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These Things We Note

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When you get the news from a newspaper you don't have to read the ads first.

T T W N

Troubles are like news stories; if you don't have many you make the most of what you have.

T T W N

If we have wet years like this one for 15 years we won't have much fertility left.

T T W N

All presidential candidates have had operations and probably most all men at that age have had them. We don't know that it is a qualification but it can't be a disqualification.

T T W N

New car models are to be just the same only more so, it says here.

T T W N

If car wheels are made smaller how long will tires last?

T T W N

Now we are being scared about the effect of radiation on humans. It probably isn't as bad as stated. Maybe it will make some sterile but probably not enough; it may cause mutations (changes in humans) and that could be fine. Those who worry about it must be very conceited about themselves and the race.

T T W N

When history is written about it credit will have to be given to the genius who persuaded this nation with an economy based on profit to give away millions—nay, billions—to foreigners for free.

T T W N

Those who hope to reduce their tax burdens by passing another tax are like the alcoholic who would stop drinking by taking one more.

T T W N

Misery loves company, it is said, which may account for Portland's glee that Vancouver is in the league.

T T W N

We predict that the Portland mess will end with everyone convinced that the teamsters have moved into the city and no one convicted. It takes more than a Rose Festival to make Portland smell like a rose.

T T W N

Now comes a letter advocating that coffee break patrons spike the brew with brandy. Might put a little pep in 'em.

T T W N

There's no harder work than enjoying oneself. Employers would give almost anything to have a man work half as hard at his job.

T T W N

No need to worry about missing the target with an atom bomb. Anything within 20 miles is lethal enough.

T T W N

One reason all construction is so high is that the citizen must compete with government for contractors and workers and the government is using some pretty easy money.

T T W N

It is easier to make up your mind if you don't talk to anyone but yourself, and it doesn't make much difference.

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How many hours a day does your furnace run this summer?

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Talk about storage of water in high dams on rivers overlooks the fact that the place to store water is in the land back in the hills. After it is in a river it is too late.

T T W N

We seem to know very little about nature although most of us talk wisely about it. Why plants grow is something of a mystery. Some years everything does wonderfully well even when it is cold and another cold year they grow very slowly.

T T W N

Whoever wins and whoever they put it—if at all—the Portland ER battle is a fine brawl. Before long the bartender may kick them all out into the street.

T T W N

In Spokane an Indian woman who had got \$150,000 on a mining claim was jailed for drunkenness. What better reason.



The finest Oregon products go to make up this American favorite... Strawberry Shortcake. It's a summertime must for the entire family.

School Children Examinations Offered

Wasco-Sherman Public Health department will be offering pre-school exams and dental inspections to all first and 9th grade students entering Sherman county schools this fall. The dates will be August 15 at 1:30 p. m. at the Grass Valley school and August 22 at 1:30 p. m. at the Wasco school. This service will also be offered to those entering kindergarten. Students may come to the clinic nearest them. Those wishing to do so may get their exams by their own physicians and dentists. Parents are urged to accompany their children for these exams.

City Improves Street With Grading, Gravel

The little traveled part of Bidwell street and its connection with Court street were graded and rocked this week by Houck & Son for the city. A 40 foot surface was made entailing some heavy cuts and 100 yards of rock laid down for surface. Houck sold and spread the rock for \$3 per yard. The improvement extends as far south as the elementary school building and about a block and a half north from that point.

Kind of Fertilizer Not Important Usually

When deciding what kind of nitrogen fertilizer to buy, the main thing to keep in mind is the cost per pound of actual nitrogen, including the costs of transportation, handling and application.

That's the conclusion of A. S. Hunter, USDA soil scientist at OSC, and T. L. Jackson, OSC soils specialist, after a study of 65 fertilizer trials carried out by the college's agricultural experiment station. These experiments show little difference in the effect of nitrogen from different commercial fertilizers on crop growth, if the fertilizers are properly applied at the right time.

This means, they say, there is little basis for claiming superiority of one kind of nitrogen fertilizer over another. While the researchers found some experiments where one source of nitrogen gave better results than other sources, in every case there were other experiments where this source of nitrogen wasn't superior.

On the basis of this study, the two men came to this conclusion—the nitrogen fertilizer that costs the least for each pound of actual nitrogen applied to the soil is usually the best.

Of course, there are other things than cost to keep in mind. Hunter and Jackson point out that the value of other plant nutrients in some nitrogen fertilizers—such as sulphur in ammonium sulfate—should be recognized. But only if the plant nutrient is needed in the soil on which the fertilizer is to be applied.

