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These Things We Note

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Only 19 days until the solstice.

T T W N

Says Uncle Emmet: "The headlines just suit me, nothing in 'em'."

T T W N

Actually the holidays have started. No one seems to do anything between Thanksgiving and the new year that is not absolutely necessary.

T T W N

Let us not confuse democracy with equality.

T T W N

In the long run the surplus of people will be more serious than the surplus of wheat—and more difficult to restrict.

T T W N

New Dealership Democrats jumped on more moderate Adlai Stevenson for advocating a middle-of-the-road policy and we had a few words from the gutter by Harry Truman. Tish, Tish. But we think we are about through with such people in public.

T T W N

The very best story of the week is that one about treating cows so that their milk would prevent disease. That beats all the atomic bomb stories all hollow.

T T W N

We must admit little faith in public officers whose ego is so great that they think that government can manage everything better than any one else. They are often men with no experience at managing anything and who want to control business and industry and agriculture because they were chosen to represent the people in governmental affairs.

T T W N

What sort of a mind does it take to believe that an American jazz player will influence and soften the Russians?

T T W N

We are not fully informed on the argument between the American Legion and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural organization) but we used to get some of the UNESCO stuff and it was about enough to convince us that the Legion may be right. Serving in the armed forces in time of war does seem to boost the patriotism to an uncontrollable degree and Legionnaires as a group don't intend to let any enemy ideas infiltrate into the lines. They might shoot a friend in the process, but that is the training they got.

T T W N

There is no royal road to learning, used to be an ever day motto. It is still true despite padded television chairs.

T T W N

From the season of the fast men we enter the season of the tall men but the basketball floor is the only place they seem to fit.

T T W N

If you have a piece of land that is no good for anything else you might make it into a summer resort.

T T W N

The friends of Alger Hiss sure make things tough for Vice-President Nixon.

T T W N

Plans to boost rainfall in eastern Oregon may not be necessary if November fall continues.

T T W N

The state is spending its emergency fund. That is what it's for and if it is small it discourages emergencies.

T T W N

We sometimes wonder how many Americans really feel that it is wrong to make a profit. We also wonder why a profit in money may be criticised while one in political support is expected.

T T W N

My grandma always said that everyone thinks different things at different ages and therefore it was foolish to criticize an age group for what it thought because chances are that you thought—and did—the same things or will some day.

T T W N

Governments claim they have to spend tax money to keep up with the growing population but actually taxes are growing much faster than populations.

Gas Turbine Locomotive Purchase



Most Powerful Railroad Locomotive—Arthur E. Stoddard, President of Union Pacific Railroad, is shown with a model of the new 8500 horsepower gas turbine-electric locomotive. The railroad has just placed an order for 15 of the motive units with General Electric and has expressed intent to purchase two additional blocks of fifteen each. The 45 high speed freight locomotives will cost in excess of \$38,000,000. President Stoddard said, "This power will aid our program for handling our expanding freight traffic load more efficiently."

Home Demonstration Agent Organizing

Two extension units were formed when a group of ladies met at the home of Mrs. W. E. Hall November 22. One group will meet at 10:30 a. m. on the second Wednesday of the month; the other at 1:30 p. m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Robert Marvin was elected chairman of the Wednesday group. The other officers are: Mrs. Jack Cushman vice-chairman and Mrs. Stan Coelsch, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Don Thompson will serve as chairman of the Tuesday group with Mrs. Max Belshe vice-chairman and Mrs. A. D. McCaughy secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, Sherman county extension agent, gave a demonstration "Mending Tips" assisted in the organization.

The two groups will meet at 10:30 a. m. December 7 at the home of Mrs. T. W. Thompson. Mrs. Hanson will give a demonstration on "Salad and Salad Dressings". All homemakers who are interested in belonging to an extension unit are invited to attend.

Ground Being Hauled For New Station

Truckers filled in another part of the old Moro Hotel corner lot this week for Herbert Miller who will construct a Richfield station and truck stop station there when spring comes.

They Don't Know What They're Buying Test Shows

How much do Oregon shoppers know about the meat they buy?

Dorothy Sherrill, consumer education specialist at Oregon State college, has announced results of a meat information survey taken this fall of 3000 farm and city people.

