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**DECLINE OF THE BACK ROOM**

We think we are correct in noting a decline in the back room. One of the kind of back rooms we are thinking about was the room used for storage in stores, a place where the merchant kept his stock of supplies. Now he keeps them on the shelves where buyers can see them.

Another of the back rooms we remember was the back rooms in banks where the borrower was taken to talk over his personal affairs with the hard-eyed lender. In these days he sits himself down at the banker's desk and does his business where the public can see him. The condition is made easier because he might be borrowing or arranging to buy some bank stock or government bonds. In other days the only reason for talking to a banker was to borrow.

Then there was the back room in sundry pool halls, etc., in prohibition days to which the initiated repaired when a bootlegger had come to town with his spring sagging from liquid weight—and liquid fire—that was being distributed among the well financed and thirsty. In such rooms also there was often a game played with cards on a green baize topped table at which some men boasted of winning sums of cash which others seldom admitted losing.

Some way there seems fewer of all of these back rooms and we are inclined to think living is better for the lack of them. At least it is franker and less furtive.

**HOUSING**

If the city of Moro is going to get any bigger some one is going to have to build some housing for families and probably for business pretty soon. It is bursting its seams right now. In such conditions a town can't grow without more buildings.

To make it worse some of the houses now occupied would not be occupied if there were better houses. There are many indications that the demand for living quarters in Moro will continue and there is always demand for temporary quarters by the crews that come here to work on highways, roads, or utilities and contrary to usual expectations these do not all come in the summer-time.

A few persons with money laying around unused could make a good interest rate by putting up some houses or a duplex or two and could help the town grow at the same time.

**SNOW**

As a snow, this one doesn't amount to much and is remarkable only for its persistence. A little falls every day, often several times.

Compared to the big—and remembered—three and four footers of grandpa's time this one is very ordinary, a sort of an April snow in the old gentleman's memory. Of course, grandpa had some real snows to remember and we must say he did a fine job of it. About the best snow he can remember was that of 1884 when homesteaders made skis and sailed over the few fences on a deep crust that formed over the snow.

The next spring, he says, the bodies of cattle still stood braced against the wind. Younger men can remember a big snow less than twenty years ago when farmers got their tractors and made snow plows in order to get to town. There was so much wind the trails drifted full almost every night and the men had to move it all two or three times in order to keep a road open.

This snow is a big snow only to the children who are having such a fine time sliding down hill. To a child of ten or twelve this is quite a snow for many winters pass with much less of the white covering that is so much fun.

