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These Things We Note

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It makes people angry to compare them with animals. They think they're better.

T T W N

The United States now has the fastest ship. Nice for those going some place.

T T W N

Price controls have been removed from most foods. Now we can see what the law of supply and demand can do without the interference of politics.

T T W N

We read that the average American spends over \$25 per year for hard liquor. This average American also spends that much or more for cigarettes. And then there's cosmetics and perfume and beer and a lot of other things that make the cost of living pretty high.

T T W N

"She's so old fashioned she can comb her own hair," said a young matron to another as they stopped for a light to change.

Looks like the Warren girls can go and get married now since they have no more campaigning to do.

T T W N

Women's hair cuts are called poodle, horse tail and kitten which is only of academic interest to one who wears his hair in the eagle type.

T T W N

Last week we pined a page of this newspaper which means that we dumped it on the floor all in thousands of pieces. Those who in childhood grieved over the fate of humpty-dumpty can grieve again. We have no idea how many parts there are to a newspaper's front page and so far we know they have never been counted or put together again after disintegration. Some fast typesetting, some use of over-heat, or five or six hours of hard labor made the paper possible. There is still a couple quarts of varnished type to sort someday and a shuddering memory to forget.

T T W N

Anything we don't like we call it Russian, like Russian knapweed and Russian thistle. Now hoioteton is blamed on Russia, too. Any kind of government we dislike is called Russian. And so it goes. We can remember when it was Germany and Japan.

T T W N

It is estimated that there will be 92 million head of cattle in the United States at the end of this year, an increase of four million over 1951 and of 10 million over 1950. If this continues consumers will realize on their higher investment in steaks and roasts.

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Those who criticized the convention method of nomination because they thought their candidate was going to get licked have been quieter this week.

T T W N

There were two fires in the Wasco neighborhood this week the first at George Drinkards where a grass fire burned under some oil barrels and under the clothes line without either setting the oil or the clothes. The second was at Esselton's and was discovered by Jackie Wallace and Billy Williams. It endangered some buildings and the fire department was called to put it out.

T T W N

The government has stopped publication of a Russian magazine in the United States. Who said elections were not useful?

T T W N

We may be making a mistake in concentrating the world's two greatest sporting events in one year: the Olympic games and the presidential election.

T T W N

Now the Democrats march before the TV cameras and go through their act of nominating a candidate, hopefully one who can stand the present administration and stand against Eisen-Inspection have to meet certain standards as set up by the Seed



JACK DAVIS, OLYMPIAN... University of Southern California's Jack Davis, who is a rare combination of a sprinter and hurdler, exhibits his starting form, off the blocks, as he was getting in trim for the hurdles in the AAU meet at the University of California at Berkeley. Jack isn't training, he and his girl friend relax at her place, following a street roller.

Now We Have A New Game Bird; Who To See If You Want To Raise Wages

A new game bird to Sherman county folks has been released by the Oregon State Game Commission, Paul Ebert, district agent, indicated this week. The bird is commonly called a Chucker which has grey and orange coloring, black beaks and legs. The bird is in between the Hungarian Partridge and Chinese Pheasant as to size.

Paul Ebert indicated 800 birds were released along the fisherman's road north of the Sherar's grade road. Additional releases are to be made in the future farther south along the Deschutes river. Because of the similarity of the Chucker with the Hun, Ebert has indicated the season for Hungarian Partridge will not be open in Sherman county this year.

The Sherman county farmers who desire information regarding farm wages under the wage stabilization board may contact Frank von Borstel, Russel Belshie, or David Richelderfer, or the county agent's office for information and assistance in filing a petition for wage rate increases. The general wage stabilization board regulations allow a farmer to pay 15 percent more wages this year than in 1950. Those who must pay a larger wage than this to secure adequate and desirable help should file a petition to the wage stabilization board. The above named persons have been designated to give assistance to county farmers with their farm wage problems in connection with the wage stabilization regulations.

