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These Things We Note

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To candidates, read and imagine: Don't be grabby.

T T W N
Those who insist on a raise each year often cry the loudest when others ask the same boon.

T T W N
Some day it will be funny this trying to force the Southern Pacific to keep running a train no one rides on.

T T W N
We saw a picture of baseball players in uniform this week and in thought thumbed our nose at the ground hog.

T T W N
Discussion before the election interim committee make it clear that had we retained the convention system we could have saved a lot of laws and much trouble. One nice thing about it, no convention would dare to pick some of the candidates chosen by the voters.

T T W N
Even in this materialistic land there's a lot of things no one can buy. And they are the best ones, too.

T T W N
A voter is going to need a skin full of partisanship this year to overwork himself in the elections what with new Republicans on one ballot and old Republicans on the other.

T T W N
We note that the University of Washington is going to have a hard time playing football next year. What college player wants to get into that mess?

T T W N
That negro girl at the University of Alabama seems as much interested in controversy as education.

T T W N
A writer says that if we wrote as we talk people would read. Yea, the postoffice department.

T T W N
Wonder if the income tax hasn't done as much for mathematics education as schools. But think of the cost.

T T W N
We don't think so much of cooks who think they're good; give us one who knows she's good.

T T W N
This year Americans will be going to Russia and coming back with their prejudices strengthened by what they have seen.

T T W N
Last week it seemed certain that no matter what happened weatherwise it would be spring, so uncommon is below zero temperatures a week at a time. But no one will confuse this sort of weather with spring.

T T W N
We note that many of the campaigns are made at this time of year, maybe trying to get what was left over from income tax—if any.

T T W N
If we were hiring men by ourselves to be senator or governor or representative, would we permit so much hocus-pocus about it or would we devise a method of rating them differently?

T T W N
Wheat growers at the national convention in Portland were a fine looking group resembling but little the pictures usually taken of the economically oppressed farmer. We think someone is doing the farmer wrong. He isn't a peasant nor does he want to be treated as one.

T T W N
An important point deliberately overlooked by opponents of the Federal Plan is that it only affects the senate. The house would still be chosen on the basis of population.

T T W N
Everyone with a social security number must be interested in seeing that there is no more inflation. When the dollar goes down in value of a social security check goes down.

T T W N
There is still room for candidates for important offices and while we do not think that a free for all necessary for either party every voter should be able to vote for some one who represents his ideals.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk were hosts Saturday evening, February 4 at their home for a birthday dinner party honoring Mrs. Sam Brock. The pot luck dinner and pinocle party which followed was also enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, and Mr. Brock with the evening prize going to the Brooks for their combined score. The party had been planned for the previous weekend but due to the bad roads had to be postponed.

Mrs. Gerald Nisbet was hostess Thursday evening, February 2 to the Thursday evening bridge club. Enjoying the evening were guests Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. George Macnab and Mrs. Keith McDonald and members, Mrs. Al Dormaier, Mrs. Stuart Macnab, Mrs. Ira Fridley, Mrs. Pete Macnab and Mrs. John Foss. Napkins and tallies followed the Valentine theme. Prizes went to Mrs. Adams, high, Mrs. Stuart Macnab second and Mrs. McDonald low.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbet were her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis and family. Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Van Gaasbeck and children and Mrs. Markham and daughter Barbara were Sunday guests of Mrs. Vleda Van Gaasbeck. Miss Markham was a guest speaker at the Wasco Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent are in Corvallis caring for their grand children while the parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neville are in California.

Close to 20 of the Hogeson construction crew are in town for elevator work to be done.

Monday evening Feb. 6 The West Wind Riders' club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe. Members attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Christopherson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wray and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lutje, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Judy and Donnie and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Winnett and family.

The club discussed plans for a club house and playground and also the possibility of having a play day later in the spring. Reports were given on the "March of Dimes" benefit dance, which the riders had sponsored last Saturday and on the MCSA meeting at Odell recently. An announcement of the meeting to be held in Bend March 4 to set up rules for horse shows interested the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Winnett showed pictures they had taken at the different horse shows this club had attended and other pictures. Refreshments were served by the committee who were Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lutje and Mrs. Christopherson.

The next meeting is planned for March 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum.

