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These Things We Note

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We hope that when the history of the McCarthy matter is written it will be done by men who fully understand human nature and the idiosyncrasy of American politics. The example being set by what was once called the world's greatest forum is not one to cause confidence in a republican form of government but one of petty people being their pettiest for publicity.

T T W N

A man who has no loyalty other than to himself is a very selfish and egotistical man, indeed.

T T W N

Wonder if they still make Paris garters?

T T W N

When a man finally learns to live, it doesn't make any difference.

T T W N

"Test yourself—then discover how easy it is to correct your faults," says an advertising letter. Ha, Ha.

T T W N

Columnists are making a lot of jokes about Univac, a computing machine that erred on election forecasts. It is explained that Univac is dependent on the information fed into it. So are humans.

T T W N

Newspapers concerned with the sometimes startling lack of information on the part of the public might try to find out how many readers merely look at the "funnies".

T T W N

Now we have a "safe-driving" day—just one.

T T W N

A Portland bear was free by digging out of his cage the other day until he was lured back by food. Thus the promise of food and security makes cowards of us all.

T T W N

A legislative committee, at least a part of it, is going to recommend a convention to write a new constitution for Oregon. The state does have a very long and over-amended constitution, but there is no point in amending it unless the right of the people to amend it at will is removed. Unless that is done a new constitution will be like the old one in a few years. And we do not think the people will give up that right.

T T W N

The proposal to make different farm programs for different crops smacks of more common sense than has been put into farm program thinking for a long time.

T T W N

Wonder what would happen if the U. S. quit letting foreign countries pollute blackmail it into huge appropriations for their "aid".

T T W N

If tradition follows OSC will win the state football championship game Saturday. The weakest team often does.

T T W N

People get the kind of government they want. Even Russians, who have always had a dictatorship and want nothing else, never having heard of it.

T T W N

Morse can run as a Democrat, says the Democrat leader, but will not be supported otherwise. It is a Democrat he wants, not the Morse ideas. Wonder what Morse will think of that.

T T W N

Uncle Emmett, who has been sitting in the bar room these cold days says that if senators knew what other folks were calling them, they wouldn't be so persnickety about McCarthy.

T T W N

The trouble with the Dixon-Yates contract seems to be that it was made by the minority party.

T T W N

Profits are the carrot that causes indolent humans to work efficiently, without hope of profits the stick of government authority must be invoked.

T T W N

At a football game recently we thought about what would happen to a team that began to compromise after opponents' first touchdown.

Power Group Offers Funds For John Day Dam

A "no strings attached" offer to advance \$350,000 of planning funds to the U. S. Army Engineers in order that the corps can proceed immediately with necessary field exploration and preliminary design of the 1,100,000-kilowatt John Day dam project has been made by three Pacific Northwest electric utilities—Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric and Washington Water Power companies.

Speaking for the group, Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power, said that the offer was induced by the "grave concern" the three companies feel over the need to get new large projects started promptly to meet the power needs of the Pacific Northwest in the early 1960s.

Efforts to secure John Day planning funds in the recent session of congress were unsuccessful. Because survey and core drilling work could start during this winter's low water season on the Columbia river, the offer of the three companies to advance the needed money will gain approximately a year's time in starting actual construction of the project.

The John Day project would dam the Columbia below Arlington, in the remaining undeveloped stretch of the river between the recently-completed McNary dam and The Dalles dam, now under construction.

The three companies would expect to get the funds they advanced returned to them if and when funds are appropriated by congress for the project, McKee said. The companies will not expect to receive interest on the advance and have so specified in the formal offer addressed to Colonel J. U. Moorhead district engineer, Portland.

The companies emphasized that the offer has no relationship to pending legislation in congress which, if ultimately passed, would authorize construction of John Day dam as a federal project but with local electric systems and industries financing the cost of power features, which are approximately half of the estimated \$325,000,000 cost of the project.

Grass Valley To Combine Meetings

The Grass Valley PTA meeting Friday night, November 19 will be combined with the Cub Scout meeting and the little scouts will entertain with a minstrel show and the intermediate grades will give a short play.

4-H Boys and Girls Get Awards For Club Work

Sherman county 4-H club members were honored for their past years work at the annual 4-H Achievement party Monday evening at the Moro schoolhouse, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent. Ninety-six 4-H club members were presented achievement pins by B. C. Pinkney, manager, Sherman branch First National.

The achievement awards are given in recognition of the project carried and completed. All members must carry a project, exhibit the project at a show or fair and complete a record book about work done to be eligible. Over 95 percent of the club members enrolled completed their projects. Jim Belshe, Moro, was presented the first Junior Leader pin to be awarded in Sherman county. Junior leadership is a new project for older boys and girls, to help in leadership development, assist the local leader and give strength to the club program. Guards will be attached to indicate additional years of leadership.

