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These Things We Note

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A man can recover from poverty quickly but almost never recovers from prosperity.

T T W N
Jimmie Roosevelt says he must be allowed to run for congress to remove the stigma from his children. What crooked thinking.

T T W N
The concentrated attention required to ski down a slope must be sufficient to bake several good pies.

T T W N
The best radio program is some good newscaster telling accurately and quickly what happened today. Next is a ball game. There is no next.

T T W N
It might do wheat growers good to talk to a hay grower.

T T W N
Whatever we are doing seems the most important thing in the world. That is proper. It also makes it proper to change occupations now and then to obtain perspective.

T T W N
Picketing the picketer makes the whole business sorta simple.

T T W N
We note that columnists are using McCarthy to write a lot of easy columns and wish they would stop it and get down to writing about government if that isn't too much work.

T T W N
Politics divides men into two classes; those who expect utopia from government and those who expect to work for it. The former are always disappointed; the latter seldom.

T T W N
Maybe the reason the elders often speak more pointedly is that they know they have too little time to beat around the bush.

T T W N
This isn't the age of the common man as it is sometimes called. There are no common men, each one knows he is uncommon and will not ever admit that he is common.

T T W N
We are all snobs but about different things.

T T W N
Nearly 50,000 persons are now listed in Who's Who; politicians, singers, bosses, artists, presidents of this and that, have the pertinent facts about themselves printed for the curious to read. Whoever thought of it was a genius.

T T W N
Perhaps the most pleasant farm day of all is the one in which it is too wet to plow.

T T W N
That we should have a touch of late snow that remained a few minutes wasn't surprising. In Portland it stayed long enough to have its picture taken.

T T W N
Oregon State needs more Swede Halbrooks or less. From this distance it looks like either might help.

T T W N
It's nice to see Democrats in favor of lowering taxes, quite a reversal, too.

T T W N
The machine made by that college professor at Mount Holyoke makes us a little anxious for that inevitable day when man will make himself unnecessary.

T T W N
We'll be surprised if there's not some lack of obedience of the rule that an unmarried woman may not put her address on her calling card. Really, Emily, the competition is keen these days.

T T W N
Man, no one ever gives you anything. You earn it one way or another, before or after.

T T W N
Whatever you say and do is of more importance to you than what anyone else says or does because you are always your favorite person.

T T W N
The entry lists for the political derby will be completed Friday night, except for a few post entries in August, and betters can begin looking them over for spavins, broken wind, heart (which doesn't mean what it seems to in a horse) and jockeys. The build-up will be in the best sports-writer style and the race will be described with impassioned prose. And in six weeks we won't remember who won.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

The Past Matron club of OES was entertained Monday March 1 at the home of Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. Mrs. Carl Tuggle was a guest and members present were Mesdames George Harris, Ida Everett, B. E. Halley, Pauline Kaseberg, Augusta Huckin, W. A. Nisbet, G. A. Sargent, Herb Root, Viggo Haufelt, both of The Dalles, Verne Dutton, Walt Ruggles, Walt Bruckert and Hugh White, who was co-hostess. Mrs. Dutton received high at bridge and Mrs. Tuggle for canasta. The meeting time was changed from evening to afternoon and the next one April 5 will be at the Haufelt home in The Dalles.

Tillicum club met with Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. Club members present for the 1:30 dessert luncheon were Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder, Mrs. George Harris, Mrs. Paul Patrick, Mrs. James Maddox, Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. Lee Dehler and Mrs. L. L. Funk. The afternoon guests of the club were Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Mrs. Ida Everett. Club prize went to Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder. Mrs. Sargent received guest and Mrs. Everett won the traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell and son, Milton, were hosts to the high school students Sunday February 28. The occasion was in honor of Milton's 19th birthday. A delicious buffet dinner topped with a lovely birthday cake made by Mrs. Zell and decorated in yellow was served from a table covered with yellow cloth and centered with yellow candelabra and daffodils. The Zells and their guests then drove to The Dalles where they saw the picture "The Glen Miller Story" at the Civic.

