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These Things We Note

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General McArthur said at Los Angeles: "I promise to keep on living as though I expected to live forever." And with that philosophy he will never be old.

A headline asks: "Is Hollywood changing the Bible?" Well, anyway, the Bible isn't changing Hollywood.

Scientists are always digging up the old cities of ancient people which causes us to believe that someday future scientists will be digging up our cities. What do we have to be proud of? Not our cars; they are evidence of luxury—maybe a jeep would show us off better. Maybe our homes. With all their gadgetry they show our love of ease and it is likely that future scientists will love that too. Because it is doubtful if humans are going to change.

The end result of inventions will be to make man unnecessary and to a dedicated inventor that might be a worthy objective.

In basketball they now give a second shot for the first one made. Why not apply it to pensions? A man who has made a competence in life should get a reward instead of giving a pension to the one who has made nothing. We have forgotten the parable of the talents.

Perhaps the best way to raise some more money for the highway department would be to reduce the amounts given to counties and cities. It is now 19 and 10 percent respectively and it is not apportioned equitably.

If these long black gowns help judges speed up their work they will be worth while, but a black mother-hubard isn't glamorous.

It was long assumed that education was the problem of the local district, then the state was forced to take a hand by the teacher's union and now it is trying to get the federal government to put up money. Ain't education wonderful?

A man has to progress pretty fast to keep ahead of his ego.

Wonder who gets the most out of those \$50,000 a week salaries at Las Vegas, the government or the gamblers.

The federal government is opposing a merger of two whiskey companies. Well, the government gets more out of it than either.

We think it hardly a senatorial prerogative to order the abbreviation of the state's name. It depends on how much time and ink the writer has.

As long as a man thinks he's good some one will agree with him; when he thinks he's no good everybody will agree with him.

We've always heard that virtue was its own reward and now it looks as if ambition is its own reward, too, taxes being what they are.

Overheard: "She's the kind of woman who wears the family pants—and looks good in 'em."

The reason so very little was said about the groundhog this year was that there wasn't enough winter that anyone cared much whether it was over or not.

You gotta have an education to work for some one else but you can work for yourself without it—and make a lot of more money.

The house side of the legislature defeated its first bill. That is a fine sign of progress.

Three thousand dollars is quite a lot if you earn it and not much if the government gives it to you.

We not that the wooing of Senator Morse is getting to a more ardent and much funnier stage.

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

Mrs. Sadie Alley entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday with dessert followed by cards at three tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Paul Syron, high, Mrs. Eben Kee second, and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter low. The traveling prize was won by Mrs. Ted Kelly. Others present were Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Max Brown, Mrs. Clair Adams, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Herman Peters and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles entertained friends at their home with smorgasbord Saturday evening. Those enjoying the evening were Mrs. Rhoda West, Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown and daughters, Mrs. Perron, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles. The evening was spent playing musical instruments and singing.

Mrs. Robert Schilling was hostess to the bridge club Tuesday with an 8 o'clock luncheon followed by cards. Mrs. Frank Ketter won high, Mrs. C. R. Andersen second, Mrs. Joe Bibby low and Mrs. Alfred Kock the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Paul Syron, Mrs. Harry Hooper, Mrs. Walter Davis, Mrs. John Rust, Mrs. Don Smith, and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap. Mrs. Olds and Mrs. Smith were presented with birthday gifts from the group.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Wallace May Wednesday afternoon with ten members present. Mrs. C. W. Fields presided at the meeting. The ladies worked on fancy work and later refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Earl Lyons. Mrs. Marcus Esslinger and daughters, Alice and Rosalee, were hostesses at a Valentine dinner party Sunday. Those enjoying the day were Julia Bayer, Alfa Jean and Lois Payne, Mona Eakin, Katherine Reckman and Virginia Todd. After dinner the girls played games and later refreshments of Valentine cake, ice cream and punch were served.

Mrs. Sam Alberty, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and daughters, Julia and Helen, accompanied by Mrs. Curly DeMoss drove to Woodburn Wednesday taking gifts for a layette shower for Mrs. A. S. Alberty, returning home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark had as their guests Sunday her mother Mrs. McDonald and her brother, Donald McDonald from The Dalles and her sister, Mrs. William Taylor from Thorp, Washington. Mrs. E. J. Hartley went to Portland Tuesday where she entered the Good Samaritan hospital for medical attention.

