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These Things We Note

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The emphasis on security causes us to wonder if the only thing wrong with slavery was the wages.

T T W N
We note that Klamath county's sheriff wears rings on his fingers. Presumably he discovered those hack saw blades while testing the cherry pie. Still it seems more natural for a prisoner to want hack saw blades than for a sheriff to wear rings.

T T W N
Now they have issued a pictorial Bible. We suppose it will be "funny" strips before long.

T T W N
We see men smoking one brand of cigarettes who do not look smart and others smoking another brand who do not look contented and others coughing over another kind until we wonder at the apparent potency of advertising.

T T W N
How long should a man stay on one job? When he learns it well enough to succeed should he stay indefinitely or go on to another just for the experience?

T T W N
We have been invited to join the Travel club and the idea is very intriguing. Probably it would entail a lot of planning about travel which is supposed to be the most pleasurable part. We will never know for we don't talk about such things—we do them.

T T W N
We get so used to using words in special ways and casting aspersions with them. For instance, "power lobby" is a bad word and "public power lobby" is a good word in some minds. "Conservative" used to be a good word and now it isn't and all politicians want to be called "liberal" which doesn't mean what it used to at all and doesn't even mean the same thing to two people. Odd, this genus homo.

T T W N
The proposal to pay social security to injured workers makes the plan more of an insurance policy than it is now and seems a good move.

T T W N
Sale of a five cent stamp for \$4200 should stimulate the sale of postage stamps. Just tuck them away and let great-grandson reap wealth from them.

T T W N
How, we wonder, does one vote who wants neither free or fee TV? And who is so naive as to think humans are going to vote to pay when they can get it free?

T T W N
It seems that each generation forgets at least as many skills as it learns. Each individual, however, feels smarter than the ancients because he or she knows something new, overlooking the fact that he has forgotten something old. From the point of view of knowing how to do the essential things, the arts of daily living, grandpa had it all over grandson. Without machinery this generation would be helpless in the midst of plenty.

T T W N
Those who are in a business that entertains and amuses people are prosperous; those who merely feed them may not be.

T T W N
Young men have trouble finding enough to do; old men in finding time enough to do what they have to do.

T T W N
We used to get a refill of patriotism on the Fourth of July and now it is the gas tank.

T T W N
A woman has written a book about the 21 Americans who stayed in China when the other soldiers were liberated by the Reds. One of the descriptions commonly given of the men is that they had no girls. Sounds like propaganda for women.

T T W N
We wonder how long it would take the private power companies that hope to build the John Day to pay the government for it in taxes. At 52 percent corporation tax it wouldn't be long.

T T W N
Before long it will be possible for a bright schemer to get paid for not working a large part of his life, what with unemployment compensation, pensions, sick leave paid holidays and such gimmicks.

Voters Approve County Budget By 174 to 90

A little less than a quarter of the voters of Sherman county approved a budget levy in excess of the six percent limitation at the special election held Wednesday, June 29 by a vote of 174 to 90.

Only opposition to the budget was the inclusion therein of an item of some \$3000 for a home demonstration agent which was opposed by some voters who apparently failed to organize sufficiently to defeat the entire budget and cause a second vote on it with the item eliminated.

The vote by precincts was:

Precinct	Yes	No
Rufus	18	4
Wasco	38	11
Moro	73	43
Grass Valley	21	19
Kent	24	13

Major change in budgeting is that the entire road program is in the new budget instead of being under a special fund. This will make accounting easier in the clerk's office and will give the court an opportunity to manage road matters with more flexibility.

Library To Have Children's Hour Again

The Moro Public Library board held its annual meeting on June 24, at the library. Officers selected for the coming year are: Mrs. Lamer Sayers, president; Mrs. Stan Coelsch, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, secretary; Mrs. Donald Martin, treasurer.

The business included the decision to increase the fire insurance due to the value of the books and properties owned by the library. Over 200 books have been added during the past year.

Personnel of standing committees were named to serve for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Wednesday, July 6, was decided as the date for the first summer story hour at the library for children ages 5 to 10 years, inclusive.

KODL Changes Wave Length Recently

Listeners of the mid-Columbia are finding KODL at a new spot on their dials these days, according to Manager Paul Walden.

Last weekend the Federal Communications commission in Washington, D. C. gave the mid-Columbia's pioneer station authority to change from 1230 kilocycles to 1440, a change from a purely local channel to one designated for regional coverage. In addition, KODL was granted an increase in power from 250 watts days, 100 watts nights, to 1000 watts full time.

Thus ending many months of feverish activity at the station, erecting a new tower, installing a new transmitter and other associated equipment, to make KODL one of the most modern hi-fidelity transmitting plants in Oregon, and the only station in the mid-Columbia area licensed to operate full time with 1000 watts of power.