Steven Burnet, Jim Coons and David Coon, exhibitors of the grand champion beef, sheep and swine respectively, were presented individual trophies. Presentation was made by Kenneth Fridley, president, Sherman County Fair board, donor of the award trophies.

Summer school scholarships for 1955 were presented to Sterling Gochbauer, Karen Wilson and Tonal Miller. Sterling was first in the livestock judging contest at the county fair and will attend in behalf of J. K. McKean company. Karen Wilson won a blue award and the right to attend through

Rains Getting County Caught Up On Crop Year Moisture

The good rains of Tuesday and Wednesday nights have brought the moisture up to a more reasonable figure for the crop year. With continued rain it is possible that by the end of November the weather man will have atoned for a dry September and October.

For the crop year the fall has been 2.43 inches whereas the average up to December 1 is 3.41.

It has rained in ten of the 18 days of November although the fall was light. Thursday morning the total was 1.07 and the average for this month is 1.72. It will require two inches to bring the crop year totals up to the average.

You're Faster Than You Think

If drivers knew how much ground a car covers per second, fewer people would find themselves in "tight" traffic situations, the state traffic safety division said today.

Safety men pointed out that even at 20 miles an hour a car travels 29 feet per second. At 50 miles an hour, 74 feet per second roll by, and at 70 miles an hour, 103 feet per second are traveled.

These figures, coupled with known stopping distances required for certain speeds, explain why many drivers are forced to report, "I couldn't stop in time," the division said.

For example, average reaction time of drivers—time it takes for a driver to move his foot from the gas pedal to the brake—is three-fourths of a second, which means that at 20 miles an hour a car will cover 22 feet before braking action begins. Braking distance requires another 22 feet for a total of 44 feet to stop. At 50 miles an hour, stopping distance climbs to 192½ feet and at 70 miles an hour, 346 feet are needed to stop.

Stopping distances lengthen if the pavement is slippery, tires are smooth, or brakes are under par.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Among the coming events for farmers and 4-H club workers is the recognition banquet for winners of the cattlemen and soil conservation men of the year won respectively by Wallace May and Bill Todd which will be held at Grass Valley the night of November 29. Ralph Beck, OSC, will be the speaker. Also coming is the 4-H leader dinner to be held at the Moro hotel the night of December 6 when the Pacific Power & Light company honors the leaders of the clubs.

A bread baking contest sponsored by Sears-Roebuck and company. As county winner in the Safeway breeding project, Tonal Miller will re-visit Corvallis for summer school.

County winners in the National Awards program were announced. They were Susan Woods, clothing; Gary Miller and Frank McKay, meat animals; Mavis Miller, Penny Higley, Ronda Fraser, Florene Crews and Sharon Belshe, dress revue.

Foley equipment awards were presented to Nancy Wilson, Karen Wilson, Alice Esslinger, Florene Crews, Jean Baumgartner, Alpha Jean Payne, cooking club members and Mavis Miller, winner of the home economics judging contest at the county fair.

The Achievement program was planned and sponsored by the 4-H Leaders association. Deanna Martin played two accordion solos. Susan Woods, Kay McKay and Sally Fields with Sharon Belshe at the piano led the group in singing. Josephine Gentry and Aleta Fraser local leaders, were in charge of refreshments.

The following 4-H clubs received 100% completion certificates: Sherman County Sheep club, leaders Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross; Golden Thimble, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley; Feathered Friends, Mrs. Robert Belshe; Jolly Stitches, Aleta Fraser and Ann Miller; Silver Needle, Mrs. Thelma Trimble; Root & Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gentry; Gordon Ridge Beef club, Leonard Fields.

The following 4-H club members received achievement pins

Turkey, History Blended At Fall SCHS Meeting

Those who were interested in history were also interested in food. Anyway the 100 or more persons who met at Friendship hall in Wasco last Thursday night for the annual fall meeting of the Sherman County Historical society completed the destruction of five huge turkeys together with the food that goes with turkey.

The fall meeting of the society is not usually one at which business is done. It is for the purpose of dining together and listening to some information about history.

Mrs. Clyde Duncan sang two numbers that were well received and Tom Fraser sang "Sweet Oregon", which he calls his specialty number, and it is for meetings of the historical society.

Mrs. Kelsie Ramey Osborne, secretary of the Oregon Trails association for Oregon, came up from Portland with her husband and showed some pictures taken by her this summer along the route taken by the Lewis & Clark expedition and explained them.

This year is the 150th anniversary of that expedition. It came down the Columbia in the fall of that year, stopping for a short time in what is now Sherman county at the mouth of the Deschutes, which Indians called Towornehooks. Lewis & Clark went on to a winter quarters near Astoria and came back in April to brave the heights of the Bitter Roots and Rockies on their way to the Missouri which they floated down on their way home.