Harold Eakin went to Pendleton Monday to attend the show and sale of Hereford cattle on Wednesday and Thursday. Slim Thompson took some cattle to Pendleton Sunday for Mr. Eakin. Callers at the Ted von Borstel and Frank von Borstel homes Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George Bash from Richland, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and son drove to Gresham Thursday and spent the day visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry celebrating Mrs. Perry's birthday anniversary.

John Rolfe took his son, Ronald, to Portland Saturday to see a doctor about his eyes. They returned home that evening accompanied by Mrs. Rolfe who spent several weeks at the home of her brother in law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. John Larzell.

VETERINARIAN WANTED

The Sherman County Cattlemen's association executive committee will meet at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, February 24, county courthouse. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. A. G. Beagle, head T. B. and Bangs division agricultural research service will be here. Retirement of Dr. L. L. Taylor, federal veterinarian, will take effect March 31. Replacement of Dr. Taylor by a similar federal veterinarian or the use of a private practitioner for testing paid from federal funds need be determined.

Dr. C. E. Pudy, veterinarian, Goldendale, who has been serving his internship under Dr. Hofstetter has been asked to move to Sherman county as a veterinarian. Present belief is that it will be very difficult to secure a veterinarian without some form of subsidy or guarantee until he has become established.

The box social and dance Saturday night at Rufus drew a good crowd. Red and white streamers covered with hearts decorated the lights hung from the ceiling, red hearts, cupid and streamers circled the entire grange hall. A profile of Abraham Lincoln cut in plywood and painted black was in a white frame on the wall with red white and blue decorations on account of the party being on Lincoln's birthday. The decorations were done by Joe Abraham, Grace Medler and Mae Morfitt and Bill O'Brien.

Judges of the boxes which were decoratively and artistically done, were Clifford Trumbo, Louis Sather and Stanley Pearson. The first adult prize went to Mrs. Leo Watkins whose box was in the shape of a hat. Mrs. Bill Huck's box, Lincoln's log cabin complete with door and window, drew honorable mention. Miss Anne Peterson whose box was a heart was awarded the girls prize.

Robert Davis acted as auctioneer to the eager buyers as all the proceeds went for the grange building fund. The boxes selling at good prices approximated \$140.

The hope chest, in charge of Mrs. William O'Brien, HEC chairman, was drawn for by Miss Monya Neal. Fred Dormaier's ticket was the lucky winner.

The grange women made coffee to go with the lunches and each woman ate with the buyers of their box to climax the social hour.

Mrs. William O'Brien and Mrs. Atlee Wilson served a dessert luncheon to the HEC at the grange hall Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. O'Brien opened the meeting that followed the luncheon. Grace Medler reported collecting things for the rummage sale which the club plans for June. A home demonstration agent will talk on materials April 14 at the grange hall. The public is invited. Also Cecilia Lee of Crown Mills, is coming to Rufus June 9, and those in Sherman county interested in making rolls and sweetbreads are invited. Mrs. George Fox won the drawing. It was voted to send last month's and this month's proceeds of the silver dish to Linda Coats. The sum of \$7.25 was sent. The dinner for Pomona grange noon February 26 was discussed and a turkey dinner is planned.

After all, it was only a practice game but Wasco and Rufus boys had fun when they met on the Rufus floor Tuesday evening.

When the grade boys played Wasco had a 10 to 8 lead in the first quarter. But after that the Cubs kept the lead until the bell rang and the score board read Rufus 39 and Wasco 34. Bobby Byrd was high with 12 points.

The Warriors and Wolves game was faster and Rufus was "red hot". The Wolves got the opening baskets and kept the lead the entire game. When the whistle sounded Rufus had 72 Wasco 32. Wally Morris made 19 points for Rufus. Nagel and Wilkens officiated. After the game Mrs. Perry and the 7th and 8th grade girls served lunch to the players.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck and Mr. and Mrs. George Fox attended the Hood River Pomona grange at Pine Grove near Parkdale Tuesday February 8.

The Visitation of the tri-county granges, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman, has been limited to one Pomona meeting this year. Wasco held their meeting February 1 at Cherry Park. Rufus will hold its meeting February 26.

Mr. and Mrs. George Church of Canby visited friends recently and were overnight guests of the Bill Hucks.