Walden stated that the coverage of the station has been greatly expanded due to the increase in power and assignment to a regional channel, and will bring to an even greater audience, the programs that have been so popular over the past 15 years.

New Man Head Of Chemical Company

Appointment of Peter K. White as Northwest District Sales manager for Brea Chemicals, Inc., subsidiary of the Union Oil Company of California, was announced today by R. H. McGough, Brea manager of Argicultural Chemical Sales.

Formerly Brea Field Equipment Service Representative, White will represent Brea Chemicals in all activities in this area connected with the marketing of Brea's agricultural products. He will work with Brea dealers in supplying local growers with aqua ammonia, a high-nitrogen-content fertilizer solution.

Born in Switzerland, White studied mechanical engineering at Cornell University and business administration at Claremont Men's college, Claremont, California.

During World War II, he served with the 17th Airborne division as a captain in the Third Infantry division during the Korean campaign.

White succeeds Clyde P. Dillehay, former Northwest District Sales Manager, who is now a Brea dealer in the Ritzville-Harrington-Odessa, Washington area. White's headquarters will be Walla Walla, where he will reside with his wife and their two children.

COON HOST TO 4-H DELEGATES



Representative Sam Coon (R., Ore.) was host recently to National 4-H Club delegates from Eastern Oregon. Pictured are (l. to r.) Jack Johns, from Fox, near John Day, Congressman Coon and by Nelson, of LaGrange. Each state had four delegates to the National 4-H Club which met in Washington June 19-25. The Second Congressional District of Oregon was one of the few districts in the United States from which two delegates were chosen. Miss Nelson and young Johns as well as the rest of the Oregon 4-H Club delegation were guests of Congressman Coon at lunch in the Members' Dining Room at the Capitol. Coon also had the group appear with him on his weekly broadcast.

China Hollow Road Straightened Now

For years the road north of Wasco has turned slightly to the east as it descended into China Hollow. This spring the county has brought in a dirt mover and straightened the road. China Hollow was named for two Chinamen whose bodies were found there in the 1860s. The story goes that a man was boasting about killing Chinamen in The Dalles later and was thought probably guilty of the crime but the killing of Chinamen was not considered a heinous crime in those days when there was great prejudice against Orientals. Chinamen were numerous in the area because they were good miners who could make a living taking gold from streams after white men gave up.

Old-timers had a habit of calling draws or canyons a hollow. There is Spanish Hollow and Buck Hollow in Sherman county although the highway commission in its arrogance says it is Buck Canyon. Some are called hollows that carry water a part of the year and some are called hollows that are nearly always dry.

Henrichs and Davis In Another Close One

Unofficial returns, but complete from each district, in the election for director for five years for the Union High School district resulted in 110 votes for Lloyd Henrichs and 108 for Luther Davis.

The vote by districts was Henrichs 107 in Moro, 2 in Grass Valley, one in Kent, Davis 22 in Moro, 37 in Grass Valley, 49 in Kent. The total vote was not large. In the election for directors that accompanied the vote on formation of the district Davis defeated Henrichs by one vote.

The vote will become official when canvassed by the county court.

Cash Grain Market Drops Sharply

Cash grain markets were featured by the sharp drop in winter wheat prices during the week ended June 23, the department of agriculture reported. Harvesting was advanced well into the Kansas area. Wheat receipts at the primary markets increased sharply. Reports indicate producers continued to sell most of the harvested new crop wheat. Winter wheat prices dropped around 5 cents at Chicago and 7-17 cents per bushel at most other markets. Spring wheat prices were mostly unchanged influenced by the limited offerings.

Cash prices on soft white wheat at Portland, Oregon were unchanged and at the close of \$2.45 the week quoted in a range of \$2.45 to \$2.49 per bushel depending on quality. Corn prices advanced 1-4 cents per bushel reflecting the limited offerings and a more active demand from mixed feed manufacturers.

Farmers Like Farm Program If Vote On Theory Alone

Sherman county approved the present farm program by a favorable vote last Saturday although opposition was larger than it has been previously. The nation, however, approved the quotas by a larger vote than it did last year.

Total vote in Sherman county was 261 for and 900 against. By districts the vote was:

	Yes	No	Total
L. Grove & Wasco	119	34	153
Moro	49	39	88
Kent & G. Valley	67	16	83
Mail Votes	26	1	27

The vote followed the usual pattern in Sherman county except that more farmers from Moro opposed continuance of the quota system as a farm program. Percentage-wise the vote was approved by 74.4 percent of the farmers voting.

