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These Things We Note

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Being rich doesn't make a man important although the process of getting rich sometimes does.

T T W N
They don't read poetry any more, neither in public nor at home. It used to be done and by that means poems were memorized and recalled in later years. Now the man who remembers a poem is very likely grey and old.

"By the flow of the inland river, Whence the fleets of iron have fled,

Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver, Asleep on the ranks of the dead;

Under the sod and the dew, Waiting the judgment day; Under the one, the Blue Under the other, the Gray."

recalled the Civil war days.

"I had a Mother who read me the things That wholesome life to the boy heart brings—

Stories that stir with an upward touch, Oh, that each mother of boys were such!"

wrote Strickland Gillilan of reading and made little impression.

There's the stirring "Yarn of the Nancy Bell", "Kentucky Belle", "Casey at the Bat", "Abou Ben Adhem", "The Cremation of Sam McGee". There's Walter Scott's charge to patriotism, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land!"

that has aroused more patriotic thoughts than Fourth of July orations in a generation.

Rudyard Kipling wrote a sort of a prayer for the English which they didn't heed and it might serve for any people;

"For heathen heart that puts her trust In reeking tube and iron shard All valiant dust that builds on dust, And guarding, calls not on Thee to guard—

For frantic boast and foolish word, Thy mercy on thy people, Lord."

There are books and books of them, old and new, narrative, philosophical, funny. They might serve a place the night the radio breaks down.

T T W N
Right now, while we are reading about the strange custom of weighing the Aga Kahn and paying him that much in platinum, we want to say that we wish we could get by that easy in this country.

T T W N
The bill to change the number of collectors of internal revenue overlooks one important matter: It is the quality that is deficient, not the quantity.

T T W N
There is too much speed in the heat provided by the sweaters in question. A gradual warmth is what's wanted, not to have it all at once.

T T W N
The old sport of cock fighting is in court in Linn county. Americans don't care much for it, nor bull fighting, either. Yet the bull dogging is popular and steer roping. Our customs, of course, are much more civilized than those of other peoples.

T T W N
Norman Thomas says that all presidential candidates should get together on foreign policy and fight about other things. What chance does that give for citizens to express their ideas about foreign affairs?

T T W N
It would be a joke if it wasn't so expensive; that the federal government, a wasteful, irresponsible, extravagant, outfit if there ever was one should be taking money from small business men for promised security.

There's not a small business man, or self employed, who doesn't know more about money and how to keep it than the federal government does. If he didn't he'd be broke.

Fair Board Plans For 1952 Started At Early Meeting

It's eight months away but the Sherman county fair board has begun laying plans for the 1952 fair. They go like this.

An effort will be made to obtain possession of the three cornered piece of land west of the grounds, which, if obtained, will be fenced in with the other. The chicken barn and other buildings between the gate and the cattle barn will be removed leaving a space large enough for a carnival. Septic tanks will be installed and perhaps a few trees cut down—not many.

A change in the method of charging for the program will be inaugurated. General admission will be sold to the grounds. This will cover admission to the carnival, barns, judging corrals, etc., and those needing passes to attend to stock will be admitted. For those who want to see the program admission will be charged to the stand. The stand will be enlarged by construction of a retaining wall along the track south of the present grandstand and erection of four or five tiers of seats along it.

Fred Cox was appointed as director of the beef division of the exhibits. Pearl and Cynthia Bell were named to head the poultry division. Mrs. James Dyer of flowers. Mrs. Althea Burnet and Mrs. Helen Martin and Mrs. Virginia McIntyre will again be exhibit clerks.

The board moved to hire the Northwesters for the 1952 fair. They were here in 1950. They will play for fair dances at Grass Valley on Friday night of fair week and at Wasco on Saturday night.

Charles Burnet was sworn in as a member of the board succeeding Art Bucholtz who resigned after five years service. The next meeting will be held February 18, Monday at the court house and at that time the board hopes to get the fair off the planning board and action started before spring work begins.

Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, director of the fancy work division, is hopeful that during this cold weather the women will get out their knitting needles, crochet hooks and make some displays for the fair. Premiums will be very similar to those for the 1951 fair, she says.

Captains Appointed For Dime Collection

Carrel Bennett, county chairman of the March of Dimes committee, has announced that collectors for the communities of the county have been named.

They are: Kent, Luther Davis; Grass Valley, Anita Hooper; Moro, Mr. Bennett; Wasco, Lewis Hastings; Rufus, Mrs. Harvey Hanson.

