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These Things We Note

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Now we've added to the worries of an easy life the additional worry of what to do after we retire.

TTWN
Coffee is like anything else. Demand makes it high and supply does not increase fast enough. Soon they'll be burning it again.

TTWN
Summer hereabouts is either a shiver or a sweat.

TTWN
With the farm vote dropping in numbers we wonder how long candidates are going to be pictured in worn—and borrowed—overalls.

TTWN
Be certain: that those who favor a law to force citizens to do something are not liberals.

TTWN
Those possessors of odd names and a couple of important nominations, Estes and Adlai, say they are going to campaign retail—by shaking hands. Pretty big job to attack on that basis. We've shaken hands with men who couldn't sell us a patent egg-beater.

TTWN
Nations, trying to appeal to the moral code of the world, say they were forced to fight. Truth is that none of them were.

TTWN
A man at 21 is pretty well set for life. He probably will not change his religion, his politics, nor his wife, maybe not his job. His attitudes are inflexible and his education complete.

TTWN
Talk about "giveaways" reminds us that we have more trouble and less satisfaction from government agencies than from private.

TTWN
"I've always had trouble," said Uncle Emmett, "telling the difference between one man's leisure and another man's laziness."

TTWN
In inflation the owner of property gets rich—on paper, not on property. If he sells in an effort to clinch his gainshe finds that other property is high too. Deflations are occasionally necessary to bring feet back onto the ground.

TTWN
We wonder what are the feelings of a Republican laboring man who must contribute to the campaign funds of the opposition.

TTWN
Norman Thomas, the old socialist, finds reason for glee in the platforms of both parties saying that both have accepted the socialistic notion that government must look out for the people. Very materialistic, Mr. Thomas.

TTWN
Sportsmen are inviting farmers to meet and dine with them to engender better feeling. It is about that time of year.

TTWN
Thankfully the racketeers who threw acid into Victor Riesel's eyes have been caught. Labor had better clean house and keep such men out of their organizations.

TTWN
Pravda, Russian newspaper, says American capitalists have made record profits under Republicans. Sure have. They have made record profits for years under the Democrats and even under new dealers and it is because they produce things people want. Try it Kruschev.

TTWN
You've heard about not drinking on an empty stomach. Now some one discovers it is also bad to drink on an empty head.

TTWN
Tall Estes and pudgy Adlai are getting around which means spending most of their time on planes.

TTWN
Democrats say they are the only party concerned about the farmer. Not so. Every party is concerned and the farmer isn't going to get rid of either one for a long time. Too bad, too.

TTWN
Does anyone want to bet that the state's \$30,000,000 will be used to reduce taxes or to increase expenditures?

TTWN
After the first rain, however small, it is always fall.

Prizes Won Early To Make State Fair Attendance Possible

Sherrie Fraser won the grand championship clothing award, and Susan Woods the reserve championship at the countywide 4-H clothing exhibit and dress revue held in Moro August 27. Twenty girls entered 29 exhibits. Mrs. Kemble Tellefson of Hermiston was the judge.

Winners in each of the upper divisions are entitled to enter the State Fair competition Friday, September 7. Judging will start at 9:00 a. m. and the public showing at 4:00 p. m. Sherrie Fraser will model her red woolen suit, Susie Woods, a white formal, Mavis Miller a best dress and Ronda Fraser a sport outfit.

In the Teen-Age Miss group of the dress revue Julie Woods was the champion, in Charmingly Yours group Arlean DeMoss and Jacque Bucholtz in the Sew Its Fun group.

The following girls showed the champion exhibit in each of their groups: Karen Macnab, Rufus, Sew Its Fun; Arlean DeMoss, Moro, Charmingly Yours; Darlene Miller, Moro, Teen-Age Miss; Ronda Fraser, Moro, Clothes for Fun and Sun; Mavis Miller, Moro, Clothing IV-A; Sherrie Fraser, Moro, Clothing IV-B; Susan Woods, Moro, "Clothing V."

Garments which will be exhibited at the State Fair are: "Sew Its Fun", Jacque Bucholtz, Moro; Patricia Miller, Moro; Donna Mae Hanson, Rufus; Karen Macnab, Rufus, "Charmingly Yours", Arlean DeMoss, Moro, "Clothes for Fun and Sun", Ronda Fraser, Moro, "Clothing IV-A", Mavis Miller, Moro, "Clothing IV-B", Susan Woods, Moro, "Clothing V", Sherrie Fraser, Moro.

Tommy Higley was the winner of the Tractor Driving contest at the county fair grounds August 26. Tommy will take part in the state contest to be held at the State Fair at 9 a. m. Friday, September 7. Bob Olsen was second place winner in the county contest.

Monday, September 3 Nancy Wilson will take part in the state cake baking contest. Nancy won a blue ribbon at the state contest last year.