Results show that only about one-third of those surveyed—men and women from farm and city—know what they are getting when they buy meat. "When you consider that on an average 25 cents out of every food dollar goes for meat, the amount people don't know about meat becomes pretty significant," Miss Sherrill says.

The survey on consumer "know how" was in the form of a simple test given visitors at Oregon State fair and the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. Volunteers were asked to match pictures of 15 meat cuts—lamb, beef and pork—with 15 names of cuts. People from 15 states, Hawaii and Canada participated in the survey.

City people received scores about 4 per cent higher than rural people. Television homemaking programs originating in metropolitan areas may be a reason,

About the County

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Rhinehart and family, drove to The Dalles to spend Thanksgiving with her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins attended the Thanksgiving dance at Antelope.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and children, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wallace and baby son, all of Rietz, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krusow Jr. and family of Lyle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and son Jack were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe and sons Joe and Kelly Rae.

The annual bazaar of the Wasco Women's society of Christian service is to be held Friday, December 2 from 2:30 in the afternoon. Dinner is to start at 6:30 p. m.

Shelt Burres is in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland because his foot refuses to heal. Richard O'Meara (Beefo) is home again after a short trip to Canada for a bit of vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conlee, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Moore met Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell in The Dalles Thursday morning to make up a party that will spend the week end at an Oregon beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rasmussen had as guests for Thanksgiving their two sons and families from Hood River and additional friends to make a party of around 30.

Cattlemen Arrange Talk Bo Association Secretary, Ed Coles

Ed Coles, secretary, Oregon Cattlemen's association, will meet with members of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association at 7:30 p. m., Monday, December 5, at the courthouse, T. W. Thompson, secretary, has announced.

The get together will be a regular meeting of the executive committee, but any interested are welcome to attend. Main order of business will be to lay plans for the annual meeting of the association which has been held in February. Ideas on programs or speaker are welcome.

The state association secretary has indicated he will comment on activities of the state group. He also indicated he would like Sherman county's opinions on several problems now confronting the state association.

New Wheat Product Being Accepted

Increasing acceptance both here and abroad of the newest wheat food—bulgur wheat—promises increased market outlets for Oregon's soft white wheat, members of the Oregon Wheat commission were told at a December 1 meeting in McMinnville, by R. B. Taylor, commission administrator.

"This modern version of an ancient food, dating back to biblical times, has been on the market here only a few months, yet is proving increasingly popular with consumers because of its quick cooking time, many uses in the menu and high nutritional value," Taylor stated.

"Similar success is reported with trial shipments to Asiatic markets," Mr. Taylor added. "While commercially produced bulgur wheat is somewhat of a new product in Asiatic markets, it is hoped that bulgur's high rating in nutrition and versatility will contribute to its becoming a basic food in that area."

The commission counts development of this new wheat food as an important accomplishment in its continuing program to expand markets for Oregon wheat.

Bulgar, frequently referred to as processed wheat, is made by boiling and drying soft wheat, rubbing off part of the bran and then cracking the kernels. Plaf, a dish made from this processed wheat, has been a basic food for centuries in the Middle East, and a favorite of gourmets everywhere.

Rufus Observes Holiday

This community had the usual visiting and entertaining during the Thanksgiving holidays. The Walter Morris' home was the place of one of the larger gatherings when 22 relatives met there on Thanksgiving for supper. Earlier in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris and family had dinner with Mrs. Morris' folks Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Duffy in The Dalles. Also Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris were dinner guests of relatives in The Dalles, but they all spent the evening with the Walter Morris'.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson spent a few days in Portland over the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Bertha Applegate and the Wilson children, Vivien and Stacy and their families.

Ervin Peterson Heads Speaker List For OWGL

Erwin L. Peterson, former director of agriculture for Oregon, and now assistant secretary of agriculture, will speak Friday afternoon at the meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers league at Pendleton and tell listeners about the "National Agricultural Policy".

Other speakers on the two day program will be Richard Baum, league secretary, who will report on his trip to Japan, Senator Wayne Morse, and Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, Hood River pastor, will tell about his Irish homeland.

John Stephenson of the Washington wheat growers and C. H. Keador of the Nebraska wheat growers will tell what is going on in their states.

Six committees will meet Thursday and perhaps part time Friday to formulate the league's policies for the year. These are the usual committees except for the addition of a domestic wheat utilization committee which Mrs. Gladys Raymond will head.

