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These Things We Note

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Wonder what would happen if a real Democrat decided to run against Wayne Morse.

There's one way to keep government from spending money; don't vote it any.

Anyway the atomic bombs are proving to be very intriguing playthings for politicians and professors. Keeps them out of further mischief for awhile, maybe.

The state senate has passed a bill to give to counties with expensive schools some additional money from counties with less expensive schools. The counties with a majority vote in the senate. Thus we have government by pocket-book.

If a man spends all his time making money the government makes the job increasingly difficult; if he spends his time making friends the job becomes easier as he progresses.

This is the generation that has nailed grandpa's boot jack to the wall to hang the golf bag from.

Childhood is that period between the great unknown and the actual living; retirement is the period between actual living and the great unknown.

Do you suppose the "do it yourself" craze will ever grow so that everyone will make his own living?

Spending time dressing up a sales tax bill seems like polishing the shoes of a man about to be hanged.

What happened to a man's standing that caused him to become a hubby instead of a husband?

Even if it hadn't rained Portland and San Diego couldn't have played seven games. It takes them a long time to play one.

A magazine contains the prophesy that people will spend much more, business much more and government a little less. That is good. You can be sure that money is going to be spent. If the people spend it they buy perishables, if business spends it it buys tools for increased manufacture, if government spend it it buys war materiel mostly and also a lot of useless talkers and nosey investigators.

Lucius Beebe, that extremely well-to-do young man from New York, who came out to Nevada and rejuvenated the Territorial Enterprise at Virginia City as a means of allaying the boredom of New York, has written in a California magazine, Fortnight, about the drinking in old time Virginia City. He seems to have convinced himself that the mining around Virginia City was done on bourbon straight. With all due regard to the drinking abilities of pioneer miners we'll bet the gamblers drank more than they did.

The interest in murders may come from the same source as puzzles.

The legislature is having more trouble deciding what sort of a tax to have than the people will deciding whether to have any or not.

The trouble with unemployment compensation as now administered is that the employed feel that they have to collect on it. Surely the legislature will prevent those who quit or are fired for reason from getting unemployment compensation. One who is voluntarily unemployed shouldn't be paid for it.

Maybe lawyers should disqualify themselves from legislating on judges' salaries.

We don't know what will happen if the women don't get to wear their summer finery pretty soon. It may be frustration or it may be pneumonia.

Home Ec Agent Request Again Planned by Group

The Farm Home and Rural Life committee met this week with Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, presiding.

The committee reviewed work done by Extension Clothing Specialist Murie Scales while in the county. County Agent T. W. Thompson reported that the Wasco community has asked for a meeting with Miss Scales at 2:30 p. m. May 2, Wasco Legion hall. This meeting is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Previous meetings have been held at Rufus, Moro, Grass Valley and Kent. Committee members reported that Miss Scales' demonstration on "New Fabrics and Their Care" was informative and well received.

Committee members discussed the advisability of requesting an appropriation for the services of a county extension agent in home economics starting July 1. In light of the interest shown in the county for a home demonstration agent, the committee decided to ask for an appropriation this year. This worker would have charge of home economics extension work in 4-H and adult work.

Proposed plans would have the home extension agent responsible for major planning of the 4-H program. She would organize 4-H home economics clubs, train leaders, and work directly with 4-H leaders and club members. County 4-H summer camp, 4-H achievement recognition, and others would be headed by the home agent. Adult home extension work through home extension units and other groups, and individual assistance would be conducted in clothing, foods, nutrition, consumer education, and home budgeting and other fields.

Keenan vs Finley Trial Being Held

When Alvin Keenan died last year he had willed his estate to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Finley. His land was at the mouth of Spanish Hollow (Biggs canyon) and was cut up by right of way for railroad and highway.

His heirs at law are in circuit court in Sherman county trying to upset the will. Attorneys Haas and Schwabe of Portland are appearing for the Keenan heirs and Dick & Dick of The Dalles for Mr. and Mrs. Finley. Judge E. H. Howell is presiding in the case which in equity requires no jury.