Shower Brings New Hope For Crop

A quick shower fell Tuesday noon to cheer farmers in the places where it hit. Like many summer showers it was only of local significance, some parts of the county getting little rain. At the experiment station near Moro the total fall was .29 inch, enough to cool and cheer the wheat.

This is one of those years in which farmers are growing a crop of wheat on west wind and cool weather and from the quantity of both the crop should be satisfactory.

Roger Miller Makes U. of O. Honor Roll

A total of 250 students was included on the university honor roll for spring term. Of these 24 made a 4 point average or all A's. To be listed on the honor roll, a student must earn a 3.50 or better grade point average and must carry not less than 12 term hours. The grade point average is figured on a scale with 4.00 being A, 3.00 is B, and 2.00 is C.

On the honor roll from Moro is Roger V. Miller, senior in business, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon I. Miller of Moro.

Accident Wrecks Two Cars On Gordon Ridge

Cars driven by Bill Nisbet of Wasco and Jake Newell, a Parker-Schram employee were badly damaged in a side swiping accident on Gordon Ridge Wednesday afternoon. Neither man was seriously hurt, although Nisbet is reported to have gone to a hospital for a check-up.

Fourth of July Celebrated in 1892 in Moro With Speech, Lemonade and Liberty Car

Back in 1892 Moro had a celebration of the Fourth of July and while it was not advertised as the first to be held here it was certainly among the first.

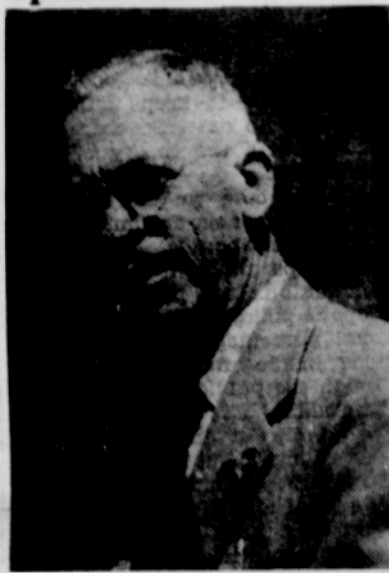
The Observer said before the event that "Every effort is being made to insure to all a most enjoyable time. Good shade is guaranteed so that the scorching rays of old King Sol cannot hurt you. Peace. Others on the float were Myrtle Brown, Ida Mowry, Marcia Rust, Ruby Rigdon, Effie Adams, Edith and Rose Deickman, Jessie Thompson, Vi and Iva Sayers, Frankie, Anne and Clara Landry.

T. C. Neece and Miss Lena Heydt played and sang and S. B. Adams, as president of the day introduced the program which consisted of a prayer by Rev. Wright, reading of the Declaration of Independence by Hiram Tyree, superintendent of schools; oration by Fred Booth, toasts to the ladies of America by J. B. Florer, to Our County and Flag by J. B. Hosford; our Navy by William Holder.

Grass Valley won the ball game by a score of 18 to 17 and Perry Watkins' brown horse won the race over Ernie Moore's bay. Anson Woods and Fred Kruusow were judges. Effie Powell won the girls foot race and Mrs. Fairchild the race for women. Orville Smith won the boys race and Boone Wheat for men.

A match race between Watkins' brown and Ed Lewis' grey was won by the Watkins' horse by a neck with J. R. Morrison and Ike Lemon as judges. In the evening there was a dance in McKenzie & Somers' hall when 76 numbers were sold. Music was by the Knight brothers' string band, Ethan, Roy and Otis Knight playing. Anson Woods and Joe Morrison were the floor committee.

Speaks Here



A. L. STRAND

Reapportionment Plan Gets New Boost

Giles French and Collis Moore were in Pendleton Saturday to attend a regional meeting of proponents of the federal reapportionment plan for Oregon.

Representatives of the counties attending voted unanimously to go ahead with previous plans to put the measure on the ballot in 1956 by having petitions printed, filing the measure and arranging for more general information about the advantages of the plan, particularly to residents of rural Oregon.

The recent action of the Oregon grange convention which approved the plan by a 115 to 72 vote is one indication of the interest of rural people in obtaining more adequate representation in the legislature. The federal plan would give each county one senator.

Relative Position Of Districts Compiled

Some figures showing the comparative standings of the three school districts comprising the Union High school district have been compiled by Willy Knighten, school superintendent.

Valuation:	Dollars	Percent
Kent	\$ 956,635	18
Grass Valley	1,628,943	30.6
Moro	2,734,585	51.4

School Census:	Number	Percent
Kent	70	18.4
Grass Valley	130	34.3
Moro	179	47.3

Bonding ability of the district is \$301,173.19 at present valuation and laws governing school bonding limits.

