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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Remember when we used to have to buy matches?

T T W N
If it is treason for McCarthy to attack General Marshall, what is it for Truman to attack General Eisenhower?

T T W N
Talk of getting out of Korea and leaving the job to the south Koreans is merely a way of admitting defeat.

T T W N
Great grandfather walked to the settlement once a month and heard talk of politics around the store; grandpa took a weekly newspaper and had to speed up his interest to keep pace. Dad took a daily paper and dabbled a little with radio at the end. Now grandson can check his political information by TV every hour; and is he in a dither.

T T W N
A researcher has discovered that meat buyers know little about grades and quality of meat. Almost any butcher could have told him that.

T T W N
Now each Portland daily has a B. Mike column or reasonable facsimile thereof; one has the man, the other the title. And after all it is a personal column such as every country paper has only written with more sharpness and closer to the libel line.

T T W N
Sherman county is to be congratulated. The announcement has been made that a monthly magazine will be started to extol the virtues and advantages of life in this county, and no doubt, the excellence of such of its citizens who procure mention therein. Inasmuch as the state of Oregon has never been able to sustain a magazine and no county has been able to do so it is indeed highly complimentary that Sherman, with less than 2300 persons as residents has been chosen by Mr. Stewart. It is evidence of his intrepidity and his modern disregard for the restrictions of economics and we congratulate him as well as the county.

T T W N
It is now thought that there may be discovered more than 50,000,000 reasons for voting as one wanted to anyway in the coming election.

T T W N
When and if the old Vaughn street baseball park is removed from Portland the same people who are trying to move it will be talking about the good old days at Vaughn street.

T T W N
Umatilla Indians are going to appear as background in a film entitled, "Sioux Uprising." Documentary, no doubt.

T T W N
Baseball having bowed out of the picture with one of the most dramatic of world series there will be more time for the presidential contest.

T T W N
Those who work with taxes find themselves occasionally accused of hating all taxes of any kind. They even accuse each other of such an anarchic attitude. One can take it either way, get to liking taxes and eventually become inured to socialism or get to hating taxes and be an individualist.

T T W N
Organizations are a fine thing in that they draw people together who are interested in the same things. Thus ordinary citizens know where to look for reformers, meddlers, savers, etc. in most any activity.

T T W N
Some die-hard internationalists are still moaning over the failure of this country to join the League of Nations after our first invasion of Europe. That caused the second invasion, they say. Yet we joined other nations after the second invasion and got into another war in five years. Smart cookies, these internationalists.

T T W N
"What's your wife", the fellow asks, "the kind that gets mad when he hears that women have no mechanical ability or does she take advantage of it?"

Dams, Crested Wheat, Varied Tillage Make Victory For John Decker as Conservation Man of the Year



(above)
Johnny Decker's big dam provides water for a bunch of Herefords, holds the run-off from a wide area, makes a home for ducks and geese and catfish as well as giving a community a place to learn about boats.

(left) John Decker and son, Arthur, in front of their present home which is soon to be superseded by the fine, large home being built on the hillside and shown below.



John J. Decker, 39 year old Kent farmer, third generation operator of the same acres, is soil conservation man of the year for Sherman county.

The story of the soil conservation activities on the Decker farm southeast of Kent goes back quite a ways, back to 1939 when Decker built a small dam in the draw above his farm buildings to improve the water supply and help out the garden in dry summers.

The next year he built with SCS help a big rock faced dirt dam in the field south of the house a mile or so. It drains a large area of the reasonably flat country on Mackin flat. The wet years of the 1940s filled the dam so that catfish were planted, ducks stopped on their flight and geese made occasional calls. Neighbors bought boats with which to move about on it and the Decker dam was the recreation spot in the south end of the county.

Many Plows Used
This year the water in the dam is lower than usual but it still provides ample water for 150 cattle kept on the Decker 6000 acres. Other dams have been built since 1940 but they are smaller.

In addition to dam building Decker's right to the soil conservation award comes from his system of fallow. He does his plowing with bottom plows or with tillers and this year he made his summer fallow by double disking twice. Conditions of the soil and weather are the basis for his decisions.

This year he has moisture in his fallow but he will not seed until later because early seed-ling is not a habit of Kent farmers. He has been growing Golden wheat following the long time liking for Forty-Fold in that area. He grew 27 and 29 bushels this year on different fields, almost double the average yield in the drought ridden thirties. There are 1750 acres tilled and 150 acres in Crested Wheat grass that produces early feed for cattle.

Family Long Residents
Johnny Decker's grandfather came to Sherman county from Canada, in his first years he raised hay, hauling it to Shaniko to feed the freight teams that haul wool to the rail head there. He bought out Ted Hannifin, early day sheep man and other neighbors until he and his son accumulated the 6000 acres now in the farm.

Arthur J. Decker, Johnny's father, took the shock of the poor years and his advice to John when the boy returned home from high school in Portland was to join the navy and forget farming. But the navy didn't appeal to the lad who took the farm and made it pay.

