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These Things We Note

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Does anyone else but us get a laugh out of the state of Washington concerning itself about Hells Canyon dam?

Similes: "as conservative as a statue of Cal Coolidge"; "as frustrated as a tree under a power line".

Man has been trying to settle the problem of too much wheat for many years without appreciable success. It is possible that Mother Nature will take a hand and do away with the surplus in one dry, hot year. Wouldn't that make the economists look bad.

A preacher made a try for a 48 hour sermon. That is alright for a novelty but no sermon should be longer than the eight hour sleeping time.

Headline writers will be happy at the passing of Mendes-France; others will be sad that the only premier who could get anything done is gone.

An insurance man has introduced a bill into the legislature that would prevent the state from insuring with mutual companies. Is there no limit on how far legislation may go to obtain an advantage over a competitor?

As long as the government provides for making payments to some one there will be someone to take them. Relief makes its own necessity. Talk about a new penalty for absconding papas is useless as long as payments for deserted families are being paid.

Babe Ruth said it long ago "you're either a hero or a bum" and we are sure Malenkov would second that thought.

American men are getting fatter and American women are getting thinner; men are growing taller and women are growing taller faster; men are living longer and women are living longer than that. Best recipe for a long and carefree existence is to be born a woman.

The law establishing the higher education does not permit a resident of a city containing a college to be a member of the board. It is a good regulation and should be retained instead of changed because Portland now has a school.

The man who wrote the bills to force the use of safety belts in cars is so paternalistic he won't even let a man kill himself in comfort.

The reading of books is an old and assured way to learn something. It is not used much now being in competition with TV. Both may be enjoyed sitting down but TV eliminates the work of moving the eyes.

We note that it is news that members of one party do not agree with members of the other and we wonder why. It's olds.

Who expected warm weather all through February anyway? A little east wind may toughen us up for spring.

If food is really scarce in Russia they probably will not go to war. Nations usually declare war on a full stomach and with sufficient reserves.

Topics of conversation do not indicate that conditions are very bad or very dangerous in these parts. The trivial is ascendant.

The new Portland baseball manager seems inclined to be a petty tyrant and we thought that was out of date even on the ball field.

If conservation means saving, our upstairs is a fine example of it. It is true, however, that use of natural resources makes more sense than letting them spoil. And the same thing would be true of the stuff that's piled in the attic.

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

The Tuesday afternoon bridge club met February 1 at the home of Mrs. Art Smith for a 1:30 desert luncheon and cards.

Mrs. W. A. Nisbet was a guest and members attending were Mrs. B. E. Hailey, Mrs. Harley Dutton, Mrs. Augusta Harkin, Mrs. L. P. Haven, Mrs. E. H. Watkins, who held high score, and Mrs. H. A. VanGilder who received the consolation prize.

The Wasco Past Matron club met Monday afternoon Feb. 7 at the home of Mrs. Augusta Harkin. Mrs. Herb Root and Mrs. Viggo Haufelt were members from The Dalles. After short business meeting cards were in play. Enjoying bridge were Mrs. H. A. VanGilder, Mrs. B. E. Hailey, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Idah Everett, Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. Haufelt, Mrs. Hugh White and Mrs. Root who received high score. Canasta players included Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mrs. Ernest Shull and Mrs. Harkin. The canasta high went to Mrs. Nisbet. Valentines day was used as a theme for the napkins and tallies.

Mrs. Charles A. Wallace (Marlene Beem) was guest of honor at a bridal shower given her recently by Mrs. W. R. Reid, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and Mrs. Earl Fields at the Reid home.

Two games "Mr. and Mrs. Success" and "The Sewing Room" were played with prizes going to Mrs. Tom Moore and the bride. Decorations consisted of pink and white umbrellas hung over the gift table which also was done in pink and white and a white umbrella surrounded by white bells hung in the doorway.

