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These Things We Note

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You learn easily from mistakes, probably from victories and possibly from experience of others.

T T W N
Senator Eva Bowring, newly appointed from Nebraska has this to say, and it qualifies her: "I've not been one who thought the Lord should make life easy; I've just asked Him to make me strong."

T T W N
We read that man learned to talk long before he learned to write. Think of the work and worry of reformers and "educators" of that time who felt that the problems of the world would be solved if writing could only be taught.

T T W N
We've heard of men making a success without money, without health, without luck, without too many brains but never without some kind of work.

T T W N
Lack of appreciation, individually and collectively, probably costs America as much effort as any other deficiency.

T T W N
The McCarthy case, pro and con, is entering the last stages; it is on radio and television.

T T W N
"Sometimes I think," said Uncle Emmett as he pondered over some county problems, "that a first class dictator could save us more than he could steal."

T T W N
It is reported that we will have a big scale hunt for reds in the northwest. Anything to warm it up.

T T W N
If we do go to war in Indo-China or anywhere else we hope we don't do it with one hand tied behind our back.

T T W N
Those who would like to have the government set the price of their product, the pay for their labor and the amount of their pension should have been born with hair on like the other work animals.

T T W N
We are pleased that the statehood bill is apparently dead. We may be lucky to look out for what we have on this continent.

T T W N
One wonders whether to feel sorry for or to envy that 73 year old man arrested in what newspapers call a love tangle.

T T W N
Since when is it improper for a mother to leave her children with a friend for a week or so? Even a movie actress shouldn't be charge with that.

T T W N
Officially this is spring. The calendar says so. But the sun doesn't show it, the thermometer doesn't co-operate and the wind still blows off the snow fields. The spirit is lacking.

T T W N
Portland is no different from any other city its size in that it must arrange for parking or let the town scatter out over enough territory so there will be parking. Whether it is the city's duty to provide parking or not is a question. Maybe spreading out is better anyway.

T T W N
Politicians are not alone in their well known desire to keep in tune with public sentiment. Many other successes depend on the same thing. Sherman countians should be very interested in the homestead exemption scheme. It would give them a chance to pay a lot more taxes.

T T W N
We don't know whether flexible price support or the two price system will cure the problem of surplus wheat but we are sure the rigid price system never will.

T T W N
This is about the time of year when newspapers start in telling the facts about the candidates, their lives, their ancestry, their public careers and their qualifications. It will be interesting—or, it would be interesting—

T T W N
A critic of the human race can get along very well as long as he recognizes that he is one of them; when he gets to intimating that he is a little super-human he is doomed.

Moro Second In Track Meet With Condon First

Moro took second in the track meet at Condon last Saturday losing first to Condon which had 39 to Moro's 38. Heppner had 25 points and Fossil and Sisters lesser numbers.

Larry Sayrs was high point man winning first in the 100 and 440 taking second in the high jump and shot put and third in the broad jump. His time in the 100 was 10.2 and in the 440 was 56.2. Gene Knott won the shot put with a toss of 37' 6" and Harold Duncan jumped 19' 14" to place first in that event. Duncan was second in the 220 dash. In the hurdles Mobley placed third in the low hurdles and Huck Rolfe third in the high hurdles.

The relay, which decided the contest was won by the Moro team of Duncan, Miller, Kirkelle and Sayrs.

Bull Testing Day May 1 At Condon

The Gilliam-Wheeler Stockgrowers association bull testing field day will be held, Saturday, May 1 starting at 1:00 a. m. fairgrounds, Condon, states County Agent T. W. Thompson.

Use of tested bulls in a commercial herd will be discussed by Stuart Bledsoe of the Flying B Ranch, Ellensburg, Wn., during the days program. Others on the program will be Harry Lindgren, extension livestock specialist, on "Value of Testing Bulls" and Ralph Bogart, animal husbandry department on the "Indexing System Used in This Test."

