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These Things We Note

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He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this also is vanity. Ecclesiastes 5:10

T T W N
A prominent Democratic state senator bemoans the fact that Oregon legislators do not divide on politically partisan grounds. Observation is that they divide enough on geographical, city and country, conservative and radical grounds to suit almost everyone.

T T W N
Snow fell almost exactly a month earlier this year than has been the average in recent years. That doesn't mean that it will leave a month earlier.

T T W N
The transfer of government from theorists to solid thinkers is getting along well and is sure to be helpful.

T T W N
Oveta Culp Hobby is a woman with odd names. She seems much saner than those who did the naming.

T T W N
It beats all how much a person can eat if he will just recall Thanksgiving comes but once a year.

T T W N
We doubt if there will be much change in the move toward taxation of co-operatives because of the elevation of Ezra Benson to be secretary of agriculture. Mr. Benson is a former co-op manager. A large part of the movement is for the purpose of pointing out the bad features of taxing corporation income twice.

T T W N
A Portland cab driver took a fare to LaGrande and back to Portland without being able to collect. From the accounts it appears that the driver was more outraged at the inability of the fare to fiddle than at the loss of the money.

T T W N
Orlando was the last of the four men who made the world over 30 and more years ago. We wonder if, as he grew older and wiser, he didn't often consider that a piece of egotistic vanity.

T T W N
What indignities European nations put up with from Americans for a slice of cold cash.

T T W N
You can growl about it if you want to but if you don't get old you are dead.

T T W N
We wonder if it is any fun to live in a town and not be a part of it.

T T W N
Does Vishinsky realize the admission he is making by speaking for China?

T T W N
It is most peculiar that the state department would have little or nothing to do with the hiring of persons to work in the United Nations offices. The whole business of objection to the kind of persons who work there looks now to be building up toward opposition to the UN on general principles. Russia is making a sort of international forum of it, probably to a better degree of propaganda than we are doing and actually the nations of the UN are fighting each other in battle while meeting regularly in what was foretold would be international amity. The theorists, and those who think that there must be an organization before there can be peace, were probably wrong again.

T T W N
The Communists tried and condemned some persons as traitors and we thought it terrible; we tried and condemned the Rosenbergs as traitors and thought it terrible. Perhaps there could be an international concept of justice but that can hardly come before the peoples of the world have the same concepts about many other things as well.

T T W N
The way the present administration acts one would think they want to get rid of the responsibility involved in running the country. In the shape its in that is possible.

Table Rock Where Rogue River Indians Made Peace - 1856



In 1853 the Rogue River Indians committed widespread depredations throughout the Rogue River Valley. Encamped at the base of Table Rock they were attacked by Major Kearney and a company of California Riflemen which attack was repulsed. Volunteers from mining camps and settlements came to the rescue, headed by General Joseph Lane. The Indians were badly beaten and asked for an armistice to conclude a peace treaty. Lane, accompanied by 10 other unarmed men including General Joel Palmer, superintendent of Indian Affairs, went into the Indian camp at the base of the perpendicular walls, fixed the basis of the proposed treaty which was signed in 1856, and the Indians were moved onto Reservations.

About the County being items of neighbors you know or know about

Annie Fulton chapter No. 124 held a stated communication November 25. The past Ruths were honored with a story of Ruth's life, read by Betty Thomas. Past Ruths Ethel Van Gilder, Mildred McDonald, Nerine Fields, Helen Watkins, and the present Ruth, Betty Thomas, were given mementos by the worthy matron, Helen Bruckert. At the close of chapter a film on Ruth's life was shown by Lawrence Kaseberg with his movie projector. Refreshments were served by Nerine Fields and Betty Thomas. Next meeting December 9 election of officers will be held.

Leonard Morris was surprised on his 65th birthday, November 24 by a group of friends including Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rothery, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long and Mrs. Joe Drinkard. The evening was spent playing canasta and visiting. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Mrs. Reid made and decorated the birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alley and son, Douglas of Moro were dinner guests Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family went to Moro Thanksgiving for dinner at the Clair Balzer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco were dinner and over night guests Thanksgiving day at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son Wendell and their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marsh and son Richard of Hood River were dinner guests Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. The Marshs returned to their home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and sons, Jerry and Ronald, went to Hood River Thursday and spent Thanksgiving and the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allegre.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children Doug and Barbara left Wednesday to spend their Thanksgiving vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dumlér in Salem. Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab and Arlene and Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster and son were also guests of the Dumlérs in Salem. The Medlers returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab visited during the holidays their daughter Kay who is at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland taking therapy treatments for a recent attack of polio. From recent reports, it will be some time before Kay can walk again, although the doctor says she can come home for a week at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward of The Dalles were overnight visitors of his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rothery last week.

