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These Things We Note

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Now there's a little booklet out about "Educational Television" and we wish they had proven that television was education before using that as a title.

It was years ago on a sunny spring Sunday and we think the theme of the sermon went like this: the good life consists of giving, not getting. Give something, give what you have. If you have nothing but money, give money; if you have ability, give ability; to neighbors, community and state; give respect, for men like to be respected. It strengthens them. And if you have something precious like love, to give, give that. And your life will be enriched.

Roger Burlingame has written a book about the American conscience which, he says, has often appeared suddenly when most needed. And it may be time for it again, for (and we quote) "We are prosperous. We are complacent. Religion has become, for the most part, a social convention... skill is anonymous, thought is under pressure to conform, security has replaced venture as a dominant aim, intellect is in the discard, and politics are dictated by a cult of mediocrity."

Government jobs are too often dead end streets for the ambitious. That is because pay is low and work is little. Everyone would be better off if both the pay and the work was increased.

Portland papers seem bent on proving the city's purity. Still trying to prove that Portland is the spinster city of the west, En. If one is to be proud, he must do something to be proud of. He must be moral there is no pride in immorality.

This is one of the numerous weeks of the year when citizens had to make a payment on government. It is something like buying a drink in an old fashioned saloon where the bar kept up all the bums to drink along with the customer.

We note that many legislators who campaigned to abolish the 45 percent surtax voted to keep the bill in committee. Such political morality—or lack of it—must presume forgetfulness on the part of the voter. It may be misplaced.

The nicest thing about most laws is that no one reads them and no one tries to enforce them. That should be a warning to lawmakers but apparently is only a stimulant.

If Americans were as inventive at atomic weapons as they are at devising means of getting money from the government we would be far ahead of all other nations.

Multnomah county may find its witnesses in jail before it gets around to obtaining their testimony. There seems little coordination between the senate committee and the federal courts.

The latest guess has been made on census figures and most are made happy because most towns have grown and if there is anything a little town wants to be, it's a big town. No one has explained it but it is so.

Governor Holmes is having difficulty with appointments. Even when he gets them in the right part of the state and the right party.

Senate President Overhulse draws some criticism for referring the indicted officer removal bill to the Multnomah delegation. Usually that delegation is not considered a regular committee. What the critics are saying, in effect, is that they would rather have the bill passed on by upstate legislators than by those from Multnomah county. And that delights us no end.

Few good things are done on trying.

Rain, Rain, Rain Is Weather Fare This Spring

It rains and rains. Last Thursday night a big rain hit the center of the county bringing .47 inch to the rain gauge at the experiment station. Friday afternoon a big rain fell west of Wasco that washed ditches in some fields and drenched everything for a few minutes.

It rained again Saturday night and again Tuesday night when .24 fell at the station. A few miles south of town as much as .76 was recorded.

We are within an inch of the average for the crop year in most of the county and the wheat fields have a good supply of moisture under them. That condition does not prevail for stubble, says Bill Hall, who reports that average moisture in six feet of soil cropped last year is ten per cent. Experience has shown that under continuous cropping a minimum of 11.5 per cent is needed to mature a crop.

So far the rainfall for April is .85 as compared to the average of .75 for the entire month.

Two Boys Make OSC Honor Roll

Joseph Scott Fritts of Grass Valley and Leroy S. Martin of Kent have been listed on the winter term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college.

To be eligible, students must make at least a 3.5 grade point average, with 4 points equaling straight A grades. Fritts, a senior in agriculture engineering, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fritts of Grass Valley. Martin, senior in agriculture, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Martin of Kent.

Both students are graduates of Moro high school.

Range Camp Planned For Morrow County

"Four boys from Sherman county will be eligible to attend, with all expenses paid, a range camp in Morrow county the first week in August," announces Bill Hall. Mr. Hall is the county committeeman chosen by the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management to help in picking out the boys in Sherman county and to help in raising scholarships to send the boys.

