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These Things We Note

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In good times many individuals and nearly all governments spend money that is paid off in bad times. That may be what makes good times and bad times. The solution is not to spend it or not to pay it, one possible, the other not.

T T W N
Piety comes closer to hypocrisy than it does to virtue.

T T W N
Did you notice it? The wind went down as soon as the election was over.

T T W N
We are so happy that Portland has been saved from the bucolic fate of becoming a "sad sack" town, whatever that is. By the expenditure of a mere \$31million it will be elevated into a city that may rival Paris and New Orleans for attractions. The addition of a sports center and some new monkeys to the zoo will change the old town completely, it has been reported. The old fashioned persons who thought that Portland's future depended on closer attention to handling the products of the area surrounding it, on fuller acquaintances with the state, will be surprised that it can be saved so simply.

T T W N
In a newspaper more than 50 years old we read a stirring editorial against nicker in the slot machines.

T T W N
The way to get over being tired of the McCarthy hearings is to quit reading them.

T T W N
If one must growl he should learn to do it humorously.

T T W N
A successful candidate probably feels that he is the favorite of the voters when he may be merely the one less disliked by the majority.

T T W N
It used to be common to refer to a certain kind of individual as dynamic, as in dynamite. This generation will surely change that to atomic. As in atom?

T T W N
Discussion about the propriety of taking pictures of court rooms causes us to wonder if we are not a little camera crazy and thus engaging in an argument that may be only temporarily important.

T T W N
The state highway commission is paying honor to Thomas Condon soon by naming a park for him. It is the park just below picture gorge on the John Day and while it isn't much of a park it is very appropriate that recognition be made of Condon, a minister of The Dalles, who engaged in civic activities when at home as well as preaching, who traveled over the state giving sermons by night and searching for evidences of geologic change by day. He wrote the most understandable story of the evolution of Oregon.

T T W N
The locust trees are not so far definitely committed to leaving out although the indications are that they will eventually. Caution has its uses.

Plane Damaged In Landing At Airstrip

Two CAA inspectors, coming in from Yakima to the Stan Coelch airfield, south of Moro, hit the power line east of the ditch and dropped their Cessna 170 plane to the ground just west of the ditch along the highway. The men were not seriously injured, both being cut slightly on the head. The plane was not seriously damaged although one wing tip is bent, the front end bashed in and the propeller bent; some of the landing gear is sprung. The men were taken to The Dalles to have their wounds dressed and to have a medical examination.

COME AND GET IT

The county budget meeting will be held at the court house next Thursday, June 3 starting at 10 a. m. Those wanting public money may appear with their requests at this time.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Fossen and family of Cambridge, Idaho, came Sunday and will spend a few days with her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Riggs. Dell Olds went to The Dalles Friday and brought Dean Olds home from the hospital where he spent several days for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey and family of Prineville spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughter, Phyllis, Larry Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Raven, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and son, Robin, Barbara Alley and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Freeze and daughter were among those going to Tygh Valley Sunday to the rodeo. Larry Haynes, Phyllis Rust and Oran Raven left from there for their homes in Portland and Longview after spending the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Black of Beaverton stopped here a while Saturday to visit Mrs. John Block and Mrs. John Hays.

Les Gordon of Pilot Rock came Saturday and spent the weekend here with Mrs. Gordon, who is here helping her mother, Mrs. I. D. Pike take care of Mr. Pike. Mrs. I. D. Pike received word Tuesday from Mrs. Valda Winston of Seattle, Wn., that her brother, Elbie Chandler of Yakima died May 10 of a heart attack. Their mother will be remembered here as Mrs. Meifert. They lived here about 30 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duchaine of Scio were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yocum. The Duchaines were renewing old acquaintances at the Rufus high school prom Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and daughter, Nancy, went to Newberg Friday to visit his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty returning home Sunday.

Harry Hartley, a student at EOC-E at LaGrande came home Friday and spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley.