Mrs. Grace Medler gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of her son in law Harry Adams and her grandson, James Medler. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Medler and children Marcia and James, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams and son Chester.

The Heppner boys basketball team came to Rufus Friday evening and upset the Wolves 37-21. The Heppner team set up a block close to the basket which was hard for the Wolves to penetrate. Heppner had reserves but Rufus played their five, Michael O'Brien, Russell Blake, Neal Eaton, Jimmy Fox and Wally Morris to the finish. Wally Morris was tops with 16 points to his credit.

Mrs. Elton Medler entertained the Community card club Monday night. Three tables of pinochle were played with Mrs. Pat Macnab high, Mrs. Harry Adams second Mrs. Frank Reid low. Refreshments of individual cakes with a birthday candle heart shaped ice cream and coffee was served. The tables were covered with Valentine tablecloths and napkins. Mrs. Kenneth Fridley had the birthday.

Some farmers have started to plow, others are putting on fertilizer. There has been some freezing of nights but on the whole the days are very springlike. The early spring flowers are coming up.

Wheat Exports Get Bigger This Year

Exports of wheat and flour from July through December were a tenth larger than a year ago. Export trade got off to a slow start this season, but has steadily gained momentum during the past three or four months. Inspections for overseas shipment during the past two months have been running twice as large as a year ago. Almost all sales have been made from government stocks.

Brightest spot in the export picture is the volume of sales under the International Wheat Agreement. Sales from July through January totaled a third larger than the same period last year. We have sold nearly 100 million bushels out of a 195-million-bushel quota. Last year's sales for the entire 12 months reached only 106 million bushels, so we're more nearly on schedule this year.

World Wheat Crop Large

World wheat production this season is estimated at 634 billion bushels. This is about half a billion bushels less than last year, but is a billion larger than average. In case you're wondering how come we are exporting more when there's such a large supply, the answer is that the crop was spotty and quality was poor. Some countries are having to feed their own wheat to livestock and import wheat.

Cloud Seeding To Be Stopped

Directors of Tri-County Weather Research announced this week that cloud seeding in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties will not be resumed this spring as planned. Not enough interest has been shown to reactivate a cloud seeding program, they said. Action on terminating the corporation will not be taken until a meeting, March 1. The corporation was created five years ago for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of increasing precipitation in the three counties by seeding clouds with silver iodide.

Many farmers feel that the program has been successful and favor its continuance, however, they are apparently in the minority as less than 10% of the farmers in Gilliam and Morrow counties have contributed to the program this year. Collections have been adequate in Sherman county, where cooperatives rather than individuals provide the funds.

Cloud seeding was started in the fall of 1950. Near record rainfall blanketed the area during the fall-winter and spring of 1950-51, and many farmers were convinced it resulted from the cloud seeding program. Since 1950 annual rainfall has generally been above average, but many farmers remained skeptical.

A SOCIAL CALENDAR

If there is enough interest the Sherman County Journal will print a brief calendar of coming events in the hope that it may reduce the number of conflicts in social and public meetings and similar events. Notices should be in by Wednesday morning, shall be strictly non-profit.

If not fairly complete the service will have no value.

4-H CLUB ELECTIONS

The Feathered Friends Pheasant club met in the Bank conference room to elect officers for the coming year. Those elected were Walter Nichols, president; Gary Thompson, vice-president; Mike Zachary, secretary; Thomas Higley, news-reporter; George Miller, sergeant at arms.

Ex-County Judge Jerry M. Wilson Buried At Kent

Funeral services for Jerry M. Wilson were held from the Kent Christian church Tuesday at 2 p. m. following his death Saturday. Rev. Earl Hastings and Rev. Donald Leach officiated and interment was in the Kent IOOF cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was born at Mountain City, Tennessee July 2, 1878 and came to Sherman county over 50 years ago. He taught school for a term or two before engaging in farming which was his major occupation throughout his life. He was always active in public affairs, being a member of the county court from 1922 until 1926 after which he moved temporarily to Eugene. He was elected county commissioner again in 1938 and served until 1942 when he became judge, serving a six year term. He did not seek re-election. He was also a lay preacher for the Christian church and an accomplished public speaker.

