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These Things We Note

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At the Wheat league meeting there was talk of pilaff (pronounced all the way from peel-off to pie-laf). It is correctly a Turkish word that came from Persia where it was pronounced pilaw and was boiled rice and meat. Reason for the interest at the league is that wheat can be substituted for rice. First the wheat is boiled and dried, then cracked into rice-sized pieces. It is resistant to weevil and keeps in humid climates making it usable for the peoples of southeast Asia. The general idea is that by making wheat as similar to rice as possible it would be easier to get the Indians, Burmese and others to start using it, thus creating a market for wheat. Those countries are short of rice now so the idea makes sense. Cooks who would like to surprise husbands with a dish of pilaff may have trouble finding it on the market unless they know a grocer with connections in the far or middle east.

T T W N
A speaker the other day in talking of the sights of old Boston mentioned the ducking stool, a contrivance that included a stool on one end of a long board hinged in the middle. The pilgrims used it as a cure, remedy or punishment for nagging wives, who were ducked an appropriate number of times for committing the sin of nagging. Now you know what they mean when they refer to the good old days.

T T W N
The military must seem almost too much to prospective cabinet members who were dropped from helicopters like ammunition.

T T W N
Harry Truman is discovering we learn by reading the papers, that fame is fleeting. It is most often the office that is important, not the man. Few can retire or be retired gracefully.

T T W N
We wonder what has happened to cooks who knew how to cook hash brown potatoes.

T T W N
Japan has advanced remarkably since having western ways forced upon it. It now has a strike that cut off heat and services.

T T W N
The only ones who have enough money to buy the fine modern furniture are the ones who have no time to use it.

T T W N
Cigarette smoke increases cancer in mice. Did you ever see a mouse smoking a cigarette?

T T W N
That soldier from India who has hair a yard long and wishes to keep it even in the army is going to be pretty conspicuous when he gets scared and it all stands on end.

T T W N
Announcement that legislative committees are to be screened from the public by glass partitions strikes us as a bit of legislative asininity. Visitors at legislative committee meetings are invariably courteous and usually quiet. And if they're not, who has a better right?

T T W N
The other day we were reading a story that had in it a red mare. We didn't know the horse had slipped so far that writers had to drop the word hay to be understood.

T T W N
Only places serving food will be able to serve liquor by the drink according to the new amendment the people approved November 4. Would it be possible to classify beer as a food?

T T W N
When we have time we have no life and when we have life we have no time.

T T W N
We think Germany will be a fine place for Dorothy Lee to forget the election.

T T W N
There is something very typical about the desires to obtain General MacArthur's peace plan. Eisenhower asked for it; Truman demanded it. Eisenhower may be able to use it; Truman can't.

Rock Crusher Argument Ended At Joint Session

The argument over a rock crusher for the county apparently ended Wednesday afternoon when the county court and four members of the five man committee met at the court house to hear objections of Donald Martin, county commissioner.

Martin wanted to know what the county would do for money if it spent \$28,500 for a crusher, more money to operate it, put \$11,000 into the road from Wasco to Root's corner, built the Gerking canyon-Scott canyon cut-off, kept up the maintenance and did some other things on the road program.

Disagreement Stated

Other members of the court, answered his questions, not all ways to his satisfaction, but apparently to the satisfaction of the majority. It was said by Judge Tom that it was impossible to hire rock crushed for less than \$2.25 per yard and that only in 20,000 yard lots. Charley Kuypers said that the purpose of the special fund was to get rock for roads.

Others argued that it would be possible to get rock crushed in small amounts in many places in the county with a portable crusher such as has been bought. Visualized by Kuypers (who agreed to operate the crusher when it doesn't interfere with his farm work) is that sites would be within six miles of each other, cutting the haul to three miles. The saving on hauling, he says, will cut the operation cost of the crusher.

19 Yds. Per Hour Capacity

The new crusher is a 15 x 24 Rogers powered by a TD18 diesel motor. It is mounted on two trailers and is readily portable. When crushing rock as contemplated it will provide 19 yards per hour and turn out about half 1 1/2 inches and the other half below 2 1/2 inch. When used for larger rock it will produce around 40 yards per hour, according to the specifications. The court members, C. A. Tom, Lester Wilson, Kenneth Martin and newly elected commissioner, Kenneth Sather and the five man board members, A. C. Kaseberg, W. S. Holmes, Charles Kuypers and Russell Belshee, spent much time over drawings of the crusher with the usual interest in power machinery evinced by Sherman county farmers.

First Set at Grass Valley

It is contemplated that the crusher will first be set up on the road east of Grass Valley. It is expected about the first of February.

Albert Kaseberg explained that he had long been opposed to the purchase of heavy road machinery for the county but that the program for use of this crusher had convinced him that it was a feasible way to get rock on roads more efficiently than under the old system and that he was willing to go along with the idea. That seemed to express the opinion of the others although not all had opposed the purchase of heavy machinery.

