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These Things We Note

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Taxpayers might feel a little better about the surtax. It did provide a surplus of nearly \$40,000 to make the new income tax rates easier for one biennium.

TTWN
The legislature did finally kill some bad bills. It generally does.

TTWN
The locusts should be in bloom by the first of June which is very late. We don't know as that's a sign of anything other than the locusts are late, however.

TTWN
Congressmen and senators are building themselves some new office buildings despite the urge toward economy.

TTWN
Now they are saying the battle of Gettysburg was full of mistakes. Sure, the whole war was a mistake as all of them are.

TTWN
With the legislature approving all sorts of interim committees it would be most appropriate if citizens would name a few of their own. May we suggest for subjects: taxes, distribution of basic school money, cost of government.

TTWN
If there's six of us, or 2000, live in a community, and we get together and put up our money to build an irrigation system or a building, that is business; if we obtain the power of government to coerce the unwilling few into the deal that is government.

TTWN
Everything changes except people. They change their habits, their clothes, their prejudices. A few years ago a young man couldn't feel himself a man until he learned to smoke cigars, now he compromises on cigarettes which the women can smoke; men used to take pride in earning a living, now they take pride in getting it without work.

TTWN
Politics or lack of ability has made a legal mess of the prosecution of racketeering in Portland. Oregon and Multnomah county need some law enforcement officers—and bad.

TTWN
No need to worry about the cost of political campaigns. It is the cost of appropriations made by elected officials to make good on promises made during campaigns that are really huge.

TTWN
This is the time of year, but not the kind of weather, men in cities come out with thin summer clothes that look like pajamas. It would save a lot of time and money if we merely declared pajamas fitting day-time garb.

TTWN
One weather prophet says it will be warm and dry until June 15. As we recall that has been said before without halting the rain a bit.

TTWN
The part of the federal budget getting the most criticism is the foreign aid and it may well be the most valuable to us. If the U. S. is going to soften up anyone with easy living we hope they live overseas.

TTWN
Senator Musa says that interim committee on taxes should be composed of taxpayers. With that we do not entirely agree. Interim committees have been responsible for much greater understanding of taxes by legislators. However, it would be extremely valuable if citizens would form their own interim tax committee.

TTWN
If the people have actually learned that by sufficient protest they can bring about a budget cut, where will it end?

TTWN
A college degree is worth \$100,000, it is said. Many a parent thinks there isn't much profit even at that. It may be that the earning ability of those getting college degrees would be higher anyway.

TTWN
City people like to live near the bright lights whether they have money to enjoy them or not.

TTWN
As an Oregon we apologize to the nation for the intemperate statements of our intemperate senators.

Superintendent Signs Oakridge Contract, Other Changes Made

Ward Sybouts, superintendent of schools at Moro for the past two years has signed a contract at Oakridge, in Lane county where he will be high school principal. That school has nearly 350 pupils. Information is being gathered about applicants for the position here.

Other changes in the faculty are that Mrs. Shelley Roberson has resigned and Mrs. Lynn Hampton, wife of the new county county school supt., will replace her. Mary Brackett has been hired as librarian and Marvin Robertson, now of Vale, will become instructor in vocational agriculture.

In the Moro grade school Steve Stivers, now of Gateway, will take over as principal succeeding Ivan Stewart who expects to go into another kind of work. Mrs. Nellie Potzner will go to Canyonville and Mrs. Frances Jeffries will come here from Canyonville. Mrs. Mary Alford will go to Rainier to teach kindergarten.

Final Gavel Falls On Legislature After 128 Days

This column will wind up my career as a newspaperwoman, an experience which has been most interesting and educational. I have certainly had one lulu of a session to report on.

The session has cost the state about \$1,150,000, compared to a total of \$748,265 in 1955. Salaries for legislative employees have run \$3,000 per day. Printing costs were up \$40,000 over the last session, and the expense for proposed interim committees will increase from \$114,000 to \$313,000.

Now the major tax bill, which Senator Musa referred to as the "Rotten Apple Tax Program", has passed both houses, it would be well for all salaried people to carefully examine their paychecks in late August or early September. That is when the new tax program will begin to make itself felt.

Senator Phil Lowry, Medford, discussing the new program on the Senate floor, said the bill which promised to repeal the 45% surtax was actually a 51% surtax and "a flagrant breach of promise by the Democrats to the Oregon taxpayers."