Karen Wilson, who won the state bread baking contest last year will enter the senior contest this year. This contest will be on Tuesday September 4.

Several of the Kent girls enrolled in "Easy Meals" will enter muffins at the state fair. Nancy and Karen Wilson will make sponge cake and yeast bread entries.

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent home economics, will leave Thursday to take the exhibits to Salem. She will assist at the fair on Friday and Saturday.

Ada Bell Murray Killed In Accident

Mrs. Ada Bell Murray, wife of Allan Murray of Hood River, was killed and Virginia Murray Reynolds and two children also of Hood River, were injured Sunday in a collision with another car near Cannon Beach. Occupants of the other car were not injured. Mrs. Murray formerly lived in Sherman county where she was a school teacher before marrying Allan Murray who farmed here for many years before moving to Hood River.

More Seed Available From Omar Wheat

Omar, the brown-chaff club wheat was produced in abundance this year giving farmers in the Columbia basin area an additional opportunity to secure a supply or increase their original request, County Agent T. W. Thompson reports.

An extension until September 5 has been given for farmers interested. Those interested should make their wishes known through Pat Patrick, Sherman Cooperative Grain Grower's manager, or the county agent's office.

Price of the seed will be 10 per bushel higher than the previous allocation. This is necessary since any additional seed secured will all need to be shipped from Pendleton while the original lot had transportation cost spread over seed produced locally.

Farmers who have paid for the original lot of Omar may secure their seed at any time at the co-op warehouse, Wasco, Thompson states.

Taxes Down In County; Moro Highest At 85 mls

Taxes levied in Sherman county for the year 1956-57 will be slightly under those of 1955-56. Total is \$510,171.12 instead of \$541,120.96.

There has been little change in valuations, according to county Assessor Clair Balzer, the revaluation program of the state and county not having been completed. Some change in city building values was made by the county equalization board when it boosted town homes by 25 per cent. This is reflected in the total valuation of improvements within city limits which has raised from \$370,120 to \$459,000. Structural improvements outside towns raised from \$716,680 to \$778,610.

Valuation of tillable land is \$5,710,490 instead of \$5,711,180 and the non-tillable land has gone up from \$297,090 to \$300,780. Tillable land carries a valuation of \$21.20.

Moro has the highest tax rate in the county with 85.8 mills up from 84 mills. The city tax is 36.6 mills instead of 28 last year. School taxes are down because the 54,000 levy for the Union High school district only applied for last year and the total is now slightly above \$300,000 instead of \$342,000 before.

Utilities are valued at \$1,339,891, down from \$1,550,659. The percentage of utility valuation is 13.7 and the percentage of utility tax is 13.6. In fact, nearly all classifications are paying an equitable share of the taxes according to valuation. The road levy is 11.6 mills, the rural school board levy 30 mills and the general fund levy is 6.9 mills.

Total valuation of the county is \$9,761,011.95 of which \$7,300,850 is real property and \$1,126,920 is personal property which, with the utilities make up the total.

Biggest valuation among the utilities is the Union Pacific which has \$899,076.20 worth of property in the county and will pay \$45,013.38 in taxes. The Pacific Telephone owns \$227,345.26 and will pay \$12,093.31 and the Pacific Power & Light owns \$156,395.08 and will pay \$9,502.58.

The Wasco Electric Co-op buildings at Grass Valley are valued at \$10,165 which will cause it to pay \$592.62 in taxes. That utility pays no taxes on its lines and pays two per cent on income to the state.

More About Moro Residents and Friends

Mrs. Leta Eslinger returned Monday from a three week trip to Alaska accompanied by her mother. The trip was made primarily to visit her son, Walter Eslinger and family who are stationed at Kodiak where he is administrator of a navy hospital. The two women flew from Portland to Anchorage by the outside passage and then on to Kodiak. On the return they took the train up to Fairbanks, looked over the university museum there and from Anchorage flew back stopping at the towns along the route. Scenery is wonderful says Mrs. Eslinger.

D'Zama Murielle, who styles herself the musical vagabond, spent the past week at the Ted von Borstel ranch where she recorded the sounds made by farm animals, took pictures and prepared another of her talks for school children on some local history and the animal noises.

Mrs. Ora Peetz was taken to a hospital in The Dalles Monday by Mrs. Mary Eva and Mrs. Maggie Barnum. She was suffering from a slight stroke and was numb on one side. She is much improved at latest reports. Her daughter, Mrs. Karl Landstrom, happily arrived from her home in Washington, D. C. Tuesday and is helping her mother.

Edwin Balsiger and Larry Kaseberg left from Portland Monday night for Mackinac Island in Michigan to attend the national meeting of their college fraternity. They are flying both going and coming.

