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These Things We Note

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An inferiority complex comes, so they say, not from fearing that you were overlooked but from knowing you should be.

Pleasant medicine maketh the patient ill.

The racing organizations are attempting to make a financial issue out of the pari-mutuel bill, which is a moral issue.

Why not let that 26 nation assembly cut our national debt as well as that of Germany, Japan, et al.

Middle age is that period when one worries about his children instead of himself.

The United States did not win the Olympic games because no one wins the games. Medals are given each event. There is no official scoring system.

We know a man who believes that the state's expenditures should be based on its income, a reversal of the present method where the state's expenditures are based on how much can be collected.

Even with hotter weather than usual traveling women are more fully dressed than a few years ago. Maybe the fried hide era has begun to fade.

We can't help but wonder if this easing out the old and hailing the new Democratic leadership, is done quietly to fool the public or the old leaders. Either is difficult, the latter impossible.

A football coach is quitting to enter the cigar business. Going to smoke all the time instead of part time, eh?

Well, well. Shades of the past and so on. An Oregon city is trying to get a railroad built into it.

Roasting ears are plentiful, some gardeners are picking tomatoes and green beans are easily found. Why worry about the weather, the atomic bomb or politics.

The thought that virtue and motherhood are their own rewards and that one should not look for additional spiritual recompense leads to a further thought: that probably every thing is its own reward in that one always pays in some fashion or other for what he does. And if what he does is good the reward will be good and if bad the reward unpleasant. And it isn't even Sunday yet.

We have noted a singular falling in the modern method of child training and by modern we are speaking of time alone and of no particular theory. Grandma, you no doubt remember, told the children how to act: what was right and what was wrong—and why. Of late we've been letting them find out for themselves with the result that many of them get clear grown up without knowing.

Big Business and Big Labor rnkki!g! ismt eiyhgr are promising that they will get together in the future. We hope not. When they do the little fellow will have a harder time.

A nation so weak in knowledge of economics that it has to set prices by law is in dire need of a change of officers.

These stories, about letting the presidential candidates obtain inside information on foreign affairs and much other stuff leave us very, very cold. Why should there be so large a quantity of inside information that the public cannot be told. This administration has been too secretive about too many things.

We're sorry we published that story about having cool summers. It must have made the weather man remember something.

About the County

Mrs. Willard Barnett was hostess at a party at her home Saturday honoring Mrs. Clifford Macey when she invited her school chums in for the afternoon. Present were Mrs. Max Brown, Mrs. Don Smith, Mrs. Clyde Stradley, Mrs. Frank Ketter, Mrs. Glenn Perry, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Frank E. Bayer, Mrs. Ted Kelly, the Misses Cynthia and Pearl Bell and Mrs. Charles Perigo. Refreshments of salad and coffee was served.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and daughters Mrs. Roy Wells and Mrs. W. B. Mathews went to Bend Wednesday to visit another daughter, Mrs. Charles Baker and family returning Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were hosts Sunday for a family picnic held on the lawn. A pot luck dinner was served at one o'clock and the afternoon spent visiting. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boyer and his mother, Mrs. Grace Zevely, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse and daughter Vee, Mr. and Mrs. Claud May and daughter, Claudia from Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Knudsen and son, Eric, from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughters, Carolyn and Mrs. Ellen Cooley, went to Portland last Tuesday on business and that evening were dinner guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley at Gresham honoring their mother The Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannel of Gresham were dinner guests also.

Mr. and Mrs. Erenst Eslinger of Moro and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and daughters were dinner guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were hosts at a dinner Thursday evening honoring their daughter in law, Mrs. Gordon Lemley on her birthday anniversary. Other guests included Gordon and children, Kenneth an Janice and Mrs. Edith Sayrs of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beyer and sons, Donald and Robert of Chicago, Illinois arrived Saturday evening from Seattle, where they were on vacation, to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Beyer's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mrs. L. S. Logan and Mrs. Minna Bunnell left Thursday for their homes in Oakland, California after spending about ten days here with Mrs. Logan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields drove to Pendleton Sunday to bring their children, Susan and Steven home after spending several weeks visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ralph Lister.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Arzell Lemley accompanied by Mrs. Ed Alley went to Portland Monday and took the plane for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Lemley will receive medical attention at the Mayo Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Omacha arrived July 31 from Germany and will make their home with her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Buether.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boyer and his mother, Mrs. Guy Boyer who flew in Sunday from John Day, leaving Monday for their homes.

