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These Things We Note

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There are probably several reasons why people read. One is to be informed, another to be entertained and some must read to get new ideas.

T T W N

Do you want to know what the farm problem really is? The National Grange bulletin says the net average income of farmers is \$2300.

T T W N

We've been looking at the new cars with the idea that perhaps we might sometime own one, but are having difficulty making up our mind. The problem is serious. Take the Chevrolet, for instance, it has a little raise on the fenders with only two lights at the back and the ridge is straight up and down. Now the Ford has a slanted rib on its fenders like the sides of a basket. We don't see why car makers don't really make fins on the cars like the tail of a plane. We saw one the other day with two, high fins with, we think four lights at the back. Now that's more like it. If some one will just come along with a new pink car with six lights in the tail fins we think we would buy.

T T W N

Trouble with winters is that some one is always saying they are going to get worse. Sometimes they are right.

T T W N

Life is made up of time, so many years, weeks, hours. We may change the length of it to some extent and we are in control of what we do with it.

T T W N

It seems almost decided that, unless things change, we are not going to have inflation in this country. And everyone should be happy about that.

T T W N

Most people say they don't realize that Christmas is coming. The calendar says so and the snow indicates it. We'll bet it will be right on time.

T T W N

Beats thunder that a nice, mild little cigarette would give a person lung cancer and a stinking old pipe or a vile cigar won't. Maybe its the people who smoke 'em.

T T W N

Most of the people who strike seem to be trying to prove that the world can get along without their services. Some day they may be convincing.

T T W N

It looks as if the United Nations has taken over the job of policing the world and has done it without an army or authority to raise or pay or feed or care for one. May not work out so well.

T T W N

Now it is the style to give the dimensions of a girl when speaking of her like 36-23-35 or what ever it may be. How about the good cooks who measure 32-36-29?

T T W N

It looks as if those SP&S engineers have about reached the peak of feather-bedding in their demands on the company.

T T W N

We will judge the new state administration on the basis of how much extra authority it takes over the citizen and how much it spends. That is the way we judged previous administrations. None of them in recent times have been very good either for government has grown by leaps and bounds and taxes faster than that.

T T W N

The Columbia River compact was signed this week. We hope it is better than the first one.

T T W N

There is a demand for savings and interest rate is higher than it was a few months ago. But still far below what it used to be.

T T W N

High dams for water storage to boost power production in dry seasons of the year sound all right but we think the advantage might be temporary. It doesn't sound unreasonable that more dams would produce more power. The dams we have are comparatively high.

About the County

being news about people you know or know about

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runke of Portland arrived Saturday and spent the weekend at the H. O. Dugger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Richards and son of Kalama, Wn., and Mr. and Mrs. Oran Ravn and son from Kelso arrived Friday to spend the weekend with their parents the John Rusts. The Richards and Mr. Ravn went home Sunday and Mrs. Ravn and son stayed for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett had as holiday dinner guests their son, Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney and family of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole of Wasco, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and children and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

Mrs. Orville Ruggles went to The Dalles Friday and brought Mr. Ruggles home from the hospital where he spent several days for medical attention.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and George Wilde of Portland had dinner Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and Wendell spent Thanksgiving in Hood River visiting their daughters, Mrs. Donald Marsh and family and Mrs. Bruce Eccles and family and with Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby of Portland stopped Monday, November 26 on their way home from Richmond, Wn., where they spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutherland. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee. They left Wednesday for Portland accompanied by Mrs. Kee and Mrs. Loy Cochran of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young went to Portland Wednesday and had Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Florence Pike and returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and sons, Harold and Douglas, were in The Dalles Friday taking Harold Jr. to the doctor, who took several stitches to close a wound in his head caused when he fell against a door at school.

Alex Brander took his mother in law, Mrs. E. J. Evans to The Dalles Thursday where she took a train for her home in Spokane after spending ten days here with them.

