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These Things We Note

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An economist wonders whether the human race can feed itself if it gets many more members. It can't because all the land will be covered with government buildings.

T T W N

If anyone thinks the communists have quit trying to get agents inside our government they are wrong. All they are waiting for is another opportunity.

T T W N

The less future a man has the better he takes care of it.

T T W N

It used to be said that the government was the people. It isn't heard so much any more. The government has gone professional. It is not the people but a group that bosses the people. More and more government is the enemy of the people.

T T W N

A man, it used to be said, is never a hero to his valet. Neither is he a hero to his wife. In fact, he was never a hero to anyone but himself.

T T W N

We've had many kinds of "men of the year" lately. The political man of the year will be chosen November 2.

T T W N

If voters choose another shot of inflation on election day they may wind up in the gutter with the rest of the ineptities.

T T W N

Farmers have made great strides against their traditional troubles of insect pests, weeds, and even weather. It remains to be seen what they can do against government.

T T W N

Moro might as well get television. It can't get the fights any other way, that is, except the political fights.

T T W N

Consistency, thou art a jewel, someone has said. Also, it is an exception.

T T W N

This is the period of the biennium when the tax spenders say the legislature will have to spend more money. It will to satisfy the spenders. It will have to save some to satisfy the taxpayers.

T T W N

Modern education is half entertainment.

T T W N

One of the things that make age so miserable is remembering the good things and forgetting the bad. If the reverse was true the present would seem more bearable.

T T W N

It is unfortunate that the charge against Ullman was brought out right before election. It is unfortunate that criticism is leveled at Ragnar Johnson, real estate commissioner, who had to act or disobey the law. Mr. Ullman's offense, if it is found there was an offense, was not a serious one and would subject him a slight punishment in any case. The whole thing comes from the intensity of feeling about politics in Baker county. Attempts to incriminate the state, the power interests, the Republican party and the United Nations are also political.

T T W N

In both football and politics the boys hit harder in the fourth quarter.

T T W N

Do you suppose "civilized" humans will choke themselves out of existence with the smoke from their own machines?

T T W N

We've always had demagogues. History records their activities for thousands of years. Some of them have been delightful and a few of them have been dangerous—only those who have obtained power.

T T W N

The sadness of seeing friends get old is balanced by the pleasure of seeing enemies put on age.

T T W N

Wonder how much the unemployment laws have to do with unemployment.

T T W N

One consolation: when it gets cold its time for buckwheat cakes and sausage. We were a little tired of summer salads anyway.

Bill Todd Made Conservation Man of Year For Successful Trashy Fallow Practices

Bill Todd, who farms the W. H. Ragsdale estate land, known as the Martin Hansen place, was selected as conservation "man of the year" for Sherman county and will be honored with other county winners at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers league.

Mr. Todd's distinction is that he has been able to make trashy fallow, keep the land clean, sow it when he wants to, and grow crops as large as anyone while using ordinary farm machinery. With the exception of his Graham-Hoeme plows with sweeps the equipment he uses is about the usual run of farm machinery, somewhat adapted for use over straw covered land.

The drills he was using when interviewed were regular type but



he had taken away alternate discs and put bigger discs and furrow openers to make a deep furrow type drill out of them. He goes around the fields so as to throw the furrow uphill and drive faster.

The land he farms is 1100 acres of plow land and 650 acres of grass land on which he runs 35 head of cattle. About 50 acres of the land once plowed is in crested wheat grass. He also farms a quarter section near Moro which is strip farmed. When taken over by Todd it was eroding rapidly and strip farming and trashy fallow have stopped that entirely and the production has been remarkable—average crops of 45½ bushels having been grown for the past two years.

The usual method of tillage followed by Mr. Todd is to disc the land early in the spring, partly for moisture conservation and partly to knock the stubble down. Then he plows with the Graham-Hoeme and often pulls a rod weeder right behind the plow.

He puts on anhydrous ammonia in June although he has applied it at a later date and he rod weeds it again at the same time. Note this doubling up of operations.

If stubble and straw are too thick on the land he runs a cultiskew rotary hoe over it and when the straw is dry that implement breaks it up so it no longer impedes tillage equipment.

The last time a bottom plow was used on the land was in 1949. The time spent in learning to use

ordinary farm implements for trashy fallow has been well spent for Todd has no more money invested in tillage machinery than any other farmer. His fallow was wet right to the top of the ground where he was seeding last Friday, October 15.

