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These Things We Note

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You never insult an Irishman by calling him Irish and a German is proud of being a German. But if you call a man black or infer that his ancestry is not Anglo-Saxon, some one crawls down your neck. Maybe most of this trouble comes from a lack of racial pride.

T T W N

It used to be that when a man buttoned his coat nothing showed but his collar; now even his belt shows. Ain't we progressed?

T T W N

We've asked this before without answer: why does it take longer to get a new highway paved than to get it graded.

T T W N

The great American boycott of coffee seems to have been thrown out with the grounds.

T T W N

The frogs are really croaking now and for the first time this spring. Frogs are not fooled by the calendar and, like the locusts, seldom give out inaccurate prophecies.

T T W N

So far it seems that the candidates are running on a track without spectators. There was brief announcement at the start and then the crowd left. Maybe they'll be back before the finish.

T T W N

Odd, isn't it? It is easy to get thousands of voters out to pass upon a minor office and almost impossible to get a hundred out for a million dollar bond issue.

T T W N

We suspicion that the Oregon Voter's pamphlet would be better read if opponents of candidates did the writing. The fine qualities of the candidates appearing in the book are so superb, so remarkable that they cloy the appetite for reading after a few pages. Also, one could get the notion that with so many excellent men running it wouldn't make much difference who was elected and fail to vote.

T T W N

If you are the worrying kind it is best that you worry about some thing so far away you can do nothing about it.

T T W N

In a Christian nation, purportedly believing in the ten commandments we have laws enforcing the payment of a small part of income toward the support of parents. Cynics hold your fire.

T T W N

Civilian defense measures to run away from modern bombs come from natural reactions, not from thinking.

T T W N

Politicians warn of taxes, doctors warn of health, wives warn of habits, bankers warn of insolvency, preachers warn of hell. Thankfully the fishing season is coming soon.

T T W N

We hail the Easter bunny on Easter and shoot rabbits the other 364 days.

T T W N

The sun looks almost familiar, despite the fact it has been nothing but an occasional visitor in these parts for the past six weeks.

T T W N

We do not know whether the stock market is a good indicator of economic conditions or not. Anyway it has remained strong despite some fears of collapse. When the big depression started the stock market fell apart, feel better?

T T W N

"Why," she said, "that's as disgusting as other people's morals."

T T W N

Probably many of the troubles we have would be eliminated if there were more honest men which is like saying we lack moral values. For that we naturally turn to church or school, neither of which can escape some responsibility for lack of same. Could it be that we'll have to do something about it ourselves?

T T W N

We have no idea whether Oppenheimer has been helping communists or not. We do know a number of others who have as many ideas related to communism as they have to a republican form of government.

T T W N

Is it true that the simplest people lead the most complicated lives?

Poll Ended; Voting Stabilizes At Same Percentages 2nd Week

Latest and last count on the Sherman County poll: Compulsory Bangs disease test: Yes 16 No 28 Home Demonstration Agent: Yes 7 No 28 County Agent: Yes 26 No 18 One High School: Yes 30 No 17 Soil Conservation Service: Yes 19 No 27 Continued Road Levy: Yes 19 No 30 Rigid Price Supports: Yes 23 No 23

The voting has stabilized, that is the indications are almost exactly the same as they were several days ago. Continued voting would undoubtedly show the same results. Although the results are different than anyone expected there can be little doubt that the percentages of positive and negative opinion on these subjects are substantially those of Sherman countians as a whole.

Mail Service Hours To Be Shortened

Postmaster Lloyd Johnson received notice Thursday that beginning Friday, April 16, the outgoing mail would leave Moro an hour earlier. This means that mail will leave Moro at 3:30 p. m. Purpose is said to be that it will make delivery of mail to Portland residents on the following day more certain.

The mail will get to The Dalles at five instead of six in the evening. In either case it could get to Portland by nine the same evening. How the new schedule will affect delivery the following day is not explained and those who doubt the validity of the argument will have a lot of company.

Baseball Team Still Winning

Moro high school's baseball team is getting along even better than the Portland Beavers, having won all of its league games and some others outside league play. Latest victory was over Cascade Locks which was beaten 12 to 1 at Grass Valley last Friday. Moro made seven hits to five for the Locks team and also made six errors to five for the visitors. Danny Duncan went the route for Moro with Butch Helyer catching. For Cascade Locks Gary Nichols, George Nichols and Tank McClure all pitched and Wilson was catcher.

Next Friday Moro will play the Rufus-Wasco team at Grass Valley and Tuesday afternoon will play a league game against Maupin also at Grass Valley. League standings show Moro ahead with two wins and no losses; Cascade Locks two wins, one loss; Maupin a win and a loss and Dufur with three losses.