County Court Continues Cases

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 5, 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 April 30, 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 April, approved and filed.

H. R. White of Wasco appears before Court and states a wider right-of-way had been taken from his property than originally bargained for, and would like reimbursement of same; matter taken under advisement by County Court.

Letter read from K. Fridley, chairman fair board, re insurance on buildings advises increasing insurable value of buildings, matter taken under advisement.

K. Fridley, chairman fair board, appears before Court and asks \$2000.00 be put in budget for 1954-1955 and asks that said amount be used as far as possible toward rewiring buildings at fairgrounds. Motion made and seconded permission granted.

May 26, 1954 set as date for election of special road tax. Court house designated as polling place, polls open from 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

June 3, 1954 at 10 o'clock A. M. date set for preparing budget for 1954-55. Clerk to notify budget committee members.

County Court signs deed conveying tax foreclosed property in Wasco to P. D. O'Meara.
No further matters at issue Court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY COURT AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1954 APPROVED MAY 5 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:
SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

N. Fields, \$70.00; G. Geiser, \$40.50; Monroe Cal. Machine Co., \$31.00

CLERK'S OFFICE:
Dunham Print Co., \$21.65

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
C. Balzer, \$103.20; Mary Coons, \$180.05

COURTHOUSE:

Mrs. Edith Barager attended church in Wasco Sunday morning with Mrs. Trace Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen and son Danny and daughter, Sharon were dinner guests Sunday with the Dick Yocums. Sharon returned to Bend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard to finish her school term. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and Danny left in the early evening for Salem where they recently moved from Bend. Jensen is a weigh master for the state highway department.

The annual business meeting of the Rufus church was held Wednesday evening. Fay Brackett was re-elected Sunday school superintendent. Paul Blackburne was elected assistant superintendent. Audrey Blackburne was elected secretary and Mrs. H. H. Brackett treasurer. In the Missionary society Mrs. Willis Barney was elected president, Mrs. Fay Brackett vice president; Mrs. John Mathieson, secretary-treasurer and Rev. Willis Barney, superintendent of study.

Daily Vacation Bible school of the Rufus church of the Nazarenes will start at the church on June 7th at 9 a. m. Every child is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris announce it was not them but their son Bob Morris and wife who have bought the Arrowhead Motel in Rufus. The Walt Morris bought Harold Smith's place.

Mrs. Robert Morris who had been in the hospital with an infection returned to her home Friday.

The Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday evening with Harland McDonald, master, presiding.

Tommy Thompson, Sherman county agent, was present for grange and gave a talk on using chemicals around buildings and on the highway. He also said 2-4-D is good for dandelions in the lawns.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant received the 1st and 2nd degrees at Cherry Park May 11.

Mrs. Harland McDonald had a display table of glass and Mrs.

Grace Medler one of dolls for the grange that night.

Earl Weatherford of Arlington came Sunday to the George Fox home to take his wife and two sons home. Mr. and Mrs. James Fox and Bill Greiner came Sunday to see the new Weatherford baby.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock are holding open house June 6th at the Rufus grange hall to honor their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary. The time will be from 2 to 5 p. m. Their friends are invited to call that afternoon.

It was really warm several days last week. The thermometer got up to 94 degrees for several days. Clouds gathered in the sky over the weekend but no rain fell although it was quite cool Monday night. The moisture in some of the wheat fields is getting where there are some fears for this year's crop. The warm weather burned some of leaves on the growing wheat. Some of the farmers thought this doesn't hurt the wheat but gives more strength to the growing stock.

Boosters To Boost Swimming Pool First

The meeting called to consider the fate of the Moro Boosters club last Monday night resulted in the formal disbanding of that organization and steps taken to form a Sherman County Boosters club with wider membership.

Next meeting called for that group is dated for Thursday night, June 3, when Stan Coelch, as temporary chairman, will continue organization.