"Our people were at least led to believe their taxes would be lowered," stated Lowry. He described the bill as "a monstrosity and the highest income tax in the United States."

Senator Musa, in the floor debate, said that this kind of tax is the best argument for a sales tax. It seems to be rather generally accepted now that if the Democrats retain control of the House next session they will still be shying away from the sales tax, despite growing public demand for it. The method they will probably employ to increase revenue in the 1959 session will be removal of the federal tax offset. This simply means taxpayers will be given no credit for payment of federal taxes when paying state income taxes or you will pay a tax on a tax.

Of major interest to our area has been the passage of what was originally called the "Key District Formula". Any resemblance to the original plan has long since been amended out of the bill. Eighty percent of the fund will now be apportioned on a flat grant basis according to Average Days Membership, rather than on the formula based on the Key District.

The remaining 20% will go to the poorest districts in the state as equalization money. Allen objected to this plan because 80% of the equalization money will go to the O and C counties, which use none of their O and C money for school purposes. Representative Stafford Hansell introduced HB 809, which would have given 60% of the O and C money to schools. The bill, unfortunately, was tabled.

With an increase of \$15 per child to the Basic School Fund, which means an increase of taxes at the state level, our 22nd representative district will actually receive less money than it now does. Under the new distribution formula some districts will receive a 20 mill reduction in property taxes, but our area will not. As well, since our share of Basic will be less than in the past. The formula Allen presented would have given a slight increase to all of our districts.



Four Pacific Northwest wheat men on a trade mission to Japan saw a demonstration kitchen bus in action, showing Japanese homemakers how to use more soft wheat foods in family menus. This is one of the projects Oregon Wheat Growers League is supervising in Japan. Members of team, at side of bus, are (from left) Bob Wittman, Lapwai, Idaho; Raphael Raymond, Helix, Oregon; Earl Corey, Portland, and Glen L. Bayne, Ritzville, Washington.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler Jr. and family of The Dalles visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler and his aunt, Mrs. Earl Olds and family.

Mrs. Frank Payne had as guests Sunday afternoon honoring her daughter, Kathy, on her 4th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Alfred Payne and children who enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream with them.

Mrs. Ken Docker and her mother, Mrs. Jean Addison of Vancouver, B. C. came up from San Francisco with Ed Justesen Thursday and spent until Sunday visiting the former's sister in law, Mrs. Harry Justesen and family. The Justesens took them to Portland Sunday when they returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blacklock drove to Portland Sunday where Mrs. Blacklock took the bus for Seattle after receiving word of the birth of a son Saturday, May 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spencer, the former Barbara Blacklock.

Word was received here recently of the marriage of Miss Joan Lundin of Memphis, Tenn., to George Kelley, USN in Naval Aviation. The ceremony was held at the First Baptist church in Sanatobia, Miss., April 29. George is the son of Mrs. Fern Kelley of Grass Valley. Best man for the groom was Gordon (Butch) Helyer USN, formerly of Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will live in Kingsville, Texas, where he is stationed with the Naval Aviation Training Devices.

Mrs. E. Bellows of Portland spent last week here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Eakin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne, and Mrs. Irene Belshe and Frances of The Dalles were over night guests Saturday of the Alfred Paynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling to Cottage Grove Sunday on business.

The Methodist church has just received a pulpit Bible from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. This Bible belonged to Mrs. Anna Lee, and been given in her memory.

Methodist Vacation church school will be held the week of June 17-21. All children nursery through 6th grade are urged to attend. The theme is "The Bible".

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannell visited the morning services at the Methodist church last Sunday. A potluck dinner was given in their honor and their many friends were able to have an extended visit with them. During the morning services, Mrs. Harry Van Gilder was presented with a gift of a pair of crystal candlesticks and silver service of 24 years as church treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper spent the weekend in Portland visiting their sons and families, the Leland Andersons and the Stanley Andersons.

The MYF joined by the Westminster Fellowship group of the Moro church attended a picnic Sunday afternoon at Brooks Memorial park near Goldendale. The group enjoyed a weiner roast, played ball and participated in campfire vespers services. Special honor was given the seniors in both groups. Attending from Wasco besides Rev. Bruner were Everett Royce, Betty and Mary Haven, John and Jim Thomas, Tom Coats, and Karen O'Conner of Rufus.

