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These Things We Note

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When a Russian admits that he made a mistake they think he is on his way out (we are thinking of Molotov); when an American admits that he made a mistake he is praised in the papers (we are thinking of Benson).

The reason talkers use the set expressions is that they don't know anything else to say.

If you can just live long enough you can make a reputation as a good writer, the ability at penmanship is going down fast enough to insure that.

With doctors telling us to eat less and farmers telling us to eat more it is a safe bet we'll follow our stomachs instead of our minds.

Now if some famous person will obligingly get a stomach disorder we will learn about that, too.

In the interest of readability all personal memoirs should be recognized as fictional. A man who doesn't glorify himself to some extent doesn't write memoirs.

We saw a picture of a fancy electric frying pan the other day; and what do you think it contained? Stew. Nothing fancy, nothing strange, just plain stew. Well, what's better?

It is often said that we are spending less for roads or for schools than we do for cosmetics or some other article held in the public mind to be frivolous. One, of course, is freely spent while the other is taken from the people in taxes. We might easily spend more money for schools, or at least education, if it wasn't managed by the government.

Talk about strong waters, how about that onion filled lake at Labish, near Salem.

Football players have been burned by lime on the marking strips this fall. Officials might be interested in an experiment tried once here during a period when wheat was cheap and plentiful. Ground wheat was used to mark the field divisions.

Oregon has a couple of senators with a great knack for getting publicity. They must write it themselves.

Speaking of closed circuits for the big events, it might have been expected that some one would get a monopoly on them soon.

The worst thing about Wesley D'Ewart seems to be that he came so close to beating Senator Murray.

We'll bet that whatever new farm plan is concocted by either political party will be even worse than the one we have now.

Government taxes the rich instead of the poor because it is good politics. Then the rich collect the taxes from the poor. Then the poor hate the rich and make it politically necessary to tax the rich instead of the poor. It's lots of fun when you understand the rules of the game and terribly expensive.

Governor Patterson, we read, has been deer hunting and has brought home a buck. That is fine and it indicates that he isn't so concerned about politics as are some others of his party who are urging that he lay out a map of his hopes and ambitions for public perusal. For us we can wait some time yet before starting the next campaign. There'll be enough of it of anyway.

This week there are no complaints about the strength of the California football teams. It sounds like an excuse at best.

Government interference, whether here or in Russia, seems to reduce the gains of efficiency. Among humans equalization is always down.

Instead of being agitated about Russia selling guns we are happy about it. Let her sell all it has.

Wooderson Named To Head Legion Post For Coming Year

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 met Wednesday night for the first meeting of the fall and nominated officers. Adjutant Lloyd Wooderson was named for commander. Roland McLachlan was nominated vice commander, Don King and Lloyd Johnson were put up for adjutant, Bob Marvin for chaplain, Giles French for historian, John Parker for sergeant at arms and Richard Bruckert, Willy Knighten and Giles French as members of the executive committee.

Election will be held October 26 and it is expected that the district commander, Harvey Crapper of Hood River will come to install the new officers at a joint meeting with the auxiliary.

The post decided to raise the annual dues to \$5.00 inasmuch as the state dues have been raised to \$3.50. It was announced that the district conference will be held in Wasco November 6, a Sunday.

Moro Library Ass'n Gets \$50 From City

The board of the Moro Community Library association met, October 7, at the call of the president, Mrs. Lamer Sayrs, nine members attended.

An appreciated gift of \$50.00 was received from the Moro city council. All bills were reported paid, including 3 years of insurance. Several memorial books have been presented lately; also a generous number of excellent books by the Irving Harts.

To increase the library operating fund—it was decided that the members of the board would each give a benefit "coffee" in their homes during the next month. A library Open House was planned, the date tentatively set for November 7.

The library has had an active summer. But with the opening of school, the Wednesday nights will be discontinued. It will be open Fridays 2:30 to 5:00 o'clock.

4-H Leaders Get Awards For Helping Youth

Sherman county 4-H adult and junior leaders were honored during the 4-H leaders recognition banquet last week at the Moro hotel. The Pacific Power & Light company sponsored the banquet with Leonard Fields, president, Sherman County 4-H Leaders' association presiding.

