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These Things We Note

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The room is about 30x 40 and some 30 feet high. In it are crowded about 200 men and women—few of the latter—and the rear five feet along one side is built up for a platform for television cameras and stills and a dozen men fill them. Television lights hang from the balcony. The temperature outside is 95 degrees and inside is just below boiling point, although fans are stirring the overheated air.

The group gathers around 11, although the President's press conference is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. At that precise second a signal is given and everyone arises in silent respect for the chief executive who walks in his usual rapid stride to a position in front of microphones in the center of one side of the room. He wears a light brown suit and a vest and looks red and rugged, as if occasionally in the sun. Men have put on their coats in accordance with a rule.

He says he has no statement to make and asks that the questions begin. A reporter rises and asks one and is answered within a minute; another and another, all getting short, concise answers couched in excellent English and with a fine choice of words. Questions are about Dixon-Yates, the coming conference at the top, the Washington bus and street car strike, the civil defense test, will he run again, a couple dozen of them before some one of the older reporters rises and briefly says, "Thank you, Mr. President," whereupon he leaves and the crowd struggles out into the hall, sweat running through their coats.

During the 30 to 31 minutes Mr. Eisenhower has answered all the questions asked him and has displayed a knowledge of government and a well expressed political philosophy that many men could not do about their own business. And he is head of the largest government in the world. Critics who are wont to say that the President knows nothing of government should attend one of his press conferences and learn the extent of their error.

Neither is it such a difficult thing to attend. A country newspaperman needs to know some accredited correspondent who will take him in to the office where he is issued a visitor's card which is an invitation from the President to attend a certain conference. He is instructed that the regular correspondents should be allowed to ask the questions with the inference that he is to be seen and not heard. It is likely that regular correspondents are responsible for the suggestion.

Wednesday it was hot, so hot that nothing mattered so much as getting into an air-conditioned room, so hot that mopping one's face was futile. Yet the room was full, the questioning went on for the entire half hour so that newspaper readers and television viewers all over the world could know what the President was thinking. The facilities were there but the published reports were not so clear as the President's words themselves and we believe his conferences would be more effective if they were reported verbatim without the newsmen's explaining comment.

T T W N

Washington is in the midst of a transportation strike as both the street cars and buses are out because employees are striking for more wages which they perhaps need. Washington thinks it is having traffic troubles, although it is easy to get around in a cab and many smaller towns, Portland for instance, has worse traffic every day than Washington without public transportation. How every one gets to work is not known but all posts in businesses and government seem to be manned or womaned.

T T W N

If Washingtonians are accused of putting something in their water they should be forgiven. The city already has loaded it with chlorine so strong that ditch water would be innocuous as a disease bearer. Air conditioning takes good care of the heat which would otherwise be bad. Now it is mainly an uninteresting topic for casual conversation.

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Life Time Wasco Resident Called By Death Sunday

Services were conducted at 2 o'clock p.m. Wednesday from the Wasco Methodist church, for Vernon Van Gilder, 62, who passed away Sunday at The Dalles following a brief illness. Rev. Richard E. Bruner conducted the services and arrangements were in charge of the Smith-Callaway Chapel of The Dalles. Bearers were Arthur Smith, Arthur Barzee, Albert Kaseberg, Lewis Hastings, Pete McNab and Harry Allen.

Born February 18, 1893, Vernon was the son of Milan A. and Jennie Porter Van Gilder who came west and settled at Wasco in 1889. He spent his life in that vicinity and had been a wheat farmer for many years.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the services included George, Marvin and Mason Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Hines of Lookout, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hines of Adin, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Degote of San Jose, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Criss and children of Bieber, Calif. The Hines men are brothers of Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hines, Mrs. Howard Hines, Mrs. Mary Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ove L. Hansen and Mrs. Sid Fadness, The Dalles; The Rev. Charles Neville, Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mills and sons, Scappoose; Lloyd Hines, Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson, Kelso, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter, Ordinance; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Porter, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Porter, Salem; Mrs. Mary Ling and son, Tigard; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin West, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. West, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellisworth, Gus Burres, Jack Burres, Condon; Mrs. Sid Cooper, Mikkalo, and Mrs. Stanley Gordh of Portland.