Mrs. Dorothy Hellberg and children, Janet and Freddie, of Portland are here this week to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foss and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Hellberg is a teacher in the Portland schools and will be on duty when schools start there after Labor day. Her daughter, Janet, will be a freshman at the University of Oregon this year, and son Freddie is in the seventh grade.



John Day Dam Site Drilling Going On At Scofield Rapids

The picture alongside shows the site of the projected John Day dam for which test holes are being drilled by the engineers to determine the suitability of foundations.

It is at Scofield Rapids. The picture shows drilling operations and the crew was pounding a hole through the overburden preparatory to drilling in the hard rock underneath to take out a 2 1/2 core of rock to determine its hardness.

The shed is on the Bob Davis place and is a well known structure and will mark the spot for Sherman countians.

The dam will be 265 feet above sea level and will back water to the foot of the McNary dam thus making the entire river to Pasco a man made lake. Studies of relocation projects for railroad and highway are also being made between the dam site and the John Day river.

The Itrusion Prepack company of Cleveland, Ohio has the contract to drill the test holes and will drill holes across the river in three lines to a depth of 185 feet.

MRS. AL RUCKMAN

Word was received here Wednesday night of the sudden death of Mrs. Al Ruckman at Coos Bay, by her sister, Mrs. Mary Mersinger. She was here a few weeks ago and seemed in good health at the time. No details are available.

New Wheat Called Selection 41 For Want of a Name, Released By Seed Board Last Week; Said To Be Good Dry Land Wheat

Some farmers may get samples of a new hard white winter wheat just being released by the Oregon seed allocation committee which has 8000 bushels to distribute. It is now called Selection 41, that being the number of the 27-15 X Rio-Rex cross. Brevor is from the 27-15 family and the new wheat resembles Brevor in some ways being a short growing wheat.

The families of wheat are getting complicated with plant breeders crossing and re-crossing every year and tracing the ancestry of any of the new wheats is a long job. In characteristics the new wheat is hard, white, bearded with short stiff beards and is especially designed—if one can call a wheat designed—to be grown in the 10-14 inch rainfall belt. It will produce more than similar wheats in that area.

It may, under proper circumstances, have sufficient protein to be attractive to millers. These circumstances, says Bill Hall, is a light rainfall year but with no damaging drought.

Millers did not favor the release of the new wheat saying that better wheats were already available and that the new wheat might drive them out of production, but their arguments did not prevail. Research administrators think the new wheat—Selection 41—may replace club and turkey wheats when seed is available.

The 5000 bushels of it are expected to seed 16,000 acres although the restriction having to do with amount of seed per acre are not in effect on this wheat. Last year on Omar those getting the seed were required to seed 30 pounds and some produced remarkable crops on that seeding, up to 70 bushels per acre.

Selection 41 has a bearded, common type head, white chaff, and short lodge-resistant straw in contrast to limber-strawed Rio that lodges badly. Over the past six years, Selection 41 has yielded slightly more than Elmar and Brevor and 18 per cent more than turkey wheats in the intermediate rainfall area. Since turkey wheats are low-yielders in the area, growers have swung heavily to club wheats in recent years.

Unfortunately, the high-yielding club wheats have been going outside their area of adaptation and do not always produce suitable pastry-type flour and have had the wrong characteristics for bread flour.

Milling and baking trials show the new wheat produces flour and bread that compare favorably with any of Oregon or Washington's hard red winter wheats. Tests were conducted by cereal chemists of the USDA Western Wheat Quality laboratory and commercial mills in the Pacific Northwest.

Although Selection 41 is highly smut-resistant now, it should be treated with hexachlorobenzene as a safeguard against development of new smut strains, advise OSC scientists. The HCB treatment controls both seed and soil-borne smut spores.

Sub-contractors are here this week to put the roof on the new Sherman high school building. They also re-roofed the Moro Motors garage.

Harry Hartley of Milton-Freewater spent several days last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott of Portland brought their daughters, Sandra and Carol to The Dalles Friday where their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds met them and brought them home for a visit with them and with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and Ray were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday. Mr. Eakin and Ray went on to Pasco, Wn., and Mrs. Eakin came home and left Saturday with Terry and Susan for Pasco where they will make their home. The children started to school there Monday.

Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and family left Monday on a vacation trip to the Oregon beaches.

Bernard Martin went to Portland Thursday on business and on to Seaside for the weekend returning Sunday.

Oran Raven and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Richards and son of Longview, Wn., arrived Saturday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Rust. They left Monday accompanied by Mrs. Raven and son who spent the week here with her parents, the Rusts.

Mrs. Bernard Martin and Deanna took Phyllis Flix to her home in Portland after spending a week here with them. They stopped in The Dalles and took Mrs. Walter Davis and Ramona to Portland to shop, they returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock took his nephew, Wayne Koch, to his home in Sandy Sunday after spending a week here with them. They also visited their daughter in law, Mrs. Bud Kock and the new grandson, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ten Eyck.