Boys interested in attending the camp should notify Mr. Hall in person or dropping him a post card before June 1. If more than four boys express interest in attending the camp, suitable contests for demonstrating range and wild life interest will be conducted to determine the winners. Boys attending camp must be within the ages of 14 to 18, inclusive.

Subjects taught at the camp include identification of plants, use of hunting and fishing equipment, how to get along in the woods, what to do if lost, and problems involved in managing ranges, both open sagebrush and forest. A number of contests are run at the camp in finding and naming plants that grow in the camp area. Prizes are given to individual boys and to groups of them all during the week. One day of the camp will be devoted to visiting several of the range livestock ranches near Heppner in Morrow county.

The camp has been held during the past several years, but no Sherman county boys have attended.

Stabilization Asked By ASC Chairman

Farmers with wheat acreage allotments should protect their allotments by signing a request to stabilize their wheat acreage history, advises Robert T. Lister, Prineville, chairman of the Oregon agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) committee.

Requests must be signed and filed in local county ASC offices by May 1, Lister said. Forms are available in the county offices, and farmers are advised to drop soon to make sure they meet the deadline.

One provision of the Soil Bank law states that a farmer may lose part of his wheat acreage allotment if he underplants—accidentally or intentionally—Lister explains. He emphasized that any farmer in any part of the state can protect his allotment by signing one of the request forms.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Mrs. Tracy L. Fields of Rufus here and for sale. She also asked that several of the women have kitchen aprons made in time for the contest at next Pomona meeting May 12. Also that there's a Home Ec conference at Harlandview grange hall April 25 2 p. m. Mrs. Christopher, the district chairman from Bend, will be present to meet with both granges in the county. All members of the Home Ec clubs are invited.

The club brought and signed Easter cards to send to their shut-ins. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers, Mrs. Kate Hollinger, Richie Dingle, Herman Brackett and Mrs. W. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs and children took their mother, Mrs. Frances Henrichs to Camp Sherman Sunday to meet her daughter, Maxine for a weeks vacation, before both return to their home at Marysville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peters and the G. Doumas went to the Tygh Valley home of the Peters' Sunday expecting to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, who have been living there this winter. The Browns had gone to their ranch at Shaniko for the day.

Bob Olson, having earned enough credits to graduate from high school joined the navy on a three year enlistment and departed for San Diego last week.

Miss Joyce Andrews, when returning from an after play party for the cast of the high school play at Paulen Kasebergs Saturday night, slid into a bank and crushed the front of her car.

Roy Bransky, who was here this winter and spring as soil tester for the SCS, is in a Portland hospital with faulty circulation in one of his legs. Doctors are uncertain as to the cause.

The club will have a Mother's Day silver tea the 2nd Thursday in May. Each person to bring a guest. The committees in the year book are to do their parts.

Federation President Pinkerton Presides

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, president of the 4th District of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, presided at the annual convention held in Stanfield Monday, April 15. The program included an address by Mrs. George Rossman, Salem, president of the OFWC and an interesting talk by Miss Evelyn Brown, an exchange teacher from Edinburgh, Scotland. Besides Mrs. Pinkerton, the Moro club was represented by Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. Eugene Amidon, Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. Vernon Miller.

A 1:30 luncheon preceded the business meeting. Eighteen members were out for the afternoon. Roll call was on what was the first flower in your yard. The secretary was instructed to buy a magnetic knife holder for the good kitchen knives the club bought.

Mrs. McDonald, chairman, said a new supply of dusters are now

Secret pals were revealed and there were some complete surprises in some cases. The ones desiring to draw names again, did so. Mrs. Atlee Wilson won the drawing.

The Rufus school gymnasium was a rainbow of colors for the school dance Saturday night. Colored streamers of crepe paper made a roof and were also used on the walls. Teadtke, the band teacher from Sherman high and his orchestra furnished the music. The band was placed in one end of the gym with a fence surrounding it. Just about all the local area turned out for the dance and there were others came from the county.

