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These Things We Note

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Man has learned to control his reason and believe anything he wants to believe but has never been able to control his emotions and feel anything he wants to, can control his brain but not his body. So, he keeps on being mad and glad for no reason.

T T W N
First we gave pensions at 65, then we cut down the age at which pensioners could go to work again at full pay, now we are cutting down the pension age. Next will be to give pensions at some age and let them work anyway. Won't that be something?

T T W N
Maybe the reason people spend more and save less it that they can't imagine wanting anything more in the future than they do now.

T T W N
Russians, we read, pay a lot more tax than we do. Naturally the more government you get the more it costs. A citizen has to pay for his oppression—but he doesn't have to like it.

T T W N
The tenth amendment to the U. S. constitution reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by this constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." It is part of the bill of rights and is being abandoned.

T T W N
The candidates that promise the most government cumshaw, those who offer the most, are going to get no support from us. We are going to give our vote, not sell it.

T T W N
The Crooked River dam has been approved and signed into law. It is evidence of a miserable principle of government. Land owners who get the water from the dam will repay about a third of the cost in 50 years and the remainder will be taken from receipts from The Dalles dam. If the land won't pay for irrigation it shouldn't have it; if The Dalles dam has that much surplus the users of power from it should get it.

T T W N
It is probable that school people have gone about as far as they can in demanding more money. Taxpayers have begun asking for more education.

T T W N
Probably the best way would be to give that \$8,000,000 back to the citizens of Portland, about \$16 apiece.

T T W N
There are less restraints in a small town than in a large one. Any American can find a town with just the right amount of them.

T T W N
It is just like it always was. If you want the biggest crop you have to finish last; the first man never has a chance.

T T W N
We hope we don't get religion mixed up with our politics. One is bad enough.

T T W N
The U. S. News & World Report says that aid to farmers was higher in the last year than ever before and asks if it will solve the farm problem. The answer is NO. It will never be settled as long as the payments continue. Who would settle so profitable a problem?

T T W N
When, and if, gasoline gets as high here as it is in Europe, we may get some American to build those little cars.

T T W N
A report shows that newspaper readers are a little less inclined to read all of what is referred to as comics. Progress or ennui?

T T W N
Maybe there's no help for it but it seems that the bigger doctor and dental schools we build the shorter we are of doctors and dentists and the more their services cost.

T T W N
A writer has discovered, he says, that voters are not governed by their economic station in voting. Oh, well, everyone has to learn that sometime.

Rural Fire Protection District Petitions Circulating at Wasco As Big Crop and Rain Retard It

Petitions are being circulated for the formation of a rural fire protection district in the Wasco neighborhood, which is defined in the petition as being all the part of the county lying north of the base line. That is roughly Gordon ridge and Grass Valley canyon.

If signatures of half the property owners are obtained the district can be proclaimed by the county court. But if 25 percent of the property owners object an election must be held to establish a district.

If such a district is formed it will have an assessed valuation of over \$4,000,000 and contain about 350 square miles. It will be the largest in size of any rural fire protection district in the state, in square miles. But much of the territory involved is range land.

Preliminary plan is for the district to own its own equipment and store it in Wasco where Wasco citizens would take it to fires on call. A more definite agreement may be worked out.

Mrs. Roy Belshee Funeral Friday

Mrs. Eunice Belshee died at Eugene Sunday morning after a long illness from a heart ailment. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from Holman-Hankins & Reliance mortuary at Oregon City with cremation at the Portland Memorial later.

Mrs. Belshee was born, Eunice May Harlow, March 14, 1886 at Kimball, S. D. and lived much of her life at Cottage Grove. Surviving are her widower, Roy Belshee, Moro, one son, Hugh, Port Angeles, Wash., a sister, Mrs. Lulu Bringham, Springfield, three brothers, Fletcher, Springfield, Charles and Carrol Harlow, Eugene.

She was a member of the First Church of Christian Science of Portland which will conduct services. She was past matron of Rose Croix, Portland, OES and Gaspar Shrine, The Dalles, Nydia Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

Students Crowded At U. of Oregon

Housing at the University of Oregon will be taxed to capacity with increased enrollments of the fall term and officials will be faced with the prospect of housing some 300 new students in private accommodations in community, according to Donald M. DuShane, dean of students.

University policy requires all freshmen, men and women, to live in dormitories. Upperclass women will be housed either in dormitories or sororities. Dean DuShane expects the sororities and fraternities to be filled to capacity. University quarters for married students will also be filled. In addition to this housing, the university will obtain listings of off-campus housing for upper-class men in order to accommodate all registrants.

