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These Things We Note

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Political science teachers have rated senators in order of excellence putting Paul Douglas first, Kefauver, second, Morse, third and others in order. One might judge that political scientists are not conservatives.

T T W N
NATO has voted to have "approximately 50 divisions in approximate conditions of combat readiness" by the end of 1952. Probably that is "approximately" correct.

T T W N
We can't help but wonder if all the furor over civil rights and the rights of families of different birth to live wherever they please is doing any good toward amity between Americans of all kinds.

T T W N
The Forest Grove contest for barber shop ballad quartets has been decided. What an old fashioned idea it is. Young men play on auto horns, listen to juke boxes, engage in sports. The days when young folks entertained themselves with song are gone although the singers in the contest were young.

T T W N
The most important question American voters will answer this year is, "Do you want to buy more government?"

T T W N
It was the first warm day of February's spring and Uncle Emmett was sitting on the curb protesting his inalienable rights to a neighbor he hadn't seen for weeks. "I don't care what the papers say. I got a right to like a Negro or not," he said as we went by.

T T W N
Weakness of the anti-gambling initiative is that county, fair, and other agricultural exhibitions receive a good part of the receipts from racing in Oregon. Rural voters who investigate the figures may be inclined to conclude that racing is one way of getting some city money. There will then be those who will feel that the distribution is as immoral as the production of racing funds. Seramith, the dentist in Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology philosophized: "Why, a moral truth is a hollow tooth which must be propped with gold."

T T W N
With television in congressional committee rooms it would be hard to tell a congressman from a movie actor and the same qualities might be found in each. Neither would be helped.

He was so tanned he looked like he was fully dressed.

One doesn't have to like all of the human foibles and weaknesses in order to like people.

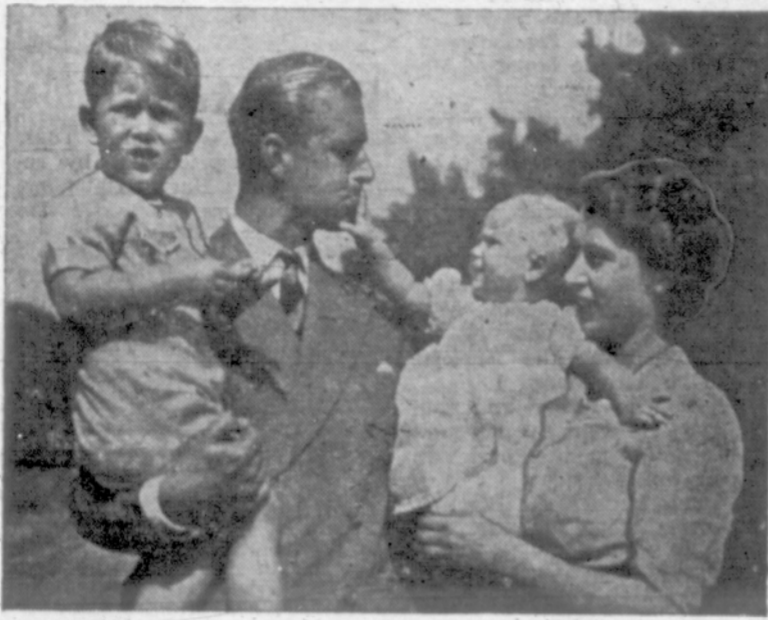
T T W N
Usually grocers force the season a little by bringing out the supply of seeds they received along in January. This year we have already had a week of radish and onion weather—although it was cold afterward. It looks now as if it wouldn't be too cruel to entrust a radish seed to the earth.

T T W N
Farmers are getting ready to give annual cropping a test and a half dozen fields will be fertilized and resown this spring. That will be something to watch.

T T W N
Well, well, now they are finding heavy stuff like barrels of sand that were dropped from flying saucers, the very existence of which was denied a short time ago. Maybe seeing is believing after all.

