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These Things We Note

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It is no wonder that it is possible to invent machines to do the work of men and women and that men and women are afraid of automation. We are such a standardized product. Across the nation we eat the same food, drive the same cars, use the same signals, print the same newspapers, wear the same clothes, think the same thoughts. Our individualities have been suppressed by ourselves or by conditions until our only expression of ourselves is in a different colored car, a brighter necktie, a different hair-do. Robots could do most of the things we do and are being invented. The human race might be rendered extinct by machines if it were not that the machines would be useless without human beings.

Becoming city dwellers hastens the process; country folks must do more thinking for themselves and in that they are lucky. As everything gets bigger there is less need for individual thinking, less opportunity for it. When—and if—it is finally organized into one big, homogenous group there will be no need for individuals at all, only robots. That will be the ultimate in bigness and we doubt that even the Russians have envisioned it that far.

T T W N

Guy Cordon calls Washington, D. C. the county seat of the world which is as good as any description that could be imagined. This town is dedicated to government. Cordon is reviving the "Oregon club" that was started by Senator McNary at whose office visitors from Oregon met at evening to talk things over and visit and calm their nerves in time honored fashion. Many things were done for Oregon in conversations thus inaugurated and probably will be again. But it has moved from Capitol Hill.

They had a field day on the hill Monday, Langer, Morse and Neuberger, two men with vitrol in their veins and hate in their hearts and one who is learning the finer arts of denunciation, the political program of division of peoples.

Douglas McKay was the primary target as he often is for his knocks. These gentle, sincere public servants are often damned by Langer and Morse, called names, have their intentions misinterpreted and their honor impugned. No one listens except the poor guy who is named to preside over the vocal butchery and a representative of the Republican party and of the Democratic party and a few followers of the arts of political mayhem.

It is as unpopular in the United States senate as in the nearest beer joint but much safer, for no man may be called to account for what he says on the floor of the senate. The brawler, the name caller, the ranter wins no friends, influences few people but he does win a reputation of a sort—and headlines.

T T W N

More workers are coming into Washington D. C. this week than last and there is more congestion of traffic. Cars are parked crosswise of the streets on the unused street car tracks from early morning. Police at first permitted parking anywhere and are now giving tickets for some kinds of parking, particularly in usually forbidden areas and at least one newspaper is saying that Mr. Wolfson should be forced to arbitrate with the workers without explaining how a man can be forced to arbitrate. When the sound and fury stops a compromise will probably be reached; right now the people must walk because the politicians must talk.

T T W N

It is an American boast that we are a country of middle class folks. That is not so true as it was 50 years ago and any observer discerns as much in traveling around.

The middle class were generally small business men, farm owners and others like professional men who had a personal stake in the right to operate as individuals and in seeing that the government didn't encroach on them.

Consolidation has done away with many of this group, the suc-

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

Kathie Winegar celebrated her fifth birthday anniversary July 14. Phyllis and Alvin Decker, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker are ill with chicken pox. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Metzgar of Portland visited their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gray last week. The Grays are to leave Friday to visit the Metzgars and also Lester's grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Williams and Mrs. Gray's grandfather, W. R. Jaques in Portland for a few days.

Mrs. Joe Drinkard and daughters Susan and Wanda, are home from a three week stay at Hood River.

Mrs. George Drinkard and her grandchildren Merry and Joe Jr. Drinkard attended the wedding in Portland of a cousin, Miss Farrell. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Serles and daughter Nancy motored to Portland Friday where they met their son, Kenneth, who is on leave from the Naval Base at San Diego. They continued on to the coast for a weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Tyler and son, Kenny of Bend were visitors Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis were dinner guests Friday of John Mountain of The Dalles.

George Wilson, president of the Tri-county Weather Research Inc., flew to Condon to attend a weather

research meeting Tuesday.

Max Nogle attended the rodeo Sunday at Lacey, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries.

Kenneth Bekkadahl of Prineville who is spending the summer working for Frank von Borstel spent the weekend visiting his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. John Decker.

