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These Things We Note

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When a man becomes philosophical about his job it is time he got another one.

Many a man would like to make something out of himself if it wasn't such a hard job.

We note that most persons do not express an opinion without either anger or laughter, thus backing up their reason with emotion.

We Americans are slaves to success. If we like someone we try to interpret his actions in some phase of activity as successful; if we do not like them they are utter failures.

A newspaper columnist is wishing for a recipe to cook beans enough for just one week. We wonder why?

No one has yet mentioned in the argument over state salaries that one of the reasons for keeping them low is so that no one will want to work for the state. It could be a means of keeping government from growing so big the people can't afford it.

We note that the argument over whether to exercise after 40 is alive again and we can't help but wonder how it sounds in Russia, China and India.

The newspapers, that have been so upset by McCarthy, have the power to silence him if they will.

Even if we don't have baseball we have baseball news and it's played outdoors in the sunshine when games seem appropriate.

"So," said the old time teacher, "if you cannot amuse you cannot instruct."

Educational TV is probably a misnomer. No one has proven that TV is educational. True, it is an entertaining thing to have around a school house to keep the kids from tearing down the place. True, it would reduce teaching time and make life easier for the teachers. But man learns to do by doing, not by watching.

A poor man is he who drives a car without a V on it.

We wonder do different colored pigs have different grunts that can only be interpreted by pigs of the same color? Or is that merely a curiosity of the human race?

And we cannot help but recall the wisdom of Schopenhauer who said that there are three cures for life: art that decorates it, love that inflames it, philosophy that annuls it.

Uncle Emmett, who has been reading a book, says he wonders if the Greek ideal of simple living and high thinking has been reversed.

We congratulate the ways and means committee for the fortitude to reject the blanket pay raise for state workers and presume that it includes salary raises as well. The cost of living isn't going up now.

It makes little difference any more that news story tells of the advent of rhubarb on the market. It used to be that one could tell when spring arrived by rhubarb pies, green onions and mustard greens. Now we eat them all the time and miss half the fun of spring.

It may be true that people react to attitudes and return the kind of treatment they receive. For instance, be frank and honest and above-board with others and they will be the same with you; be evasive, complimentary, effusive and you will receive the same insincere treatment.

Senator Hounsell has sponsored a bill now passed by the senate to permit formation of organizations of farm producers of any commodity when and if 50 percent of the growers and 50 percent of the tonnage votes for it. If it could be made retroactive it might stop some serious squabbles among the wheat, potato and dairy producers.



Five-year old Michael Warden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Warden of Lebanon, has been named the Easter Seal boy for 1953 in connection with the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults annual Easter Seal sale March 5 to April 5. He is shown here with George Englund, speech therapist, at the Easter Seal agency's hospital school in Eugene, taking a speech exercise. Michael is a victim of cerebral palsy.

Sherman Countians Gather To Talk About Old Times

About 150 Sherman countians, mostly in the ex-class, met at the Imperial hotel in Portland Sunday at the invitation of the Sherman county club of that city, which holds an annual get-together as well as monthly meetings.

Mrs. Zetta Rich Carter presided and introduced Mrs. Julia Woods Hansen who talked briefly about early days and read a poem of her own composing that told a story of one of the hunts that used to be so common. Mrs. Nellie Muir, late because of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Kilpatrick and husband, had just arrived from Hawaii, told of the organization of the county and how the towns were named.

Mrs. Effie Burks talked interestingly about her days in Sherman county about the time of World War I and her pleasure at remembering the friendliness of the people. Giles French spoke briefly about later history of the county.

Tom Fraser, accompanied by Mrs. Sybil Belshe Stockdale, sang "Sweet Oregon" in memorable manner and got the crowd to sing with him at the end.

But the main purpose of the meeting was visiting and meeting old friends, which was done extensively throughout the afternoon. Present from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, who were in Portland to meet her mother, Mrs. Lena Searcy, who had just returned from Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee, Mrs. Edith Burnett, Mrs. Daisy Byers, Mrs. Ora Peetz, Mr. and Mrs. French.

Moisture Above Average In Most Fields

There's a lot of moisture in the soil in Sherman county, more than average in most places although no records are broken for wet spring soil.

The average percentage of water in the soil in the spring is about 14 percent. Range is from 11 to 16 most years. This year the average of soils tested is higher than that.

On the Ragsdale field across the road from the station there is 17.9 percent of moisture on the Hansen place, also Ragsdale's and farmed by Bill Todd there is 18.1 percent of moisture but that test stops at four feet.

In the north end a test made on the Tracy Fields place found 14.4 percent of moisture in six feet and good distribution the top foot having 13.2 and the sixth foot 14.3 percent. This means 7.24 inches of available moisture, meaning that a percentage has been deducted for the amount wheat plants cannot take from the soil.