T T W N
An aged inventor is claiming ownership of the moon. For the benefit of the young and amorous at this springtime season, we hope he doesn't take it out of the sky.

T T W N
Stories of waste in the army will come as no surprise to anyone who has served a little time in uniform. There is also a waste of time and a waste of manpower. There seems to be too few persons capable of handling great sums of other people's money carefully and economically. Maybe government is getting too big for the individual to handle and should be decentralized.



BRITAIN'S REIGNING FAMILY . . . Here is an informal picture of now Queen Elizabeth holding her one-year-old daughter Princess Anne, who reaches a chubby hand out for the chin of her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, who holds Prince Charles. Little Prince Charles, three years old, now becomes heir to the throne. This picture was made in August, 1951, on the grounds of their residence, Clarence House, London, in happier times before the king died.

Deferment Officer To Talk To Club

Speaker at the Moro Boosters club at the Moro Hotel next Wednesday morning at 6:30 will be Major Glen D. Handy of Salem who is deferment officer for the selective service. His talk is entitled "Manpower Situation" and it is understood that he will answer such questions as pertain to his topic.

Later in the morning Major Handy will talk to the high school students to inform them of what is in store for them as far as military service is concerned.

Local Politics Moving

County officials to be elected this year include one county commissioner, a clerk and an assessor. To date both county clerk Marie Hoskinson and assessor Clair Balzer, both of whom have been appointed to their office, have petitions in circulation to have their names placed on the ballot. Mrs. Hoskinson is a Republican and Mr. Balzer a Democrat.

Although there have been rumors that county commissioner Lester Wilson does not care to succeed himself nothing official has come from him about it. Prospective candidates from the south end of the county are under discussion, the final decision perhaps, awaiting word from Mr. Wilson as to his intentions. Deadline for filing is five o'clock in the afternoon of March 7.

The term of county coroner E. M. Alley expires with this year and no word has come as to his intentions.

About This and That From County Agent Who Hds Gardens and 4-H Leaders In Mind

Weed spraying time is not too far off. This brings up the old question on volume and pressure to use for annual spraying. Best results in weed control from ground application can be obtained from ten gallons of carrier per acre and up. Satisfactory weed control can be achieved with less but one can expect a creeping decrease in percentage control. Increasing the pressure does not compensate for the reduced volume and tends to encourage drift.

February brings gardening time just around the corner. The following bulletins are available and may be helpful in your gardening this year.

Garden Soil Management, EB 612
Small-greenhouses for Amateur Gardeners, EC 459
Growing Early Vegetables Under Glass, EC 258
Construction and Operation of Cold Frames, EC 258

A monthly Schedule of Vegetable Operations in Vegetable Growing, EC 377
Booster and Starter Solutions for Vegetable Transplants, EB 703
Farm and Home Vegetable Garden, EB 614

Controlling Damping-Off in Vegetable Seedlings, SCI 447
Vegetable Garden Insect-Pest Control, EB 676

Call or drop a line to our office in the court house for a copy of the above bulletins.

A study conducted at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Experiment Station, Union, several years ago showed how important sacrifices are necessary. Especially at calving time cows and heifers need to be given best feeds

Moisture Above Normal For First Half of Crop Year

The warm weather of February failed to bring the usual amount of moisture for that month and the total was 1.13 inches instead of the average of 1.26. It is probably true that as much water got into the soil as usual for there has been little frost in the ground this month.

The moisture situation remains favorable so far this crop year with a total of 8.12 received since September 1 whereas the normal for that period is 7.80. How much of this is actually in the soil will not be known until soil moisture tests are taken in March or April.