The Marion Rebekah lodge No. 127 met in regular session Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, at the usual time and place. Drill practice both preceded and followed the meeting. Appointments of the drill team include, Mrs. Leo Watkins, noble grand; Leo Watkins, vice-grand; Mrs. Ida Lyons, past noble; Mrs. Joe Drinkard, chaplain; Ruth Fields, conductress; Mrs. Joe Reeves, warden; Mrs. Warren Wilkinson, secretary; and the right and left supports to the noble and vice grands are Mrs. Arlet Rhinehart, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Stella Tumilson and Mrs. Sadie Rich. The musician is Miss Vivian Troupe. Inside guardian is Mrs. Sam Brock and outside guardian, Sam Brock.

The next meeting opened in usual form with Flossie Haines, noble grand in the chair. It was decided to initiate two candidates here February 22 as a practice for the convention initiation which the lodge has been asked to do. There is to be another practice at the hall Sunday, February 5 and all members of the team should be present if possible.

The lodge decided to have a silent auction at the next meeting and also a mystery cake in which a dime is baked. The object being whoever gets the dime will bring the refreshments the next time. Each member also pays a dime for each piece of cake he or she eats.

Individual pies were served by Mrs. Rhinehart and Mrs. Drinkard.

Curtis Neal president opened the PTA meeting Monday evening. Mrs. Bob Byrd substituted for the secretary, Mrs. Milton Tumilson. A number of projects were brought up for discussion for the PTA's good deed. It was decided to buy the grade school boys warm up athletic jackets. Five dollars was donated to the March of Dimes. A spaghetti dinner and bingo party soon are planned to make needed funds.

Ralph Vrana showed the films "A Child's Emotions" and "Unlocking the Atom". The hostesses Mrs. Bill Myers, Mrs. Bob Morris and Mrs. Geraldine Overhalse, served chili beans, sandwiches and coffee at the close.

The Rufus grange held another card party Saturday night. Five tables of pinocle were in play. Winning high scores were Otto Peterson and Mrs. Harland McDonald. Low prizes went to Dolph Baker and Mrs. Sadie Rich. A buffet supper was served at the end of the card game.

After a week of freezing temperatures, closer to zero than otherwise, the weather began moderating for the first time Sunday, but that night the mercury dropped to 20 degrees above zero. It was a beautiful day Tuesday. The sun came out and did some thawing. Water was standing in some of the low lands while on the slopes it was running a little. We do hope the moisture goes gradually as the fields have already suffered former damages of the run off of water this winter. The ice which had covered the John Day river left Monday. It is quite a sight to see the ice leaving the river. It's a big roar, grinding and cracking sound, as the underwater gets higher to lift the ice from its bed.

Mrs. Bertha Applegate of Portland has been a houseguest this past week of her son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson. Sunday they all visited Mrs. Glen Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medier were in Portland for several days last week. They arrived in Rufus Friday night in time to see the Rufus vs Wasco games.

Miss Lenore McNulty's mother of Oswego spent last week in Rufus as houseguest of her daughter. The father Mr. McNulty came Friday night in time for the game then both the elder McNultys returned to their home Sunday.

The Rufus grange had a no-host pot luck at the hall Thursday evening. After dinner Harland McDonald, master, called the meeting to order. The officers put on the 1st and 2nd degrees for Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker. Mrs. Bob Byrd announced the Home Ec. club will meet at her home Feb. 9. The grange plans an open party at Rufus grange hall Feb. 25 to celebrate the grange's birthday. The public is invited.

Mrs. Will Huck, lecturer, told how the city of Portland was named. Also the numerous ways Umatilla was formerly spelled. Adeline McDonald read the poem "Enthusiasm". Rolland Johnson reminded of Pomona grange at Rufus Feb. 11, starting 10:30 a. m. with pot luck dinner and program after dinner.

The Wasco school students came to Rufus Friday evening to participate in games. The grade girls had a volley ball game, ending 26 to 11 in favor of Rufus. Then the grade boys had a basket ball game. The Rufus Cubs got a six point jump in the first quarter which the Wasco lads were not able to overcome, score 32 to 26 in favor of Rufus.

At the high school basketball game it was Wasco's turn to win as two Rufus top players, Wally Morris and Russell Blake had been in a car accident the week before. Both boys suffered concussions at that time, and were ordered by their doctors when they last Tuesday for one and Wednesday for the other, to be quiet for awhile.

The rest of the boys left at Rufus school were inexperienced players excepting Jim Fox who is a sophomore. However, the Rufus Wolves were a willing team and Wasco had gained but one point on them at the end of the first quarter and three at the half. Jim Fox and Jerry Brackett fouled out during the third quarter and Wally Morris dressed down to fill up the gap despite his injuries. The rest of the game belonged to the Warriors, 28 to 42 for Wasco. Jim Wallace was high

for Wasco with 20 points while Jim Fox was high for Rufus with 20 points also. Ralph Vrana, grade coach advised the high boys as their coach Les Hascall was in Portland that night.

