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These Things We Note

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Uncle Sam seems perturbed about cadets in much the same way as a parent when he finds his son smoking a home made corn cob behind the barn or swearing in round terms.

The Indians are learning although it is possible that white men with a feel for fees had a part in it. Indians, having been defeated long ago by incoming white men, are trying to get paid for the loss of their way of life which includes lands and fishing sites. Well, we pay other nations we have defeated, don't we? Maybe there's no time limit on this nation paying losers in our wars in which case we may still pay England for the 13 colonies. Or have we?

A headline says that the shot of the French cabinet minister's wife left a hole in the cabinet, not so distressing, however, as the hole in the minister.

Childhood has just about reached its peak in Portland with a circus and a county fair on in the same week.

Ease is a good animal trap. Pile up some hay and catch the wild horses, birds flock to man-made houses, cats like the fire. And look what love of ease has done or man; he's bartered his freedom for it.

The story to the effect that cattlemen would soon be branding calves with electricity seems more of an inventor's dream than a traditionalist's nightmare. With out a portable generator that would fit behind a saddle or without a long pole line it would be impossible to say nothing of expensive. A calves' legs can get entangled in enough stuff without adding an electric fire. A little sagebrush fire just outside the corral is simpler and he is remembered, a man who carries his day's working tools on a horse still goes in for simplicity.

The WCTU secretary is alarmed because there is so much whiskey on hand. They used to prefer it on hand to on-tongue.

If the Wandering Jew were about with his necessarily prodigious memory he would be laughing at those who fear that some foreign power will long dominate the Chinese.

Some days there are more California cars on the street than Oregon cars and we've been expecting a Los Angeles city limit sign to appear any day.

It is common practice for disgruntled public officials whose budget has been hacked by taxpayers to discontinue the most popular or most useful activities of their branch of government. There is a place for such officials, but it isn't a place that carries authority.

What's the use girls? Some can't look attractive in a pair of shorts and others can get attention when wrapped in a blanket. Clothes ain't the answer.

Uncle Emmet laid aside his paper and quietly inquired of the young fellow sitting in the shade of the next tree. "Son, did you ever see an old bull get kicked out of a herd?" He was assured that such evidence of group action was not a part of modern youth's experience and resumed his discourse. "When a bull gets old and cranky and a little stiff in the joints some younger bull battles with him and the old bull goes off alone, sulking. No matter how many young bulls he's cleaned up on before, some one always gets him. Now I was a reading here about some old politicians which reminded me of that. They might instruct and advise some younger men and keep their ideas and ideals if any—in operation or they might stay until they get licked and lose the ideas along with their job. What'd you suppose they'd do? ... Right!"

Teachers Hired By Schools For Coming Term

Teachers for the Sherman county schools not previously given are: Kent Eugene Knott, principal; Miss Marian Buchanan and Mrs. Etta Buchanan.

Grass Valley: Donald E. Keiper, principal; Richard R. Earl, Mrs. Alta Crowley and Mrs. Mildred Kelper.

Wasco: Clifford J. Wynkoop, principal; Mrs. Martina Nelson, Harold Crocker, high school; Le Roy Hesgard, William Esstetyn, Miss Erville Morehead, Miss Mescal Payne, grades.

Rufus: Donal Brislain, principal; Mrs. Kathryn Little, high school; Mrs. Sarah Glannonatt will teach in the grades and another grade and another high school teacher will be teaching.

The opening date for all schools in the county has been set for September 10.

New Tax Committee Begins Bill Writing

An interim tax committee for the state of Oregon met Monday to organize for a "years work of writing some tax bills to continue the job of simplifying and making more easily understood Oregon's tax system.

These will include putting the income and more completely the excise taxes into the general fund. The people will have a chance to vote on restricting the state property tax to six mills in November 1952. The committee may also make the excise tax more inclusive.

On the committee are Senator Eugene Marsh, who was elected chairman, Senator Dean Walker, Representatives Lee Ohmart, Don Husband, and Giles French. Members representing the public are Lowell Steen, Louise Humphrey and Robert Hall.