Differences in the amount of acidity formed from different nitrogen fertilizers may also be important, they explain. It's often useful to apply nitrogen fertilizers with a maximum acidifying effect on alkali soils, while nitrogen fertilizers with a minimum acidifying effect have an advantage on acid soils.

Where the fertilizer can be placed is important under some conditions. Putting the nitrogen below the soil surface with placement equipment or by cultivation can be very desirable for spring applications in non-irrigated sections of both Eastern and Western Oregon.

About The County

Oiling of the new part of the highway started Wednesday near Grass Valley and it is probable that the job will continue until it is done. After the oil coat will come three to four inches of hot mix to top off the surface. Curbs were poured in the southwest end of town Wednesday to determine the south side of the road.

Dewey Thompson underwent a long and serious operation at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Tuesday, being on the table six hours according to report given here. Diagnosis was understood to be gall bladder trouble.

Bob and Leroy Martin are home from Willamette and OSC, respectively and ready to put in some hard work in harvest before returning to mental activities next winter.

Mrs. C. von Borstel of Oregon City is spending the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel and daughter drove to Portland Friday to meet her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Nichols and son, John, who arrived from Michigan City, Indiana to spend three weeks with them, they arrived home Saturday.

Over night guests Saturday at the Carl von Borstel home were Mr. and Mrs. Denver Utery and daughters from Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Gorden and daughter from Michigan City, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arbow and family left Friday for Bend where they will store their furniture and go on to Eugene. Mr. Arbow will attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and family drove to Blalock Sunday, to see the animals in the zoo.

Miss Carolyn Lemley left June 10 for Monmouth where she will attend summer school, after spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and sons spent Friday in Portland visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Jenkins. Joy and Cathy von Borstel are still with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roife returned home Saturday from Portland where they spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco spent Sunday visiting the A. F. Balzers.

The picnic for the Masons and the Eastern Star and their families will be held at Hunt Park at Tygh Valley Sunday June 24 with a pot luck dinner, coffee will be furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens had as dinner guests Sunday his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel and Mrs. Ruth Hosner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens went to Portland last Tuesday on business and to say goodbye to Mrs. Harry Young and children who left for Long Beach, Calif., to make their home.

Bernard Martin, worshipful master of Sherman lodge No. 143 AF & AM went to Portland Wednesday to attend grand lodge, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Padgett of Lakeview came Tuesday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin taking Deana Martin home with them for a visit. Mrs. Padgett brought her as far as Bend Saturday and Mrs. Martin met her there.

American Legion Baseball Team Loses Close Game Sunday

The local American Legion baseball team had a bad first inning against Condon at Grass Valley Sunday and lost by a score of 6 to 5, although almost catching up in the ninth when three men were on bases. Brown and Hastings were the battery. This Sunday Mitchell comes for another game in the Tri-county league, which will be last home game until the middle of July as the local boys will go to Mitchell and Condon. Hockman and Matteson had a chance at the outfield to increase the number of players.

The Grass Valley town team, composed of youngsters too old to play Legion ball won a close game from Madras 10 to 8 Sunday with Rust and Kirkelie the battery. They have a game scheduled for Sunday against the Warm Springs Indians.

The Legion game will begin promptly at one o'clock to give time for the town team game.

Rain Comes To Keep Up Long Record

Rain fell again this week to keep up the record for precipitation the county has enjoyed for two months. A little rain of .03 fell Monday and .12 Tuesday to make a total of .15 for the week and a total of 1.69 for the month of June. The total for the crop year is now 16.60, close to a record and certainly much above the average.

OSC Youths To Travel In Service

Military summer camp training will take 235 Oregon State ROTC students across the nation and around a part of the globe this year.

Army, air force, and marine corps advanced reserve officer students will go to various camps in this country while naval ROTC men will go on summer cruises that will carry them to Europe and the Caribbean.

Ninety-nine army students will take six-week summer camp training. Infantry students will train at Ft. Lewis, Wash.; engineers, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.; and signal corps, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Fifty naval ROTC students will go on a two-month cruise to Europe with stops scheduled in Spain, Scotland and Ireland. Eight will go on a six-week cruise to the Caribbean. Both groups will take part at the end of the cruises in gunnery exercises off Cuba.

Twenty-seven navy sophomores will take aviation training at Corpus Christi, Tex., and amphibious training at Little Creek, Va.

The 14 marine corps students will have eight weeks training at Quantico, Va.

Thirty-five air force students will take four-week flight orientation courses at McChord air force base in Washington and Hamilton, McClellan and March air force bases in California.

