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These Things We Note

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The Morse funny books are out and they are not funny. They credit the senator with passing lots of bills, getting huge appropritions when the truth is he has never been effective. It does say that he represents no party, which is true and it is also true he represents no state. He represents one man.

T T W N

Somebody's poll is going to be wrong but maybe people will forget it like they did before.

T T W N

If you want to be pretty, stay happy. No one looks nice when they're mad or sad.

T T W N

Russian observers are here to watch our political campaign. They will listen to speeches, etc. Is that any way to make friends?

T T W N

This months long spell of beautiful Indian summer will unhappily end some day soon. For those who remember it, it will always be a pleasure.

T T W N

Experience has taught us that easy borrowing is seldom a favor.

T T W N

Nations involved with the Suez matter are getting ready to negotiate. Had not Mr. Dulles been able to keep them from going to war they wouldn't have gotten around to negotiate for a couple of bloody years yet.

T T W N

Whether the Democrats are the labor party or not they are getting most of their money from labor unions.

T T W N

The University of Oregon football team played like it was out of ideas—and it was out of scores.

T T W N

So far as we can observe Adlai is conducting a campaign based on statements to which no thinking person can agree: for instance, loose money, abandonment of bomb tests, ending the draft.

T T W N

Maybe there'll be some work done in the forenoons now that the series is over. But it was a magnificent series.

T T W N

Maybe that Brink robbery wasn't such a smart stunt after all.

T T W N

The fish bill is stirring up the usual rukus between those who fish for fun and those who fish for a living.

T T W N

People do not so often vote for their economic or social benefit as they vote to make their side win.

T T W N

The seven Oregon supreme court justices write an average of 20 opinions a year or 140. Raising the number to nine would make 180 opinions, still not enough to catch up. Would we be in contempt of court to suggest more opinions?

T T W N

Wonder who'll be having their pictures in the paper next month.

T T W N

A scramble word game caused the office boy to write Adlai as "Laid a" but we won't comment on it until next month.

T T W N

Remember when you wished it would get cooler?

Congressman Coon Visits In County

Congressman Sam Coon and Mrs. Coon, accompanied by Joe Rigert were in the county Thursday to visit voters and meet friends made on other trips to the county.

Mr. Coon says that his campaign is going well and that he expects to be returned to congress for his third term and that the Eisenhower administration has done much for stability of the economy of the second congressional district.

Kelly Wilson is here from Fort Hood, Texas, on a short furlough to visit his wife and son and other relatives in the county before going to Fort Lee, Virginia for eight weeks training before regular assignment.

Moro Council Calls Caucas For Naming New City Officers

A caucus for the nomination of city officers in Moro will be held at the council room at eight o'clock Tuesday, October 16.

To be nominated are one mayor, incumbent Bill Hall not being a candidate; one councilman for two years, to fill the shoes of Clair Balzer, who is filling an interim spot; three councilmen for four years, the terms of Ivan Kirkelie, B. H. Roberson and Harry Benson, having expired; and one city treasurer, John Parker, incumbent.

Rufus Grange Plans Initiation Ceremony

The Rufus grange met October 4 with Master Harland McDonald presiding. Rolland Johnson on agriculture told of fattening cattle on potatoes and straw. The next Home Ec. club meeting will be with Mrs. Grace Medler October 11 at 1:30. S. A. Wilson says he plans on beginning the grange card parties soon.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrow of Mt. Angel was received. The Morrows wish a grange demit to Silverton grange. The office of treasurer was left vacant when Joe Abraham moved away. Mrs. Bert Swigart was elected to be the new treasurer. Rolland Johnson, county depty, installed Mrs. Swigart to her office.

The third and fourth degrees will be put on at a special meeting of Rufus grange October 11 at 8 p. m. The grange plans on beginning their potluck dinners the first grange meeting in November. It was reported the Glen Thompson, who is a patient at the Wasco county hospital has been ill. Richie Dingle now lives in The Dalles instead of Hood River. Mrs. George Macnab was hospitalized when she had an operation on her foot. She now gets about on crutches.

