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These Things We Note

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Consider the impropriety of judging a man on the basis of one feature. He may be ambitious and with a disposition that prevents success or lazy and so pleasant he gets along. Every virtue, carried to excess, becomes a fault.

T T W N
Comment on tolerance: The customer in the chair called attention to the dark velvet colored man who was polishing his shoes to a squaw along the street who wore moccasins, saying, "There's one who has no use for your services." "I got no use for them folks either," said the dark man, the farther they stays away from me the better.

T T W N
Overheard: "As happy bounding as an old lady picking her teeth." "She's lazy. She depends more on her husband's integrity than on her own efforts for her matrimonial security." "She's as pretty as a Christmas card—and as useful."

T T W N
The United States Chamber of Commerce reports that 52 years ago the per capita share of federal spending was \$6.85; 42 years ago it was \$7.54; 32 years ago it was \$60.40; 22 years ago it was \$27.96; 12 years ago it was \$68.16; next year it will be \$548.38.

T T W N
In Pageant is the best story of the month. It is about an officer who watched a nun cleaning the gangrenous wound of a Korean and said, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." "Neither would I," replied the nun, not stopping.

T T W N
Did you ever notice when flying or when looking at aerial pictures how small the towns look, even the large ones are hardly big enough for a good ranch?

T T W N
There will always be elders to advise youngsters although few of them will do so as intelligently as did Dorothy Dix. She must have added millions in their personal struggles between reason and emotion. She might have brought a little reason to emotion although she carefully avoided emotion to reason.

T T W N
The Chinese say that a man lives in the present, hopes for the future and learns from the past.

T T W N
One night this week the temperature was the same in Jacksonville, Florida as it was in Moro.

T T W N
The report on inter-racial relations indicates that the more races are mingled the more friction there is which is neither new nor surprising. My Word. Could the southerners be right?

T T W N
It would be most desirable if this country could have a division of voters on realistic lines. We are Republican and Democratic because of prejudice and not because of a division on the basis of public questions. Those who want more government and those who want less are in both parties; internationalists and nationalists are in both camps, conservatives and liberals (the real kind) may be found with any label. The result is victory for a small group who do not have and seldom ever had an actual majority.

T T W N
If one might write a Christmas prayer for this nation it would be that it get over fear of Russia. That does not mean to fall to be prepared, it does mean to quit acting afraid. Whether the administration really fears Russia or finds it advantageous to keep the people fearful is not known and either is bad enough.

T T W N
And now a very Merry Christmas to all, with knowledge of the blessings of home and fire-side, of friends and family, of material and spiritual well-being. It is time to recognize the beneficial hand of the Creator for the things we enjoy.

Harlandview Has 25th Birthday Anniversary

A hall full of grangers gathered at Harlandview Saturday night to observe the 25th anniversary of the Harlandview grange and to celebrate Christmas. Grangers of 25 years standing in present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather, Mrs. C. P. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshee, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, George McDonald.

A history of the local grange was read by Earl Gentry while members gave a pantomime depicting several scenes. Presents were exchanged, candy, nuts and pop corn distributed, lunch enjoyed, a bit of dancing indulged in and much visiting accomplished.

New officers of Harlandview grange are Earl Gentry, master; Mary Higley, lecturer; Ann Miller, juvenile matron; Althea Burnet, secretary; Jo Gentry, chaplain; Floyd Lane, overseer; Orlov Martin, gatekeeper; Charles Burnet, steward; Richard and Florence Bruckert, associate stewards.

The grange was started in December 1926 through activity of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Belshee and others and officers installed by State Deputy Gheker. Martin Meizer was the first master. Early activities included raising money by giving basket socials and a Fourth of July celebration. Homer Belshee organized a baseball team of boys which played about the county for several years. In honor of his work the boys remaining in the county presented a cup, duly inscribed, which will be given to him when he next comes to the county.

Savings Bonds Draw Interest Until Paid

Thousands of Oregon people are planning to cash in their U. S. savings bonds when the 10-year maturity date is reached under the mistaken belief that interest stops then, according to a state-wide survey by Dah E. Clark II & Associates.

