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These Things We Note

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Nomination for the unlikelyst story of the week: a maid losing the teamster's papers.

T T W N
Said the Irish section boss to his crew: "I do not beat you because I hate you, but to show my superiority over you."

T T W N
Someone is always writing about the coming demise of one or both of the political parties. Whatever the names be we are sure there will always be at least two parties.

T T W N
They say that a person who reads the obituaries is afraid of dying. Wonder what they say about a person who reads the marriages licenses?

T T W N
The teamsters, like a bad boy, thumbed their nose at the more staid and stable laborers of the nation. Now we'll find out whether we are a nation of gangsters or not.

T T W N
Seems a lot of excitement about that Russian rocket wandering alone in space. We merely hope Russians keep their rockets in space.

T T W N
Portland zoo is soon to have a shipment of penguins from the south pole area. Well, they'll have a better climate but less open space. And they may not think it is a good trade to exchange freedom for security.

T T W N
Instead of getting better the weather grows colder and wetter. Maybe the calendar is right after all and winter is coming.

T T W N
Headline queries: Should you kiss your first date? Probably not, so you'll have someone to kiss on your last date.

T T W N
Give some men a dollar and they work for two, some will want to buy a drink, some a softer chair, some will go someplace, some will stay home until they have to rustle another dollar.

T T W N
Beats thunder how much publicity can be gotten by turning a radiator grill a quarter turn.

T T W N
If auto drivers would realize that they are riding in a fragile tin can there would be fewer car accidents. The modern car gives no protection to passengers.

T T W N
There's the expression "a decent standard of living." How low does an income have to be to endanger decency. Someway we doubt if the two are often related, one is morals and the other economics.

T T W N
Here's a guy who isn't going to become a citizen of this county. He's the one who just prophesied that October would be balmy.

T T W N
Tax notices are out and citizens are unhappy. And that, we think, is entirely proper. Taxpaying time is a time for measuring what we pay against what we get for it and one of the good things about the property tax is that it comes all at once and is not exacted bit by bit from the income so it is barely noted. When taxpaying citizens become angry enough to stay that way until the next budget meeting or the next election they will reduce their tax bills. An anger of a few days or a few weeks is not a big enough anger to be effective.

T T W N
Now the United States can worry about Russia being the first to send a rocket around the world. Well, they'd claimed it anyhow and besides it isn't much worse than having your favorite team beaten.

T T W N
In an article about the rapid growth of the southwest states the U. S. News says that one of the main attractions is the ability to be an individual in the southwest. So independence is coming back into style which means that dependence is on the wane.

T T W N
It is hard to beat the combination of baseball every day and football every weekend.



Frank DeMonner and his Sherman county host, Bill Hall, in front of the experimental station.

Frank DeMonner, French Farmer, Finds Similarities In Grain Growing Practices

When Francioli (Frank) G. DeMonner talks to Sherman county wheat farmers he may find as many points of similarity as points of difference in the farming practices and attitudes about agriculture and government.

Mr. DeMonner, here as a visiting farmer under the International Farm Youth Exchange, is 24 and lives on a 750 acre wheat, barley and sugar beet farm in Cerv, a department in the central part of France. Elevation at Bourges, a fine cathedral city of 60,000 population and capital city of Cerv, is just under 500 feet, according to Frank's rapid transportation of meters into feet. The precipitation is 21 inches a year which makes it more like Umatilla county than Sherman.

In addition to growing the grain and beet crops mentioned he fattens about 45 head of beef cattle a year, buying them at a "fair" of market and feeding them alfalfa and beet pulp as well as grain.

All ground is fertilized using about 60 pounds of nitrogen on some of it and about half as much on land recently in alfalfa.

All agriculture in France is under government control as far as prices are concerned and Mr. DeMonner is no more happy about that than are Sherman county farmers. He must turn in his grain as soon as it is threshed and the price is about \$9.50 per quintal which is about 200 pounds. Big farmers receive less, something that is coming to this country next year with restrictions on soil bank payments.

French farmers are a very independent lot and restrictions do not make them happy. In all France 47 per cent of the population is rural and that is a greater percentage than prevails in this country. There are many small farmers although a 750 acre farm is not exceptional in the department where the DeMonners live.

Farming is similar to ours in that all work is done with tractors and there are four on the DeMonner farm, including one track layer. Grain is handled in bulk. Most machinery is of American design.