Some appeared at the meeting imbued with a desire to build a swimming pool in the county and the discussion of the evening centered around that possibility. E. W. "Swede" Scholer, recreation director of The Dalles, talked about swimming pools, telling the classes of them, the regulations regarding them, and the cost of them.

The result was that the club to be, made the building of a swimming pool the first project in its projected existence.

County 4-H Clubbers Going To Stock Show

Forty-six head of fatstock will be exhibited and sold by 28 Sherman county 4-H club members at the Oregon Wheat Growers The Dalles 4-H & FFA fat stock show and sale June 7, 8, 9, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Boys and girls from Sherman county are showing 23 steers, 10 lambs and 6 pigs. All livestock have been fed a grain ration consisting of 50 percent wheat. Boys and girls enrolled in livestock projects own one or more livestock, are responsible for care of their animals, exhibit stock at a fair or show during the year, and complete a record book on cost and income.

Sherman county 4-H club members exhibiting stock at the annual wheat league show are: Kent Livestock club, Doug McKay, 2 pigs, Kay McKay, 1 steer, Frank McKay, 1 steer and 2 pigs, Paul Sather, 1 steer and Art Decker, 2 steers; Busy Beefeers 4-H club, Moro, Arnold Miller, 1 steer, Steven Burnett, 2 steers, Robert Powell, 1 steer, Darlene Miller, 1 steer, Gary Miller 1 steer, Jean Ross, 1 steer; Sherman county 4-H Sheep club, Ann Hall, 1 lamb, Jim Coons 2 single lambs and 1 pen of three lambs, Jeanette Belshee, 2 lambs, Tommy and Arlean DeMoss, 1 lamb each, John Fields, 2 lambs, and Jean Ross 2 lambs; Root & Waller club, Sterling and Darlene Gochbauer, 2 pigs each; Gordon Ridge Beef club, Wasco, Sally Fields, 2 steers, John Fields, 1 steer, Terry Kaseberg, 2 steers, Sterling Gochbauer, 1 steer, Lee Kaseberg, 1 steer, Jim Thomas 1 steer, Alice Kaseberg, 1 steer, John Thomas, 1 steer, and Virgil Fields, 1 steer. Florene Crews, Grass Valley is showing a Hereford steer.

Four-H boys and girls are under the leadership of local 4-H leaders from the various communities. The various livestock clubs have as their leaders Ed Fritts, Earl Gentry, Robert Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, Tony Miller, Charles Burnett, Leonard Fields and Paul Kaseberg. Boys and girls interested in enrolling in 4-H livestock should contact a local leader or the county extension agent, Thomas W. Thompson, Moro.

Graduation Due For High School Students Here

Class night for the eight boys who are graduating from Moro high school will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the school gymnasium. Awards will be presented for activities, music, citizenship, attendance, athletics and scholarship to winners of the student body for the year just ending.

Sunday night the class will attend baccalaureate services at the Moro church with Rev. Alfred Solomon giving the sermon and the church choir singing appropriate music.

Graduating exercises will be held Tuesday night, June 1, at the school house and R. V. Borleske, mayor of Walla Walla, long time coach of Whitman college and long ago a halfback who won national honors by running circles around opposition blockers, will give the address.

Graduating from Moro are: Larry Sayrs, James Griggs, DeWayne Duncan, Danny Duncan, Dennis Andersen, Donald Schilling, Donald McIntyre, Jack Brady.

Graduation at Wasco will be held the same night with Carol Briggs, Jean Fridley, Lois Ann Everett, Barbara Buck, Sharon Laughlin, Dewayne Roe and Milton Zell as graduates.

Rufus will hold commencement Wednesday night, June 2 when George Fox Jr., Paul Blackburne, Phyllis Steward and Dorothea Steward will end their high school careers.

Voters Favor Road Levy Of \$60,000

Results of the election to pass on a special levy for roads in rural parts of Sherman county carried by a vote of 56 to 30 Wednesday afternoon. Voting was from four until eight in the afternoon. Levy will be \$60,000. Members of the five-man board conducted the election which was in accordance with a new law outlawing the convention method of making a road levy.

