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These Things We Note

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When is someone going to start comparing us to the French who would also rather be wrong than uncomfortable.

T T W N

A Mississippi newspaper woman in opposing social security says, "How can a government that is 275 billion dollars in the red have the unmitigated gall to tell me they want to take care of me in my old age?"

T T W N

Isolationists have been getting news about the Geneva conference this week. Well, these readers of Washington's farewell address, have needed encouragement for some time and international affairs usually provide support pretty often.

T T W N

In the old days when a man had a crew and two of them got into trouble the procedure was to fire both of them. Eisenhower doesn't have authority to fire both his obstreperous crew members but it might be alright with everyone to throw McCarthy and Stevens into a closed room and see which came out first. Providing, of course, the room was sound proof.

T T W N

There may be a big flood on the Columbia this year but not until it quits freezing nights.

T T W N

The experts say Indo-China is no place to use atomic weapons. The same thing was said about Korea. Are these new weapons so selective they will not kill an enemy except in a city?

T T W N

One day we think about a picnic and the next one finds us wondering if the red flannels are already packed away in summer moth balls.

T T W N

"When I was born," said the old man, "people lived in the best houses they could build, ate good food, growled about taxes and cursed the government. Now I am old and people live in the best houses they can build, eat good food, growl about taxes and curse the government. It seems like a habit."

T T W N

It is only reasonable that the timber lands west of the Cascades be under one management. Now the Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Agriculture departments divide the chore section by section.

T T W N

After World War I there was long — and useless — discussion about how easy it was to kill off a population by use of poison gas. Remember. Also remember that no one loosed a single gas bomb in World War II.

T T W N

The flies that come out first in the spring are great big things and by the time of the fall frosts are very small flies. Is it because they shrink in hot weather?

T T W N

Taxes must be kept up to date like anything else. Think what would happen if we still had the tax laws of even 25 years ago with real property bearing almost the full load. The U. S. senate is now considering a bill to modernize federal taxes which needs doing.

T T W N

One of the truest sayings ever is that you get out of life just what you put into it. The same is true of a refrigerator, also.

T T W N

Reading the foreign news and especially that from conferences makes us wonder what is happening anyway. It may be that we are losing our shirts in Geneva and that wouldn't be new although it might be news.

T T W N

One of the greatest mysteries is how a woman tells when to wear a hat.

T T W N

Public officials are being quoted to the effect that the McCarthy hearings are helping no one. Ever think about radio, television and the newspapers?

T T W N

Although women are regarded as conservatives they always go in for new things in clothes.

Court Sets May 26 For Election On Road Levy

Wednesday May 26 is the date set by the county court for the special election for residents of Road District No. 1 who will decide whether there shall be a special levy of \$60,000 for roads or not.

Residents of incorporated towns may not vote. Neither will they pay any of the tax.

The election will be held from four o'clock in the afternoon until 8 p. m., because the law says the polls shall be open four hours for an election of this sort. The committee that asked for the election will be asked to furnish the election officials and Charles Kuypers is chairman of that group.

The court also set June 3, the first Thursday of the month, as the day for making up the county budget. Members of the budget committee, Dewey Thompson, Vernon Miller and Albert Kaseberg will meet with members of the court and make up a list of expenditures for the county for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

There were a few minor matters and payment of road and general fund bills to be cared for before the court joined with the welfare committee for the regular monthly meeting.

Grass Valley Has Church Conference

The second annual Missionary conference is now in progress at the First Baptist church of Grass Valley. A sound film is shown each night at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday night, Oliver Perry from Central America spoke. On Thursday, the speaker was Clarence Lundberg, from the Belgian Congo. Friday, Bob Hall and Bob McKinnon, appointees to the South America will speak. Sunday, Jacob Fleming from Japan will bring messages at both the 11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. services.

Beef Cheap In Minutes Worked

The real cost of beef, measured by the number of minutes required by the average American production worker to buy a pound of beef, hit an all time low last year, according to the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

Only 23.6 minutes of work would earn a pound of beef in 1953. During the depths of the depression it took over 35 minutes to earn a pound of beef.