The literary program was put on by the Home Ec. club. "October Smiled at Me" a reading by Mrs. Harland McDonald was given; Mrs. Joe Morris read a poem; Kenneth Fridley gave a talk on the soil bank which was interesting and well given. Mrs. Bob Byrd played several selections on the piano; Mrs. McDonald then read "When Jimmy Comes From School".

The grange women served refreshments to complete the evening.

Bangs Disease Eradication Near In County Herds

The brucellosis testing program is approaching a point of completion in Sherman county, with only about ten herds remaining to be tested. A goal has been set by the Sherman County Disease Control committee to complete testing of all herds in the county by December 1, 1956.

The primary aim in completing these tests is to remove all possible infection from livestock herds. The second very important objective is to obtain a brocellosis certification for Sherman county. This certification can be obtained when a test on all of the herds in the county does not reveal over 1% infection in not over 5% of the herds.

Testing completed in Sherman county to date shows that the percentage of infection is far below the maximum limits. A total of 6861 cattle in 310 herds, have been tested. Thirty-seven reactors have been found in 12 herds. Percentage wise this reveals approximately one-half of one percent infection in a little less than 4% of the herds tested.

New Federal Interestate regulations regarding movement of cattle will become effective January 1, 1957. In order to protect areas that have been tested and became certified, rigid restrictions are being placed on movement of cattle from non certified counties.

A number of cattle that remain to be tested are still out on the range. Ernest cooperation is requested from owners of these cattle to arrange for a test date as soon as the cattle are available for a test. Completion of testing by December 1 should make it possible to obtain a certification for Sherman county by January 1, 1957.

Girls To Model In The Dalles

Sherrie and Ronda Fraser, Moro, will model in the district "Sew It With Wool" contest to be held in The Dalles Saturday, October 13. Sherrie will enter an all wool suit in the Junior class and Ronda a skirt in the Sub-Deb class. Other counties in this district are Wasco and Hood River.

Winner in each class in the district will go to the state finals which will be held at Meier & Franks in Portland, November 8, 9, 10.

Shower Brings .28 in. At Station; Makes Wheat Look Better

A sudden shower of rain fell over most of the county Tuesday night without cooling the temperature which was balmy and sunny again Wednesday. At the station at Moro .28 inch fell and reports from other parts of the county are of a heavier rain, up to half an inch. Other spots were merely startled by the bright lightning and rolling thunder.

Club Women Attend Conservation Tour

A conservation tour was sponsored by 4th district Oregon Federation of Womens clubs Friday, October 5, which centered at the ranger station at Tollgate, in the Umatilla national forest.

A group of 30 persons were shown the forestry practises and plans by C. M. Rector, forestry supervisor. Present were the General Federation Conservation chairman, Mrs. Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington; the Oregon Federation Conservation chairman, Mrs. George Shane, also of Arlington; and the 4th district chairman, Mrs. James Beamer of Weston.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the summer home of the Lowell Fitzsimmons of Weston, near Langdon lake.

Persons attending from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. A. Douma Mr. and Mrs W. E. Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. Eugene Amidon.

Baptists Change Plan of Services

The Baptist church in Grass Valley is planning a new program for Sunday evenings. These services will begin at 7:00 and be concluded by 8:00 and will feature participation by many of the young people and children of the Sunday School.

The first of these will be held next Sunday, October 14. In this service there will be a junior choir of grade school youngsters from the third grade up. The younger children will also sing one number during the evening. There will be an object lesson by Mrs. Bill Todd. The pastor will then bring a sermon entitled "Lights in the World."

Services similar to this will be held each Sunday evening and everyone is invited to come and enjoy these services.

4-H Banquet Due Monday at Church Fields Presiding

Leonard Fields, president 4-H Leaders association will preside at the banquet for all 4-H leaders, assistant leaders, husband and wife, and the junior leaders of 4-H Monday, October 15 at the Community church in Moro. This is an annual affair sponsored by the Pacific Power & Light company. The meal which is being prepared by the members of the Order of Eastern Star, will be served at 6:30. A group of junior leaders will be responsible for the table decorations. Ray Kelso, manager of the local PP.&L. will welcome the guests. Mrs. Earl Gentry, vice-president of the leaders' association will respond. Elmer Lierman of The Dalles will present to the leaders the awards which are provided by the U. S. National Bank. Mrs. Lester Wilson, Kent, who has been serving on a state-wide planning committee will report on their activities.

