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These Things We Note

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When we began evaluating education in terms of money we lost proper perspective of both.

T T W N

Over at Burns the last Plute medicine man has succumbed. Well, it could have been from envy.

T T W N

"Fertilizer?" questioned the old timer as he tapped the dottle down in his pipe with a heat-impaired finger. "Fertilizer?" Well, young man, the Almighty has been awful good to you. Cadillac, new house, farm paid for, mebbe he'll keep on. But some June it ain't a goin' to rain. I've seen lots of crops dry out with only thirty pounds of seed on the ground and I reckon I will again. There used to be a sayin', 'Bet 'em high and sleep in the street'. I just happened to think of it.

T T W N

This is Brotherhood week, a time for discarding all prejudices about race and religion. It is a noble thought and completely Christian. It is hard to define what is wrong with it. Maybe it is that competition between races and religions have helped the human race in many ways, maybe we need such competition, and if so, what else, or what better, matters should we compete about?

T T W N

Pious times in the stone age required nothing more serious than a preparatory sharpening of the stone axe and a determination to tell the next aurochs with precision. Now it requires appraisal of all the philosophies ever enunciated by mankind, a review of all actions taken, a criticism of the times and the long — and usually ineffectual — job of convincing some one else to take appropriate action. We wonder why man never even thinks that he might have deteriorated.

T T W N

If George Sack isn't guilty there'll be a lot of red faces on newspapers. And won't the public officials catch it?

T T W N

No one should judge Senator McCarthy without reading any current history of the wrestling business. It knows how necessary it is to give the crowds some one to hate.

T T W N

Smelt no doubt established their reputation because they come first by the calendar. They are not hard to catch and they taste like catsup.

T T W N

You can't brag among friends. Not for long.

T T W N

Stalin may be evidence that the way to give the most pleasure is to live like a ruffian. Those who live well give only sadness at death.

T T W N

Haven't you noticed a faster tempo to life since the sun came out and the snow left? Folks say "How are you?" with interest, instead of grunting dutifully from their muffer; the grass is almost big enough to cut and a few small calves are inspecting it; women are shopping for new clothes and the days are almost long enough again.

T T W N

It's hard to believe that Americans cherish money. They spend it for the darnest things.

T T W N

The new Oregon Blue Book is said to contain some errors and that is not surprising. We can forgive that knowing how difficult it is to print so much without mistakes. It is modern in design and that is much harder to forgive — and we think we won't.

T T W N

The nation seems to look at being normal with the same sadness as does a man after a protracted drunk who wakes up sober and out of liquor.

T T W N

A man who does what he thinks is right will be honest with himself — and will also have to be a brave man.

T T W N

Come to think of it the nation has gotten along without vitamins this past winter. That would have been impossible a few years ago.

Cattlemen Hear Talks About Business at G.V.

Howard Ross, Moro, was elected president of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association, during the meeting of the association at Grass Valley last week. Seventy-five county cattlemen, wives, and visitors attended the meeting held at the Odd-Fellows hall. Sixty folks were served an excellent dinner meal prepared by the Rebekah lodge.

Other officers elected were, Bill Jefferies, Kent, vice president, and T. W. Thompson, Moro, secretary-treasurer. Executive committee members elected were Leland Medler, Rufus, Marvin Thomas, Wasco, Robert Boynton, Moro, Elton Eakin, Grass Valley, and John Reckman, Kent.

Leonard Fields, past-president, is an automatic member of the executive committee, with changes in the constitution and by-laws. Other amendments to the association by-laws passed were the appointment by the president of a nominating committee, and an auditing committee prior to the annual meeting, at which time committees would report at the annual meeting.

Livestock brand and brand inspection, theft, and county herd laws were outlined by M. E. Knickerbocher, head, department of animal husbandry, state department of agriculture. The brand law provides that brands be re-recorded every five years. The next re-recording time starts July 1, 1954 and runs for a six months period up to January 1, 1955. Application forms will be mailed from the state department office at Salem to all present brand holders. If no changes have been made, the brand holder merely signs and returns the application along with the \$5.00 recording fee. Operators who do not receive applications by the end of July, will need to contact the Salem office.

Knickerbocher said six livestock theft investigators are maintained by the state department of agriculture. One theft investigator is stationed in Morrow county, who serves this area on theft charges and supervises brand inspection and livestock health laws. Mr. Knickerbocher advised cattlemen to report any believed thefts to the sheriff and if necessary they will assist along with state police in the investigation.

Point of origin of brand inspections has been carried on at Grass Valley has now been discontinued for all in state shipments. Brand inspections will be made at the central markets. Out of state shipments need on the farm brand inspection. During 1953, 188 head of cattle were taken out of trucks at central markets not belonging to the shipper.