Chances were sold on a picnic basket. Mrs. Harold Baker held the winning ticket. The PTA at Rufus, sponsored the dance and served a nice lunch at midnight. This area had a nice rain Saturday night. Since then the weather has been beautiful. The added moisture will do a great deal for the growing wheat, barley and grasses in these parts.

Kent Women Meet

The Kent Home Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Lester Wilson with herbs the topic under leaders Nan Wilson and An-nice Nogle.

As each member arrived she was given a slip of paper with instructions on what to do as her share in preparing the luncheon. There were 18 members, one visitor Mrs. Pat Hanks of Shaniko and Ina B. Hanson, county agent. We were each given ballots for next year's program on which we voted.

Officers for next year's club were elected as follows: Mrs. Margaret Mobley, chairman; Mrs. Sammy Watkins, vice-chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Stark, sec-treas. Our next meeting will be May 9 at the Ellen Justesen home on "Flower Arrangement" with Ellen Justesen and Nan Wilson leaders.

Mrs. Watkins Hostess

Mrs. Vinton Watkins will be the hostess for the Wasco extension unit at her home Tuesday, April 23, starting at 11:00 a. m. Mrs. Art Watkins and Mrs. Hazel Pearson, the project leaders, will give the lesson on "Herbs and Other Seasonings."

Wednesday, April 24, the Grass Valley unit will meet at the school lunch room at 1:30 p. m. Boyce Blaylock and Mrs. Elton Eakin will be the project leaders for the same lesson on herbs. Homemakers in these vicinities are invited to attend.

Parties Go To Salem On High School Law Amendment Hearing

Two or three carloads of Sherman county citizens went to Salem Wednesday to appear as witnesses at a public hearing before the senate education committee on SB 290 by Senator Musa.

Senate Bill 290 is a bill to amend the county high school law by permitting a district to vote out of it and establish its own high school. It was introduced in February "at the request of various taxpayers of Northern Sherman county" according to the calendar and has been in the committee for two months. The hearing was called by Monroe Sweetland, committee chairman.

Home Ec Sets Theme

"The Cotton Parade" will be the theme for the homemakers' festival at the Sherman high school cafeteria Tuesday, April 30, starting at 1:30 p. m.

There will be exhibits, speakers, musical numbers and a parade of the cotton dresses made in the workshops.

Land Class

Land Class	Zone I	Zone II	Zone III	Zone IV
II	145.00	115.00	75.00	100.00
III	105.00	85.00	55.00	75.00
IV	65.00	50.00	35.00	45.00
V	25.00	20.00	15.00	20.00
VI	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
VII	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
VIII	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

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II	123.00	98.00	64.00	85.00
III	89.00	72.00	47.00	64.00
IV	55.00	43.00	30.00	38.00

Wool Growers Want Dressmaking Done

The Oregon Wool Growers Auxiliary has announced the rules and prizes for the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest. This is a home sewing contest for all Oregon girls from age 14 through 22. There will be district, state and national contests. In addition there will be a special district contest for girls of ages 13-15.

Entry blanks and rules for the contest may be obtained from Ina B. Hanson at the county extension office.

Good Friday To Have Cantata

The evening of Good Friday at 8 o'clock, the choir of the Community Presbyterian church will present the Cantata, "The Seven Last Words" by Theodore Dubois.

The Cantata is directed by Frank Sayrs, with soloists Mrs. Kenneth McKean, Mac Hall, Donald Thompson, Mrs. Don King, Allan Pinkerton, Frank Sayrs, Russell Belshee and Ward Sybouts. Mrs. Carroll Sayrs will be at the organ and for the prelude Mrs. Max Barzee will join her in an organ-piano duet.

Some of the other churches of our county are planning to attend this service. Of course, everyone is invited.