Miss Leone Moore of Portland arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne a few days.

Mrs. Clifford Macey and son, Roger, arrived Wednesday from Portland to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett. Mr. Macey came up Saturday and spent the weekend, all returning to Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and daughter, Mona Faye, went to Portland Monday when Mona entered Emanuel hospital for surgery Tuesday morning. Mr. Eakin returned home and Mrs. Eakin remained with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goddard and sons, Paul Jr. and Orville of Condon drove over Saturday and spent the evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and children of Portland spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crover Young.

Among those going to Prineville Sunday to attend the rodeo were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer and their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bayer and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles, and son

Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Miss Sharon Martin and Leroy Martin, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, son, Robin, John and Barbara Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family and Miss Leone Moore.

Mrs. Roy Wells left Sunday for Bend where she was an overnight guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Baker and family, going on to her home in Roseburg after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe. Her sister Mrs. W. B. Mathews accompanied her to Bend and returned here Monday.

Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap and children arrived Sunday from Carlton and were over night guests of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. They left Monday accompanied by Gene and Sharon Cantrill for Nyssa to visit the former's mother, Mrs. A. F. McGinnis several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds and Mrs. B. A. Gates of Tacoma spent Sunday at the Peterson rock gardens.

Mrs. C. F. Kellogg came up from Portland Wednesday to visit her son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds. Mr. Kellogg and son came up Saturday and all returned Sunday.

Mrs. Dean Olds and son, Donald of Portland spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Wassenniller.

Mrs. D. L. Reynolds and Mrs. B. A. Gates were visitors in The Dalles recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robinson (Janet Martin) stopped here for a brief visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Belshee while on a vacation to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Barzee and daughter left Monday, right after the end of harvest, for Minnesota to visit her relatives for a week or so.

Mrs. Jarvis Black and son, Gregory spent a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton. Her husband brought them up and will return this week for them.

Several wrecks enlivened the life of traffic officers over the week end. A car turned over near the Moore place, George Smith had trouble with his pickup and Mildred Smith of Kent hit a calf with her car with serious results—to the calf.

OSC Studying Rattlesnakes
Most folks run from snakes, but a team of Oregon State college zoologists has been observing a rattlesnake den near Monroe for five years now.

Target of this research is the Pacific rattlesnake, scientifically known as Crotalus viridis. Long range plans call for finding out how far the snakes wander from home, how fast they grow and whether they return to the same den each year.

Some 25 rattlesnakes were brought in from the area this spring, according to Dr. Robert Storm, OSC zoologist, who heads the project. As the snakes come from the winter den they are captured, marked and released.

By painting the rattles in various color combinations, each snake is "individualized." Residents in the Monroe area help in the study by sending in the rattles of any snakes captured.

Social Securities Payments Changed
A great deal of information has been published in newspapers and broadcast over the radio concerning an important date in social security history. This date was July 1, 1952. It is important to some but not all workers who may be eligible for OASI benefits. On that date a new formula for figuring the amount of monthly benefits became effective. It will be applied in many cases where a retiring worker, age 65 or over, has acquired 6 quarters of coverage after 1950. If the worker had earned quarters of coverage before 1950, it is possible that the new formula will not work to his advantage. In such cases, the Social Security administration will figure the benefit under both the old and the new formulas, and use the one that gives the retired worker the higher monthly payments.

Merchandise Up, Equipment Down In Assessment

The valuation of privately owned property in Sherman county for this tax year is \$8,962,580.00 according to the figures of Clair Balzer, county assessor.

