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These Things We Note

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Farm surpluses are up, farm prices down, farm income down, farm debt up since 1951 during a period when federal aid has been most generous. Maybe it isn't a panacea.

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Ordinarily increases in population also increase taxation. Oregon is trying the opposite: trying to see if increasing taxes will build population. It probably will not.

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The rules for our representative government were written for a people composed of independent workmen, business men and farmers. Since then we have changed into a nation of persons most of whom work for some one else. We may, therefore, want a form of government with more centralized authority because modern citizens lack the independence their forebears possessed.

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One must wonder that Oregon legislators themselves would vote for annual sessions after more than 120 days of wrangling. We feel certain that few persons would vote for more of it.

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It is surprising the number of people who think a short depression is the only thing that will stop the grasp on high profits by business and labor.

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It used to be considered normal for a debtor to worry about what he owed and for the man who held the mortgage to worry about it, too. Yet, neither the nation, nor its bond holders seem concerned about the national debt.

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We didn't realize how conscience stricken senators were over McCarthy until they gave that formal funeral.

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Think how nice it would be to make money during inflation and spend it in a depression. And also think how many do it in reverse.

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We had begun to hope that Senator Morse had softened his extravagant bitterness. He has been so quiet since the beginning of this congress. But his recent trip to the west dispelled all that. He is still going about expressing hatred of those who disagree with him. Most men by the age of fifty come to realize they are not always right. It is sad that a man so brilliant should be so direly handicapped by his own violence.

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The farmer's worst problem used to be insects and weeds. Science took pretty good care of that. Now it is government.

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Governor Holmes boasts that the press has not criticized his appointments. Wait until they catch their breath.

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The Washington county district attorney has moved to enforce the law against selling cigarettes to minors, a law never heretofore enforced. The Deschutes county district attorney has raided clubs having slot machines. Wonder what will happen next.

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One of the advantages of rolling your own cigarettes is that some is always spilled and you don't have to smoke that. It is similar to the advantage that comes from having welfare recipients drink beer for you.

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When the weather man says the sun is going to shine it is news. When it does shine it is good news.

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The two big political parties are both trying to please a majority of the voters and there is little difference in the way they are trying to do it. The attitude toward inflation is the most marked at present, the Democrats favoring, the Republicans opposing.

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If beats all how a man can go on breaking the rules on every hand until tripped up by some minor thing. Look at Dave Beck, charged with everything but murder.

Swimming Classes Again Scheduled For Summer Time

Dr. F. D. Reid wishes to announce that application forms for this summer's swimming lessons have been sent to all schools and will be expected back in a short time.

As before each community is expected to provide transportation to The Dalles pool and return.

Classes will be held from June 24 through July 5 and Sherman county and Mosier will have joint use of the pool for specified times during that period.

Women's Clubs Arrange Tour

The fourth district of Oregon Federation clubwomen is sponsoring a "Show-Me" trip Monday, May 20 which anyone can attend.

The party will meet at 9:30 a. m. at Bucks corner which is at the intersection of Highway 30 and the Heppner-Hermiston road. To be seen on the trip is bird hatchery and rearing at the state game farm there; young nursery where shrubs are grown for habitat improvement; plot at Stage Gulch road for game improvement.

A picnic lunch will be held at Hat Rock state park to which all attending the tour will bring lunch and table service. Coffee will be provided.

Kent Home Ec Has Luncheon

The Kent Home Ec unit met at the Kent Legion hall May 6. Potluck luncheon was served at noon to Ellen Justesen, Nan Wilson, Annie Nogel, Pat and Jill, Nancy Barnes, Vera McConaughy and Mary McKay. Mrs. Justesen and Mrs. Barnes showed how to arrange flowers. Mrs. Barnes had made three or four arrangements and brought them to the meeting.

One striking arrangement was pink and green tulips and yellow daffodils in a pale pink container. Just as we were finishing our flower arrangements Mrs. Floye von Borstel arrived with her camera to take some color pictures. The next unit meeting will be in September.

Field Day Planned At Peck Farm

The 1956 Oregon Wheat League Conservation Man of the Year field day will be held on Saturday May 25, states County Agent T. W. Thompson. Kenneth Peck, Lexington was 1956 winner. Mr. Peck lives near Lexington in Morrow County Signs directing farmers to the field day will be posted in Lexington. Mr. Peck lives on the Clark Canyon road 4 miles south and west of Lexington.

