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These Things We Note

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Odd how being in a hurry makes folks think they are important.

T T W N

The new road up the valley between Portland and Salem is Oregon's most—even only—modern highway, wide, four lane, well divided, restricted entrance, smooth surface. And, of course, wet.

T T W N

It was easier for Willy's parents in the old days when there was little choice about what to give Willy. He knew that he would find an orange, an apple, some candy and a pair of warm mittens in his stocking Christmas morning and was happy with it.

T T W N

It may be cruel but it is nice to know that McCarthy's elbow is still aching him.

T T W N

Sophomores used to argue that there was no perception without the human ear or eye to note it, that a tree falling in a completely deserted forest made no noise because noise was a manifestation of hearing, something that went on inside the ear and that all the tree made was sound waves. That led to arguments to the effect that a girl wasn't pretty unless there was someone to look at her. Those sophomores are now older and their arguments different if not better.

T T W N

One of the delightful things about America is the strange mix-ups in occupational affiliations found. Adlai Stevenson is really better fitted for a radio gag man than a lawyer or politician. Not that he isn't amusing in any role but it does seem too bad to restrict his talents to one subject.

T T W N

Keeping bridges big enough for our trucks is a never ending job and we wonder if there isn't an end to it some time.

T T W N

We used to know a man who earned enough money to retire on at \$20 per month. Different dollars in those days—and different men.

T T W N

We'd like to know the real reason why men can get comfortably bald while women have to fuss with hair all their lives.

T T W N

"Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Pro. 16:18,19.

T T W N

Anyway the air in the tires is more valuable than the vaster expanse of air in those elongated trucks.

T T W N

We are in complete agreement with the ruling that does not permit state employees to accept gifts from those doing business with the state. Yet it is not and cannot be an effective way to make men honest. If a man is completely honest no gift would induce him to be disloyal to the state. It can only apply to material gifts in any case and they are the trading equipment of the dumb. More honor has been exchanged for kind words than for money.

T T W N

Are we going to have to have another war before they'll quit talking about Pearl Harbor? Must we constantly discuss the disgrace of that event?

CLUB EO REORGANIZE

Members of the 4-H Pig club will meet Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gentry. Purpose of the meeting is to re-organize the group and anyone interested in joining the club is urged to be present. The meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

The Harry Pinkertons had as a week-end guest Mrs. Janet Hornecker of Corvallis. Mrs. Hornecker is a county extension agent-at-large for the state of Oregon. She was in Umatilla county for the last six weeks conducting 4-H leaders' workshops, and was planning to give leaders' training meetings in Bend for this current week. Mrs. Hornecker is a cousin of Mrs. Pinkerton.

Church Choirs To Combine in Giving Sacred Concert

Churches of the county, including most of the Protestant faith, will combine in presenting a Christmas choral festival at 8 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 12. The Moro Presbyterian church will be host for the affair, which promises to be one of the outstanding musical events of recent years in this vicinity.

The program arranged for Sunday evening will include: Jesu Bambino and Gloria in Excelsis, Baptist church Grass Valley.

O Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, Wasco Methodist church.

Ring Out Wild Bells, When the Winter Sun is Set, Wasco Church of Christ choir.

Rise Up Early in the Morning, Now the Holy Child is Born, Moro Presbyterian church choir.

Star of the East, solo by Mrs. Betty Justesen, Kent Community church.

O Holy Night, solo by Mrs. Gertrude Shields, Wasco Church of Christ. Under direction of Miss Dorothy Beachler, the combined choirs will sing three feature numbers: Lo, Now a Rose Ere Blooming, What Child is This and Joy to the World.

Mrs. Helen Sayers, Moro, will accompany on the organ for congregational singing and the chorale numbers of the combined ensemble. Mrs. Joan Buck of Wasco will be featured in an organ solo for the offertory.

The offering will be sent to Church World Service to help in distribution of surplus foods and grains to foreign countries.

The host church is offering its nursery and a competent nursery director to make it possible for parents with small children to attend the festival.

Sponsor for the event is the Sherman County Ministerial association.