The plaintiffs case was finished Wednesday afternoon and it will probably be sometime Friday before the defense finishes.

List of Bills Paid Tells Story of County Business

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL 6, 1955 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT
Claims against General Road Fund and Special Road Fund and General Fund presented and all claims allowed.

Treasurer's financial statement showing all fund balances as of March 31, 1955 presented, approved and ordered filed.

Road Fund Balances and Special Road Fund Balances presented, approved and filed.

Gasoline consumption report presented for month of March, 1955, examined and ordered filed.

Re: Licensing of Maryhill Ferry brought to attention of members of County Court by citizens of Rufus area; County Court takes matter under advisement.

Bid of \$45.00 for spray tank was read from A. von Borstel at Kent. Bid accepted and Clerk instructed to notify Mr. von Borstel of acceptance of bid.

R. Boynton makes request for cattle guards; Court grants request with certain restrictions to be made by court.

Re: Obtaining title to land for quarry sites, etc. Road Supervisor authorized to make necessary provisions acquiring such.

Renewal of beer license re: Eaton of Rufus, signed by County Judge.

Re: Petition presented to Court for New Road Establishment in Road No. 10 by Jesse Helyer. Court accepts petition.

County road supervisor presents court with report of examining various roads in road district No. 1, and recommends closure of same. NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL APRIL 11, 1955 at 10:00 A. M.

All members of Court present April 11, 1955.

School Sup't meets with court

Boy Scouts Take Long Hike Into Canyons To Learn About Camping and Outdoors

Saturday morning the Boy Scouts left on their first spring camping trip. The last trip taken by the troop was during snow and winter conditions. This gave the scouts experience in winter camping.

Saturday's trip was designed to give the boys experience hiking over rugged terrain. The boys were rigged with full packs on pack boards they made themselves since their last trip.

Their hike started at the highway just north of Kent and proceeded west toward the Bibby farm. They remained on the road until they reached the head of a small canyon; at this point they left the road and followed the canyon down to Buck Hollow. The trail was marked previously by their leaders and led past several projects made by the Oregon Game commission. Each scout was given a map of the trail and Tommy DeMoss was the first scout to locate the base campsite with the information given on the map.

The remainder of the day was spent arranging camp and preparing meals. Due to windy weather conditions each scout stood a half hour fire watch during the night. Sunday morning after breakfast the scouts were free to spend an hour of exploring on their own. At ten thirty they reassembled for a short period of meditation.

The trip home was on a different route. It led them down Buck Hollow to the mouth of Finnegan. Here the boys rested and ate a hearty lunch. The remainder of the trip was up a jeep road to the Bibby farm. This part of the trip

Danger From Caps Told By Sheriff

If you happen to see a small metallic cylinder about an inch and a half long and as big around as a pencil, don't touch it. It may be a blasting cap.

Sheriff Norman E. Fields, sounded the warning yesterday in launching his annual drive to alert children and parents to the dangers of blasting caps in inexperienced hands. Sometimes caps are misplaced. Boys and girls find them—play with them—are hurt when the cap explodes. Some of these youngsters are blinded or lose fingers or hands and, in extreme cases, their lives. Two children at Rufus recently found some.

Blasting caps, the sheriff explained, may or may not have a fuse attached. Some are bright copper or aluminum tubes with plain or colored wires at one end. All are charged with powerful explosives.

was possibly the most difficult as they had a steep hill to climb, and their packs were already becoming heavy. At five thirty all the boys had completed their fourteen mile hike and were aboard the waiting truck to take them home.

Scouts making the trip were John Gilman, John Matteson, Dale Archer, Eddie Shoemaker, Phil Gilman, Gene Jaeger, Keith Hockman, Tommy DeMoss, Bobby Archer, Gus Thoele, Gary Thompson, Terry Kaseberg, Billy Edwards, Bobby Cyphers and Vic Chipman. The Adult leaders accompanying the boys were Bob Chesney and Gene Colton.