Those going to The Dalles to have Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eakin and family from Condon and Owen Eakin from Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Alley at Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family went to Portland and had Thanksgiving dinner with her parents, the John Jenkins. Mrs. vonBorstel and children stayed for the weekend to see the Fairy Tale parade Friday. Her parents brought them to The Dalles Sunday where Mr. vonBorstel met them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Olds of Yuba City, California, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 28 with friends and relatives present. They were married in Moro, lived in Sherman county until 1937 when they moved to California. They have three children, Mrs. Alastair Kennedy, Marysville, Mrs. Hugh Peterson, Brentwood and Kenneth. Going down from Oregon were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nahouse, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles, Starr Ruggles and Mrs. Eva Landry. Mrs. Frances Henrichs and daughter, Maxine, of Marysville were also present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Olds Celebrate 50 years

Electric service in Sherman and Wasco counties was interrupted Saturday and Sunday by heavy frost conditions which led up and broke power lines and poles, according to Ray Kelso, Pacific Power & Light company line-man-agent.

A construction crew working on the Wasco substation and crews from The Dalles were called to do repair work. A power department patrolman from Hood River was called to check lines burned when falling frost whipped lines together.

Heavy frost on the lines between Moro and Grass Valley brought down poles and tangled conductors at 9:30 a. m. Saturday to interrupt service in both counties for about an hour until Kelso could sectionalize the Grass Valley line at Moro. New poles had to be set and new conductor strung before service could be restored to Grass Valley and Kent some eight hours later.

Falling frost three times interrupted service from 1 minutes to almost two hours Sunday morning in Sherman and Wasco counties. At 9:58 a. m. service to The Dalles and most of Central Oregon was interrupted for one minute when BPA's Bonneville-The Dalles transmission line tripped out.

Dalles Sunday where Mr. vonBorstel met them.

The Thursday evening bridge club met last week with Mrs. Ira Fridley with all regular members present. Mrs. John Foss won the high prize and Mrs. Al Dormaler won low.

Mr. and Mrs. Martie Otos and family of The Dalles, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder were hosts to a large family gathering Thanksgiving. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buck and Danny of Caldwell, Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue, Vicki and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny, all of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and Joy of Grass Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skiles and Susan, arrived at the L. E. Kaseberg home Sunday evening from Sacramento, California. Mr. Skiles has been discharged from the Air Force and they will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Lenoard Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, are among the Wasco people attending the Wheat League meeting in Portland this week.

Marguerite Kaseberg, Meta Kaseberg and Belva Galloway are in charge of a kitchen shower for the Eastern Star at the next meeting. Rosalie White is in charge of the Christmas gifts to be brought for the Eastern Star old folks' home.

Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle went to Portland Saturday to attend the Daughters of the Nile ceremony.

Everett Hendrick, former Sherman county resident, passed away Monday in Nampa, Idaho. Mr. Hendrick was born and lived on what is now the Floyd Root place, and attended the Locust Grove school.

Last week the Eastern Star entertained the Masons, and had Gus Wiegelt of The Dalles, and his magic tricks, as entertainment.

Dinner guests at the Joe Bibbys Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bibby, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woolwine of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Briedwell.

An urgent call for adult and childrens' used clothing for the Hungarian refugees has been received by the child welfare committee of the American Legion Auxiliary. Anyone having clothing may leave them at the Harry Hooper service station or at the Mrs. Vern Dutton was hostess at a small supper Thanksgiving evening for her husband. Helping him celebrate the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse, Carmen and Everett and Mrs. J. F. Royse.

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Red Cross Will Help Hungarians

Dr. F. D. Reid, chairman of the Sherman county chapter, American Red Cross, announces that contributions for Hungarian refugees will be received by Mrs. Leo Watkins at Wasco, Kenny Crews at Grass Valley and himself at Moro and that already some money has been given for that purpose.

The Red Cross is collecting a special fund for Hungarians who are now in relief camps in Austria and will send all the money raised to help those unfortunate who have left their own land because of Russian armed forces who are attempting to put down the revolution.

There will be no special campaign in Sherman county but notice is made that those who can contribute. The local quota is \$96.00.

There will be a coffee time Friday, Dec. 7 from two until four at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, that being her 80th birthday. All friends are welcome.

The Frank E. Brown unit of the American Legion met Monday with president, Grace Medler presiding. They decided to get 25-year honor guard pins for the deserving members, and membership pins for the junior members. Catherine Bish had the Charter Role printed up and brought it in for the unit. Members are selling chances on a cedar chest to be raffled off in the spring, proceeds to go for a hospital bed. There will be a card party at the next meeting. It was moved that they amend the constitution so that seven members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the unit. Lucille Fox and Grace Medler were co-hostesses. Members brought their child welfare gifts and they were on display.

