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These Things We Note

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From a Vancouver B. C. newspaper column: "Luck: The idol of the idle."

T T W N

The conversation in the next booth was about actors and such and wasn't very interesting until the elder man of the party pulled down his dark glasses and said, "I had to drink whiskey for 40 years before knowing why Hollywoodians wear these things."

T T W N

Maybe isn't that the last frontier is gone, but the last frontiersman.

T T W N

"Not here they fell who died a world to save

Not here they lie but in a thousands fields afar
Here is their living spirit that knows no grave,
Not here they were—but are."

Inspection on a plaque in the provincial capitol at Victoria, B. C.

T T W N

"She's built like, she looks like", he said in describing a girl acquaintance. "She's—well, she likes the Dior fashions."

T T W N

Harry VanGilder combined his field from the inside out, like they used to do with a header. The new gets, old and the old gets new.

T T W N

It has often been said that state police are making a special effort to arrest drivers who go past Cello at a greater speed than posted and that out of state cars are often stopped. If so—and we hope it isn't—easterners will discover that westerners have more respect for Indians than they ever learned from a history book.

T T W N

Political posters announcing the names and faces of candidates on every post in some states calls to mind frequent argument to the effect that few men can afford political office or the campaigns that of necessity precede it. Of course they can't. Men always are willing to pay too much for what they really want. And isn't it a fine thing that not everyone is entirely commercial in his approach to public service?

T T W N

Before long some one is going to notice the parallel between the present rage over psycho-somatic medicine and Christian Science. The latter is based on faith and former on science—in which we have great faith. Both get back to an old adage, "As a man thinketh, so is he."

T T W N

Uncle Emmett squared himself around to ease his sciatic hip and remarked kindly to the young man who had stopped to pass the time of day, "When you are on the way to the throne a friend is one who'll boost you along, you don't need 'em, you need their help. When you're on the way back from conquering the earth, he-he, you'll find them comforting. They'll soothe your wounded ego and ease you into your proper niche like cushions in a chair."

T T W N

Losing baseball clubs are letting the youngsters play now that the oldsters have lost any chance of winning the pennant. Well, kids, you'll find a lot of things like that.

T T W N

We would like to hear the reactions of the interventionists in these days when our "noble allies" are visibly lusting for Russian rubles after feasting on American dollars.

T T W N

The magazine Time had an article about Doug McKay, Secretary of Interior. It was an excellent character sketch, making him appear as he is, a common, hard working boy who by effort and perseverance has gotten along in the traditional American way. There is no intimation that one must be pompous or a stuffed shirt to hold important office.

T T W N

The Iowa state fair has lifted its ban against free passes on behalf of President Eisenhower. About time, too. The Sherman County Fair will issue him a pass and welcome him at the gate with the band. Come on, Ike.

Elvin Barnum Has Family Together On 80th Birthday

Elvin Barnum was 80 years old Saturday and Sunday his family of five children had a picnic in his honor. It was held at DeMoss Springs and all five of his sons and daughters were there with many of their children and grand children.

They ate the fried chicken and potato salad of family gatherings and talked about the days of other generations and got acquainted again because they live far apart.

Mr. Barnum was born at Sand Springs August 21, 1874 when Sand Springs was the stage station on The Dalles-Walla Walla road. Living in the county then were his mother's parents, Graham at the mouth of the Deschutes, Leonard on the John Day, Eaton in Spanish Hollow, Pierson in Grass Valley canyon, the Harringtons farther up that canyon, a few horse camps. A couple of hundred people was about all.

He has lived here all his life except for a few years in The Dalles on two occasions. His home is now at Moro.

The children, Arline (Mrs. Clem Eslinger) Hillsboro with two children and two grandchildren; Lela (Mrs. Giles French); Lester with two children; Erma with two children from Portland; Cleo with two children from Bend.

AG. CENSUS BOSS

Appointment of Jack L. V. Halbrook of 545 Congress Street, Bend, as the supervisor of the 1954 Census of Agriculture field office to be established at Bend was announced today by Director Robert W. Burgess of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Halbrook will direct a force of nine crew leaders and 96 enumerators in 18 Oregon counties from the Bend office. The counties to be covered from Bend include Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler.