Cottonwood Road Rocking Planned

On August 20, the State Highway commission is to receive bids for the rock surfacing of the east Cottonwood canyon section of the Wasco-Heppner highway, about 20 miles southeast of Wasco. The project calls for a 3-inch thickness of 1 1/2" crushed rock placed 21-feet wide on the roadway to provide a smoother and strengthened riding surface, the improvement to extend from the John Day river easterly 5.23 miles.

Quality Not Breed Studies Undertaken

Selection of beef cattle based on their ability to make fast and efficient use of feed may be the answer to the problem of high feed costs for Oregon cattlemen, according to Dr. Ralph Bogart, animal husbandman for the Oregon State college experiment station.

The study is aimed at reduction of feed costs by learning to select cattle for the beef herd that will produce more beef with less feed. Results of trials already completed indicate progress along these lines, he reported.

In past tests, Dr. Bogart and his associates have learned that bulls gain faster than heifers. They also found that, in general, the fastest gaining animals are more economical users of feed.

Hereford cattle placed on feed test at the central station in Corvallis showed a wide range of ability to convert feed into beef. They were placed on test at 500 pounds and removed individually when they had increased their weight to 800 pounds.

The best gaining bull calf produced a gain of 3.41 pounds per day and required 1155 pounds of hay and 489 pounds of grain to add 300 pounds of body weight. The slowest gaining among the bulls, on the other hand, added only 1.84 pounds per day and ate 2235 pounds of hay and 780 pounds of grain.

With heifers, rate of gain was slower and feed costs relatively higher. The fastest gaining heifer added 2.32 pounds per day while consuming 1729 pounds of hay and 855 pounds of grain. The slowest among the heifers on test added 1.33 pounds per day while eating 2727 pounds of hay and 1320 pounds of grain.



JETS FOR ALLIES . . . Jet fighters are loaded aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Corregidor at Port Newark, N.J. The planes are for delivery under the mutual defense assistance program to Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium and France. The Corregidor, a baby flattop, was recently de-mothballed by the Atlantic reserve fleet. The planes are F-4E jets.

Jim Blakely Stops To Talk About Eighties And the Vigilantes and Being Sheriff

J. M. Blakely, 99, first sheriff elected in Crook county, stopped in Moro last week while going to the Crooked River Round-up at Prineville from Enterprise. He was in company with Tom Dorrance, now back on the home range.

Crook became a county late in 1882 and the governor appointed a set of officers. It was the time of the fights, political, and gunfire between the Vigilantes who were said to have started the killing and the Moonshiners, organized to stop it. Blakely was elected sheriff in 1884 and is given credit for stopping the fighting and running the worst of the bad men out of the country.

Now 99, bright in eye and memory, strong of handshake, and willing to do battle again, Jim Blakely is annually the parade leader for the Crook county fair and rodeo, although older than Oregon and a man grown before there was a Crook county. Jim drove his cattle through Moro once, he recalled, and traded horses with a man at the livery barn. It wasn't a good trade, he said, so he traded the horse off again at the next stop.

About the County

Wheat acreage cut in the Kent area was approximately 12,500 acres as of Monday with yields running between 18 and 30 bushels to the acre. The over-all yield in the area was seriously damaged by the late frosts and the absence of June rains. As a result the shallow ground produced very little grain and much of it has been pinched.

Those outfits that have completed harvest are Wm. Buether, Robert Durward and W. C. Heller, Amundus, George and Carl von Borstel, Luther Davis, Shelton Fitts, John Reckman, Geo. J. C. and John Wilson, J. J. Decker, Verne Mobley, Robert and James Brown, C. L. Laffoon, and Bill Jeffries. An estimated two weeks cutting will complete the harvest for the community.

The Busy Bakers, girls' 4-H cooking club, met Wednesday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Kenneth Sather. Present were Kay McKay, Deanna Bekkedahl, Helen and Shirley Sather, Beverly and Judy Heller, Gertrude Byether, Mary Mobley and Karen Wilson. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served and games were played after the business meeting.

Paul K. Wilson and son of Creswell were weekend guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has sold his ranch at Creswell and is moving to Eugene where he has business interests.

Mrs. Jack Cox and daughter, Penny, returned to Mikalo last Sunday after several days visit at the home of Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Betty and Charles Bothwell returned to the home of their mother, Mrs. Luther Davis, last Tuesday. They have been spending the past two months at the home of their father, Charles Bothwell at Grants Pass.