Sherman and Morrow counties under a 1905 law are under a livestock control district, stated Mr. Knickerbocher. This law provides that cattlemen are responsible for cattle running at large. The state livestock estray law also provides that cattle running at large in road-way or field may be picked up. Estray cattle should be reported directly to the state department of agriculture.

Artificial breeding of beef cattle was discussed by Fred McKenzie, head, department of animal husbandry, OSC. Dr. McKenzie showed a short movie and equipment used in artificial breeding work. Limitations cited were, registered operators need to own both bull and cow for approval through breed associations, a program must be worked out to find cows in heat, and a good sanitation program is needed so infection may not be carried from one cow to another.

Faster improvement of a herd is possible with artificial breeding. A good bull can be extended to more cows under such a program, where as many as a 1000 off-spring may be obtained in a year from one bull. Fertility of a bull may be easily determined so late calving will not result from a bull of low fertility. Under the artificial program with about a 400 cow herd, half the cost of bulls would serve the cow herd.

Feeding beef cattle was discussed by Harry Avery, superintendent, Eastern Oregon livestock experiment station, Union, Ore. Leonard Fields, 1953 president discussed activities of the association during the past year. T. W. Thompson, secretary — treasurer presented the treasurer's report and some of the programs of the association.

Wasco Women Hear Visitor From Greece Tell of American Aid To Her Country

The WSCS of the Wasco Methodist church held a business meeting at the home of B. Estrella Hailey, February 17 at 2:00 p. m. A short devotional lesson was read by the secretary, Mrs. Dell Rust.

The distinguished speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Maria Melas of Athens, Greece, president and also the originator of the Panhellenic organization in Greece. (Mrs. Melas was a guest at the home of Mrs. Gladys Zell as she had become close friends while Mrs. Zell visited in Greece on her General Federation of Women's Club "Good-Will" tour to Europe.)

Mrs. Melas stated that she had found the American people very friendly and hospitable. In behalf of the people of her country she gave her heartfelt thanks of gratitude for the generosity of the United States government and its people in allowing the Marshall Plan. Until this plan became effective the Greeks had never pictured the United States as interested in other countries' troubles and sorrows. During 1947 and 1948, the Communists entered their country and took into

February Dry But Crop Year Wet

February was not a wet month. Farmers may worry about whether that is an accident or the beginning of a trend. Only .61 inch fell in this month and although it is not over, the prophets do not expect much precipitation. The normal is 1.27.

For the crop year, since September 1, the rainfall has been 7.91 just a little above the average of 7.83. Most of it, however, is safely in the ground.

Wasco Study Club Plans Aid Tea

Tuesday Study club met last week with Mrs. Lloyd Gosson. Mrs. Oral Gosson was co-hostess. Members answering roll call were Mesdames Ed Dutton, Cliff Fridley, Lee Hines, Tom Jacobson, Tom Striker, Bert Watkins, Merlin Shields, Leo Watkins, Bill White, Raymond Van Gilder, Roe Decker, Charles Decker; guests, John Buck, John Kellogg and W. A. Nisbet.

Plans were made for a tea which both the Tuesday and Wednesday clubs were to give with proceeds going to the preservation of Independence hall.

Mrs. White gave a book report on "Three Girls From Brooklyn". Refreshments were served.

COUNTY RECORD BEST

Only one Oregon county, Sherman, completed 1953 with a death-free traffic record.

Figures compiled by the secretary of state's office also show that more than half of Oregon's 1953 death toll, which now has climbed to 391, occurred in seven counties—Multnomah, Lane, Douglas, Clackamas, Klamath, Marion and Jackson, where deaths totalled 222.

Dorcas Society Has February Meeting

The February meeting of the Dorcas society of the Wasco Christian church met with Mrs. L. L. Funk. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. John Buck and Mrs. Edith Barager. There were eleven members present.

Plans for a work day at the church were made for this Wednesday and Thursday. Also is planned a benefit dinner and post office sale booth. Mrs. Shields gave a talk on the missions in Okinawa.

The society presented Mrs. John Buck with a lovely crib blanket for her expected baby.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Jerry Barnett.

County Ramblings

The county court will hold a hearing on the formation of a Bang's district in Sherman county 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, March 3, county courthouse. A discussion of Bang's disease and the current state law seems to be in order.