Property Owners Asked To Meet With Commission

Sherman county land and property owners are invited to discuss equalization of property, both real and personal, for assessment purposes, 1:30 p. m. Friday, December 12, at the county court house in Moro.

The Land Economics committee of the Sherman County Agriculture Planning Council is sponsoring the meeting to obtain ideas and opinions of all Sherman county taxpayers.

The committee has called this meeting to acquaint taxpayers with differences in values between properties. The Land Economics group objectives are to study and present to the County Court and Board of Equalization plans to correct differences in property value.

From the state tax commission Harry J. Loggan engineer and commissioner Samuel B. Stewart, are expected to attend and discuss state equalization programs in other counties.

Clair L. Balzer, county assessor will discuss the present conditions in Sherman county.

Dewey Thompson, chairman of the Land Economics committee, will preside. Mr. Thompson will outline the program of the committee and extends an invitation to all interested people to attend.

School District Sells Bonds at 1.89 % Awaits Bids

The \$310,000 worth of bonds for the new Moro high school building were sold to the First National Bank at the school meeting Tuesday night. The successful bid was at a price that will bring the interest rate to 1.89 percent. The state of Oregon and the U. S. National bank made bids also.

The bonds were found at 135 feet at the new high school site last week and a test will be made today according to reports. The water raised to the ten foot level indicating to water experts that pumping should be no problem.

Bids for the construction of the school house will be opened December 19 and it is hoped that work on the new building can begin shortly after.

County Taxes Distributed; Most Money Involved

The sheriff has turned the November tax collections over to the treasurer who sends it to the taxing units. It was the largest tax collection in the county, larger even than in the days when the state had to be paid out of property taxes.

Total sum levied against property owners of the county was \$422,528.09. Already collected is \$407,984.88 but only \$395,769.89 went to the treasurer because \$12,214.99 was rebated to taxpayers who paid their taxes in full by the first collection date.

The rural school district got by far the most money, taking \$222,303.54 of the \$395,769.89, and losing \$6,861.70 in rebates in the collection.

Next comes the special road fund which got \$55,439.59. The county general fund got \$54,827.68 with which to pay for ordinary expenses of county government. Next on the list is Road District No. 1, being the rural part of the county, which has \$36,959.61 from the taxes. Most school districts get their funds from the RSB but Rufus collected an additional \$3,259.47; Kent \$2,338.50; Moro \$1,352.90.

The other road districts obtained some money; Wasco getting \$1,260.46; Moro \$961.13 and Flyer, EMF, Flanders, Buick, White Steamers, Apperson, Overland, Marion, Paige and Locomobile as well as some that stood the test of business management and are extant today.

To younger members of the club it was history; to older members it was memory as Fancher told of early tire troubles, mechanical defects, deplorable roads. Those were the days when a car driver had to be a mechanic to return from a long trip.

Wendell Balsiger introduced Mr. Fancher upon request of George Mitchell, president.

Snow Brings .36 inch Moisture, Bad Roads

Snow fell Sunday night, slowly and deliberately, and brought .36 inch moisture. It also broke the cold spell although not until Monday had kept the chill on the county with an east wind. Weather reports intimate that it may rain and temperatures are such that it might.

Road conditions were very bad Monday and Tuesday, but thawing cleared the highways of snow by Wednesday noon.

Checking on the temperature for November showed that it was the coldest November on record at the local station. In fact it was three degrees colder than ever before in that month. Mean temperature was 31.5 degrees for the month.

There is a little more optimism about the snow and resulting moisture and a great deal of wishing for more.

GORDON FRASER TO LONDON
Gordon Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser, is now secretary of the International Wheat Council with headquarters in London, having moved from Germany where he was head of the food and agriculture division under the U. S. high commissioner.

Gordon was home last spring for a visit and spent a month here for the first time in years.

MORO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETEERS START
The Moro High school basketball team plays its first game of the season Saturday at The Dalles when it takes part in the annual Jamboree for "B" schools in this area.