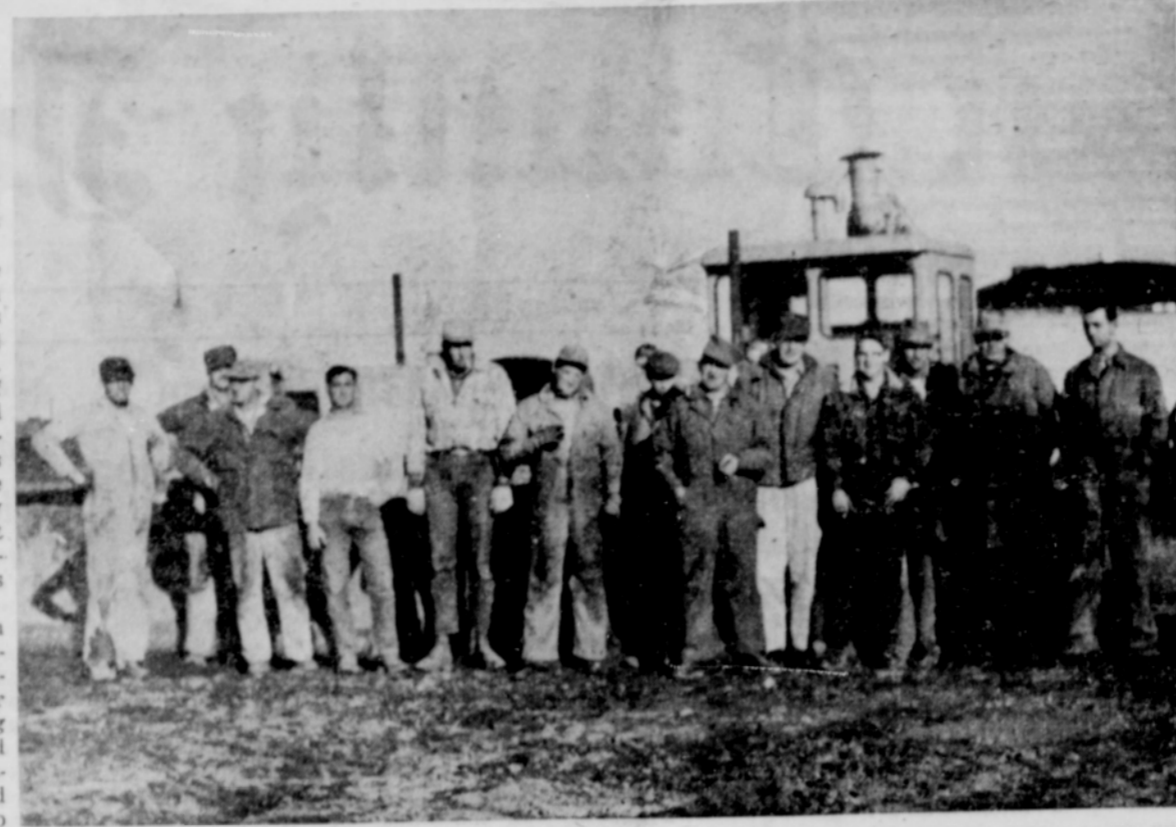
**SEED CATALOGUES**

One of the timely and appropriate pleasures of these winter evenings when the mercury is shrinking down into the tube is looking at the seed catalogues. The seed dealers must send them along at this time of year with that in mind.

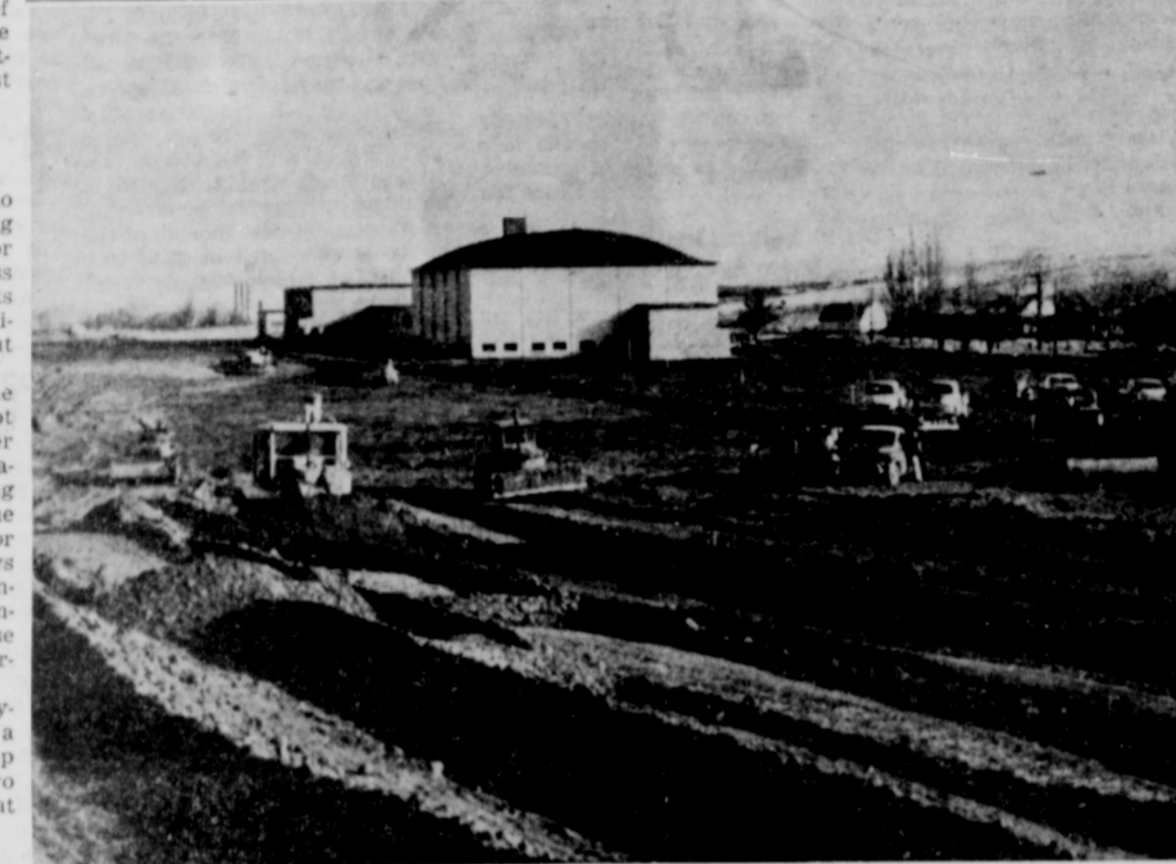
One old enough to realize that anticipation is often superior to realization knows that duplicates of the pictured tomatoes, radishes and beans will hardly be found in his garden when June and August permits proof of the gardener's skill. Even that does not diminish the joy of contemplating the pictures and reading the script that tells of the ease of production and the delight in eating. Readers can visualize themselves biting into crisp radishes, gnawing hungrily at ears of golden corn.

Later, when the worms attack the tomato plants will be time for dismay and realization. By then the days will be long and sunny and he who now sits in his comfortable chair will be thinking about fishing or planning a hunting trip and the unfortunate end of his winter dreams will cause little pain.

It is like that with us humans. Plan we must, dreams we must have, and if they result successfully that is fine. But whether they do or not we have had our dreams and that is the important thing. A man who cannot picture himself growing a perfect tomato, making a stirring speech, plowing a well turned furrow has lost the touch of living. What matter if his tomato is undersized, his speech is hesitant, his furrow crooked if he can but dream again of doing it better?