The last meeting of the season for the Thursday night pinocchio club was held last week at the home of Mrs. Jerry Barnett. A weiner roast was enjoyed by the guests who were invited to "come as you are". Secret sisters were revealed, and the following were present: Mrs. Clyde Fridley, Mrs. Doug Shull, Mrs. Bill White, Miss Cherrill Fields, Mrs. Lloyd Gosson, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and Mrs. Dave Miller.

Rev. and Mrs. Craig Harper and daughter, Suzanne of Beaverton were visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Bruner for three days last week while Rev. Harper who is Oregon conference youth director, and Rev. Bruner, a youth counselor for this sub-district, traveled over this sub-district visiting the nine churches and discussing the youth needs. Rev. Harper is first tenor and the Parsonaires and he and Rev. Bruner were classmates at Boston university.

Misses Betty Haven and Carmen Royce were honored for their faithful services as pianists for the Methodist church choir at a social hour last Wednesday night after choir rehearsal. Besides the choir members, Robert Nisbet, Mrs. Pshigoda, Mrs. Dewayne Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley, Mrs. Tom Moore, other guests present at the parsonage were Mr. and Mrs. Craig Harper and Mrs. Robert Nisbet. Gifts of appreciation were presented to these girls who will be going to college next year.

Mrs. Afton McIntyre is sponsoring a jewelry fashion show next Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist church. The show, featuring Sarah Coventry jewelry, advertised in Vogue and Harper's Bazaar will be conducted by "Nona" of Oswego, and will show how to wear jewelry in a proper and interesting manner. Everyone who is interested is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews spent Sunday at McKay dam fishing with Tom Ridder and David Highland of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dormalier left Thursday to attend the Quarter Horse Rodeo in Walla Walla, and returned Sunday.

Mrs. Harley Dutton and Mrs. Ed Dutton spent the day Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins Judy and Donnie, attended the Dufur Ten-Mile Saddle club Play-day last Sunday.

Dorcas met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Leo Watkins.

Highwaymen Win Driving Awards

State highway employees who have won safe driver awards for the year, with the number of years they have won them are: From Rufus, Ray Brown, 7, Robert Davis 1, Leon Llaeus 4, Winston Roberts 1, Luther Steward 1. Those from Moro, Clyde Gilmor 6, Darwin VanGilder 7, Ivan Gunels 6, Glenn Virtue 7, Lloyd Wooderson 4, John Buck 2.

Awards are given by the state highway commission to give recognition to safe drivers in highway crews and promote safety.

Junior Baseball To Start, Boys Practice, Support Sought

Fourteen boys between the ages of 14 and 18 have signed up to play junior league baseball again this year and they expect to recruit others. Stan Coelsch, who helped manage the team last year is trying to line up support for the boys who have already received permission to use the school uniforms and equipment. They will need funds to replace used up or broken stuff.

The team has been invited to join with teams from Condon, Fossil, Mitchell and John Day in a league. Prospective catcher is Harry Eakin and pitcher prospects are Jim Brown, Charles Griggs and Butch Kirkelle. Others who will play are Gary Smith, Terry and Lee Kaseberg, Tommy Eakin, Orville Blaylock, Jean Schilling, John Matteson, Fred Dormalier and Doug McKay.

Catholic Church At Grass Valley Moved

The old Catholic church at Grass Valley has been sold to George Bell Post, American Legion and was moved the first of the week to a location directly south of the Odd-Fellow hall and across the street on a lot where the first Grass Valley schoolhouse was built. Members of the church used their heavy equipment to move the building.

Another change in buildings at Grass Valley is the new coat of stucco on the C & C store building making it look entirely different. Windows on the south side were closed and the ceilings downstairs will be lowered before another winter.

Cancer Donations Still Sought

Although a few of the volunteer workers of the Cancer Society have made all their personal contacts, have distributed the life saving pamphlets and received the generous contributions which will help in research to overcome this dread disease, many are still making their calls in Sherman county. Mrs. W. A. Morris, chairman of the Rufus area has announced her helpers as follows: Mrs. Bud Swigart, Mrs. Curtis Neal, Mrs. Harold Baker, Mrs. Kenneth Spagle, and Jerry Brackett. Mrs. Keith McDonald, chairman of the Wasco area announces another helper, Mrs. Harry Allen of Wasco.

Sherman High's First Class Night Provides Place For Presentation of School Awards

The first "Class Night" for Sherman High School and the last meeting for the class of 1957 was held Monday night at the school cafeteria with a large crowd of parents, students and visitors present.