The average retail price of beef, estimated at 69.6 cents per pound was the lowest since 1949.

Cattle Feeders Happier Now

Considerable optimism in feeding cattle has been shown since the first of the year, reports Ed Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist at Oregon State college. Although the number of cattle in the nation's feed lots on April 1 was about 2 percent below a year ago, replacements have increased since January 1.

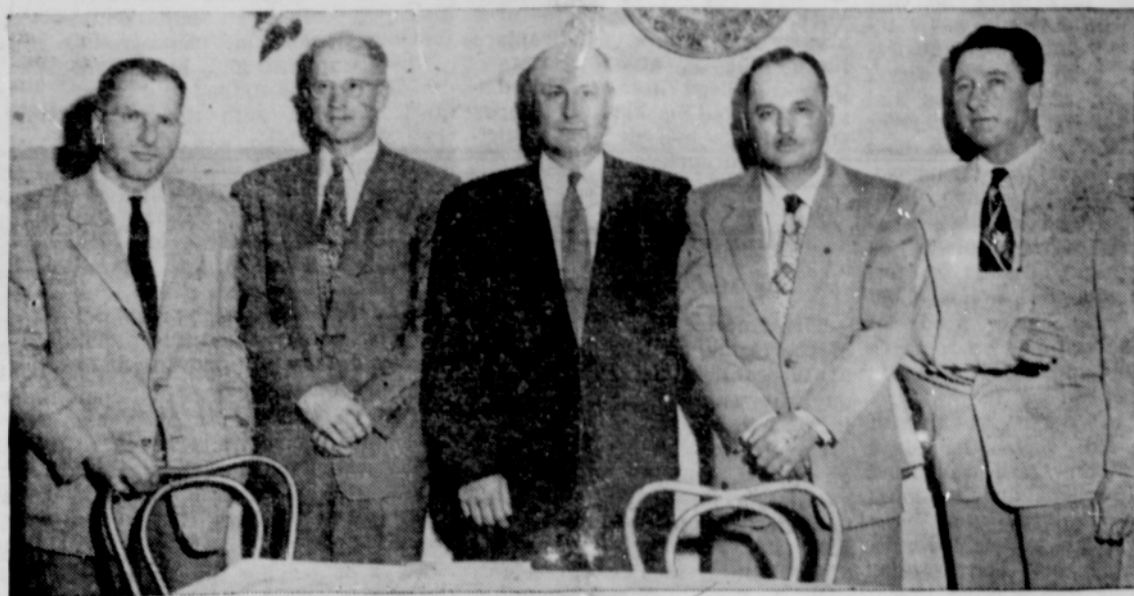
The specialist says reports from the corn belt feeding states show most of the cattle in the area are being fed for a shorter period and marketed at lighter weights and younger age.

In the three important cattle feeding states of Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, the number of cattle on feed less than three months is estimated to be 72 percent larger than a year ago. However, the number on feed for three to six months is 21 percent less than last year. There is a decrease also in the number being fed over six months. Marketing intentions show that about 45 percent of the cattle now on feed will be sold by July 1.

Coles explains these figures and intentions seem to indicate some optimism on the part of feeders who see a stable market for fed cattle based on present supply.

These feed lot operators are likely influenced also by past profits made already this season in feeding cattle and the prospective large supply of feed this fall.

Barring a widespread drought in cattle areas, this optimism could prevail throughout the summer and fall months and result in an increased demand for feeder steers over what it was a year ago, the marketing specialist continues. Any increase in demand would likely be accompanied by steers available for feeding—due to the 11 percent decrease in the number of steers reported in the January 1 inventory for the nation.