The survey showed that 63.1% of those interviewed were convinced bonds should be held, but of those who favored selling, 41.7% said that the money should be re-invested in savings bonds.

Knowledge that bonds, after passing the original 10-year maturity period will continue drawing interest regularly until sold or another 10-year period has elapsed, still has not reached a great many people.

A \$75 bond purchased 10 years ago is now worth \$100 and, if held, will increase in value every six months until it is worth \$133.33 in another 10 years.

Moro Missionary Society Will Serve

The Moro Missionary society held its Christmas meeting December 12 at the home of Mrs. Edith Burnet, with Ora Peetz, Jennie Foss, Maude Kirkelle and Florence Thompson, assisting hostesses.

A dessert of jello, date cake, tea and coffee was served to the 21 members and one guest. The business was conducted by Inez Thompson. End-of-the-year contributions included \$50.00 to the local church's Benevolence Fund, \$10.00 to the Mission for Lepers, and \$10.00 for a CARE package to Korea.

The society will be hostess to the joint installation of the officers of the church-affiliated organizations January 6, at the Community church.

Norma Barzee was director of the program for the afternoon. A number of Christmas carols were sung by the group. She read an excellent paper on Christmas, emphasizing "Christmas Is What You Make It." She told of many Christmas customs and celebrations. Edna Paulson sang "The Virgin's Slumber Song", accompanied by Norma Barzee.

A greeting card, was signed by all present to be sent to a former member, Eva Lamb. There was no exchange of gifts, each member making a contribution, instead, to the "CARE for Korea" fund.



"TEXAS FOR EISENHOWER" . . . Chairman Robert Doss (center) points to a "Texas for Eisenhower" sign at the Eisenhower birthplace in Denison, Texas, after launching the non-partisan movement in a state-wide broadcast. The broadcast was the opening gun in the campaign to get General Dwight D. Eisenhower to announce his candidacy for nomination for President of the United States by one of the parties.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Little Robin Olds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, celebrated his first birthday anniversary Friday afternoon December 14 with a party. Those present were Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughters, Donna and Glenda; Mrs. Herman Ziegler and Mrs. Bill Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley were in The Dalles Thursday when Mrs. Lemley entered the hospital over night, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mrs. Ted von Borstel were in Moro the first of the month to attend the regular meeting of the American Red Cross at the courthouse. Mrs. Wily Knighten conducted the meeting. Miss Della Morgan gave a talk on the necessity of home nursing. She is the field representative from the American Red Cross area of office. They decided to hire her and she is to come back to the county later and teach some woman from each community, who in turn would teach home nursing in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer were hosts at a dinner at their home Sunday honoring his mother, Mrs. A. F. Balzer on her birthday. Other guests included A. F. Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and family and her mother Mrs. Lotus-Kenny and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and daughter, Brenda, of Powell Butte stopped a while Friday on their way from The Dalles where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin.

John Alley, a student at WSC at Pullman, Wn., came home Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams were hosts at a party at their home Saturday evening. Three tables of pinocche were in play with high scores held by Mrs. Art Schilling and Jack Horner and low score by Mrs. Harold Eakin. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostess. Those present included the Art Schillings, the Ivan Blaggs, Harold Eakins, Jack Horners and Donald Clodfelters.

Mrs. Frank LeMaster was pleasantly surprised Thursday evening, when she was a guest of honor at a shower Mrs. F. W. Macnab gave for her. The party was held at the Macnab residence. Mrs. LeMaster opened her pretty gifts, and was assisted by Mrs. Bob Morris.

After the gifts were admired, Canasta was played by the group. High honor was won by Mrs. Leland Medler with low score going to Mrs. Bob Morris. Refreshments of angel cake with whipped cream and coffee was served late in the evening.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of The Dalles was in Rufus Saturday and attended Pomona grange.

Eugene C. Eaton, the Rufus grocery owner, was in the hospital last week. A damaged vertebrae was thought to cause his trouble.

