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These Things We Note

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Humans are the only animals with ability to write and talk well enough to transmit information to their young. That only applies to the young that reads history or listens to grandpa, however.

T T W N

All of us sometimes aspire too high and try to do more than we can accomplish. Any honorable job well done brings sufficient success.

T T W N

Wonder if Harry Truman will ever be the same without his gall bladder.

T T W N

Sometime there may be a distinction made between loyalty to a nation and loyalty to the ideals of a nation.

T T W N

That four minute mile was a bug-a-boo for a long time. Now that someone has beaten that time others will.

T T W N

American inventiveness might try to roast barley to make a drink resembling coffee. Grandma settled the frontier on it.

T T W N

One thing the world will have to eradicate if populations increase much more is ambition.

T T W N

The Bonneville Power administration has been using what is called a process of "taking" as a means of acquiring property wanted for right of way. Judge McCulloch has protested in one case but allowed it. Under "taking" methods the government takes the property and settles claims later. Often that is too late for a proper hearing because the facts will have been changed. Governments have the right of eminent domain and can obtain title to any property through due process of law. "Taking" puts the due process after the fact and puts the citizen at a disadvantage.

T T W N

After every one of the wars of this generation this nation has gone through periods of political insanity of which McCarthyism is the present manifestation. It comes from the effort to slow down war time chauvinism and is a contest between those who retain it over long and those who, perhaps, never had it.

T T W N

A news story says a two-ton thunder-egg was picked up. What an egg gatherer.

T T W N

We read that the basic problem of government is to determine how much of the wealth of the rich should be distributed to the poor. Also involved is the speed of distribution and means to insure the vote of the poor in exchange.

T T W N

The senate-house conference committee removed the \$500,000 appropriation for the John Day dam. The committee report must be approved by both house and senate. If either refuses to adopt the report it goes back to conference which would open up the entire bill and might result in loss of appropriation for The Dalles dam. There now seems certainty that the John Day dam will be started by the time The Dalles dam is finished so speed on one aids the other.

T T W N

Of course if we were to follow our usual procedure in government we would make a rigid speed law and break it ourselves while insisting on enforcement for others. How many people who advocate a 50 mile limit always drive below that speed?

T T W N

It is presently popular to feel sorry for Reed college for letting Communists teach there and the word goes out that there's some nice people connected with Reed. It excites us neither way although it would be better if there was a little less deceit all around.

T T W N

Scientists should read the political news. How inappropriate it is that they should announce a new, more productive wheat the same week as reductions in acres were in the news.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bull came up from Portland Saturday to celebrate Father's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull. It was also Hollis' birthday and his wedding anniversary which made quite a celebration for him.

John I. Sell was in Moro Tuesday morning while on his way to Bend and Prineville to see how the banks were doing.

Sisters of Mrs. Willy Knighten, Margaret and Helen of San Francisco, and Ruth of Portland, were here Saturday and Sunday and were taken for a drive to Antelope and beyond before going to Portland Sunday night. Willy Jr. will leave Thursday via Portland to take his aunts to California when he returns to camp at Hamilton Field.

Mrs. Charles Green and three children have been visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mersinger. They live at Chester, Montana, where Mr. Green is a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Jones and son, Richard, of Portland were guests over the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum. They also visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French spent the weekend in Baker attending the newspaper convention held there. They returned Monday night after going into Portland from Baker for a meeting of the interim tax committee, of which Mr. French is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis are back in Moro. He found the job at Pendleton not to his liking and returned to Moro where railroad life is easier.

The swimming pool association has sent out 250 cards and received a return of about 15 percent to date. A majority has been in favor of building a swimming pool in Moro and some have specified that it be built in conjunction with a school building.

Tommie and Arlean DeMoss left Friday with their grandfather, John DeMoss for Hansville, Wn., to spend a few days visiting along Puget Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss write that their son, Don, is in Arizona from the result of a back injury some years ago. His legs are numb, says the letter.