City Has Water Trouble; Expects Pump

The city of Moro, or a part thereof, was out of water Monday when the main down Main street broke and was not repaired until Tuesday. Settling of the new dirt over the washout under the Ginn-Coleman building caused the break.

The shovel from the Wamic Lumber company is here this week to complete the job of rapping the ditch along the Moro Grain Growers garage. Old concrete foundation from DeMoss will be used for the job if sufficient and similar foundations are available if needed. More rock was taken from back of the bank building preparatory to doing the city job.

All pipe is in to connect the new well to the city mains and the Pump Pipe and Power company have reported that their crew will be here as soon as possible to install the pump. Blasting of rock for the head house has been done. It will cover the valves, the meter and the switch panel and be large enough to permit working in it.

No Suit, No Santa; No Santa, No Christmas; Help!

The Harlandview grange has lost its Santa Claus suit. In a desire to be Santa Claus to some other group they loaned the suit, now it is gone, stuffed in some strange closet and forgotten like Santa himself eleven months of the year. Now Santa Claus without a suit would just be Uncle Bill or the neighbor man. So, if there's to be Christmas at Harlandview someone must rack his or her memory as to what became of Santa's clothes.

Rain Bring Month's Moisture to 1.60

Rain registered 1.24 inches since last week making the total for December 1.60 inch. Normal for the month is 1.63 so the weather man has apparently relented in his desire to dry out the country. The first three months of the crop year produced but a mere .91 inch. Average for the first four months is 5.09.

Pomona Grange Holds Last '52 Meet

Charles Burnett, master presided when the Sherman county Pomona grange opened its business meeting Saturday afternoon at the Rufus grange hall. Wasco county Pomona master Walter Webb and Mrs. Webb were guests and conducted to the master's station. The master called upon the Agricultural and Legislative committees to report. Rufus grange gave their report. The secretary, Mrs. Atlee Wilson said 95 members were on the roll last quarter with sixteen gained this quarter. Harlandview grange's report said they had 99 members. They had lost five and gained five during the quarter. The resolutions were acted upon according to the advice of Dewey Thompson, resolution chairman. The Harlandview grange extended an invitation for Rufus to come there at the next Pomona meeting in February. For the lecturers hour, Mrs. George Fox had all sing "Whispering Hope" with Mrs. Howard Ross at the piano. A skit "The Letter" was presented by Mrs. Roland Johnson, the mother. Mrs. Harland McDonald as the father and Mrs. Will Huck as the daughter. Mrs. Trace Fields gave a reading "We Bought a Cow". Mrs. Walter Webb and Mrs. Joe Bryant tied in a tongue twister contest. Howard Belshee spoke his first poem and gave a vocal solo accompanied by Mrs. Belshee on the piano. Mrs. Atlee Wilson read "Ranchers Rat Season". A skit "Making a Turkey Coop" was put on by George Fox, Sam Brock and Will Huck. Charles Burnett was the speaker. He spoke on the National grange master's message. To wind up the program Dewey Thompson showed some of his movie pictures taken at state grange. Then the master called the grange in recess until the evening session.

COUNTY AGENTS' NOTES

Soil sterilant demonstration plots on morning glory were established last week on Red McIntyre and Gordon Johnson's farms. Sodium Chlorate at 4 to 6 pounds per square rod and polyborchlorate at 15 pounds per square rod were applied. These plots will be watched in the years ahead to observe lasting effect and job accomplished with materials used.

Cheatgrass along road banks is a troublesome menace to most county farmers. To observe effectiveness of various materials applications were made last week in two different locations. C.M.U. a new soil sterilant desirable for grass type plants was applied at 10, 20 and 40 pounds per acre in a wettable form. IPC, both regular and Chloro, was used at 4 pound per acre rate in a wettable form.

Plots were established on the Wasco road toward Klondike and beyond the Fairgrounds south of Moro. The Wasco plots were not burned while the Moro plot area had previously been rid of vegetation by burning. TCA a grass killing material will be applied in the spring adjacent to the other material applied.

Taxpayers Meet Start of Aid to Reappraisal

The meeting of taxpayers to be held Friday at the court house is designed to be the first public source of information about the state's appraisal of real property. The work has authority of law behind it as it has received legislative approval.

Purpose of the state is to have all property in the state appraised inasmuch as little has been done in recent years to revalue property and many changes have taken place.

Local persons interested in the program feel that the residents of the county should assist the program and to a degree direct it. At this first public meeting will be Harry Logan, appraisal engineer of the state tax commission and Sam Stewart, newly appointed member of the commission, who is in charge of real property taxation.

