:
The Frank Shepard Co., \$22.00;
West Publishing Co., \$128.00;
The American Law Book Co.,
\$112.50; Bancroft-Whitney Co.,
\$123.00

GOV'T TRAPPER: \$50.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$15.00

COUNTY AUDIT: \$232.50

**4-PREMIUM ON COMPREHEN-
SIVE POLICY: \$46.93**

COUNTY PRINTING: \$31.45

EMERGENCY FUND: \$21.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$54.84

MISCELLANEOUS:
State Tax Commission, \$17.22;
Public Employees Retirement Sys-
tem, \$137.93; State Industrial Ac-
cident Commission, \$10.82; First
National Bank, \$146.40; National
Hospital Ass'n., \$12.00

ROAD FUND

WAGES:
Jason Glenn, \$129.24; Frank
Bazzel, \$349.25; E. McPherson,
\$270.69; Earl Rehr, \$233.47;
Frank-Bayer, \$199.74; Joe Drink-
ard, \$294.92; Jerry Morehouse,
\$191.98; Carl Scherrer, \$213.45;
Ora Workman, \$212.05; Keith
Bayer, \$42.70; First National
Bank, \$158.70; State Tax Com-
mission, \$25.01; Public Employ-
ees Retirement System, \$78.30

WEED CONTROL:
Moro Grain Growers Ass'n,
\$38.25

REPAIRS:
Pierce Trailer & Equip. Co.,
\$3.97; Interstate Tractor & Equip
Co., \$22.98; J. K. McKee Co.,
\$712.50; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac,
\$5.05; Smith Auto Parts Co.,
\$40.20; Service Motor Co., \$21.59;
Motor Supply & Equip. Co.,
\$53.88; Modern Motor Service,
\$11.40

GAS & OIL:
Shell Oil Co., \$66.53; Union
Oil Co., \$136.05; Standard Oil Co.,
\$447.60; Herb Willard, \$2.90;
Donald Martin, \$15.30

TIRES & TUBES:
Automotive Equip. Co., \$107-
92; Sunset Motor Co., \$265.88

GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Dielschneider Equipment, \$85-
80; Hulden Motor Co., \$52.00;
Eastern Oregon Electric Co., \$4-
20; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.56

INSURANCE:
W. T. Balsiger Insurance Ag-
ency, \$136.65

MISCELLANEOUS:
State Industrial Accident Com-
mission, \$96.95; Secretary of
State, \$3.00; Pacific Telephone
& Telegraph Co., \$9.10; Sam For-
man, \$15.00; Pacific Power &
Light Co., \$1.97; Sam J. Davis,
\$160.00; W. C. Miller, \$100.00

ROAD MAINTENANCE:
Homer G. Johnson, \$2239.37;
& 3200.60; Wentworth & Irving,
\$1160.53

**CRUSHED ROCK & ROAD IM-
PROVEMENT:**
H. W. White, \$42.00

MACADAM MAINTENANCE:
State Highway Commission,
\$500.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$51.68

CIRCUIT COURT: