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These Things We Note

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Probably those cars that have been called "powermatic", "hydromatic", "futurmatic", etc., in recent years will now merely be called "atic" in deference to the higher prices.

T T W N

Mrs. Anna Hamilton Prindle died recently at Fossil at the age of 85. She had been blind for over 40 years and she kept right on cooking, sewing and knitting until the end. She came to Wheeler county, then Wasco, in 1871 and remembered when a trip to Walla Walla or The Dalles was necessary for salt and sugar and the few articles that were bought from a store. Her life was in the fine tradition of the pioneers.

T T W N

Thirteen news writers who covered the legislative session have voted for the five best and five worst in each house. Results were surprising to some, particularly the worst. There is a threat of a suit for libel against the Pendleton East Oregonian which started the poll and we think that a mere bluff. Certainly a citizen should be permitted to think, say and write his opinion about the quality of his legislators.

Incidentally it might be well for other groups to make similar classifications and, in fact, labor and the grange have done so for some time. The lawyers, the doctors, the farmers might enlighten their own followers with such information. It seems to be information which any voter would like to have.

T T W N

It is common practice of dairymen to sell the milk from their cows and raise the calves on skim milk. We wonder if the government's foreign policy isn't much the same.

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Flytime is the only time of year that a man with hair has an advantage over the bald variety—and the bald man still has an advantage on Saturday night.

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We were a long time in this county finding out how to keep out of trouble. Now crooks just refuse to answer. Simple, EH?

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The magazine LIFE really wrote an editorial about college football. We hope it helps put football on the defensive, where it may be able to prove itself. It has been riding high so long it has become arrogant.

T T W N

Now some senators are prophesying more dangerous weapons. Sure, probably right, too. And so what? Man has sold us used his most dangerous weapons. We could kill a nation with poison gas, or germs, and perhaps, atom bombs. We probably won't. We profess humanitarianism and keep our gas in containers when the real reason is fear of reprisals. Sure there are worse weapons, but in the next war—as in this one in Korea—men will be walking in the mud shooting a rifle.

T T W N

May we suggest that there be some drinking fountains at the fair grounds and we think that a show ring for horses and a speaking system would also be helpful.

T T W N

A woman gets six years for killing a husband. We know that there is a bit of a surplus of men in the west—or used to be—but we didn't think killing one was a smaller offense than stealing a horse.

T T W N

That Salem couple on a world tour by small boat have a lifetime job at present speed having just gotten out of Oregon waters after six weeks.

T T W N

Did you hear about the gambler who was sentenced to 68 years in prison. He offered to match the judge for double or nothing.

T T W N

Reds want to talk truce again, is report. Maybe they are having trouble getting new equipment delivered to the front and need more time.



Elaine Brinkert of Grass Valley took first in 4-H club cake baking with a score of 94. Joy Baumgartner received a blue award and Mavis Miller and Wilma Gentry red awards in the contest which was held Friday morning before an audience. Miss Brinkert holds her cake and the purple ribbons of the champion.

4-H Children Contest In Many Fields at Fair

Sally Fields, who last year won the open class cake baking contest, this year showed her versatility by winning the 4-H club beef contest with a Hereford steer fat enough for any butcher and easily topped the show.

The fat stock class of 4-H is always hotly contested and draws as much interest as any arena contest. Sally Fields with a really fat steer topped the show. Second among Herefords was Arnold Miller, 3rd Sally Fields; 4th Larry Kaseberg; 5th Terry Kaseberg; 6th Joann Ross; 7th Lee Kaseberg; 8th Lewis Miller; 9th Janice McIntyre.

Gary Miller topped the Angus breed with his slick, solid steer, to be followed by Edwin Balsiger, Larry Kaseberg, Balsiger's other calf, Gary Miller, Gene Fridley, Steven Burnet and Douglas Alley.

Joann Ross had the best market lamb and also the next best. In fact, the 4-H sheep classes were pretty well filled by the Ross and Woods girls. Joann also had the best pen of three, and the best ewe lamb.

Toni Miller retained her interest in swine with the best pen of four, had the best market hog and the best gilt. Douglas Alley showed the best Angus bull and also the best cow over two while Larry Kaseberg had second and third. Larry also had the best heifer. Sally Fields had the best Hereford bull calf and the best cow over two.

In cookery there were many entries from the 4-H cooking clubs throughout the county. In Cookery I, Karen Wilson was champion with Ice Box cookies, Mary Mobley and Gertrude Buehler won awards in this contest. Carol Burnet and Joan Eakin and Dayanne Sayrs won awards in bread baking and Wilma Gentry and Nina Belshie had sponge cakes that won ribbons.

In sewing 1-A girls could make needle cases, weaving, pin cushion or lunch cloth. Mildred Eakin and Sherrie Fraser took the championships in this class. In 1-B, Jerrine Blaylock was champion and Jocile Blaylock, Diane Schilling and Susan Baumgartner had blue awards.