Mrs. Bill Jeffries and daughter June and son Pat and Miss Carol Norton were overnight guests Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Jeffries' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnett of The Dalles. Mrs. Jeffries and children, Mrs. Barnett and Miss Norton motored to Portland Wednesday and returned home Thursday. Miss Colleen Jeffries was a guest at the Jack Jeffries home during her mother's absence.

Elmar Yields Best In Station Field Plots With 43 bu.

Yields of winter wheat at the experimental station have been computed on the field plots which are planted to find the comparative yields of varieties of wheats.

Best for the year was Elmar which made 43.0 bushels per acre proving that this was a good year for that wheat. Brevor, often the better yielder of the two made but 36.7 on the same series of plots.

Return for the first ten wheats were: Elmar 43.0; Elgin 42.3; Rex M-1 37.8; Blackhull x Oro 37.0; Brevor 36.7; Triplet 33.8; Golden 33.5; Kharkof 31.8; Rio 31.3; Orford 28.3.

Yields of the large Brevor plot was somewhat greater than it was in the field trial but in no place was it as good as the Elmar at the station this year.

The fertilizer yields were some what confusing when compared to those of 1950 when fall application was much better than the spring. This year the reverse was true. Top yield was 51.8 bushels and the lowest was 44.9 with the check plots being 45.4 bushels. All are so close that little definite opinion will be formed therefrom.

Best yield came from application of 30 pounds of nitrogen in the spring. It was 51.8; 40 pounds in the spring made 50.7; ten pounds 50.1 and 20 pounds made 48.8 bushels. These are all spring applications.

Fall applications made 47.9 for 40 pounds, 47.0 for ten; 46.9 for 20 and 44.9 for 30 pounds. Elgin wheat was grown on all the fertilizer trials.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday August 21, 1951 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

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Mrs. Bernard Martin and Deanna and Mrs. Donald von Borstel were in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and sons, Jerry and Ronald, left Friday for Hood River for the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allegre. They let Sunday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allegre for Osage City, Kansas to visit relatives. Mr. Adams' went on to Lima, Ohio, to take delivery of a new school bus for District No. 12. They expect to return by September first.

Scott and Denny McMillan, sons of Mrs. Mary McMillan of Portland are visiting relatives in Sherman county.

Mrs. Mattie McKay of Florence is making an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Ruby and Floyd Cratty of Napa, California are guests at the home of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Earl completed the moving of their household effects to Grass Valley over the week end. Mr. Earl will be connected with the Grass Valley teaching staff for the coming year.

Mrs. Boyd Crowder and sons Kenny and Roy and Mrs. Sam Alberty were visitors in The Dalles last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Farrar of Hood River were overnight guests of their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sather.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and son Bob of The Dalles were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab. Dr. and Mrs. John Macnab of The Dalles were taking a drive by the John Day river Sunday and also visited relatives who live near Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Vurl Blackburne and family who have been making their home in Oklahoma for the last several years, are spending their vacation at the home of Vurl's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne. While here they are visiting other relatives at Marryhill and Dufur.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clodfelter son Wendell were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Mr. Fox.

Library Moved; Hours: 3 to 5 on Friday Afternoons

Books of the Moro library were moved Tuesday from the council rooms, where they have been kept for several years, to the Woman's club building across the street. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. Orville Hockman were in charge and doing the actual work were Cub Scouts and Brownie Scouts with boxes and play wagons. They scampered across the street like brownies and had the job done in a couple of hours, not only doing their good deed for the day but enjoying it at the same time.

Plans for the library include some new books, and of course, more children's books and what is of more importance, additional attention given to it.

The library will be open Fridays, beginning today, from three until five in the afternoons. Other days will be added if necessary.

Bonus Applications Available Oct. 1

Application blanks for the Oregon World War II veterans' bonus will be available about October 1, and applicants are urged to obtain certified copies of their discharges from county clerks right away so that these documents will be on hand when they file for their bonuses, the department of Veterans Affairs reported today.

However, the question of whether bonus payments will start this year hinges on the outcome of the \$40,000,000 in bonus bonds to be offered by the department shortly, Director William F. Gaarenstroom said.

The Federal government in May requested states not to issue veterans' bonus bonds at this time because of their inflationary effect, and also asked investment firms not to purchase such bonds if offered. West Virginia later the same month offered but failed to sell \$67,500,000 of bonus bonds for this reason.