Miss Janice Barnhart of Wamic moved Sunday to live with her mother, Mrs. Don Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bucholtz of Ellensburg, Wn., and Mrs. Norman Oness and sons of Bellingham, Wn., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay Sunday.

Mrs. Vern Mobley motored with her son Ronnie and Betty Jean Reckman and Douglas Reed to Suttle lake where they will spend a week of camping at the 4-H camp. Mrs. Mobley is the chaperone for the Sherman county group.

Everett Hazen, a layman from The Dalles, will be the speaker at the Moro Community church next Sunday and Mrs. Andrew Paulson will sing.

Mrs. Casha Yates of The Dalles has purchased a new home and has moved from West 12th to East 11th.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear friends and neighbors:

We wish to thank you for putting out the fire in our wheat the day of my brother's funeral.

Harry & Ethel Van Gilder

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Kelly returned Saturday from a few days visit with her son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Kelly of Goble, Oregon.

Bob Hoskinson was injured Monday afternoon while working at the experiment station with Bill Hall. They were pulling a combine with a pick-up. He was taken immediately to a hospital in The Dalles where he remained all night, returning home Tuesday. He expects to be laid up three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum left Monday for Bend to visit with their son, Cleo and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bucholtz of Ellensburg, Wn., Mrs. Norman Oness and boys of Bellingham, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Hralei McKay and daughter, Mary Ann and Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and son, Donnie, were visitors Saturday evening at the Jay McKay home.

Miss Sharon Cantrall and Jim and Bill Rodda were visitors Sunday evening at the home of Kay McKay.

John and Malcolm Mac Innes returned Saturday from a two weeks visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Harper of Portland. The boys were driven to The Dalles by their grandparents where they were met by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mac Innes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross were in Ridgefield, Wn., Sunday for the annual salmon feed in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wily Knight returned Monday from a vacation trip that took them to Linden, Wn. for a visit with his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Serrurier and to Seattle to visit their children, Mrs. Jack Miller and husband and Wily Jr., also her brother and family who live in Seattle, Washington.

New Oil Station Planned For Old Hotel Site

Herbert Miller of The Dalles has bought from the City of Moro the lots on Main street where the old Moro Hotel stood and is clearing the trees from them preparatory to erecting a Richfield oil and gas station, which will later be enlarged into a station of sufficient size to handle big trucks, said Mr. Miller, who was here Monday working on the location.

It will be necessary to fill the lots before building. The station will be steel and concrete to meet the city building code.

This site has been watched by oil companies for several years but nothing has been done because time was needed to clear the title. Richfield has had an option on the lots on two occasions and now has possession and ready, through Mr. Miller, to start the long awaited station.

Greatly increased traffic on Highway 97 and expectancy of more when that road is further improved and a bridge is built at Maryhill or Biggs makes for increased business in all fields serving transportation.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mrs. Louise Colthorp (Maude Homewood) and her three year old son, Chester, stopped in Moro Wednesday night while on her way to Morrow county to look after some land. She lived briefly in Grass Valley and taught school here about 20 years ago.

A shower in honor of Mrs. Kelly Wilson was given last Monday by Mrs. M. M. Powell with many of the younger women of the community present to welcome the former Sharon Coons into the ranks of mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell were down from Helix Wednesday while George was looking after some fertilizer business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams were overnight guests at the home of their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough in Arlington Saturday.

BPA Gets Money For New Lines

Bonneville Power Administration appropriations of \$21,200,000 for new fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955 provide a continued high level of power operations and construction of federal transmission facilities, Administrator William A. Pearl said today.

Construction funds of \$14,600,000 plus carryover and reimbursements of more than \$12,000,000 make available approximately \$27,000,000 for completion of current transmission projects and new starts to carry power from federal dams still under construction to regional load centers. Funds appropriated continue engineering and technical personnel at present levels.

Operation and maintenance funds of \$6,600,000 for the new fiscal year represent an increase of \$400,000, Pearl reported. The increase will provide for about 34 new positions to man new facilities added during the past year.

Important new starts scheduled under the 1955-56 construction funds include the 345,000 volt Big Eddy-Bethany transmission line to carry power from McNary and The Dalles dams to Portland and upper Willamette valley load centers.