Mrs. Jack Lawrence Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Jack Lawrence passed away at a hospital in The Dalles Wednesday evening after a long illness that has kept her hospitalized for much of the past year and incapacitated for months prior to that.

Maude Beardsley was born at Gardner, North Dakota, May 19, 1901 and was married to Jack Lawrence there in 1920. They had three children, Mrs. Eunice Lite of Portland, Mrs. Florence Thompson of Moro and Herbert, who was killed in an accident last fall. In addition to her widower and two daughters, five grandchildren survive Mrs. Lawrence.

Wet Weather Seems Halted For Now

Most of the past week has been rainy with clouds covering the sun nearly all day although no great amount of rain has fallen. Since Wednesday the sun has stood a better chance and it has succeeded in warming up the air somewhat and the clouds have dispersed to make the prophecy of fair October weather a reality.

Veterans Conference At Condon Will Bring State Officers

The annual conference of Legionnaires and Auxiliaries for the 5th district will be held in Condon next Sunday, October 13 with the meeting scheduled to begin at two o'clock and a dinner planned for 5:30 p. m. both at the Veterans Memorial building.

Attending will be a full list of department and unit officers including Charles Higgins, commander, George Nelson, vice commander and Joe McDonald, adjutant and Mrs. Anson Ingels, president, Mrs. Don Acton, vice president and Mrs. Grover Francis, secretary.

Membership and the program of the two service organizations will be discussed at the meeting to which all veterans and their wives are invited.

W. H. McDonald Jr. Dies On Duty In Japan

William Harland McDonald Jr., Navy CS-2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald of Rufus died suddenly last Friday in Japan as a result of inoculations. Mr. McDonald joined the navy in October 1948 after graduation from Rufus high school and he has stayed with the service since then.

Funeral services depend on the arrival of the body from Japan with military escort.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald of Rufus, a sister, Mrs. Alton Christensen of Portland, and grandmothers, Mrs. Signe Pearson and Mrs. W. G. McDonald of Portland.

Carl Thompson's Life Ended At Hospital

Glen L. Thompson, a long time resident of Rufus died Tuesday in a hospital in The Dalles after months of illness.

Mr. Thompson was born September 16, 1882 in Berry county, Michigan, coming to Oregon when a young man. He married Jane Mathieson at Rufus, who survives him.

Auxiliary At Wasco Plans Meetings

The American Legion Auxiliary met October 7 at the little Legion hall at which time the president, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, asked that all dues be paid as soon as possible, as we have been challenged by District 12 president, Donna Fish, and if our quota is not reached by November 11, our district president, Mrs. Keith McDonald, buys her a case of 10-30 oil. There are still twenty members unpaid.

There will be a District 5 conference at Condon, Sunday, October 13. Meeting is at 2 o'clock, and a joint dinner with the Legion at 5:30. All are urged to attend. Anyone wishing a ride can contact Mrs. Dewey Thomas or Mrs. Keith McDonald.

The unit moved to send \$5 to the Leonard Wood Memorial for Hanson's disease. Child welfare report was read by Mrs. Chet Coats. She reported that the district presidents special project for this year was working with the retarded children's association. We are assisting her program with a contribution of \$5. The rehabilitation report was given by the president for Mrs. Bish who was unable to attend. There will be a food sale October 25.

The next meeting is November 4. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for the Portland hospital, one for a child and one for an adult. Gift suggestion for men are socks, ties, belts and handkerchiefs; for boys: caps, sweaters, games, or books; for women: jewelry, perfume, compact, slippers; for girls: slippers, dresses, dolls, socks or mittens. No infant gifts are needed.

Mrs. Keith McDonald gave a report of her visit to the Veterans' hospital at Roseburg. She was present at a joint installation at Hood River. As the next national president will be from Oregon, Mrs. McDonald stressed reaching the membership quota, and closed by giving a discussion on Girls' State at which she was a unit chairman last year, and read some of the instructions for the choosing of the next Girls' State representative. She told of her experiences as counselor there last year and explained what Girls' State is and how it is run and of the many visitations to important places of interest.

Refreshments were served by hostesses, Mrs. Chet Coats and Mrs. Harley Dutton.

4-H Leaders To Banquet Monday At Moro Church

October 14 marks the date of the Sherman county 4-H Leaders' Recognition Banquet. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. at the Moro Community church.

Featured on the program will be Cecil Root, public relations department of Pacific Power & Light and Francioli DeMonner, IFYE from France visiting Sherman county, as well as the actual presentation of awards to the 4-H leaders.