Mrs. Bill Hall was hostess for the Junior Ladies' brunch Thursday forenoon, a get-together enjoyed by the young women of the town and community.

The new steel storage building for the Moro Grain Growers was completed Tuesday of this week. It was built to store the barley crop anticipated this year.

Miss Carolyn Lemley and Miss Janice Bibby came home Friday from Eugene having completed their freshman year at the university.

Miss Verna Roberts of Portland came home Friday and spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Bob Rolfe and family.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe came home from the hospital in The Dalles last Monday after spending some time there with a broken pelvis. Mrs. Frances Mathews and son, Teddy of Seattle, Wn., arrived Saturday at the home of her mother Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and she will stay a while to care for her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark of Bend spent the weekend here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark.

Rev. Don Todd of Redmond was guest speaker at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Don Leach of Tillamook has accepted the call as pastor of the Grass Valley Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Balzer and daughter, Sheila of Portland, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shackleton of Portland spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox recently.

Mrs. Charles Davis went to Vancouver and spent Father's day with her father, Walter Roy. She also visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Dykstra in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer of Moro went to Warm Springs Sunday where they spent the day.

Don Cox and Earl Hibbs spent Sunday visiting at the Jack McCaffery ranch at Powell Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer returned home Thursday from Portland where they spent a week visiting their sons Melvin and Ralph and families.

Miss Barbara Alley, Miss Neuta Martin, Miss Ina May Ziegler and Bob Draga came up from Portland Friday for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to Vancouver Saturday to attend the 25th wedding anniversary of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry E. Woolf, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Raven of Longview, Wn., and Miss Phyllis Rust of Portland came Friday for the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and daughter, Mrs. Clair Balzer of Moro took their grandson, Michael Blagg, to his home in Pendleton after spending about three weeks with them. They returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and family of Portland arrived Friday for the weekend with his parents the A. F. Balzers.

Mrs. Ted von Borstel went to Portland Thursday on business returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and daughters, Julie and Debbie, returned Saturday from Portland where they spent several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family returned Saturday from a trip to Seattle and Grand Coulee where they spent a week. Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey and family of Prineville spent Father's weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family returned home Wednesday from a three weeks trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they visited her father and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family were dinner guests Father's day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup went to Portland Sunday and spent the day visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hattrup.

Kenneth Bekk Dahl, who is working for Frank von Borstel, spent the weekend at the John Decker home. They all went to Brooks Park near Goldendale Sunday for a family picnic.

BRANDS TO BE RE-RECORDED

July will be brand recording month for Oregon stockmen who must file every five years in order to retain their brands. The department has worked out a system so that the filing will be as simple as possible. The stockman will merely have to sign his name and draw in his earmarks and mail the form. The first 2000 will be mailed July 1 and the same amount daily until the list is completed. Reason for occasional re-recording: to get rid of obsolete brands.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning service. Subject: "The Wondrous Word of God"

To the boys and girls:
To the boy or girl who brings in the largest number to Sunday school for the next six weeks, beginning June 20 we will give in his or her honor a picnic out in the woods. A soft ball game will be played between the boys and girls to see if the girls can beat the boys. Then we'll build a fire for coffee and sandwiches. After that we will have a "Shootin' Bottles Off a Log", so save your empty bottles.

Fred H. Wahlquist, pastor

School Directors Reelected With Few Contests

Schools in Sherman county will probably be conducted very much as usual, the voters having made no objection to the management. In fact, they elected the same men to continue as directors in most of the districts of the county.

Both the Moro and Wasco districts had an election to decide on kindergartens with the result that both passed. Districts will now have to arrange for financing another class room to accommodate the smaller children. It is probable that it will be 1955 before there are kindergartens in the two schools unless those with small children make arrangements themselves.

Lloyd Heinrichs was re-elected at Moro and Fred Dornier at Wasco. Dewey Thomas will continue at Emigrant Springs and Kenneth Sather at Kent.