Bulls will be inspected during the morning with lunch served by the American Legion auxiliary, Condon. Bill Hardie, president of the Gilliam-Wheeler Stockgrowers association will be program chairman.

Mulick Buying Baumgartner At Gv

A deal is in process of completion whereby Mike Mulick of the Moro Lumber & Fuel company of Moro will buy the B. C. Baumgartner hardware store in Grass Valley. Mr. Baumgartner has established himself in the insurance and motel business and wishes to quit selling hardware.

When the deal is completed it is expected that Bill Bardenhagen now working in Moro for Mulick, will take charge of the store at Grass Valley and handle an expanded stock of hardware and electrical supplies and paint.

County Court Claims Paid; Road Board Meets

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL 7, 1954 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and ordered paid.

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

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

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

County Sheriff presents court with tax-foreclosure list and asks for order to have such proceedings published; order signed by court members. Mr. Huck of Rufus presents petition to court to vacate portion of street in Rufus, County Court O.K.'s such petition and signs order.

Two road petitions presented to county court with required number of freeholders asking for additional road tax. Court signs approval on petition. April 26, 1954 at 2:30 p. m. date set for hearing on petition.

Application of Chas. R. Logan as auditor for Sherman County, 1954-1955 accepted.

Bid of Philip G. O'Meara of Wasco for tax foreclosed property accepted; deed to be presented at court at next term for signature.

Bid of Eastern Oregon Electric Co. for 2-4D accepted.

Kenneth Martin et al appear before court and ask for gravel on certain roads; matter taken under advisement by court.

Five man road advisory board met in afternoon with county court, agreed to keep rock-crusher at Kent district until more work done.

County Agent presents court with annual report of 1953; re-

Tax Commissioner Explains Equalization Methods Available To Property Taxpayer

Taxation isn't like the weather—you can do something about your taxes if you feel you have a legitimate complaint. That is the function of the boards of equalization which will open their sessions in every county in Oregon on May 10, State Tax Commissioner Samuel B. Stewart recently pointed out.

Stewart, commissioner in charge of assessments and taxation, wishes to call attention to the fact that taxpayers may appeal their property tax assessments if they have examined the assessments made against them and find them to be unjust. The purpose of the equalization boards is to protect such property owners from over assessment or unequal assessments by providing this annual appeal system.

Under the law the board must meet to hear any appeal a taxpayer wishes to make against the assessments levied against his property. The board meets at the courthouse at which time the county assessor presents his assessment roll. In making his appeal the taxpayer does not need an attorney, Stewart points out, but he must make his petition for relief in writing, which must be notarized. This petition must be filed not later than May 15.

Usually petitions for relief against the official assessment base their claims upon either "overvaluation"; "inequality" of tax levied. Inequality, or lack of uniformity, is the grounds most frequently cited by the taxpayer, and to establish lack of uniformity it is necessary to prove that the assessment under appeal was made of a higher proportionate valuation than the assessment of other property of like character in the same taxing district for the same year. It

John Jones Dies In Sleep At Wasco

John R. Jones, 74, a resident of Wasco and a frequent visitor in Moro with Con Davis, died in bed Friday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mai McDermid in Wasco. When she went to call him in the morning he was found to be dead.

Mr. Jones was born in Wales, March 31, 1880, although he had been a resident of Oregon for 30 years living in Dufur and Wasco. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Baptist church. Survivors are Mrs. McDermid and another sister, Mrs. Lena Jones also of Wasco.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Smith Calaway in The Dalles with interment in the cemetery in that city.

His schooling was obtained at after which he attended business college in Salem a year and a mechanic trade school in Portland for a year. He was married in February 1923 to Anna Mathieson and went to farming in 1927.

In 1941, on the accidental death of his father, he took over his place as well.

