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These Things We Note

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Gray hair isn't bad unless you live up to it.

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"Ma," said the old husband, "if you have to treat me like a child make it a grandchild, will you?"

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If the government owned everything the people would be slaves; if the people own everything the government is a slave. It is the difference between dependence and independence, between communism and a true people's government.

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If you feel that this weather is cold, think how it must feel to a tomato plant.

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It is like carrying coal to Newcastle or electricity of Bonneville for Oregon State to send one of its graduates to this county to instruct the women in home-making as the budget committee made possible last week. It would be much wiser if Oregon State sent its students here to learn instead of instruct. Sherman county women can cook a better meal, decorate a prettier room, hoe the garden, milk the cow and feed the chickens while the sweet girl graduate is getting her nose out of her book of instruction.

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One—and only nice thing about the standing of the Beavers, it is easy to find them in the listings.

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It isn't what you have that makes you rich although it is what you haven't that makes you poor.

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A man has to learn to work; if successful he has to learn to play and one may be just as hard as the other.

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Forty-two cities in the United States are going to be theoretically bombed next Monday. Civil defense is practicing. It will probably spell the end of attempting to have people walk out of cities to save them from a death that comes in split seconds.

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At what age does a human stop learning and begin forgetting, or more exactly, begin to forget faster than he learns. Oddly, it seems, those who have the least to forget start first.

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Two new books are out extolling the typewriter and telling what it has done for business, literature and such. No mention is made of what it has done for handwriting.

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It was too much to expect that congress in an election year would even try to find a workable substitute for rigid price supports. Politically it is safer to continue one error instead of looking for a new one.

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The man at the bar says that our racial troubles are caused by the laws of inheritance, so many folks being like their ancestors.

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A letter writer says a "new-dealer", or "do-gooder" is one who feels that he is his brother's keeper. No wonder they are so annoying.

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Apparently it makes no difference to southern California voters whether their candidates are either moral or patriotic.

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Unless Oregon finds some way to restrict amendments to its constitution (and we doubt that it would pass) there is no sense in writing a new constitution. There is no need of drawing up a new code of morals unless you intend to reform.

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Did you ever see a small man riding in one of those half-pint autos?

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Time and money are alike in one respect; they are only useful if used.

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About time for the third nice day this year.

Small Rains Keep County Cool; Wheat OK, Grass Short

Rain of .12 inch fell during the past week, .03 on the 5th and .09 on the 9th, which added to former small rains brings the total for June to .19 inch.

The weather has been cold and for two weeks the wind has blown nearly every day. Cold weather has not affected the wheat which looks fine but every other growing thing has been handicapped by cold weather including frost. Grass headed short, gardens refuse to grow and the trees have been slow in leafing.

Vacation School Starts

Vacation church school at Moro church begins next Monday, June 14, to continue each morning for two weeks. Boys and girls who this spring were in school grades one thru eight are invited to come. Primary superintendent will be Dorothy Moore, and Alfred Solomon will direct the junior department. Interesting activities are being planned for all, including some work with photography for the juniors.

Shad Is Good Fish

One of the most sought after fish of the Atlantic coast is being wasted in many cases by residents of the Pacific coast.

This fish is the shad. Imported to the Pacific coast in 1871, they have established themselves in many western streams. They make an annual spawning run as do the salmon and steelhead and enter several streams here in Oregon.

Many west coast residents are under the false impression that only the eggs or roe of the shad is edible, however, almost the reverse is true.

A department of interior bulletin states, "As a table delicacy, the shad is one of the best known and most highly prized of the fishes of the Atlantic coast. The flesh is particularly rich in flavin."

John Rayner, in charge of fisheries for the game commission, says that the shad is one of the finest of game when taken on light tackle.

So if you happen to hook into a large silvery fish with a greenish blue metallic looking back and a dark spot at the shoulder, don't throw it away. It's a shad, and no finer eating can be had!

Wasco Women Hear Report

The Wasco Woman's Study club met in the Methodist church parlor at one o'clock. Mrs. T. Lester Johnson and the president, Mrs. Robert Bish, had provided a brunch of a delightful salad, olives, crackers and coffee.

The meeting was called to order with the flag salute and collect. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. T. L. Fields reviewed the highlights of the meetings for the year 1953-54.

Mrs. T. Lester Johnson spoke of ways of promoting safety thru the main street. Two traffic lights will be installed in Wasco in the near future.

Mrs. H. M. Zell reported there will be permanent headquarters for Women's clubs in Portland this coming year. A tax of ten cents per member will be levied on each club for 1954-55. Mrs. Zell will attend the National convention to be held in Denver during June.

The state endowment fund committee asks contributions for scholarships and suggests they be made as memorials. The public health nurse scholarship is in honor of Sadie Orr Dunbar.