Minors Cause Most Trouble for Barkeeps

Sales or service of alcoholic beverages to minors remains the greatest single offense of licensees of the Oregon liquor control commission, according to an OLC survey of liquor law violators since the first of the year. From January through June, 29 grocery stores and similar package store outlets and 37 taverns sold alcoholic beverages to minors. In addition, 25 licensees were charged by the commission with allowing minors to consume alcoholic beverages or loiter on the premises.

Although the liquor commission by law cannot penalize minors, its inspectors have authority to arrest them for further disposition by the courts, and in nearly every case in which a licensee or service permittee has been charged with sale or service to a minor, arrests of minors have been made, the commission reports. A check of 45 violations considered during the three months ending June 30 reveals that minors were arrested in 41 instances, with a total of 81 minors arrested for the 41 cases.

Historical Society Gets 1891 Stock List Of First Phone Line

Carl Holder of Paisley has sent to the Sherman County Historical society the original list of subscribers to the Sherman County Telephone and Telephone Co. (limited) which was incorporated by authority of the legislature in 1891 and stock sold late in that year.

W. Mackenzie was president and headquarters were at Grant. W. N. Frame was secretary and Charles Moore was vice-president. The capital stock was \$1000 consisting of 200 shares at \$5.00 each.

Moore Bros, Moore & Karlen, James Tomlin, Edgar Lewis, J. D. McDermid, W. A. Rigdon, H. S. McDanel, F. M. Hampton, J. J. Schaeffer, C. P. Ragsdale, Theodore Kaseberg, McDonald & Glenn, Charles Masiker, E. O. McCoy, are among the names of purchasers of stock who received delightfully printed evidences of their ownership done in the fanciest type in the county, some of which was still in the Journal office until recently.

Bill Holder later bought the company and sold it to E. E. Lytle when Lytle built the railroad and needed a telegraph company. That accounts for the ownership of the stock certificates by Carl Holder.

Geraldine V Douglas Dead At Ephrata

Geraldine Vinton Douglas passed away at her home in Ephrata, Wn., July 12, 1955, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Douglas, daughter of the late George C. Vinton and Echo B. Vinton, pioneers of Grass Valley, was born at Grass Valley, December 27, 1908. She attended grade and high school at Grass Valley and was graduated with honors from Oregon State college in June 1930. Following graduation she married Edward L. Douglas of Wenatchee, Wn., and they made their home in Wenatchee until 1940 when they moved to Ephrata. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas celebrated their silver wedding anniversary a few weeks before her passing.

Mrs. Douglas is survived by her husband, her daughter Joan of Seattle, Wn., her son Rex E. of Ephrata, her mother Echo B. Vinton and her brother George Clayton Vinton, both of Belmont, California and a sister Mrs. R. C. (Betty Jeanne) Ross of Ardsley, New York.

Mrs. Douglas was a member of the Community Methodist church of Ephrata and of the American Association of University Women. At her request no funeral services were held and cremation rites conducted with memorial gifts being made to the building fund of her church.

Farm Prices Low On Many Items

The current business boom is failing to reverse the farm price and income downturn, say agricultural economists at OSC in their latest Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular.

Consumers will probably continue spending heavily for food and fiber in the second half of 1955, the economists point out. But this doesn't seem likely to offset the price depressing effects of surpluses of grains and larger supplies of meats and some other Oregon farm products.

Farm prices are expected to be lower than last summer and fall for grains, dairy products, meat animals and wool, potatoes, most fruits and vegetables, and some seeds.

Prices are likely to be the same or higher for most of the time for eggs, turkey, hay cover crop and turf seeds, peppermint oil, strawberries, peaches and prunes.

During the first half of the year, Oregon farm prices averaged 2% below last year. Nationally, they were down 5% for the same period. The state's income from sale of farm products during the first four months of 1955 was about the same as last year. Farm costs showed little change.

Lower prices and fairly steady farm products at further disadvantage. The parity ratio—the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—stood at 87 at mid-May. That is three points lower than a year earlier and 13 points below the level set by Congress as a fair exchange rate for farm products.

