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These Things We Note

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Us ordinary people are learning that all is not sweetness and light internationally which is probably what the leaders have known all the time. But it was worthwhile to have a semblance of agreement even if for a short time, just to prove it possible.

T T W N
So Adlai is going to run for president again. Well we guess he might as well; he hasn't anything else to do.

T T W N
Now it is the railroads that are losing business in Oregon. A legal inability to compete may be the cause. Certainly state and federal laws that prevent lowering of rates help no one.

T T W N
That movie cowboy who has the women fighting over him is out of character. Cowboys fight over women on the screen.

T T W N
Bernard DeVoto, one of the editors of Harper's magazine, who died this week was a fine writer and except for his inability to stand the sight of a Hereford in the public timber was sane enough.

T T W N
This is the week on the Pacific coast when students of traditional rivals get out and play each other to win eternal glory. Trouble with eternal glory is short memories.

T T W N
Arizona looks better this year than it did last winter.

T T W N
There is someplace a variable debt limit. When we get beyond it buying has to stop and when buying stops so does selling and manufacturing and that means working. Average family debt is not over \$2500 and we think that is about enough.

T T W N
In choosing a candidate it is important to know what he thinks; and whether he will continue to think it or not.

T T W N
It is our opinion that the AFL-CIO merger will result in fewer union members. Monopoly isn't much favored in this country.

T T W N
Cold weather is like some other things; we can learn to live with it without liking it.

T T W N
The only way to get out of business profitably is to have a son to give it to.

T T W N
There's always something that should have been done before cold weather and it doesn't make much difference when it comes.

T T W N
"It is the common fate of new truths to begin as heresies and end as superstitions."

—Thomas Huxley

T T W N

Time to put sharp shoes on the driving team.

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Within the next six months there will be any number of books and pamphlets and articles in magazines pretending to be history and really propaganda about one party or one candidate. One of the advantages of having a six year presidential term would be a longer period of non-partisanship.

T T W N

It wasn't a long time ago in history that democracy was a new concept of government and its adherents started out to establish it all over the world. Now it is the communists who are trying to do the same for their political religion. They cannot succeed. There is too much independence in the world for that. But the rest of the world will have to argue manfully to prevent the spread of communism which would win by force, if possible, a tactic never tried by democracy.

T T W N

Now we hear that the big bombs will never be used. That was to be expected; gas was not used in World War II. Man, it is said, is afraid of killing off the whole kit and kaboodle of the race. Coward, afraid to do a wholesale business.

ASC Boards Ready To Choose Officers For Another Year

Members of the community election boards for the five communities met recently at the Sherman county ASC office to choose candidates for community committees for the 1956 year. Nominated from the various communities were:

KENT—Hans Bardenhagen, Joe Bibby, Wm. Buether, Luther W. Davis, Ed Fritts, Jesse C. Helmer, Art Justesen, Olan Stark, A. von Borstel, Carl von Borstel.

GRASS VALLEY—Sam Alberty, Mark E. Bird, Owen Eakin, Rob't. W. Holmes, Wm. S. Holmes, Hugo Manke, Gene L. Reynolds, Robert V. Rolfe, H. R. Schilling, Bill E. Todd.

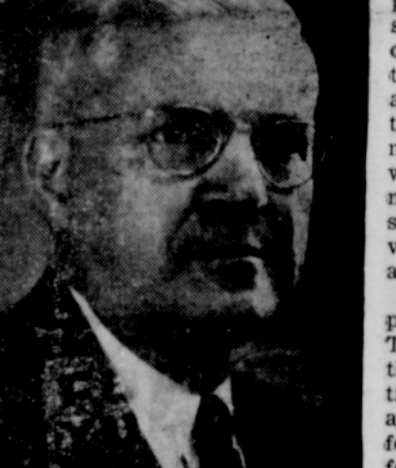
MORO—Stan Coelsch, Paul A. Fraser, Mac Hall, Irving Hart, Joe Heater, C. O. Higley, Harold Melzer, Blaine Miller, Allan Pinkerton, Dewey Thompson.