Mrs. Zell mentioned the fact the state president is planning next April as her visiting period* for eastern Oregon.

A secret ballot was taken and a unanimous vote was recorded to support procurement of a home demonstration agent for Sherman county.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Zell who installed the following officers for one year: Mrs. B. Estelle Halley, president; Mrs. John Foss, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Cardinal, secretary; Mrs. Gordon Harper, treasurer.

After a welcoming to the new president, and farewell by the past president, the meeting adjourned.

Historical Society Picnic Attendants To Hear Governor

Sherman countians and those interested in the county will gather Sunday at DeMoss Springs Memorial park for the annual picnic of the county's historical society.

Speaker for the meeting will be Governor Paul L. Patterson, who is coming, he said in his letter of acceptance, more to learn than to inform. He is interested in the history of the Oregon county that is distinctive in its production, its farm efficiency and its history that is peculiar in its geography being bordered by rivers that make it a geographical entity by nature.

The program will include singing of "Sweet Oregon" by Tom Fraser, a song that has become almost Sherman county's own, several musical numbers, reports of committees and a sort of vocal re-enactment of two events in



GOV. PAUL L. PATTERSON

the history of the county.

There will be food, brought in baskets of generous dimension and served on the long tables under the trees; there will be visiting as friends meet again to recall the old school days, the old farming days.

Anyone interested in the history of the county is welcomed as a member of the society and visitors to the picnic are welcomed for any reason. People begin gathering about noon and the program is never long enough for the seats to become hard.

Gas Sales High For Spring Month

Gasoline sales in Oregon during the month of April again showed an increase over sales for the same period in 1953, states information from the secretary of state's office. Total sales reported were 47,074,620 gallons, an increase of 753,913 gallons.

Total taxes paid on the gasoline to the state was \$2,824,477.25, a gain of \$45,180.75 over April of last year. The first three months of 1954 showed a decrease in gasoline sales, but March and April increases show a net gain for the period of January 1, to April 30, of this year of 60,047 gallons, and \$36,236.76 in taxes, over the same period in 1953.

ROY HARVEY GRADUATES

Roy E. Harvey, son of August E. Harvey of Cornelius, Oregon, was graduated from the Multnomah school of the Bible, Portland, on June 4.

Rural Fire Group Re-elects Officers; Needs More Money

The Rural Fire Protection association met Monday night for its annual meeting and re-elected its officers, Stan Coelsch president; Frank Sayrs, vice-president; Paul Alley, secretary-treasurer and Theodore Johnston and Don Thompson, directors.

It was found that more money will have to be raised as not enough has been turned in to pay for the truck and equipment the association has bought in conjunction with the city. About \$500 is needed. Not all who pledged money have paid it and some have not been seen meaning that a drive for funds will be necessary.

Wasco Auxiliary Elects

The American Legion auxiliary of the Frank E. Brown post No. 91 of Wasco met Monday afternoon in the Legion hall in Wasco.

Mrs. Elton Medler, president, opened the meeting. Reports were given. It was reported \$33 was the net sum for the food sale on election day.

Mrs. Margaret Blau, a past president, installed the new officers who were: president, Mrs. Helen Larimore; vice-president, Mrs. Grace Medler; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Chet Coats; secretary, Mrs. Art Watkins; assistant secretary, Mrs. John Foss; historian, Mrs. Earl Richelderfer; chaplain, Mrs. Lee Dehler; sgt. at arms, Mrs. David Richelderfer. Mrs. George Fox acted as sergeant at arms during the installing. Mrs. David Richelderfer presented a past presidents pin to Mrs. Medler, the outgoing president. Then Mrs. Medler presented the new president Mrs. Larimore with a red corsage. For the new years committees Mrs. Larimore appointed: Mrs. James Maddox for Americanism; Mrs. Gordon Harper, child welfare; Mrs. L. P. Haven, civil defense; Mrs. Dewey Thomas, community service; Mrs. Arthur Sargent, constitution and by laws and legislation; Mrs. Elton Medler, Girls State; Mrs. Clem Welk junior activities; Mrs. Grace Medler, membership; Mrs. Norma Everett, music and Pan American; Mrs. Bert Watkins, national security; Mrs. Margaret Blau, past presidents parley; Mrs. Robert Bish, poppy; Mrs. Carl Nelson, poppy poster; Mrs. George Fox, publicity and radio; Mrs. Bill Reid, public relations and Mrs. Gus Hartmann, rehabilitation.

Refreshments of angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream and coffee was served. Mrs. Elton Medler, the outgoing president, poured at the lace covered buffet table.

Members coming from The Dalles for the meeting were Mrs. Margaret Blau, Mrs. James Maddox and Mrs. Clyde Fridley. Griggs, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Griggs, plans to make mechanical engineering his major field of study at Oregon State. He has been active in student activities at Moro high, and this year has been student body president.