Kenneth Peck and N. C. Anderson, Morrow county agent, will appear over KEPR-TV, Pasco on May 20. They will appear over "Salute to Farmers" which is broadcast from 7:15 to 7:30.

Basic Dress Group Being Formed

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, will hold a preliminary meeting for those wishing to take the basic dress workshop. It will be held in the basement of the Moro church Friday, May 17 starting at 1:30 p. m.

There will be several workshops held either later this month or during the summer. Wanda Dunlap and Cathy Thompson will instruct one in the Moro area, Helen Davis in the Kent area, and Marglee Kaseberg will hold a workshop in her home.

Those who are interested should attend this preliminary when Mrs. Hanson will give the plan of the workshop, how to measure for patterns, preparation of the pattern and fabric. After this the various groups can get together with their leaders and decide on the dates which would be acceptable to the majority.

RUFUS ITEMS

The mothers of Junior high school students going to Moro Tuesday to help put on the Sherman High Junior-Senior banquet were Mrs. Whitie Miller, Mrs. Art Macheel, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. George Blackburne. The mothers reported everything went off very well with the dinner which was roast turkey with all the trimmings.

John Mathieson is gradually feeling better. It is thought he suffered a slight stroke about a week ago.

Budget Matters Before Voters Friday, May 24

Voters who expected an opportunity to vote on three measures affecting taxes on Friday, May 24 will have but two such opportunities. The Sherman High budget was protested as showing the wrong figure for a base and a new one is published in this issue. No change was made in estimated expenditures. However, a trip to Salem by the board did result in a larger estimate for basic school receipts by \$6,000.

Vote on the high school budget will be held June 8.

That is the day they will pass upon two budgets and a proposal for a new barn at the fair grounds.

The county budget totals \$141,500 for the road fund and \$88,903 for the general fund. Receipts of \$31,980 are expected which, with other computations, makes it necessary for the county to ask for a levy of \$75,880.95 over the six per cent limitation. This is proposition No. 1 that will appear on the ballot May 24. The budget has been published and readers will determine the result.

The second proposal is one to levy \$5000 with which to build a new barn at the fair grounds. The county court declined to include this item in the regular budget.

Riding clubs of the county, through Curly DeMoss, president of the Sherman Riders and by John Kellogg, president of the West Wind Riders by way of De Moss, disclaim responsibility for the proposed levy of \$5000.

Bob Stow Buried At McMinnville

Robert A. Stow was buried in Evergreen cemetery at McMinnville Thursday, May 9, following his death in Portland May 6.

Mr. Stow was born near McMinnville September 25, 1866 and was 90 years old at time of death. He moved to Sherman, county with his family shortly before the turn of the century and homesteaded on Sherar's grade where he ran a blacksmith shop along with his farm. He later moved to Grass Valley where he did many things, always being busy.

Lately he has lived much of the time with his children. Surviving are three sons, James and Floyd of Portland and Volney of San Carlos, Calif., and one daughter, Hattie Wilcox of Portland. Two brothers also survive.

Kent Band Draws Crowd of Listeners

A large crowd attended the Kent band concert held in the Kent school auditorium Friday evening. The program was as follows: the band played "Star Spangled Banner" and "Merit Award"; trumpet duets "Circus Waltz" by Gary Carlson and John MacInnes, "Bicycle Built for Two" by Pat Jefferies and Ray Sather; "Betty Lou Waltzes" by Donnie Decker and Paul Sather, piano accompanist Betty Reckman; trombone duet, "Sailing" by Don Mobley and James Tatum; clarinet duet "Prairie Warbler" by Sally Sue Bibby and Sandra Wilson, accompanist Betty Reckman; band played "Sunset Hour" and "Two Pals"; solo on alto horn "Above the Clouds" by Judy MacInnes, accompanist Bonnie Tatum; flute solo, "Peasant Dance" by Teresa Bardenhagen, accompanist Patty Knott; trombone solo, "Entrance of the Noblemen" by Don Mobley, accompanist Peggy McKay; tuba solo, "Jolly Sailor" by John Kelly, accompanist Judy MacInnes; band played "Badge of Honor"; square dance "Inside Arch Outside Under" by John Kelly, Erin Wilson, Don Mobley, Sandra Wilson, Ray Sather, June Jefferies, Sally Sue Bibby and J. P. Reckman; square dance, "Four in Line" by Donnie Duke, Betty Reckman, Paul Sather, Linda Helyer, Ronnie Mobley, Peggy McKay, Pat Jefferies and Bonnie Tatum; band played "Silver Shadows" and "Razzle Dazzle"; flute solo, "Song of India" by Patty Knott, accompanist Bonnie Tatum; clarinet solo, "Indian Love Call" by Erin Wilson, accompanist Karen Wilson; band played "Masquerade Overture" and "Round and Round We Go"; saxophone solo, "A Waltz Dream" by Betty Reckman accompanist Peggy McKay; clarinet solo, "Sweet and Dainty" by Bonnie Tatum accompanist Peggy McKay; closing with the band playing "Champion" on P. Ode and "America".