Attitude Not Aptitude Paramount

The role of attitude is more important than aptitude in high school preparation for a college engineering education, according to George W. Gleeson, dean of engineering at Oregon State college. Dean Gleeson says students who develop an interest and enthusiasm for their high school studies will have a good opportunity to be successful in college engineering. However, he adds the students must also have the intelligence capacity required for engineering.

"It's not what the high school student takes, but what he does with what he takes," Gleeson says.

Studies indicate that differences in accomplishment in college engineering show little correlation with differences in high school preparation, Gleeson notes. Only 16 per cent of the differences can be attributed to high school preparation—5.3 per cent from English; 7.6 per cent, mathematics; and 0.39 per cent, science.

Gleeson suggests a potential engineering student should rank in the top four deciles in intelligence. He says 85 per cent of OSC engineering graduates of the past five years have been in this category.

Harvest Slower As Big Crop and Rain Retard It

Harvest is getting on and the first enthusiasm to find out how it was going to go is over. Now it is hard work with the result well known.

But it was worth knowing. Yields of wheat vary greatly from a top of 55 bushels for good fields taken in entirety, although some small patches have beaten that; down to a little less than 30.

Men who raised wheat for 40 years never thought they'd see the day when 30 bushels was considered a comparatively poor crop, but this year 30 bushels is very ordinary in the part of the county so far threshed.

When it is all done it is likely that the elevators will hold over 4,000,000 bushels of grain, perhaps 4,500,000 bushels. Not all of it will be wheat for the government insisted that 40 per cent of the land be seeded to another crop. Barley makes up almost that percentage of acreage although some is in grass. Yield of barley is about a ton and a quarter or roughly equal to a 25 bushel crop of wheat.

Spring wheat did not ripen early or evenly and some farmers have been delayed in their harvesting which means that it will be several weeks before the final totals are known. Even at Wasco not more than half the wheat has come into the elevators to date, about the same at Moro and a much smaller percentage at Grass Valley.

Rain last Friday morning stopped threshing for most farmers until Monday because of damp wheat but since then the weather has gotten warm and dry again and threshing is going on at a good pace.

Fair Engages New Judge For Flowers

Mrs. Eugenia Raebel, superintendent of exhibits at Multnomah county fair has been secured to judge flowers at the Sherman county fair. Mrs. Raebel is an accredited judge and has been in different phases of fair work for twenty years, both in the Middle West and here in the Far West.

Your premium books are being distributed as speedily as possible and being placed in your local stores. If you do not receive a copy, please contact your fair secretary, Mary O. Coons, Moro, and you will receive one at once.

Attention is called to a new class for flower growers, Class 59 Special Arrangements - Theme, Country Living. Rules and information will be found on page 28 of your premium book. Flowers entered in this class will not be judged on their perfection of blossom.

You may secure suggestions for cutting, preserving, and exhibiting flowers by contacting either Mrs. Opal Parkins, flower superintendent or Mrs. Coons, secretary.

Start planning your exhibits now.

Grass Valley

Mrs. Eben Kee and Mrs. Herman Peters were in The Dalles Wednesday. On their return they stopped at Moro and Mrs. Peters was an overnight guest of Mrs. Loy Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and Keith Barnett went to The Dalles Saturday night to the ball game and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arthur and daughter came Saturday from Condon and spent the day visiting his grand mother, Mrs. Sam Stark.

Mrs. Frank Sayrs and son Tony and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and children called at the Ted von Borstel home Friday to visit Mrs. C. J. Kulick and daughters before they left for their Indiana home.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland spent the weekend in The Dalles with his brother, Grant Garland. Another brother and wife of White Salmon, Wn., were guests there also.

Mrs. Donald Marsh and children arrived Sunday from Hood River to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter. Mr. Marsh is here helping with the harvest on the Clodfelter ranch.

W. H. Heaton of Shawnee, Kansas, was a recent visitor at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock. He is now in Hood River visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Heaton and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Taylor.

Drilling Started On Site Of John Day Above Rufus

Barges equipped to drill in the river bed are working at the John Day damsite. Work has started just above mile 215 on the river and if suitable foundation for a dam is found there that will probably be the location of the dam.

Funds totaling \$1,450,000 have been appropriated by congress for preliminary and engineering investigations of the dam. Congress has not approved the dam nor appropriated money for construction. Sam Coon has had a bill for partnership construction of the John Day dam for two sessions without getting it passed because of opposition by public power advocates and public power advocates have been trying to get money for the dam without success.