WASCO—L. E. Dehler, Fred Dormaier, Verne W. Dutton, Geo. Macnab, Pat Macnab, Leland Medler, L. L. Royse, Delmer Smith, Marvin Thomas, Glenn VanGilder.

LOCUST GROVE—Paul E. Alley, Jerry Barnett, Al Dormaier, Leonard Fields, L. E. Kaseberg, Virgil Larimore, Thos. S. Macnab, Curtis Neal, Raymond VanGilder, H. V. Watkins.

Those named will be listed on ballots, and the farmers-voters will choose a chairman, vice-chairman, member and two alternates for each community. Voting will be by mail during November 28 to December 9. The elected chairman from each community will also be a delegate to meet later in December to choose the county committeemen for 1956.

Stalnaker New Head Of Standard Life



W. P. Stalnaker was elected president of Standard Insurance company by the board of directors, November 8. Stalnaker succeeds the late Raymond R. Brown who died September 30.

Stalnaker, who has been first vice-president and treasurer of Standard since 1952 started with the company in 1917 as cashier. He became secretary in 1923 and treasurer in 1930. He was elected vice-president in 1934 and the same year was elected to the board of directors. He has been chairman of the finance committee since 1945.

SCS Holding Annual Meeting

Final plans for the seventh annual meeting Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts were announced today by president, Ralph Saylor, Echo. The meeting will be held in Pendleton with headquarters at Hotel Pendleton November 30-December 1. A directors' meeting and registration will open the convention Tuesday evening, November 29, according to Saylor.

The ladies auxiliary plans a special meeting, a breakfast and tour on Thursday morning, according to Mrs. Ralph Saylor, president.

Nolan Fuqua, national president, Duncan Oklahoma, will participate in the program and give a report on soil and water conservation progress nationally.

D. A. Williams, administrator, Soil Conservation Service, Wash., D. C., will address the group on Thursday morning. Mr. Williams received his early soil conservation training and experience in Oregon and the northwest when he was progressively field engineer, assistant regional director, SCS, Portland. Later he went on to chief of operations, SCS, Wash., D. C., and administrator, ACP, Wash., D. C., and two years ago was appointed administrator of the SCS.

Wheat Leaguers Resolve About Many Matters

Members of the Oregon Wheat Growers league in Sherman county met at the court house Wednesday despite inclement weather to prepare this county's recommendations to be presented to the general assembly in Pendleton, December 8-10.

The Production and Land Use committee headed by Don Thompson opposed inclusion of small grains under seed law provisions, asked that the league continue to make research needs known to experiment stations, found the federal rent program unsatisfactory and gave mild approval of the soil bank plan under certain conditions. These are that parts of all farms be put in the bank and in sufficient quantity. The committee also recommended against allowing mixed grain to be sown on diverted acres and that the support price on barley be discontinued. The committeemen asked that seed for the two new wheat varieties be distributed between counties on the basis of the amount of club wheat grown.

Parity Study Asked

H. M. Zell's committee on Federal Agricultural programs praised the crop insurance program and wanted it to cover spring grains including barley. Study of the new parity formulas by the league was requested. It also wanted an earlier date for announcement of allotments and also recommended that the league continue its efforts toward adoption of the domestic parity program.

Federal Plan Approved

The Taxation and Legislation committee with L. E. Kaseberg as chairman recommended that the bonding limits be held at the 1952 assessment figures and opposed any changes in the basic school program as to allotment of funds to counties. This committee requested that the league give active and financial support of the federal plan for apportionment of state senators and also wanted a longer residence requirement for those voting on bond issues and the use of average inventory for processors instead of a definite date.

The Wheat Disposal and Transportation committee of which Ted Thompson was chairman wanted the United States to remain active in the International Wheat agreement and felt that wheat use for industrial production was not feasible at present prices. It thought that mixed wheat on diverted acres was not a good thing; that the USDA should improve grain standards by lowering permissible foreign material, dockage and cracked grain and better smut control.

Abandon Support Price

Howard Ross' committee on Youth Activities, which has to do with management of The Dalles Livestock show, recommended that the support price be withdrawn from the sale of the stock; that off-truck weights be used as sale weights; that the 4-H and FFA shows be kept entirely separate; that if the 50 percent wheat for feed be reduced that a 75 percent grain be substituted. This would include barley and oats. It also wanted more safety precautions during the show.