Leader recognition pins and certificates were presented to 26 adult and five junior leaders. The adult leader pins were presented by Elmer Lieberman, The Dalles, in behalf of the United States National Bank. Junior leadership pins were presented by Thomas W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Dallas Forrest, regional sales manager, Pacific Power & Light company, Pendleton, expressed the interest of business concerns in the 4-H program and the splendid work of the 4-H leaders. Mr. Forrest and Charles Fildman were presented to the group by Ray Kelso, Sherman county manager, Pacific Power & Light.

MRS. GILLEN TALKS

The Oregon 4-H program and opportunities in 4-H leadership in Sherman county were expressed by Mrs. Winifred Gillen, state 4-H club agent, OSC, Corvallis. Susan Woods, junior leader, led the group in the U. S. and the 4-H flag salutes. Margaret Mobley vice-president, 4-H Leaders' association, thanked the Pacific Power & Light on behalf of the leaders for the banquet.

Adult and junior leaders receiving awards were: first year, Jean Brown, Marquerite Decker, Mrs. Robert Helyer, Mrs. Jack Jefferies, Edna Macnab, Mary Miller, Verne E. Mobley, Mrs. Curtis Neal, Jean Reckman, Mrs. Bill Rodda; second year, Josephine Gentry, Paulen Kaseberg, third year: Bertha Belshe, Earl Gentry, Ann Miller, Margaret Mobley, Howard Ross; fourth year, Charles Burnett and M. V. (Tony) Miller; fifth year: Leonard Fields, Aleta Fraser, Myrhl Perry, Gwen Ross, Theima Sather; sixth year: Helen Martin; eighth year: Elizabeth Hartley. Junior awards: first year, Kay McKay, Mavis Miller, Jean Ross and Susan Woods; second year: Jimmie Belshe.



Sam Coon Coming Tuesday To Talk To Constituents

Sam Coon, congressman from this, the second district of Oregon, will speak at the school house in Moro Tuesday night, October 18 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. as a guest of the Sherman County club.

Mr. Coon only last week, ended a series of debates with Senator Neuberger and has since been talking at towns in the mid-Columbia area using his John Day dam bill as a topic for some of his remarks to his constituents. Other legislation and matters that pertain to the area in which he appears make up a part of his talks.

The Sherman County club invites every person interested in any legislative matter or who wants to hear and meet the congressman to attend the meeting. It is an open meeting, not politically engendered and for the purpose of giving information to the public.

Pinckneys Attend Bank Convention

B. C. Pinckney, manager of the Sherman county branch of First National bank of Portland participated in a two day workshop on money, finance and economic trends in Portland on Friday and Saturday, according to C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank. Managers of all 70 First National branches in Oregon were on hand for the session.

Leaders in various phases of banking and business took part in the program, including Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt, director of economic research of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C., and Louis B. Lundborg, vice president of the Bank of America.

Moro 4-H Clubbers

Membership in 4-H clubs in Oregon has gone up almost 5 per cent since last year, according to Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader at Oregon State college. A 1048-member increase pushed enrollment figures up to 26,537 girls and boys in clubs throughout the state.

Girls led boys by 4 to 1 in the membership increase with 862 girls and 186 boys listed as first-year members. This makes a total of 16,691 girls and 9846 boys in Oregon clubs.

Hutton said more and more members who have been in organization work for six years or longer are staying active. Older member interest was exhibited last summer by a 109 increase in the number of members 16 years or older who attended 4-H summer school at OSC.

An extension program in junior leadership has been going on since 1954 when 486 4-H'ers assisted in local clubs. Today in Oregon, 676 active 4-H'ers are helping to organize and plan material with local leaders. A junior leader must be at least 14 years old.

Project work also increased. A 4-H'er may work on more than one project, which is a work plan that involves different phases of home economics and agriculture. There were 1707 more projects successfully completed last year than during the previous year. Hutton pointed out that this year's enrollment mark was within a thousand of Oregon's all-time high enrollment of 27,355 members in 1950.