This includes \$7,082,940 of real property and \$1,883,150 of personal property. Reduction for widow's and veteran's exemption is \$3510. Valuation of public utilities is \$1,603,053.31 making the county's total \$10,565,633.31. The county has a ratio of 53 which means that in the opinion of the state tax commission the assessments represent 53 percent of the true cash value.

True cash value of the county for assessment purposes is therefore \$16,910,528.30 and the true cash value of utilities is \$3,024,628.89. The county will pay 0.005176 percent of the state tax if levied on a property tax basis.

Tillable land is valued at \$21.22 per acre this year, a boost of two cents per acre. Non-tillable land is valued at \$1.51.

Structural improvements on unplatted land (farm buildings) are valued at \$657,140, an increase from \$516,260 of last year. City lots are up \$500 in the county. Structural improvements on platted lands (city buildings) are \$381,510, down from \$419,610 last year.

Farm equipment is down to \$782,930 from \$961,650 and merchandise and stock in trade took a big boost from \$130,420 to \$524,000.

There are slightly fewer horses, now 448, and valued at \$35,442 which is a little higher. Cattle are a little over at \$51,300 and there are more of them, being 8842 as of January 1. Sheep and swine changed but little but a different method of assessing poultry brought the value down to 24 cents from 84 cents last year.

State is \$217,340 worth of tax exempt property in the county, the larger part of which belongs to the federal government. School districts are next and the county has \$36,970 worth itself. Value of exempt land is \$114,840 and of buildings is \$102,500.

County Fair Gets Gambling Money

Statewide distribution of funds for county fairs is now being made. The funds will go to Oregon's 36 counties in the amount of \$8,644.45 each.

The distribution is made from funds received by the state tax upon pari-mutuel betting made at horse and dog racing in the state. As of August 7th, this totals \$685,194.07, of which \$169,194.07 is apportioned to the state's general fund. The remainder has been apportioned to ten different fairs and expositions and to the counties for their fairs or expositions.

A similar distribution will be made next October following racing at the state fair and other tracks. The total received for distribution in 1951 amounted to \$817,574.74.

Fairs and expositions receiving funds from the August 7th distribution, according to law, are: Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, \$7,500.00; Northwest Turkey show, \$2,400.00; Pendleton Round-Up, \$7,500.00; Pacific International Livestock Exposition, \$35,000.00; Oregon State Fair, \$35,000.00; Mid-Columbia Livestock Show, \$5,000.00; Klamath Basin Round-Up Association, \$5,000.00; Spring Lamb and Dairy Show, \$2,500.00; Pacific Coast Turkey Exhibit, \$2,400.00; and Oregon State Corn Show, \$2,500.00.

COTTONWOOD GRADE GRAVELING TO START
The contractor who is going to crush and distribute the rock on the newly graded Cottonwood grade is expected this week to begin work which will make that dusty stretch at the top of the hill easier to travel by car. The upper part of the old grade has been lightened and the entire grade on this side is due for a coat of gravel it is understood.

GRASS FIRE EXCITES
Thursday afternoon a fire was started along the railroad track above town along the Flatt property once called the Hedrick place. The sage in the bottom was burned and the fire raced up the hill south and across the Martin place, now owned by McKean, which was in stubble. The city fire truck was called to aid in protecting the Bazzel and Holdaway residences.

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Norval Lane Chosen To Play In Hospital Benefit Game

Norval Lane, Moro's plunging back in three seasons of football has been chosen as a member of the East football team that will play against the West August 30 on the Pendleton Round-Up grounds for the benefit of the Shrine hospital.

Teams are high school graders led by rival coaches, Dan Rollins of Wallowa and Bill Patterson of Gervais. Lane will go to La Grande Sunday and join the East team which will practice at the College of Education field there with Roy Tatum as trainer. Practice will be two hours each morning and four each afternoon.

Norval Lane is a hard runner, a strong defensive line backer and a good passer and should see lots of action during the benefit game.