The following people will receive awards at the banquet: Adult leaders: Douglas Alley, Leroy Belshee, Mrs. Max Brown, Mrs. Morris Burnett, Jack Cushman, Mrs. J. J. Decker, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Leonard Fields, Mrs. Paul Fraser, Earl Gentry, Mrs. Earl Gentry, Mrs. Harold Halley, Mrs. Harvey Hanson, Mrs. Estol Hartley, Mrs. Lloyd Heinrichs, Mrs. T. J. Jacobson, Paulen Kaseberg, Mrs. Leonard Lutje, Mrs. Don Macnab, Bob Martin, Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. H. R. McKay, Mrs. Blaine Miller, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mrs. Verne Mobley, Mrs. Curt Neal, Mrs. Philip O'Meara, Mrs. Howard Ross, Howard Ross, Orville Ruggles, Marvin Thomas, Mrs. T. W. Thompson, Thelma Trimble, Mrs. George von Borstel, F. L. Watkins, Mrs. F. L. Watkins, Mrs. Leatitia Wilson; Junior leadership: Mary Ann McKay, Ronda Fraser, Sherrie Fraser, Mavis Miller, Susie Woods, Mary Mobley, Darlene Gochbauer, Sterling Gochbauer, Jean Ross, Wilma Gentry, Florene Crews, Jeannette Belshee, Lee Kaseberg, Jimmy Belshe, Phyllis Watkins, Karen Wilson, Nancy Wilson.

Word of Death of Ray Messenger Sent

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Noonan received word Tuesday afternoon that her brother, Ray Messenger, had died at his home in Maricopa, California where he was superintendent of schools. A heart attack was the cause of his sudden death.

John Ray Messenger was born in Moro, November 24, 1903, graduated from Moro high school and went to college from here becoming a school teacher. He leaves a widow and one son. Two sisters, Mrs. Iris Newton of Farmington, N. M. and Mrs. Violet Noonan of Moro.

Fred Peters Dead Of Heart Attack

Fred K. Peters, working on a farm, came home last Thursday about noon because of unfavorable weather, sat down in a chair at home and died of a heart attack. His daughter Derrle, nine years old, came home from school and found him, immediately calling her mother at her work.

Fred Peters was born near Grass Valley October 2, 1901 and had lived there all his life. He was a member of the Lutheran church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Surviving are his widow, Evelyn, a daughter, Derrle; two brothers, John and Herman and a sister, Mrs. W. D. Barnett, all of Grass Valley.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Donald Leach officiating. Orville Ruggles sang accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Ruggles.

Casket bearers were Willard Barnett, John Koepke, Rodell Schassen, Henry Schassen, Herman A. Peters and Keith Barnett. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Spencer & Libby with interment at the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley.

Among the out of town relatives and friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Schassen, Mr. and Mrs. Rodell Schassen of Portland, Mrs. Carl Hess of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schassen of Oregon City, Arnold Sharpe of Olympia, Wn., Miss Marquitta Koepke of Yakima, Wn., Frank Pike and Erna Pike of Roseburg, L. K. Smith and King Fritts of Goldendale, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. James Easter of Madras, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry of Portland, Mrs. Bertie Brown, Mrs. George Balzer, Alfred Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brittain all from Tygh Valley and Mrs. Ronald Powell of Moro.

Sherman Loses Game To Heppner By Four Touchdowns

By Chester Peterson

The Sherman Huskies took their fourth beating of the current season 24-0 at the hands of the Heppner Mustangs in a night game at Heppner Friday.

The Huskies, a team of boys with little experience and a shortage of weight on the line have failed to score yet this season.

The Mustangs who scored once in the first quarter, twice in the second and once in the third were determined to stop Sherman this year after the beating they took from the Huskies last year.

Friday October 11, the Huskies travel to Scio, Oregon for an afternoon game.

Dogs Raid Sheep Pen; Kill Two

A pack of dogs got into the pen where Leroy Belshee's daughters kept their 4-H club sheep last Thursday night and killed two, injuring one so it had to be shot and mangled seven so badly that one died.

It was presumably the same pack of dogs that has done similar damage on other farms around Wasco and is estimated to be two or more.

Home Ec Agents Start Meetings

"Matching Plaids and Stripes" is the topic of the Sherman county extension units meeting during October, according to Carol Armstrong, county home economics agent.