Moisture has been recorded as follows:

Month	1951-52	Average
Sept.	.33	.70
Oct.	1.69	.98
Nov.	2.17	1.71
Dec.	1.57	1.61
Jan.	1.23	1.54
Feb.	1.13	1.26

During February the thermometer crawled up to 62 on the tenth, that being during the spring like part of the month and dropped to a dismal 10 on the 18th.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH

One week of intensive Evangelistic meetings, beginning Sunday, March 30th. Rev. Arthur Hansen of Portland will be the speaker. Be sure to reserve these dates. Service of Divine Worship at the Methodist in Grass Valley E. M. Alley expires with this next Sunday afternoon, March 2, year and no word has come as to his intentions.

Rev. H. Gravenor

Precinct Committee School Arranged For Monday at The Dalles

A precinct committeeman school will be held in The Dalles next Monday with state officers of the Republican party in charge of the program. Mrs. Olive Cornett, national committeewoman, Mrs. Frieda Peterson, state vice-chairman, Robert Elliot, state chairman and local and district party officers are expected to come and talk about the procedure of putting on a campaign. Precinct committeemen from Sherman county are all invited. John Patterson, Wasco county chairman, is in charge of the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p. m. in the council chambers in The Dalles, announces Mr. Patterson.

Moro PTA Names Committee for Athletics

The Moro Parent-Teachers association became fully organized Friday night when class room mothers were appointed for each of the grade classes. These women will assist teachers in planning and activating school programs. Appointed were 1st, Mrs. Katherine Eakin; 2nd, Mrs. Gene Bennett; 3rd, Mrs. Frances Thompson; 4th, Mrs. Mary Higley; 5th, Mrs. Josephine Gentry; 6th, Mrs. Maude Kirkelle; 7th, Mrs. Bertha Belshie; 8th, Mrs. Marie Cyphers.

An athletic advisory committee was appointed to study recommendations of parents and students as to athletic policy. The committee will meet occasionally with the school board but is not for the purpose of dictating policy to the board. On it President Carrel Bennett named Clarence Sparling, chairman, Tony Miller, Ivan Kirkelle, Archie McCrae, Jim Johnson, Mrs. Helen Martin, Mrs. Eudora Helyer, Mrs. Glendora Smith, Mrs. Elise Martin, Kenneth Fridley.

The First National Bank picture "The Banking Story" was presented by Carrel Bennett and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ruth Sparling and Mrs. Dorothea Moore.

Sprayers Bonds For Property Damage Approved by Neuner

Financial responsibility bonds which the state may accept from aerial operators under the 1951 agricultural chemical control act regulating the application of agricultural materials will cover only land owners situated within a legally established protected area.

Furthermore, these bonds will protect only innocent, or third, parties to the spraying operations. They will not protect the landowner who has contracted to have his crops or orchards treated.

This information has just been received from the state department of agriculture at Salem. The department bases its policy with regard to the bonding provisions of this law upon an opinion received this month from the office of Attorney General George Neuner.

This opinion holds that the department may accept for filing as proof of financial responsibility a bond or policy of insurance which indemnifies only landowners situated within a legally established protected area. (The control act outlines the procedure for establishing such an area.)

The opinion also holds that not the owner of land sprayed but the owner of adjacent lands which might suffer from the negligence of an aircraft operator is the party protected under the liability clause of the agricultural chemical control statute. Under the act, the landowner is defined as a person who owns three or more acres within the proposed protected area.

The financial responsibility section of the act requires all aerial operators to file such proof, which may be either a deposit of money, certified check, liability insurance or surety bond, in the sum of \$10,000 prior to execution of any contract for aerial spraying.

Any action against operators for damage must commence within one year from the date of alleged willful or negligent operation.

Candidate Court of Honor Awards Badges To Boy Scouts

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the Legion hall in Kent, Saturday evening, February 23.

Jim Jones, chairman of the Court, and scoutmaster of Troop 362 of Grass Valley-Kent introduced the following Court members who presented awards: Captain Leppaluoto, president of the Portland area council, Boy Scouts of America; Pat Guyer and Floyd Root, members of The Dalles district committee; Harold Eakin, Troop 362 counselor, Grass Valley; Wallace May, Troop 362 committeeman, Grass Valley; others assisting with the Court were Frank Sayrs, scoutmaster-Troop 351, Moro and Ben Graham, field scout executive, clerk of the Court.