Les'ie L. Bell Called By Death Sunday

Private services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday at the Smith-Calloway funeral chapel in The Dalles for Leslie L. Bell who passed away Sunday evening, December 5, at the Mid-Columbia hospital. Immediate cause of death was a stroke, although Mr. Bell had been ill many months.

Born March 19, 1878 at Dayton, Wash., Mr. Bell moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bell, to Boyd, Wasco County. He came to Sherman county in 1903 and on June 5, 1910, was married to Martha Hein at Kent. They resided on a farm seven miles southeast of Moro which has been the family home for 37 years.

Survivors besides the wife, Martha, are two daughters, Pearl and Cinthy, both at home; and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Sandman, Brea, Calif., and Mrs. W. C. Guyton, Dufur.

National Safe Driving Day December 15

An appeal to report immediately all traffic accidents that may take place on S-D Day December 15 was voiced today by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry so that Oregon's record in the all-out national safe-driving effort can be promptly compiled.

An unusually fast accident count for Safe Driving Day will be needed to gauge results, Newberry said. While the goal is no accidents of any kind, drivers who are involved in S-D day traffic mishaps are urged to report them at once to county sheriff's offices, local police departments, or to branch offices of the department of state.

These agencies, in turn, are being alerted to submit their totals several times during the 15th to a central source in each county for forwarding by wire or telephone to Salem for statewide tabulation. Normally, accident drivers have 24 hours to file their reports.

Oregon law requires reports of all accidents in which any property is damaged, and even though only one vehicle is involved.

If S-D day produces the hoped-for results, there will be very few accidents to report, Newberry said. On December 15, 1953, there were 163 accidents and 20 persons were injured in Oregon. There were no fatalities on that day last year.

COMPLETION OF FULTON CANYON PAVING ASSURED

At its regular meeting in Portland December 7 the state highway commission received bids for construction of 1.43 miles of the Fulton Canyon-Wasco county road. The portion of this county road to be constructed extends from a point about 1.8 miles west of Wasco to a point about one mile southeast of Locust Grove. Plans call for construction of a 26-foot wide roadbed upon which is to be constructed a 20-foot wide oil mat wearing surface to be flanked by 2-foot stone shoulders.

The project is scheduled for completion by fall of 1955 and is to be financed from federal, state and county funds allocated to county roads not on the state system of highways.

Bardenhagen Family Staging Recovery

Reports brought back to the county by friends calling on the Bardenhagen family in Portland are to the effect that all are making a good recovery from the effects of injuries received in an accident on the Columbia expressway the evening of December 1.

On the other hand, reports from Providence hospital relative to survivors of the other car are not encouraging.

A third car driven by L. D. Robertson of Hood River was hit by the wildly careening Ford car as it headed for the ditch. Robertson's car was not seriously damaged and after assisting the Bardenhagens to escape from their car, which had been hurtled into the ditch to the south of the highway, was able to continue his journey. The Hood River man noted the high speed at which the Ford was running in an effort to pass a truck and three cars before smashing head-on into the Bardenhagen car.

SHERRY WOODS REPORTS ON GIRLS STATE MEET

A report on the 1954 Girls State session was the highlight of the meeting of the Chris Schultz 71 unit of the American Legion auxiliary at the Monday meeting, when Sherry Woods, unit representative told of some of her experiences.

Miss Woods said in part: "The main idea of Girls State is to teach girls the principles of democracy. While at Girls State from June 14 to 21 we heard several speakers: Mrs. Forrest Erickson, Legion Auxiliary department president; Governor Paul Patterson, at the inauguration of the Girls State governor; Mrs. Ruth Coyner on the importance of national defense, and William Brown of the national un-American activities committee, on civil defense."

"During the week at Girls State on the Willamette university campus in Salem, the program consisted of state government in miniature accelerated to fit into the week's time. The girls, 200 in all, were divided into two parties, Nationalist and Federalist. They were also divided into counties and cities with all the officials of each. A general election was held after a day of party conventions. A governor was then elected and her inauguration was held in the House of Representatives chamber in the capitol building. In the senate and house sessions the girls passed several laws they had initiated."

"Candidates for Girls National representatives from Oregon were also selected. The contestants gave inspiring speeches and two girls were selected to go to Washington D. C."