SHERMAN FOLK IN R. C.

Dr. Frank Reid and family met his parents, the David Reids, in Vancouver, B. C. while on a four day trip to that city and surrounding area. They returned by way of Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. While in Victoria, the elder Reids met State Representative Charles Allen Tom and his family. They were entertained aboard the Tom cabin cruiser.

Sherman 4-H'ers Win Four Summer Offices

Four Sherman county 4-H clubbers were elected officers of their living organizations at the 40th annual 4-H club summer school on the Oregon State college campus, June 14 to 24.

Students serving in offices were Sherrie Fraser and Susie Woods, president; Tom Higley, vice president; and Sharon Belshie, song leader.

Over 1850 youngsters from all over the state attended summer school this year.

Fish Mortality Caused By Bonneville Studied By Fish Commission

M. T. Hoy, state fisheries director, announced this week that the Oregon fish commission is currently conducting a full-scale investigation to determine the extent of adult salmon mortality caused by Bonneville dam. The present study has been based on results of a preliminary investigation of fish mortality made by the fish commission below Bonneville dam last fall, Hoy said.

Approximately 1,000 salmon carcasses, retained from spawning operations at three Columbia river hatcheries last year, were dumped into the Columbia just below Bonneville dam last week, Hoy stated. The carcasses were tagged with small, plastic discs.

Recoveries of the floating, tagged carcasses intermingled with untagged carcasses of fish killed in the vicinity of Bonneville dam will be analyzed to estimate the total number of fish killed below the dam during summer salmon run, Hoy explained. Four fish commission biologists are making daily searches for salmon carcasses between Bonneville dam and the mouth of the Willamette river. An additional biologist is stationed three miles below The Dalles to observe and record any floating fish which may show up above the dam. Observed mortality above the dam will be compared with observed mortality below the dam.



Like to Oregon—President Eisenhower has promised to give "serious consideration" to visiting Oregon next year, reports Wendell Wyatt of Astoria, shown shaking hands with the President in the White House. The young Astoria attorney is the newly-elected chairman of the Oregon Republican State Central Committee. Congressman Walter Norblad of Stayton and Wyatt extended the invitation to visit Oregon during a recent discussion of Oregon Republican party affairs with the President.

Wm. McLachlan Loses Life When Boat Overtakes

Services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Monday from the Moro Community church for William E. McLachlan, who lost his life Friday afternoon while fishing in Ochoco lake. The Reverend W. W. Gearhart of Ojai, Calif., conducted the service and arrangements were in charge of the Smith Callaway chapel of The Dalles. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Moro, with military rites performed by members of Chris. Schultz Post No. 71, American Legion.

Bearers were Art Christianson, Tom Monroe, Hugh Arstull, Jerry Wilson, Jack Brady and Max Belshie.

An ardent fisherman and hunter, Mr. McLachlan had gone to Ochoco lake, five miles east of Prineville, accompanied by Jerry Wilson of Moro and Jack Lyons of Kent on a fishing expedition. After some time on the water, McLachlan took his companions ashore and returned for more fishing. He was about 50 yards offshore when the boat capsized. He clung to the overturned boat while his companions looked on unable to go to his aid. Several boats put out to his rescue but he suddenly released his hold and disappeared in the deep water.

A native of Moro, William E. McLachlan was born December 17, 1908, the son of Daniel J. and Mollie McLachlan. The father preceded him in death 11 years ago. He received his education in the Moro schools and lived here his entire life. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

Survivors include the widow, Mildred; two sons, Donald James and Ronald Max McLachlan; his mother, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, all of Moro; three brothers, Glen McLachlan of Heppner, Wendell McLachlan of Boise, Ida., and Roland McLachlan of Moro; and two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Harrington and Mrs. Evelyn Channess, both of Madras.

ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John M. DeMoss of Hansville, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. John E. DeMoss, Johnny and Janice, attended the Phyllis Dahlhammer and Robert K. Howland wedding at St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Portland last week, at which little Janice DeMoss was flower girl. Mrs. John M. DeMoss presided at the coffee table and Mrs. John E. DeMoss at the punch bowl. The groom has worked during previous summers at Moro. While in Portland, Mrs. John E. DeMoss had four impacted wisdom teeth extracted and is now nursing her aching jaws.

YOUTH CUTS ARM

Everett Kirkelle cut his arm badly while working with his father at the C. A. Tom residence in Rufus, Monday. The men were installing a new furnace when Everett stepped into a hole and fell against a piece of sharp metal. Mr. Tom applied a tourniquet and the boy was rushed to The Dalles.

COUNTY HEALTH NURSE ON ANNUAL VACATION

Mrs. Metra Lee, staff nurse of the Wasco-Sherman county health department, is on vacation until July 25.

A total of 560 completed polio immunizations was given to first and second graders by the Wasco-Sherman county health department staff. Instructions to parents were sent out advising that the third immunization would be given by their private physicians in six or seven months, depending upon the plans worked out by the National Polio Foundation and the U. S. Public Health service.

1504-H Boys and Girls Headed For Suttle Lake Camp July 17-22

One hundred fifty boys and girls from the central Oregon area are expected to participate in the annual 4-H summer camp at Suttle Lake July 17-22, County Extension Agent T. W. Thompson reports.

A small delegation from Sherman county will attend the camp. Mrs. Verne E. Mobley, Kent, will accompany the group. The 4-H camp is held at the Methodist Youth Camp area, near Suttle Lake, off the Santiam highway. Four-H club members are anticipated from Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Gilliam, Wasco and Sherman counties.

Camp crafts are held during the morning and cover fields including copper tooling, metal craft, nature study, taught by a representative of the Oregon state game commission, and electricity class, taught by a representative of the Pacific Power and Light company, class for plant propagation, plant identification, soap carving, and various other crafts. The afternoon session is spent in swimming and other sport events. The evening program includes church services on Sunday, various campfire story telling, stunt night, folk dancing activities during the remaining portion of the week.

Library Has Some New Books on Shelves

The library has a good selection of adult books. Among the memorial titles are: The Sojourner by Rawlings; The Earthbreakers by Haycox, bought in memory of Mrs. Nellie Malloy; A Small Child's Bible, by Doane, in memory of Delpha Ramsey; End of the Carline, by Lampman, in memory of Elizabeth Schaeffer; Coming of the Pond Fishes, also by Lampman, in memory of E. H. Moore; Pete, the Cattle King, by Wood, in memory of Richard Morgan; Alaska Silver, by McKeown, in memory of James Dyer.

Other books available include "Katherine" by Seton; "Sincerely, Willis Wayde" by Marquand; "Good Morning, Miss Dove" by Patton; "Alway in Vogue" by Ilka Chase, and "The High and the Mighty" by Gann.

During the summer adult books are checked out on Wednesday evenings as well as Friday afternoons.

Cloudy Weather Delays Harvest Season in Region

Cool, cloudy weather delayed starting of harvest in eastern sections of the grain belt. Some moisture was received and was beneficial to spring and late seeded barley. Some damage was reported from heat and dry weather early in June, but recent coolness and rain may have offset this to some degree. Warm, dry weather is needed for winter wheat harvesting in the Columbia river basin and the Walla Walla sections, reports the state department of agriculture.

Wheat receipts at principal Pacific northwest terminals totaled 1,263 cars as against 1,453 last week and 1,581 a year ago. Cash wheat trading remained slack and prices made further adjustment to a new crop basis. Old crop No. 1 soft white, white club and hard winter, ordinary protein was nominally priced at \$2.30 per bushel, basis delivered Coast on track. No. 1 hard white baart, 12 percent protein was quoted at \$2.56 and No. 1 hard winter, 12 percent protein, Montana origin was nominally placed at \$2.53 delivered Coast on track. Offerings were very limited with mills furnishing the main inquiry. The CCC reported sales of 923,675 bushels of wheat during the week ended June 29. Inspected wheat for export during June totaled 2,972,000 bushels and brought the total for the 1954-55 season to 45,783,000 bushels. This compares with 59,805,000 bushels the 1953-1954 crop year.