Show plans for the 1954 Oregon Wheat Growers league 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale were adopted by officers of the wheat league at a recent session at The Dalles. This eighth

Bull Testing Found Profitable By Gilliam-Wheeler Cattlemen; Local Men Observe

Bull testing really pays. At the Wheeler-Gilliam Stockgrowers association's Bull Testing Field day held at Condon May 1, the value of selecting bulls was really illustrated. The top placing bulls in the test were sired by the bull testing the highest in 1950. Sid Seale had two bulls taking top honors and George Webb had a bull from his high tested bull in the 1950 test that took top honors at the show on May 1 this year.

Columbia Duke the 40th, a Sid Seale bull, testing in 1950 graded "A" and made an average daily gain of 2.57 pounds per day. Columbia Duke had an outstanding efficiency record requiring 332 pounds of digestible feed to produce 100 pounds of gain. The high efficiency was reflected in the low cost of \$13.10 to put on 100 pounds of gain. The three offspring of Columbia Duke showed outstanding records in the 1954 test. Sid's outstanding animal gained 3.39 pounds per day with a feed efficiency of 100 pounds gain per 290 pounds of digestible feed. The feed cost per 100 pound gain was only \$12.24 per 100 pound gain. The other offspring from this bull both showed high standards, one bull gained 3.1 pounds per day over the three months test and the other gained 2.80 pounds per day.

George Webb's bull showed almost equally good results. In 1950 one of the bulls tested by George Webb made an average daily gain of 2.10 pounds per day and had a very good record with feed cost of only \$16.80 per 100 pound gain. The calf tested by George this year sired by his outstanding bull in 1950 made an average daily gain of 2.8 pounds per day with his feed cost of only \$14.06 per pound gain.

The tremendous variation in feed cost to put a 100 pounds of gain on these animals and the tremendous variation in the abilities of animals to convert feed to meat quickly and efficiently illustrates the necessity of using a testing program to improve your selection replacement animals in your herds. Feed costs in this test varied from \$11.93 to produce 100 pounds of gain to \$22.42. The animal making a gain of 100 pounds for a cost of \$11.93 was one of the three animals tested by Sid Seale this year.

Most of the breeders with animals in the test this year found that individual animals varied tremendously in their gaining ability, in their ability to utilize feed and the cost to put on the extra weight. The majority of the

Mrs. Knighten, Hostess Sunday

Mrs. Willy Knighten and daughter, Anajean, were hostesses Sunday afternoon at a 4 o'clock salad supper.

Eighteen guests gathered with the younger ones seated at the dining table and the elder ones at card tables centered with a white tapers and forget-me-nots. On each salad plate served was a dainty corsage of a Cecil Brunner rosebud encircled by violets or forget-me-nots and two wedding bells announcing the wedding date for Jack and Jean on the one bell and June 12, 1954 on the other bell.

Out of county guests were Mrs. Knighten's sister, Miss Ruth Mac-en as prizes to oldest mother, Gregor of Portland and Mrs. Mrs. Stanley; youngest mother, L. V. Walton from The Dalles. Mrs. Clem Weik; oldest grandmo-

co, second vice president; Earl Meeker, The Dalles, chairman, Youth Activities committee; Leonard Fields, vice chairman of the committee. Expected exhibits, about 500, a new high record.

Registration shows Little Party Change

Registration for the primary election to be held May 21 where in each political party will choose its candidates for the general election next fall has been completed and only those registered may vote.

Total voters in Sherman county is 1268 and seven of these have no interest in the primary election for they are registered in parties with no candidates or not in recognized parties. There are 700 Republicans and 561 Democrats.

Precinct	Rep.	Dem.	Other
Rufus	74	68	
Kent	74	44	1
G. Valley	145	97	
Moro	222	151	3
Wasco	197	201	3

Moro Loses Pennant After Good Start

Chances of the Moro high school baseball team for winning the pennant in the Cascade league were dimmed Tuesday when it lost a decision to the hitherto lightly regarded Dufur team on the Grass Valley diamond. The score was 3 to 0.

Than Cramer, a new pitcher for Dufur held Moro to three hits while making three runs on one hit and six errors by the Moro boys.

The same day Cascade Locks beat Maupin 4 to 3 and took the title with five wins to one defeat. Moro will play Maupin in the final game this week.