There is no disease of cattle in the United States more important from an economic and health viewpoint than brucellosis or Bang's disease. Accumulated information shows that infected herds are as much as 30 percent less profitable than clean herds. This figure is based on losses of calves, subnormal gains in beef calves, decreased

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Vernon Miller Files For County Judge

Interest in public office has been demonstrated by some other citizens recently. Vernon Miller of Moro, who served two terms as county commissioner, has filed for the Democratic nomination as county judge and Charles F. Kuypers of Rufus, filed, the same day, for county commissioner. He, also, is a Democrat.

R. O. Scott, long time justice of peace at Wasco, has filed for retention in his position.

Larry Matthias Was Sherman Countian

The Larry Matthias, fire chief of Pasco, Washington, who was killed by gas in the basement of a dwelling there Sunday was Lawrence Matthias, graduate of Wasco high school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthias, once of Wasco and Grass Valley. Lawrence stayed at the Pinkerton ranch for many years.

He was trying to put out an oil furnace fire in a house that had several bedrooms in the basement when he was overcome by gas, his mask being defective. He was in the smoke for 40 minutes before firemen could rescue him. The house was not destroyed.

Mr. Matthias was survived by his widow and his parents who live at Outlook, Wash., and several brothers and sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton attended the funeral Wednesday at Pasco.

Portland Choir To Sing At Grass Valley

The thirty-eight voice a cappella choir of the Multnomah school of the Bible, Portland, will present a sacred music concert at 3 p. m. Sunday, March 14 in the grade school in Grass Valley.

The concert program will feature many of the various liturgical themes in the field of sacred music including Bach's "Now Shall the Grace", Scott's, "The Creation", and also the popular Negro spiritual by Bron-Wright, "Wish I'se in Heaven Set'in Down."

Moro Teams Win; Miller Sets Record

Moro took a double header over the weekend as they trounced Dufur 84-46 Friday night and then came back strong Saturday night to defeat Cascade Locks 56-37.

Don Miller led the scoring both nights as he made 41 points against Dufur; 15 points against Cascade Locks. Moro played a tight defensive game from the zone defense. The Husky squad kept both teams shooting from outside the key with no great amount of shots being made.

Moro will finish up the basketball season this week as they meet Culver there Friday night, and Fossil here Saturday night.

County Court Business Mostly Claims In February

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 3, 1954 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and ordered paid.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of January 31, 1954, presented, approved and ordered.

General Road Fund balances and Special 1953-1954 Road balances presented, approved and ordered filed.

Road Supervisor presents court with report of gasoline consumption during month of January, approved and filed.

Sheriff appears before court and recommends painting be done upstairs in court house. No definite action taken.

Clerk presents court with semi-annual report of fees and disbursement of same and of budget expenditures and balances as of July 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 inclusive. Reports examined, approved and ordered filed.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JANUARY, 1954, APPROVED FEBRUARY 3 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Smith Bros., \$1.20; George F. Cake Co., \$8.15; National Sheriff's Ass'n., \$12.50; Kilham Stationery & Print Co., \$4.57; N. Fields, \$70.00.

CLEIK'S OFFICE: Moro Postmaster, \$10.00; Dun-

ham Print Co., \$28.65.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Dunham Print Co., \$77.17; Ad-

dunograph - Multigraph Corp., \$6.13; West Coast Print & Bind-

Co., \$40.25; Kilham Stationery & Print Co., \$3.66; C. Balzer, \$7.90;

Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$1.75.

COURTHOUSE: City of Moro, \$2.00; Light Co., \$34.59; Phone Co., \$56.20; Ranch & Home Store, \$14.14; Moro Lum-

ber & Fuel Co., \$40.00; Service Laundry & Cleaners, \$3.75.

CIRCUIT COURT: J. Newman, \$21.37; Howell,

\$100.00.

COUNTY COURT: C. Tom, \$128.20; D. Martin,

\$24.00; K. Sather, \$30.00.

JUSTICE COURT: Phone Co., \$10.35.

COUNTY CORONER: B. Alley, \$10.00; R. Manke,

\$10.00; A. Olds, \$10.00.

COUNTY JAIL: Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$146.10; Ranch & Home Store, \$2.54.

GOVT TRAPPER: \$58.33.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$17.00.

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS: \$100.00.

COUNTY PRINTING: \$81.59.

DEMOSSE PARK: Light Co., \$0.95.

MISCELLANEOUS: National Hospital, \$13.50; First

National Bank, \$188.20; State Tax

Com., \$21.96; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$13.38; Social Security, \$42.37.

ROAD FUND: Dunlap, \$433.20; McPherson,

\$279.14; Bayer, \$322.38; More-

house, \$208.53; Gosson, \$318.53; Zachary, \$433.24; Hooper, \$292.38;

Shoemaker, \$314.12; Gray, \$318.