Camp Fire Girls Have Camp Ready

The Camp Fire Girls camp at Hood River, Camp Yallani, will open for a four weeks session on July 5th this year. Many girls have attend this camp and will be pleased at the news of it running for four weeks this year.

The camp is located high in the hills of Hood River valley, far removed from any other activity, so the girls will have all the privacy that the parents would desire. There are no rattlesnakes, or poison oak; and a nurse is in attendance at all times.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Edna Hart, executive director, Camp Fire Girls, Hood River, Oregon.

Historical Society Names Committees

Committees responsible for arranging the meeting of the Sherman County Historical Society have been appointed and informed of their duties.

Dewey Thompson is in charge of grounds. Charles Burnett of tables, piano and benches. Both may appoint whatever help they need. The membership committee consists of B. C. Pinkney, Althea Burnett and Allie Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong are the flower committee. Lester Barnum and Orville Ruggles make the coffee and Clara Kock will make the punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Willy Knighten are to make up the program which, they say, will be shorter. In part it will consist of some re-enacted scenes from history that were important to the county. Giles French has arranged for the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bull, Charley Belshee and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg will be in charge of the picture display. Donald Martin, Lester Barnum and Helen Bruckert of nominations and are to report to President Jim Tate by June 1, their nominations for president, vice-president and a board member. The betterment committee consists of Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Lester Wilson, Nellie Fields, Helen Watkins, Irving Hart and Kenny Crews.

High School Boys Win Second Place In State Track Meet

Four boys from the Moro school won enough points to place second in the "B" division of the state high school track meet last week end by winning one first, three seconds and a sixth place. Places counted 10-8-6-4-2-1 in the point column.

Larry Sayrs won the 100 yard dash in 10.2 seconds breaking the record for the meet. In the preliminaries Friday he had broken the record with a 10.4 dash. He placed second in the 440, losing by a few inches.

Harold Duncan was second in both the hurdle races, and by close decisions in both. He had but little training in them before the meet.

The final point for Moro was made by the relay team of Sayrs, Duncan, Verne Mobley and Ivan Kirkelle by placing sixth. Entering was the only "B" school team to beat the Moro boys, making 50 points.

George Fox Jr. of Rufus won 5th in the shot to bring home two points for his school. Knott of Moro and Blackburne of Rufus were on the trip but failed to qualify in the preliminaries.

New Underpass Work Now Progressing

The railroad company is placing steel on the new underpass south of town and it is expected that the project will be completed in a few weeks. When the old wooden beams are removed the grading for the new road can be done. It will be six inches lower than the old road and straight through the underpass, making that section of the road much safer.

Memorial Program Made By Veterans

A memorial program will be held at the Sherman County Court house at 9:15 a. m. May 30. The combined participation by the veterans organizations and scout troops of the county has made this program possible. All ex-servicemen with their families and friends are urged to attend.

Acting members in the program are requested to be present at 9:00 a. m. for preparation.

Rain Makers To Meet For Big Decision

Phil E. Church, head, meteorologist, University of Washington, will be featured speaker at the fourth annual Tri-County Weather Research, Inc. meeting to be held at the Lexington grange hall, starting at 12 noon, Thursday, June 3, George Wilson, Kent, chairman, board of directors, announced this week. The Tri-County Weather Research, Inc. is a non-profit organization consisting of farmers from Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties that are financing research efforts to increase natural rainfall for the Mid-Columbia area.

The Weather Modification company, current contractor for the tri-county group will report its activities during the past year. Radar equipment has been used by this organization to track storms and regulate use of silver iodine in the cloud seeding program during 1953-1954 crop year. A mobile radar truck will be at the meeting hall for inspection by members and visitors. John Battle, associated with the Weather Modification company, will present the report to the Columbia Basin farmers.