Yields on the Hansen place in the past two years have been 37 bushels and 38 bushels. This is with the application of 24 pounds of nitrogen to the land; not all the land, for Todd only applies fertilizer where he estimates the land to be three feet in depth. This production is well above the long time average of the farm and above its production during the good years since 1940.

Arguments against trashy fallow farming have been that it was hard or impossible to do it with the usual machinery and that it reduced yields. Bill Todd has disproved both arguments. He modestly says that his system might not work for everyone and that he has done it but five years. He is very certain that it has saved washing of his land, which is steep in spots.

Bill Todd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Todd, retired farmers now living in Grass Valley. He worked as county assessor while waiting for a chance to farm and after his return from army service. He was born in Sherman county as was his wife, formerly Vivian Fritts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts of Grass Valley.

Sam Coon Denies Responsibility

Sam Coon yesterday urged 'fair play' for his opponent, who is reported charged with misrepresentation and improper dealings in connection with the sale of a house to a veteran.

In a statement made in Bend, the Eastern Oregon Congressman said "In fairness to my opponent, I hope the Real Estate Commissioner will make an early decision on these charges, so that if he is innocent my opponent will have a chance to clear himself before the election."

"I am very sure," Coon also said, "that my opponent will not accuse me of having anything to do with this matter. I do not know what charges are preferred."

"I have not mentioned my opposition," Coon continued, "in the last election nor in this one, as many times as my opponent mentioned my name in one radio broadcast recently. I campaign on issue and not on personalities."

EOCE HAS MORE

Dr. Roy E. Llewellyn, registrar at Oregon College of Education, announced today that, at the close of registration, the enrollment for fall term stood at 651, an increase of approximately 40% over the enrollment of 467 a year ago.

Political Meeting Dated At Pendleton

Residents of Sherman county and the entire second congressional district are being invited to meet candidates and hear issues in the November 2 election at a nonpartisan political forum at the Vert auditorium in Pendleton at 7:30 p. m. Monday, October 25.

The event is sponsored by the Pendleton Junior Chamber of Commerce as part of its get-out-vote campaign to increase the percentage of registered voters who actually go to the polls Nov. 2 to decide who will represent them. Participants in the forum October 25 include: for U. S. senator, Richard L. Neuberger and state senator Gene Brown representing Sen. Guo Cordon; for governor, a representative of Gov. Patterson and Joseph Carson.

POLITICAL MEETING DUE

A meeting for the purpose of discussing measures and candidates will be held in Moro next Tuesday under sponsorship of the Republican women. Giles French will be one of the speakers and questions will be answered about candidates and measures on the November ballot.

County Pays Claims; Considers Problems

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 6, 1954 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and ordered paid.

Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of September 30, 1954 presented, approved and filed.

Gasoline report of Road Supervisor for month of September, 1954, presented, approved and filed.

C. Morrison appears before court and asks county to level and seed roadway to grass when wet enough this fall, in vicinity of his property. Matter taken under advisement.

County Court advised by District Attorney that county owes Hal White amount of money Mr. White asks for right-of-way obtained from him. Court instructs Clerk to issue warrant upon receipt of deed from Mr. White.

Re: Steps to be repaired or replaced to the W. E. Dutton property in Wasco—matter referred to City of Wasco.

Bid on tax-foreclosed property submitted by Sheriff on behalf of A. J. & Ann Connolly—matter deferred.

Re: Building gates at Finnegan Quarry Site—Road Supervisor instructed by court to build gates as per agreement of court in 1951.

Re: Painting and weather-stripping windows in County Agent's offices—matter deferred.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1954 APPROVED OCTOBER 6 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Fair Board, \$50.00 Geiser, \$18.00; Fields, \$95.50

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Balzer, \$103.70; Grace Busse, \$18.20

COURTHOUSE: Moro Postmaster \$4.00; City of Moro, \$7.30; lights, \$25.74; phone, \$55.80; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.97

COUNTY COURT: Sather, \$15.00; Tom, \$6.32

JUSTICE COURT: Phone, \$7.70

ELECTIONS: Moro Postmaster, \$20.00; Dunham Print Co., \$152.70; Sherman County Journal, \$19.60

COUNTY CORONER: \$24.20

GOVT TRAPPER: \$65.83

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$16.50

DEMOS PARK: \$0.95

COUNTY JAIL: \$58.65

EMERGENCY: \$52.00

COUNTY PRINTING: \$16.51

COUNTY FAIR ASS'N: \$2000.00

MISCELLANEOUS: 1st National Bank, \$200.00; State Tax Com., \$23.38; Social Security, \$90.32; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$7.58