HITTERS		AB	H	R	B	I	S	O	B	A	V	E
Smith	11	4	3	1	3	64	2					
E. Griggs	9	3	0	2	33	2						
Kirkelle	11	4	3	2	364	1						
Da. Duncan	10	5	3	4	500	0						
Fridley	11	4	7	2	364	0						
Helyer	7	3	2	1	428	3						
J. Griggs	6	2	2	2	333	4						
Brown	9	2	1	3	222	0						
H. Duncan	7	1	0	3	143	1						
De. Duncan	5	3	1	1	600	0						
TOTALS	96	31	22	21	323	14						

Mothers-Daughters Dine At Moro Church; Hear Self-Made Program Thursday Eve

Daughters and "borrowed daughters" were honored by the Moro Women's club at its annual Mother-Daughter banquet held on Thursday evening April 15 at 6 p. m. at the Moro Community church.

Colorful dyed egg placecards daffodil bouquets arranged in Easter baskets carried out an Easter theme as table decorations. Mrs. Truman Strong and Mrs. Eugene Amidon headed the decorating committee.

Hostesses Mrs. Paul May, Mrs. Vernon Miller, and Mrs. Dewey Thompson served a delicious dinner. Creamed chicken on biscuits headed the menu while pie was served for dessert.

Daughters were warmly welcomed by Mrs. John Parker. The response for the daughters was given by Sandra May. Tribute was paid to mothers by a trio composed of Mrs. Andy Paulson, Miss Dorothy Beachler and Mrs. Alfred Solomon. They sang, "Two Temples" by Hermene Eichhorn and "Mother" (from My Maryland) by Romberg.

Sherman County Citizens Yield 72 Pints Blood

Sherman countians gave 72 pints of blood through the Red Cross at a donation party held at the Moro church Monday afternoon. Fourteen prospective donors were rejected. Some was replacement blood, given to replace that already used.

Six nurses and a doctor and a technician were in the crew that came from Portland to manage the operation.

Local persons assisting Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, chairman of the Red Cross committee were: Bob Davis, recruitment chairman who arranged for many donors, Pauline Douma, Murdina Nelson, Aleta Fraser, Dortha Moore, Mary Pratt, Virginia Syron, Virginia McIntyre, Beryl Irzyk, Catherine Andersen, Norma Balsiger, Helen Martin, Helen Sayrs, Althea Burnett, Josephine Gentry, Selma Watkins, Edna Kee, Ellen Justesen, Reba Hall, Florence Thompson and Clair Balzer.

The Campfire girls did the baby sitting for donors, keeping the children happy while their parents were occupied.

Eight H.S. Singers Going To Pacific

Eight students from Moro high school have been invited to participate in Pacific university's seventh annual "Music in May" festival for outstanding high school musicians of the northwest May 13, 14, 15.

The following were selected on a competitive basis, upon recommendation by their school directors: Ronald Rolfe, Dale Archer, Roy Cyphers, Louis Miller, Jerry Adams, Elaine Brinkert, Ronald Benson and Gene Cantrall.

Service Groups Meet Wednesday

Legionnaires and auxiliaries met Wednesday night for a potluck dinner at the Masonic hall and for respective meetings thereafter. The refreshment committee consisted of Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, Mrs. Willy Knighten and Mrs. Theodore Johnston.

District Commander Joe Horn or Hood River and his wife, May Horn, district president, were here accompanied by Boyd Jackson of Hood River, vice-commander of the post there.

Horn talked briefly to the joint group and expressed his belief that any ex-soldier could do as much for his community through the Legion as through any other organization.

New officers were installed as follows: Darwin Van Gilder, commander; Eugene Colton, vice-commander; Dean Shaver, adjutant; Ted Thompson, Andy Paulson and Richard Bruckert, executive committee members and Alfred Solomon, chaplain. Plans were mentioned toward an observance of Memorial day by the post.

May Horn gave the auxiliary gave two clever readings entitled "The Order and stressed the importance of poppy sales next month. A film will be shown at a future meeting to explain the process of making poppies. Gifts were given to Frankie Axtell, unit president who is moving away from Moro and to Mrs. Horn visiting official.

Schoolboys Present Difficult Play and Succeed In It

It was like this: a squad of riflemen were held down in Cassino, Italy during World War II so they could not get out until dark. One man, Small, had been chased into a building from which he could not escape. There was no action in the play, only that which portrayed the psychological effect of the tension on the soldiers being held in the dugout or taking brief and ineffectual trips outside to see what was going on.

Therefore the play was a difficult one. The high school boys had the heavy parts, faculty members helping out in minor roles except Mr. Meyers whose part was longer.

The play was a study of the effect of tension on soldiers of different types. For a group of strictly amateur actors the boys carried their roles very well.