Moro Marshal Hit In Dispute Over Water Meter Removal

Leonard Eccles pled not guilty to a charge of assault Wednesday morning in Justice Galloway's court at Wasco but was deemed guilty by the judge after hearing testimony and Eccles was fined \$15.00 and costs.

Cause of the charge was a fight between Eccles and Moro marshal Loy Cochran over removal of a water meter. Cochran had been ordered to remove the meter from the property occupied by Mrs. Betty Thoele and this he started to do Tuesday morning. Eccles was there and offered to pay the water bill if he could raise the money. He called Wendell Balsiger at the Moro Grain Growers to see if he could borrow \$10.

Finding he could he went outside to tell Cochran that he could get the money by going to the Grain Growers office.

This didn't seem like payment to Cochran. He claims that Eccles struck him with a pipe wrench. Eccles held that he was struck first. Cochran was taken to the hospital to be patched and Eccles went to jail where he spent the night preparatory to his appearance in court.

Traffic Counted At Grass Valley

Traffic counting operations will be carried on by the State Highway department in Grass Valley beginning May 28. It has been announced by W. C. Williams, state highway engineer.

The numerous small black tubes which will be seen on the streets are part of the automatic equipment used in making the count.

The traffic count provides a basis for determining the vehicle miles handled by each city street. This information is used by the State Highway department in its planning program and is also available for the use of municipal officials.

Arabian Horse Owners Going To Show

Sherman county horses and their owners will participate when the Arabian Horse Breeders' association of Oregon stages its 11th annual All-Arabian Horse show at the state fairgrounds June 22-23.

Celebrated as the oldest single-breed show of its kind on the Pacific Coast, the event is dedicated to the world's only pure strain of horse which has been preserved nearly 4000 years. Known as the basic stock for nearly every popular breed of horse today, Arabians are easily recognized by their delicate heads, graceful bodies, stamina and a versatility unrivaled in the horse world.

While the show there will attract exhibitors and their mounts from all over the country, Sherman county will be represented by Marjorie an Gilder, Wasco, Sadie Rich, Wasco, F. L. Watkins and family, Wasco, and Sharon Coelsch, Moro.

4-H Leaders Meet Discuss Program

Mrs. Earl Gentry presided at the Sherman County 4-H Leader's association meeting Monday evening. Howard Ross gave a report on the meeting of the awards committee. In the absence of F. L. Watkins, Ina Hanson reported for the county fair committee. T. W. Thompson, county agent, talked some about the IFYE program and showed a certificate which is to be presented to the Paulen Kaseberg family. They were a host family for Jagit Baines of India.

Imogene Hailey and Josephine Gentry explained the use of the permanent record sheet and the 4-H story sheet which are new this year. Mrs. Hailey had the group fill out a typical record for a nine year member.

Mrs. Hanson announced that the dates for 4-H summer camp will be July 7-12 and the camp fee has been raised, also that it will be necessary to have a health certificate from the family doctor to attend the camp. This is for the Tri-County 4-H summer camp held at Suttle lake each year.

The Home Ec leaders set August 16 as a tentative date for the pre-fair clothing judging and dress revue.

Those who attended were Gwen Ross, Howard Ross, Doug Alley, Elizabeth Hartley, Edna Macnab, Imogene Hailey, Helen Martin, Leonard Fields, Josephine and Earl Gentry, T. W. Thompson and Ina B. Hanson.

Wheat League Livestock Show Plans Underway

At least 15 Oregon counties will be represented June 3-5 among entries in the Mid-Columbia Livestock association's 1957 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale.

Record participation is indicated in all classifications of this year's show and sale including beef, hogs and sheep.

Schedule for the Mid-Columbia show, to be held for the second time at new permanent quarters in the former Seufert cannery buildings, begins with registration of animals all day Sunday, June 2.