The 1954 Census of Agriculture will provide information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories, selected farm facilities and equipment, selected farm expenditures, farm values and mortgage debt.

Traveling In Montana and Idaho Has Surprising Moments and Scenes

Livingston, Montana; The eastern part of Montana, that is the part east of the crest of the Rockies, is dominated by the great river valleys of the Missouri and the Yellowstone. Only in the extreme northwest corner do the rivers flow away from them. There the drainage is toward the Columbia.

Lewis and Clark came up the Missouri and the very active Montana Historical society has erected all over to call attention to places where they camped, spots about which they wrote, etc. They are very instructive and Oregonians might do as well some day and next year, the 150th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's journey, might be a good time to start it.

The northern part of Montana drains into the wide Missouri which often has a bottom miles wide covered with hay fields. The Missouri officially starts at Three Forks. The Jefferson comes in from the west, the Madison from the south and the Gallatin flows from the east out of a wide and fertile basin to join within a half mile of each other to start the Missouri. Lewis and Clark ordained it that way when they honored Jefferson, then president, and Madison and Gallatin, cabinet members. The Missouri is always a large river.

Bozeman is at the head of the Gallatin valley and it is only 26 miles over a hill to Livingston, in the valley of the Yellowstone which comes down from the park. They join just across the eastern border in North Dakota.

Mountains are a nuisance, a geographical waste, except that they make rivers and the wide river bottoms like that of the Missouri and the Yellowstone are the difference between a productive land and a dry and barren one.

Victor, Idaho; No wonder, the human race learned to wear clothes, talk, make automobiles, invent television. They are such curious creatures; curious about many things and thankfully between them they are curious about every

Harvesting Not Progressing; Rain Causing Delay

Harvesting would be quickly over in Sherman county if it would quit raining. Not that it is pouring or even raining steadily, but it keeps on drizzling enough every day to keep the grain damp, just about 14 percent, a good two percent wetter than an elevator man can take it.

Nearly everyone is through around Wasco and it would require but a few dry days for everyone to get through around Moro. At Grass Valley and Kent there is more to cut, it being naturally a little later country. A good weeks threshing would finish for most of the farmers.

The crop is good. It is too early to tell how good and the combination of wheat and barley will be hard to separate because elevator operators think in terms of storage, of bushels. That makes a bushel of wheat and a bushel of barley assume a sameness they possess no other place.

It appears likely that the two grains will account for over 400,000,000 bushels this year as there were about 140,000 acres in both and the yield was equal to 30 bushels of wheat.

Journalism Students Have New Building

Journalism students will start university classes this fall in a brand new building—abundant designed especially to meet the needs of modern journalism education.

Eric W. Allen hall, the University of Oregon's newest building and the home of the school of journalism, will be completely finished and furnished by the time fall term opens on the campus. Freshmen arriving for New Student Week, September 19 to 25, and old students who register during the same week, will be accommodated in the new hall.

MILT O'BRIEN DEAD

News has been received of the death of Milt O'Brien of Eugene. He was formerly a merchant at Grass Valley in partnership with Neal O'Leary. Survivors are his widow, Maude and two sons, Dick at Joseph and Tom of Eugene. He was 73.

Grass Valley Paving Job Has No Interest For Contractors

No bids were received by the highway commission at the August meeting for the paving of the main street of Grass Valley and the project will be submitted to contractors at a later meeting. Considering the lateness of the season it is possible that this work may not get done this year. Original specifications called for completion by October 1 which is about as late as paving is usually done so it may be spring before Grass Valley is paved from curb to curb.

Helen Watkins Wins Trap Championship

Sherman countians were pleased Thursday to see Mrs. Helen Watkins and daughters pictured on the sport's page of the Oregon Journal as part of the story of her winning the North American clay target championship for women at Vandalla, Ohio.

Mrs. Watkins has been going back to Ohio for several years and has always placed among the winners. This year she and her husband came close to the doubles championship.