The lace covered table was centered with a huge white heart edged in white lace and covered with pink roses and angel hair. White candles were used. The cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Clarence Spencer was done in white and sprays of pink rosebuds and tiny blue forget-me-nots.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Wallace's mother in law, Mrs. Glen Wallace, her twin sister, Mrs. Williams and her grandmother, Mrs. Tucker, an aunt, Mrs. John Hilderbrand and Mrs. Don Thompson of Moro, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mrs. Lloyd Gosson, Mrs. Charles Decker, Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara, Mrs. Joe Drinkard, Mrs. Leo Roberts, Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder and Mrs. John Buck of Moro, Mrs. Tom Jacobsen Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillin, Mrs. Malcolm McDermid and Mrs. John Sanders were unable to attend but sent gifts.

Assisting the bride in opening her gifts were her sister Mrs. Williams and her aunt Mrs. Hilderbrand.

Mrs. Fields cut and served the cake and Mrs. Tucker poured the tea and coffee from the Reids' beautiful new silver service.

The Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs. Merlin Shields with Mrs. Vera Van Gilder co-hostess. The meeting opened in regular form and answering roll call were Mesdames Bill White, E. E. Shull, Charles Decker, Doe Decker, Leo Watkins, Flossie Haynes, Tom Striker, Bertha Moon and the hostesses. After the meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting February 15 will be at the home of Mrs. Dell Wright with Mrs. Harry Allen co-hostess.

The Dorcas society of the Wasco Church of Christ held its Feb. meeting the third at the home of Mrs. Merlin Shields. Guests were Mrs. A. Van Gilder, Mrs. F. Haines, Mrs. L. Watkins, Mrs. Sadie McKean, Mrs. Deel, Mrs. Jose, Mrs. Elmer Hill, Mrs. Guy Andrews, Mrs. W. D. Watkins, Mrs. Tom Striker, Mrs. Bertha Moon and Mrs. L. L. Funk. Mrs. Sadie Rich was co-hostess.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dehler and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg and daughter, Kaye. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Drinkard Jr. at their Starvation Point ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and family were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Odell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and Lois Ann and Miss Vivian Trounce were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder Monday. Mrs. Desta Hoyt has been quite ill at her home. Mrs. Idah Everett and Mrs. Floyd Haines helped care for her until her niece Mrs.

Adrian Nodine of Dayville arrived Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent and a cousin, Mrs. Rena Sheppard left Saturday for a week in Corvallis with the Sargent's son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neville and family.

The Wasco WSCS study group is to meet every Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. for Bible study. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Rust are still very ill in The Dalles. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peterson and he is in The Dalles General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gosson are parents of a baby girl born Tuesday February 8. The baby weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and both are fine. The Gossons also have a son Greg. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet and Mrs. Oral Gosson of Wasco and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nisbet of Rupert, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Johnson of Sandy. Greg is visiting the Nisbets while his mother is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet spent last weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Johnson at Sandy.

The February regular meeting of the Frank E. Brown Unit No. 91 of the Wasco Legion Auxiliary was held Monday afternoon at the Legion hall.

Mrs. Virgil Larimore, president, opened the business meeting. Mrs. Art Watkins, secretary, was present to take roll call. A card from Marjorie Leach was read thanking the unit for having met its quota on time for members.

It was voted to send \$8 to the American Legion Foundation. Half of this amount to come out of the poppy fund and half from the general fund.

A birthday party is planned for the American Legion on March 12. The meat and cake will be furnished by the Auxiliary and the members are to bring the rest of the food for a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p. m. A bingo game is planned for the evening. On this committee is Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Grace Medler and Mrs. John Foss.

The Auxiliary wishes all its members to get their sewing in for the child welfare Easter outfits by the March meeting, so that the unit can get them sent away in time for the children to receive them for Easter.

Mrs. Robert Bish brought the traveling basket, and when the can was opened about \$8.00 was in it.

At the close of the meeting refreshments of angel cake with whipped cream and coffee were served by Mrs. Everett Watkins and Mrs. John Foss.

Mrs. Harland McDonald, chairman of the Rufus district for the March of Dimes reports a total collection of \$120.32 taken from this area. Of this amount \$7.82 was given by the Rufus grange in their penny drill Thursday night. Mrs. McDonald was appreciative of the fine cooperation of her co-workers, Mrs. Earl Pearson, Mrs. William Myers, Mrs. Robert Byrd and Bill O'Brien.

Those from the north end of Sherman county who attended school meetings at Moro last week were Leland Medler, Rolland Johnson, Don Macnab and George Fox.