"We are more interested in steady gains in 4-H enrollment than sudden spurts of membership," Hutton said. Our goal is continued increase in 4-H membership and we are planning leadership training to carry out the program.

Circuit Court Will Convene For Two Cases Monday

Circuit court will convene at the court house next Monday, October 17 with two cases to go to the jury, members of which have been called to duty again. The old jury will hear the cases. The case against LaVelle Gardner, who is charged with assault, will be heard and the civil case of Lattie vs State Industrial Accident commission are the cases on the docket.

HD Agent Will Show Women How To Mend Clothes

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, home economics, will give a demonstration on "Mending Tips" at the Wasco Legion hall (small), on Tuesday, October 18 starting at 1:30 p. m. Women of the Wasco area are invited to attend. The aim of this lesson is to aid the homemaker in quick, easy methods of repair of clothing and to prolong the wear of clothing.

Following the demonstration Mrs. Hanson will explain the extension unit work, and assist in the organization of a unit if that is the wish of the group.

A similar meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bob Byrd, Rufus, Friday, October 21, starting at 1:30 p. m. Homemakers in these areas are urged to attend one of these meetings. Refreshments will be served.

Young Stockmen On Way To Pacific Int.

Sherman county 4-H delegation to the 45th annual Pacific International Livestock Show will leave Friday Thomas W. Thompson county extension agent, reports.

"Humphrey" grand champion 4-H steer at the 1955 Oregon State Fair, owned and exhibited by Sally Fields, Wasco, will lead the county delegation. Others exhibiting stock are: Steven Burnett, 2 steers; Jean Ross, one steer and 2 sheep; Alice and Terry Kaseberg, each one steer; Tonai Miller, 2 hogs.

Livestock and home economics judging contests will be held Saturday with a county participation planned. The P. I. runs from Saturday, October 15 thru October 22nd. The 4-H section ends October 19 with the auction sale. Monday, October 17th all judging will take place. Showmanship contests will be held Tuesday.

Farm Tenancy Down Slightly In Sherman

The proportion of farm tenancy in Sherman county has decreased slightly in the last five years. It is now 38.5 instead of 38.9 and there are 102 tenants on farms instead of 107. The number of farms has decreased from 275 to 265. There are four farm managers whereas there were but two in 1949 and the number of part owners has increased to 94 from 90. Yet the number of full owners has decreased from 76 to 65.

Of the 265 farms 240 reported that electricity was on the farm instead of 212 so situated in 1949. There were 216 farm telephones in 1954 and 82 television sets and 242 of the farms had running water installed. There are 255 combines against 174 five years ago and there are 144 artificial ponds and reservoirs on 62 farms.

Weed Conference To Review Chemicals

Latest findings in chemical warfare against weeds will be reviewed in public sessions November 9 and 10 at the fourth annual Oregon Weed conference at the Senator hotel, Salem.

Reports by Oregon State college researchers and agricultural industry representatives will deal mainly with crop-robbing weeds, although some attention will be given to beautifying home grounds through weed control, says conference secretary Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist.

Research findings will include weed control in cereal, vegetable, strawberry, and grass and legume crops; chemical and mechanical removal of sagebrush; and control of plant growth in farm ponds. Among other topics are the operation of weed districts as seen by a panel of weed supervisors, a county judge and a county extension agent.

Moro Wins Over Harrisburg; JVs Lose To Papooses

Moro footballers drove to Harrisburg last Saturday and defeated the players from that school by a 19 to 13 score after having been tied early in the second half.

Rodda and Rolfe scored a touch down apiece to put the Huskies ahead in the first part of the game and Rodda kicked a goal to make the score 13-0. Harrisburg tied it up in the third period on a combination of passes and runs and Rolfe's final quarter touchdown was needed to save the game.

Tuesday the Papooses from The Dalles played a return game with the Moro JVs and won again by a 25 to 12 score, much closer than the 33-0 licking they gave the Moro young ones at last meeting.