On Macnab Bros. field 17.0 percent was found in six feet with no place being less than 16.4 percent moisture. On Leland Medler's 16.1 percent was found. On Frank Reid's place the moisture percentage was lower, being 13.7 although distribution was even.

On most of these fields nitrates were applied last fall and the distribution of that fertilizer varies greatly. On the Ragsdale field there are 18 parts per million in the first foot, nine in the second and 89 in the third. Many of the fields have less moisture in the second foot than in the others, fields running from 67ppm to 29 ppm with the second foot low.

On the Macnab and Medler fields the greater part of the nitrogen is in the lower three feet of the six although there is enough in the upper three to stimulate growth. On the Reid place there is 48 ppm in the top foot, 9 in the second and 183 in the sixth.

Tests were taken in late February after the heavy rains were over.

Rufus Gets Third Place In Tournament With Photo Finish

Rufus took third place in the 6-B district basketball tournament Saturday night by taking a surprise victory from the hands of the Arlington team in the last second of the game.

Paul Blackburne threw one from far out as the whistle blew and it swished through the basket to make the score 60 to 59 and give the Sherman county entry third place.

Heppner was first because of a 54-50 win over Cascade Locks, the only team of the Cascade league to get into the semi-finals, Blake high scoring center for Rufus, was put on the tournament team because of his score of 32 points in one game.

Easter Seal Worker Meets With Club

On Thursday, March 5th, Mrs. William B. Chandlee of Hillsboro, publicity chairman and mailing director for the Oregon S.C.C.A. was entertained at a 12:30 luncheon in the church basement by Mrs. Orville Hockman, Mrs. Leonard Fields and Mrs. John Parker.

Invited guests included Mrs. L. T. Johnson, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. Wallace May, presidents of Wasco and Grass Valley clubs, respectively; Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, state chairman, Mrs. Alfred Solomon, Mrs. Carroll Sayers and Mrs. Eugene Amidon.

The table was prettily decorated with greenery, daffodils and yellow candles.

At 2 p. m. 45 club members and friends gathered in the church auditorium to hear Mrs. Chandlee, Mrs. Hockman presided over a short business meeting, Mrs. Leonard Fields welcomed the friends and guests.

Mrs. Solomon, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayers, sang two numbers "When Children Pray" and "The Little Toy Dog".

Mrs. John Parker introduced Mrs. Chandlee, who spoke on "Your Easter Seals at Work" and showed the film "Stairsteps to Happiness". The film showed the medical care these handicapped children receive and various activities required to get muscles into action; also a part of the school training.

Mrs. Chandlee stated the society is just six years old and had its beginning in a doctors home in Eugene with four handicaps. Today with modernization and added space they are able to provide care for 50 of these children; many on a waiting list. It is only with volunteer service that your Easter Seals monies goes as far as it does, therapeutic care is costly. Women volunteers help during the noon hour and many have foster home care. The great need now at the hospital is a dormitory.

Your money stays in Oregon for the Oregon society and all goes into the work since it is all handled by volunteers who believe in the work.

Following her program, a silver tea was held, the sum of \$21.50 raised, which will be deposited as a special gift in appreciation for Mrs. Chandlee's visit.

The tea table was prettily decorated with daffodils, forsythia, greenery and candles.

Pouring was Mrs. Wallace May and Mrs. Robert Bish. Hostesses were Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. Ralph Busse, Mrs. John Foss and Mrs. Truman Strong.

John Gilman Hurt When Car Upsets

John Gilman, janitor of the Moro school, took a stranger to Grass Valley Wednesday night and was returning somewhat later when his car overturned as he drove north through the underpass. It was headed south when found. Gilman was seriously injured, sustaining a broken leg, a bruised hand and possibly internal injuries. Travelers found him about six o'clock Thursday morning and notified Sheriff Fields who took Gilman to the hospital. Mrs. Gilman has been ill for several days and son John is thought to have the mumps, making this a very bad week for the Gilman family.

State Officers Coming

A representative of the state tax commission will be in Moro on March 20 from 10:30 until 2:30 while on a regular schedule through eastern Oregon. He will be at the court house.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, March 17, at the courthouse from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Two School Meetings Coming For Moro District

There will be two school meetings in the Moro district within a short time. The first is a regularly called meeting to be held next Tuesday, March 17 at the school house at 8 p. m. for the purpose of voting on the proposed site for a new high school building.

The site in question is the one on which a well has been drilled and is about half a mile south of the city limits.

On Tuesday, March 24 between the hours of 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. an election will be held at the school house to vote on a bond issue of \$360,000 with which to construct the proposed new high school building.