The troop wishes to thank Virgil Archer for furnishing transportation and the Bibby brothers for permission to make this trip thru their land.

Wasco OES Gives Honors To Matron

Distinguished guests when Annie Fulton chapter met were Mrs. Charles Hartmann, worthy matron, Walter Van Horn, worthy patron of Columbia chapter No. 33 of The Dalles and Wallace May, worthy patron of Sherman chapter No. 132 Grass Valley.

During the evening degrees of the Order were conferred upon Mrs. Gus Hartmann with her daughter in law Mrs. Charles Hartmann presiding and her brother, Walter Bruckert, serving as a courtesy candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruckert presented Mrs. Hartmann with a Life Membership certificate and Mrs. Charles Hartmann presented an Eastern Star ring.

Mrs. Keith McDonald announced the next meeting would honor the Mothers.

Refreshments were served to forty by Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. Everett Watkins, Mrs. DeFligh, Mrs. Lewis Hastings and Mrs. Harold White.

Wascoites To Eat Well At Clean-up

Tuesday is May 3. That is the day of the Wasco clean-up. Not only is it to be a day of clean-up but a day of fill-up as well. The West Wind riders club is preparing a cowboy breakfast to start the workers off with vim and strength but there will be a pot luck dinner at noon under the auspices of the Wasco Womens Study club. Workers may get sore muscles but no pangs from hunger.

Mrs. Leo Watkins was co-hostess for Mrs. Floyd Haines at the Haines home Tuesday April 19 for the Tuesday Study club. Guests for the day were Clara Haines and Mrs. John Buck and son Johnny. Members present were Mrs. Orlo Gosson, Mrs. Tom Moore Mrs. Bertha Moon, Mrs. Ed Dutton, Mrs. W. D. Watkins, Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. Tom Jacobsen and Mrs. Cliff Fridley.

New officers were elected and they are Mrs. Haines, president; Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder, vice-president; Mrs. Orlo Gosson, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Gosson, treasurer; musician, Gertrude Shields.

Materials and yarn scraps to be sent to the Fairview home at Salem were gathered. Plans for the annual Mother's day bake sale were made for May 6 at the Eastern Oregon Electric store.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ed Dutton May 3.

The Past Masters tricounty club will hold its quarterly meeting at the Harlandview grange hall Saturday April 30 with a 7 p. m. pot luck dinner preceding.

MUSIC IN MAY
Chosen from a select list of Oregon and Washington high school musicians, six students will represent Moro high school at the eighth annual Music in May festival at Pacific university in Forest Grove, May 12, 13, 14.

Attending from Moro will be Roy Cyphers, Nancy Hibbs, Karen Kelly, Marquita Koepke, Joy Lane, Jennie L. McGuire and director: Dorothy Beahler.

Moro Continues Winning Ways In Baseball Games

Moro completely clobbered St. Mary's last Friday, 20-3, in a Cascade league baseball game that was transferred to Maupin because the Grass Valley diamond was too wet.

Earl Griggs pitched four innings for Moro and blanked the Gales, only faced by 13 men, striking out nine and giving up one base on balls.

Jim Brown took over the pitching chores for Moro in the fifth and sixth frames. He allowed three hits in the two innings and two runs. Roy Cyphers pitched the seventh for Moro and gave up two hits and one run.

Moro scored four runs in the first inning, four in the third and got seven runs off one hit in the fourth inning to run rough shod over the St. Mary's Gales.

Coach Ditch sent in all his reserves after the fourth inning, but the Huskies continued to run wild. They scored five more runs that inning and made three hits count for three runs in the fifth inning. Jim Brown drove out a home run in the sixth to score two more runs for the Huskies.