A dance is being given at Grass Valley Saturday night to aid the drive. Citizens who are able to contribute to the campaign against the spread of the disease and for continued research toward eradicating it may give their contributions to the above named persons.

MISSIONARIES MEET

The Moro Missionary society met January 9 in the church social room, with Mrs. Jennie Martin, Mrs. Kathy Thompson and Mrs. Inez Thompson as hostesses for the afternoon. A delicious 2:00 o'clock dessert was served.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Maggie Barnum, president.

The treasurer, Mrs. Leta Helling, gave a report of the past years financial activities. Over three hundred dollars have been paid out in benevolences and charities. The society has added several improvements to the church building. The main project to raise funds was the rummage sale, held for a week in The Dalles, from which \$328.00 was netted.

The program was given by Mrs. Gwen Mitchell. She told of work being done by the Mission boards in Alaska, in the Matanuska valley. She also emphasized the need for "blood for Korea" and told of the setup of the Red Cross blood bank, whereby a percentage of the donations are kept for local emergencies.



PRINCESS PRESENTS PETITION . . . In Washington, D.C., Princess Pearl Litigah, daughter of the chief of the Alaskan village of Minto, presents Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman with a sealaska petition signed by 2,500 Alaskans protesting an edict which would cancel non-scheduled airline service to Alaska. The Indian village of Minto depends on non-scheduled flights to bring in fresh fruits, vegetables and milk for the inhabitants of the village.

Negro Girls Have Fun At Basketball Lose To Locals

An exhibition of basketball between the Roamer girls and the Moro town team was presented at Grass Valley Monday night with the locals victorious by a 52-50 score after an evening of good fun and some good basketball. The men were not permitted to take the ball off the backboard at the girls' basket.

The girls displayed ability at basket shooting and appeared able to score when they wanted to; they were also clever at repartee and kept chatter going all the time to the amusement of spectators.

TAX MAN DUE HERE ON FEBRUARY 7-11

The collector of Internal Revenue will send a man to this county early in February to aid citizens to make up their tax returns. He will be at the court house in Moro, February 7 and 8 and at the city hall in Wasco, February 11.

County Court Agrees To Contribute \$1200 Toward Purchase of New Ambulance; Federal Social Security Preferred To State

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 2, 1952 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of December 31, 1951 presented, approved and filed.

County Clerk's monthly statement showing all General Road Fund budget balances as of December 1, 1951, presented approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents report on gasoline consumption during December report approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents report of gravel spread on county roads report, approved and filed.

Court O.K.'s applications for renewal of beer licenses.

Bond of Clair L. Balzer, Assessor, approved and signed and filed.

District Attorney, T. Lester Johnson, presents court with Resolution to be signed re: Social Security. Resolution signed and clerk instructed to mail petitions signed by various employees to Retirement board.

Sheriff Norman E. Fields appears before court and presents material pertaining to new Ambulance purchase; Court agrees to pay \$1200.00 towards new Ambulance.

Motion made and seconded Assessor's expenses be paid to Salem to attend school relative to appraisals, etc.

Appointments for 1952 consisted of the following: Fair Board Members: C. O. Burnet appointed to fill unexpired term of A. J. Bucholtz, resigned. Term to expire Decem-

Phone Rate Boost Makes Ten Cent Talk Charge

Request of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for an increase in rates was granted in part by the public utility commissioner and the rate for calls will go up to ten cents January 21. New rates for connected service will be filed in February.

The company was granted new rates to increase income by some \$553,000 with which to pay federal taxes. About three eighths of this will come from the raise to a dime and the remainder from new connection rates.

The company asked for a return high enough to earn it 7 1/2 per cent and was granted a rate high enough to bring it 5.7 percent. The greater part of the company's income comes from California and increase in Oregon rates would have little effect on the total, said the Oregon commissioner in partially granting the request.

Engineer Tells About McNary Dam At Club

Facts about McNary dam and a picture showing the details of construction were presented to a dinner meeting of the Moro Boosters club Wednesday night by Lt. Col. R. N. Anderson of the Walla Walla office of the U. S. Engineers.

The problem of building a series of dams on a river is a technical one, said the colonel, who said that the Snake river varied in flow so that at some times it was 40 times as great as at others. The question of utilizing all the flow is important but the question of how to build a dam of the right size to use the flow without making it too big and therefore wasteful of money.

The projected dams on the Columbia, Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, McNary, are designed to provide continuous slack water for navigation. There will be some irrigation from them but electricity is the main product. No monetary benefits are figured for recreation.