Wasco Women's study club met at the home of Mrs. August Huckin. Guest speakers of the afternoon were Paul McCulloch and Don Lewis whose subjects were on the importance of making wills and on the different kinds of wills.

Mrs. Bish announced Saturday evening April 3 Arthur Murray dance band will furnish music for a formal dance in the Wasco high school gym. Invitations are to be sent out. Mrs. Huckin will be featured during the evening. She has taken lessons in dancing in Portland the last few years.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Huckin and Mrs. Lloyd Brink.

The annual Cub Scout blue and gold banquet for cubs and their families was held February 24 at 6:30 p. m.

Following the dinner a pack meeting was held. Awards passed out by the cub master Marvin Thomas were Webelos badges to Garth Nelson and Jim Thomas who now are Boy Scouts and wolf badges to Tony Capaci and Floyd Rathbun.

Den mothers Mrs. Marvin Thomas of den one, Mrs. Leonard Fields of den two and Mrs. Frank Reid of den three were all present and most of the cubs were there.

Bruce Kitts announced Capt. A. Lepaluto has offered a trip down the river on his boat to any pack or troop having 100% subscriptions to Boys Life, the official scout magazine.

Tuesday evening February 23 at the regular meeting of Annie Pulton chapter a birthday party was given for those having birthdays during the last quarter of 1953. They were Curt Tom, Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Bill Nisbet, Mrs. Vivian Rust, Mrs. Ida Everett, Mrs. Esther Stanley, Mrs. Ida Gordon, Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. C. A. Tom and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. Each one was asked for the date and place of birth and some information on the place of birth.

Ice cream and individual birthday cake cakes were served by Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Mrs. Carl Tuggle.

The meeting March 9 honored the past matrons and patrons and charter members.

Miss Carmen Royse was guest of honor at a birthday party given by Betty Haven and Peggy Austin at the Haven home Friday evening Feb. 26. Other guests were the girl's high school class mates: Barbara Buck, Carol Briggs, Joan Fridley, Sharon Laughlin, Pat Townsend, Vaughna Rothery, Shirley Kellogg, Milton Zell, Harry Decker, Virgil Jeppson, Jack Wallace, Joe Drinkard and Rob Hastings. Bob Leck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson and Garth, Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and Jack and Everett Royse.

After Carmen had opened her lovely gifts, ice cream and cake decorated in pale green and yellow was served.

Mrs. Haven showed pictures which had been taken on the Haven's Christmas trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

The Moro grade school pupils came to Rufus school Friday afternoon for ball games. Moro won over the girls volleyball game which preceded the boys basketball game.

The basketball game was nip and tuck for both teams in the first half. The first quarter score was tied with 7 all and at the half it was tied again at 11 all. Then the Rufus players gradually gained on the Moro lads, and beat them by a ten point margin 29-19. Michael O'Brien was high for Rufus with 11 points. William O'Brien officiated.

The Rufus high basketball team went to Arlington Saturday night where they had a game during the tournament. Both teams held out their seniors at the start of the game. The game was close all the way, but Arlington came out winner with a 34 to 31 score.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griggs and family moved into the old Hugh Mathieson house last weekend. They are employed by Dave Reid. Charles Griggs who is in the sixth grade entered Rufus school Monday. Two more of the Griggs children are in the lower grades at Rufus. The Griggs came from Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopherson who formerly lived on the Hugh Mathieson place and worked for Reids, moved near Lexington. Their daughter Gloria who was an eighth grade student entered school at Lone, it was reported.

Mrs. Phyllis Steward and her sister in law, Dottie Steward gave a surprise birthday party for Carl Grant Thursday evening. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Emery Clarke, mother of Phyllis Steward. The high school students of Rufus were invited guests. A decorated birthday cake, ice cream and pop were served. Games were the diversion of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and son Grant of Arlington came to Rufus for the Arlington-Rufus basketball game last week. They were accompanied by Joe Hall who lives with the Weatherfords and attends school in Arlington.