Billy Myers is to go back for an x-ray Tuesday to see how he is recuperating from his pneumonia attack.

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Audrey Blackburne Shaffer who was recently married is planned for Tuesday afternoon at the Rufus grange hall. The women of Rufus community are giving it. Condon high school comes to Rufus Feb. 10 for a basketball game here.

The telephone lines 46 and 75 held a meeting at the Rufus grange hall Sunday afternoon. The telephone company has been installing different phones in the farmers homes getting ready for the new switch. The company trades phones with the farmer. Wasco expects to have the new service March 4.

Miss Martha Bardenhagen arrived Friday night from Portland and spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Marie Bardenhagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds took their daughter in law, Mrs. John Alley to The Dalles Wednesday where she entered the hospital for medical attention.

Gary Schilling, a student at the U of O came home Friday afternoon and spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Helen and Mrs. Kenneth Todd were business visitors in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Shields, Rebecca Rhinehart and Carol Drinkard attended the Christian Endeavor rally in The Dalles Sunday. They also attended the banquet that followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Bruner, Elaine O'Neal and Carol Drinkard drove to Hood River recently for the "speak-off" of the district Methodist Youth Fellowship groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Roe of Camas and Mrs. N. W. Ward of Battleground, Wn., spent the weekend at the Jack Rothery home. Mrs. Ward remained with her son in law and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson of Camas, Wn., spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg.

Don Roe of Tillamook spent the weekend visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. Sadie Rich and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Judy and Donnie.

The planned opening for Sunday February 5 at Dinty's Cafe under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeves was postponed for several days for more repairs and redecoration.

The telephone system here is being rapidly changed with some new telephones being installed while others are usable as they are.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Decker have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise Ann, to Laurence Raymond McFetridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McFetridge. No wedding plans have been announced. Both families live at Enterprise but the Deckers are former Wasco residents.

Wasco Auxiliary Hears Reports

The Wasco American Legion Auxiliary held a meeting at the Legion hall in Wasco, Monday, Feb. 6 with President Mrs. Grace Medier presiding. Communications were read and the secretary reported the unit reached its membership goal of 60.

The unit voted to have a card party in February, the date to be decided by the arrangement committee. Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mrs. Keith McDonald, Mrs. Harley Dutton and Mrs. Wm. Reid. The Legion birthday dinner will be on March 17 at the Legion hall in Wasco.

Mrs. Keith McDonald, Girls State chairman, gave an interesting report on the Girls State program which is a project of the American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Lee Dehler and Mrs. Sam Brock were hostesses. The lace covered serving table was centered with an attractive floral arrangement from Hawaii. Hawaiian refreshments were served consisting of pie, coconut chips and coffee.



Secretary of agriculture Ezra T. Benson discusses Oregon's domestic wheat parity proposal to develop new markets for wheat surpluses with Kenneth Fridley (standing), president of the Oregon wheat league and Marion Weatherford (right), Oregon wheat commission chairman. Benson was featured speaker at the annual convention of the national association of wheat growers held in Portland this past week.

Union High Lets Contract For School and Shop

The Union High school board met Wednesday night and let a contract to Wall, Bartram and Sandford of Junction City for the construction of a new high school and shop on the site southwest of town.

Total of the contract was \$337,340 of which \$338,412 was for the school and \$18,928 was for the shop. A proviso permits the board to exclude the shop by June 15 if finances make it advisable.

The Wall Bartram and Sandford bid was the lowest on the two buildings although other bids were lower on the school house itself. This is the firm that had the bid that was lost through a suit against the district.

First Aid Classes Planned in County

An effort is being made to get classes together for some first aid training within the county and Clair Balzer will take names of those who would like to attend.

Last year when the Red Cross drive was on Frank Reid said that he hoped the organization would continue the swimming lessons. He reports that the Red Cross will send in an instructor to give lessons in Moro, if the class can be organized. Often such classes are held in connection with local fire departments and he hopes to be able to arrange similar classes in Wasco and Grass Valley.

Telephone Service To Be Improved

New telephone directories for Pacific Telephone company customers in Moro and Wasco will be in the mail February 28.

The books will list the new seven-digit numbers that will go into effect in those two communities on March 3, at 11 p. m. according to telephone manager, Cal Horn.

"Normally," Horn said, "subscribers in Moro and Wasco would receive their books at the same time as those in The Dalles, Dallesport, Arlington and Grass Valley."