Past Matrons met this week at the home of Mrs. Ethel VanGilder with Rosalie White as co-hostess. The house was decorated in a Christmas motif. Mrs. W. A. Nisbet won the prize for bridge and Mrs. Carl Tuggle for canasta.

The annual WSCS bazaar was a success. Mrs. Halley, president, reports the total of \$357.26 received from booth sales and the roast beef dinner. She wishes to thank the dinner committee and all who organized and worked in the booths and all who put in time and worked so hard for the success of the bazaar.

The Sherman county Christmas music program will be held in the Grass Valley Baptist church December 16 at 8 p. m. The choir of the county will provide special music.

The monthly mid-Columbia paragonage pot-luck was held in Wasco at the Methodist church Monday, December 3 with seven ministers and their families enjoying a turkey dinner and all the trimmings, and spending the afternoon visiting. The next meeting will be in Tygh Valley January 7, 1957.

The annual Methodist church Christmas program will be held Sunday night, December 23 at 7:30 p. m. be held Thursday KRM Berea-DI Tuesday Study club met last time at the Ernst Shull home with Vera VanGilder acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Floyd Haines. This Tuesday, December 4, the club met with Mrs. Floyd Haines.

Historical Society Hears of Early P.O.s.

The Sherman County Historical Society held its fall meeting Sunday at Grass Valley with a some what reduced attendance because of weather condition that were unfavorable until the day of the meeting.

At the business meeting a change was made in the dues for life members who will now pay \$10 if over 60, \$20 if over 50 and \$25 if under 50 instead of lower payments that have been in effect.

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Veterans May Still Go To School

Oregon's World War II veterans have less than a month to enroll in school and apply for cash benefits under the state veterans' educational aid program.

Raymond E. Pettet, educational officer for the state department of Veterans' Affairs, warned these veterans that their deadline for entering a course of training under the state benefits program is December 31. There is no deadline for Korean veterans.

Pettet said veterans may still enroll in some business and technical schools this month and if they apply to the state veterans' department immediately for the benefit they may still beat the deadline.

Once the veteran is under the state program, he may continue to draw his monthly benefit until his entitlement expires. He completes his course of schooling. Application for state aid, which ranges up to \$50 a month in benefits, should be filed with the school register, through a county veterans' service officer, or with the department of Veterans' Affairs, State Finance Building, Salem, Oregon.

Tax Collections Good; Sheriff Has 96% of Roll

Tax collections in Sherman county for the tax year have resulted in payment of slightly over 96 per cent payment according to Norman Fields, sheriff and tax collector.

A total of \$475,787.49 is on hand in cash and turned over to the treasurer for distribution. An additional \$14,662.54 was allowed in rebates making the total of \$490,450.03 removed from the roll which was \$510,170.63 as turned over to the sheriff by the assessor.

The treasurer will distribute the above funds in the following way: General Fund will get \$62,976.06; the Rural School Board will get \$273,808.05; the Wasco school district for bond payment and interest will get \$11,038.34; the school fund for per capita school tax will receive \$6,388.59.

The General Road Fund will be increased by \$97,342.15 and cities will receive from road funds the following: Wasco, \$3264.13; Moro \$2673.93; Grass Valley \$2,592.17.

The city of Wasco will get \$5233.85; the city of Moro \$8436.74 and the city of Grass Valley \$2033.48.

Wasco Has Better Electric Service

Electric service to the Wasco area was substantially strengthened this week when Pacific Power & Light company energized its new \$33,000 substation, it was reported here by Art Thrasher, district manager.

Thrasher said the area's electrical demand has increased a great deal during the past several years, and the new 1,500-KVA installation will double the area's power capacity to meet those requirements.

The new substation is part of Pacific's service improvement and expansion program for The Dalles district this year.