OSC is one of only a few colleges in the country offering ROTC training in all branches of service.

Crop Prospects Improve Greatly After Big Rain

The big rain of June 30 has made a great difference in the looks of the wheat and barley crop in Sherman county. Much of it looked yellow and weak before then and now it shows vast improvement. The crop will be well above average unless appearances deceive.

Weather conditions during the entire spring have been different than normal, mostly wetter. Since the first of May the weather has remained cold and even now, when the days are longest of the year the wind is cold and additional heat is needed in houses for comfort. It is the kind of weather for wheat.

The approximately 90,000 acres of wheat and the 30,000 plus acres of barley should make a fine yield unless something unforeseen interferes. The harvest will be later than usual probably as almost no grain has begun to turn in color and the moisture is plentiful for it to ripen slowly.

City Voters Approve Budget For Year

By vote of 51 to 5 the voters of Moro Tuesday approved a budget above the six percent limitation by \$7,138.60. The budget calls for a total expenditure of \$22,010 or some \$61 per capita for the city government. Receipts and cash on hand are \$12,385 and \$2275 is not subject to the six percent limitation.

Mrs. Moore Attends Republican Meeting

Mrs. Collis Moore, Republican national committeewoman elect, was in Salem Wednesday to attend the meeting of the delegates going to the convention in San Francisco in August. She is alternate for George Stadelman, one of the two delegates from this congressional district.

Sherman Countians Elected At School

Two 4-H club members from Moro and two from Kent have been elected officers in their living groups at annual 4-H club summer school at Oregon State.

Susan Woods of Moro was elected president of her house and David Conlee was voted social chairman in his group. Karen Wilson, Kent, is serving as song leader in her house and Keith Mobley as sergeant at arms.

The nearly 1900 boys and girls attending the 41st annual event live in 43 different units, including fraternity and sorority houses and college dormitories.

The 10-day school, one of the largest 4-H activities in the nation, will end June 22. Course work includes 71 different classes for boys and 92 for girls. To supplement course work, general assemblies are held each day along with special sports and recreation activities.

Gas and Food Men Arranging For Sign Along Highway 97

Business men engaged in servicing travelers met again Monday night at the Sherman Branch, First National Bank, to discuss further the placing of a sign at the place on Highway 97 where the road leading to The Dalles leaves it south of Shaniko.

Result of a long discussion was the appointment of Harold Owens, Jack Cushman and Ira Fridley as a committee to determine the size, design and lettering and location of a sign. Location was practically decided as on the left of the highway near the Y.

G. P. Johnson of Shaniko was named to see about the land and Jack Cushman to find out about lighting. Those named to solicit membership in the Highway 97 club and help pay for the sign were Harry Howell, Kent and Shaniko; William Nisbet, Wasco; Joe Reeves, Biggs; Cliff Chipman, Moro; Anita Hooper, Grass Valley.

Mrs. Mary Gibson Buried In The Dalles

Mrs. Mary Gibson, widow of Jack Gibson and long time resident of Sherman county died at a hospital in The Dalles Thursday and funeral services were held there Monday.

Mrs. Gibson was born in Lane county November 13, 1871. She married Jack Gibson in The Dalles and lived on the John Day until they sold their place there shortly before he died in 1955. Since then Mrs. Gibson has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Iva Dams east of Moro.

Surviving are Mrs. Dams, two sons, O. E. Baker of Lexington and William Baker of Montesano, Wash., 16 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at The Dalles following services at Spencer & Libby's.

Grain Straw Suitable For Winter Stock Feed

Peavine silage, wheat straw, and wheat chaff—by-product roughage from peas and wheat grown in the Columbia Basin—are good roughage for fattening steers and for wintering weaner calves.

That's the conclusion of Dave England, OSC animal husbandman, after analyzing feeding trials carried on at Milton-Freewater last winter. The tests show peavine silage fed in combination with a concentrate containing beet pulp is an excellent roughage for fattening steers.

For wintering weaner calves, the tests show wheat straw or wheat chaff satisfactory as the only roughage if at least two pounds of an 18 per cent protein concentrate is fed each day. The wheat chaff proved much better than the wheat straw however.

Calves wintered on some of these by-products roughages without gain in the ration lost weight in some cases. But they remained thrifty and strong, and appeared to produce skeletal growth.

The value of a roughage for wintering calves depends in part on their later gain, however. So the calves are still on test to check their gains on pastures and in the feedlot.