Mrs. Wilson Foote and daughter Nancy were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox from Sunday to Tuesday. Thursday they left via train at Maryhill, Wn., for Seattle where they'll be houseguests of Mrs. Foote's sister in law, Mrs. Elizabeth Colvin and daughter Patricia.

A number of Rufus grangers and guests enjoyed a pot luck dinner together Thursday evening.

The Rufus master, Harland McDonald, called the grange to order at 8 p. m. Guests were Carlton Brown, grange insurance representative and Walt Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearson and children. The Pearson's displayed articles which Earl brought and sent back from his four months stay in Japan. Earl told of the Japanese customs and told about the articles on the display table, even about the work of the miniature "Honey Wagon".

The master gave out the new password to the grangers. The sign committee are making progress and told to purchase needed materials. The lecturers school at Corvallis will be February 22 and 23. Mrs. Delta Johnson, state lecturer hopes there will be a large attendance.

For the lecturer's program Mrs.

Bill Huck had all sing "Down By the Old Mill Stream". Mrs. Rolland Johnson read "The origin of Valentine Day". Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock had the skit, "I've Always Been Her Beau". Bill Huck sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", accompanied by Mrs. Huck at the piano. All the grangers told of their "First Love". Robert Davis, Bill O'Brien and George Fox sang "Beautiful Dreamer" accompanied by Mrs. Bill O'Brien. Then the grange chose up sides and had a Valentine race.

Mrs. Ben Galloway made and presented the grange with a bouquet of carnations. The grange voted to give the proceeds of the drill to the March of Dimes. Carlton Brown told of the importance of getting young members in the grange. The next Pamona will be at Rufus February 28. The grangers were reminded of a visitation meeting at Pine Grove on February 8 with a dinner at noon. Joe Abraham was getting the posters out for the basket social and dance at Rufus grange February 12. The grange members had cake and coffee late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buce were parents of a daughter born Thursday February 3 at The Dalles hospital. The little girl was named Heidi and weighed nearly nine pounds. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherford of Arlington and paternal grandmother Mrs. John Kerr of Mosier. The Buce's have two other children, Alana and Mike who are four and two years old.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox of The Dalles were overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock. While here they all attended the Rufus grange card party. Guests Sunday at the Brock home were Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patrick and son Michael.

Another series of card parties at the grange hall Saturday night resulted in Rolland Johnson and Mrs. Mae Morfitt high in pinocle and low Beaton Barnett and Mrs. Rolland Johnson. High score winners at canasta were Ben Galloway and Mrs. Sam Brock and low Sam Brock and Mrs. Mae Fowler.

The Grass Valley grade school basketball boys came to Rufus Friday afternoon for a game and suffered a defeat by a score of 33-23. Charles Griggs was high point player for Rufus with 10. When the Rufus boys played at Grass Valley they lost the game.

The Condon high school basketball team came to Rufus Saturday night and scored a win 50 to 33. Both teams played a good game and at the end of the third quarter the score stood 33 to 27 for Condon, but Condon forged ahead when Wally Morris went out on fouls. Neil of Condon also went out on fouls. Jimmy Fox was high for Rufus with 12 points. Wally Morris had a close high with 10. Referees were Clark and Rhinhardt.

The warm weather of last week has given this area hopes that spring is just around the corner. The ground hog did see his shadow. The farmers only hope for some added moisture this spring as the winter moisture was scarce.

A number of people from his community attended the card party Saturday night at St. Mary's rectory in Wasco. This is the first of some parties planned to be held at the rectory where Rev. Martin Quigley lives.

Gayle Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eaton who is in the air force training as a mechanic near San Francisco arrived home Thursday to spend his two weeks vacation with his folks and friends at Rufus where he spent most of his school days.

Mrs. Frank Weatherford of Arlington and her two grandchildren Alana and Mike Buce came to Rufus Sunday afternoon to stay awhile with her daughter Mrs. Tom Buce and infant daughter. Other callers at the Buce home who live at the Rufus motel were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and sons and Miss Gayle Weatherford, all of Arlington. The Earl Weatherford, spent Sunday evening with the George Foxes.