Season Strange Meteorologically

The report of the agricultural statistician for precipitation for the crop year is practically ended for 1954 and it has been a surprising year from that standpoint.

Dufur had 12.42 against an average of 12.36; Moro had 12.06 against an average of 11.03; Condon had 12.31 against an average of 11.80, Hermiston had 6.76 against an average 7.97; Pendleton had 10.22 against an average of 12.63; Baker had 6.63 against an average of 8.82. Klamath was dry and Lakeview wet, Burns almost normal and Ontario very dry.

Speculation on what the weather might be is fruitless and history of it not always indicative but this has been a year when the usual pattern of rainfall has been disturbed.

MARSHAL IS MINING

Loy Cochran left Saturday for southern Oregon and his mining claim which he will inspect and work for a few days.

School Opening Day Set For September 13

The new district 17 kindergarten, voted into existence at the annual school meeting, will get underway on Tuesday, September 14. Classes will be held in the Moro Community church basement on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 11.30 a. m. and the classes will continue for the regular nine month school term. Mrs. Helen Anderson, a certified elementary instructor, will be the teacher.

In order to keep the class to a conveniently manageable group the district will, this year, admit five-year olds only. This would include all children of the district who are now five or who will be five on or before November 15 of this year.

Medical examinations will have to be completed for children entering kindergarten and these forms will be mailed from the school office to parents of prospective kindergarten pupils Saturday, August 28. They may be completed by a family physician or the County Health Officer at The Dalles. They should be presented to Mrs. Anderson the first day of school, the 14th.

All grades, one through twelve, of the Moro Public Schools will commence the 1954-55 term on Monday, September 13th at 9 a. m. Busses will pick up at their regular times on that day and school will be in session the full day. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria starting this first day, September 13.

The Wasco-Sherman County Health department has ruled that a physical examination for entering high-school, freshmen is not necessary so this need not be done.

Monday, August 30th, volunteers and equipment will fill in the ditch along the west side of the football field. All men interested who have time and/or equipment, please contact Charles Burnet or just come Monday and spend what time you can.

GIRL BREAKS ARM

Sue Myers, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Myers, fell on the pavement at home while playing and broke her wrist necessitating a night in the hospital to get it put in a cast.

Joe Peters Loses Part of Hay; Saves All of Barn

Joe Peters almost lost a barn last Saturday. He was at Tygh Valley when his wife saw smoke coming out of the barn where many tons of chopped hay were stored.

A call brought neighbors and the Moro Fire department (rural branch) and it took the men nearly all night to put the fire out. The fire had broken out in small spots scattered through the hay. These were dragged out and pushed into the yard and hauled into an open field. When fire threatened to get out of hand the fire hose dampened it down until it could be moved.

Mr. Peters estimates that about 18 tons of hay were lost in the effort to save the barn and the remaining hay, or was burned entirely.

Football Players To Meet Monday

The first meeting of the 1954 football squad at Moro High school will be held August 30, just next Monday, announces Coach Jerry Disch, now training the east squad at La Grande.

The boys will meet and get instruction about getting into shape for the season and some plans may be made about hours for training when that begins. All former players and all those who would like to play are requested to come to the school house for the meeting.

Three From Here On East Team

Bucky Brady, Larry Sayrs and George Fox Jr. are getting into shape for the "B" school East-West game at Pendleton Round-Up grounds Saturday night having been in training at La Grande the past few weeks.

Brady is a tackle and a rough one when he gets steamed up weighing in at 175. Sayrs is listed as a halfback where he has played two years because he is very fast. George Fox is tackle and a big one, 185. All will see action during the game unless injured.

Harold Crocker Put On OEA Committee

Harold Crocker of Sherman county has been appointed to the credentials committee of the Oregon Education association for the coming year.

The committee is one of twenty-four statewide committees which will provide impetus for the action program of the association in determining its goal for public education in the state of Oregon.

Sales of E & H Bonds Higher This Year

Sales of U. S. Treasury Savings Bonds in the state of Oregon for the month of July showed a sensational rise, and far exceeded those of any other July since the late 40's.