Surviving are his widow, Leatia, one daughter, Mrs. Luther Davis, Kent; five sons, George Lester, Jerry and Richard of Kent and Paul of Eugene; five sisters, Mrs. Roy Harbin, Portland, Mrs. Essie Wilson, Pullman, Wash., Mrs. B. M. Sias, Forest Grove, Mrs. W. C. Helyer, The Dalles, Mrs. J. T. Canright, Portland; two brothers, Jim of Portland and Errol, Wawawai, Wash., and 16 grandchildren.

He was a member of the Kent Christian church and the IOOF lodge of Grass Valley.

Pallbearers were his five sons and a son in law, Rev. Swander, a long-time Kent minister assisted with the service which was attended by a large crowd, many more than could get into the church.

New Case Tractor

Muller Equipment and Tom's Welding, are agents for the new Case 400, a new wheeled tractor with new features throughout. It comes in diesel or gas powered units and is entirely new. It is a four plow tractor in the larger size and has several different types of front wheels for many uses. The motor has five main bearings for extreme durability and the entire machine is designed for ease of handling.

PTA Meeting Held Over Until Feb. 28

The Parent-Teachers association Russell Belshie, president, has postponed the previously announced talk by Clyde Beard of The Dalles which was scheduled for next Monday because of conflicts with dates made by other organizations. Mr. Beard will be here March 11.

The regular meeting of the PTA will be held February 28. As soon as the basketball season is over the PTA will revert to its Friday night meeting time.

Charles U'ren, state police sergeant, will speak to the PTA on the 28th.

World Day Prayer

The Sherman county observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held at 2:00 p. m. Friday, February 25 at Moro church.

"Abide in Me" has been chosen as the theme for this annual observance. Representatives of the Protestant church of the county will lead worshipers in the service of prayer, music and scripture. A short dramatization will also be presented.

This is the 69th year of observance in the United States, and 28th year of a world-wide observance. Services will be held in 125 countries around the world, and in 19,000 communities in the U. S. The first Friday in Lent has been chosen as a time to unite Christians in a bond of prayer extending around the world, and in making an offering for interdenominational work. This year's service was prepared by Jorgelina Lozada, a woman minister of the Disciples church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The offering will be used to give Christian training to American Indians, to denominational colleges in the Orient and Africa.

Everyone is invited to participate in the service and to remain Mike Zachary, secretary; Thomas Higley, news-reporter; George Miller, sergeant at arms.

Geology of District Subject of Club Talk

Everyone knows that when the John Day and Deschutes rivers entered the Columbia so close together there would be room for no big canyons between them. But what about the other interesting geological facts about this area?

The curious ones will have an opportunity to learn when Sam Sargent, geologist for the U. S. Engineers at The Dalles dam, comes at the invitation of the Sherman county club next Monday evening, February 21, to talk at Grass Valley.

The club, formed principally for discussion and action on public affairs will also attempt to bring some speakers on cultural subjects of which this is the first.

Tickets are available from B. C. Baumgartner at Grass Valley and from Wily Knighten at Moro. Dinner will be by the American Legion Auxiliary and the club officers would like to have tickets bought early so the women won't have to guess at the number.

John Shipley Made SCS Supervisor

John Shipley was chosen as supervisor of the soil conservation district at the meeting last week succeeding Vernon Miller, who did not want to serve again. Merrill Oveson told about the yields on the Hill and King plots in Umatilla county on which he is experimenting with different types of tillage and with different rates of fertilizer. Moldboard plowing was usually the best.

W. E. Anderson of the SCS at Pendleton spoke on dry land hay production during the one day session.

Dry Weather Causing More Worry Daily

The weather remains dry and the worry over crops becomes more intense. Some farmers have already started farm work, spring tooth for spring sowing of barley or wheat. In the south end of the county there is frost in the ground a part of the day which stops farm work.

Those who have dug in the stubble say there is a foot or less of wet dirt and some say they would plow up dry dirt if they started field work now. Old timers are not impressed, saying they have done it before. Sown fields are wetter having four or five feet of moisture in them which is usually held to be sufficient to make a crop.

Red Cross Meeting Dated Tuesday, Feb. 22

The Sherman county chapter, American Red Cross, will meet at the Moro Hotel Tuesday night, at 8:00 o'clock, February 22.

Purpose of the meeting is election of officers, James Tate, president, having resigned. It will also be necessary to have enough members to make an effective organization, if the work of the chapter is to be carried on. It is time for the annual drive for funds and time to plan for the summer swimming lessons. If there are to be any. Therefore all interested are requested to attend.