At Grass Valley Harold Eakin was re-elected to the board. Phil O'Meara was re-elected as a member of the Rural School board at Wasco and Willard Barnett was re-elected as a member of the Non-High School board from his zone.

E and H Bond Sales Drop in May

Although there was a drop in the sales of U. S. Treasury E and H bonds in Oregon during May as compared to those for the same month a year ago, total sales for 1954 still continue to be more than two million dollars ahead of 1953 in Oregon. Sales for May amounted to \$2,316,934.

The Treasury's new H bond, which is like the familiar E bond except that it pays interest each six months by check instead of accumulating it, continued to sell well, sales for the month amounting to \$410,000.

National sales for the month were \$354 million. "The American people now hold \$37,393 million in Series E and H bonds, which is a new all-time peak."

Selling Wheat Now More Complicated

Warehousemen, elevator operators, feeders and processors, and others who buy wheat in 1954 have certain responsibilities under the present wheat marketing quota program, according to C. W. Smith, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service.

Smith lists the following information from the state offices of the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee to explain these responsibilities.

Before a farmer can sell wheat, he must apply to his local committee for a marketing card. This card serves as proof to the purchaser that the farmer was within acreage allotments, or that he has taken care of excess bushels in a manner prescribed by the ASC committee.

If the transaction involves sale of wheat by telephone or telegraph, the farmer also must have a marketing certificate. This he forwards to the purchaser.

The purchaser becomes liable for the penalty if he buys from a farmer who has not taken care of excess bushels as prescribed. The farmer's marketing card or marketing certificate is the purchaser's protection against this possibility.

If wheat is bought from an intermediate buyer, the purchaser needs from that buyer a record and report that shows a marketing card or certificate was presented at the time of selling or that the penalty had been satisfied.

If the buyer wants to purchase wheat that isn't penalty free he must collect a penalty of \$1.12 per bushel and submit it to the county ASC office within 15 days with a prescribed report form.

The unpaid penalty is a lien on the entire crop of the producer until paid in full. This means buyers should consider wheat offered for sale without a marketing card as if it were mortgaged property. The buyer then will be liable for the penalty if he buys the wheat.

For further information, Smith suggests checking with county ASC offices.

Engineer Gives Facts About John Day Dam To Grain Growers

Fred C. Ingram, chief of the planning section for the U. S. Engineers in Portland, told members of the Moro Grain Growers here Tuesday about the John Day dam. He did not seem much concerned over the information that the conference committee had removed the \$500,000 appropriation for further exploration in the Columbia from the list of interior projects. He did say that when the dam is built it will require some 4500 workers.

And based on a figure of 3500 there will be an average of 1900 families who will live within a radius of 50 miles of the dam. They will require schools for 1000 grade school children and 350 high school children.

Engineers are concerned over the lack of solid base for the dam at the site 3000 feet below the mouth of the John Day and would like to make tests before finishing the planning. The dam may be moved up river.

John Battle, of Weather Modification Co. spoke about the possibility of continuance of rain making in the tri-county area. The local favored it and will participate up to \$6000. Morrow county may not join.

Elected as directors for three years were Vernon Miller, Lloyd Heinrichs and Arthur Bucholtz, all being old hands except Heinrichs who succeeds Joe Peters, who requested release from the directorship he has held for 24 years.

Crop Prospects Considered Excellent

Crop prospects throughout the county are excellent as the crop passes into its final stage. Harvest will be late because of the cold spring and June rains that delayed maturing of the wheat but unless something out of the ordinary happens the crop will be good.

Grain on lower levels is ripening and the green has shaded into brown or yellow as the kernels fatten and harden. Barley has changed color in the low spots in the fields and within a month will be cut in the earlier parts of the county.

How much will the crop make? The acreage is 101,197 and it is very likely that more than 3,000,000 bushels of wheat will be warehoused by the end of harvest. It could be more. It is probable that there is 25,000 to 30,000 acres of barley which could produce 50,000 tons of that feed.