This is a picture taken by Dr. Reid of a crew of men that worked to grade the athletic field at the new high school. Other men group aided in getting the track Heater, Stan Coelsch, Jack Benson, Tex Irzyk, Jack Cushman, Morris Burnett, Boyce Blaylock, Frank Bayer, Frank Sayers, Claud Bayer, Joe Hammond, Joe also worked and a much larger



Here is how the job looked when the work was being done. Equipment owned by from left to right, Frank Sayers, Sherman county, Moore Bros., Sherman county, Tex Irzyk, Reid Ranch, Stan Coelsch.

**People's Column**

The student body of Sherman high school would like to extend its sincere thanks and gratitude to the men of Sherman county who so generously donated their work to make our athletic field one of the finest of B schools in this state. Without the cooperation of these men our athletic field would be sufficient only for a football field. We now have a room for track and baseball. The room for track and baseball. The room for track and baseball. The room for track and baseball.

Ward Sybouts Supt.

**Joint or Separate Returns Important**

When you have determined which federal income tax form is most advantageous, your next step—if you are or recently were married—likely should be to determine whether to file jointly or separately. Most couples save tax money by the joint return instead of the separate one. This is true because the tax is figured on a joint return as though hubby and wife each had half the total income. This income splitting may place the couple in a lower bracket. But, beware of exceptions, for they may prove costly.

For instance:

1. If you had capital losses or excessive medical expenses, you probably should figure both jointly and separately to see which results in less tax.
2. On a joint return, both husband and wife are liable for the entire tax. This could be quite a blow to a widow when a deficiency is assessed after the husband's death.
3. If you both have nearly equal income, it is doubly important that you compare the results from both joint and separate filing. Advice from your public accountant may help you determine how to file to obtain the greatest saving.

Some other factors to remember in deciding whether to file jointly or separately:

1. Husband and wife may file a joint return even though one has no income nor deductions.
2. A joint return can be filed if the taxpayers were husband and wife on the last day of the tax year or on the date one spouse died, provided the survivor does not remarry during the year.

**WASCO METHODIST CHURCH**

Richard E. Bruner, pastor  
 Church School 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
 "Life at It's Best"  
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Ward Sybouts Supt.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Harold Fowler, pastor  
 Jerry Engberg, SS Supt.  
 Selma Watkins, pianist  
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
 S. S. Assembly 10:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
 Communion and sermon on "Doing What We Would Not".

**WANT ADS**

WANTED: Well drilling. Machine now available. E. E. Shull - W. J. Rodda, Phone GI 2 5217. 9-12c

Custom Slaughtering by appointment only. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon. Call 242 for appointment. 7c

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. complete painting and decorating service, spray or brush. Phone 3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Oregon. 381fn

FOR SALE: 3 registered Hereford bulls, one 5 in March, large, good, sound bull; two will be 2 in March and are in very thrifty condition, wt. at present approximately 1400 lbs. Price very reasonable. Phone 412 Grass Valley, Oregon. 10-13c

FOR SALE: One cat—choice of one D-6 Caterpillar, less than one year old, 620 hours, factory built cab, big front fenders, lights, Beegee pump, \$11,000.00; OR either of two TD-14s complete with cabs and lights \$4000.00 each; ALSO: one John Deere 14-foot disk killifer plow, 24 in. blades. Contact M. M. Powell, Phone JORDAN 5-3228. 11-14c

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as Executor of the Estate of Vernon K. Van Gilder, deceased, and that Monday, February 25, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.  
 Glenn Van Gilder  
 Executor

T. Lester Johnson  
 Attorney for Executor 12-15c

**SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of February, 1957, at the Grange Hall in Rufus, Sherman County, Oregon a special election will be held for the purpose of voting for or against the organization of a rural fire protection district to be known as "North Sherman Rural Fire Protection District" comprising the territory within the following described boundaries to-wit:

That portion of Sherman County, Oregon, lying North of the following described line, to-wit: Commencing at a point where the section line lying 1 mile North of the Base Line intersects the Westerly boundary of Sherman County, Oregon at the Deschutes River; thence East along said section line to the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 18 E.W.M.; thence North 1/4 mile; thence East 1 mile; thence North 1/4 mile; thence East

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NORMAN E. FIELDS  
 Administrator

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1 mile; thence North 1 mile; thence East to the Easterly boundary of Sherman County, Oregon, at the John Day River. EXCEPTING therefore those portions or parts lying within the corporate limits of the City of Wasco, Oregon, and, EXCEPTING railroad rights of way, and for the election of five directors to serve said district. This notice is given in pursuance of an Order made by the County Court for Sherman County on January 3, 1957.  
 (SEAL) Marie Hoskinson  
 County Clerk

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Second and Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Chester B. Halfpenny, deceased, and that Monday, February 11, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for said hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.  
 B. C. Baumgartner  
 Administrator

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: January 11, 1957.

LEONA F. SMITH  
 Executrix

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All persons having claims against the Estate of E. E. Barzee, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of E. E. Barzee, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: January 11, 1957.

MAX ELMER BARZEE  
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