There were more horses at the sale than for years, as many as in the days of huge draft teams and six horse hitchers. Ward Wells, Arabian horse breeder of Oregon City, judged the horses.

Grand champion of the show was Ferras, Arabian stallion now belonging to Marjorie Van Gilder, with Red Eagle, Appaloosa stallion owned by Thompson Bros. reserve. Wazusa, two-year old mare owned by the Thompsons was grand champion mare and her mother was reserve.

Stan & Doris Coelsch had the champion Thoroughbred and the best aged mare in that breed and the best filly. Bernard Martin and Velma McKean showed American saddle mares, Bernard's being placed first.

Sadie Rich showed several Arabians, taking first on stud colt but losing to her daughter, Marjorie Van Gilder on aged mares. Thompsons took all the awards in the Appaloosa class.

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Students Elect Class Officers at Meetings

Class elections have been held. Each class met with the adviser assigned by Mr. Townsend. Following are the results of the elections: senior class—Bob Martin, president; Barbara Alley, vice-president; Dorothy Kelley, secretary; Norval Lane, treasurer; and Doyle Crowder, sergeant at arms. Faculty adviser is Mrs. Robinson.

Junior class—Larry Kaseberg, president; Vivette Sparling, vice-president; Caroline Lemley, secretary; and Doug Alley, sergeant at arms. Mrs. Keyes is their adviser.

Sophomore class—James Griggs, president; DeWayne Duncan, vice-president; Jackie Horner, secretary; Joy Baumgartner, treasurer; and Denny Andersen, sergeant at arms. Coach Johnson is the adviser.

Freshman class—Harold Brown, president; Dean Martin, vice-president; Sherry Woods, secretary; Joy Lane, treasurer; and Harold Duncan, sergeant at arms. Mr. McCrae is the adviser.



Sally Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields, stands next to her fat Hereford steer in first place with her fat Hereford at the conclusion of the grand champion of the show.



Beef showmen at the 4-H fair were Larry Kaseberg who won the senior contest unopposed and Gary Miller who won the junior contest after a long session in the ring in which Steven Burnet Sally Fields and Lee Terry Kaseberg followed him in that order. Larry (farther from the camera) was named as best showman and Gary as reserve.



Girls inspect awards while Vaughna Rothery, Joan Fridley, Joy Baumgartner and Mary Braffley stand in line for dress review. Left to right are: Joan Eakin, Cherrill Fields, Lola Johnson, III. Vaughna Rothery was champion of the group. The first five made house dresses and aprons and the older two made dresses of corduroy.

Club Stock Sells At Above Market

An average price of 43 cents for mutton and 40 cents for beef was paid at the 4-H auction Saturday afternoon when ten head of sheep and seven steers were sold by club boys and girls. Frank Winkler led the sale.

Joann Ross reserve champion lamb brought 60 cents to top the sale and was bought by Fred Cox. Other buyers were Elton Eakin, Bill Buehler, Carroll Sayrs, Henry Barnum, Mt. View Hereford ranch, W. H. Sandberg, Harold Eakin, Alfred Kock, and John Sell. Total paid for sheep was \$317.50.

Top price paid for steers was given for Arnold Miller's reserve champion Hereford which brought 40 1/2 cents from the C & C food store in Grass Valley. The calf weighed 940 pounds and dressed out 61% when butchered. Two others butchered dressed 61%.

Other calf sales were Steven Burnet's Angus, \$384 to The Dalles Auction Yard; Gary Miller's Angus \$316 Paul Alley; Gene Fridley's Angus \$332 to Howard Ross & Harvey Thompson; Lewis Miller's Hereford to J. K. McKean \$388.88; Douglas Alley's Angus to G. O. Burnet for \$439.81 and Janice McIntyre's Hereford to Mella Union Station for \$354.20. Total paid for beef was \$2621.14 making the sale total \$2938.64.

Fair Successful As To Exhibits and Program

The race program, made night by the fair board, provided some finishes as close as could be judged. The nine races each day were generally good and with few exceptions were run off without delay. A race of seven entries took some time and a horse bolted. Otherwise the events were run off smoothly.

The pony races for children were changed to give larger and smaller children both a chance to wip. First day Goldy May, ridden by "Butch" Helyer won, followed by little Jeanette Belshie and Sherry Woods in 15 seconds for the eighth mile. Sunday Mike Fields won on Flame with Wilbur Leon Helyer second and Tommy Eakin third in 16.6.

DuWin took the half mile Sherman county race each day, Saturday in 55.4 and Sunday in 57 seconds, although Mary Hampton was second and Rambler third each day. Stan Coelsch is owner of the two leaders and Bill Coons of the third place horse.