PINKERTON TO TELL P-TA ABOUT TOUR OF COUNTRY

His tour of the United States will be the subject of Henry Pinkerton's talk as guest speaker at the December meeting of the Moro Parent-Teacher association at the school building this evening.

In addition to the guest speaker there will be a reading by Miss Paulson, special musical entertainment, with refreshments to round out the evening.

HI STUDENTS OF COUNTY TAKE TB TEST IN DALLIES

Through arrangements made by Willy Knighten, county school superintendent, the high school students of Sherman county were able to take the tuberculosis tests in The Dalles Thursday. More than 100 students were examined.

Sponsors for the examination at this time were the Sherman County Health Unit and the Wasco County Health and Tuberculosis association.

Development of Youth Likened To Cultivation of Garden of Flowers

Development of youth into useful citizens was likened to cultivation of flowers and other plant life by Miss Esther Taskerud, assistant 4-H state club leader who was guest speaker at the recognition dinner and program sponsored by the Pacific Power & Light company and honoring the 4-H club leaders of Sherman county Monday evening at the Moro hotel.

Miss Taskerud said that planting the seeds for a flower bed was not assurance that there would be good flowers. It is the cultivation of the plants after they start to grow that determines their quality. So it is with our young people. They can grow up on their own with only a chance that some of them will mature into healthy, useful citizens, or the adults in their lives can assist them in ways to assure them of their rightful place in society.

The speaker's remarks were well taken by the 30 or more guests seated at a table arrangement which represented the "H" in 4-H. The group enjoyed a toothsome ham dinner prepared and served by the hotel dining room management.

T. W. Thompson, Sherman county agent, was master of ceremonies and introduced the PPA&L local manager, Ray Kelso, who in turn presented Art Thrasher, company manager at The Dalles and Cecil Root, public relations

representative. Mr. Root expressed his pleasure in being able to bring the leaders and invited guests together as guests of his company and also created much laughter with some of his fund of yarns.

Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Don Macnab of Rufus and Mrs. William Rodda of Moro, cooking; Mrs. Carl Miller, Moro clothing, and Barney Baumgartner, Grass Valley, electricity, were introduced as new club leaders.

Elmer Lierman, field agent for the U. S. National bank, presented the awards, for which his company is responsible. Receiving first year pins were Paulen Kaseberg and Mrs. Earl Gentry. Two-year pins were awarded to Earl Gentry, Mrs. William Mobley, Howard Ross and Mrs. Robert Belshee. Three year awards went to Tony Miller and Charles Burnett; four-year, Leonard Fields, Mrs. Paul Fraser, Mrs. Howard Ross, Mrs. Kenneth Sather and Mrs. Ted Trimble; five-year, Orlo Martin; seven-year, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley.

In a brief business meeting following the dinner program, a constitution for the leaders association was adopted and election of officers resulted in Leonard Fields going in as president, succeeding Tony Miller; Mrs. Mobley, vice president, and T. W. Thompson secretary-treasurer.

PARTY SCHEDULED FOR MID-COLUMBIA SADDLERS

Mid-Columbia Saddle club members have announced a party to be held from 5 to 10 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 12. All members are cordially invited to attend and many good things are in store for the evening.

Major Robert Borg will address the gathering at 5:30 on the subject of "Horse Training." A pot luck supper follows. The remainder of the evening will be spent in square dancing.

The party will be held at the Civic Auditorium gym in The Dalles.

Woman's Club Gives Party For Menfolk

The Moro Woman's club held its annual "Gentlemen's Night" party at the Masonic hall Monday evening. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was program director and Mrs. Truman Strong and Mrs. Eugene Amidon were the hostesses.

Mrs. Cloyd Duncan pleased the group with two vocal solos accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Carroll Sayers. Nancy Conlee gave a clever tap dance. Two interesting accordion numbers were played by Deanna Martin, and Deway Thompson expressed the pleasure of the men present.

Featured speaker was Mrs. Harriet P. Krause of the Oregon Bureau of Labor. She is also radio and TV chairman for the Oregon Federation of Womens clubs. She gave an interesting as well as entertaining lecture.

The evening was concluded by a dessert of apple pie and ice cream, served on the dining room tables, which were attractively decorated in the holiday motif.