Shower Honors Mrs. Richard L. Skiles

Mrs. Richard L. Skiles of Sacramento, Calif., who is visiting her parents, the L. E. Kasebergs of Wasco, was the inspiration for a surprise mother-to-be shower at the Kenneth Martin ranch at Kent on July 5.

The story motif was carried out on the gift table and in the cakes and ice cream served as refreshments.

Games were played during the afternoon with prizes given for the highest scores. Mrs. Jack Cushman helped Mrs. Skiles open her gifts.

Before refreshments were served, Mrs. C. E. Duncan of Moro sang two solos. Her mother, Mrs. Rice, who is visiting her daughter from New Mexico, accompanied her on the piano.

Hostesses were Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. Jack Cushman, both of Moro; Mrs. Kenneth Martin and Mrs. Bob Martin, both of Kent.

Others attending besides the honored guest were Mrs. Don Thompson, Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mrs. Harold Meizer, Mrs. Allan Pinkerton, Mrs. Jerry Ditch, Mrs. C. E. Duncan, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Bob Brishine, Mrs. Gwen Matteson, Mrs. John Foss, grandmother of Mrs. Skiles, Mrs. Terry Bucholtz, Mrs. Pau Alley, Mrs. Douglas Alley, Mrs. Art Watkins, Mrs. John Foss Jr., and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg.

VISIT MINING CLAIM

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Cochran have returned from a trip to their mining claim in the southern part of the state. The claim is located 76 miles northwest of Grants Pass, in extremely rugged country. The Cochrans report that they pack in to the site over the steep, six-mile trail to reach their shake cabin. The only sign of civilization was a jet plane flying over each day, Mrs. Cochran said.

Voters Give Heavy Majority For Bonds

By a vote of 168 to 19, the voters of Union high school district No. 1 Friday approved the proposed \$301,000 bond issue for the construction of a high school building.

Broken down, the final tally shows that Kent voted 13 yes and 8 no; Grass Valley, 46 yes and 5 no, and Moro 109 yes and 6 no.

Also passed at the special election was a special levy of \$54,769. The measure passed by a 165-22 vote.

Funds obtained from the levy are to be used for planning and building expenses and general expenses of the board.

WHOOSH!!!

Summer may have been a little late in arriving but it hit here with a vengeance Wednesday with a straight up 100 degrees. The wind was in the northeast—and that didn't help things too much.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. recording at the experiment station reached 96 degrees, with the wind in the northwest.

Despite the soaring temperature in the daytime, the night air permitted rest in comparative comfort. (That was Wednesday night).

130 Children Attend Swimming Classes

Sherman county chapter of the Red Cross reports that about 130 children participated in the swimming classes at The Dalles pool during the two-week period of instruction.

Expenses included 175 paid to E. A. Scholer, manager of the swimming pool, and assistants, and \$50 to The Dalles city for rental facilities. The Red Cross also is sending checks to the school districts to assist them in the expense of sharing the program.

Past Masters Meeting Set For July 30 at Rockford Grange

Rufus grange met Thursday night with Master Harland McDonald presiding.

Roland Johnson announced there was a past masters' meeting at Rockford grange July 30 at 7 p.m. This is for the tri-county visitation of granges.

For the lecturer's hour the movie, "The Golden Egg", was shown. Also Mrs. Sadie Rich showed some of her pictures of the Rose festival and of a movie which was being filmed at Bend that she had witnessed.

During the supper hour a birthday cake for Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson, made by Mrs. Bill Buck, also a cake for Mrs. Grace Medler made by Mrs. Sam Brock, were on the dessert table. Both cakes were nicely decorated and had lighted candles on them. The honored members' birthdays were during all that week.

After a cold, chilly week-end, it turned warm Monday in the north end of Sherman county. By Tuesday we knew we really had summer when the mercury climbed up into the 90's.