Livestock judging contests on Monday, June 3, judging of animals on Tuesday, June 4, and a showmanship contest on Wednesday, June 5, will precede the annual auction.

Ration requirement now specifies 75 per cent of concentrates fed must be wheat, wheat by-products, barley, oats, rye or peas grown in the Pacific Northwest. Previously, the grain ration required 50 per cent wheat whole grain products.

With judging based on the dual merit system, ribbons will be awarded both according to grade and individually to the top 10 places in each case. Premium money will be paid according to market grade.

Auxiliary Women Meet In Moro

Members of the Moro, Wasco, Kent and Antelope units of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the IOOF hall in Moro Friday forenoon when the state president, Mrs. Frances Grund of Monmouth was present to bring a message to the unit members regarding the work of the Auxiliary from the state angle and to prepare them in advance on the resolutions that will be presented at the state convention this summer for voting upon. Other state officers present were Mrs. Edith Engels, vice president and Mrs. Martha Carns of Cascade Locks, district president.

At noon a luncheon was served by the host unit to about thirty guests.

Service Group Has Memorial Event

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Harry Hooper Wednesday afternoon for its regular meeting and Poppy Tea. The rooms were decorated with flowers and the tea table held a beautiful arrangement of flowers. Mrs. Donald von Borstel, president, presided with 10 adult members and three junior members and eight children present.

A letter from Child Welfare was read giving the unit credit of \$59 for new Easter dresses and \$8 for used clothing sent to welfare. A credit of over \$5 was given for paper flowers sent to the veterans for their wheel chair parade. A letter of thanks from Karen Wilson, who was chosen as a delegate to Girls State was read by Mrs. Frank Sayrs, Girls State chairman. Diane Schilling was chosen as alternate. Poppy corsages were made during the afternoon and will be sold later this month. A report of two wheel chairs and three hospital beds for use in the community was read.

A memorial service in honor of Mrs. Thora Justesen, a member who passed away during the year, was conducted by Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Memorial chairman and Mrs. J. W. J. Blagg, chaplain. White taper candles were lighted and a bowl of white narcissus and white tulips were used in the service.

A program was given consisting of a vocal duet "Pennsylvania Polka" by Anne and Patty Brown accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Max Brown on the accordion; Anne Brown sang two solos, "Mary Anne" and "Whatever Will Be Will Be" accompanied by her mother; Julie Reynolds favored with a ballet number.

Refreshments of tea, coffee and cookies were served from the beautifully decorated tea table. Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap poured. The next meeting of the unit will be held June 12 at the home of Mrs. Donald Clodfelter at 2 p. m. when election of officers will be held.

Conservation Week Opportunity To Study Natural Resources

Wallace May, chairman of observance of conservation week, which is to be May 20-26 says that it is being held to focus attention on the importance of natural resources. Education in wise use of forests, minerals, soils and wildlife can add to their value.

Our growing population constantly requires more water and this can be better utilized. He suggests that during conservation week citizens visit tree farms, fish hatcheries, mines, sawmills, dams in order to learn what is being done to conserve these resources.

Main interest in Sherman county is the preservation of the soil from which the entire county, directly or indirectly, obtains its living. There is also interest in fish and game, which is being protected by a program financed by licenses. Even though Sherman county is the only Oregon county without timber everyone is concerned about the proper use of timber in order that lumber be available.

Women Attend Club Convention In Salem

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. Eugene Amidon attended the convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, which was held in Salem, May 7-8. Mrs. Pinkerton as district president and Mrs. Amidon as a delegate from the Moro Woman's club. The featured speakers were Dr. Howard W. Runkel, speech and drama department, Willamette university; Mrs. Eleanor Stephens, state librarian; Mark O. Hatfield, secretary of state and Mrs. Dexter O. Arnold, New Hampshire, secretary of the General Federation of Women's clubs.

Mrs. Harold Fowler, president-elect of the Wasco Tuesday club, accompanied them and attended the meeting.

Rural School Budget Passes Easily

Voting on the Rural School budget was conducted Wednesday at the school houses in the county with a small turn out of voters as shown by the votes made at the three central schools of the county. At Grass Valley the vote was 13 to 2 in favor of the budget. At Moro it was 28 to 2 and at Wasco 26 to 10 making a vote of 67 for the budget and 14 against. It is not likely that other districts will upset the trend.