Wasco Women Honor Mothers and Past Presieents At May Meeting of Club

The Wasco Woman's Study club held the regular meeting at the Christian church, celebrating Mother's day and honoring past presidents of the club.

After saluting the flag, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. L. P. Haven, chairman and the following program was given: opening song "America, the Beautiful"; Mother's choices "How Do You Do, Mother Dear"; "Dixie Land"; "Kind Words Never Die"; "Silver Threads Among the Gold"; Mrs. Kitts accompanying; welcome by Mrs. Robert Bish, president of the club; recitations by Fay Larimore and Betsy Bish; vocal solos, "Mother Machree"; "Lilac Tree"; Mrs. Merlin Shields; the story of Mother's day by Mrs. Harley Dutton.

Honoring the past presidents Mrs. Tracy Fields gave the history of the club since it was organized in 1913 with Mrs. D. W. Wade as president. Mrs. Fields recalled the highlights of each year. Letters were read from Mrs. Wade for 1913-14; Mrs. Fortner for 1917-18; Mrs. Stiles for 1920-21; Mrs. Scholl for 1928-29; Mrs. Proudfoot for 1934-35; Mrs. Dixon for 1937-38; Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg for 1947-48. As the history was read, if that president were present, she spoke of the highlights of her year.

Mrs. B. M. Kitts, piano solo; Sharon Laughlin, solo "Mother" accompanied by Betty Lou Haven.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh White, decorated chairman, the auditorium was beautiful with many huge baskets of pink Japanese cherry blossoms, daffodils and other flowers.

Freeze Damages Fruit Crops Over State

The hard freeze of last Friday night did serious damage to fruit of nearly every kind all over Oregon and Sherman county was no exception although trees in the upland part of the county—few in number—were not in bloom and are thus undamaged.

Along the river the damage will be considerable to the fruit that escaped an earlier freeze. Pears were hurt at Hood River it was reported and cherries were hurt at The Dalles.

April Coldest of Any Since Beginning of Record Keeping Rodeo Entries Roll In From Many Schools

April was the coldest April since the experiment station began keeping records back over 40 years ago. The mean temperature was 3.2 degrees below the previous low. The average maximum temperature was 56.8 and the average minimum was 33.4 (almost freezing) which made the mean average temperature 45.1, colder than it has been before in what is hailed as the month of spring showers and spring flowers. Neither were in evidence this year.

In addition to the cold only .38 inch of rain fell during the month instead of the normal .76 inch, that being just a half of normal. For the crop year we have had 10.59 inches, still above the normal by 1.95 inches as of May 1 and that isn't bad.

Coldest night was the 15th when it was 25 degrees and the highest day was the 16th when the mercury climbed to 76, all within 24 hours.

And then to end the month in complete meteorological degradation the final night the mercury climbed down to a mere 20 degrees, although that feat is charged to May 1. And for added indignity there was a skiff of snow over a large part of the county. That broke a record for May which to this year had had a low of 26 degrees, which was recorded in 1952.

At least ten schools will be represented in the Junior Rodeo to be given at the fair grounds at Sunday, May 9. More are expected as youths between the eligible ages of 14 and 18 are not inclined to part with entrance money until near the time of necessity.

Schools that have sent entries or indicated that they will are Goldendale and Centerville in Washington, Mitchell, Ione, Madras, Redmond, Condon and Kent, Grass Valley and Moro in Sherman county. Ashwood and Sisters sent in late entries. Total entries at press time were 25, with fees paid. They will enter in a total of 46 events. Three are entered in the cow cutting for which the fee was high to eliminate those with little experience in the art.

Arrangements have been made for a public address system so that spectators can be informed about who is in the spotlight in the events. Judges will be ready some to be named by Sonny Bain who is furnishing the bucking horses and some to be chosen by the cattlemen. Committees of Sherman County Cattlemen have been working at the fair grounds putting them in shape for the events and doing some of the other chores inevitable for a well run show.