WEATHER WARM

The weather has been warm and quiet this past week and not so hot as last week when there were two days of 100 degree heat.

Barley Harvest In Full Swing; Weight Low

Farmers are harvesting barley. Wheat is not ready except in a few isolated spots and operators will not permit hauling of grain so damp as it is at present.

The barley is not good. Much of it is very light in test weight, some as low as 28 pounds being brought in. Other barley is 35 and 38 pound test weight which is below the 40 pound minimum required for government loan.

The barley being harvested now is spring barley, mostly Flynn, that was sown in the fall and is thought to have been damaged by the few hot days in June.

Loan rates on barley after July 25 will be 94 cents a bushel in warehouses or \$39.16 per ton. On farms it will be \$1.06 a bushel or \$44.17 a ton. There is a discount of three cents for No. 3 and six cents for No. 4 barley. No loans made on that testing under 40 pounds.

Loan rates on wheat, farm stored are \$2.10 with No. 2 down one cent, No. 3 down two cents more, No. 4 down three cents more and No. 5 down 2.01.

Warehoused wheat stored after July 25 will bear a loan of \$2.00 for No. 1, \$1.90 for No. 2, \$1.97 for No. 3, \$1.94 for No. 4 and \$1.91 for No. 5. After August 24 the rate will be a cent higher. One half of one percent smut will cut the price one cent and one percent smut will cut the price three cents. Loans may be made until January 31, 1956.

George Ellard Buried In The Dalles

George Ellard, 87, died in The Dalles Monday. As a young man he came to Sherman county and took up a homestead in the Buckley district and later moved to town where he operated the livery barn and one of the first auto taxis in the county.

He was born in Ireland, March 18, 1868, came to the U. S. when 21 and to Sherman county shortly thereafter. He also owned another quarter of land northeast of Grass Valley which added to his income. He moved to The Dalles 30 years ago to retire from active work.

Requiem mass was said Thursday morning at St. Peter's and interment was made in St. Peter's cemetery in The Dalles.

Small Business Can Borrow From USA

John G. Barnett, (Goldie Barnett of Wasco), branch manager of Small Business Administration announced today that the agency's field officers can now make direct business loans up to \$10,000.00 without obtaining the approval of the Washington D. C. office. Some time ago the authority of regional directors was extended to allow them to approve business loans up to \$50,000.00 where a bank participated at least 25% in the total amount of the loan.

Mr. Barnett said that both of these actions were taken in an effort to speed service to applicants. Loan processing time, now cut down to approximately three weeks, is expected to be further reduced.

Sherman County Leads In E Bond Sales

Word has just been received by Ted Gamble, chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds committee, that this state led the nation in the percent of its increase of Savings Bonds sales for the first five months this year over the same period last year. The 42% sales increase for the period in Oregon led the next highest state, Rhode Island, by more than three percentage points.

"During World War II" Mr. Gamble said, "Oregonians became accustomed to leading the nation in War Bonds sales, but it has now been several years since this state has set the pace in any phase of Savings Bonds activity. The spectacular increase in sales which 1955 has brought is a source of satisfaction, for a good many reasons."

"The Federal Reserve Bank report for June sales has just been received, and indicates another spectacular gain. Oregonians last month bought a total of \$3,086,000 worth of Uncle Sam's E and H Bonds, \$712,000 more than they bought during the same month a year ago. This represents a 30% gain. Sales for the first-half of the year amounted to \$23,700,000, well over half of the \$45,100,000 1955 state quota."

Sales in Sherman county for June were \$17,821, amounting to 41% of the county quota which has been subscribed by 154.5%

SPEAKERS



ROBERT SMYLIE
Governor of Idaho



ARTHUR LANGLIE
Governor of Washington



PAUL PATTERSON
Governor of Oregon

Northwest governors dinner in Portland Friday, July 22, at the Multnomah Hotel, will feature talks by Governors Robert Smylie of Idaho, Arthur Langlie of Washington, and Paul Patterson of Oregon. A large delegation from this community is planning to attend.

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