Sherman High Boys Going To State Meet

Sherman High placed fourth in the 6B district track meet at Bend Saturday with 19 points. Sisters won with 64. As a result Keith Hockman will go to the state meet to run the half mile, and Cantrall, Hastings, Gochnauer and Kaseberg will go to run the half mile relay because of second places won in those events. Cantrall won the high hurdles, was third in the 100. Mobley was third in the discus; Kaseberg was fourth in the 440 and Hastings fourth in the 220.

Final Lesson of Home Ec Billed

"Flower Arrangement" will be the final lesson for the extension units before their summer recess. Mrs. Kenneth Spagel, Biggs, will be the hostess for the Nitehawk extension unit May 20. Mrs. Spagel and Mrs. Harold Hailey will be the project leaders. Those wishing to attend should meet at Mrs. Ralph Busse's at 7:00 p. m. and transportation will be arranged.

The Wasco unit will be meeting at the Legion hall in Wasco Wednesday, May 22, with Mrs. Tom Jacobson and Mrs. Schwenkel as hostesses. Grace Medler and Wanda Hilderbrand will be presenting the lesson. The meeting will start at 1:30.

The Grass Valley unit will meet at the school lunch room on the same day, Wednesday, May 22. The leaders will be June Rolfe and Helen Bayer.

Those attending should bring a vase or two, flower holders (frogs), clay and some flowers to arrange. All homemakers in these various communities are invited to attend.

Wheat Quotas Referendum Will Be Held June 20

The date for the referendum on wheat marketing quotas will be June 20. A detailed explanation of the condition of the national wheat surplus and the law making the fifth referendum has been received at the local ASC office. It states that unless two-thirds of the farmers approve marketing quotas they will be abandoned.

If farmers approve those wheat growers in the 36 commercial states will receive \$1.78 a bushel for grain grown on allotted acres. If they are not approved farmers will be on an open market with a 50% of parity price floor. Parity is now \$2.50 a bushel.

The national allotment is 55,000,000 acres, the lowest possible. If the allotment had been based on the supply formula without use of the 55,000,000 minimum the acreage would be 23,144,654 acres.

The surplus consists of an estimated crop of 800,000,000 bushels, a carryover of 875,000,000 bush and estimated imports of 5,000,000 for a total supply of 1,680,000,000. This is less than the 1,825,000,000 of last year.

The wheat support price will be \$1.78 which is 75% of parity. The supply is 141.8% of normal supply. When the net supply is more than 130% of normal a support level of 75% is indicated. This is a minimum figure that could be increased. It will not be decreased.

If the quotas are approved those participating will be eligible for loans of \$1.78 per bushel. Those who do not conform will be subject to a penalty of 45% of the price.

Boy Scouts Get Earned Awards

Moro Boy Scout Troop 351 held a Court of Honor at 2000 hours Tuesday night at the Community church presenting honors to several members. Mac Hall presented Jim Conns, Walter Nichols and Robert Parker with second class awards, complimenting them on rapid advancement. Vernon Miller gave Gary Thompson a home repair and merit badge and John Matteson a home repair and architecture merit award.

Rev. E. C. Goodenberger gave a short talk to the scouts and parents present.

Grass Valley Women Hear Kindergartners

A large crowd of parents and friends attended the Mother's day program held in the school auditorium Friday afternoon presented by the kindergarten class under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Brinkert, the first and second grades under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Blagg and the third grade under the direction of Mrs. Rhoda West. After the program the adults went to the cafeteria where they were served cake, tea, and coffee furnished by the teachers. The children went to the little gym where they received ice cream slices.

Study Club Hears Of Mother's Day

The Wasco Women's Study club held its annual Mother's day tea Wednesday with Mrs. Lloyd Royse in charge of the program, opening with a welcome speech. Mrs. Walt Bruckert gave the collect. Shirley Watkins sang two numbers accompanied by Jeannette Belshee, "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" and "The Bible Tells Me So". Betty Haven played two piano numbers, Mrs. Tom Moore sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" accompanied by Carmen Royse, Rev. Bruner sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Betty Haven. Rev. Fowler gave a talk on the origin of Mother's day. Jeannette Belshee played two piano numbers, "Manhattan Serenade" and "Memories". Mrs. Ed Dutton and Mrs. Tom Moore were presented plants as they were the oldest mother and youngest grand mother present. After the guests were introduced, refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table.

Carmen Royse and Betty Haven were among a group of students going to Forest Grove last week to be present at the tenth anniversary of the "Music in May Festival".