Wasco Eastern Star Welcome Fathers

Father's day was the theme of the evening at the regular meeting of Annie Fulton chapter, OES Wasco, June 22. Fathers escorted and introduced were Albert Kaseberg, John Foss, Arthur Sargent, L. E. Kaseberg and Gordon Harper. Mrs. Alice Gochbauer gave a reading for all fathers. A boutonniere and a cigar were presented to each dad and a special prize was awarded to Arthur Sargent as the oldest father and John Foss as the youngest father present.

Mrs. Mabel Haven was installed as conductress for the remainder of the ensuing year. Mrs. Mildred McDonald gave a report on proceedings at Grand chapter. After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Helen Watkins and Mrs. Astrid Tuggle, worthy matron.

The next meeting will be September 7 and will also be the birthday party for all members having birthdays in June, July and August.

Bartenders Must Be Licensed Again

Tavern owners and other licensees of the Oregon liquor control commission who sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption this week were requested to remind their employees to renew service permits, which expire June 30. Bartenders and similar employees are required to have valid permits from the commission, and a licensee should not allow any employee to serve or sell alcoholic beverages without a service permit, the commission said.

Acreage Cut Will Further Reduce 1955 Wheat Crop

The Secretary of Agriculture announced Monday that the surplus of wheat totaled 1,900,000,000 bushels and that therefore he was calling for a reduction in acreage from 63 million acres to 55 million acres and calling for a vote on the acreage allotment on July 23.

During the war wheat acreage climbed and in 1953 it was 77 million acres. The surplus was so large that acreage was reduced to 63 million for the 1954 crop. Further reductions were indicated but congress held it at the above figure. The surplus has not been cut by the reduction according to June estimates of the crop. Farmers in states where wheat is not normally grown have sown wheat on small acreages in order to get the high price.

The reduction to 55 million acres is a 12.7 percent cut from the 1954 acreage. The 20 percent cut for the nation resulted in a cut of 32.8 in this county. It is possible that the 1955 crop in this county will be grown on little more than half the available acres.

No statement was made about barley. Last fall the government permitted the growing of barley of diverted acres and also guaranteed the price. More barley is being produced than the market is expected to want making it likely that there will be no loan on barley in 1955.

Officials of the government bureau dealing with wheat will meet at Arlington Friday to find out what is going to happen. The state figures on acreage are to be released this week and farm figures must be made available before the election. Sherman county grew wheat on 101,197 acres this year.

Practical Aspects of Hunting Valuable

Oregon's wildlife provided over \$8,000,000 worth of "meat in the pot" in 1953 according to recent figures released by the Oregon State Game commission.

Kill records returned by last year's hunters show that deer provided the most meat followed by elk, pheasants, and ducks.

The total value of the 13,728,130 pounds of meat provided by over 105,000 deer harvested was \$6,864,065. For all birds and animals the total was \$8,443,130.14. This value was determined by multiplying the total weight of dressed game animals and birds by the value per pound as calculated from the cost of beef, ducks, and chickens on the retail markets. In all cases, a conservative figure was used for the retail meat value. Big game animals were compared to medium grade beef, upland birds to chicken, and the waterfowl to the price of duck.

Naturally, big game animals provided the most meat, with the value there placed at over \$7,700,000. Waterfowl value was second at \$396,000, and upland birds, not including pigeons and doves, were valued at \$346,382.

Bible School To Close Today

Two weeks Vacation Church school at the Moro Community Presbyterian church comes to a close this Friday, and will be marked by a closing program Friday evening at the church at 7:45. At this time boys and girls of primary, junior and junior high ages will show and demonstrate to their parents and friends the activities of the past two weeks. Mrs. Dorothea Moore and Mrs. Jennie Martin have been teaching the primary department, and older children have been led by Alfred Solomon.

Attorney General To Visit Here

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton will leave Salem Sunday June 30, to confer with district attorneys and law enforcement officers of six eastern Oregon counties. He will be here Friday to meet with District Attorney T. Lester Johnson of Sherman county.