Engineering studies, now being made, will be used by either the government or private firms whichever builds the dam because under either plan government engineers will be in charge of the work.

Tentative plan is for a dam 4100 feet long to raise the water 95 feet and create a pool 75 miles long or to the McNary dam. The navigation lock will be on the Oregon side and be 675 feet long and 86 feet wide permitting barges to pass through easily.

Wheat Stocks Up As Crop Year Ends

Supplies of wheat for 1956-57 will be slightly below the record for last season based on July 1 prospects. A 2 percent drop in the 1956 wheat crop more than offset an increase of nearly 5 million bushels in the carryover stock. Disappearance of wheat during 1955-56 increased due to larger exports, but continued below average. Exports of wheat and flour at 336 million bushels were 62 million above the previous year. Wheat prices at the farm averaged \$1.98 per bushel last season or about 14 cents below the average for the 1954-55 season and about 10 cents below the 1955 support rate.

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Party Given For Mother At Wasco

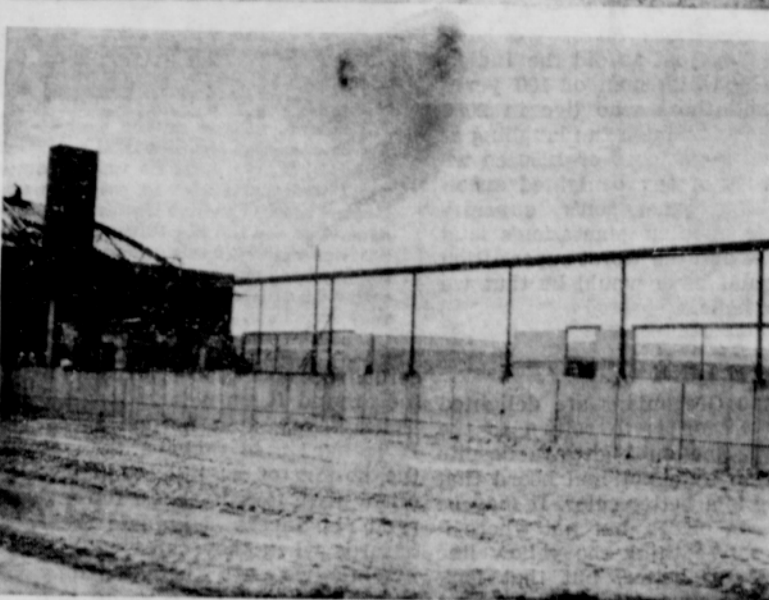
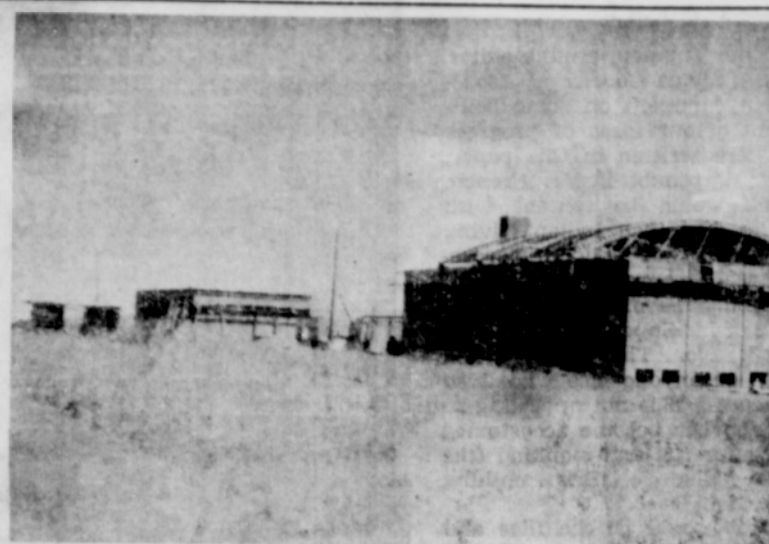
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Many pictures were taken of the guests and decorations as mementos of the occasion for the guests of honor who were unable to be present.

Friends and relatives present were Mrs. Marvin Thomas, Mary Ann McClure of Portland, Mrs. Jerry Barnett and Bradley, Mrs. John Buck and Johnny, Mrs. L. P. Haven, Mrs. Joe Yocum, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Al Dormaier and Maxine, Mrs. John Kellogg, Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mrs. G. A. Sargent, Mrs. Jack Rothery, Mrs. Glen Van Gilder, Ginger Laughlin, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Leo Roberts and Joy of Grass Valley, Mrs. Clyde Fridley, Mrs. Robt. Nisbet, Mrs. Tom Moore, Barbara, Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mrs. L. L. Funk, Mrs. Harold Engberg and Kaye, Miss Lois Ann Everett, Miss Joan Fridley, Mrs. Bill Ried, Mrs. Lawrence Buck and Mrs. Lee Wilson.