Now he has a new barn, a big machine shed to house the modern machinery and a shop to keep it in repair, and will soon have a large modern house, the equal of any farm home anywhere. Also on the place is a bangar for a Piper four place plane and garages for motor vehicles used in farming and travel.

John Decker has one sister, Mrs. Hazel Sears in California. He married Marguerite Mitchell, daughter of the late William Mitchell, then a neighbor, and until later because early seed-ling they have three children, Arthur

City Caucus Puts Names on Ballot For City Offices

A group of 17 persons met for the previously announced city caucus Tuesday night and nominated a slate of prospective city office holders to be known as the Moro People's ticket.

Vern Arstall was chairman of the meeting and Mrs. John Parker secretary, both being named by the caucus itself.

Several were nominated for office who were present and who declined to serve. Left as nominees were:

For mayor: Vern Arstall, Dewey Thompson, Vernon Platt.

For councilmen, 2 years: Darwin Van Gilder, Tom Monroe, Paul Cyphers.

For councilmen, 4 years: Ivan Kirkelle, Bill Hall, W. T. Bal-siger, Glen Virtue. (Mr. Bal-is not sure that he is a resident and has expressed a wish to not be considered.)

For treasurer 2 years: Robert Marvin, John Parker.

No council meeting was held as but two present members were on hand but a special meeting has been called for Tuesday, October 14.

Wasco To Caucus

T. Lester Johnson, mayor of Wasco, announces that there will be a public caucus at the city hall in Wasco, Monday night, October 13 for the purpose of nominating candidates for city office. Offices vacant are that of mayor, six councilmen, a treasurer and a recorder. All terms are for two years. All Wasco citizens are eligible to take part.

Wasco News

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

The city council held a special meeting recently to elect a new city marshal. Walter Eaton was chosen and will hold that position for the time being. Elmer Hill's plan to build several moats this year was also approved. He will build more later but expects to finish that many now.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schwendel have finished painting their house, garage and tool shed.

All the McCall had luck has come at once. Monday evening Clayton's power wagon turned over on him and Tuesday morning Jimmy fell from the jungle bars at school and was confined to the hospital several days with shock and a slight concussion.

Mrs. Donna Vaughan and daughter Lily spent the weekend in Portland.

Mrs. Vieda Van Gaasbeck left Thursday for an indefinite stay at the Blalock ranch where she will care for her grandchildren Betty and Gary, while their parents, go hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKee have purchased a new automatic washer and dryer for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman are living on the John Robinson ranch with him, helping with the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg spent several days in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Booth of Grants Pass are parents of a baby girl weighing 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces. She has been named Debra Kay. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mote of Grants Pass. Dick formerly attended school here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Bert Watkins and John Foss were called away on the death of their brother in law, George Madison at Modesto, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer left Friday for Sweet Home where they will hunt with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Abbott and Jerry Hunk of Portland.

Wasco weekly calendar: H. E. club Oct. 13, 2 p. m. at Mrs. Belvi Galloway, Rufus; Girl Scouts, October 13 at club room; Wednesday bridge club October 15 at Mrs. John Hildebrand; Womens Society of Christian Service October 15 at Mrs. Robert Bish; Eastern Star October 14 at the Masonic hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews spent ten days recently helping his son and daughter in law, the Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews, a discussion of some of the on their recently purchased farm measures to appear on the No-near Portland. They left Friday for a hunting trip.

15, a sophomore in high school, Nancy 13, and Donald 9. He was surprised at being informed that he was conservation man of the year saying he felt others had done more, but his consistent work at the practical conservation methods to improve his farm won the recognition.

Tax Notices Out For 52-53; Bigger Than Ever Before

Tax statements were mailed out this week by the sheriff's office and taxpayers found out what it cost to be a citizen this year. Those who find themselves charged with taxes on transferred property may have an adjustment made if property has been sold or traded. Some transfers do not get on the books in time.

Property owners in Moro will pay the highest rate, a whacking 72.3 mills. In Grass Valley the total millage will be 42.0; in Wasco 47.7 and in Kent 40.1. City property does not pay the six mills for special road tax.

The tax is the highest ever levied in the county, a total of \$120,576.08 which is to be divided \$58,143.99 for general fund, \$42,286.54 for general roads, \$58,537.99 for special roads, \$243,134.68 for schools and \$18,472.88 for city taxes.

Payment can be made until November 15 and a discount of three percent taken. After that date the discount is reduced.

MORO WINS FROM IONE

By James Griggs

Moro on October 3 extended its winning streak to two games by winning from Ione 18-7. In the sun at 90 degrees Moro received from Ione. Rodney Rolfe took the kick-off but couldn't make any yardage. Moro was forced to kick with Danny Duncan doing the kicking. After Ione was forced to kick Moro started downfield and Harold Duncan made a touchdown with an end run. Larry Kaseberg failed to kick the conversion. Ione took the ball and marched downfield for a touchdown. The first half ended with the score Ione 7 Moro 6.