It was a lively game with open play and carried on at the high speed the younger boys can put into a game. McCall was the strong man for the Papooses. Brown worked at quarter for Moro and threw successful passes to Arnold Miller to score after The Dalles had racked up a 19-0 score. In the final quarter the Paps reached pay dirt again to end the scoring.

Saturday Moro plays the Redmond JVs on the local field.

Good Wages Aid Livestock Men

Livestock producers have a big stake in the size of the nation's paychecks now and in the future, say extension agricultural economists at OSC.

In their latest "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" circular, economists explain farmers' income from livestock usually tends to rise and fall with changes in workers' income. However, changes in marketing margins and costs can modify this tendency in the short run.

Consumer spending for meat rises rapidly when paychecks are growing and it falls quickly when paychecks shrink. This also is true of dairy products, but to a lesser extent. One way or another, it is the well-paid working man who brings home the beef and bacon not to mention other meats and milk. Little work or low pay makes a big difference.

The fattest paychecks in U. S. history have helped to bolster livestock prices in recent months, the economists believe. Yet, the price decline has not been stopped—it has just been slowed. Demand has not increased fast enough to offset fully the price-depressing facts of larger meat supplies.

Looking ahead, economists see no big slump in demand and prices in the near future, but they point out that rising incomes are not very likely to be maintained constantly in the months and years ahead. This does not necessarily mean that demand for meat is likely to decline. Instead, it means demand may not increase as fast as it has recently or as rapidly as the supply of meat. That in turn would mean lower prices for livestock.

CHURCH SPECIAL PLANNED

Laymen's Sunday will be observed at the Moro Community Presbyterian church this week. At the 11 o'clock worship service the speakers will be Stan Drew and Ward Sybouts. Their theme is "Be Ye Doers—Not Hearers Only." The choir will sing, Noble's anthem, arrangement of the hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God."

Yaymen's Sunday is observed on this day by many of the denominations. In recent years it has become a tradition at the Moro church, with various men of the congregation taking the main part of the service.

LIQUOR FUND SPREAD

A total of \$3,525,000 from liquor sales and privilege tax collections during the three months ending September 30 is being distributed by the Oregon liquor control commission to cities, counties, the state census board and the state general fund.

The total represents monies available over and above amounts required for working capital. Liquor revenue accounts for \$3,250,000 with \$157,500 going to incorporated cities, \$5000 to the state census account, and \$3,087,500 to the general fund of the state. Revenue from privilege taxes on malt beverages and wines accounts for \$275,000 with \$68,750 being allocated to the general fund and \$206,250 to counties.

Telephone Numbers Change Next Year As System Expands

Telephone users in Moro and Wasco are to have new phone numbers next year.

Pacific Telephone company this week advised its customers in both areas of that fact when monthly bills were sent out in the mail.

The new numbers, telephone manager, Cal Horn says, will have two letters and five numerals. They will fit into the nation wide numbering system now being set up to permit faster dialing of long distance calls, first by operators and later by customers themselves.

Moro telephone numbers will have the prefix Jordan 5 (JO 5), followed by four numerals. Wasco telephone numbers will have the prefix Gilbert 2 (GI 2), and four other numerals.

In connection with the changes, additions now are being made to telephone company buildings in both Moro and Wasco. New dial switching equipment will be installed at both locations.

Cost of that work at Moro is estimated at about \$34,000 and at Wasco, \$30,000.

The new numbers will be included in the new phone book for The Dalles to be delivered to Wasco and Moro customers late in February.

Earle Shipleys Home From Religious Tour



Earle Shipley, assistant to the president of Linfield college, and his wife have returned home after a summer spent in Europe and the Holy Land.

Their party camped along the Red Sea where it was very hot except near the water. The surrounding area is desert. The Shipleys visited many of the sites where Biblical events had presumably occurred, the spring where Moses drank when he received the ten commandments, Mt. Sinai, the prison of Paul in Damascus, the Mount of Olives and attended services at the Garden of the Tomb.

In Europe they visited art museums and famous churches and saw the sites of London including the always attractive changing of the palace guard.