Moro is a member of the Cascade league and has the following schedule: December 6, Jamboree, The Dalles; December 10, St. Mary's at The Dalles; December 12, Trout Lake at Trout Lake; December 13, Rufus at Grass Valley; December 19, Mosier at Grass Valley; January 2, Trout Lake at Grass Valley; January 3, Fossil at Fossil; January 9, Dufur at Dufur; January 16, Maupin at Maupin; January 17, Rufus at Rufus; January 23, Cascade Locks at Grass Valley; January 30, St. Mary's at Grass Valley; February 6, Mosier at Mosier; February 7, Arlington at Arlington; February 13, Dufur at Grass Valley; February 20, Maupin at Grass Valley; February 27, Cascade Locks at Cascade Locks.

First string is made up of Rod Rolfe, captain, a guard; Harold Duncan and Doug Alley centers; Harold Brown, Kelly Wilson, Ross Norton, Danny Duncan, forwards; Larry Kaseberg, Don Miller and Don Smith guards.

The second string, which will also play games, are Gene Knott, Gordon Helyer, Ivan Kirkelle, George Kelley, Gary Miller, James Griggs, Edwin Balsiger, Ron Rolfe and Arden Peters. Jerry Disch is coach.

Anecdotes of Early Autos Please Boosters

Back into automobile history to the Model T and beyond went the members of the Moro Boosters Wednesday morning, led by Hal Fancher of The Dalles, who started driving a car 50 years ago, and demonstrated his ability by coming up over

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Sign Dark Because Of Power Shortage

The large "1st" neon electric sign at the Sherman county branch of the First National Bank of Portland, along with all other First National branch signs throughout the state, were turned off this week to assist in the conservation of power during the critical shortage facing the Northwest. Bon Christianson, manager of the branch announced. The order was given by F. N. Belgrano, Jr., president of the statewide banking institution, and is in keeping with the requests of power officials to turn off all such lighting.

Solomon Installation Sunday Feature

This Sunday evening the Presbytery of Portland will install the Rev. Alfred W. Solomon as pastor of the Moro Community Presbyterian church. The community is invited to the service, which will begin at 7:00 p. m. in the church sanctuary.

The installation sermon will be given by Dr. Morgan Odell, president of Lewis and Clark college. Acting as Moderator of the Presbytery, and propounding the constitutional questions will be Dr. Frank Shoemaker, pastor of Millard Avenue Presbyterian church of Portland. He will also give the charge to the pastor. The installation prayer and scripture reading will be given by the Rev. John Phillips, pastor of Smith Memorial Presbyterian church of Fairview. Mr. Phillips will also give the charge to the congregation.

After the service, there will be a fellowship time at the church under the direction of the Missionary society.

"Getting Prepared for Christmas" will be Mr. Solomon's sermon topic for Sunday's 11 a. m. worship service.

METHODISTS AT G. V.
Rev. H. Gravenor of the Wasco Methodist church announces Sunday December 7 as family night with 6 p. m. potluck dinner and 7 p. m. program with Christmas films. Also divine worship at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon December 7, at 3 o'clock.

MRS. ESTHER MORRIS BURIED AT BEND

Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Cushman Morris were held in Bend last Saturday following her death from a probable heart attack. She had written some letters for her husband, Irvine, and collapsed, dying before she reached the hospital. Mrs. Morris was born near Moro and attended the schools here. Surviving are her widower and a son, Donald, now a radio announcer in Hood River.

CHEAP BEEF JUST AS NUTRITIOUS

There is no relationship between nutritive value and grade in beef, according to Agnes Kolshorn, extension nutrition specialist at OSC.

When the housewife pays a premium price for the higher grades of beef she actually isn't getting any more nutrition than she would if she bought the lower grades, Miss Kolshorn points out.

Several things may be checked to determine tenderness of beef. Grade and cut give an indication of probable tenderness. Rib and loin cuts of U. S. prime and choice grades are ordinarily tender. Fine-textured, lean meat that has red, porous bones and is well-marbled with fat will usually be tender, explains Miss Kolshorn.

There are several cuts, less expensive than round, that the homemaker may use for grinding. Cuts from the chuck, brisket, flank, plate, shank, and neck are suitable for hamburger and other ground meat dishes.

Another problem the homemaker faces when cooking is shrinkage. Miss Kolshorn's answer is to cook at low to moderate temperature all or most of the cooking time and to not overcook.

DAMAGE CASE DISMISSED; NO JURY

The case of Rice vs Bacon which was over the death of Wycliffe Rice on the Maryhill Christmas films. Also divine worship at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon December 8 as was possible until the settlement.