"But since The Dalles and Dallesport get their new seven-digit numbers ten days earlier—February 18 it was decided to hold back a little on mailing of the books to Moro and Wasco," he added.

Telephone users in Moro and Wasco, who call The Dalles and Dallesport during that ten day interval, will be assisted by operators in making calls to the new numbers.

On February 18 telephone subscribers at The Dalles will get numbers with CYPRESS 6 (CY 6) or CYPRESS 8 (CY 8) prefixes, followed by four other numerals. Dallesport telephone numbers will have the prefix PORTER 7 (PO 7) followed by four numerals.

New seven-digit numbers that go into effect at Moro, March 3, will have the prefix JORDAN 5 (JO 5). Wasco's new numbers will have the prefix GILBERT 2 (GI 2).

Wheat Growers Stay With Two Price Plan

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson promised the nation's wheat growers consideration for their domestic parity program in 1957.

In a talk to 600 delegates attending the national association of wheat growers annual meeting in Portland last week, Benson said:

"We should not confuse the issue by pressing for the domestic parity program in 1956, but pass the president's program first and in 1957 turn our attention to a more unified effort for a domestic parity plan."

Benson said the USDA would team up with wheat growers in an educational program to obtain widespread support of the domestic parity plan.

The association, however, passed resolutions calling for both the domestic parity and the administration's "soil bank" proposal on a voluntary basis through adequate financial incentives.

Grower delegates declared outspoken opposition to the administration's present flexible price supports, holding "the program operated under present legislation must be unqualifiedly rejected on the grounds that they aggravate instead of alleviate the problem of declining prices and incomes for wheat growers."

Claude Gifford, of the Farm Journal, talked Thursday noon and told farmers that good public relations required a good product and good will. Farmer's public relations are not so good now, he said, because city dwellers were inclined to blame them for taxes caused by payments and for storage of surpluses.

There were 590 registrants at the national convention and the lobby of the Multnomah hotel crowded with displays and booths for the wheat men. This was the sixth annual convention and the next one will be held in Nebraska.

Herbert Hughes, Imperial, Neb., will head the association during 1956. John S. Newlin, Lewis, Kans., was chosen secretary-treasurer. Vice presidents include Carroll Boyd, Dumas, Texas; R. L. Patterson, Oxford, Kans.; Floyd Root, Wasco, Ore.; Lester Mort, Venango, Neb.; Theodore Fiedler, Holyoke, Colo., and John Stephenson, Benge, Washington.

A large number of Sherman county wheat men and their wives attended the meetings acting, with other Oregonians, as hosts to out of state wheat growers.

Tickets Ready For Stage Play Tuesday

Tickets are now available for the presentation of "Cry, the Beloved Country" by The Bishop's Company in Moro school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 14, 8 p. m. Ticket chairman, Dorothy Moore announces that adult tickets are available thru-out the county as follows: Kent, Rev. Wilbur Junker; Grass Valley, Rev. Don Leach and the C & C Food Store; Moro, Rev. Alfred Solomon, Douma's Market and The Zipper; Wasco, Rev. Dick Bruner and Mae Reid; Rufus, Dr. Frank Reid. Student tickets may be had at any of the county's schools. Tickets unsold by advance sale will be available at the door.

The Bishop's Company is a company of professional actors and actresses currently appearing in the churches of Oregon; their local appearance is sponsored by the Moro Presbyterian church in cooperation with the county's churches, as a service to the people of Sherman county. "Cry, the Beloved Country" is a gripping story of tragedy in South Africa, a land of racial unrest.

Crusade For Freedom Campaign Starting

Dr. Frank Reid, chairman of the Crusade for Freedom for Sherman county, says that Don King, adjutant of Chris Schultz post of Moro, will collect funds and that the Frank Brown post of Wasco and the George Bell post of Kent will make appointments this week.

Radio Free Europe, which gets its money from the Crusade for Freedom is a network of five radio stations with 29 transmitters in West Germany and Portugal which broadcast 20 hours a day to listeners behind the iron curtain. The campaign runs from February 12 to the 22nd.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser, now living in Portland for the winter, have received word that their son, Gordon, has been appointed assistant administrator, Foreign Marketing Development Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. He sailed Monday for Washington, D. C. to take up his new duties. He has been stationed in London as one of the offices of the Food and Agriculture organization. It is important to Sherman county and to the northwest that Mr. Fraser serve in his new place for there he will have much to do with directing foreign sales and increasing them.