Mrs. Weatherford and Grant then spent a week visiting at the home of her parents, the George Foxes. Earl came to take them home the following Friday.

Mrs. Leonard Palist and Mrs. Sarah Giannonnati were recent dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid.

It really got cold during the nights of last week. For a few nights the mercury dropped to 20 degrees above zero. In the day time, the sun came out making it warmer. One day the wind blew so cold it wasn't comfortable to be out in. Ice formed on all the water puddles. It warmed up a bit over the weekend. Sunday night and early Monday morning the rain came down freely.

It cleared up during the day, but rained hard again that night. The rain came on the newly graded roads to make them muddy.

The rain was good for the fields which have been recently fertilized. The yellow bell will flowers are found by the roadsides.

There are many ducks and geese still lingering around these parts. The geese are beginning to pair off, and will soon start building their nests. Many geese raise young along the Columbia and John Day rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and children spent Sunday visiting with Mrs. Macnab's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington in Dufur.

Mrs. Don Macnab was hostess at her home to the Community Pinocchio club Monday night. Mrs. Tom Macnab was high score winner and Mrs. Pete Macnab low. Invited guests were Mrs. Ira Fridley and Mrs. Afton McIntyre. For late refreshments the hostess served strawberry delight, cookies and coffee. Members present were Mesdames Bill Macnab, Pat Macnab, Frank Reid, George Fox, Dewey Thomas, Kenneth Fridley and Chet Coats. The next meeting will be April 12 at the home of Mrs. Tom Macnab.

Mrs. James Tate visited the primary room at Rufus school one day last week. Mrs. Lyons is the primary teacher.

The Sunday school of the Rufus church of the Nazarene sponsored a pot luck supper at the O. S. grange hall Monday night. They also put on a program.

Three houses are taking shape for the Rufus school housing program. The frames are all up, and the ditch dug for the sewer system. The roofs are already on the houses. They are set just west of Rufus school and behind the bus garage upon hill overlooking the Columbia river and are side by side.

The Rufus high school students went to The Dalles Monday where they had individual pictures taken for the annual which they are working on. A few of the boys spent Friday evening at the home of Larry Cagle to work on the annual. Mrs. Cagle served ice cream and pop to the boys.

Now that the basketball season is officially finished for Rufus school, the students are beginning to look forward to baseball. Rufus plans to combine their boys with Wasco to have a baseball team. The two schools will work together the same as they did during football last fall.

Candidate



Albert Ullman, Baker, Hells dam advocate, who has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress. He favors government supplied power.

Moro Womans Club Hears of Easter Seals

The Moro Woman's club met in the church social rooms, Thursday, March 4, with President Mrs. Dewey Thompson, presiding. Twenty members and four visitors were present. After the usual business and committee reports the meeting was turned over to the director, Mrs. John Parker, her topic being "Human Interests."

She stated: The welfare of a nation depends not only on its health, but its morale, its culture, its good livelihood, which in America culminates in our four freedoms.

Its morale: She cited: President Dwight D. Eisenhower's philosophy "This I do believe" and a humorous on grandad's philosophy "Things are going to the dogs." Its health: Mrs. Parker pointed out what Oregon is doing for good health: providing mental institutions in Salem, Pendleton, Fairview home for children. The 2595 patients were cared for in 1953 against 2400 in 1952; a new \$1,500,000 wing to be completed in Salem in 1955.

The Oregon society for crippled and handicapped children and adults has a hospital at Eugene, a speech therapy school in Portland both aided by Easter Seals.

Camp Easter Seal became a reality last spring and is situated on Ten Mile lake in north Coos county. A long range cost for adequate equipment is \$80,000.

The definite aim is for a dormitory wing to be added to the Eugene hospital, approximate cost \$100,000. This facility would eliminate much of the expense of foster home care.