Among those going to Vancouver to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emma Cox were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert and Don Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Agee went to Vancouver to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emma Cox, going from there to their home in Chehalis after spending several weeks here with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock had as dinner guests Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and son, Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Harold Owens Wednesday afternoon December 12 with 11 members and one visitor, Mrs. Olan Stark, present. Mrs. Robert Tatum, president, conducted the meeting. Plans were made for the New Year's dance at the Kent Legion hall. Some gifts were received for the Veteran's Gift Shop in Portland, a report was given on money donations by the different organizations to buy gifts for hospitalized veterans. Refreshments were served at the close by the hostess. The next meeting will be January 9 at the home of Mrs. Robert Tatum at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett were in The Dalles Friday when Mr. Barnett entered the hospital for a tonsilectomy returning home Sunday.

Frozen roads were a familiar sight last week. The temperature didn't get warm enough to do any thawing. The middle of the week when the fog was so heavy it left the telephone lines hanging with coated ice for several days. Even the trees and shrubs coated with ice making pretty pictures. Towards Monday evening it clouded over and looked like rain or snow wasn't too far off.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peugh and family of Wasco and Mrs. William Cauthers of Moro spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

The Christmas program of the Sunday school will be held at the Baptist church Sunday evening December 23 at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fritts of Santa Barbara, California and Scott Fritts of Portland came home Tuesday evening and will spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts.

Among those going to Moro Monday evening for the VFW dinner and Christmas party were Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and daughter, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughters Geradine and Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Alta Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin.

Wasco Incorporated In 1898 and City Government Conducted Oddly Until 1905

Next month will be the 54th birthday anniversary of the city of Wasco, that settlement having become a city in January of 1898.

There is some evidence that incorporation was not done until later in the year but the most reliable story is that at the county court meeting in January 1898 some citizens of Wasco decided to incorporate. Moro had had a bill in the legislature in 1897 to permit incorporation but nothing came of it. Fifty-five citizens asked the court for permission to become a city and it was granted.

An election was held and George Crosfield elected mayor by a vote of 55 to 44 over W. M. Barnett. The vote for incorporation was close, only 13 more favoring it than opposing.

In 1904 the city wanted to bond itself to make some needed civic improvements and it was found that some further proceedings would be necessary to make incorporation entirely legal. The 1905 legislature provided the proper bill for the purpose.

The old Oregon trail came close to Wasco turning northwest on the ridge north of town and proceeding down that

ridge to near Richelderfer's. The early day stage line did run through the town after its stop at the Eaton ranch. Mrs. Saddle Rich now owns the place.

W. M. Barnett had a homestead north of town and wanted to get into the mercantile business. He had been keeping a little store near his homestead cabin and later moved to some land in Clark Dunlap's homestead. The street corner on which the present postoffice is located is the intersection between four homesteads. On the southeast was McPherson, on the southwest was Biggs, on the northeast was Armsworthy, on the northwest was Dunlap and the original town was largely on his place. Reason for the turn in the highway on both sides of Wasco is that McPherson and Armsworthy did not grant right of way while Biggs and Dunlap did.

Barnett's store had an upstairs where groups could meet. Soon MacKenzie and Somer came in with a blacksmith shop and Tozier and Holland did likewise, proving that blacksmiths were a necessity in early days. The mail was still handled at Eatons and a few schools were scattered around where there were enough settlers. The date was 1883, just the beginning of settlement in Sherman county.

Church Built

With the aid and support of Elder C. A. Spalding, a Methodist church was built in that year in the location where that church now is placed. Clark Dunlap platted the town. Josiah Marsh started a drug store, Levi Armstrong built and operated the Okaloosa Hotel, a hostelry famous in early days. Dr. S. E. Koontz came to town and a contractor. In 1888 a school house was built. In 1889 E. O. E. Webber built a store building in which was once located the county offices of the then brand new Sherman county. It was moved to Moro after elections in school site.

Wasco was named Wasco because it was then a part of Wasco county. Wasco was a rather famous name in early days because it belonged to a tribe of Indians. They were called the Wasco Indians and lived also the Wasco Indians who lived at Wasco (or Wasco-pam). They were Chinooks and the name comes from a word Waq-co, meaning cup or small bowl and was related to a cup shaped rock near the tribe headquarters says Lewis A. McArthur in his Oregon Geographic Names. Exact site of the tribe headquarters is now said to be near The Dalles high school.