The engineering feat of dropping tetrahedrons in the Columbia to close the river so that the southern part of the dam could be built was regarded by the colonel as a fine stroke of ingenuity and the picture was largely about the technicalities of that job.

Election of officers for the club resulted in the choice of George Mitchell as president; Vernon Arstall, vice-president; Robert Brisbine as secretary; Andy Paulson as treasurer and Wendell Balsiger and Carrel Bennett as members of the executive board.

Circuit Court Docket Set For Six Months

Circuit Judge Ed Howell of Canyon City has made up his docket for the first six months of 1952. It indicates trial of 28 cases in the four counties of which six are to be held in Sherman county. Eight will be in Wheeler, ten in Grant and four in Gilliam.

Sherman county cases with their dates are Dams vs. Dams, February 11-13; Leshman vs. Taylor, March 24-26; Van Gilder vs. Andrews, March 31; April 2; Keenan vs. Keenan, April 3-5; Cooper vs. Potter, May 5-6; Ford vs. School Dist. 9, May 7-9.

COUNTY JAIL:

Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$1.80

DEMOSS PARK:

Pacific Power & Light, \$0.95

PREMIUM ON OFFICERS BONDS: T. Lester Johnson, \$100

GOVT TRAPPER, \$58.35

U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE: \$350.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$15.00

LAW BOOKS: \$12.50

COUNTY PRINTING: \$27.30

COUNTY AGENT: \$1725.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$52.11

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Tax Commission, \$19.94; Public Employees Retirement System, \$121.59; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$12.18;

First National Bank, \$294.20; National Hospital Ass'n., \$8.00

ROAD FUND:

Frank Bazzel, \$147.73 & \$134.18; E. McPherson, \$115.36 & \$94.48; Earl Rehr, \$108.16 & \$95.50; Frank Bayer, \$122.30 & \$56.40; Jerry Morehouse, \$119.38 & \$61.92; Ora Workman, \$124.98 & \$74.02; Claud Bayer, \$137.79 & \$103.95; Lloyd Gosson, \$126.09 & \$89.90; First National Bank, \$156.10; State Tax Commission, \$19.94; Public Employees Retirement System, \$104.23

REPAIRS:

Howard Cooper Corp., \$34.13; Service Motor Co., \$64.05; Clem Witek, \$1.50

TIRES & TUBES:

Sunset Motor Co., \$246.55; Walther-Williams Co., \$192.84; Firestone Stores, \$354.76

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$77.56; W. R. Reid & Son, \$0.72; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$4.49; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$7.10; RETIREMENT: \$78.17

SPECIAL ROAD TAX 1951-52: Standard Oil Co., \$500.09; Union Oil Co., \$299.55

PP&L Pays Tax To Cities As Franchise Payment

A check for \$329.78 was turned over to the city of Moro this week by Lawrence Kirby, line-man-agent for Pacific Power & Light company, in payment of the utility's 1952 city license tax.

Kirby said that the 1952 payment will bring to \$1771.76 the amount Pacific has paid in license taxes to Moro since the tax went into effect September 10, 1946.

Final quarterly payment of \$76.44 on the 1951 franchise tax also was paid this month by Pacific to Wasco, bringing the total paid to Wasco since the levy went into effect May 6, 1946, to \$1487.68. A check for \$219.19 also went to Grass Valley for the 1952 payment of city license taxes.

Masons Entertain Eastern Stars and Join In Installation

Masons entertained the Eastern Stars last Thursday night at a dinner and afterward both held joint installation to put new persons into office and relieve the old in most instances.

Dinner was held at the church at 6:30 and the ceremony was held at the hall. Installed as leaders for the Star were Mrs. Bonnie May, W. M.; Willard Coons, W. P.; Orilu Coons, associate matron; Howard Ross, associate patron; Gwen Ross, secretary; Zella Dyer, treasurer; Conductress, Betty Christianson; the associate conductress, Catherine Thompson. Installing officer was Naomi Van Gilder; marshal was Marie Hoskinson; chaplain, Anna Moore; musician, Nina Pinkerton.

Installed for the Masons were Clyde Gillmor, worshipful master; Bob Belshe, senior warden; secretary, Harry Pinkerton; treasurer, Clarence Sparling. Installing officer was Clarence Sparling; marshal, Lloyd Henrichs.