The class histories were read by Betty Haven for former Wasco and Rufus high schools, and by Louis Miller for Moro high.

The class will was presented by Larry Thompson so the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and faculty would have lasting memories of the seniors! The prophecy for the future was a letter from Sylvia Zachary to Lee Kaseberg telling of the events at the first class reunion supposed to be held on May 15, 1967.

Permanent classification for the future years elected Lee Kaseberg, president; Jim Belshe, vice-president; Louis Miller, secretary; Joan Gilman, treasurer; Rob Hastings, sergeant at arms. The other members of the class who are graduating May 28 are Keith Mobley, Dale Archer, Bill Kramer, Nina Belshe, Jerinne Blaylock, Jim Brady, Gene Cantrall, Nancy Decker, Harry Eakin, Kay McKay, Jim Godier, Mike Fields, Sally Fields, Sterling Gochnauer, Betty Haven, Ace Koch, Janny McIntyre, Carmen Royce, Helene Sather, Larry Thompson, Eddie Shoemaker, Susie Woods, Phyllis Watkins, Sylvia Zachary; Bob Olsen and Jim Rodda will also receive diplomas but were not present for class night.

Awards were made to the graduating class and other students. The publication awards were presented to Susie Woods, Annual editor and Betty Haven, Sherman High Times, by Mrs. B. H. Roberson.

Music awards were presented by Lynn Teadtke to the members of the band with special recognition for Carmen Royce as Student Choir Director and Bonnie

Elevators Clear Of Wheat First In Many Years

For the first time in years Sherman county elevators are out of wheat. There is barley in the houses, under federal loan, but there is no wheat. The program to move wheat to the Orient has been successful and even country houses are clear of the stuff.

Every elevator company in the county built additions and new elevators at a rapid rate after World War II to have a place to store the piles of grain that flowed in from the fields with no place for it to go until the county had more storage space than even the largest crop could fill. There was farm storage and emergency storage. Now the houses are empty.

The federal government, unwillingly, perhaps kept the wheat here in storage long enough to pay for the new elevators which may never be as full again as they have been year after year most of the time since 1950. The problem of storage is over for 1957 at least.

Elevator men, with empty bins, are busy cleaning up and getting ready for another crop which will begin coming in in sixty days. And farmers are looking with a speculative eye toward the contract price of \$2.35 or better, Portland. Many have never sold wheat on contract.

Mrs. Gladys Morrison Buried Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Moro Community church for Mrs. Gladys Morrison who died in a hospital in The Dalles Friday evening after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Morrison was born September 8, 1894 at Moro and lived here all of her life. Most of it was spent on the Leon Moore farm where she grew up and where she lived after marriage and much of later years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Doris Coelsch, Moro, Mrs. Helen Waldorff, Sunnyside, Wn., four grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Etta Moore, Moro, a brother, Dr. Leo Moore and sister, Mrs. Willard Morse of The Dalles. She was a past noble grand of Lupine Rebekah lodge, a member of the American Legion auxiliary and Harlandview grange. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery at Moro.

Memorial Services Arranged By Legion

American Legion posts of Sherman county, with Frank Brown post of Wasco as host post, are sponsors of a Memorial day observance at Moro next Thursday, May 30.

A parade will start at 10:00 a. m. from the football field and participants march to the court-house where a program will be held consisting of music by the school band and a speech by Ben Musa, senator from this district.

In the parade will be representatives of three Legion posts, two riding clubs, boy scouts and cub scouts of the county, the band and the Booster girls. Both DeMoss Springs and Moro parks are available for picnics for those who come from out of the county.

New Brand Inspection Plan Inaugurated

A livestock brand inspector for Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties has recently been assigned to The Dalles. L. W. McCauley, has been assigned to this post by the state department of agriculture. Mr. McCauley for the past two years has worked in the Portland yards.

Re assignment of a brand inspector in the area has come by action of the Wasco and Sherman Cattlemen's associations, states Bernard Martin, Sherman County association president.

Activities of the new inspector will center around patrol duty for movement of cattle and estrays. Anyone having extra cattle or are out cattle may get assistance from the brand inspector. All out of state cattle need brand inspections and some one needing this service can get assistance from Mr. McCauley. Contact can be made with the new brand inspector at The Dalles Auto Park or calling CYpress 6-9011, The Dalles.