Jim Griggs had the longest part as Dino Colucci, a gabby, somewhat boastful lad who talked when nervous. Don Schilling as Charles Coke watched steadily and grew grim and irritable. Denny Andersen as the sergeant who finally disobeyed orders in an effort to get Small went into action to relieve tension. Bucky Brady as another sergeant became belligerent. Larry Sayrs, Dwayne Duncan reacted in different ways.

Mr. Meyers, as a correspondent helped increase the nervousness by his talk of civilian life. Ronald Reid, Don McIntyre, Don Anderson, Jerald Disch had smaller parts.

Wasco Study Club Has Social Dance

The Wasco Woman's Study club entertained with an informal invitation dance at the Wasco high school April 3 honoring Mrs. Augusta Huckin.

The guests were greeted at the door by the President Mrs. Robert Bish, Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. Charles Fulton and Mrs. Hildred Zell.

The gym was attractively decorated by Mrs. Art Watkins and Mrs. John Foss. Sievers orchestra of The Dalles furnished the music.

Mrs. Huckin, who has been studying with the Arthur Murray studio for several years was featured in a Swing, a Samba and a Fox Trot. The Viennese waltz was danced by Mrs. Huckin and Mr. Gearhart, Mrs. Hailey and Mr. Olson.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Minnie Macabee, Mrs. Herman Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kargl, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kenan, Capt. and Mrs. Leppalauro, Mr. and Mrs. Art Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Medler, Mr. and Mrs. John McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Walker of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Anderson of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Van Gaasbeck of Blalock; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mulick of Moro; County Judge Tom and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom of Rufus.

The two serving tables were decorated with cut work clothes, silver candelabra, crystal and spring flowers. Refreshments of dainty open faced sandwiches, olives, carrot sticks, coffee and punch were served. Mrs. Hildred Zell was general chairman and serving with her were Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mrs. Harley Dutton, Mrs. Earl Richelderfer, Mrs. Vern Dutton, Mrs. Lloyd Royce and Mrs. H. A. White.

Chet Barginholt Buried In The Dalles

Chester Barginholt, 63, long time resident of Sherman county, died in Portland Sunday morning after a brief illness.

He was born April 17, 1890 in Hastings, Nebraska and came to Sherman county when a young man, working on farms for years before going to work for the county where he helped build and maintain roads. He had been working for the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers since 1942.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Wasco American Legion post.

Survivors include his widow, Maude of Wasco, his mother, Mrs. Minnie Barginholt of Portland, a sister, Mrs. Cora Hartley of Portland, a niece and three nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, April 14, at 2 p. m. at Smith's Calvary in The Dalles with interment in The Dalles cemetery.



"MY LIVE EASTER EGG". This is what little six-year-old Lyn Jenks calls her handful of yellow fluff that has just hatched from the incubator on her father's hatchery. This is one of many thousand Easter baby chicks being shipped to all parts of western United States this week from Jenks Hatchery, Tangent, Oregon. Lyn is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jenks.

County Agent Says Straw Important To Soil, Burning Expensive Farm Practice

Smoke circled over many a Sherman county stubble field this spring destroying enough plant food on an average size farm in one year to have paid the 1953 federal income tax, stated County Agent T. W. Thompson.

Straw and stubble are fertilizers and should be incorporated into the soil. A match to a trouble some pile of straw is the simplest way out. A zip down the pants leg and woosh—away goes all the straw with the flickering heat of a tiny match. No trouble plowing now. Just get in the old cat and one never needs to fear stopping with a straw plug-up. But that one match just burned up enough plant food, let alone organic matter to have paid your 1953 federal income tax.

Sherman county farmers need to readjust their sights and plan ways to handle heavy straw and stubble problems, Thompson indicates. The time was when most fields were burned and now again with the use of nitrogen fertilizer and favorable weather, burning of stubble is increasing. Farmers cannot long expect to use nitrogen fertilizer and burn their stubble and still maintain a productive and prosperous country.

Nitrogen applications coupled with stubble burning is the fastest way to ruin our soils productivity and our own prosperity states Merrill Oveson, superintendent, Pendleton branch experiment station. On the other hand, applications of nitrogen fertilizer coupled with stubble utilization will give us a longer productive period under a summer fallow system than just normal cropping without fertilizer. Our present land is all we have and each farmer must maintain its productivity, not only for his children but for the strength of our country as a whole. Black stubble fields are not going to accomplish our goal of continued prosperity and a free America.

A farm is never any better than the soil and the soil no better than its ability to furnish food for the crop. A productive soil must store mineral plant food and a supply of decaying organic matter to convert the minerals to an available form that can be used by growing plants. Cropping year after year drains the mineral supply of the soil. The sale of each year's crop represents a share sold from the store of minerals as well as farming operations consuming a part of the soils supply organic matter. To maintain good yields additional organic matter in the form of stubble need be added not burned.