SPECIAL ROAD TAX \$3-54

REPAIRS: Heit & O'Donnell, \$41.80

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Mid-Col. Elec. Co. \$47.95

ROAD FUND: WEED CONTROL: Tom's Weld & Equip. \$52.86

WAGES: Dunlap, \$443.20; McPherson, \$289.73; Bayer, \$333.90; Morehouse, \$293.90; Gosson, \$313.90; Zachary, \$42.29; Hooper, \$295.72; Shoemaker, \$343.90; Gray, \$300.10; Grant, \$343.90; Hammond, \$293.64; Retirement, \$31.35; Social Security, \$56.84; 1st Nat'l Bank, \$293.20; State Tax Com., \$40.88

REPAIRS: Smith Auto Parts Co., \$55.35; The Dalles Iron Works, \$31.19; Service Motor Co., \$119.04; Columbia Motor Service, \$1.25; Industrial Motor Parts, \$421.60; J. K. McKean Co., \$269.28; Grass Valley Equip. & Repair, \$1.50; Moro Motors, \$0.50

GAS & OIL: Standard Oil Co., \$305.21

TIRES & TUBES: Firestone Stores, \$891.55

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Auto Elec. Supply, \$31.32; Shuman Co-op Grain Growers, \$25.00; Motor Supply & Equip., \$5.14; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$448.53; Int. Tractor & Equip. Co., \$109.35; Moon Equip. Co., \$36.10; Tom's Weld & Equip., \$5.67

MISCELLANEOUS: The Dalles Equip. Co., \$1.62; phone, \$18.55; water, \$1.75; lights, \$8.48; State Ind. Acc. Com. \$80.21

BRIDGES & CULVERTS: Portland Wire & Steel Whse., \$28.44; Farmer's Supply Co., \$732.42

ROAD MACHINERY: Feenaughty Mch. Co., \$1627.50

RETIREMENT: \$80.35

Moro Beats JVs Of Redmond By 32-0 Score

Moro's football boys kept their winning streak going by winning from the Redmond reserves by a resounding 32 to 0 last Saturday at Redmond. It was the fifth straight win.

Ivan Kirkellie made the first touchdown in the first quarter going over from the one yard line. Rolfe's run for 16 yards accounted for the second and Duncan made the third to end the half at 20 to 0.

Duncan scored again in the third and the Moro reserves made the final one on a pass from Miller to Decker. In fact the youngsters played a large part of the second half on offense. So far Ditch had used his big line on defense throughout with few exceptions as the combination of Gary and Don Miller at guards, Norm Fridley and Gene Knott at tackles and Ron Benson and George Kelley at ends make a good line.

Redmond was allowed but two first downs in the game so strong was the Moro line.

Friday night the team goes to Goldendale to meet the high school team there under the lights.

Board of Education Men At Station

The experiment station committee of the Oregon board of education were in Moro Thursday afternoon while on an inspection trip to eastern Oregon stations. They went over the station and asked questions of Bill Hall about the work being done, and contemplated here. The committee consists of Herman Oliver of John Day, Edgar Smith and Henry Cabell both of Portland.

NFLA Holding Convention Today

Gordon N. Harper of Wasco, and J. R. Wood of Fossil, will represent The Dalles National Farm Loan association at the fifth annual conference of NFLA representatives in Spokane, October 21-22.

T. F. Whiteman, association secretary-treasurer, said the Spokane meeting will bring together two delegates from each of the 65 NFLA's in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

There will be a panel discussion of the agricultural situation and discussions of bank and association problems.

Members of the board of The Dalles National Farm Loan association are William L. Hulise, Dufur, president; William D. Ketchum, The Dalles, vice-president; Earl A. Moore, Hood River; Gordon N. Harper, Wasco; and J. R. Wood, Fossil, Oregon.

Wasco Women Start Winter Meetings

The first meeting for the year of the Wasco Woman's Study club was called to order by the president, Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey at her home.

After the flag salute, the club collect was read. Roll call was answered with comments on Oregon's vacation spots recently visited.

Helen Bruckert gave a detailed report on the procurement of a home demonstration agent for Sherman county. All persons interested were urged to make known their wishes.

After the regular business meeting a discussion of the coming year's work was lead by Alice Gochnauer. A very interesting program was then presented.

Nineteen members were present. Mrs. Leland Anderson was an invited guest.

"Refreshments of delicious spice cake, tea, coffee and mints were served by the hostess.