Wheat Meeting Full of Information on Cereals

The meeting called by the conditions. Smut germinates at Oregon Wheat Growers league at higher temperatures than wheat the court house Monday was not and needs more moisture. When as well attended as the quality of seeding conditions are favorable the program seemed to justify. There was information there on despite preventative measures. He nearly every phase of wheat grow-

Dewey Thompson presided as county chairman for the league. Bill Hall from the Moro station said that new wheats to farmers were the result of as much as ten years of work by plant breeders. A new red wheat is to be released next year but it will be a high protein wheat and not well adapted to the major part of this county.

He said that spring barley produced the most pounds of grain per acre with 2444, winter wheat producing 2206 and spring wheat but 1716. For feed, therefore, barley is a better crop than wheat. A Hymar-Orofed cross is being developed, to give a new white wheat with smut resistance and yield, but it has not been tested thoroughly.

Rex Warren talked about smut and showed a graph to tell of the percentage of smut at several markets. Variation, he said, is great and due largely to weather

Moro Women's Club Announces Meeting

The next meeting of the Moro Women's club will be held March 4 at the Community church at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. John Parker is director of the program which will be built around human interest. Visitors are welcome to the program. Mrs. Parker says that due to non arrival of material, work day will be March 12 instead of earlier.

National Wheat Men Like 2-Price Plan

Intimation that the National Wheat Growers association was opposed to the two-price plan sponsored by the Oregon wheat growers in this paper a few weeks ago was partially in error. When the resolutions were passed some change was made.

A resolution favored a national wheat program of domestic parity or some variation of the certificate plan. Another resolution asked that farmers assume responsibility for excess wheat over the national reserve.

Ken Kendrick of Texas, the new president, said that "I seriously doubt that we will be able to find a program for wheat that will materially improve our present program of 90 per cent parity and acreage allotments."

Floyd Root was elected a vice president of the national wheat growers.

As for weeds he reported on trials made on application methods and percentages of 2-D and said that earlier spraying was usually best. Wheat damage from spray was no. considered important if a good weed kill was obtained.

Dewey Thompson reported on storage in the northwest saying, that there was room for 150 million bushels and that at least 160 million bushels of storage would be needed. It is not all in the right places, however. The county has or will have 6,489,000 bushels of storage and over 4,000,000 bushels of wheat in it. If there is a crop of four million bushels room will be needed. It looks as if the pressure for storage will come too late, after May 1, and that cars will not be available.

Howard Cushman talked about fertilizers and concluded that generally a pound of nitrogen is about the same good whether applied in the spring or fall or in any of the several forms. Conditions vary from year to year and this accounts for differences.

Some results are being obtained by application of commercial fertilizers along with nitrogen and experiments are being conducted to find if potash, sulphur and phosphates will help.

Paulen Kaseberg, member of the Oregon Wheat commission, told of the activities of that group and what it has done with the half cent it gets from each bushel sold. These include laboratory tests of several kinds, crop improvement work, freight rate reductions, cake baking contests, livestock feeding encouragement, soil conservation, plant breeding, evaluation of rain making. It is looking for a man to send to the Orient to help develop the use of northwest wheat and is considering an advertising plan to try to increase consumption of wheat.

Jackman Asks Land Use

E. R. Jackman came, according to the chairman, to encourage farmers to use diverted acres for soil saving conservation and to adopt good range practices. This he did by showing that the wheat surplus, whatever method was taken to remove it, will stay for a long time thus giving several consecutive years for grass development and use.

Jackman's statements brought on a bit of discussion on the solution of the farm problem that was beside the point, although pertinent to the general purpose of the meeting of farmers. The 1930 surplus, said Jackman, was taken by drought and the 1940 surplus by war. Unless there is some other catastrophe this one may be of long duration. Points made were that the present plan isn't going to get rid of the surplus because it is impossible to cut acres far enough and doubt if that would help; dropping the feed price might help as would the two-price system, which we have had for a long time in effect; we could give it away except that it would disrupt world economics. In the long run, said Jackman, the growth of population will remove the surplus but many farmers can't wait until then.

Eastern Star To Be Instructed

A school of instruction for the officers of Bethlehem chapter, No. 78, OES, was held Monday afternoon in the Masonic hall, with associate grand conductress, Bertha O. Burton of the grand chapter of Oregon from Portland as the official instructor.

A one o'clock luncheon was served in the dining room where a gaily red, white and blue decorated table was set. The centerpiece, a replica of the famed "George Washington Cherry tree" was flanked on either side by small logs holding miniature flags of stars and stripes. Place cards were red hatchets.

Worthy Matron Betty Christanson presented the guest of honor with a gift.

Following the meeting here Mrs. Burton drove to Wasco to conduct a similar school that evening.