The Oregon State college experiment station will report on the evolution of the tri-county weather project. Evolution of the project is financed by the Oregon Wheat commission and work conducted by the physics department of Oregon State college. Primary consideration has always been given by the research and evolution aspects of the project, states Chairman Wilson. Russell Lincoln, OSC meteorologist, will give a short report on initial evolution of the 1953-54 project.

The meeting will start with a lunch at 12 noon sponsored by the Inland Chemical company of Heppner, Condon and Farm Chemical company of The Dalles and Moro. The program will get under way at 1:00 p. m. Transportation will be provided from the Lexington airport to the grange hall for those desiring to fly.

Patterson, Tom Win Only Races Of Local Interest

Election was a simple matter for Sherman countians although 57 percent of the registered Republicans and 42 percent of the registered Democrats took time out to mark ballots. There were no Democratic contests.

Only local race was between Curt Tom, incumbent judge, and Donald Martin, commissioner, for the Republican nomination for county judge. Tom won handily by 212 votes to 105, winning every precinct except Kent where the vote was a tie. Vernon Miller, running; unopposed on the Democratic ticket received 199 votes by his party members and 54 votes from Republicans.

Guy Cordon, Republican U. S. senator topped the ticket here with 362 votes closely followed by Sam Coon, congressman, who had 361. Allen Tom, state representative got 323. None was opposed.

Paul Patterson had 311 votes and Earl T. Newberry 87 in the race for Republican nomination for governor and H. E. Barker had 117 votes to 119 for Eugene Allen for labor commissioner although Allen won handily in the state, as did Patterson.

Bob Rolfe of Grass Valley was unopposed for Republican nomination for county commissioner and received 295 votes to cheer him on. Charley Kuypers of Rufus, unopposed for the Democratic nomination got 177 votes. Incumbent county officers on the ballot were Norman Fields, sheriff who got 224 Democratic votes and Naomi Van Gilder, for treasurer who got 226. Both also received the Republican nomination via write-in votes.

Gladys Zell, Democratic candidate for state representative had 187 votes, Sigurd Nilson, for labor commissioner had 166, Joe Carson for governor had 181, Albert Ullman for congressman had 170 votes and Richard Neuberger for U. S. senator had 210 votes. Bruce Allen received the write-in vote majority of both parties for coroner although he refused to run for the job.

Swimming Classes To Start Soon

Signups have started for this summer's swim lessons for Sherman county boys and girls. Dates of the Red Cross sponsored program at The Dalles natatorium will be July 5-16.

Registration blanks, which require a parent's signature, are available at the schools in Kent, Moro, Wasco, and Rufus, and at the confectionery at Grass Valley. Deadline for the signups is the last day of school.

For further information, boys and girls, or their parents, are asked to see their community representative: Rufus, Leonard Jordan; Wasco, Mrs. Floyd Rathbun; Moro, Mrs. Paul Cyphers; Grass Valley, Mrs. Owen Eakin; Kent, Mrs. Robert Helyer.

Moro PTA Hears Alex Marshall Talk

The Moro PTA ended a busy and successful year last Friday night with its meeting at the Moro school. President Mrs. Paul May presided over the business meeting. Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, chairman, presented the program which included two vocal selections by the junior girls, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Beachler; tap dance by Nancy Conlee; and guest speaker, Alex Marshall from The Dalles. Mr. Marshall spoke on the trip he and Mrs. Marshall took a year ago this summer to visit relatives and childhood retreats in their respective homelands of Scotland and Germany.

Jimmy Coons, winner of the membership contest this year, was presented a gift from the PTA by President Mrs. May.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Leo Myers and presented with corsages and bouquets by Mrs. Kaseberg. Installed were: President, Mrs. Paul May; vice-president, Russell Belshee; recording secretary, Mrs. Earl Gentry; treasurer, Miss Edith Paulson. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ernest Houston.

Refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee were served by some of the Grass Valley and Kent mothers with Mrs. Willard Barnett and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock in charge.