The Home Economics club of Rufus grange met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William O'Brien with Mrs. Alta Smith as co-hostess. A dessert luncheon was served with the tables and room decorated in Christmas colors.

Mrs. Roland Johnson chairman presided over the business meeting. Roll call was ideas for projects for the coming year. Each member was to make their own year book cover. These were passed around, and some of them were extra nice.

The chairman read a letter from the Rebekah lodge in Wasco thanking the club for donations at their food sale. The proceeds were turned over to the teenage party sponsors.

The club decided to invite the husbands at the January meeting date and have a pot luck dinner at the grange hall in the evening to precede the meeting. A social evening will follow.

It was decided to buy some material and make white table cloths for the grange tables. Mrs. Grace Medler to see about material.

The club will have baked food sale in Wasco December 22 at 1:30 p. m. at Patty Omeara's. It was announced there would be a gift exchange after the grange Christmas program on December 22 at 8:00 p. m. in the Rufus grange hall.

Mrs. Harland McDonald won the drawing prize. Mrs. Roland Johnson appointed the following people on committees: Year Book, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. William O'Brien and Mrs. Curtis Neal; Relief, Mrs. Walt Morris, Mrs. Will Huck and Mrs. Pearl Brackett; Program, Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Nellie Fields and Mrs. Harland McDonald; Hospitality, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Pearl Drinkard and Mrs. Andy Engberg; Membership, Mrs. Atlee Wilson, Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Alta Smith; Decorations, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. Malcolm Guy, Mrs. Fred Dormaier and Mrs. Luther Steward.

Speaker Tells of River Use for Transportation

Navigation on the Columbia river requires plenty of power and the Inland Navigation tugs are well equipped said Carl Floren who spoke about river transportation Wednesday morning to members of the Moro Boosters club. "The Inquatt was until recently the most powerful tug in inland waters, having 4000 horse power."

First modern use of the river was started in 1935, said the speaker, who recalled the shipment of sacked wheat down-river during the hard times of the 1930s. Several river boats were lost with wheat cargoes.

Traffic now is based on the up-river haul of petroleum although this has been reduced since the pipe line was built from Salt Lake to Pasco. There is more movement of wheat by barge, however, and in the spring of 1951 the down river movement of freight was greater than the up-river haul.

Because of the International Wheat agreement more wheat is being shipped from Columbia river ports than usual and it looks as if the agreement will be continued when it expires next year. Barges now can haul up to 1000 tons of wheat which is transferred to terminals by suction in two places or by bucket belt in others. Wheat is not hauled in the same compartments as petroleum but on bins on top of the gas tanks.

Terminals are now full and shipping to them is barred unless space has been contracted before the grain is moved from country points. As to rates the speaker said that it had never been possible to put the 20% reduction below rail rates into effect on the Columbia. Rates may be cut when The Dalles dam is built to eliminate Celilo canal which is an expensive bit of river to navigate.

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High School Having Homecoming Today

An odd sort of celebration is being tried at the Moro school today (Friday), a homecoming. Those who attended school at Moro, and especially those who graduated from the high school are expected to return and engage in some of the activities usually associated with homecomings at universities and colleges.

Graduates of the former high schools at Grass Valley and Kent are included in the invitation inasmuch as those schools are now sending pupils to the Moro school.

There will be an assembly during which a program will be given by the 1951 pupils with some time allotted to those old timers who may wish to reminisce in public about their high school exploits. If any there be who wish to attend classes opportunity will be offered. Question to be determined by the experiment is whether the loyalty to high school (which most attend because of geography) is like the loyalty to college (which most attend by choice.)

BPA Appraisers Start Learning Values

A discussion was held Wednesday night at the courthouse with A. B. McPherson, Everett Johnson and John Curran of the Bonneville Power Administration and Tom Fraser, William Roos, Dale Baker and Lloyd Henrichs of the committee chosen to represent the county in the matter of building a power line across the county meeting.

The BPA will be in the county next spring to obtain right of way for the line which runs from McNary to Maupin. They wanted to talk to some local persons about valuations of land, damage to farms and possible minor changes in location of pole bases.