The Rufus Wolves motored to Fossil with Joe Morris as driver Friday night for a basketball game. Rufus beat the Fossil team fair and square to a score of 48-38. However, the two teams tied at the end of the first quarter 8-8 and also at the end of the third 33-33. But Rufus spurted ahead and during the fourth quarter to win game and the ninth straight win Wally Morris was high with 18 for the Huskies. The Huskies were in command throughout the contest and boast-

Afton McIntyre Shot By Son In Family Altercation

Afton McIntyre, farmer with residence in Wasco, was shot with a 410 shotgun in his right side Wednesday evening about 7:00 p. m. by his son, Donald, during an altercation. They were in the basement of the family home and about fifteen feet apart. What the quarrel was about has not been learned but police are of the opinion the father was going to administer discipline to the young man.

Afton McIntyre is a huge man, weighing well over 300 pounds. The shot penetrated his abdomen immediately after his arrival at the Mid-Columbia hospital and Thursday morning the report was that he was resting satisfactorily.

Donald McIntyre graduated from Moro high school last year and spent a short time in the army before being discharged because of poor eyesight. He is being held in the Wasco county jail without charge, awaiting more information about the shooting and outcome of his father's injury.

Deputy Sheriff George Geiser drove the ambulance that took McIntyre to the hospital and Sheriff Norman Fields and state officers Glen Ray and L. W. Brockway were called.

Soils Man Here To Help At Station

Robert P. Chesney has been appointed research assistant as a soil scientist at the Sherman branch experiment station, Moro, Oregon, effective February 1 through a cooperative agreement with the Oregon agricultural experiment station and the USDA, agricultural research service.

Mr. Chesney recently completed his college work at Oklahoma A. & M. where he majored in soils and farm crops. He and Mrs. Chesney arrived in Corvallis January 31 where Mr. Chesney attended a planning conference during the first week in February. They arrived in Moro February 6.

The appointment of Mr. Chesney as a soils scientist on the station is a culmination of the efforts on the part of the Oregon Wheat Growers league and the Oregon agricultural experiment station to strengthen the soils research at the station.

Moro Win Streak Continues; League Championship Probable

The Moro Huskies continued on their unbeaten way last weekend by romping over Dufur, 86-42, Friday night at Dufur and bashing Cascade Locks, 80-58, Saturday night at Grass Valley.

Moro had but a one point advantage, 15-14, at the end of the first eight minutes at Dufur Friday, but sky-rocketed to a 38 to 23 lead at half-time. The Huskies scored 30 points in the third frame to 10 for Dufur to put them in front 68 to 33. Coach Disch sent in his reserves for the last quarter and they outscored the Rangers 18-9, to bring the final score to 86 for Moro and 42 for Dufur.

Norm Fridley dumped four goals in the first quarter; a field goal and two charity shots in both the second and third frames for a total of 16 points to lead the scoring for Moro. Don Miller totaled 15 counters, four field goals in the first half and three goals and a free throw in the third quarter. Harold Brown collected four charity shots, two in the first frame, one each in the second and third quarters, three field goals in the second eight minutes and two in the third stanza for a total of 14 points. Larry Smith got one basket in the second quarter, four in the third and two free throws in each the third and fourth frames for a total of 14 points.

B. Underhill with 27 was high point man for Dufur. J. Eggmen and T. Phillips had six apiece.

Coach Disch's undefeated Moro Huskies continued on their way at Grass Valley as they blasted Cascade Locks, 80-58, Saturday night. But Rufus spurted ahead and during the fourth quarter to win game and the ninth straight win Wally Morris was high with 18 for the Huskies. The Huskies were in command throughout the contest and boast-

Sam Sargent Billed For Talk on Geology By Sherman Club

A few days ago a Sherman countian said, "I've looked at these old rocks all my life and I'd like to know how they got here."

The Sherman County club has arranged a program that will let him find out. Sam Sargent, geologist for the U. S. Engineers at The Dalles dam, will speak at Grass Valley February 21 about the geology of Valley the evening of Monday, this mid-Columbia region. Mr. Sargent has a reputation as being an interesting speaker who thoroughly covers his subject and he has given talks to clubs in many towns.