The land he farms is nearly all blow land which requires careful handling and Mr. Kuyper's came first to public attention through his ability to raise wheat on such land in the dry years of the thirties. Also he invented and built some of the machinery used in that type of farming. He is a member of the five man board of road advisers.

ROAD AUDIT: \$300.00
RETIREMENT: \$47.55
MISCELLANEOUS:
First National Bank, \$205.20; State Tax Com., \$24.55; Social Security, \$95.10; State Ind. Acci. Commission, \$13.38.

ROAD FUND:
TIRES & TUBES:
Firestone Stores, \$188.55
GENERAL SUPPLIES:
J. K. McKean Co., \$8.85; Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., \$4.20; Moon Equip. Co., \$9.96; Farmer's Supply Co., \$8.00; Columbia Motor Service, \$1.50; Marshall Wells Co., \$55.33.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Union Pacific R. R., \$1.75; Sec. of State, \$3.00; Light Co., \$3.93; City of Moro, \$1.75; Phone Co., \$9.95; Vernon Platt, \$10.42
BRIDGES & CULTIVATORS:
Armo Drainage & Metal Prod., \$304.03

ROAD MACHINERY:
J. K. McKean Co., \$1050.00
SPECIAL ROAD TAX \$5.54
WAGES:
Dunlap, \$433.20; McPherson, \$296.04; Bayer, \$328.59; Morehouse, \$299.22; Gosson, \$257.24; Zachary, \$429.22; Hooper, \$292.56; Shoemaker, \$349.22; Gray, \$316.96; Grant, \$349.22; Hammond, \$272.12; First National Bank, \$302.40; State Tax Com., \$40.74; Social Security, \$74.10; Retirement, \$30.49

REPAIRS:
Int. Tractor & Equip. Co., \$108.05; Service Motor, \$48.32; W. E. Dutton, \$25.00
GAS & OIL:
Standard Oil Co., \$396.62

GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Keith McDonald, \$148.95; Moro Lumber Co., \$78.22
MISCELLANEOUS:
D. C. Toye Co., \$2000.00; State Ind. Acci. Com. \$157.40

ROAD MACHINERY:
J. K. McKean Co., \$1000.00
RETIREMENT: \$96.97

COUNTY SCHOOLS:
W. Knighton, \$150.00
GOV'T TRAPPER: \$58.33
DEMOS PARK: \$1.43
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$17.95
COUNTY PRINTING: \$18.85

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Moisture Good In Soil Tests; April Dry Month

There is lots of moisture in the soil, or was at the beginning of April. Crops have used some this month but the moisture outlook is generally good. On the station soil moisture tests have discovered some plots with 18 percent of moisture in them and even a little above that.

A test of some plots half in fallow last year and half in crop shows a difference of 8 inches moisture in the fallow plots to 6.7 inches in those that were in crop, closer than expected.

In the annual cropping plots the moisture average is from 13 to 14.5 percent which is sufficient to produce a satisfactory crop if other conditions are favorable. Some of these annual cropping plots were tested in late September last fall and showed 7.5 percent of moisture. The first of April there was 14.5 percent, an indicator of the excellent water quantity and soil penetration of the winter.

April was a dry month, only .33 inch of rain coming instead of the usual .74 which makes the county but .92 inch of moisture above the average. Weather prophets say May will not be a wet month so we may go into June in great need of the June rain that is always looked for.

Moro Loses And Wins In Baseball

Moro baseball players lost their first game Tuesday afternoon at Cascade Locks when the home team won 3 to 2. Danny Duncan pitched two hit ball and lost when Cascade Locks scored in the fifth while Duncan was arguing with the umpire at first base, scoring opportunity that Moro used a few games back.

Dewayne Duncan scored both Moro runs on hits by Jim Griggs.

In another meeting for the fun of playing and not for league play Moro defeated Maupin in baseball at Maupin last Friday afternoon with Earl Griggs chucking and Gordon Helyer receiving. Moro made ten hits to six for Maupin while making seven runs to five for Maupin. Both teams committed one error.