The five-eighths race provided as much excitement as any one during the meet. Bud Hiatt's Transbar won Saturday and might have repeated Sunday if he had not bolted with rider Marjorie Gooding before the race started. He ran around the track almost twice before being netted in and caught. Saturday the decision between Transbar and Carl Johnson's Transamerica was very close. Doc Haze's VonTorb was third. Sunday Tony, another Johnson horse was first, VonTorb second and Frank Gamble's Washuma, third. Best time made was 66.6 Saturday.

Although there were three chariot teams at the grounds only two ran, the race as Stan Coelsch could not get his team to start either day. Coons' Rambler and Brownie won Saturday with Tony Miller driving and lost Sunday to Luther Davis' Calendonia and Baldy.

The rodeo was in the usual Mac Harbour style, run by professionals who were there to win as many prizes as possible. Competition was close and the Barbour horses had antics enough for all but the wisest of riders. His calves were fast and some of his steers were not bulldogged at all. Best time in calf roping for the two day show was made by Roland Gaidley who tossed calves in 25.2 and 16.5. Jim Pyeatte was second with total time of 59.4. Art Foss, a nephew of John Foss, took first bulldogging with time of 13.7 and 7.2. Verl Hammack had the second best time for the two days and all the boys had hard luck so tough and wary were the steers.

Les Kamm of Pendleton milked a wild cow in 24.2 seconds Saturday for the best time of the two day event. Dan Templeton on Pipe Dream was given first place for saddle bronc riding.

The Sherman Riders gave an exhibition drill in the arena before the start of each show, and displayed some of the usual and more intricate drill numbers of horsemen. They gave evidence of much hard work by both riders and mounts. Marjorie VanGilder was drill master for the ride.

Not a single rider was able to stay on the Brahma bulls brought here by Mac Harbour, although some stayed six or seven seconds. Only one bull threatened his erstwhile rider.

Roy Harbin came again to see the fair, a habit he developed years ago when he lived here and which he can't change now.

All are invited to attend.

John I. Sell, vice-president of the First National bank, told members of the Moro Boosters club Wednesday morning that there was a great need for morality in government and he pointed to various examples of officers taking advantage of the position for personal purposes to substantiate his charge.

In times when so many human activities are governed by the public it is necessary that there be politics and politicians. Such civic work is necessary and the men who do it should be respected—and should so conduct themselves that they are respected, said Mr. Sell, who defined politics as the science of government.

Despite these evidences of poor morality the speaker pointed to other times when the future seemed dark. He chose for example 1809 when Napoleon held Europe in thrall more fully than Stalin does now. In that year many famous men were born who aided in freeing the world from dictatorship in politics, music, the arts, finance and other fields.

President Wendell Balsiger appointed Homer Townsend to the program committee in place of Lawrence Warren who resigned.

Football Takes Over Today As Season's Sport

The Moro high school football team, lighter than the 1950 team with its huge guards and tackles, plays its first game today and on the local field. Fossil is the adversary and while Moro was clearly superior to Fossil last year there is no assurance of it in 1951.

The Fossil team showed potential strength but as its players had little experience the play execution and fundamentals were weak. That should be corrected. Moro in the meantime has lost its big line and while the boys this year are doing their best to fill the uniforms and the holes left by such strong boys as Kock, Schilling, Bucholtz, vonBorstel, they may have troubles.

Moro will use an unbalanced line and a modified T type of play with Bob Martin calling the signals. Ball carrying will be done by Norval Lane for plunges and DeWayne Duncan, Larry Sayrs and Rodney Rolfe, will have some work to do also.

It seems only logical for a team containing so many new boys to look ragged for a few games and supporters will hope that the raggedness does not show when opponents are near the goal line. Coach Johnson has more replacements than usual and can shift his forces if needed.

Doc Baze Hurt By Runaway Racehorse

Accidents at the fair were few considering the risk that is attendant to handling of horses and cattle. Worst accident happened late Sunday afternoon in front of the grandstand when Doc Baze, 55, of Hermiston was hit by a runaway horse.

Baze was standing under the wire waiting for his horse VonTorb to return to the stand to report to the judges. Carl Johnson's Tony was coming near the stand when he started to run. Someone shouted a warning and Baze looked up just as he was hit. He was thrown eight or ten feet landing on his face. The horse stumbled throwing the rider who was D. Boves. Baze was taken to a hospital in The Dalles where it was found that his injuries were not serious, consisting of bruises and a broken nose.

Orville Thomas broke his wrist bull dogging and several boys had the wind knocked out of them when alighting unpreparedly from horses.

GRANGE TO MEET

The children of the Harland-view juvenile grange are requested to meet at the grange hall Monday, September 24 at 4:30 to practice for Booster night.

They will be served hamburgers and hot dogs.

The grange will hold its annual Booster night September 29 with a program and food. All are welcome to attend.