The farmers who had cherries have finished with them at Rufus. The transparent apples soon will be ready.

The wheat farmers are putting their combines in shape for the harvest which is expected to get underway for a few early farmers next week. The majority do not expect to get into the fields until the last week in July.

The community of Rufus gave Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson a farewell party Wednesday night at the Rufus grange hall. Different pictures of the neighbors' cameras were shown the group, and the rest of the evening was spent visiting. The Johnsons were presented with a lamp, cake and coffee were served. The Johnsons recently sold out the Rufus Tavern and are going to make their home on their ranch at Tigard.

Mrs. Mal McDermid of Wasco was taken by ambulance to The Dalles hospital Tuesday morning.

Death Calls Moro Civic Leader and Business Man

Sherman county citizens were called upon Tuesday to lay to rest one of their most respected men when final rites were held for Vernon Platt, 60, who passed away Saturday evening in a Portland hospital following an illness of several days. He had become ill while attending the water pageant at Bend during the Fourth of July week-end and was taken to Portland after a short time spent in the Bend hospital.

Services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. from the Moro Community church, with the Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiating, and arrangements in charge of the Smith-Callaway Chapel of The Dalles. Music included two songs, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Somewhere", sung by Mrs. J. K. McKean.

Bearers included Robert Brishine, Robert Christianson, Jack Cushman, Lloyd Wooderson, John Shipley and Ted Thompson. Honorary bearers were M. A. Fugie, Dewey Thompson, Lester Conlee, J. K. McKean, Jack Lawrence and Andrew Paulson.

Born in Grandin, N.D., in 1895, Mr. Platt came to this vicinity in 1924 to work with his brother, Floyd, in the transfer business. He started the mail route here in 1925. In the early 1930's he obtained a contract with the Union Pacific which included hauling mail and express on at least three branch routes when daily train service was discontinued on the Sherman, Gilliam, and Morrow county lines.

Always willing to do his part, Mr. Platt was one of Moro's most active citizens in civic affairs until failing health forced him to retire. Elected mayor in 1952, he found the demands of the office too exacting and gave it up after several months. He served in other capacities including president of Moro Booster club and chairman of the Sherman county chapter of the Red Cross and took an active part in various fund raising activities.

Survivors include the widow, Lillian, of Moro; two sons, Robert of Heppner and William of Condon; a daughter, Mrs. Lois Axtell of Moro; a brother, Floyd, of Moro; a half-brother, Herbert Platt, living in Minnesota; a half-sister, Mrs. Melvin Grage of Hillsboro, N.D., and eight grandchildren.

ON THE PASSING OF VERNON PLATT

At last another grand and noble Pard has ceased to be;

The man whom all of us did once regard with high degree.

We saw in him a love that was not small;

Not just for one or two, but for us all,

Sincerely,

Cardinal virtues, all, belonged to Him—his very soul!

Brightly shining 'e'en when his Life grew dim as years would roll.

Steadfastly living, loving to the end.

And now he is gone! Our old faithful friend has furled the scroll.

Lament the blight of death's sad,

Sombre pall, sorrow, regret;

Yet, know that He who marks the Sparrow's fall will not forget

Our Vernon — his exalted deeds mark down;

And forge from them, with love,

A golden crown with stars beset.

—By W. H. L. Davis.

LENA D. HANSEN

Services for Lena D. Hansen, (Mrs. Martin Hansen) who passed away recently in El Paso, Texas, were held Saturday, July 9 at the Holman and Son chapel in Portland. Bearers were Fred Hennagin, Clarence Sparling, John Wise, John Wise Jr., Charles Powell and George Meloy.

Mrs. Hansen was the mother of Clarence and Joseph Hansen and Mrs. Emma Rocheford. Three grandchildren also survive.

Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park Mausoleum.

ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton of Kent announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Ronald Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Putman of Coos Bay. A September wedding is planned.

Miss Norton and Mr. Putman are students at Oregon State college.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shilling of Cottage Grove were in town last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Burnet.