Church Plans School For Vacation Days

Vacation church school at Moro will begin next Monday afternoon at the Community Presbyterian church, continuing five afternoons a week, 1:30 to 4:00, for two weeks. Boys and girls invited are all those who have completed first grade, on up through grade school age.

Activities will consist of games, craft work, Bible study, music and worship. The primary department will study "Shepherds of the Bible". Junior theme is "This is the Way".

Teachers will be Margaret Judah and Roselle Kuhn, primary department; Josephine Sayrs, junior department. Pianist will be Lana Jean Paulson.

Clean-Up Day Helps

Clean-up day brought out a small crew of young men who washed the street and hauled away trimmings from trees steadily during the day. Because of their efforts the town looks brighter and cleaner and they deserve a vote of thanks to go along with their profitable exercise.

School Elections Bring Changes, No Surprises

School elections brought no surprises although some contests were made over candidates. A big vote was made in Rufus where about 85 votes were cast resulting in the election of Fay Brackett to the local board. He is a resident of former District No. 1, recently joined to Rufus.

At Wasco Malcolm McDermid was re-elected to the local board without serious opposition. At Moro Joe Heater was chosen to succeed Art Bucholtz who did not wish to serve longer. Art Schilling was re-elected at Grass Valley and Robert Tatum at Kent.

Elected to rural school board posts from Zones 4 and 5 were Donald von Borstel and Luther Davis from Grass Valley and Kent respectively. Neither had opposition although the name of Donald von Borstel had to be written in because of lack of a proper petition.

Charles Burnet was elected for a five year term as a member of the county high school board with 207 votes. Only opposition vote was at Wasco where 48 voters wrote in the name of Lawrence Kenny. A candidate for the position had to be a resident of Zone 3, Moro, although elected by the entire county. A few scattered votes were given to others according to the unofficial tally. Votes for Burnet were 25 at Kent, 22 at Grass Valley, 65 at Moro, 25 at Wasco and 69 at Rufus.

Nearly Everyone Working In Oregon

New claims for the 1956-57 benefit year will be taken at 26 local offices of the state unemployment compensation commission beginning Monday, June 25, it was announced today. Transitional claims for those who have been continuously out of work this month were taken during the current week.

Insured workers now unemployed may serve their waiting period during the last week of June and will be eligible for compensation if still without work in the first week of July. Those now drawing benefits may draw 1956-7 compensation without interruption.

The number of claimants during the benefit year now ending is just over 94,000, lowest since 1951-2, while 64,000 have drawn checks, lowest in five years. Only about 8,500 have exhausted their benefit rights, considerably fewer than in any year since the end of the World War.

Partly because of the increase in size of the weekly checks that went into effect January 1, 1956, the amount of compensation paid to the unemployed has passed the \$18 million mark, fourth highest in post-war years. The average check is now around \$29 a week against \$22 under the earlier provisions of the law. Only 6,578 persons asked compensation last week, lowest at this time since 1951.

Watching Food Helps Vacation Trip

Camping trips and picnics are going to be a lot more fun this summer if you are careful about the food you eat and the water you drink.

You'll do well to keep away from custard filled pastries, meat potato salads, cold egg mixtures, salad dressings, left over poultry, creamed food and cold meats unless you know they have been properly prepared, protected from flies and refrigerated.

The undersized or inefficient refrigerator in your summer cottage may bring the hazards of food poisoning to your own kitchen. Even when you are the cook. You had better skip the foods listed above and shop more frequently for fresh foods.

Strange foods, too, may be inviting and appetizingly prepared, but unless you know whether they bother you with allergic reactions, take it easy until you find out.

Make sure the water and milk you bring are safe. If you are not certain, boil them for 10 minutes or stick to bottled beverages. Finally, if you go into an area where typhoid, dysentery, insect borne diseases are prevalent, be sure to consult your family doctor for advice before leaving.

Crochet Champions Chat



THE nation's top crocheters are shown admiring each others work after their coronation as Champions of Crochet in the 1955 Nationwide Crochet Contest. Left to right, Grand National Champion, Mrs. Roy Johnson of Oakland, California; Male Champion Joseph Dolina, a railroad man from Dunellen, New Jersey; and Teen-Age Champion Mutsuka Arima of Seattle, Washington. The three champions received cash awards, engraved trophies and all-expense trips to New York City. Once again, needlework fame and fortune awaits the winners of the 1956 Nationwide Crochet Contest which is now in progress. The... will sponsor the Contest in this vicinity. Why not try for a share of the more than \$3000 offered as national prize money? Start your entry today so that it will be finished in time for the Fair. For further information on how to enter, contact the Fair Secretary.