Average Valuation Low

Average valuation of land in Sherman county on the tax rolls is \$21.20 which compares with adjoining counties very well. The state tax commission has given the county a ratio of .53, meaning that the local valuation is 53 percent of the true cash value. Thus the true cash value of the average farm acre is \$40 a figure that is not realistic under present conditions.

How far it is advisable to raise the valuation is the question to be decided. Whatever is done must be done in relation to valuations in other counties. The passage of the six mill limitation, although only a law and not a constitutional amendment, has reduced the danger that high assessments might do to property in case of a state property tax.

Womans' Club Has Annual Silver Tea

The Moro Woman's club held its annual silver tea at the church social room last Thursday afternoon. The hostesses were Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. Anna Moore and Mrs. Sophia Dodson. Benefits of over forty dollars will be divided between the W.C.T.U. children's farm home near Corvallis and the Doernbecher hospital in Portland. Later, the club received a special donation of fifty dollars for Doernbecher hospital from Mrs. Esta Powell.

The business session included requests by the welfare department for Christmas gifts for the patients at the state hospital in Pendleton and Salem, and for the veterans hospital at Roseburg.

These gifts should be wrapped attractively and contents described by attached note. They may be left at the Ranch and Home Store before December 20.

Mrs. Orlow Martin was director of the program. The primary students of the school sang a group of Christmas songs, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Beachler.

Mrs. Walter Bruckert gave an interesting demonstration of sugar decorations on cakes, making roses, bells, etc. Mrs. Homer Townsend led the group in singing Christmas carols. The attractive tea table featured the holiday motif. Pouring the tea and coffee were Mrs. Alfred Solomon and Mrs. Orville Hockman.

New School Well Tests Well

The test on the new school well south of Moro showed that it would produce 125 gallons per minute, said Lloyd Henrichs, school board chairman, who has been watching the drilling operations carefully. When testing began water was within four feet of the top of the well and at 125 gallons per minute it stayed as 58 feet. Depth of well is 135 feet. At 60 gallons per minute test, which is probably all that will be needed, the water would raise to near the top. The test was felt to be ample indication that the well is fully satisfactory.

Choir Plans Cantata For Christmas Season Observance

The choir of the Community church will give its annual Christmas cantata Wednesday night, December 17 at the church with "Music of Christmas" the title.

There will be selections by the choir and a vocal solo by Betty Banks entitled "No Candle Was There" by Lehman. Mrs. Velma McKean and Mrs. Genevieve Powell will sing "And There Were Shepherds". Miss Dorothy Beachler is the director of the choir.

Westminster Group Announces Dinner

Sunday, (the 14th) evening at 5:30, there will be a Christmas family potluck dinner at Moro Community church. Sponsored by the Senior Westminster Fellowship, under the moderatorship of Doug Alley, the families of the community are cordially invited. Special guests will be parents of the young people of the fellowship. Feature of the evening will be presentation of the Christmas radio play, "A Christmas Day in Jerusalem", as recorded by the youth of the church.

Called "A Christmas play that is different", with no appearance of shepherds, wise men, or angels, it is said to present real food for thought on the real meaning of Christmas. General director and producer is Beulah Townsend with Dorothy Beachler as sound effects technician and Andy Paulson as recording director.

Wednesday evening, December 17, the choir of the Moro Community church presents its annual Christmas worship program. The cantata, "The Music of Christmas", by Ira B. Wilson, will be sung, as well as a number of Christmas anthems, and solo and duet numbers. Director is Dorothy Beachler, and Helen Sayrs is organist.

MORO BASKETEERS IN JAMBOREE

Moro's basketeers played in the jamboree at The Dalles Saturday night for their first venture into competition in the Cascade league for the season. They won from Dufur rather handily and although holding a long lead over St. Mary's for a time, finally lost. St. Mary's won the contest beating Cascade Locks for the title after Cascade Locks won from Maupin.

ARTHUR W. SPENCER



Arthur W. Spencer, 69, died Tuesday while being taken to a hospital in The Dalles. He was born November 22, 1883 at Bedford, Iowa, and had been a resident of Sherman county since early in this century.

He lived west of Wasco at the head of Fulton canyon and farmed for a number of years and he drove school bus into Wasco for 22 years before retiring at the end of the 1949 school year. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Idalia Bohms of Echo and Mrs. Audrey Maurus Jr. of Wasco; four sisters, Mrs. C. A. Blakney of Portland, Mrs. William McCarty of The Dalles, Mrs. Otis McCarty of Echo and Mrs. Carl Everett of Wasco; and a brother, Frank of Portland and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at Smith Callaway Chapel with interment in The Dalles IOOF cemetery.

Wheat League Asks For Chance To Manage Own Business, Payments

The Oregon Wheat Growers league took a long step toward regained farm independence at its meeting last week when it agreed that the new farm program should be of "least cost to the government" and have "least possible government controls on how to operate farms", and asked parity only on that part of the wheat crop used in the United States.