Among those coming from afar for the meeting were Mrs. May Barnum, her driver Mr. Williams, Mrs. Nellie Cushman and daughter, Mrs. Leah Sibray, Mrs. Julia Hansen, Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper, all of Portland.

Work Day For Church Dated

Russell Belshe, Dewey Thompson and Rev. Alfred Solomon represented the Moro Presbyterian church at the bi-monthly meeting of the Presbytery of Portland, held Thursday at Lewis & Clark college, Portland.

A work day has been scheduled for Monday at the Moro church. Members and friends are invited to come ready to put in a day of fixing up in the building and outside if weather permits.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, November 23 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m and 3 p. m.

O'Meara's Vault Opened By Robbers; No Money Taken

An estimated two robbers broke into the O'Meara Implement & Supply company place of business last Sunday night at Wasco and chiseled off the combination of the vault and punched out the lock.

Some noise apparently disturbed them after they had broken in to some of the boxes within and they left by a rear door, taking nothing of value.

Wheat Prices Up On Strong Market

Wheat prices worked upwards to six cents a bushel at mid-western markets this week. Oats and grain sorghums were also higher. Corn and rye were lower and soybeans dropped sharply. Barley was unchanged.

Strength in the wheat market was attributed to more active domestic demand, small movement to grain terminals, and further sharp reductions in the Canadian wheat crop. Strong potential export demand was an underlying factor in the market.

Exports To Be Large
Export demand for grain and vegetable oils is much greater than has been expected. Furthermore, some sales have been for cash. Most of the movement so far has been in wheat, but deals in corn, rye, rice and edible oils seem to be coming soon.

Bad weather in many countries has suddenly brought a need for both food and feed from our surplus stock. Grain crops were smaller than last year in most countries of the world, except for southeast Asia. USDA economists predict an increase of at least one-tenth in total agricultural exports, and grains are expected to lead the way.

At Portland this week, wheat strengthened from one-half to one cent. Good domestic demand, small receipts, and a good-sized sale to Japan were the major influences. Japan bought 16 cargoes of white wheat, amounting to 5½ million bushels. Exporters were expected to fill most of the order from Commodity Credit corporation stocks.

Wasco OES Has Popular Meeting

Free hot dogs and free show were features of the evening at the meeting of Annie Fulton chapter, OES, Tuesday night at Wasco. The men had charge of the affairs of the evening with Carl Tuggle, worthy patron, chairman and Gordon Harper, associate patron, showing his slides and movies of his United States trip. Pictures of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans were the high light of the performance.

Worthy Matron Astrid Tuggle announced that the meeting, November 23, would be a birthday party for members with birthdays in October, November and December. The chapter voted to accept the Mason's invitation to a party November 30.

Baskets of chrysanthemums decorated the hall, furnished by the Tuggles. The men served the refreshments and did the dishes.

Agriculture Census Nearing Completion

The 1954 Census of Agriculture is about 50 percent completed in the eighteen counties covered by the field office at Bend, Oregon, according to field supervisor, Jack L. V. Halbrook.

Mr. Halbrook stated that he was well pleased with the cooperation the census enumerators are receiving from farmers in his area and has high hopes of completing the canvass by the scheduled closing date of December 15, 1954. He pointed out that enumeration of farms is one of the larger costs of the census and that cooperation of farmers in completing the questionnaires promptly will be a vital factor in keeping down the final cost of the undertaking.

Quick completion of the census will not only help in keeping costs down but will aid in prompt publication of the results. Mr. Halbrook said. He urged local farmers who had not already done so to complete the census questionnaire and have it ready when the enumerator calls.

Huskies Play Union In Semi-Final For State 'B' Football Championship

For the second consecutive year the Moro football team is in the semi-finals with the job of beating Union for a chance to go to the state championship playoffs.

Scouts who watched the Union-Echo game which Union won handily 14-0 say that Union is not as strong as last year. The Moro team is stronger which gives local supporters hope of winning the game between the two which will be played on the Union field Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m.

Hope of winning rely on the strength of the line, the running of Duncan, the defensive work of the secondary which includes Kirkelle as line backer, Smith and Brown and Duncan.

Moro won its right to play in the semi-finals by beating St. Mary's of Medford by a 26-7 score here Friday afternoon under a bright but not warm autumn sun. Moro was clearly superior, the line stopping the plunges of Jones the 216 pound fullback and the secondary catching the swift backs, Read and Meunier before they got away. Jones was also the ball handler and did better at that

Utilities Pay Taxes Before Deadline

Sherman county's tax collections jumped \$7,398.87 when Pacific Power & Light company's check in payment for its real property taxes for the year was turned in according to Ray Kelso, lineman-gent.