Noonan, Hartley Back From Korea

Corporal Clifton Carroll Noonan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan was expected home Thursday from Korea. He arrived at Seattle last Friday on a transport and received his discharge from the army earlier this week.

Harry Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley of Grass Valley arrived in San Francisco Monday of this week and will be home within a few days after his Korean experience.

Catherine Bish Put On Welfare Board

Appointment of Mrs. Catherine Bish of Wasco to the county welfare board was made this week by Governor Douglas McKay. She will succeed John Foss of Moro, who has served for many years on the board until his expressed desire to be relieved was accepted by the governor.

Midco Sale Draws Sixty Herefords

Entries for the show and sale of the Midco Hereford association closed this week with a total of 60 purebreds entered for the sale, which will be held at the Sherman county fairgrounds October 19-20.

The entire mid-Columbia area, as usual, is represented in the list of entrants of which there will be 41 bulls and 19 females. This year Herman Oliver, prominent Hereford breeder and stockman of John Day, will be judge and Ellis White of Ontario will auctioneer. The sales ring will be heated, making for the comfort of the bidders and spectators.

Bank Foundation In

The foundation for the new First National Bank building has been poured this week including the base for the vault. Construction will proceed rapidly from now on as pumice blocks will be used in part and they can be laid pretty fast.

4,000,000 bushel Crop Assured At Harvest End

It is now certain that Sherman county will harvest 4,000,000 bushels of grain before this harvest is ended. In fact, there is 3,500,000 bushels in the warehouses already and more is coming in every hour.

Figures on the crop are as follows: At Wasco Tuesday night 1,634,000 bushels had been taken in with expectancy of getting about 50,000 bushels more.

At Moro Saturday night there was 1,005,000 bushels under cover and 100,000 to 150,000 more expected with the total at about 1,150,000 when all is finished.

The Grass Valley Grain Grower elevators held 790,000 bushels by Saturday night and the expectancy is for around 500,000 bushels more for a total of about 1,300,000 bushels.

Should Wasco reach 1,700,000 or the others exceed the estimates of the managers the crop put in the elevators would be 4,200,000 bushels.

There is in excess of 200,000 bushels of farm storage in the county without figuring seed and feed, which, for the 130,000 acres of summerfallow will be another 200,000 bushels.

The warehoused crop is not as large as in 1948, the previous high year. Wasco had 1,900,000 bushels that year and other stations slightly more than this year.

There are no records to show any other year so large as this one except 1948. The average price will be \$2.16 and the wheat income for the county should be about \$9,000,000. It is not likely that the percapita income will reach \$5000 for the year although that is possible.

Patricia Kaseberg Honored At Shower

A linen shower in honor of Miss Patricia Kaseberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg of Wasco, was given at the Mitchell home last Thursday with Mesdames George Mitchell, A. B. Christianson, Wendell Balziger and Collis Moore as hostesses.

Richard Skiles, the groom to be, was represented by a stuffed football uniform. Refreshments were served on the lawn to about 50 guests. Present were Mrs. John Foss, grandmother of the bride to be and Phyllis Briggs of Portland a college friend of the honor guest.

Visitors Meet Here From Distant Places

Tuesday noon Walter W. R. May and wife were in town while looking over parts of eastern Oregon. Walter is editor of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, the Enterprise part being the fifth oldest paper in Oregon. And they accidentally met here Mr. and Mrs. William Thornily of San Francisco, manager of this area for J. Walter Thompson. Bill Thornily is a gatherer of old type and has bought tons of rare and obsolete type which he preserves and uses in his own private print shop in Seattle.



CANADA TO BUILD SEAWAY ALONE . . . In an exchange of notes at the state department in Washington, D.C., recently, Canada acted to go ahead alone with the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway and power development. The United States is not participating in the seaway project because congress, which has had it under debate for years, has never approved it. Left to right are Canadian Ambassador Hume Wrong, Canadian Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier and U.S. Secretary David Bruce.