JACK LYONS BURNED

Jack Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons of Kent was seriously burned by a gasoline blaze Sunday afternoon and was rushed to The Dalles in critical condition by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis. He has been given a fair chance to recover.

The accident occurred while Lyons and some of the other employees of the Davis ranch were trying to start a stalled car on the ranch. A spark from the exhaust ignited a can of gasoline which flew over Lyons, lighting his clothing and resulting in large areas of second degree burns.

BOYS MUST WATCH DRAFT

State headquarters, Selective Service System for Oregon, today issued a final warning that all student-registrants who wished to be considered for deferment to permit continuation of their college work should check with their local boards by Monday, August 20, and be sure that their school has filed an SSS Form No. 109-Certificate of Scholastic standing.

"The idea seems prevalent," said Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director, "that it is mandatory for the various schools to file this form. This is not the case and while many schools are taking that course, it is the responsibility of the registrant first to request his school to file the certificate, and second request his local board to consider his qualifications for deferment."

"National headquarters extended the statutory postponement which otherwise would have expired at the end of the school year to August 20," continued Col. Mason. "It also directed that student-registrants who otherwise would have been processed for induction would be passed over until the same date to permit ample time for the local boards to receive all information from the various schools and the testing service. But after next Monday a student-registrant who has been previously postponed, or one who otherwise would currently be ordered to report for induction will not expect any further delay unless the local board determines that he shall be deferred and permitted to continue in school at least for the next academic year."

Work-Shop For Teachers Will Start School Year

County School Superintendent Wily W. Knighten announces the annual two day work-shop for all teachers in the county to be held at the Moro school, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4-5.

Willard Bear, supervisor of secondary education, will be in charge of the high school section with two phases of curricula work to study and discuss; the integrating of health teaching into each teacher's subject field, and secondly, the study of what each teacher can do to assist with the counseling and guidance work in the school.

Elementary teachers, under the direction of Miss H. Irene Hallberg, state supervisor of elementary education, will work with the testing program. They will study the results of the Metropolitan Achievement tests, given throughout the county last in April, to determine the best follow-up procedure, and will prepare for the administering and the mental maturity tests to be given this fall.

Wages More Than Double Since 1940

Average earnings of Oregon's covered workers last year reached a new peak of \$3,347, more than 2 1/2 times as great as a decade earlier, according to tabulations recently made by the commission. Using 1938-40 averages of \$1,292 as a base, the 1950 figures represent a gain of 159 per cent while the previous year's average of \$3,141 were 143 per cent greater than in the base period. Covered employment during the decade advanced from 190,000 to 313,552, while pay rolls reported to the commission more than quadrupled. Average earnings of production workers in Oregon's industries reached \$3,640 in 1950.

Beef Breeders Want To Know About Fat

The Gilliam County Beef Cattle Improvement association, the first crop of its kind organized to test cattle for feed efficiency and rate of gain, will sponsor a second 140-day test, announced Ernest Kirsch, Gilliam county extension agent and association secretary.

The organization has employed a full-time feeder, Richard Lowe, Clatskanie, and 60 animals will be tested starting November 15. Consignments are already being received, Kirsch states.

Only purebred animals are being accepted. Site for the test will again be the Gilliam county fairgrounds located on the outskirts of Condon.

Lowe is a 1950 graduate of OSC and during the past year has been employed as a veterans instructor at Hood River.

This year, the association has announced that all animals will receive the same grain and hay ration. During the first test, the bulls were divided into weight classes and fed different basic rations.

Bus Drivers' School Scheduled Here

As requested by the school boards of the county, in session last spring, the county school superintendent has completed arrangements for a Bus Driver's School of Instruction to be held at the Moro schoolhouse at 9:30 a. m. Friday, September 7, 1951. All school bus drivers will be in attendance, and school principals and board members are invited to participate.

The school of instruction will be held in the forenoon, and the afternoon will be given over to an inspection of all school buses to be used in the county.

The school of instruction, and the bus inspection will be under the direction of the motor division of the secretary of state's office and the state department of education.

The members of the school boards of Sherman county have been taking an active interest in the promotion of school bus safety and the improvement of school transportation.