Earl Meeker is chairman of Youth Activities; S. E. Brogitt of Taxation and Legislation; Elton Medler of Production and Land Use; Frank Tubbs of Wheat Disposal and Transportation and Jack Smith of Federal Agricultural programs.

Oregon's Accident Record Better

A grim picture of what might have happened, traffic death wise, in Oregon, Washington and the nation as a whole, had no improvement been made in the traffic death rate, is drawn in the November Oregon Motorist, official AAA publication in Oregon.

According to The Motorist, here is what might have happened had the 1935 death rate prevailed in the year 1954:

Oregon's traffic death toll would have been 1,383 instead of 421.

Washington's toll would have been 1,606 instead of 412.

For the nation as a whole, the death toll would have been 93,000 instead of 36,000.

The comparisons with what might have been were made by AAA safety officials who explained that traffic death rates (deaths per 100,000,000 miles of travel) have been decreasing steadily during the last 20 years.

OEA Asks Passage Of Cigarette Tax

Favorable passage of the cigarette tax which is to appear on the November, 1956, ballot was recommended by the statewide legislative committee of the Oregon Education association meeting Saturday, November 12, at the association's headquarters building in Portland.

Another Saturday action by the O.E.A. finance committee called for a study of the sales tax and the income tax as possible means of providing 50 per cent of the operational costs of Oregon schools at the state level. A subcommittee appointed to study the sales tax included Marion Winslow, Coos Bay; James Turnbull, state department of Education, Salem; and Ellis Neal, Seaside.

The subcommittee appointed to study the income tax included Mrs. Caroline Blake, Salem; Elton Fishback, Klamath Falls, and Marlen Yoder of Davis Creek.

Recommendations of the committees will be presented to the O.E.A. representative council next March for possible endorsement by that policy making body.

Clifford Zollinger, Portland school board member, appeared before the group and explained the study of the Metropolitan Taxing Unit which is currently being sponsored by the Portland public school board. This matter was also presented by Robert Hall, taxation committee chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. In addition Hall spoke at some length to the group on the significance of Senate Joint Resolution Number 4 which will appear on the November 1956, ballot. State Representative Ward Cook of Portland explained to the group the work of the Interim Taxation committee of which he is a member.

Finance committee chairman, James King of Lebanon, announced that state senators, Rudie Wilhelm of Portland and Lee Ohmart of Salem, would be invited to appear before the committee at its December 17 meeting.

Grass Valley History Part of Historical Society Program

Arrangements have been made for the meeting of the historical society Sunday and a general invitation is extended to everyone interested in the history of the county or in just getting together for a meal and a visit with friends. The dinner is planned for 4:00 p. m. Dec. 4, at the IOOF hall in Grass Valley.

The dinner will be a "planned" pot luck which means that a group has agreed to furnish the roast chicken and another will furnish the mashed potatoes and gravy. Those who come are expected to bring a big dish or two smaller ones of vegetables, dessert or salad. The society is not furnishing anything because it hasn't enough money for that rather expensive undertaking.

Tom Fraser will sing and there is some society business to be considered at the meeting. Giles French will give a history of Grass Valley from the time Dr. C. R. Rollins pulled into the ryegrass covered valley to times within the memory of most present residents.

Seed Men Must Pay State Fee

The state department of agriculture is readying renewal applications for 900 Oregon seed dealers, whose state license will expire December 31. Along with the blanks the department will send a summary of changes in the state seed law, which was virtually rewritten by the last legislature.

With two exceptions, everyone who sells, offers or exposes agricultural or vegetable seeds for sale must have an Oregon license. The exceptions are persons who sell only seeds of their own production and retailers who sell less than half-pound packets of vegetable seeds. In the case of retailers restricting their sales to the small packets, the packager must be under state seed license.

Meat Dealers Paying For Inspection Try

Operators of some small grocery stores don't like the increased cost of their state license to sell meats. And some small butchers don't like the higher fee to slaughter red meats. They aren't being bashful about letting the state department of agriculture know it, says Chester B. Liechty, licensing supervisor for the department's animal division.

Liechty has some fan mail that runs like this: "My first reaction is to get out the meat business—if the state government continues to double expenditures—I think Arizona is going to have a new citizen." Another says he sends his check "with great reluctance—it surely discriminates against the small butcher—I was all for a pro rata license basis. . . ."