This bond issue is to be in lieu of the \$310,000 issue sold last year and now in litigation. Inasmuch as the board was unable to contract for all the buildings desired this issue is made larger. It is thought that a shop can be built with the additional funds.

Legal voters are eligible to vote. They must be registered but need not be property owners.

Wasco Women To Entertain Neighbors

The Wasco Women's Study club will entertain the members of the Tuesday club of Wasco, the Arlington Womens club, the Moro Womens club, and the Grass Valley Womens club at two o'clock March 20 at the Masonic hall in Wasco.

Occasion for the club women gathering will be the appearance of Miss Marvel Brennan of Meier & Frank company in Portland, who will speak on the traditions of old china, silver and crystal and show some moving pictures in color and with sound. In addition to the club women the public is welcome to attend.

Bank Installs Night Depository

The Sherman County branch, First National bank, installed a night depository in the local branch building Thursday for the convenience of customers who have money after banking hours and who may not like to sleep with it.

Depositors will be given a key and a locked pouch so they can manage the depository.

Wasco PTA Plans Fashion Revue

Thursday evening, March 19, the PTA at Wasco is sponsoring an Easter fashion show together with The Paris of The Dalles. Hour is 8 p. m. Place: Wasco school gymnasium. There will be no charge.

Local models will show models of new dresses who will appear on the decorated stage between musical numbers. The PTA is preparing this show as a major activity and will have spotlights, speaker system and Mrs. Dolph Kinsey acting as mistress of ceremonies.

Congressman Talks On Memorial

In an address on the floor of the House today Congressman Sam Coon of the Second District of Oregon asked an amendment to our Constitution to prevent treaty law from cutting across the rights given our people by our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Coon presented to the Congress House Joint Memorial No. 3 recently passed by the Oregon State Legislature and sent to the Congress recommending this amendment. He added, "I believe the question should be settled in clear and unquestionable language, for all time, that treaty power cannot be used for purposes in conflict with our Constitution. We must not allow a loophole to remain in our Constitution which might make possible the change of our form of government by permitting international agreements to come in and level out our American rights,—both State and individual. He added, "I do not think we can afford to lower our own standards of the human liberty in order to contain was not large for March, promise with Godless and Socialist which has not been very wet soist members of other nations, but far, but we are still even with rather we should endeavor to bring them up to our standards."

Assessors Set Valuations on Livestock for Eastern Oregon Counties In 1953 Tax Year

On February 20th, representatives of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon State Tax commission and the Eastern Oregon Assessors' association met in Bend, and discussed the true cash value of livestock.

From market data and from facts developed at this meeting, the tax commission with the approval of the cattlemen and the assessors, have set the true cash values to be used in county assessments for the year 1953.

The various classes of livestock are many, and in order to get a true picture of Sherman county livestock, a few of the different classes have been averaged to arrive at the true cash value used.

BEEF CATTLE		True Cash Value
1 day to 1 year		\$ 75.00
1 year to 2 years		125.00
Over 2 years		150.00
Dairy Cows		150.00
Bulls, common		250.00
Registered Beef Cattle		
1 day to 1 year		\$ 125.00
1 year to 2 years		250.00
Over 2 years		300.00
Bulls		500.00
HORSES		
Saddle		\$ 100.00
Work		50.00
Range or pension		25.00
Racing		125.00

Missionary Society Hears Program

The Moro Missionary society held its regular March meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Daisy Byers. Mrs. Jennie Martin assisted the hostess in serving a dessert at 2 o'clock, featuring the St. Patrick motif. Twenty members and two guests were present.

Mrs. Joy Parker had charge of the devotionals. It was announced that Portland Presbyterian would meet at the Rose City Presbyterian church on March 24, 10 to 3 o'clock. Any member may represent the society at this meeting.

The group decided to help purchase colored slides for use at the Sunday school showing Bible stories.

Mrs. Edna Paulson was program director and opened with a solo by Mrs. Ruth Solomon, accompanied by Mrs. Norma Barzee. Mrs. Paulson gave an interesting talk on Africa, telling of the geography of the continent, and its social customs, educational program, religion, art and hopes for the future.

Mrs. Rose Amidon told of having visited the William Gearhart family recently at Ojai, California and brought greetings to the society from them.

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SHEEP		True Cash Value
Ewes		\$ 17.50
6 years and over		12.50
Bucks		37.50
SWINE		
Feeders	.25 per lb.	
Brood Sows		\$ 20.00
Boars		75.00
POULTRY		
Chickens		\$ 1.25
Turkeys		7.50
Geese		5.00
Ducks		2.50

The above figures are not assessed valuations, but are the base for the assessed value. Sherman county is using a 40 per cent ratio on all personal property this year, so the assessed valuation will be 40 per cent of above figures.