Straw and stubble returned to the soil adds both plant food and organic matter. A ton of wheat straw contains 10 pounds of nitrogen, three pounds of phosphoric acid, and 12 pounds of potash. These minerals at present day prices mean about \$3 per acre value in each ton of straw. Some of the heavy stubble on Sherman county farms was over 3 tons during 1953. A two ton straw and stubble residue means \$6 worth of plant food per acre that can be returned to the soil for future use. A two ton crop of straw burned on a 500 acre farm destroys \$3000 of plant food that could be returned to the soil. A match is the easiest way, but the most economic isn't to add nitrogen and then burn the straw.

Farm income on an average size farm after expenses are deducted could be considered as \$14,250. 1953 federal tax payment of \$2872 would have been paid on this farm income considered a family with one child and maximum unitemized deductions of \$1000. These figures truly show that stubble burners waste more money by an intentional match than paid in income tax to the federal government.

Problems of utilizing heavy stubble crops are both chemical and mechanical. Farmers are and can develop proper mechanical equipment to handle stubble under all conditions. Nitrogen fertilizer, a chemical product is available to assist in decomposing of heavy straw. Upon your action depends the future productivity of the soil and prosperity of your children and our country. Don't burn up a good source of plant food. Straw and stubble are fertilizer—use them.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter morning worship will be at 11 o'clock Sunday at Moro Community Presbyterian church. The choir will sing the Easter Call to Worship "Christ is Risen: Alleluia" by Grosvenor, "Joy Comes with Easter" by Marryott, and "Methinks I Hear the Heavens Resound" by Bedell. Topic of the Easter sermon by Rev. Alfred Solomon will be "Without Fear". The sacrament of baptism will be administered, and new members will be welcomed.

Five Companies Combine For NW Power Job

Formation of a regional generating company to finance and develop more hydroelectric power for the Pacific northwest was announced today by five of the region's utility companies.

Pacific Power & Light company is one of the group of sponsors.

Incorporation papers for the new firm, to be known as Pacific Northwest Power company, have been filed at Salem, Oregon, with \$50,000,000 of authorized capital stock. Initial plans would call for a \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 construction program.

Purpose of the company is to construct and operate large power developments needed to supply future power requirements of the 800,000 customers served by members of the five-company group backing the plan. They are Washington Water Power, Pacific Power & Light, Montana States Power, Portland General Electric and Montana Power companies.

Already under investigation by the group are two projects on branches of the Clearwater river in northwestern Idaho, which would produce 536,000 kilowatts of power. The new generating company will continue engineering investigations now being carried on by the companies on the Clearwater projects.

Named as president of Pacific Northwest Power company is Kinsey M. Robinson, president of Washington Water Power company, Spokane, serving with him as vice presidents and members of the board of directors are J. E. Corlette, president of the Montana Power company, Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light company, T. W. Delzell, board chairman, Portland General Electric company, and A. W. Trimble, president of the Montana States Power company.

The five-company announcement stated that their program proposed in keeping with the orderly development of the resources of the Northwest.

The plan was described as a regional venture to increase power supply from large projects, which will in no way change the independent operations of the participating companies. Sole function of the new enterprise is to develop future power supplies for the individual systems of the cooperating utilities it was stated.

The five-company group serves nearly 60 per cent of all power users in Oregon, Washington, northern Idaho and Montana.

The companies together have a present installed generating capacity of 1,400,000 kilowatts and estimate a joint need for between 150,000 and 200,000 kilowatts of new plant capacity to meet the area's growth in power demand.

Easter Service Planned At Kent

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at the Twin Buttes overlooking the John Day river this Sunday at 5: A. M. The Kent Christian church will be in charge and Miss Helen Snider will be the speaker. Also, participating will be Mr. Everett Cantrall, with a trumpet solo, and Mrs. Charles Myers, with accordion accompaniment.

Coffee, cocoa and donuts will be served at the Kent parsonage after the service.

Easter Sunday will climax the Sunday School contest being run in the Kent Christian church. The contest has progressed for six weeks, and has brought a good attendance, the highest Sunday being 57.

Choir To Sing On Good Friday

Good Friday will be observed at Moro Community Presbyterian church with the church choir singing the cantata, "The Redeemer", beginning at 7:45 in the church sanctuary. Words are taken from the Scriptures and from various poetry; the music was composed only a few years ago in England by Martin Shaw.

Choir members singing will be Velma McKean, Ellie Paul, Dortha Moore, Ruth Solomon Alice Archer, Bonnie May, sopranos; Edna Paulson, Jo Sayrs, Norma Barzee, Dayanne Sayrs, Reba Hall Nell Melzer, Genevieve Powell, altos; Harold Meizer, Russell Belshie, Lamer Sayrs, tenors; Frank Sayrs, Alfred Solomon, Gene Colton, Don Thompson, Mac Hall, Larry Sayrs, basses. Dorothy Beachler is director, and organist is Helen Sayrs.