Battery for Maupin was Chuck and Richmond.

Feature of the game was a homer by Larry Smith who has been making a reputation for this sort of thing this season. Moro has won seven and lost none.

Stockmens' Rodeo For Juniors Growing

Entries for the junior rodeo scheduled for the fairgrounds near Moro on May 9 are coming in to Leo Meyers, secretary and he says that he expects a much larger number of girls as entries than was at first expected. They are to be in nearly all events.

Eighteen schools have entry blanks, more than the nine that asked for a supply.

There will be bareback riding of Sonny Bain's horses and Sonny, himself will handle the chute, insuring fast work there. Roping and dogging of a sort will also be on the bill together with several races and musical chair and rope events so that any youth between 14 and 18 can find something to fit his training.

Prizes will consist of merchandise and cash as well. The Sherman county stockmen are sponsors of the affair and have leased the fairgrounds from the fair board for that day.

US Bank Has Continued Growth

The United States National bank recorded an increase of more than 38 million dollars in deposits since a year ago.

Deposits for the state-wide system as of April 15 totalled \$645,936,494. The Dalles branch reported deposits of \$14,937,172.34 according to C. A. Reynolds, manager.

Loans and discounts also continued to increase in line with business expansion within the state and now stand at \$241,307,748.

The Dalles branch showed a 7.4 percent discount figure of \$5,121,350.43.

U. S. National now lists total resources of \$701,186,584, a gain of more than 40 million dollars during the past 12 months.

Bob Hoskinson Hurt When Tractor Rolls Down Bank

Robert B. (Bob) Hoskinson was seriously injured Monday while unloading a tractor at the experimental farm where he has been in charge of farming for 30 years.

The tractor was new and had been delivered in a truck, which was backed up to the fill that makes a road to the fields. Hoskinson drove the tractor off the truck front end first and failed to stop it before it overturned on the bank below the fill. He and the tractor rolled down a ten or twelve foot bank.

His injuries consist of a badly broken collar bone, five broken ribs and a cracked shoulder blade besides a multitude of bruises. He was taken to a hospital in The Dalles where he has remained this week.

Old Wasco County Pioneers To Meet

The annual meeting of the Old Wasco County Pioneers association will be held Saturday at The Dalles and with a program that may hold more interest than any for some time.

A playlet has been prepared by Marshall Nelson that will depict an event in territorial Oregon that occurred in The Dalles. He is also ready to distribute a book of historical events about Wasco county that should bring memories to the old timers.

It is a meeting of those who have lived in Wasco county, or in areas that were once a part of Wasco county. The old applies to the county, not to the pioneers although that name, also, carries some connotation of age.

Saturday will also be an open house date for the Old Fort Dalles Museum which is being expanded through benefit of a law recently passed giving a county the privilege of establishing museums for historical records and artifacts.

Liquor Sellers Can't Campaign

Licenses of the Oregon liquor control commission were reminded this week that they are prohibited by law from making any contribution to any candidate for political office or to any political party.

Administrator W. H. Baillie also cited an opinion from the attorney general dated October 11, 1951, which interprets the law as prohibiting any licensee to allow a candidate to post placards in any part of the licensed premises. Licensees also are prohibited from allowing distribution or circulation on licensed premises of campaign material, circulars, pamphlets, buttons, match folders or the like advocating a candidate's election to public office, and campaign literature may not be placed on the premises for the availability of the patrons.

"The attorney general's opinion holds that it was the intent of the legislature to restrain and avoid any activity on licensed premises which would aid or assist one candidate against another," Baillie said, "and the commission must enforce the law accordingly."

Cost of Producing Wheat Examined

Costs of growing dry-land wheat varied more than \$1 a bushel among 18 Wasco county farms studied by Oregon state college agricultural economist Dr. Curtis Mumford and reported in OSC circular of information No. 541, "Costs and Returns on Dry-Land Wheat Farms."