After a pep talk by Coach Disch at halftime, Moro looked a lot better in the second half. Moro kicked off to Ione; Says intercepted a pass from Ione and Moro was deep in Ione territory when Rodney tried a pass and got it intercepted. Ione couldn't get going in the second half and Moro went into Ione territory when Saxton, playing fullback took the ball all the way to the six inch line. On the next play Rolfe took the ball over for a touchdown on a quarter-back sneak. Ione had a rough time when they got hold of the ball. Ross Norton intercepted a pass and Moro had to kick. Ione took the ball and Kelley Wilson intercepted a pass. Moro had to kick again but Danny Duncan did a good job of kicking and kept Ione way down in their own territory.

When Moro got hold of the ball again they went all the way. DeWayne Duncan went through the middle of the line for Moro's third touchdown. Although the conversion point wasn't made.

REPUBLICANS STILL LEAD

Registration of voters in Sherman county is 1303 for the general election next November 4, according to county clerk Marie Hoskinson. Of these 714 are Republican & 581 Democrat. Eight are of other political faith. In two years Republicans have gained 48 and Democrats 49.

DEER HIDES WANTED

Any deer hunters having hides with no use for them may give the hides to James Dyer, Moro, who is gathering them for the Cello Indians who will use them to make gloves and other salable articles.

REV. HANSON COMING

Rev. Henry Hansen will preach at the Moro Community church Sunday morning and afterward there will be a congregational meeting to decide on employment of a new minister.

FLOWERS ATTRACT MANY

More than 150 visitors appeared at the experiment station last Sunday to take a look at chrysanthemum gardens of Mrs. George Mitchell. They came from as far as Morrow and Wasco counties. The flowers are still beautiful and anyone may call to see them still.

MEASURES TALK DUE

The next meeting of the Moro Boosters club will be held Wednesday morning at 6:30 at the home of Mrs. Arthur Watkins, Mrs. Lloyd Royce, Mrs. E. W. Cardinal and Mrs. John Fulton.

Mrs. Estrella Hailey gave a resume of the constitution. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Norman Gochauer.

County Calves Place High At Pacific Show

Sherman countians placed high at the Pacific International at Portland this week justifying the opinion of stockmen that the calves shown at the Sherman county fair would go high at any show.

Steven Burnet, 11 years old, placed his heavy Angus in second place in the Angus division, being beaten only by the calf that became grand champion of the P. I. It was owned by Hal Hamilton of Chehalis, Wn. Steven's other Angus placed fifth in the heavy Angus.

Sally Fields placed first in the 960-1000 pound Hereford class and also first in the 1010-1070 Hereford class in which Sharon Coons placed third with her steer. Merle Eakin, former Sherman countian, won the Shorthorn division.

Sherman county's herd was third best of the show. Jean Ross won a sterling silver tray as high scorer in the Angus class, given by the Angus Auxiliary. In showmanship for juniors Steven Burnet was first, Jean Ross, second, Harry Eakin ninth and Sally Fields 11th. Hal Hamilton won this event also.

For sheep Joann Ross took fourth in the Southdown fat lamb division and Jean Ross placed sixth. Joann also won a grade of prime on her pen of three lambs.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Moro Missionary society met at the church Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. George Mitchell hostess.

Following 2:00 o'clock dessert, Mrs. Russell Belashee presided at a business meeting. The report of the rummage sale held in The Dalles last week showed \$190.00 cleared. Mrs. Clare Axtell continues to collect "General Mills" coupons to purchase silverware for the church and would appreciate contributions from anyone.

Mrs. Max Barzee had charge of the program, which was a movie shown by Russell Belashee, "And Now Tomorrow", showing the history of national missions and of the nation, and how they progressed together, for the last 150 years.

BANK HAS BIG DEPOSIT

Figures released by the Sherman County branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on September 30, 1952, deposits at the branch were \$2,249,844 and loans were \$189,520. Branch manager Bon Christenson made the announcement in keeping with First National's policy of releasing statement of condition figures quarterly.

Comparable totals for the branch for September 30, 1951 were released at the same time, showing deposits were \$1,932,807 and loans amounting to \$120,081 on that date.

On September 30, 1952, deposits at First National Bank of Portland, with its 48 statewide offices, were \$575,475,827, loans \$303,315,135 and resources amounted to \$630,109,215.

All three figures represent substantial increases over the quarterly report of September 30, 1951. First National Bank president F. N. Belgrano Jr., said. The figures represent an increase over September 30, 1951 of \$54,801,115 in deposits, \$29,982,658 in loans and \$63,685,990 in resources.

WASCO WOMEN INSTALL

The Wasco Woman's Study club held its first fall meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, Friday, October 3.

The new officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. Estrella Hailey as follows: Mrs. T. Lester Johnson, president; Mrs. Robert Bish, vice-president; Mrs. Vinton Watkins, secretary.

Each of the new officers were presented with a corsage and Mrs. Leonard Fields, outgoing president, presented Mrs. T. Lester Johnson with the Oregon Federation club pin. Corsages were also presented to several guests that were present.

Four new members were accepted into the club. They were Mrs. Arthur Watkins, Mrs. Lloyd Royce, Mrs. E. W. Cardinal and Mrs. John Fulton.

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