The lesson includes learning to recognize types of plaids and stripes, laying patterns and how plaid matching applies to buy-manship. The unit meetings will be followed by a plaid workshop to be held in November. Laying pattern and cutting the fabric will be the main points of emphasis at the workshop.

All interested ladies are invited to attend the meeting in their area as well as the workshop. This is sure to be an interesting and informative session.

Soil Bank Plan Undergoing Change

Changes in the Soil Bank conservation reserve program for 1958 will be of interest to part-time farmers as well as farmers in summerfallow areas and owners of marginal cropland, according to M. D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Farmers are now being encouraged to put whole farm units under the program, and to take part in more forestry and wildlife practices, Thomas says. Duration of contracts under this program now range from 3 to 10 years.

Payments covering up to 80 per cent of the cost of establishing land in the conservation reserve, plus annual rental payments, are provided under 1958 Soil Bank contracts. Annual payments up to \$5000 per farm may now be received under the program.

Signup for the 1958 conservation reserve will soon be underway at county ASC offices. And since there may be further changes in program provisions, Thomas recommends interested farmers check with their county ASC office or county extension agent for more information to help plan a program for their farm.

"Soil" the 1957 year book of agriculture is off the press. Copies are available from congressional delegates or the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Dale Archer Gets Scholarship at OSC

Dale Archer, a graduate of Moro high school, has been awarded a \$25 scholarship at Oregon State college by the OSC Dads club.

The Dads club sponsored 36 such awards this year for outstanding freshmen from various counties of the state. In addition, it awarded eight full-tuition scholarships, worth \$213, for top students in the other classes—sophomore, junior and senior.

Archer is majoring in engineering and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Archer of Moro.

Sherman County Club Meeting Due October 18

There will be a meeting of the Sherman County club at the court house at eight o'clock on the evening of Friday, October 18.

Immediate purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for discussion of U. S. Engineer proposals for recreational facilities along The Dalles dam pool. Several Sherman countians have bought boats they hope to use on the pool and are interested in the proposals for launching facilities made by the engineers who have federal money to spend on such facilities.

Other matters that may be discussed if those attending the meeting are interested in them will be the action—the county should take to be prepared for the influx of workers on the John Dam dam, plans for the Biggs Rapids bridge and possibly local attitudes on a farm program.

The club has not had election of officers for some time and that will probably be done at the meeting.

Biggs Rapids Bridge Gets More Support

His "continued support" has been promised by Governor Albert D. Rosellini for a bridge at Biggs Rapids on the Columbia replacing the Maryhill Ferry. The promise was made in a letter to Ben W. Fanning, president of the Okanogan Cariboo Trail association in response to a plea by that organization for prompt action on the bridge, said by the association to be the "worst bottleneck" on US-BC 97.

The governor's letter stated that the Washington Toll Bridge Authority has joined the Oregon State Highway Commission as well as Klickitat county in Washington and Sherman county in Oregon in a study of the project. He stated that he has been advised that the traffic studies have been completed and are now being tabulated and the engineer's report should be completed sometime between the "middle and latter part of October".

The association met in Wenatchee in September for its 25th Anniversary convention and drafted resolutions which were forwarded to the Governor and contained promotion and improvement plans for Highway 97. Among them was the resolution calling for a bridge at Biggs where now a "slow ferry with less than 24-hour service, almost unprecedented on an international highway," is in the belief of the association, discouraging to tourists who might otherwise enter the state of Washington at this point.

Moro Women To Entertain Husbands

The Moro Woman's club held its regular monthly meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson. Mrs. Rudy Olsen presided at the business session. A greeting from Scotland was read, sent by the A. Douma's.

Mrs. B. H. Roberson gave the report for the CARE committee, having collected the boxes which had been placed about in the community for contributions during September.

The club decided by motion that their project for the "Community Achievement" contest would be to attempt to make Sherman county safer-traffic-wise. A speaker will be coming soon, on the subject, to which the two clubs in Wasco will be invited.

The program for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Dewey Thompson, chairman of the American Home department. She introduced Miss Carol Armstrong, home extension agent and Frank DeMonner, who is visiting in the county under the International Farm Youth Exchange plan. His home is in the central part of France. They spoke in a simulated television interview—discussing in an interesting manner the rural and city life, sports, educational system, and government of France.

Following adjournment, the hostess served cookies and hot drinks.

The next meeting of the club will be the dinner for their husbands, to be held in the church dining room October 26. Mrs. Theodore Johnston will have charge of the program.