By asking members the board members have discovered that many residents, like the native above, would like to know about the origin of the county. B. C. Baumgartner, secretary, is making arrangements for the dinner which will be served at 6:30 p. m. February 21, in the Odd-Fellows hall and tickets will be available from him and from Wily Knights in Moro.

WHEAT LEAGUERS RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Paulen Kaseberg, Kenneth Fridley, Elton Medler, Floyd Root and John Hilderbrand returned Monday morning by train from Amarillo, Texas where they had attended the meeting of the national wheat growers as a part of a large delegation from Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg were also there.

CATTLE TESTING FINDS TWO REACTORS HERE

Last year 845 cattle were tested for tuberculosis in 56 Sherman county herds and two reactors to this disease were found. In 1953, no reactors were found in 761 cattle tested in this county.

Statewide in Oregon, only 80 reactors were found in the 206,732 cattle tested under the program in 1954. While this percentage (0.038 percent) is extremely low, it nevertheless shows why Oregon continues a annual tuberculosis testing under cooperative agreement with the federal government.

Sherman county is one of 10 counties which had reactors last year. It is also one of 32 counties now under a T. B. modified and accredited status. The present three-year accreditation rating for this county is good until July 1, 1956.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the ladies of the Moro Missionary society when they gathered at the home of Mrs. John Parker last Wednesday. Dessert was served at 2 o'clock by Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Vernon Miller and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, with the Valentine motif.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, president presided at the business meeting. Plans were made to sponsor the "World Day of Prayer" services on February 25 at the Moro church, when the representatives of the churches of Sherman county gather on the 1st Friday of Lent.

The society plans to put drapes on the windows of two class rooms at the church soon. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Alfred Solomon, who discussed the 1st and 2nd chapters of Hebrews. Mrs. John Parker read of the missionaries named "for the day", from the Year Book of Prayer.

Mrs. Andrew Paulson was leader of the very interesting and informative program which was principally on the subject of India. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Max Barzee, Mrs. Gwen Matteson and Mrs. Ted Thompson.

NEW LIGHTS ORDERED

Installation of 10 new street lights in Moro's business district by Pacific Power & Light company will get under way within the next few weeks, according to Raymond E. Kelson, lineman-agent for the power company.

He said out of the total fixtures to be installed, five of them will be mercury vapor lamps of 20,000 lumen intensity and the remaining five will be incandescent units with a 10,000 lumen output. The new units, which will be the latest in modern street lighting fixtures, will increase the light output of the system more than four times.

Kelson said the new street lights will replace the present obsolete system at a cost of \$3,700.

D. D. Williams Tells Answers To School Queries

The Sherman County club held a public meeting at the courthouse Monday night to give citizens of the county an opportunity to hear Delos D. Williams, of the state department of education, talk about school matters and answer the questions that perplexed the people.

Mr. Williams, who was once principal at Rufus and therefore acquainted with the problems of this county hoped that the county would get its high school under one roof although he said that was the problem of the county and not of the state.

Questions asked of him were on many subjects and from residents from all parts of the county. He explained the procedure of union high district organization, told how a county high school district was formed, spoke briefly of the county unit system and said that each had a place and that all were successfully used in different conditions.

The meeting was not one for expression of opinion but for information solely and therefore there was no controversy or argument. A listener would have discovered that all parts of the county are interested in getting better schools for their children and are willing to make some concessions to that end.

Future meetings of the club will probably be about highways and school board problems and the next meeting will be about geology if arrangements can be completed. B. C. Baumgartner, secretary of the club, is selling memberships at one dollar.

MORO WOMEN HEAR PROGRAM AT CHURCH

The Moro Womens club met February 3 in the church social room. The program consisted of a piano solo by Wilma Gentry; a skit by the 5th and 6th grade, "Famous Birthdays in February". Taking part were Lana Jean Paulson, Bobby Cypfers, Janet Thompson, Ronda Fraser, Monte Axtell, Gary Thompson, Patty Zachary and Vee Busse. A business meeting followed and a report by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton on a recent club meeting in Portland. Mrs. Gladys Morrison and Mrs. Rudie Olson served refreshments from a pretty table decorated with spring tulips and Valentines.