Cecil Root, public relations representative of P.P.&L. will be the featured speaker. A member of the state 4-H club staff will be present according to Ina B. Hanson, secretary of the leaders' association. Invitations have gone out to 70 Sherman countians to attend.

Two Men Held In Automobile Theft

Two young men from Larson air force base at Moses Lake, Wn., drove away from Grass Valley Sunday evening with Hans Bardenhagen's car. They were caught at Madras and Sheriff Fields and Loy Cochran went up after the culprits and the car Monday. The car seemed undamaged. The soldiers were taken in charge Tuesday morning by provost officers from the base and are awaiting trial.

Moro Women Meet Hear Mrs. Johnston

The Moro Woman's club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Orlow Martin. Following the business meeting, a program on International Relations was given by Mrs. Theodore Johnston. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, district president, gave a report on a state board meeting that she attended recently in Salem. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Blaine Miller.

Chris Schultz Unit Installs Officers

Chris Schultz unit met October 5 for its second meeting of the year with 12 present. Plans were made toward a sewing project with Mrs. Jack Noonan being chosen chairman of it. Material was ordered to make bed jackets for veterans, ditty bags were cut out and members took them home to sew.

Meetings will be held the first Friday of each month. The district conference will be held at The Dalles November 3, it was announced with a luncheon at The Dalles hotel followed by the meeting. Those who will be able to go should tell the officers about it.

New officers installed were as follows: Mollie McLachlan, president; Katy Wooderson, vice-president; Florence Bruckert, treasurer; Edith Burnet, chaplain; Violet Noonan, past president.

MRS. D. THOMAS ELECTED

The Home Extension Advisory committee met at the courthouse October 4 to organize and plan the year's activities, according to Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent.

Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Wasco, was elected chairman; Mrs. Don Thompson, Moro, vice-chairman; Mrs. Bob Marvin, Moro, secretary; Mrs. Willard Barnett, Grass Valley, treasurer. Other members of this committee are Mrs. Curtis Neal, Rufus; Mrs. Lester Wilson, Kent, and Mrs. Orlow Martin, Moro.

The object of this committee is to cooperate with the agent in the development and supervision of the county home economics program.

Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Wilson are to serve as a 4-H club committee to assist the agents in organizing 4-H clubs, securing leaders and members and to coordinate the adult Home Ec and the 4-H Home Ec.

First Aid Start Planned For Late This Month

First Aid chairman Clair Balzer requests that all people interested in First Aid classes notify their community chairman of their desire to attend one of these classes. Tentative starting date is the 29th day of October.

The chairman in the Grass Valley-Kent area is Anita Hooper. For the Wasco-Rufus area, George Moon, and for the Moro area, Clair Balzer. Advance notice is necessary in order to provide for the needs of the class.

A standard class is planned for Wasco and Grass Valley. A standard and advanced class for Moro. Final dates and places of classes will be announced by the 26th day of October.

U. S. Bank Shows Steady Growth

The United States National bank of Portland showed deposits totaling $771,842,344 as of September 26, 1956, according to figures just released. This represents an increase of more than nine million dollars over deposits reported at a similar period this time last year.

The Dalles branch reported deposits of $16,718,481.58 according to C. A. Reynolds, manager.

Loans and discounts for the statewide banking system increased more than 53 million dollars during the past year. The 12-month gain now gives U. S. National a loans and discounts total of $346,316,898. Last year on October 5 U. S. National's loans and discounts stood at $292,505,-416.

Loans and discounts for The Dalles branch now total $5,937,-753.33, Reynolds reported.

Total resources for the U. S. National bank at the end of this 12-month period are $848,397,555 up more than 20 million dollars over this similar period last year.

Home Ec. Unit Meets At Rufus

The Home extension unit met October 4 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris. Mrs. Allen Tom had charge of the business meeting. The unit wants to know how many in Rufus wish to learn textile painting. Due to the busy season not too many members were able to attend but the ones who did had a good time.