The latter recommendation is in line with the long time adherence to the two price system first made prominent under the McNary-Haugen bill of 25 years ago. It is now called the certificate plan but the major premises are the same.

The above recommendations came out of the joint Wheat Disposal and Transportation and the Federal Agricultural Program committees which only asked that there be a floor under prices of wheat in case of emergencies. They also asked for a program to maintain productivity of the soil, a general support of the soil conservation program.

Federal Plan Favored

The Taxation and Legislation committee held to former recommendations in many respects, reaffirming belief in the "federal" plan of legislative apportionment as the only fair and equitable means of dividing legislators among the counties of a state so diverse as Oregon. This committee also approved—and the general assembly agreed that county offices of assessment and tax collection be consolidated; that there be an advisory committee of land owners to work with state organizations and the state tax commission to help the reappraisal program; that state road monies be distributed on a basis which would include area and miles of road as well as number of cars.

Going further into the state's tax situation the committee advocated a business tax on net incomes in lieu of the personal property tax, asked for a larger personal exemption in the income tax law; liked a tax on exempt organizations engaged in business. The committee also requested the league to appoint a permanent tax study committee to keep abreast with tax developments in the state and advise the league at later meetings.

First Portland Meeting

Meeting at the Multnomah hotel in Portland where accommodations were comfortable, although far from the wheat fields the members held to be their first interest, the five committees went to work Thursday morning and spent the afternoon working on the recommendations made by county groups during the month before the convention.

Sherman county was the host county and members from here directed visitors to committee rooms and took general charge of the registration desk. It was Sherman county's convention in another sense. Harry Pinkerton gave the address of welcome and followed by Mayor Dorothy Lee.

Floyd Root, president of the league for the past year, gave his address in which he summed up the many activities the league has engaged in for the past twelve months.

Charley Smith, long-time secretary, and E. R. Jackman, told about early league meetings and introduced former presidents. All those living were present but two, James Beamer and Harry Proudfoot. Introduced were Harry Pinkerton, James Hill, J. B. Adams, Harvey Miller, Charley Nish, C. K. Barker, William Steen, Millard Ea-

SHERIFF ENDS JOB AS SHERIFF PREXY

Sheriff Norman Fields was in Portland last week to preside over the annual meeting of Oregon sheriffs of which he was president until Sheriff Terry Schunk of Multnomah county succeeded him. T. Lester Johnson, district attorney, was also in Portland for the attorney's convention, law enforcement officers holding conventions together.

Freight Rates Opposed

Frank Aughny of the grain products association told the effects of high freight rates and the changes that percentage increases have made on grain marketing in the west.

Gordon Boals, once of the USDA and now of the millers federation, talked about the far east where half the population of the world live, and where people are so crowded together as to make it impossible for them to get enough to eat. Rice was the staple crop for generations and in Singapore rice was worth a cent and a half a pound fifteen years ago. Now it is 10 to 12 1/2 cents and there is a demand for a cheap food. The natives are unaccustomed to flour or bread and would be more inclined to use wheat if it could be treated like rice.

Governments have discovered that they can take rice from the farmers at a low price and get rich selling it abroad. There is little chance for the farmer to increase his production under such circumstances and he does not care to do so. If the south-east Asians could be taught to use an ounce of wheat per day, it would take 200,000,000 bushels to supply them.

Far East Topic

We are doing some good work said Boals, to train natives to eat our product and the Oregon Wheat commission has a project going at Madras, India where the use of wheat is explained and demonstrated. Boals thought that an excellent work.

Problems of production filled the remainder of the day with a film on wheat smut, and talks by Dr. O. A. Vogel of Pullman and D. D. Hill of Corvallis talking about wheat research and Dr. E. L. Price of OSC speaking on research at that school on behalf of wheat growers.

Dr. Walter Dew, of DuPont, talked at the annual banquet, telling of new things made here chemicals, new clothes, new fibres. He prophesied that many more would be forthcoming as chemistry moves onward.

Saturday morning Marion Weatherford demonstrated his facts by the use of piles of wheat on the stand before him. They showed that of the wheat grown in the northwest only 3,960,000 bushels out of 104,713,000 bushels is eaten here by humans. Another 19,420,000 bushels is imported to make bread flour. Other disappearance is caused by feed, 10,500,000 bushels; milled for flour 35,995,000 bushels, export of grain 68,500,000 bushels and shipments by rail 2,705,000 bushels.

King President

Lester King of Umatilla county was elected president; Morris Wilson of Gilliam county was advanced to first vice-president; Kenneth Smouse of Morrow county started on his road to the presidency by being elected second vice-president. George Wilson will remain as committeeman for Sherman county and Tommy Thompson will be assistant to Dick Baum, secretary.

Two hundred ninety three registered at the desk of which 62 were from Sherman county. It was a large meeting although not the largest in point of attendance.