The Gilliam County Beef Cattle Improvement association is planning its third bull feeding program. Sherman county purebred cattle breeders who desire to have stock in this feed efficiency testing program should contact this office immediately. Seventy-five animals will be placed on test this coming fall. A livestock breeder who wishes to consign animals must consign at least three for the testing program.

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Dale Baker, Wife, Her Parents, Killed In Plane Crash

Dale E. Baker of Grass Valley, with his wife and his parents in law, was instantly killed Thursday morning shortly after seven o'clock when the four passenger Stinson plane he was flying hit a house shortly after leaving Hawthorne airfield near Los Angeles.

No one in the house was injured according to early reports of the accident which came as newspapers tried to obtain details of Baker and who might be accompanying him.

The party had gone to California a few days ago and were expected to return to Oregon by Friday.

Dale E. Baker was born in Grass Valley September 30, 1914 and lived there until he finished high school. He attended Pacific university and studied music, which he taught in high schools in Oregon and Washington. He had not lived in Grass Valley for any long period since youth.

He is survived by his mother, Mary E. Baker of The Dalles, daughter by his first wife, two sons by his second wife. His present wife was Miss Muriel Jones of Gresham, to whom he was married in May. Her parents, who were also killed in the crash, were Jackson F. Jones and his wife Florence.

The report says that the plane developed motor trouble on the take off and crashed into some houses setting two of them afire. Neighbors with hoses extinguished the fires.

Grain Men Find Smut In Many County Fields

A group of grain viewers including Dr. Charles Holton of WSC, Robert Fletcher of the Northwest Crop Improvement association and William Wisbeck and John Browning of the grain branch of the PMA, were thru Sherman county Wednesday looking for information on which to base grain yield estimates and amount of smut.

Smut was found in nearly every field viewed although the percentage varied from so few heads as to be negligible to fields that appeared to be half smut. Elgin is more smutty than Elmar but there is enough smut in Elmar to make its continued seeding a risk, especially as threshing of smutty fields will scatter the types of smut that attack Elmar all over the county.

On the plots in the Tad McCoy land east of Wasco it was found that Elgin, in an Elmar field, was smuttier than the Elmar. Some rows had been smutted, some sown untreated, some treated carefully from clean seed. All were smutty, but the clean seed, well treated was much the better.

Reason given for the result of the trial is that smut spores from an adjacent smutty field infected the ground with the kinds of smut to which Elgin is susceptible. If soil infection is that general more smut may be expected in club wheats next year.

Of the two types of smut either may attack a wheat plant. These thirty some kinds of smut are known by the varieties of wheat they attack. Smut varieties can and do cross to produce a new variety capable of attacking a formerly resistant wheat. Any wheat plant before it emerges from the ground can become smutty; if it is resistant to that kind of smut the smut dies with in the wheat; if not the smut becomes predominant and produces smutty grain.

REASON FOR DIFFERENCES IN BONUS PAYMENTS

The department of Veterans Affairs reported Friday that 59,675 bonuses have been paid to living Oregon veterans and 2435 to next of kin of deceased ex-servicemen.

The next of kin include unremarried widows, children, or parents of Oregon men who died in service or following discharge.

Carl Cover, chief of claims for the department's bonus division, said many bonus recipients appear to be puzzled about the method by which the amount of their payments were computed. Their inquiries to the department indicate that they feel they did not receive payment for the full amount of time served, Cover said.

On the other hand a conscientious ex-wave wrote in to state she believed she had been overpaid \$10.

Veterans were advised to consider the following factors in figuring the amount of payment they believe they are entitled to:

1. The bonus act says payment will be on the basis of \$10 for each full month of state duty and \$15 for each full month of foreign or sea duty. Fractions of months don't count, except as they may be added together to total one full month.
2. The bonus act says such payment will be only for the active duty served between Sept. 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946. Some veterans have written the department, citing their months of service after June of 1946. The bonus act doesn't permit payment for those months.
3. The date a man enlisted doesn't count. It's the date he actually entered active duty. A number of payees who wrote the department about short payments have overlooked this fact.