Cancer Society Attracts Local Women

Mrs. Loy Cochran of Moro, Mrs. Eben Kee of Grass Valley and Mrs. Keith McDonald of Wasco accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel to Portland Thursday and attended the annual training conference of the American Cancer society, returning home Saturday. Mrs. H. M. Zell of Wasco, member of the state board of directors of the society was also present. They reported a most instructive conference. Mr. F. G. Lindaman, a national representative and Dr. John King, a national director from New York City gave helpful information in the latest methods of curing cancer which are being developed through intensive research. They urged early diagnosis which follows frequent check-ups by your doctor and warned against quack treatments. The goal is to work together to eradicate cancer, this terrible threat to mankind.

More Children Now Of School Age

The school census for Sherman county is 673 for the year representing 342 boys and 331 girls, an increase from last year when there were 322 boys and 320 girls for a total of 642.

This is the result of the school census which is taken every October when school clerks must count the children in their districts between the ages of four and 21.

Granges Install New Officers Sunday

Joe Guttridge, state deputy of Hermiston, was present to install Sherman counties grange newly elected officers at Harlandview last Sunday. Orlow Martin, master of Harlandview, introduced Guttridge. Regalia bearers were Mrs. Rolland Johnson and Jerry Lou Wilson. Rolland Johnson county grange deputy, presented the candidates as follows: Master Orlow Martin for H.V. and Harland McDonald for Rufus. As stewards, Walt Bruckert of H.V. and George Fox of Rufus; assistant stewards, George Benson of H.V. and Altee Wilson of Rufus; treasurers, Richard Bruckert of H.V. and Mrs. Bert Swigart of Rufus; Gatekeeper, Stan Coelsch of H.V. and Bert Swigart of Rufus; Cerics Mrs. Orlow Martin of H.V. and Mrs. Grace Medler of Rufus; Pomona Mrs. Stan Coelsch of H.V. and lady assistant steward, Mrs. Blaine Miller of H.V. and Mrs. Harland McDonald of Rufus. The executive committees are Mrs. Walt Bruckert of H.V. and Harold Baker and Bill Huck of Rufus. Home Ec. club, Mrs. Harland McDonald of Rufus.

After the work was completed the Harlandview grange women served coffee and cake.

Wheat League To Hear USDA Ass't. Gordon Fraser



Gordon O. Fraser, Sherman county official, now USDA foreign sales assistant, speaks to the Oregon Wheat League today.

Rainfall In November Next To Lowest

Rainfall during November was a pitiful .11 inch, the smallest in recent times except a more pitiful .03 that came in 1939. (Remember the 1940 crop was good.) It is 1.63 inches under the November average of 1.74 inches. All told the crop year is getting off to a dry start with a total of 1.83 which is 1.59 below the average for the first three months.

For temperature November was not quite so bad. The high was 58 on the 10th, the low 14 on the 19th. The average maximum was 43.2 and the average mean was 27.0 for a mean temperature of 35.2. And that was 3.5 degrees below the average to indicate a rather cold November.

Football Banquet Scheduled Dec. 13

The annual football banquet will be held the night of December 13, at six o'clock at the school auditorium.

Speaker for the occasion will be Bill Robertson, trainer of the Rose Bowl contestants from Oregon State college. Other program features will be supplied locally and will include awards to football players and announcement of letters won by players.

As is the custom the mothers of football players will give the banquet and do the work necessary for it. They met Thursday afternoon to plan the affair and make up a list of those to be invited, the number depending on room available and expense possible.

John Day River Gets Silver Salmon

Some 35,000 silver salmon fingerlings, the offspring of fish accustomed to making long spawning migrations, were released in the John Day river system this month by the Fish Commission of Oregon.

Irvine French, commission director of fish culture, said an additional 450,000 early-run silvers are being held at the Bonneville salmon hatchery and will be released in the John Day system next spring. The fish were obtained as eggs from the Washington department of Fisheries last January.

French said the John Day and other eastern Oregon streams once maintained good runs of silver salmon. Unscreened irrigation ditches, diversion dams, and siltation from mining operations all but exterminated the runs. "Now," French stated, "with installation of fish protection screens in ditches under the lower Columbia river salmon rehabilitation program and the discontinuation of mining, we hope to rebuild silver salmon runs in the John Day river."

About The County

Judge E. H. Howell was here Wednesday to hear a case involving Mrs. Mildred Smith and a man who had worked for her on the ranch over wages.

Bill Ross is getting along well at a hospital in The Dalles and may be allowed to come home before the week is out.