Grass Valley Changing In Appearance As Improvements Made

Grass Valley is a changed town. The huge poplars that have been growing along the sides of main street since planted by J. L. Van Winkle or Dr. C. R. Rollins, were pulled out recently so that the streets could be graded and widened. Curbs will be built near the sidewalk edge instead of two or three feet outside of them so Grass Valley will have the widest street in the county. The highway commission will pave and maintain the street after curbs are in.

There are still gaping holes where the trees were pulled and the stark remains of these old pioneers lie in disarray on vacant lots.

The elevator company is building a new office building of solid concrete in what used to be the middle of the road. It will be ready soon. The once vacant lots between the Dillinger building and the Hartley garage are being used for parking, making it look less barren. A new cold house is going to be built on the north side of the Dillinger building by Cantrill & Crews, now the building's owners.

The old warehouses are being torn down. The W. W. M. Co. house, the old yellow one west of the track is about gone and the Kerr-Gifford house is a mere skeleton. The arts of another day are forgotten for no one needs to pile sacked wheat by hand, horse-powder or machine and the broad chested, tobacco-chewing wheat buck is a memory.

Members of the Borstel family came into town and cultivated the lots around the Catholic church, some of them for the first time. This is almost the last bit of the valley to have its ryegrass turned with a plow. Once it covered the entire valley floor and was a hiding place for deer and antelope.

Lenten Program Continuing At Church

The evening Lenten series on "The Christian Home" will continue this Sunday night at 7:30 at Moro Community Presbyterian church. This week's theme will be "How's Your Home Life?" presented by the Mariner Club. Skipper Max and Norma Barzee, and First Mates Virgil and Alice Archer are in charge of the evening.

Following a short worship service, the sound film strip "Is Your Home Fun?" will be shown, and discussion of the film will follow its showing. The community is cordially invited to attend.

Following the service, members of the Mariners club will meet at the home of Keith and Carole Thompson.

The morning worship service at 11 a. m. will continue the morning Lenten series. The choir will sing, and Rev. Solomon's sermon will be "The Challenge of Jesus: Do We Really Want Him?"

Veterans Can Get Some Farm Land

Twenty full-time farm units in the Columbia basin irrigation project in Washington are currently offered for sale by the government, with World War II veterans given priority. Vere McCarthy, service officer for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, reported today.

Priority applications must be filed by April 3 with the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata, Wn., to be included in the public drawing. Veterans' military service must have been between September 16, 1940 and July 3, 1952.

The current opening, listed as public announcement No 13 comprises 20 farm units ranging in size from 40 to 102 irrigable acres, and in price from \$1913 to \$5344. To qualify, an applicant must have had at least two years of farming experience, must expect to engage in farming as an occupation, and must possess assets at least \$4500 in excess of liabilities.

Kenneth Hatrup Wins Award

PFC Kenneth P. Hatrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hatrup of 1815 NE 53rd Ave, Portland, recently received the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea.

PFC Hatrup, whose wife, Marie, lives near Grass Valley, entered the army in June 1951. He arrived in Korea in February 1952.

Before receiving basic and code training at Camp Gordon, Ga., he attended St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles.

Rebekah President Here For Visit

Mrs. Olive Ramey of Hillsboro, state president of the Rebekah assembly, made her official visit to the Moro lodge Tuesday night, March 10 and gave some valuable information to members in her talk to them.

John DeMoss, Earl Gentry, Orlov Martin and Mrs. Henry Grabenhorst were initiated. Members from Grass Valley and Wasco attended and the committee provided an excellent lunch at midnight. Mrs. Sam Brock was there despite a recently broken wrist.

Bertha Belshe was drill captain and the work was done in good order.

Children Finish Task Of Essay Writing

Grade school children, who are interested in the county's history, have been busy these last few weeks looking up and writing essays on some phase of Sherman county history.

The historical society has offered prizes for each of two classes and a county prize for the best essay. There will be second prizes also.

The board of directors of the historical society will meet at the court house Friday night and complete arrangements for the meeting of March 27 at which time the prizes will be awarded.

March 27 the meeting will be held at the Moro school auditorium and the program will include music, a talk on Sherman county history, and the naming of the prize winner. For county winners the prizes are ten and five dollars and a three and two dollar prize for the best in 7th and 8th grades and 5th and 6th grades.

Twenty-three essays were completed and turned in by March 9, the final date. They will be judged for accuracy and historical content.

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Storm Brings .14 Inch

A quick storm brought .14 inch of rain Tuesday afternoon and flashes of lightning and thunder as if it were June. Hall fell in higher parts of the county sufficient to cover the ground. The amount was not large for March, promise with Godless and Socialist which has not been very wet soist members of other nations, but far, but we are still even with rather we should endeavor to bring them up to our standards."