Another need is a speech therapy center for severely handicapped older folks, the cost \$150,000. She then pointed out other activities in other states such as "Toy Clinics" which collect and renovates old toys for year around Santa; the work of Dr. Kessler in "The Kessler Institute for rehabilitation" in West Orange, N. J. In five years he has cared for 1000 patients and given them a new lease on life and to take away the stigma so many unfortunates suffer.

Health standards are rising the world around.

Mrs. Duncan rendered two valedictorian addresses and "You Never Walk Alone" dedicated to cal solos "Mother Machree" dedicated to children. Mrs. Max Barzee accompanied at the piano.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served from a lovely decorated table using St. Patrick's theme. Daffodils and greenery decorated the room.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Sophie Dodson, Mrs. Blaine Miller and Mrs. Ralph Busse. The Oregon society for crippled children and adults has named Dr. Morgan Odell of Lewis & Clark college, state chairman for the annual Easter Seals sales, March 18 to April 18.

Grain Products Group Claims Freight Savings For Wheat Growers of Oregon

Thus far we have outlined in a general way the seriousness of the freight rate problems that face Oregon wheat farmers. Now we can get down to cases and show what the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association has done to save money for Oregon ranchers.

In an earlier article we discussed the first major victory won by the organization in January, 1951. At that time the railroads asked for a six percent increase in freight rates. After a public hearing, an increase of four percent was granted on general commodities, but only a two percent increase in freight rates was granted on grain and grain products.

That four percent saving to Oregon farmers came largely because Frank Aghayan, manager of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association attended the hearings in Washington, D. C., where he was able to tell the wheat man's side of the story.

That, however, was not the end of it. Two months later the railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for another increase. This time they were asking for a boost of 15 percent.

Realizing the seriousness of such a big increase in freight rates, the Pacific Northwest Products association and others, asked that the hearings be held in the West.

As a result, the hearings were held in Portland, under those conditions the Grain Products association was able to present eight qualified witnesses. Speaking for the wheat producers, four millers and grain dealers of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, they explained why a 15 percent increase would work a hardship on shippers in the Northwest.

Their arguments brought success. Instead of a 15 percent increase, the railroads were allowed to boost their freight rates by six percent. Another victory was scored by the wheat people when these rate increases did not go into effect for 30 days. The increases on general commodities went into effect in 15 days.

This all added up to a partial defeat for the railroads. For that reason they asked the Interstate

Commerce commission to hold another hearing so that the entire matter could be reconsidered.

This hearing was held seven months later and the railroads were allowed to increase their freight rates once again. But, just as before, because of good representation at the hearings, the wheat people did not meet total defeat.

An increase of nine percent in freight rates was granted on all general commodities, but it was held down to six percent on wheat and grain products. In addition, the increase in rates on general commodities went into effect in 15 days while the wheat and grain people had a total of 30 days in which to ship their product at the old rate.

The importance of that extra 15 days cannot be minimized. During that time a total of 3,388 cars of wheat traveled from interior points to west coast ports. That meant that wheat shippers in the Pacific Northwest saved a total of \$56,000 in freight payments.

This saving of \$56,000 is more than three times the annual cost of operating the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association. And it should be remembered that unless the small grower does have someone representing him in such matters he is quite likely to find himself totally smothered by more powerful interests.

Mrs. Elizabeth Strange Dies At Portland

Mrs. Elizabeth Strange died Tuesday in Portland at the age of 76 after a long illness. She was a Sherman county resident for the greater part of her life, coming here as a young girl from Hanover, Germany, where she was born May 11, 1877.

She was the widow of Chris Koepke, a farmer in the German settlement west of Kent and a member of the Patjen family.

Survivors are Mrs. Adele Simon of Grass Valley, Mrs. Emma Chamberlain of Portland, Mrs. Amanda West of Clinton, Wash., and a son, Gustave of The Dalles, a sister, Mrs. Anna Holman of Portland, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 9:30 in Portland and graveside services at the Grass Valley cemetery at 2:30 that afternoon.

Day of Prayer Held

"The World Day of Prayer" held in the Moro Community church was well attended by all faiths with 61 present.