The Moro J. V.'s beat the Maupin J. V.'s 9-2 in a game played at Maupin Monday.

Larry Thompson of Moro was the winning pitcher, striking out nine, giving up three hits and two bases on balls.

Moro goes to Dufur for the return game with that team today. They will meet Maupin on the Grass Valley diamond next Tuesday.

Mrs. Frances T. Bibby Buried At Grass Valley

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Bibby were held Saturday in The Dalles from Smith Callaway chapel at one o'clock. The Rev. E. Taylor officiated.

Burialbearers were Myrl Walgamot, August Wassenmiller, Herman, Fred and John Peters and Herman Ziegler. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley with graveside services.

She is survived by four sons, Arthur and Joe Bibby of Grass Valley, Luke Bibby of Heppner and Michael Bibby of Orangevale, California; a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Woolwine of The Dalles and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Bibby was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 10, 1875. She came to this country when she was six years old and spent most of her childhood in Milwaukee, Oregon. She was married at Oswego February 12, 1893. Mrs. Bibby lived in Oswego until 1900 when she moved to Grass Valley, where the family took up a homestead. She spent the last eight years in The Dalles.

Wasco Study Club Elects Officers

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Bloodmobile Unit Gets 63 Pints From Sherman Countians

The visit of the bloodmobile unit to Sherman county at Wasco last week resulted in an addition of 63 pints of blood to the supply. Fourteen donors were rejected.

Helping with the work were Barbara Roberts, Barbara McKeanough, Florence Thompson, Dorothea Moore, Althea Burnet, Alice Conlee, Mildred McDonald, Helen Sayrs, Catherine Andersen, Ada Easter, Helen Martin, Norma Balsinger, Catherine Bish, Mary Fridley, Josephine Gentry, Mrs. Tony Miller and Pauline Douma. Naomi Van Gilder is chairman for the county.

Seniors Portray Phase Of News Gathering

The senior class of Moro high school presented "Mr. Icebox" last Thursday night giving all 20 members of the class an opportunity to show their histrionic ability before parents and friends.

Mr. Icebox (Gary Schilling) was an auditor for a newspaper who fell into a reporter's job which only temporarily stopped his dislike for spending money. Ronnie Benson was a convincing reporter, Don Miller a characteristic photographer, Mary Brady a resourceful newswoman, Norman Fridley her partner, Carol Burnet, the understanding wife of Mr. Icebox.

Others taking parts were George Kelley, a sheriff; Dean Martin, a city editor; Joy Lane, stenographer; Barbara Blaylock, a reporter; Art Decker of FBI; Elaine Alley, mother of the kidnapped; Sherry Woods, her maid; Keith Barnett, the villain; Frank McKay, a radical; Larry Smith, the kidnapped; Jenrie McGuire, a news photographer. Harold Brown and Harold Duncan arranged the rather involved scenery.

Rains Make April Surplus Month

The rains kept on coming during the latest storm until the total for April up to Thursday morning was 1.28 inch. The normal for April is .75. Both March and April have been wetter than usual and have reduced the deficiency somewhat.

Moro Womens Club Entertains Daughters

The Moro Womens club members entertained their daughters at a party held at the Masonic hall Monday, April 25, at 8 p. m.

The rooms were prettily decorated with spring flowers. Sixty mothers and daughters enjoyed a pleasing program under the direction of Mrs. Orlo Martin and Mrs. Blaine Miller as follows: Welcome by Mrs. Glen Shoemaker; Response by Denise Miller, Marcia Martin, Carolyn Henrichs; a tap dance by Judy Dunlap; group singing, lead by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton with Miss Dorothy Beachler at the piano; Mexican children at home, at school, at play, as observed by Mrs. Theodore Johnston last winter. "Dancing Lessons" by Kay and Eva Kirkelle, Marvis Miller and Lanna Jean Paulson, completed the program.