The program consisted of two songs by a quartet composed of Russell Belshe, Mac Hall, Betty Keyes and Beulah Townsend. Mrs. Townsend sang two solos, "Smilin' Through" and "My Hero". Visitors were present from The Dalles, Wasco, and Grass Valley. Leslie Martin, district deputy grand master, and past worthy grand patron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Lloyd McRae and Mrs. McRae of Helix attended.

Seven Drivers Do Damage To Many

If Oregon drivers had avoided but seven accidents last year, 24 people probably would still be alive today. And if 20 other smash-ups had been forestalled, 40 men, women and children now on the traffic fatality list would be alive.

These 27 accidents were termed Oregon's "worst of 1951" by the Secretary of State's traffic safety division Friday. Seven of the 27 reached the mass highway slaughter class, as each resulted in three or more deaths.

One driver was involved in two accidents three months apart which bought death to six people, including his son, his nephew and himself.

The seven worst smash-ups had one thing in common, the division said. Each involved a rate of speed too fast for the driver to control.

And for a safety office, the division made a strange comment. "Speed, in itself," they said, "was not responsible for these deaths any more than the highway or the weather. The real killer was a driver who failed to realize he was overrating his ability to control the speed of his car."

The division said too many people tend to blame speed for highway accidents and deaths, forgetting that drivers are responsible for speed and that some drivers may be incapable of handling any speed higher than 15 miles an hour.

"Even if the law established a top speed limit of 15 miles an hour," the division concluded, "some drivers would still be become involved in fatal accidents."

Annual Cropping Talked By Conservation Men

Farmers, eighty strong, met at the court house Tuesday afternoon at the behest of the county's soil conservation district and after watching a picture about soils and electing Vernon Miller to membership on the board for another term heard three men talk about soil conservation and the important topic of whether or not Sherman county soil could be cropped offener.

E. R. Jackman, OREGON extension crop specialist, told of the carbon-nitrogen reaction in the soil, saying that there must be nitrogen to make the carbon in straw and crop residue rot. Added nitrogen helps break down organic matter; summer fallowing destroys organic matter.

He mentioned the MacGregor farm in Washington—that has come into attention because of some stories to the effect that with 13 inches of rain, MacGregor grew an annual crop, or two in three. Jackman thought that seeding without plowing or other cultivation would not work very well as there would be too many weeds and volunteer wheat.

Nitrogen aids the development of root growth which themselves add to the organic matter. Paulen Kaesberg recalled early efforts in this county to crop successfully. Allen Tom asked if it was true that the more shallow soils would respond to annual cropping best. The answer was that often shallow soils are filled with moisture; spring and summer fallowing cannot add any more. A crop might as well be grown if nitrogen can be supplied.

Leroy Warner formerly of the OSG staff but now working for the Bendleton Grain Growers showed several types of land on which fertilizer had been applied with results in crops.

He is working on a plan under which he would get land for nitrogen and moisture and would recommend quantities and kinds of fertilizer required. His charts indicated that applications of 60 pounds of nitrogen worked well on the soils tested.

Although the average number of bushels grown per inch of moisture is three, application of nitrogen has raised this to 4 1/2 in some soils.

He admitted that if moisture was not present nitrogen might burn up a crop. Umatilla county rainfall varied from 35 to 8 and almost any condition can be found there. Sherman county's average is 11.48 inches which puts it in the lower bracket of dry land agriculture.

G. R. McDole, long-time soil conservationist in the northwest talked about rotations that might make it possible for farmers in this county to grow two crops in three years. He recommended sweet clover and barley with wheat, the clover being plowed under. The use of sweep type plows was recommended by Mr. McDole who would like to see crop residues all left on top of the soil for conservation purposes. Bulking up the organic matter in the soil is one of the best things possible for prevention of erosion, he said. Moisture is more of a limiting factor in areas of light rainfall than where moisture runs up to 15 to 16 inches.

Tom Helseth, director of the conservation district in this part of the state, spoke for his department, bringing appreciation for the good work of the board. He announced that Henry Grabenhorst would succeed Lawrence Warren as local supervisor. Wallace May was chairman of the meeting.

GIRARD DAVIDSON FILES FOR POST

C. Girard "Jebby" Davidson, Portland, announced Monday that he has filed candidacy for delegate to the 1952 Democratic national convention. His filing is the second to be announced for one of the four "at-large" delegates to the convention. He has long been a government employee, including several years as general counsel to the Bonneville Power administration. He left Bonneville to take the appointment as assistant secretary of the Interior, a position he resigned a little over a year ago.