Wasco Buys Truck To Fight Fire

The city of Wasco, stimulated by the recent destruction of its Sherman hotel by fire, has ordered 500 feet of standard 2 1/2 inch hose and bought a fire truck and the newly organized fire department is practicing every night.

Purchased was a truck with a Ford motor, capacity for 1000 feet of standard hose and equipped with a Seagraves pumper of 500 gpm rating. It is expected that fire rates will be reduced when the fire department is well practiced and the new equipment mastered and noted by the companies that set insurance rates. The truck was paid for by donations.

Mrs. Augusta Huckin has the appreciation of all, for her very gracious donation of the land for a new fire hall. Everyone in the community will participate in its construction.

Volunteer Fire Chief Joe Drinkard and several members of the fire department attended a meeting in The Dalles last Friday evening where Fire Chief Chas. Roth instructed them in the operation of the fire department.

Sam Stark Long County Resident

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WEATHER NOW GOOD

Since the rain of last Thursday night which brought a little over a tenth of an inch of moisture to hurrying harvesters the weather has been good although not much wheat was threshed from Friday until Monday. The rain was not even over the county and some outfits went ahead after a half day.

Weather this week has been good for harvest and promises for several good days with some hot weather about the middle of the month followed by rain.

New SHS Getting Along With Much Of 'Job Done

The new Sherman high school building is getting along with the roofing being completed this week unless some hitch intervenes. Floors are poured in the basement and the stringers are in for the gymnasium and cafeteria.

The first picture shows the new school from the southwest with the gym in the foreground with the rafters going up. Sheeting is being laid on the roof of the cafeteria in the background.

The second picture shows what will be the class rooms, or the educational part of the building. It probably accounts for a quarter of the total cost.

Carpenters will soon put up the two center partitions on which the roof will rest. Then the windows will go in and the building will take its final form. Wall, Bartram & Sanford will grade the playing field, south of the building and the district will seed it. Water pressure system has already been installed and is in the basement under the gym, where are also the dressing rooms and some space for talks or perhaps a class room if needed.

Date of completion of the building is December 1, but if work goes on at present rate the foreman expects to beat that by a few days.

The shop walls are up and the roof will follow so that it will be ready for occupancy as soon as the remainder of the school. The shop is a separate building at the north of the cafeteria.

Veterans Make Use Of State Loans

Two hundred eighty-nine veterans of World War II and the Korean emergency applied for state of Oregon veterans' farm and home loans in July, for the highest month since August, 1954.

H. C. Salfeld, director of the state department of Veterans' Affairs, which administers the loan program, said the July applications were only one more than May, the previous high month of this year, but exceeded those of July a year ago by 88.

Loans closed in July amounted to \$1,125,500, down \$198,000 from the record month of June but \$490,850 more than July of last year.

July's applications make a total of 24,961 veterans who have applied for the 4 per cent state loan since 1945. Loans have been granted to 16,414 veterans in the amount of \$85,372,574.

Under the state program, eligible veterans may borrow up to \$9,000 to acquire homes, or \$15,000 for farms, but they may not borrow more than 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property.

People Eating More Meat This Year

More meat is going into the family diet with the emphasis on beef, according to United States department of agriculture reports compiled at Oregon State. Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist, says that we'll eat about 1 1/2 pounds more beef this year than last. In 1939, an estimated 64 pounds of pork and 54 pounds of beef were eaten by each American. According to last year's figures these numbers have been upped to 66 pounds of pork apiece and 81 pounds of beef, Mrs. Horrell reports.

Cake Bakers Can Win At Fair

Cake bakers from Sherman county are urged to bake their favorite butter cake and enter the Oregon Wheat Growers League baking contest to be held at the county fair on September 13 and 14.

Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, chairman of the Sherman County Wheat Growers Ladies committee announced that butter cakes are defined as those made with a solid type fat. Mrs. Kaseberg said that cakes can be frosted or unfrosted. Cakes should be entered at food exhibit at the county fair at the time specified by the fair premiums book. County premiums for winners will be \$5.00 for first place, \$3.00 second, and \$2.00 third.

First place winner in the county will be eligible to enter the state bake-off to be held at the Wheat League annual meeting on December 6, 7, and 8, at Portland.