William Nisbet Graduates

More than two hundred graduates received diplomas issued by the state board of higher education at the sixth annual commencement of Oregon Technical Institute June 6. The presentation was made by O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, at impressive ceremonies held in the campus auditorium. Local residents completing training at the institute include William Alan Nisbet of Wasco, in refrigeration servicing.

County Budget Higher; Under Six Percent Limit

The court budget committee last Thursday approved a budget for the county of \$111,766.00 for general fund and road fund expenditures for the fiscal year of 1954-55. This is \$5,707.74 more than the one for the previous year and is under the six percent limitation.

Additions of note are the increase in the county agent's fund of \$3048 which is for the purpose of hiring a home demonstration agent, argument for this being presented by a group of women that has been interested in the proposal for several weeks. No one appearing in opposition the budget committee made the appropriation. Salaries of county officials were raised from \$3600 for full time officers to \$3900 and for county treasurer and county judge from \$1800 to \$1950.

The road fund will be exactly the same size but will be increased by \$60,000 levied for the special road fund by a special election recently.

The budget appears in this issue and will be published again next week. Final hearing will be July 7 when taxpayers may appear to present arguments for or against any item of it or all of it. No item can be raised more than ten percent but any item can be eliminated if the levying board (the county court) so decides.

Jim Griggs Wins OSC Scholarship

James Donald Griggs, who graduated from Moro high school this year, has been awarded an Oregon State college Dad's club scholarship. The scholarship covers partial tuition. Students must show high scholastic attainment to be eligible.

Griggs, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Griggs, plans to make mechanical engineering his major field of study at Oregon State. He has been active in student activities at Moro high, and this year has been student body president.

Lower Freight Rates May Help Sales

Oregon wheat and flour may soon move eastward in larger quantities. Reduced transportation costs are the reason. It is anticipated that eastbound freight rates will soon be cut six cents per bushel on grain and ten cents per 100 pounds on flour.

Continued efforts by the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association brought about the reduction. Frank Aughey, manager of the association, states, "This lower transportation cost may prove to be a real incentive in moving greater quantities of Oregon wheat and flour to the large consuming markets of the east and south. The freight cut affects the movement of grain to the principal market cities of Chicago, Minneapolis, and Duluth."

The Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association petitioned for this lower rate last October. The reduction was agreed upon voluntarily by all transcontinental lines serving the northwest. A spokesman for the railroads western traffic executive officers organization announced the reduction as necessary to encourage a greater eastward movement of the grain from the Pacific northwest.

Records of eastbound shipments for 1952 show 291,000 bags of flour and 1,200,000 bushels of grain moving during that crop year.

Leaders in the Oregon Wheat Growers league and the Oregon Wheat commission spearheaded the formation of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association in 1948. In matters of transportation and freight rates this organization works for all ranchers, farmers, millers, and grain dealers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

FATHER-SON BANQUET

The annual Father-Son banquet will be held in the basement of the Moro Community church Friday, June 11, at 6:30 p. m. Fried chicken dinner will be served family style.

The public is cordially invited. If you haven't a father or son, borrow one.

Swimming Pool Plan Presented To People By Postcard

The Sherman County Swimming Pool association was formed last Thursday at a meeting at the American Legion hall. Long discussion came before it was agreed to concentrate on a swimming pool and forget other projects for the time being. The name followed.

Officers elected were Stan Coelsch, president; B. C. Baumgartner, vice-president; Lamer Sayrs, secretary; B. C. Pinkney, treasurer. Directors will be chosen later.

First job of the organizers was to arrange to have sent out postcards asking if there was interest in a swimming pool to be built at Moro, how much money or labor the card recipient would donate. The results will be compiled as received.

Argument was made that the pool should be housed which requires more money. Members of the committee were agreeable to the suggestion that should a county high school be built that the pool might well be incorporated in that project and render the present work supplementary to that construction.

Rufus Graduates Four

Graduation for four high school students and five eighth grade students was held June 2 at Rufus school auditorium. Those receiving diplomas were Phyllis and Dottie Steward, Paul Blackburne and George Fox Jr. and for the grades Patty Blackburne, Michael O'Brien, Valerie Liacos, Clarise Carrol and Jimmy Fox.

Mrs. William O'Brien played the processional and recessional marches. Rev. Willis Barney gave the invocation and benediction. John DeFigh, principal, introduced the students. Joe Morris, school board chairman, presented the diplomas to the eighth and high school graduation classes.

The evening speaker was Clyde Beard of The Dalles high school, who put the students at ease with his wit. Then he pointed out how much each one meant for their part in this life.

John DeFigh presented awards to Howard Garland for citizenship; George Fox Jr. the valedictorian and athletic; Dottie Steward the salutatorian; Lola Johnson, art work. The ones getting perfect attendance pins were Jerry Brackett, Mike and Patty O'Brien and Joel Neal.