Opening was a drama—"These Others" by the Junior Ladies—followed by the regular service with each church taking a part. We felt God Very near as we remembered "These Others" in united prayer.

An offering was taken amounting to \$28.00.

Following the service a fellowship hour was held in the social room.

Assisting was Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Gwen Matteson and Mrs. Anna Moore.

Court of Honor Due

An Eagle Court of Honor will be held at the Kent Legion hall the evening of March 20 and a dance will be held afterwards. Many scout executives are expected from Portland to see seven Eagle scouts elevated and to see other members of Scout Troop 362 receive awards. Everyone is invited to come.

Wheat Doesn't Rule Price of Bread Anymore

Cost of bread is no longer determined by the price of wheat; so states the Agricultural Marketing service, USDA, in a recent market analysis. High labor and high production costs in the baking and milling industries are the determining factors.

Although the annual average for a pound loaf of wheat bread in 1953 increased 6c over the average for 1946, the farmer's share of the retail price declined because of high labor and production costs at the other end of the supply line.

Consumers paid a United States average of 16.4c for a pound loaf of white bread in 1953. This is an increase of 6c above the annual average for 1946. The major part of this increase, amounting to 4.8c, went to the bakers and distributors of bread. The remainder, 1.2c, was shared by wheat growers, transportation agencies, other handlers and flour millers.

Although the value of farmer-produced ingredients in a loaf of bread increased 6c at the farm, the farmer's share of the retail price declined from 25 percent in 1946 to 14 percent in 1953. This is true because of the greater increase in retail price.

Seven years ago, 1947, a one pound loaf of white bread retailed at a United States average price of 12.5c. The farmer's share of this retail price was 2.9c. Since 1947, the retail price of bread has steadily increased even though the farmer's share has decreased. USDA studies show that the one pound loaf of bread, which cost 12.5c in 1947, retailed for 16.4c in 1953. During this period in which the retail price per loaf increased by 3.9c, the wheat farmer's share decreased from 2.9c to 2.5c.

Because the farmer's share in a loaf of bread is relatively low, these USDA figures show what ever happens to the price of wheat in the future will have little effect on bread prices.

Helen Watkins Again Top Trap Shooter

Sports Afraid recently published the All-American trapshooting teams of America for 1953. There are four groups listed: Professional, Junior, Ladies and Men.

Oregon led the nation, having the most chosen as "All-Americans" in 1953. California was next. John Simpson, Portland, was named on the men's first team. Orley B. Milligan, Coos Bay and Dick Skeeters, Medford, were listed on the men's second team.

Lawrence Jones, Condon, was named co-captain of the nation Junior team Baxter Moore Jr. Tillamook, was on the Junior's second team.

Herman Moritz, Albany, was chosen the "All-American Rookie" of the year for his spectacular shooting in 1953. This was his first year of competition trapshooting.

Helen Watkins, Wasco and Anna Linn, Maupin, were named on the women's first team. This was Helen Watkins' fifth consecutive year as being an "All-American" trapshooter. Only three other women, Iva Pembroke, Kansas, Hortense Wood, Utah, and Frances King, Georgia, have been chosen for five years as All-Americans.

Archie Gosson Funeral In The Dalles Today

Funeral services for Archie L. Gosson, who died at Pendleton Tuesday, will be held from the Spencer & Libby chapel in The Dalles Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

Mr. Gosson, a farmer in the Klondike neighborhood for 45 years, was known throughout the county for his witty and pointed stories. He was born at Digby Neck, Nova Scotia, March 29, 1880, and that year was brought to Klickitat county, Washington by his parents who took up a homestead there. Within ten years they moved to Mill creek near The Dalles.

Archie came to Sherman county and farmed one place for the Pottery until 1950 when he retired because of failing health.

Surviving are his widow, Orel G. of Wasco, a son, Lloyd and a daughter, Mrs. Earle Morrison of Wasco and a daughter, Mrs. Loyal Pratt of The Dalles, nine brothers and sisters, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