All friends are cordially invited to a reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eakin of Condon on their 25th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hartley at Grass Valley on September 9, 1956 from two until five o'clock p. m.

Mrs. John Decker was pleasantly surprised August 21 when a group of women called to wish her a happy birthday. They each presented her with a bath towel. They enjoyed the afternoon swimming. Later in the afternoon refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream, punch and coffee brought by the guests were served. Those present included Mrs. Olan Stark, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Jay McKay, Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Max Nogle, Mrs. Verne Mobley, Mrs. Dave Gometts, Mrs. Bill Jeffries, Mrs. Carl Watkins, Mrs. Ben Maxfield, Carol Kopp and a number of children. Everyone had a good time.

Phil von Borstel, SN, left Sunday to return to San Diego after spending three weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knott of Kent attended the East-West all-star Shrine football game in Pendleton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay and family left August 22 on a vacation trip into Washington to visit relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Junker and family left Sunday for Mount Lake, Minnesota, where he will attend school. He was former minister at Kent.

Wily Knighten Resigns To Take Mitchell Position

Wily W. Knighten resigned as county school superintendent as of Monday August 27, the resignation to take effect September 1. He has accepted a position as superintendent of the Mitchell school system at Mitchell in Wheeler county and will move there immediately to get ready for the opening of school September 10. An increase in salary awaits him on his new job.

The rural school board, which has the responsibility of hiring the county school superintendent in recent years, met Monday and accepted the resignation and put feelers for a man to replace him. No one has been interviewed to date.

Mr. Knighten became school superintendent in 1933, being elected in 1932 while a teacher at Kent. He had previously taught at Grass Valley and Fossil in eastern Oregon and before that in the Willamette valley. He attended grade and high school at Grass Valley where he was a promising athlete, worked in the Citizens bank and went to the University of Oregon. He served with the ordinance department during World War I.

He has been active in Legion affairs, was on the World War II draft board and has been a part of nearly every civic organization in the town. During his 24 years as superintendent he has worked consistently and successfully for a consolidation of rural schools with town schools and for a consolidated high school. All of that has been accomplished.

NO DEMAND CHANGE

Residential rate schedules of Pacific Power & Light for single-phase service in Oregon and Washington have been modified to eliminate the demand charge formerly applicable to household demands in excess of 10 kilowatts, according to company announcement. The change was effective with meter readings on and after August 22, following approval by state regulatory authorities. Elimination of the demand feature simplifies the company's residential rate and will result in approximately \$70,000 annual savings to large-use customers formerly billed on a demand basis, it was stated.

CLUB TO MEET

The Moro Womans club will hold its first meeting of the winter at the home of Mrs. A. Douma Thursday September 6 at 2 p. m. This will be a social meeting and an important meeting. Members please be there.

News About People, Their Trips and Tribulations, Joys and Sorrows

Mrs. L. W. Brockway and children of The Dalles came Friday to visit at the home of her grand mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe. Mr. Brockway came Sunday from Tygh Valley and they left Monday for their home.

Miss Neuta Martin of Portland came Saturday and was an over night guest of Barbara Alley at the Earl Olds home. She returned to her home Sunday. Barbara went to Portland Sunday to visit Mrs. Glenn Perry and on to the coast for a vacation.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Harriett Wells and Mrs. Frances Mathews were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family left Thursday on a trip to Williams Lake, B. C. to visit her sister, Mrs. Clark Tucker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Blagg and grandson went to Mitchell Saturday to visit friends returning Sunday.

Arzell Lemley went to The Dalles Thursday and brought Mrs. Lemley home from the hospital where she spent a week for medical attention. They brought Mrs. Fern Kelley home from the hospital where she spent several days.

Miss Carolyn Lefley of Monmouth is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley until September 20 when she returns to finish her schooling at Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runke of Portland arrived Friday and spent the week end at the John Rust and H. O. Dugger homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son, Wendell, returned home Friday from a vacation spent on the Oregon beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker will be hosts at a swimming party for the young people at their home Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All young people are welcome.

Vernon Norris spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Norris in Springfield returning to the Len Garland home Sunday.

The Rev. David Gometts took a group of young people to Cannon Beach where they attended the Youth Conference held there last week. Among those going were Douglas McKay, Wiley Norton, Mary Ann McKay, Arthur, Nancy and Donnie Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Riggs and daughters, Peggy and Marjorie, went to Portland Thursday where Marjorie went to see the doctor. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Kelley at St. Helens going on to Astoria Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perigo and family. They returned Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Perigo and children to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and family left Sunday for Paulina to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Bekkedahl. Deanna Bekkedahl accompanied them home. She was an over night guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and family left Sunday on a vacation trip to the Oregon beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bayer arrived Saturday from Navato, California to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.