Sermons Announced

"The Sermon on the Mount" is the theme of sermons of Rev. Alfred Solomon at Moro Community church during the month of June. This Sunday's topic will be "A Son of the Kingdom" dealing with the Beatitudes.

Nursery care at the 11 o'clock worship hour for children three years old and under will continue thru the summer, directed by Mrs. Arthur Johnson and assisted by various mothers.

Religious Picture Billed

"Oil Town U. S. A." will be shown in the Methodist church in Wasco, Monday night, June 14, at 8:00 p. m. and also in the Moro Presbyterian church Thursday, June 17, at 8:00 p. m.

The 94 minute film centers around the life of a Houston oil millionaire who is brought to an abrupt realization of his need for religious experience through danger to his daughter's life in the Texas city holocaust.

Featured in the new film are Colleen Townsend Evans, Paul Power, Robert Clarke, Georgia Lee, Ralph Hoopes and the stars of Graham's earlier film "Mr. Texas", Redd Harper and Cindy Walker.

Evangelist Graham and his team are portrayed in their evangelistic crusade in Houston last summer. Parts of the picture were filmed in Rice Stadium where 60,000 persons gathered for American evangelism's largest throng.

The Texas city footage was filmed by a free-lance newsreel photographer in Houston, Texas at the time of the disaster eight years ago. No use was made of the film until Director Dick Ross began to search for authentic scenes to highlight the story of "Oil Town U. S. A." He located the film, unused and in storage, and made arrangements to incorporate it into the moving story of the new Billy Graham picture.

Jean Ross Wins Championship In Sheep Class

Sherman county scored high in the sheep classes but failed to win top honors in the beef classes at the wheat league's fat stock show in The Dalles this week.

Jean Ross had the grand champion fat lamb, a 106 pound Southdown, and Jimmie Coons won the reserve championship with an 89 pound lamb. John Fields had the second place blackface lamb and also the Southdown cross lamb. Jimmie Coons had the best pen of three. Frank McKay had the best Duroc swine, both of them and took reserve champion honors for one of them.

Morrow county won the beef division almost completely with 4-H champion and reserve and the FFA champion, all going to that county. FFA champion and 4-H reserve were Shorthorns and the 4-H champion was a Hereford. Morrow had the best county herd and Sherman second. There were four classes of Herefords and but one of both Shorthorns and Angus.

Steven Burnet had the second place Hereford in the heavy class and John Fields had the first place animal in the 905-950 weight class.

In showmanship Jean Ross won first. John Fields was first and Terry Kaseberg second in the beef showmanship for juniors.

Sale of animals was held Wednesday afternoon for hogs and sheep and that night for beef animals.

Sale prices were at a lower figure for top animals than for some years, the champion calf selling for a little over 60 cents. Jean Ross got 55 cents for her lamb.

News From Rufus

Mrs. D. D. Williams and son Dale of Colton came up Wednesday for graduation exercises. Mrs. Williams was a former teacher at Rufus, teaching three of the high school graduates a few years ago. Baccalaureate services were held June 1, at the Rufus church. Rev. Willis Barney, pastor, had charge of the services, and Mrs. Barney had charge of the songs.

The grade school children of Rufus went to Brooks park near Goldendale Wednesday for their end of school picnic. About a hundred children and parents attended the event. The children going by bus and parents in cars. Baseball was played by men and children. The younger ones had fun playing in the creek.

The high school students of Rufus went to Blue lake for their annual picnic. After lunch they went to Jantzen beach where they enjoyed the rides and concessions, then some took in a show in Portland while the others came back to The Dalles to take in the show there. Taking cars were Larry Cagle, Fay Brackett and George Fox Jr.

The George Foxes received word they have a new grandchild. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Foote were parents of a daughter born June 5 in Corvallis. The baby weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and has the same birth date as her uncle Jimmy Fox who was 14 that day.

Mrs. Grace Medler was taken to The Dalles hospital Saturday night with virus pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brand of Poplar Grove spent a month recently in Florida visiting their son Buzz. Buzz is in the air force and his parents said he feels very far from home. Buzz is a 1952 graduate of Rufus high. Then the Brands visited his folks in Missouri. They reported feeling very rested when they got home, and thought the trip did them both a lot of good. They are again showing their animals at Poplar Grove zoo.

The Home Ec. club of Rufus grange met Thursday afternoon for a special date at the home of Mrs. Fred Dornier with Mrs. George Drinkard as co-hostess.

Sunday, May 23, the new houses built by the Rufus school district 3 were open for public inspection giving patrons of the district an opportunity to examine them before they were put into use.

The Camp Fire girls also will meet occasionally during the summer. Several of the girls are getting ready for summer camp at Camp Yallani near Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson are building forms for the foundation of their new home on the old Deyo store property.