Women had a committee for the first time and the Sherman county one under the leadership of Mrs. Dewey Thompson wanted church organizations and others to urge missionaries to sponsor the use of "Ala" in Asiatic countries; that the baking contest be enlarged and commended the work of Malda Whybark (Frances Fields) who promotes use of wheat for the wheat league.

Don Thompson Elected

At the general meeting Don Thompson was elected as county president, Elton Medler, vice-president and T. W. Thompson as secretary. Luncheon was served to the committeemen at the Moro Community church at noon.

New Soils Man Due This Month

Frank W. Judah of Plainville, Texas, is expected to arrive with his family by November 28 to take the position of soils man for the Sherman county soil conservation district according to Henry Grabenhorst, director of the service here.

Date Changed For Historical Society Fall Meeting

The historical society fall dinner will be held Sunday afternoon December 4 at the Grass Valley Odd-Fellows hall instead of Saturday night, December 3, as previously announced.

Willy Knighten, president, found conflicts that made the first date unsatisfactory so arranged for the change.

The dinner will be a potluck dinner with those who attend bringing the food. Roast chicken will be provided by donation and has already been arranged. Vegetables, salads and dessert will come with the customers.

There will be a program of music and some historical society business followed by a talk on Grass Valley and its history.

U. S. Bond Sales Good; Could Be Better

Every effort is being made by officials of the U. S. Bond selling organization to sell the quota of bonds this year and a meeting has just been held in Washington to stimulate sales.

Necessity to keep the present broad base of federal indebtedness was emphasized. So far total sales nationally have been \$4,548,000,000 in bonds, larger than last year but still under the required amount. Oregon sales have been \$38,662,900 which is eight million over the quota or 26.2 per cent while the nation is only 12 per cent over the quota.

Oregon was first in the nation and Sherman county first in the state but some additional sales can be made in both places.

Solomon Prepares Thanksgiving Sermon

"Give Thanks By Giving" will be the theme of the Thanksgiving Sunday worship service at Moro Community Presbyterian church. The adult choir will sing, and the junior choir, led by Velma McKean, will bring both an anthem and choral call to worship.

Cards are being sent out upon which members and friends of the church may indicate their intended giving to and thru the church for the year 1956; at the close of the service these intent cards will be received and dedicated.

Driving Rules For Snow Appropriate

Driving on snow and ice, road conditions Oregon motorists can expect in many parts of the state for the next few months calls for some special techniques if drivers want to avoid skids.

That's the word from the state traffic safety division. The safety outfit, eager to get the jump on accidents caused by drivers who don't know how to handle cars on snow and ice, outlined four points to avoid slips and slides.

1. When starting, use second gear and don't bear down on the gas pedal. (National tests indicate that cars with automatic transmissions respond well to precise accelerator action on snow and ice.)

2. Once started, avoid sudden stops or speed-ups. Watch for icy spots in shady areas. If a skid starts, turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid until it is overcome. Then, either pump brakes to slow down or lightly accelerate to keep moving.

3. Remember that stopping distances increase when the temperature is near the melting point. At 30 degrees, it takes about 235 feet to stop a car on glare ice from a speed of 20 miles an hour. When the thermometer is at zero, stopping distance on the same road at the same speed is only 114 feet.

4. When it's time to stop on glare ice, tests show the most effective method is to pump the brakes. This means to apply the brakes quickly (lock them) for an instant and release as quickly.

Repeat this once or twice a second until a full stop is made. With power brakes, pumping the brakes is even more important because it is so easy to unintentionally lock the wheels.

These techniques, coupled with the standard advice to get the "feel of the road" follow at safe distances and keep windshields and windows clear, could prevent many accidents each year, the safety division contends.

In fact, they might have prevented the more than 3,000 Oregon accidents on snowy or icy roads last year; 610 during November and December alone, the safety office concluded.