Harry Hartley Active At LaGrande School

Harry Hartley, education major and a senior, EOCE, whose home is Grass Valley, has been elected president of Hunt Hall, men's residential dormitory on campus. Hartley will begin his duties as chairman of the 110-man organization immediately. Active on campus for some time, Hartley, a Korean vet, belongs to Future Teachers of America, Young Republicans and several other organizations.

Peterson To USDA



When Erwin L. Peterson leaves Salem for Washington to become assistant secretary of agriculture under Ezra T. Benson, it'll be another case of "American farm boy makes good".

For prior to becoming Coos county judge in January, 1941, he operated the family dairy farm near North Bend. (He sold the farm earlier this year.)

Peterson added that one of his objections in the sphere in which he will work is to develop the maximum cooperation between the states and the federal government. "There are three official agencies constituted to service the needs of American agriculture and of our nation's farm people. They are the U.S.D.A., the land grant colleges, and the state departments of agriculture. They can perform their best service working as a team. I hope I may contribute toward the maximum of teamwork between them."

As assistant secretary, Peterson will be in charge of federal-state relations in the department of agriculture. Branches of the department under his direction will include Forest Service, Agricultural Research Service, Soil Conservation Service, Office of Experiment Stations, Agricultural Extension Service, Service to Farmer Cooperatives and Agriculture Conservation Payments Progress.

This year the decision was to hold the year's meeting at Wasco at Friendship hall. Details of the program have not been completed but it will consist of a speaker, probably with pictures of the Lewis & Clark trail as it appears now. Inasmuch as 1954-55 are the years for the 150th celebration of the journey of Lewis & Clark some additional information on that trip may be valuable.

Of Rain Wednesday County Gets .35 in.

The quiet soaking rain farmers have been hoping for fell Wednesday night and Thursday morning when about .35 of an inch fell at the experiment station and varying amounts in other parts of the county.

The Grass Valley PTA will meet next Friday night at the school house in that city and listen to a discussion of the eight measures on the November election ballot by Giles French. There will be the ever-attractive attraction of food and some minor business.

A group of friends of Elmer Nelson dove to Hood River Sunday to hold a sort of charavari in his honor inasmuch as Elmer has recently gotten married since moving to his new farm in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French came home Monday from Portland where he had attended a meeting to write the report of the tax committee.

A goodly delegation from Sherman county was in Portland Saturday afternoon to see Southern California outlast Oregon on the gridiron.

While returning to Eugene after the footgame, Saturday in Portland Edwin Balsiger hit a deer on the highway near Albany and caused about \$400 worth of damage to his car.

Vivette Lee Sparling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling of Moro, was recently initiated into Delta Delta Delta at OSC.

Leon Moore is in The Dalles at the Mid-Columbia hospital and his nurse, Mrs. Sophie Dodson is under the weather with an injured back.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, October 26 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith and son, Gordon, were business visitors in Portland Tuesday.

Bernard Martin and children, Deanna and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin went to Roseburg Monday to attend the funeral Tuesday of Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Frank Grubbe. They returned home the same evening. Mrs. Martin returned Friday after spending a few days with her father, Frank Grubbe.

Boys, Girls Win Prizes At PI For 11 Stock Classes

Sherman county exhibitors in the 4-H classes at the Pacific International, going on this week in Portland, have won substantial awards.

Steve Burnett was first in junior beef showmanship, an event won by Merle Eakin of Powell Butte. Steve was also the owner of the reserve champion Angus, Darwin McIntosh of Ellensburg was first in his class and grand champion. Lighter Angus did not place in finals. Robert Powell took sixth place in the same 975-1160 class and Gary Miller was twelfth.

In sheep classes Jean Ross was 14th in Southdown cross class and was 7th in the intermediate division of sheep showmanship. Winning a red award for livestock judging was the team of Sterling Gochnauer, Sally Fields and Steve Burnett.

In the swine classes Alice Eslinger was second in swine showmanship for those under 13 years. Tonal Miller claimed reserve champion for market hogs with a Hampshire which was shown by Gary, her brother. Alice Eslinger was second on her pen of three Yorkshire hogs, second only to Sammy Nobles, 17, of Hermiston.

The 4-H stock at the show was sold Wednesday and the FFA took over for the following three days.

Historical Society Meeting At Wasco

A meeting of the officers of the Sherman County Historical society was held Monday night and preliminary plans made for the fall meeting which is a business meeting held indoors. A fuller discussion of history is sometimes made at this meeting than at the annual picnic.

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Noteworthy Events and Items