The Community club met Monday evening at the Chet Coats' home. Three tables of pinochle were in play with Mrs. Don Macnab winning high prize and Mrs. Vern Dutton low. Mrs. Harry Adams won the guest prize. Two regular members Mrs. Tom Macnag and Mrs. Pat Macnab are dropping from the club. Mrs. Vern Dutton is going to be a new member. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Fridley. Refreshments of pastry, fruit cocktail and coffee was served after the game. Present were besides the hostesses Mrs. Elton Medler, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Vern Dutton, Mrs. Pat Macnab, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. Art Watkins, Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Morris Burnet, Mrs. Bill Macnab and Mrs. George Fox.

Drivers Suspended For Drunk Driving

Oregon officials suspended licenses of 735 drivers last month and tallied 10,787 convictions of drivers for violating traffic laws.

Two hundred and twenty two suspensions followed recommendations of judges after convicting drivers of reckless driving, basic rule, hit and run, failure to stop and failure to yield right of way charges.

Another 154 of the suspensions were handed out through discretionary action of the department of motor vehicles. One hundred and seven of these were based on a driver's too-frequent accident or violation involvement.

Driving while intoxicated convictions were responsible for 283 of the suspensions and 76 others were meted out to drivers caught driving on an adready-suspended or revoked license or for auto theft.

The department noted that so far this year only two months have seen violation convictions below the 10,000 mark.

Tax Statements Ready for Mail; Total Tax Down

Sometime next week taxpayers will know what is expected, nay, demanded of them, for support of county, city and school governments during the year. Tax statements will be mailed.

The total tax for the county is down from $541,120 to $510,171 but it is not down evenly over the county.

The Rural School tax is 30 mills and last year it was 26.4.

The road tax is 11.6 and last year it was 12 mills. The general fund tax is 6.9 and last year it was 6.8 mills. The $10 per capita school tax remains at .7 mills. The total school tax in all districts is 49.2 mills except Wasco which is paying 4.4 mills on a bond issue and will pay 53.6 mills. Last year the tax in Rufus was 45.9, in Wasco 50.4, in Kent 62.8 and in Moro and Grass Valley 56.0 mills.

City Taxes Up

Last year Wasco levied a city tax of 19.9 mills, this year 18.6; last year Moro levied 28.0 mills and this year 36.6; last year Grass Valley levied 10.2 mills and this year 9.1. Highest taxed district in the county is the city of Moro with 84 mills against all property.

Changes have been made in taxation during the year. The Biglow and Emigrant districts have been consolidated with Rufus and Wasco. And the short lived Union High School district, with its $54,619 levy, has been eliminated by the Sherman High School district. City taxes are up from $14,843 to $18,057, nearly all of it in Moro.

There is very little change in the assessed valuation of the county, the reappraisal work not having been sufficiently completed to be used this year. Total valuation is $9,761,011 compared to $9,876,329. Personal property is down slightly, from $1,180,120 to $1,126,920 and utility value is down from $1,550,659 to $1,339,-891.

Taxes are payable by November 15 with a three percent discount.

Moro Personals

E. J. Mitchell, implement dealer from Canby, while talking with Jack Cushman Sunday afternoon suffered a heart attack and was taken to a hospital in the ambulance. He went on home after treatment.

Rebekahs are busy getting ready for the district convention to be held here October 27 when the state president, Mrs. Ethel Gibbo will be here. The banquet will be served by the Missionary society women.

John I. Sell, vice-president of the First National bank of Portland, was here Tuesday to visit the local bank a nd friends of the county.

Farm Income Up Wheat Down for 1955

The first breakdown of gross cash farm income in Oregon last year shows wheat and cattle at the top of their respective category, according to J. F. Short, director of the state department of agriculture.

Total cash sales of Oregon farm products in 1955 were slightly under $400 million, over $15 million above Oregon gross cash farm income in 1954.

Livestock and products gross cash income increased over six million dollars or from $163,499,-000 in 1954 to $169,567,000 last year. Cattle and calves headed the livestock income list and showed an increase of over six million dollars Eggs, turkey, broiler, chicken and sheep and lamb sales also increased. However, dairy products income declined markedly; almost four million dollars under the 1954 total. Hogs and wool also received less gross cash farm income in 1955.