Malin Ends Moro Football Season With 32-7 Defeat

Moro reached the end of the string Saturday when they met Malin, winner of district 5B, and lost by a 32 to 7 score in a game played at Klamath Falls on frozen ground and with the temperature little above zero.

Malin had too many horses and the horses could charge and did block and Moro's gladiators were shoved aside while the Malin boys ran and passed to score five times for their points. Moro scored in the final few minutes when Rolfe went over and Louis Miller ran for the extra point.

The trip was made over snowy roads and in cold weather and few spectators went to see the game out of the many that had planned to go. The special bus that was to take the girls drill team froze up the night before the start and was not able to start in time. Disappointed the girls stayed home and saved themselves the effort of parading sans skirts, on the frozen field.

Malin now plays Union for the championship of eastern Oregon. Moro turns to basketball.

Moro Junior Women Elect Mrs. Duncan

The Junior Ladies club of the Moro Community church elected officers for the new year at its meeting Tuesday night. They are: Mrs. Cloyd Duncan, president; Mrs. Keith Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Bob Brishine, secretary; Mrs. Curdie DeMoss, treasurer.

Mrs. Ina Hanson, county extension agent, was special guest for the evening. She explained her work and what her facilities were for helping any homemaker with their problems. The women interested in forming a home extension unit agreed to meet at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, November 22 at the home of Mrs. Bill Hall to organize a unit. This organization meeting for a home extension unit is not part of the Junior Ladies club and is open to any interested women of the community.

Westerns Having Good Times Now

The level of economic activity in the seven far western states rose to a new high in August and September according to an article in the current Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. A wide range of industries has shared the recent gains, and unemployment has dropped to a very low level. The very rapid rate of increase of the last year has begun to taper off, however, as full capacity and employment levels are approached. The tapering-off is most noticeable in the construction industry. The value of building permits issued by local authorities in the far west was 39 per cent above a year ago in March and 37 per cent in May; in September it was less than 3 per cent above a year ago. The growing weakness in national and war western construction has resulted in a fairly sharp break in prices for some lumber industry products. Production and employment in the lumber-producing regions of the far west continue strong, however.

Clifton-Dormaier Wedding Held

In an impressive candlelit double ring ceremony November 12, Miss Betty Dormaier became the bride of James Clifton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dormaier. The Reverend Richard E. Bruner, pastor of the Wasco Methodist church, performed the service.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was dressed in a beige suit dress with matching beige and brown accessories. She carried a white Bible topped by a pale lavender orchid. Attending Miss Rothery was Mrs. Shirley Wilson, dressed in a light gray suit and carrying a nosegay of pink and white carnations.

Donald Roe, a brother of the groom, was best man. The mothers of the bride and groom were both attired in royal blue gowns and wore matching pink carnation corsages.

Miss Carmen Royse, at the piano, played "The Lord's Prayer" preceding the ceremony; the wedding march and afterwards "The End of a Perfect Day". The floral piece used on the piano was an arrangement of pink and white gladioli.

A small reception followed the wedding ceremony. The brides' table, covered in a pale pink under

Sherman County's Fair Exhibit Wins Third At Convention

The exhibit of the Sherman County Fair, prepared by secretary, Mary O. Coons, and shown at the annual meeting of the Oregon county fairs association in Portland last week, won third prize among that of the counties of the state.

The exhibit consisted of clippings about the fair, publicity letters, and radio broadcasts made on behalf of the fair bound into a large scrap book. Mrs. Coons was elected as a director of the state association at the close of the meeting.

Dates of the 1956 Sherman County Fair were set by the association as is the usual custom. The fair will be held September 6-9, somewhat more favorable dates than prevailed this year. The Round-Up will be the following week and the state fair September 1-7.

Telephone Company Pay Larger Tax Here

The 1955-56 property taxes just paid by Pacific Telephone in Sherman county totaled \$11,453.48, according to Manager C. P. Horn. The amount, which was after the 3% discount for prompt payment, was \$4,580.79 larger than last year.

Pacific Telephone's total property tax bill in Oregon this year, after discount, was \$3,788,222.40. This is an increase of \$408,945.49, or 12.1% over last year.