Afton McIntyre Still In Serious Condition

The condition of Afton McIntyre, who was shot by his son, Donald, Wednesday night of last week, still remains serious and in the words of the hospital satisfactory.

Donald McIntyre, 20, was brought before Justice Ben Gallo-way at Wasco last Friday and bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. No bail was allowed. He remains in the county jail at The Dalles where there is a medical attendant.

Barge Traffic Grows

The Inland Empire Waterways association reports increased use of the Columbia river for transportation, figures coming from the U. S. Engineers.

Total traffic through Bonneville lock and Cello canal for January 1954 was 131,351 tons and for January 1955 it was 186,916 tons. Petroleum products made up the largest share.

Wheat shipments through the locks was 4,367 tons for January 1954 and was 24,463 for January 1955 indicating a big increase in movement of wheat by river.

Moro Wins Two To Take League Championship

The Moro Huskies posted their ninth and tenth straight league wins to clinch the Cascade league title last weekend when they romped over Maupin, 60-42, and dumped Mosier to the tune of 81 to 51.

Moro's Huskies, showing some of the best defensive ball of the year, romped over the Maupin Redskins, 60-42, Friday night in their ninth Cascade league basketball victory before a jam-packed crowd at the Grass Valley gym.

Although Maupin held the edge on height, Moro had little difficulty in controlling the backboards, Norm Fridley and Harold Duncan very successfully tied up Maupin's big 6 foot 6 1/2 inch Paulson. Harold Brown's sleek style and many sided attack left the Redskins nonplused, while agile, little Don Miller raced for lay-in after lay-in and Larry Smith kept tab on Maupin's Jeff Ziegenhagen.

There never was a question of how the game would end. Moro jumped to a 15-4 lead in the first quarter of play and Maupin could never threaten after that. By half time, the Huskies had built a 34-16 advantage and led 58 to 38 in the fourth quarter when Coach Disch sent in his reserves.

Leading the scoring for Moro was Harold Duncan with 17 points. Don Miller totaled 16 and Norm Fridley got 14.

Jeff Ziegenhagen was high for Maupin with 16 counters and Niswender tallied 11.

The Moro Huskies got right down to business early in the game Saturday night at Grass Valley and showed what a championship team can do when they drubbed the Mosier Tigers 81-51, to post their tenth victory and clinch the Cascade league title.

Moro outran Mosier, out-shot them, hit for more free throws, captured more rebounds and did better ball handling. At the half the Huskies led, 42 to 26. It got much worse for Mosier in the second half. They trailed 60 to 38 at the end of the third quarter.

The Huskies made some wild passes, but always compensated by turning on the steam with plays and another scoring spurge.

Moro presented a solid scoring front with all of the first five breaking into the double figures on the scoresheet. Against this five-pronged attack Mosier was helpless.

Leading the assault for the Huskies was Harold Brown with 26 points. Making some very difficult shots look easy, he dumped in 11 field goals and sank four free throws.

Traveling only nine points behind him for Moro was Don Miller with 17 points on seven baskets and three free throws. Harold Duncan pumped in four baskets and five free throws to add 13 points for the Huskies. Norm Fridley hit four baskets and four free throws for a total of 12. Larry Smith added 10 on four baskets and two free tosses.

B. Cumiford with 25 points was high for Mosier. Blanchard was next with seven.

This was the last home appearance for the starting five Huskies. Coach Disch will play his reserves against the Wishram team to night at Grass Valley and the Moro teams travel to Culver to-morrow night for their last league game. They play the Sisters Outlaws in a non-league tilt February 25 at Sisters.

The Moro volleyball girls tied with Maupin, 21-all, in a nip-and-tuck game Friday night at Grass Valley. The game was tied 11-11, at the end of the first half and 21-21, at the end of the regular playing time. Although a three-minute overtime period was played in which Maupin scored three additional points, it doesn't go down in the books as a win, because ties are not played off in volleyball.

Janny McIntyre with five was high for Moro. The rest of the scoring was spread evenly among the rest of the girls.

The Moro girls got revenge for the licking Mosier gave them on Mosier's home floor January 22 by downing that team, 28-17, at Grass Valley Saturday night. Moro led, 13-9, at halftime. Mosier threatened at times, but never could close the gap and the Moro girls played some beautiful ball to widen the gap to eleven points by the end of the game.