Farmers Urged To Keep Close Check On Rodent, Heat Problems of Grain Storage

To the many farmers of Sherman county who have grain stored on their farms, Frank von Borstel, chairman of the Sherman County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee is urging frequent and careful inspection of the grain.

He points out specifically that grain lost or reduced in quality through carelessness and neglect while in storage deprives the farmer of the protection he expected to receive when he took out a Commodity Credit Corporation loan. At settlement time the farmer is credited with grain of the quality and amount at the time the loan is paid or the grain delivered, regardless of what the quality and amount might have been when the loan was taken out.

Frequent inspection of farm-stored grain, the chairman points out, plus immediate action to correct may be revealed by the inspection is the only way to be safe. Heating, insects, birds and rodents are particularly to be guard-

ed against. He cautions that cold weather is no protection against heating and that heating often provides favorable conditions for grain-damaging insects. Heating usually results when the moisture content of the stored grain is too high.

Birds and rodents do their damage when the storage structure is not tight enough to keep them out. Keeping bins in good repair will keep out the birds and modern poisons are available to take care of rats.

Chairman von Borstel suggests that county extension agent is a good source of information on the most effective means for preparing structures, conditioning grain for storage, and on control measures if and when losses have already started. The Pacific Northwest Cooperative Extension bulletin of Nov. 7 "Controlling rodents and birds in stored grain" is an excellent guide for folks with farm stored grain.

RURAL SCHOOL DIST. APPORTIONMENT MADE BY SUPERINTENDENT

For the information of school patrons and taxpayers generally, County Superintendent Willy Knighten has made a summary of the funds apportioned to the several districts. A total of \$200,204.98 comprises the fund devoted to school purposes for the current year, 1954-1955, and is apportioned as follows:

Dist. No. 1—Biglow: .34 percent of total levy all districts \$680.70.

Dist. No. 3—Rufus: 27.39 percent, \$54,836.14.

Dist. No. 4—Emigrant Springs: .73 percent, \$1,461.50.

Dist. No. 7—Wasco: 27.95 percent, \$55,957.29.

Dist. No. 9—Kent: 9.44 percent, \$18,899.35.

Dist. No. 13—Moro: 17.69 percent, \$35,416.26.

Dist. No. 23—Grass Valley: 16.46 percent, \$32,953.74.

Non-High school district—none.

Purging of Voters List Nears Finish

Registered voters of Sherman county who did not exercise right of franchise during the past biennium—1952-1954—stand to lose the privilege of voting at the next primary or general election if they fail to register. This fact was brought to the attention of the public early this week by Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson, county clerk, as the work of removing the registration cards of delinquent voters was drawing to a close. "Purging" is the legal term used by the authorities and it is a program followed after each general election to clarify the county's registration.

Notices are sent to delinquent registrants and if they wish to retain their voting status they must sign the cards and return them to the clerk within 90 days. Otherwise the names will be removed from the poll books.

Harlandview Grange Names New Officers

Officers to serve during the year 1955 were recently elected by Harlandview grange No. 682, both subordinate and juvenile.

John Paul is the new master, heading a list including Orlo Martin, overseer; Agnes Benson, lecturer; Elly S. Paul, secretary; Charles Burnett, assistant steward; Althea Burnett, lady assistant steward; Ellen Reynolds, chaplain; Blaine Miller, treasurer; Earl Miller, gatekeeper; Inez Thompson, Ceres; Florence Bruckhart, Flora; Laura Sather, Pomona; Deway Thompson, Dean Reynolds, Clarence Higley, executive committee; juvenile matron, Josephine Gentry; assistant juvenile matron, Katherine Blaylock.

For the juvenile grange, George Miller was elected master; Orville Blaylock, overseer; Penny Higley, lecturer; Wilma Gentry, secretary; Johnnie Paul, assistant steward; Denise Miller, lady assistant steward; Jodie Blaylock, chaplain; Wilma Gentry, treasurer; Tommy Higley, gate keeper; Sherrel Christopherson, Ceres; Kay Higley, Flora; Ellen Paul, Pomona; Tommy Miller, Orville Blaylock, Mavis Miller, executive committee.