Pacific Power & Light Pays Big State Tax

A check for \$10,916.60 was presented Monday by Pacific Power & Light company in payment of its 1955 property taxes in Sherman county, according to Art Thrasher, district manager for the power company.

Thrasher pointed out that the company's tax payment was \$3,517.73 higher than last year, representing an increase of approximately 47.5 per cent.

Pacific's total property tax paid in 26 counties in Oregon this year amounts to \$2,374,231.19. This amount is \$186,795.81 larger than it was in 1954, an increase of 8.5 per cent.

Kent Community To Have Thanksgiving

A community Thanksgiving dinner will be given at the Kent Legion hall November 18 under the auspices of the Kent Community Church Bible class. There will be a program by the young people and the Grass Valley Baptist church members are invited to come to enjoy the dinner. It will be a potluck dinner with everyone contributing a share of the dinner.

Miss Rothery Weds Dwayne Roe, Wasco

Miss Vaughna Rothery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rothery and Dwayne Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe, all of Wasco, were united in marriage early Saturday evening November 12 at the home of the bride's parents. Baskets of pink and white chrysanthemums separated the bay window from the rest of the room before which the ceremony was held. The Reverend Richard E. Bruner, pastor of the Wasco Methodist church, performed the service.

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Sudden Storm Brings Some Snow And --10 Cold

Cold weather gripped Sherman county last Friday after several days of fine spring-like weather. Temperatures dropped to 20 and below and eventually down to 10 below zero Monday night. Sunday night it had been two above and Tuesday night it was four above. A little snow fell Friday night to cover the wheat slightly in the drill rows and more came Wednesday but in feeble hits.

Roads are generally open altho there is ice on them in places. The Columbia river highway has been in good condition for travel.

Farmers are optimistic about possible damage to the sown grain saying that it isn't very cold, that there was some snow and that they think the grain in undamaged. History records that pessimism comes later.

The 10 below temperature was the coldest ever recorded at the station since it was established in 1910 and the first time the mercury had dropped below zero in November. Back in 1935 it had got down to two above and good weather followed.

Sudden onset of the cold spell froze some plumbing and damaged some machinery left in the fields without anti-freeze in radiators. A few cars slid off the roads with damage to themselves but no fatalities were caused by the snow covered roads.

New Group Ready To Help Water Research

First step toward forming an organization to be known as the Upper Columbia River Basin Projects committee with the purpose of conserving, protecting and applying the water resources in that part of Oregon east of the summit of the Cascade mountains has been taken by the Upper Columbia Basin commission of Oregon. It was announced today by Marion Weatherford, chairman of the commission.

Weatherford explained that the commission saw a need for an organization that could carry forward projects which the commission has been working on the past four years. The commission will go out of existence on Dec. 31, 1955. The 1955 session of the Oregon legislature created the Water Resources Board and discontinued three basin commissions as well as some other agencies concerned with uses of water.

Columbia River Main Concern

The Upper Columbia River Basin commission has been aiding committees and local agencies throughout eastern Oregon to perfect plans and get funds for flood control and irrigation projects.

The Upper Columbia River Basin Projects committee would be composed of representatives of eastern Oregon counties within the Columbia river watershed, Weatherford said. In each county the county judge would appoint a county committee chairman. Members of the county committee would elect other officers. The governor of Oregon would appoint the chairman of the area-wide committee.

According to proposed by-laws of the organization, adopted at a meeting of the Upper Columbia River Basin commission at The Dalles this month, county committees would meet every month and the area-wide committee would meet annually.

Weatherford said that the Upper Columbia River Basin commission had discussed the proposed organization in recent months with persons interested in water uses at meetings in Bend, John Day, Burns, La Grande, Baker and The Dalles. He reported interest had been so evident at those meetings that the commission decided to write by-laws and get organizational plans underway immediately. Additional meetings will be held at Arlington, Heppner, Vale and Pendleton in November and December to explain the plan.

Weatherford said that the commission had been encouraged in its efforts to set up the organization by Governor Paul Patterson and members of the Water Resources Board. "Because of the duties of the Water Resources Board as a quasi-judicial body, it simply will not be possible for its members to do the important work on specific projects which this basin projects committee can do," Weatherford declared.

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