Copies of the circular are available from county extension agents or OSC.

Average production costs, based on 1952 figures, were \$1.61 a bushel ranging from \$1.20 for the five lowest cost operations up to \$2.32 for the five highest. The five farms with lowest per bushel cost averaged 38 bushels per acre, while high cost farms averaged 27 bushels.

All costs were included such as a salary allowance for the operator, taxes and insurance, and depreciation on machinery and buildings. The wheat, selling at fourth grade mothers with room \$2.32 a bushel, returned 12.3 per cent on an average capital investment of \$116,990. Farms studied averaged 910 acres of crop-land.

The children saw an educational film during the adults' meeting.

Hearing Results In Order For Vote On Special Levy

At the hearing called by the county court for Monday, April 26, to determine whether or not an election should be held for a special road levy the vote was 22 to 6 in favor of such a levy. Another motion to obtain sentiment regarding perpetuation of the five-man board was passed 21 to 5.

The county court at its meeting, May 5 will set the date for the election. The law has been changed since last year when it was possible to make a levy at a meeting without having a vote on the matter. This year an election must be held. Every resident of Road District No. 1 will be permitted to vote. That is the entire county except residents of incorporated towns.

Judge C. A. Tom opened the meeting by saying that he wanted to get everyone on the gravel before doing any paving. Commissioner Donald Martin said additional money would be required to keep on road building. Charles Kuyper, candidate for commissioner, said more money would be required to keep the crusher running. Martin said many bridges have been built. Kendrick Dunlap said the county crew was now nine men but ten had been hired until recently.

Judge Tom enumerated some of the things the county does for the people and said that taxes could not be lowered if voters or their wives kept asking for more services. Commissioner Kenneth Sather said he hoped to be able to go ahead with grading and rock roads. Harold White asked if each part of the county would receive the same share of road money. Martin said, in answer to a question by Clarence Morrison, that 15 miles of road had been built this year. Dunlap said his figures showed a cost of \$1.52 per yard for rock actually on the road. Tom said that the crusher should stay at Kent until more work is done.

District Attorney T. Lester Johnson explained about the election procedure and asked that the meeting be formally organized according to law which requires a chairman and secretary. Charles Kuyper was named chairman and Russell Belshee, secretary.

The ballot form requires that the levy be made in dollars and the talk was of a six mill levy. A motion was made to raise \$60,000 which was carried by the vote of 22 to 6.

The actual assessed valuation of Sherman county is \$10,407,508 for 1953. The assessed valuation of Road District No. 1 is \$9,653,798. The valuation for 1954 will be used and it will vary from the above figures. In 1953 the special road tax of six mills made a levy of \$57,922.79 of which the district has received \$55,329.87.

A levy of 6.2 mills would be required to raise \$60,000 on the 1953 valuation.

Moro PTA To Elect New Officers

Moro PTA met for its regular monthly meeting Friday evening April 23 at the Moro school. President Mrs. Paul May presided over a short business meeting. The nominating committee submitted the following names for next year's officers: president, Mrs. Paul May; vice-president, Russell Belshee; secretary, Mrs. Earl Gentry; treasurer, Miss Edith Paulson. Election will be held at the next meeting May 21.

Mrs. May presented several members of her executive committee with gifts in recognition of their services during the past year.

The program for the evening included two piano solos by Sandra May, who also accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Solomon when they sang "Make Believe" and "With a Song in my Heart" in a very impressive manner.

Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, program chairman, asked Leo Myers to introduce the guest speaker, Dr. Keith Goldhammer, they having been classmates last year at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Goldhammer spoke on community problems and emphasized the solving of these problems by the community itself rather than by outsiders.

Refreshments of pie and coffee were served by the third and fourth grade mothers with room \$2.32 a bushel, returned 12.3 per cent on an average capital investment of \$116,990. Farms studied averaged 910 acres of crop-land.