A dainty luncheon of jello, cake, coffee and punch was served. Hostesses were Mrs. Eugene Amidon, Mrs. Tom Woodcock and Mrs. A. Douma.

Easter Seal Sales Not High Enough

An appeal for persons to respond to the Easter Seals they received from the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults has been issued by Mrs. John Parker, county chairman, who reported that returns are more than \$40,000 behind a year ago.

Mrs. Parker said there are many Sherman county residents who have failed to make any return, and she expressed hope that "a majority of them really intend to do something but just haven't gotten around to it as yet." Returns can be made to Easter Seals, care of the person's local post office.

"The fact that Easter is now past doesn't make any difference," Mrs. Parker stated. "We hope that people will continue to use and buy Easter Seals so that the great work of the society can continue without curtailment."

Less Enthusiasm Expressed For Quota Support

A definite intimation that farmers may defeat the quota vote this summer was made at the meeting of the Sherman county chapter of the Oregon Wheat Growers league at Wasco Wednesday night. It was said by Floyd Root that Secretary Benson is afraid that they will, who also said that corn growers were asking that the minimum wheat price be raised to 65 per cent of parity instead of 50 per cent. Parity is \$2.50 and 65 per cent is \$1.62.

R. B. Taylor, administrator of the wheat commission, spoke briefly of his trips and work for the commission saying that work had been done on the continuation of the summer-fallow amendment, domestic parity plan, extended use of public law 480 (whereunder foreign shipments of wheat are made) wheat quality, soil and water conservation, the plan to put parity on bushels instead of acres, storage, grain standards and freight rates both rail and water.

He said that Senator Carlson of Kansas had introduced a domestic parity bill and that Senators Morse, Neuberger, Jackson and Magnuson had also introduced one. None were expected to pass but there was more interest in the plan now than before and the department of agriculture was asking information about it.

Floyd Root said it was understood by those who met with USDA officials that the domestic parity plan would have to meet the objections of the corn men in the mid-west. So far neither Japan nor India has signed an agreement under PL 480 but shipments to those countries were expected anyhow.

Reports of committee chairman included statements by LeRoy Belshoe of Youth Activities who said the June show would be held the 6-7-8 of that month in The Dalles.

Hildred Zell who spoke for the Federal Programs committee, discovered that there is import quotas on flour and not on feed grain but a tax that limits it, there is some chance of changing the crop insurance program.

Elton Medler of Production and Land Use who hailed the presence Bob Chesney at the Moro station, asked for seed certification. He said that 15,000,000 bushels of northwest wheat was milled here and 20,000,000 bushels were imported for milling so short is the protein locally.

Kenneth Fridley spoke for Wheat Disposal and Transportation telling of problems of white wheat export, storage, use of surpluses and the production of bulgur wheat.

Gladys Zell, head of a new auxiliary committee of women named to help use of wheat and wheat products, spoke on work done.

Bill Hall told of three new wheats developed at northwest stations that would be released soon. They were Rio-Rex wheat, 27-15 x Rex-Rio, a hard white, high yielding, protein wheat and Elgin 19 x Elmar a soft wheat, red chaffed club with more smut resistance than Elmar.

John Hilderbrand, county chairman, presided over the meeting which was attended by about 60 farmers and a few of their wives. Mrs. Zell and a committee served coffee and cookies after adjournment.

Need For John Day Dam Told By McKee

Construction of The Dalles dam must be kept on schedule and John Day dam should be started as soon as possible to help keep the Northwest supplied with electric power, Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light company, told company employees of this area and their wives Friday night at an annual meeting in The Dalles.

"It is going to take a lot of hard work by interested citizens to keep the money coming from congress as needed for The Dalles dam," he declared, pointing out that more than \$200,000,000 must be obtained in the next five years to finish the project.

McKee declared that the bill recently introduced in congress by Representative Coon is "a sensible solution" of the practical problem of how to get money to start John Day right away while large amounts of federal funds are still needed to complete both The Dalles and McNary dams.