Game Hearing To Be Held July 8

A public hearing for the setting of the tentative 1955 hunting regulations will be held at 10:00 a. m. July 8, at the offices of the Oregon State Game Commission according to word received from that group.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing which is held at commission headquarters at 1634 S. W. Alder in Portland. However, all suggestions for the tentative regulations should be submitted to the commission in written form but may be stated orally at the hearing.

Soon after the hearing is completed, the tentative regulations will be given to the press of the state. A second hearing will be held July 22 for setting of the final regulations, at which time objections to the tentative regulations can be voiced by the public.

All persons attending the hearings are given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Food Cheaper By Some Figuring

Food is actually "cheaper" in addition to being better—than during the "good old days" of the 1920's, report Oregon State college extension economists.

Thirty years ago an hour's take-home pay would buy 5 1/2 loaves of bread—now it buys 10 loaves. Then an hour's take-home pay would buy 3 1/2 quarts of milk—now it buys 7. Then it bought 1 1/2 pounds of steak or chicken—now it buys 2 pounds of steak or 3 pounds of chicken.

An hour's take-home pay today buys 3 dozen oranges or 9 1/2 cans of tomatoes—about 3 times as much as 30 years ago.

And here is an indication of what has happened to diets. Today we eat three times as many oranges per person as we did 30 years ago, about twice as much ice cream and tomatoes, about two-thirds more chicken, about a third more beef. We drink more milk and eat more cheese, vegetables and fruits.

Station Field Day Well Attended; Strand Speaks

A pleasant day, except for a late afternoon wind, helped bring out a larger than usual crowd to the field day held at the experiment station Monday for the first recent all day program.

The forenoon meeting was held on the lawn at the station grounds and featured a talk by Miss Whybark who told of the wheat league's home economic program and a talk by Dr. J. S. Butts of OSC, who spoke on the uses of Carbon 12 in determining the age of ancient discoveries and atomic energy in relation to agriculture.

After a luncheon served by the women of Harlandview grange Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State, talked, telling of the inventions and discoveries in the latter half of the 19th century pertaining to agriculture. Scientific methods were first found and first used in that 50 years and ways have been found to make life easier for everyone, particularly rural people who were once bound to a life of grinding toil by low prices and superstition.

Three trucks took the men into the field for an inspection of the trial plots on the station and the women settled themselves on the lawn to hear more about wheat and food technology.

Bill Hall, station superintendent, explained at the trashy fallow plots that it had been easier to get a stand on trashy fallow because moisture was nearer the top than on moldboard plowed plots. There was a larger percentage of moisture in land disked than in land plowed, he said.

Safflower Shown

A small field of safflower merited a stop and the uses of the oil bearing seed crop explained. The price and yield are not sufficient to make it a rival of wheat as a cash crop although it might be valuable on surplus acreage, it was reported.

Fertilizer experiments on Turkey Red wheat was shown with different amounts of nitrogen applied at different depths and different spacings. Bob Chesny explained the trials on the station and on farms in the mid-Columbia area.

Lloyd Patterson told about the nursery after visitors had had a look at some burned plots where annual cropping and too much fertilizer had been applied. A few rows of Durum wheat are growing that attracted attention.

D. D. Hill told about the new wheats that are ready for release if given final approval. One, the most promising, is a red wheat with a red chaff, a descendant of Rio, Rex and Nebred. Another wheat is a soft white club that is smut resistant and a hard white wheat that may better Elmar as a yielder.

At the end of the trip the tree and shrub planting area was examined by those interested. Those who remember the small start made by the shrubs a few years ago remarked on the fine appearance of them now.

Grass Valley Gets Street Paved

The street at Grass Valley was paved Wednesday from curb to curb in completion of a program that started some months ago when the council voted to curb the main street for three blocks and pull out the huge poplars that had lined the street of that town for generations.

City officials made several trips to visit the state highway commission and a contract was let last fall for the paving, now completed.

Condon Round-Up Coming July 2-4

Pendleton Round-Up Queen Kathryn Wyss and her court will appear in the Condon Rodeo parade Sunday, July 3, preceding the opening of the regular two day event. The parade will begin at 1:30 p. m. and also adding to the gaiety will be the Main Street Cowboys Calliope.

On July 2, the festivities will open with a Junior Rodeo starting at 1:30 p. m. at the Fairgrounds. Riders under 18 years of age will be featured in the event sponsored by the Commercial club in conjunction with the Rodeo association.

Reigning over this year's event will be Queen Charlene Britt and her two princesses, Billie Pat Hayes and Garnett Parman, all of Condon.

The rodeo will run two days Sunday and Monday, with a fireworks display slated for Monday evening at the City park.