CHAS. McALLISTER NOW 92

A few weeks ago Charles McAllister of Yakima celebrated his 92nd birthday at the home of his son, Charles D. McAllister, who says he has quite a ways to go before he will move in. Mr. McAllister is a former resident of Wasco and well remembered by old timers there. In 1946 he flew to Wasco with his son for a visit.

Librarian Says Local Library O.K.

At a special called meeting, four members of the executive board of the Moro Library association met at the library on Tuesday afternoon, July 15. Miss Eloise Ebert of the Oregon state library staff and Miss Good-nough, librarian for the Salem high school, were present to inspect and give advice. Miss Ebert found the library in excellent condition and complimented the Woman's club and the Library association on their accomplishment during the past year.

At a board meeting following the official visit it was decided to sponsor a "Story Hour" at the library on Wednesday evenings, for the summer months. Children of the ages of 5 to 10 years, inclusive, are invited to come. The first story will be told at 7:30 p. m. July 23.

New books added to the memorial shelf are: "New Worlds to Conquer" by Richard Hellburton - in memory of Frank Scherer; and "Teen-age Sports Stories" by Frank Owen - in memory of Clarence Kirby.

Library hours: Fridays, 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. and Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.

McNARY-MAUPIN LINE GETS GOVERNMENT DOUGH.

Congress appropriated \$141,000 for the McNary-Maupin-Detroit line and terminals at the last session which will hardly start the work of building the line that is to run across Sherman county when completed. At the same time much bigger appropriations were made for the line to run down the river to Ross station at Vancouver from McNary. The Big Eddy-Maupin-Detroit line received \$360,000.

NURSING SCHOOL TO START

The Dalles vocational school for practical nurses will open its second class September 6, at The Dalles general hospital. It is the only school of its kind in eastern Oregon. Applicants must be 18 years old and a high school graduate and in good health. There is no tuition charge, board and room are furnished for the first four months. Purpose of the school is to train practical nurses.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday July 22, at the court house at the hours of 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Deputy Sheriff Resigns; Salary Still Unsettled Problem

Mrs. Mary O. Coons has resigned as deputy sheriff as of August 1 and the sheriff has appointed Robert Benson to that position. Mr. Benson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Benson and recently returned from service in Korea. Mrs. Coons will probably remain as deputy assessor.

MORO COUNCIL SAYS BILLS MUST BE PAID

Moro's city council met Tuesday night to review the problems attendant to drilling a well for which it found no easy solution. The driller, Boyd Bennett, is drilling out concrete placed in the hole last week to stop a sluff of clay into the hole. Depth is about 410 feet; prospects fair. The council renewed its intent to take out meters, where water bills are unpaid and agreed to haul some coarse rock onto Fourth street below Main. Plans for releveling of the ditch thru town and repair on the ditch above town were discussed.

SUMMER PARTY FOR 4-H CLUBBERS ON

Sherman county 4-H club boys and girls will leave Sunday afternoon for camp at Suttle lake in Jefferson county, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent. Sherman and Wasco county 4-H boys and girls are joining those from Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties for a joint 4-H camp.

The camp will be held from Sunday, July 20 thru Friday, July 25. Camp site will be the Epworth League campgrounds at Suttle lake on the Santiam highway west of Sisters.

Features of the program will be swimming instruction, outdoor cooking, cement moulding, basketry, woodcraft, campcraft, beadcraft and tin can craft, hikes and nature study. Each evening there will be special campfire programs.

Those attending from Sherman county are as follows: Moro—Susie Woods; Wasco—Lynn Rathburn, Frances Wynkoop, Everett Royse, Jimmy Thomas, John Capaci, Mike Fields, Gary Fields, Grass Valley: Deanna Martin, Peggy Reckman, Susan Baumgartner; Kent: Beverly Helyer, Karen and Nancy Wilson. County extension agents in charge of the camp will include Carl Schmadeke of Crook, Doug Messenger of Deschutes, Jay Binder of Jefferson, Thomas W. Thompson of Sherman and Scott P. Clevenger of Wasco.