Altogether, Kelso said, Pacific Power & Light paid property taxes totaling \$2,187,681.76 to 26 counties in Oregon in advance of the November 15 deadline. This payment was \$207,546.85 larger than last year, an increase of 10.5 percent.

Sherman county Sheriff Norman Fields received a \$46,346.57 check this week from Union Pacific Railroad as payment of 1954-55 taxes.

The railroad's payment will be used as will any property owners check for county, city, school district levies as well as miscellaneous taxing districts.

Total tax paid by Union Pacific in Oregon amounted to \$1,768,363.35.

River Problems May Effect Rail Rates

Some interest has been aroused in this county and other mid-Columbia counties in approaching legislation that may or may not affect barge transportation on the Columbia.

Protests of Inland Navigation company about paying taxes has brought a threat to move away from The Dalles although not stopping use of the river by the firm which was once active in hauling oil to Pasco and other river points until the pipe line was put in from Utah to Pasco. It now hauls some wheat for the Pendleton Grain Growers.

The company is expected to ask for a minimum rate law also. Such a law would result in higher rates inasmuch as it would increase the rates of the most efficient hauler so it could not compete freely with a less efficient hauler.

Christmas Club Money Returned

Thousands of Oregonians will receive Christmas club checks from the U. S. National bank this week in time for holiday shopping.

More than half a million dollars will be distributed this year to the bank's Christmas savings club members, E. C. Sammons, president, announced.

This popular plan for saving for Christmas throughout the year is in its sixth year of operation at the U. S. National. Christmas club members save a designated amount each week. A check for the amount saved is then mailed to each club member in mid-November.

than at running. His faking on the double-ring formations was good and was effective until the Moro players learned to find out where the ball was going.

St. Mary's elected to kick and Moro's end, Benson ran the ball to his own 37 before being downed. Rolfe made four yards each for two plunges over his own left tackle and Duncan on a play that looked like the same thing went outside and ran for the first touchdown.

Moro kicked and Read returned to his 20 yard stripe and soon had to punt for lack of yardage. Kirkelle made two first downs through the line and then lost the ball but St. Mary's couldn't make yardage either so kicked to Smith who got back to his 29 where Duncan and Rolfe, with an occasional assist by Kirkelle shoved the ball on down the field and over. The score stood at that point until the half, a series of penalties keeping the ball from going anywhere.

When Moro kicked off for the second half little Read took the ball and ran right through the too-anxious Moro defenders for his team's only score of the game. Moro had a hard time with the steamed-up boys from Medford after their taste of scoring and penalties kept coming to slow down play. St. Mary's got yards for holding and big Jones backed up to pass. Kirkelle, breaking around his own right end found the ball right in his arms and kept right on to the goal line with Don Miller protecting his flank from the attack. The point wasn't good so the score stayed at 19-7.

Moro scored again in the final quarter when St. Mary's kicked to Larry Smith who ran the ball back down the east sidelines to the St. Mary's five yard line where Duncan carried it over after two or three ineffectual plays.

Meunier was the star for the visitors, running the ball often and doing fine work on defense. Dugan, quarter, was in on lots of tackles on line plays and the tackles were good, Hasler and Elberts. The line was smaller than Moro's but the backfield slightly heavier because of Jones.

Duncan, with his three touchdowns, was the strong man for Moro but Kirkelle pushed through the line for big gains and backed up the line steadily. Miller led the interference often and broke through to stop the backfield. Rolfe twisted his knee giving Roda more time in the game than usual and he picked yardage on several good runs.

Wheat League To Meet In Portland

Wheatmen from throughout Oregon will gather in Portland, December 2, 3, and 4 to participate in the 27th annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers league.

League members will convene Thursday morning under the gavel of President Morris Wilson, Condon.

National legislation and future programs for wheat are expected to be major topics. Many changes have been imposed on producers through national legislation this past year. The committee on Federal Agriculture programs, headed by Chairman Jack Smith, Condon, is expected to determine next year's legislative program for the league.

Kenneth Kendrick, president, of National association of Wheat Growers, Stratford, Texas, will be one of the featured speakers. Subsidies and what they mean to the farmer will be his topic.

The convention will also feature something entirely new this year. Wheat league home economist, Rose Ellen Schmid, will demonstrate use and preparation of wheat foods before the entire assembled group.

Other speakers on the program are: John Locke, president, Fisher Flouring Mills company, Seattle; E. J. Bell, director, Grain and Feed division, foreign agricultural service, USDA; Walter Johnson, director, Portland office of the Commodity Stabilization service; Ben Robinson, president, Oregon Farm bureau.