Cattle will come from the Bob Brown ranch near Kent and they will arrive on the grounds Saturday which is also the day Bain will bring his horses down from Antelope.

Preceding the Sunday events the young people will have an opportunity to attend the senior prom at the school house Saturday evening when Ken Knott of Portland will bring his orchestra from Portland to play.

Some of the merchandise prizes to be given have been donated. J. K. McKean Co. is giving a pair of chaps for the winner of the cow cutting contest and Kuck & Bonney are making them.

The Pacific Power & Light company is giving a Bradley hat for the winner of the musical chair event.

Four of the arena events will be bareback riding, cow riding, tie down calf roping and steer decorating for all of which the entry fee will be \$3.50 and prizes \$50. The entry for the cow cutting event will be \$15 and the prize will be a pair of chaps and the split of the entry fees. All prizes will be divided 50-30-20. The cattlemen's award of a belt buckle for the best all around cow boy or girl will be based on the same award system. Prizes for the boys and girls races will be \$25 with merchandise prizes for the other races and contests.

Wheat Stocks High

Wheat stocks in all positions in Oregon, Washington and North Idaho on April 1 totaled 110,117,000 bushels. This was more than double the 53,886,000 bushels held a year earlier and exceeded the previous record on April 1, 1942 by 32,000,000 bushels. Disappearance of Northwest wheat during the first nine months of the 1953-54 season totaled 73,114,000 bushels. This was 22 percent less than for the same months a year earlier and reflects mostly the smaller export movement. Waterborne exports dropped to 37,351,000 bushels during the July-March period this season compared with 66,622,000 for the same period a year earlier. Based on April 1 conditions a winter wheat crop of 82,124,000 bushels has been indicated. This compares with the 1953 record crop of 99,173,000 and the 10-year average of 81,205,000 bushels. With marked price for Northwest wheat falling to as much as 12 cents per bushel under the loan rate, farmers placed a record quantity of 1953 crop wheat under the support program. As a result, the CCC was expected to acquire around 88,725,219 million bushels of Oregon, Washington and North Idaho wheat at the expiration of the loans on April 30. Prices on soft white wheat averaged \$2.31 per bushel during the July-March period, or 9 cents less than for the same period last season.

Stocks of corn in all positions on April 1 were nearly 200 million bushels above last year, 475 million above two years ago, and totaled 1,988 million bushels. Stocks were 46 million above the previous record on April 1, 1950.

Car Speed Faster Than Believed

Do you know how much ground your car is covering at 50 miles an hour? If not, the state traffic safety division thinks it time you learned.

"Drivers who have no conception of distance traveled while at high rates of speed are most apt to become involved in rear-end collisions and to pass other cars when they have insufficient clearance," safety men explained.

The facts may surprise many drivers. At 50 miles an hour, your car will travel 74 feet per second. At 60 miles an hour you are covering 88 feet per second, and at 70 miles an hour, 103 feet per second.

Couple these figures with the known time it takes to stop a car at given speeds—192 feet at 50 miles an hour, 264 feet at 60 miles an hour, and 346 feet at 70 miles an hour—and safety men believe you'll understand why so many accident drivers report, "I couldn't stop in time to avoid the accident."

The division said that if drivers realized distances required to pass other cars there would be fewer close calls on Oregon highways. In order to pass a car traveling 40 miles an hour, the division explained, it would take a car going 50 miles an hour about 1200 feet to complete the pass, provided there is no oncoming traffic.



Eugene Allen, state senator and former eastern Oregonian, and candidate for labor commissioner in the May primaries on the Republican ticket.

Moro Club Women Install Mrs. Miller

Members of the Moro Womens club met Thursday afternoon for the final meeting of the year the traditional time for installation of officers and reading of final reports.

Mrs. Theima Miller was installed as new president, Mrs. Joy Parker as vice president, Mrs. Grace Busse as secretary and Mrs. Donald Martin as treasurer. Mrs. Eugene Amidon was the installing officer.