Wasco Boy Scouts Hold Court of Honor

Troop 736 Wasco, sponsored by the Wasco American Legion Post, held a Court of Honor in the Legion hall Tuesday evening, April 9.

Ira Hill, district Scout executive, presented Harold Fowler his Scoutmaster's badge, Floyd Rathbun his assistant Scoutmaster's badge, and Robert Lutje his junior assistant Scoutmaster's badge.

Following the lighting of the 12 candles representing the 12 parts of the Scout law, Harold Fowler presented Tom Coats and John Fields, patrol leader bars, Tony Capaci and Gary Rhinehart, assistant patrol leaders bars and John Thomas the scribe badge.

The following 13 boys had earned and received their Second Class award: Doug Bish, John Fields, James Rhinehart, Tony Capaci, Billy Smith, Arlyn Van Gilder, John Thomas, Ronny Week, Bob by Drinkard, Gary Rhinehart, Virgil Fields, Tom Coats and Floyd Rathbun.

Following the presentation of the awards, Ira Hill discussed the Valley Forge Jamboree, summer long term camping, and showed a very interesting picture about Explorer Scouting.

Rate Set For Land Valuation By Local Group

A meeting held Friday evening April 5 at the courthouse in Moro the members of the various farm re-appraisal committees voted unanimously to reduce the land values as presented by the State Tax Commission at an earlier meeting. The reduction voted for was a drop of 15 per cent on the top three classes of tillable land in the four zones established in the county.

The committee members also voted to accept the zones and classifications of land as presented by the various committees.

The values as presented by the Tax Commission for each zone and class of land is as follows: The committees accepted the values established on Class V, VI, VII and VIII land in each zone. Class V land being the poorest tillable land and the last three being non-tillable.

The values of the three top classes of tillable land in the county reduced by 15 per cent and adopted by the local committees would be as follows:

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II	145.00	115.00	75.00	100.00
III	105.00	85.00	55.00	75.00
IV	65.00	50.00	35.00	45.00
V	25.00	20.00	15.00	20.00
VI	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
VII	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
VIII	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

The State Tax Commission has been informed of the committees' action but at this date no information has been received by the Assessor's office which would indicate their acceptance or rejection of the values as established by the local committees.

Mrs. Anna Moore Gets 50-Year Pin

Bethlehem chapter No. 78 convened Thursday evening with Genevieve Powell, worthy matron, presiding.

During "Good of the Order" a floral degree was given Mrs. Anna Moore, when she was presented her 50-year pin as a member of the OES and Bethlehem chapter, in which she had been an active member and a past matron.

All past chaplains were honored and each presented a nosegay of violets. Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. Edith Burnet, Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, Mrs. Nina Pinkerton, Mrs. Gwen Ross and Mrs. Elsie Jones were those chaplains present.

The altar was draped and a memorial service given for all deceased members. Orilu Coons and Frank Sayrs sang "Rock of Ages" accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs at the piano.

Following the meeting refreshments were served in the newly decorated dining room.

Field Testing of Ammonia Starts

Field testing of liquid ammonia samples at plants has been started by the state department of agriculture. This will give plant operators and buyers a quick look at the nitrogen content of this product.

At the same time, the department will continue to bring official samples into its laboratories at Salem for chemical tests, comments J. D. Patterson, chief chemist and assistant chief of the foods and dairies, weights and measures division.

The liquid and anhydrous (waterless form) ammonia business in Oregon is one of the fastest growing in the fertilizer field, Patterson says. Last year sales of more than 5000 tons of anhydrous ammonia and more than 26,000 tons of liquid ammonia were reported to the department by Oregon firms.

At this point, only one concern is manufacturing anhydrous ammonia in Oregon; the rest is shipped into the state. Several plants here are mixing the gaseous liquid to dilute it with water to the usable stage, usually a 20 percent ammonia product. The field testing kit for plant checks on nitrogen content of the liquid ammonia offered for sale is carried regularly by A. W. Cole, department fertilizer specialist.