Oregon crops underwent a four percent increase in gross cash income or $221,053,000 in 1954 against $230,352,000 last year. However, well over half of Oregon's crops showed decreased gross cash income in 1955.

Wheat continued as the largest selling field crop, but underwent a decrease nearing eight million dollars. Of the other major grains, barley income increased, while oats brought Oregon farmers less money in 1955.

Steady Stock Marketing Held Advantageous Move

"Animal Diseases" is the title of the 1956 yearbook of agriculture just off the press, County Agent T. W. Thompson reports. The book compiling the latest information on animal diseases and their control was published by the USDA. The book is a handy guide for all livestock raisers.

Copies of the new book may be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. Sale price is $2.00 per copy. Most congressmen have a supply of such publications and are had for the asking.

A concerted effort is being made across the United States by people in all segments of the livestock marketing business to get farmers to spread their shipments of cattle or other livestock throughout the week. Most folks believe that this will benefit farmers the most by reducing the load of livestock for sale on any given day and may make the price much better the entire week.

In 1955, 71 %of the cattle, 59% of the calves, 55% of the hogs and sheep arrived at the Portland stock yards for sale on Monday. The idea of shipping livestock to a terminal market for sale on Monday started in Portland in 1909. Rail schedules then were such that livestock arrived in the yards over the weekend for sale Monday. The market at that time was more dependent upon the buyers from the Puget Sound country where they marketed one day each week.

One week last January 3200 cattle were received on the market for Monday, and only 500 the rest of the week The market broke at a dollar and a half ($1.50) that week. Two weeks later they received 2400 cattle on Monday, and 500 on Tuesday, 600 on Wednesday and 200 on Thursday. The market was steady and active all week in the latter case. Stock yard people agree that it would help them as well as the farmers, for they would be able to make better use of their facilities and give better service to the shippers.

We have been informed that the Fat Stock Auction Sale at the P. I. will be held for the last time this year. Starting the 1957 show the auction sale will be discontinued for 4-H and FFA propects, and an educational procedure conducted in cooperation with the North Portland Stock Yards and P. I. where the stock will be handled directly through the yards will be initiated.

The commercial grade of beef has been divided into two new grades, standard and commercial. Previous to June 1st grades were: prime, choice, good, commercial, utility, cutter and canner.

The division of the commercial grade has been made on the basis of maturity and the grade named standard will be applied to beef animals which are under 48 months of age. The name commercial has been retained for beef from mature animals (over 48 months of age).

The 1956 P. I. will be held October 20-27. The 4-H section will run from the 20th through the 23rd with the auction sale the morning of September 24. Steven Burnet and Mike Lane will exhibit Angus steers in the 4-H division. The 4-H livestock and home economics judging teams from the county will also participate.

A wheat smut and wireworm trial on the Kenneth Fridley place, northeast of Klondike, this past year gave some interesting results. A count of smut heads in the Ceresan showed 1 per cent smutty heads while HCB or Hexachlorobenzene showed only ¼ of one per cent smut. This follows the general pattern of research work and brings out the advantage of HCB over Ceresan even though HCB will not eliminate smut.

Fertilizer plots in the southern part of the county were established last week. Plots were placed in the Bernard Martin, Harold Eakin, J. S. Fritts, Fred Cox and B. W. Payne farms. These plots are a cooperative project between the USDA, Sherman branch experiment station and the extension service.

A certificate declaring Sherman county a modified Tuberculosis-Free Accredited area was received last week. The certificate was issued by United States Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Agriculture This accreditation runs for a three year period starting September 1.

Dean Swan, weed research assistant, Pendleton and Sherman branch experiment station will conduct a wheat-tarweed economic study this fall. The trials will be conducted on the Sherman station. To insure an even stand of tarweed the seed will be planted on the trial area.

Plans are to complete the Bang's accreditation work this fall. Folks who have not completed testing work should make arrangements to do so. Federal Vets to do this testing work are available. Arrangements for testing can be made through the county agent's office.

Don't neglect watering trees and perennial plants this fall even though weather is not too warm. Plants need fall water to allow them to go into the winter in good shape. Evergreen and fruit trees should benefit by one good soaking before winter. Water on evergreen used in a wind break should be very helpful to reduce winter damage and improve growth in another year.