Liechty says 1955 amendments to the meat dealer law raised from \$10 to \$20 the license to sell meat either at wholesale or retail. License to slaughter red meats went up from \$50 to \$100. The increase is set up for two years.

Most licensees remit without complaint. Liechty says he even finds some who are glad that the meat industry is making a definite contribution to the pilot survey now in progress to find whether or not Oregon needs compulsory meat inspection. The increase in license fees is earmarked for this pilot program, which will end in June, 1957. The other half of the fee continues to be used for regulatory operations under the meat dealer act.

Many small stores do not realize they may sell meat food products that are pickled, smoked, dried, canned or frozen without any license from the state, Liechty says. This includes frozen hamburger. This is explained, but often overlooked, on the license application blanks the department mails.

Liechty also points out the legislature appropriated \$75,000 out-right for the pilot program on meat inspection, with the meat industry volunteering to contribute the rest of the estimated \$150,000 cost through the license fee increases in the next two years. This compromise action on statewide inspection came after a number of legislative hearings on the bill which resulted from the statewide consumer and industry meat conference called by the state college two years ago.

Good Start Made On Crop Year Moisture Lately

Rain fell the afternoon of the 30th to bring the total for the month to 2.83 and make November of this year the fifth wettest since record keeping started in 1910.

November brought 2.78 inches of rainfall at the experiment station, according to Superintendent Bill Hall's report, and that is 1.07 inches more than the average for that month. While not the wettest November on the 45 year old record it is the sixth wettest. In 1942 it rained 4.35 inches in November and as recently as 1953 it rained 2.80 inches.

Farmers can feel somewhat relieved about rainfall as the crop moisture at noon November 30 stood at 4.80 inches and that is 1.42 inches above the average. November was a wet month for Sherman county with precipitation falling on 15 days and a huge .86 coming on the 19th when the snow on the ground was filled with water overnight.

Temperature was not so pleasant as November broke records for low mercury when it dropped to 10 degrees below zero on the 15th. The highest was 67 on the 8th, in the midst of the fine growing weather before the storm. The average maximum was 40 degrees and the average minimum was 25 with the mean temperature for the month at 33 which is 5.5 degrees below the usual November temperature. That is the second coldest November ever recorded at the station, the worst being in 1951 when the mean temperature was down to 31.5 and way back in 1916 it was down to 33.4 for the month.

Mrs. Dewayne Roe Honored At Shower

Mrs. Dewayne Roe was guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. John Robinson and daughter, Lois Ann Everett and Mrs. Leona Van Gilder in the Methodist church basement Saturday, November 26 at 2 p. m. About 30 guests were present and a number sent gifts who were unable to attend.

Appropriate decorations were used about the room. A floral display of pink carnations and heather centered the gift table, also the bride doll and two bridesmaids.

Assisting the bride in opening the packages were her mother, Mrs. Jack Rothery and Miss Everett, a school chum.

Miss Sharon Laughlin of Marylhurst college and Miss Cherrill Fields of Oregon State college were home for the occasion.

Other guests included Mrs. Lee Gunnells and daughter, Donna Jean of Moro and the Mesdames Marvin Thomas, Lee Dehler, Gordon Hilderbrand, Lloyd Royce, Gordon Harper, L. L. Funk, Matt Schwendel, Harold Engberg and Kaye, Leo Roberts, Tom Jacobson, Richard Bruner, Harold Crocker, John Kellogg and the Misses Joan Fridley and Geraldine Hoza-phele.

Bad Weather Keeps Rebekahs At Home

The regular bi-monthly meeting of Marion Rebekah lodge was held Wednesday evening November 23. Due to the bad weather and the holiday only a small group attended. The date was set for the annual Christmas party to be held the weekend of December 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines. There are to be games for the children, a program and lots of refreshments. Mrs. Warren Wilkinson and Mrs. Joe Drinkard were named on the game committee, Mrs. Sadie Rich and Mrs. Ruth Fields on the refreshment committee and Mrs. Arlet Rhinehart for the program. Gifts will be exchanged so bring one for each member of the family attending. Mark either child, male or female.

It was decided to send gifts to the Odd Fellows home in Portland as usual, also marked for a man or woman. They are to be brought to the next meeting December 14. Plans were made to take the four candidates to The Dalles for initiation December 5. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins served refreshments of spudnuts and coffee.