Unander Saves Money By Collecting Interest

State Treasurer Sig Unander was happy today when he announced that the State of Oregon had earned a profit of \$1,350,000 on state highway bonds.

This money, he said, will permit the State Highway commission to spend that much more money on highway construction and maintenance than anticipated.

He said the profit was realized on the investment of state highway commission funds in short term securities. These securities paid a higher rate of interest in most instances than the interest money the state had to pay on the highway bond issues.

Between October 1, 1951 and September 1, 1953, the state sold a total of \$72 million in highway bonds, authorized by the state legislature. The interest rates on these bonds varied from 1 per cent to 2.25 per cent.

After checking with state highway officials, Unander found that the proceeds from the highway bonds could not be expended immediately with the result that the funds were reinvested in safe securities which the treasurer found paid the highest rate of interest, with the result that a million and quarter dollar profit was marked up.

Unander said that Deputy Treasurer Fred Paulus, long in the state treasury service, worked with him in the temporary investment of the highway funds.

Rain Falls To Make Seeding Safe In Sherman

Rain in sufficient quantities to satisfy, temporarily of course, nearly every farmer fell over the week end, the greater part coming Saturday night and Sunday.

At the station .34 was recorded Sunday and .24 Monday and a .02 had fallen October 7 to make the total for the week an even .60. Previously this month .30 had fallen to make the total for the month .90. The average for October is .78. In September we got .72 which is more than the average of .58.

Although the rains are not enough to make a big impression on the dry spell of the 1954-55 crop year, they help and they make seeding conditions satisfactory.

Much of the land has been seeded and drills are running on every farm so it will not be long until the amount of land permitted to be sown will be in crop. Rain gauges in other parts of the county, both north and south recorded larger rainfalls than did the station at Moro, over an inch at Grass Valley and Wasco.

The crop year that ended last August 31 brought 8.60 inches of rain to the county and that is 2.94 under the average and approximately the amount that must be made up to reach the moisture conditions that prevailed a few years ago.

More Meat Possible If Feed Grain Used

Present large grain supplies in Oregon and the nation favor production of more meat, say extension agricultural economists at Oregon State college. The year ahead is likely to see new livestock records built on top of those that are tumbling in 1955.

In their latest "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" circular, the economists point out that throughout the nation there is now plenty of grain, hay and livestock on farms to set new records in meat and milk. In Oregon, while there isn't too much hay, there is more feed grain than ever before at the lowest prices since 1943.

There are also record numbers of beef cattle in the state. Sheep and hog populations are at relatively low levels although hogs are increasing.

In Oregon, changes in supplies and prices during the past year favor feeding more grain and less hay, the economists continue. Digestible nutrients in barley at \$40 to \$45 a ton cost less than in alfalfa hay at \$30 a ton. Cattle and sheep are able to handle much more grain than is usually fed.

The potential for livestock production in Oregon is great, believe the economists. Hogs are especially favored by the larger supplies and lower prices of barley. But, there is a need for more silage, hay, and pasture if the state's producers are to market larger amounts of grain efficiently through cattle and sheep.

The future balance between feed grain and forage in Oregon depends greatly on what happens to wheat, price programs, and whether or not feed grains are permitted on diverted wheat acres.

Copies of the circular are available from county extension offices or OSC.

August Big Month For Gas Consumption

Oregon motor vehicle fuel sales jumped 13 per cent in August to break all previous records for a single month, figures reported to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry's office reveal.

The total was 63,889,023 gallons up 7,513,225 gallons over August a year ago. State gasoline taxes for the month amounted to \$3,833,941.40, approximately 11 per cent of which will be refunded for vehicles operated on private lands.

In terms of street and highway travel, the August gallonage indicates Oregon drivers rolled approximately 731 million miles during the month, Newberry said, a new all-time high. Mileage is estimated from an average miles-per-gallon figure computed by the Public Roads Administration.

Traffic fatalities in August reached 39 for a rate of 5.3 deaths in each 100 million miles of travel. The rate was 5.2 in August of 1954.