The election was held Saturday evening, December 4 and installation will be held at the grange hall at 2 p. m. December 19.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY NAMES OFFICERS FOR '55

The Moro Missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edith Burnett, Mrs. Gwen Matteson and Mrs. Andrew Paulson being assisting hostesses.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Alfred Solomon, with the theme being "The Expanding Church" and concluded with the Christmas story.

Officers for the society for 1955 were elected. Plans were made to give a reception next Sunday evening in the church dining room for the choirs of Sherman county churches and those who attend the county-wide choir concert, following the concert.

The program was given by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, the main feature being the reading of "Let's Keep Christmas," a sermon from the book "The Man Called Peter."

Gifts were exchanged by the group and dessert of angel food cakes with holiday garnish was served by the hostesses.

Mary Pratt has resigned her job as county agent secretary and is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Wheat League Meeting Attracts Large Attendance

Wheat growers, meeting in Portland among the tall buildings, and among lobbyists for special interests in greater number than usual held their 27th convention last week.

A larger attendance than usual was on hand and probably a majority of it was wheat growers or men interested primarily in the wheat industry. The facilities were good, the program broad enough to encompass the needs of the business and the committee work carefully done.

Friday morning was used in hearing reports by officers, welcoming and responding speeches and final arrangements.

John Locke, president of Fisher Flouring Mills of Seattle told members at the luncheon that his company had started to make Bulghur under the name of Ala and was preparing to ship it to the far east as one means of reducing the surplus of white wheat in the northwest. He told the history of this food saying that originally it was prepared by boiling the wheat in open kettles, letting it dry in the far eastern sun and grinding it to reduce its size. It stores well, is strong food, and has been a staple diet for the hardy, strong-toothed, healthy Armenians for generations.

Kenneth Kendrick, president of the National Association of wheat growers, spoke Friday afternoon and gave the major share of his speech to heavily dialected stories of southerners mingled with defense subsidies for wheat growers because other subsidies are paid. He said that farm subsidies cost but 40 cents a year for citizens and that many other subsidies cost much more. Total cost since 1932 has been \$1,303,000,000, he said. Air mail has cost more, mailing of Life has cost more and the farm subsidy has cost but 75 cents out of each \$100 paid in subsidies. He said he liked the domestic parity plan, the name he used to describe the two-price system for wheat and he was most happy to be out here with "you-all."

Walter Johnson, farmer and director of the Commodity Stabilization service, the new name for the Commodity Credit Corporation, told of the activities of his organization in behalf of the wheat growers and his plans to continue better loan facilities and storage facilities in the future.

Ed Bell, former secretary of the Oregon wheat commission, and now director of Foreign Agricultural service of the USDA in Washington, D. C., spoke about his work there. It entailed an explanation of the foreign grain situation and methods used to get some trade developed that will result in shipment of grain from this country.

He said that the position of the U. S. had changed materially because for the seven years ending in 1952 we had shipped 46 percent of the world total export. That amount has decreased now. Support prices are used in nearly all countries and are \$2.31 in England, \$2.64 in France, Netherlands, \$1.86; Belgium \$2.56; Switzerland \$4.18; Austria \$2.63; Italy \$3.07.

Miss Rose Ellen Schmid showed the women how to use wheat products in a cooking demonstration from the stage and also spoke Thursday on the same subject at (Continued on Page 4)

Coach and 12 Boys Leave for Tourney

Headed for the basketball tournament, Coach Jerry Disch and 12 of his Moro Huskies left Thursday morning for McMinnville and Linfield college to test their skill against schools from various parts of the state.

Accompanying Coach Disch were Don Miller and Larry Smith, guards; Harold Brown, center; Kirkelle, Norman Fridley, Harold Duncan and Gene Knott, forwards, two of whom will be selected for the opener; and Gary Miller, Don Rolfe, Keith Barnett, Roy Cyphers and Earl Griggs. Jimmy Rodda is the team manager.

With only nine practices behind them, coach and team are not too certain about their readiness at this time but will learn fast enough when they get into tournament play, thinks Coach Disch.

Moro drew Mohawk for the first game scheduled for 7 p. m. Thursday.