The conference with the district attorneys of the six eastern Oregon counties are part of a program begun last year to meet with local district attorneys and law enforcement officials throughout of the state, Thornton said.

The County Money Went Thataway

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JUNE 2, 1954, TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and ordered paid.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of May 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 May, approved and filed.

County Assessor appears before court and asks for transfer of \$577.00 from "Appraisal & Field Work" to "Office Equipment Fund" to pick-up option on Graphotype machine. Court authorizes such transfer.

County Treasurer appears before court and asks for transfer of 1952-1953 special road tax fund balance to 1953-1954 special road tax fund; and balance of Revolving Fund to General Road Fund. Transfers authorized.

Court in agreement to buy power shovel and truck before end of fiscal year, June 30, 1954; to be determined at a later date.

Court met June 3, 1954 with members of County Budget Committee to prepare budget for year July 1, 1954 and ending June 30, 1955. Budget ordered published first time June 11, 1954 and second time June 18, 1954; date of adoption set as July 7, 1954.

Court members met in special session June 16, 1954 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. to consider bids for trucks. International truck purchased. E. C. Seelye of The Dalles

hired to repair roof of courthouse for \$400.00 and work to be done during month of June.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MAY, 1954, APPROVED JUNE 2 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: SHERIFF'S OFFICE: N. Fields, \$115.00
CLERK'S OFFICE: Royal Typewriter Co., \$107.50; Dunham Print. Co., \$126.10

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: C. Balzer, \$28.70; Mary Coons, \$103.55; Dunham Print. Co., \$14.70
COURTHOUSE: Light Co., \$29.55; Phone Co., \$71.00; Ranch & Home Store, \$10.20; I. Kirkelle, \$4.65; May & Son, \$1.59

COUNTY COURT: C. Tom, \$8.70; D. Martin, \$12.00; K. Sather, \$15.00; Metsker Maps, \$24.31

COUNTY JAIL: Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$51.45
EMERGENCY: C. Philipps, \$20.00; E. H. Howell, \$100.00

COURTHOUSE INSURANCE: \$7.73
ELECTIONS: \$249.30
PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BOND: \$5.00

GOV'T TRAPPER: \$58.33
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$17.75
DEMOSS PARK: \$0.95
SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR ASS'N: \$287.50

COUNTY PRINTING: \$31.06
RETIREMENT: \$44.87
MISCELLANEOUS: First National Bank, \$205.90;

State Tax Com., \$23.21; Social Security, \$51.25; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$13.38;

ROAD FUND: WAGES:

Dunlap, \$432.60; McPherson, \$263.46; Bayer, \$305.72; Morehouse, \$260.50; Gosson, \$286.62; Zachary, \$391.66; Shoemaker, \$314.12; Gray, \$285.72; Grant, \$314.12; Hammond, \$279.17; Hooper, \$203.46; First National Bank, \$236.20; State Tax Commission, \$36.79; Social Security, \$142.60; RETIREMENT: \$74.78

REPAIRS: The Dalles Equipment Co., \$106.36; Tom's Welding & Equipment, \$14.50; J. K. McKean Co., \$57.90

WEED CONTROL: Eastern Oregon Electric Co., \$652.00
TIRES & TUBES: Firestone Stores, \$73.78

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Grass Valley Hardware Co., \$1.65; Service Motor Co., \$80.00; Smith Auto Parts Co., \$62.96; Ranch Home Store, \$1.11; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$33.32; Sherman Co-Operative Grain Growers, \$10.00; Moon Equipment Co., \$34.80

MISCELLANEOUS: Pac. Power & Light Co., \$2.04; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$7.50; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$142.22

BRIDGES & CULVERTS: Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., \$693.05; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$2.55

SPECIAL ROAD TAX 1953-54: GAS & OIL: Standard Oil Co. of Calif., \$674.05

REPAIRS: Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$172.18