Awards made by the Court went to Dale Archer, Troop 351 Moro, second class rank; James Brady, Troop 362, Grass Valley-Kent, Roy Cyphers, Ivan Kirkelle, Ronald Benson, Frank Scherrer, Troop 351, Moro, first class rank; Larry Easter, Harry Eakin, Ronald Rolfe, Gordon Helyer, Arthur Decker, Kenneth Bekkedahl, Gene Cantrall, James Griggs, Earl Griggs, Frank McKay, Eugene Knott and Norman Davis, Troop 362; Grass Valley-Kent, star rank; Arden Peters, Keith Barnett, Rodney Rolfe, Donald Schilling, Ross Norton, Carl Kelley, Harold Duncan, Jack Brady, Denny Andersen, Danny Duncan, Larry Smith, DeWayne Duncan, and George Kelley, Troop 362, Grass Valley-Kent, life rank; Dale Archer, Roy Cyphers, Ivan Kirkelle, Ronald Benson, Clarence Kirby, and Frank Scherrer, Troop 351, Moro, James Brady, Larry Easter, Harry Eakin, Ronald Rolfe, Gordon Helyer, Arthur Decker, Kenneth Bekkedahl, Gene Cantrall, James Griggs, Earl Griggs, Frank McKay, Eugene Knott, Norman Davis, Arden Peters, Keith Barnett, Rodney Rolfe, Donald Schilling, Ross Norton, Carl Kelley, Harold Duncan, Jack Brady, Denny Andersen, Danny Duncan, Larry Smith, DeWayne Duncan, and George Kelley, Troop 362, Grass Valley-Kent, merit badge awards.

Senator Coon has been referred to as the Rock of Gibraltar in the upper chamber because of his firmness of course when he reached a decision and because of his faithful attendance, having never missed a session during the 116 days the 1951 legislature was convened.

During the last legislature the Eastern Oregon Senator served on four important committees and chaired the always spotlighted agricultural group. The financial affairs, roads and highways and alcoholic traffic committee membership made Coon one of the busiest lawmakers at the last session. He is now serving by appointment of Governor McKay, on the seven man Upper Columbia River Basin Commission.

Always a resident of the Northwest, Coon was born in Boise in 1903. Banking and business occupied his early career after graduation from the University of Idaho. In 1929 he purchased cattle ranch holdings in Baker county which have been gradually expanded by his own active endeavor until sold in 1950. Senator Coon has always been engaged in civic, business and industry matters. He is a past president and for many years a director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce; member of the Keating school board for three terms; active member of Lions and Honorary member of Kiwanis. Past Baker county president of the Oregon Farm Bureau; Past President Baker County Cattleman's Assn.; Oregon Cattleman's association Executive committee; Taylor Grazing Advisory board for Baker county and Oregon; Grange membership are a few of the positions held in connection with his longtime work of ranching and cattle raising.

Self Employed Have Income From New Government Act Under Certain Conditions

Are you in business for yourself? In a special reminder to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, and all others who are self-employed, Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande field office of the Social Security Administration offers these important reminders:

You are now covered by the Social Security Act, and have the same protection against the hazards of old age or death as are afforded employees. Only farm operators, physicians, dentists, lawyers and a few other professional groups are excluded from coverage under the law.

You report your earnings and pay your social security tax when you file your Federal income tax return for 1951 on or before March 15, 1952. Your social security tax of 2 1/4% will be payable at the time you file your return. You should get your account number card from the social security office. This card should be obtained now, by applying for it in person or by mail.

Mr. Welo stressed that the self-employed person cannot choose whether to be covered or not. If the self-employed person's trade or business is in the excluded group, social security tax is compulsory, if his net earnings are \$400 or more for 1951. He will pay a tax of 2 1/4% of all net earnings from his business, up to \$3600 for the year.