"Total state purchases of the Treasury's E and H Savings Bonds for July of this year amounted to \$3,777,126 as compared with \$2,209,735 for the same month a year ago," Mr. Giles French, county chairman for Sherman county announced. "This is a 71% increase," he said. "The people of this county invested \$4859 in purchases of Savings Bonds to help make the state record," he said.

Sales for the first seven months in Oregon are up 20.7 percent over the same period in 1953, while national sales are up 12 percent.

The sensational increase in Oregon's July sales came as a pleasant surprise to Savings Bonds authorities, in the face of the present lumber strike. According to Mr. E. C. Sammons, chairman, Oregon Savings Bonds committee, the fact that H bond sales more than doubled their best previous showing might stem from the present attractiveness to investors of this security, with its semi-annual interest check and high rate of return, plus the steadily increasing number of Oregonians who are familiar with it. He expressed the opinion that the lumber strike has dramatized the need of personal financial reserves for emergency purposes, which could account for the increase in E bond sales instead of the expected drop.

Fair Board Gets Plans Made For Annual Event

The dates of the fair are September 9-10-11-12.

Thursday has been added to give more time for judging the numerous classes of livestock and clear the way for the race and rodeo events of Saturday and Sunday.

Fifteen stalls have already been reserved for race horses. Any others wanting stalls during the fair must reserve them to assure getting them.

The fair board met Monday night and planned as far ahead as possible on many things so that fair preparations are well along and should make smooth going during the actual fair.

For the race program the board proposed the following, subject to what changes are necessary: Shetland pony race \$25; Kids pony race, boys and girls to 14, \$75; 3/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 3/4 mile all for a purse of \$125 each. Race officials are being picked except a race secretary, a post given to Giles French.

The new lighting system is nearly completed and the pavilion is much brighter than it has ever been. The beef barn lighting is also completed. New cases for baked exhibits have been placed along the walls for better display in the pavilion. Helen Martin is in charge of fruits and vegetables in place of Helen Bruckert who could not act this year. Mrs. James Dyer is in charge of Household Arts in place of Bertha Brinkert.

A new aluminum gate is in place at the entrance of the ramp place to the track and portable bleachers will be available for those who want to watch the judging at both the cattle and sheep judging pens.

Don Anderson will be in charge of the gates, will get help needed and be responsible for the tickets and the money. His word will be final, thus relieving the board members of other duties.

Fred Hill of Helix will judge horses, Jim Ellings, OSC, will judge livestock, Margaret Smith will judge in the pavilion and George Mitchell will judge farm crops.

Paulen Kaseberg On Hospital Board

Paulen Kaseberg was re-elected to the board of The Dalles General hospital at a meeting held last week. His new term will be for five years. Five men now govern the hospital, not one of whom is a doctor.

New Jersey Salon Aids Cordon Effort

PORTLAND—A former United States Senator from New Jersey has voluntarily contributed \$250 to the CORDON for U. S. Senator campaign, Senator Cordon's offices here announced today.

The contributor was Albert W. Hawkes of Montclair, N. J. who served in the U. S. Senate with Guy Cordon. Ex-Senator Hawkes said he was making the contribution to Senator Cordon's campaign because "I served with your Senator Guy Cordon . . . and know what he stands for."

In the letter accompanying his check, Hawkes wrote:

"I consider Guy Cordon a very able, honorable, intelligent and experienced, patriotic United States Senator. He has something that many Senators fail to show any evidence of having. That something is courage to do what he believes is right and in the interests of the people regardless of what anybody may say or think about him. I sincerely hope he may be elected by a very substantial majority in the State of Oregon, notwithstanding the fact that he will be opposed by those who would like to see our country become a socialistic nation. Guy wants our country to be a fine example of what a free democratic republic can be, where people have a fair opportunity to succeed and the Government does not permit any to take undue advantage of other citizens.

"He is not in any sense a socialist but he is in favor of equity and he believes in the old rule of equity that he who asks equity must do equity and the other rule that he who comes into equity must do so with clean hands.

"I hope this little contribution may be helpful to you and I wish it might be ten times as much as it is."