WEATHER MODERATE HERE

Lots of places have been hotter than Sherman county so far this year. Hottest here was a mere 99 degrees on July 9 and that didn't come up to the normal July average maximum which is an even 100.

The coldest for the month was 39 degrees on the 7th and the average low temperature for July is 42, so it wasn't very cold either. Highest temperature ever recorded at the station is 111 degrees in July of 1939. Of late the weather has been generally cool in July in these parts, the last time the mercury went over a hundred being in July of 1946 when it went to 102. The average mean temperature in July is 68.8 degrees.

As for rain, there hasn't been any since June 30 when a heavy rain ended to give the wheat crop its final wetting. Rainfall for the crop year of ten months is 11.56 inches and that is .49 inch above the normal precipitation.

Shelt Burrell is building a new house to replace the one destroyed by fire last winter but he says he has quite a ways to go before he will move in.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Schilling of Grass Valley are parents of a son born Tuesday July 15 at The Dalles hospital.

Wheat Yield Judging From Early Returns

Indications after the first few days of harvest is that the crop will be good—very good. In fact it will probably be better than it looks.

Most of the threshing so far has been done on the lighter land of the county for grain already ripens there first. Some right of ways are being cut and this is sometimes being done with new push-type combines by commercial cutters.

Reports are of a field of Oro-feld making 25 bushels and other estimated yields are higher than that, running up to 40 bushels from a field in the north end.

This would indicate that the crop would exceed 3,000,000 bushels unless the south end failed to reach its hopes. Yet, except for the wheat on the west of the highway, the crop hasn't looked like 3,000,000 bushels so far this spring.

Harvesting will be general around Wasco next week and many outfits will start at Moro by the end of the week. Grain is not dry enough to thresh in many fields, straw still being tough, but warm days will make it ready soon.

The elevators are in good shape for the crop as most of the 1951 crop has been moved out to feed Japanese and Koreans within the last few months and there is no doubt that the crop can be stored. There is more than 4,500,000 bushels of storage in the county.

Estimates are that the county has 131,000 acres of wheat, 5000 acres of barley, 300 of oats, and 4600 of hay for a total of 140,900 acres in crop. Should the yield average 30 bushels there would be 4,000,000 bushels but an average of 30 bushels to the acre is very high.

NEW WAY TO GET MONEY

"To file or not to file for Social Security benefits?" is the question being pondered by many persons age 65 or over. A new method for figuring social security benefit payments became effective for the first time in mid-1952, which in most cases will result in higher payments. But to take advantage of the new method you may have to delay filing your claim. For advice as to the best time to file, consult your Social Security office in La Grande.

TWO BOYS WRECK CAR

Two young men in a Mercury coupe escaped death Wednesday when the driver went to sleep on Highway 97 south of Kent. The brothers were driving from their home in Spokane to San Francisco so that one of them could embark for Korea Saturday. The soldier sustained a broken shoulder and the other escaped injury; the car is badly wrecked.

PP&L TO BUILD DAMS

Plans for investigation of two new hydroelectric sites on the Lewis river, which would add 85,000 kilowatts to the company's generating capacity and contribute importantly to the regional power supply, were announced this week by Pacific Power & Light with the filing of applications for preliminary permits with the Federal Power Commission.

The proposed projects are upstream from the company's 100,000-kilowatt Merwin plant and its 108,000-kilowatt Yale development, now being rushed to completion. If development of the Swift creek and Muddy river sites proves feasible, the additional storage provided at these reservoirs, would substantially increase firm power production at both the Yale and Merwin plants, which are designed for ultimate expansion to a combined capacity of 416,000 kilowatts.

Full development of the present and proposed dams would give the company a total of 501,000 kilowatts of peak load generating capacity on the river, or approximately the equivalent of a Bonneville dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pinkerton moved this week to their new home on the ranch.