As a result of these taxable earnings, the self-employed will be able to build up an old-age and survivors insurance benefit. An insured self-employed person, age 65 or over, whose average monthly earnings are \$200, would be entitled to retirement benefits of \$65. His wife at age 65 would be entitled to wife's benefits of \$32.50 a month.

Benefits are also payable to the survivors in the event of the death of an insured self-employed individual. If his average monthly earnings were \$200 and he is survived by a widow and minor child, each would receive monthly benefits of \$48.80, until the child reached 18.

In addition to a monthly benefit, there is a lump-sum death payment made where the individual was insured at time of death.

A booklet, "Do You Work For Yourself?" explaining old-age and survivors insurance as it applies to people who are self-employed, may be obtained free by writing to the Social Security Administration, Observer Building, La Grande, Oregon.



Taxing Units Receive Money From Turnover

Turnover of taxes for the first quarterly period following the general tax payment date of November 15 was made this week by Sheriff Norman Fields.

There was \$9152.58 in current taxes turned to county Treasurer Naomi Van Gilder of which \$4755.71 went to the Rural School board. The county general fund got \$1235.66, the special road fund \$1360.50, general road fund \$891.43.

Other taxing units receiving money were Wasco school \$21,767; Kent school \$35,087; Moro school \$42,211; Grass Valley school \$506.42; Wasco road \$43.82; Moro road \$19.25; Grass Valley road \$1.08. The city of Wasco \$18.47; Moro \$218.42; Grass Valley \$2.69.

Minor amounts were received from older taxes amounting to a few dollars which were also distributed but added little to the receipts of any taxing unit. The collection brought the percentage of tax collection up to 97.8 percent according to Sheriff Fields.

Stockmen Announce Organization Meeting

Monday, March 3 at 2:00 p. m. all livestock men interested will gather in the county court house to lay plans for a Cattleman's association. During a recent get-together a committee was appointed to attend the Wasco county association executive committee meeting. These fellows were Deward Helyer, John Reckman, Bill Holmes, Harold Eakin, Delmar Smith and Leonard Fields. This committee will report at the Monday meeting.

The coming meeting is to decide whether to have a county association or join with the Wasco county association. Advantages and objectives of both plans are desirable. When ever course is taken, directors and officers will be elected at the Monday meeting.

Ed Fallon, secretary of the Oregon Cattleman's association, will be present. All livestock men are urged to attend and participate in the activities of this commodity group.

Sam Davis Buys Angus Herd Bull

Sam Davis of Grass Valley returned home from Arizona with a new Angus bull, Toro Bell Boy 14th, and a desire to get into the purebred cattle business on his farm southwest of town.

Toro Bell Boy was calved July 12, 1950 on the Waugaman ranch at Watsonville, California, a son of Bell Boy-A, 10th and Ravenwood Miss Burgess 14th. Sam bought him at the Phoenix stock show early in January.

The black calf stood third at the Cow Palace and his sister was grand champion at the P. I. at Portland last fall.

E. E. KASEBERG TO HOLD RECEPTION MARCH 9

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kaseberg will be at home to their friends Sunday, March 9, in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

The reception will be held at their home in The Dalles, 1010 West 9th St. from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. and all their friends are most cordially invited.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING IN HOOD RIVER

Unit No. 22, American Legion Auxiliary of Hood River, will be host to other Units in District 5 of the Department of Oregon at a district conference to be held March 5th.

Department officials will attend to present the Auxiliary program to members, as will Department chairman from District 5, Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, LaGrande, department president, will lead the "school of instruction" on the official visit, assisted by Mrs. Mae E. Witcomb, Portland, department secretary and Mrs. Robert S. Kreson, Dallas, vice-president and department membership chairman.

Mrs. Lois Hiderbrand, Wasco, District 5 president, will preside at the meeting.

A banquet is scheduled for the evening.