

**What they did,  
And how, and why, and when  
and what the neighbors said.**

Nothing happens in a small town, it is often said, and it isn't true. We haven't driven 100 miles to see it and it seems unimportant because it comes to us and not us to it. That for which we make an effort is important in direct relationship to the effort which is why we do not appreciate the things that come easy.

The Moro Grain Growers started work on the foundation for a new 60,000 bushel steel bin near the Erskine elevator Tuesday to give more capacity for farmers in that district. McNutt is starting to dig up the ground along the Bull Canyon section of the Wasco-Condor road, the rock crusher site being at the junction of Bull and Hay Canyons. Groone & Buick, having built the bridge across Grass Valley Canyon are going ahead with the grading of the new Monkland road and the work on Highway 97, south of Grass Valley is coming along. Sherman county has had a good bit of road work this year, much of it off the beaten path.

Masons with saws and hammers and plumbers have put in a new hot water tank in the hall and now a partition in a street floor office that will be occupied by Dr. H. R. Davidson shortly. He will be here two days a week according to present plans. Truman Strong has installed electric heat in his big house in the middle of his flower garden north of town. Lloyd Belshe is putting the final licks in on the new house built on the Peters place for the Belshe's. And the crew that built the DeMoss-Big Eddy power line on this side of the Deschutes river has moved their equipment to Wasco county leaving their pole yard, their wire dump and truck area used all fall empty for the first time in months.

Nothing ever happens? Mechanics for Empire and for Cushman are busy these days putting farm tractors into shape for the plowing that may be coming on with a rush unless winter is more late and not absent altogether. Rows of tractors, yellow and red, are lined up behind the two repair shops with valves and pistons and crank shafts all tuned to the night and day runs of mechanized farming and soon the villagers will hear the distant drum of diesel motors and know that another crop is on its way.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We want to express our sincere thanks to the kind friends who sent flowers to our daughter Leona while she was in the hospital and those who sent flowers to her funeral and for the expressions of sympathy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and family

**Moro Personals**

Mr and Mrs W B Rice will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the home of Mr and Mrs. W J. Filbin, 1902 Wes Scenic Drive in The Dalles, January 25, and friends are invited to call between the hours of two and five. Mr and Mrs Lloyd Rice, Mr and Mrs Bernard Rice, Mr and Mrs Delbert Rice and Mr and Mrs John Alcen are hosts for the reception.

Leonard Eccles and Mrs Bessie (Betty) Theole were married in Goldendale, Washington Thursday January 16. Mr and Mrs W M Edwards went over with them and were attendants at the wedding. Both are residents of Moro where he is employed at the elevator.

**BORN:** To Mr and Mrs Ralph Busse, Saturday January 18, in The Dalles, an eight pound son. There will be a general meeting of the Sherman High School Booster's Mothers Thursday evening, January 30, at 7:30 p. m. at the high school. The Dalles Camera club will present slides. All parents are urged to attend.

Kelly Wilson is home on furlough from Korea where he has been stationed with the US Army for more than a year.

Susie Woods was initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma at OSC last week, having gotten good enough grades in the first semester to qualify for that honor.

Darwin VanGilder is expected home from the hospital this week and if he does well with his first steps: He has been down with a heart attack for six weeks.

Mrs. E. E. Barnum went to Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Giles French Friday and remained, until this week visiting her daughter Mrs. R. C. Jones.

Collis Moore has bought the Bill Powell house in town and will move in from the ranch about the first of the month when David graduates from Lewis & Clark in Portland and returns home to move into the house on the ranch.

Darwin VanGilder came home Wednesday, being brought by Collis Moore on his return from a Portland trip. Darwin feels fine but will be confined to his home for further improvement of his heart.

**LOST:** 3 yearling registered Hereford heifers, branded Lazy S over S on right side. Last seen at mouth of Little Ferry Canyon on Sherman Co. side of John Day. Reward for their recovery Sid Seale, Condon, Ore.

**MANY LAID OFF**

Oregon's highly seasonal economy showed more signs of strain as worsening weather conditions caused further layoffs in the construction and lumbering industries. As estimated by the 26 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, the number of persons actively seeking jobs increased from 39,400 to 50,600 according to Administrator John A. Norton. This is the highest number listed on the unemployed rolls for this time of year since the very bad winter of 1949-50 when 55,300 individuals were available for work. A year ago 38,800 was the estimated number and in 1955 the total was 37,700.

Increases were general throughout the state with all local offices reporting a monthly rise in unemployment and only La Grande at a lower level than last year. The western Oregon fir country has been hard hit by the lumber market recession but layoffs are now also happening in various supporting industries such as trade and service lines. The Portland four-county area reported 21,200 people looking for work compared to 17,000 a month ago and 14,500 last year.

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**Rats Serve Science at OSC**



**OREGON STATE COLLEGE**—White rats being fed irradiated foods at Oregon State college go on the scale each week to see whether the special diet is affecting growth. Rats are also checked to see whether length of life, number of offspring, or body tissues are changed. No differences have been found. Since trials were started in 1954, the college has received \$128,000 in research grants. Dr. Edward C. Bush, agricultural chemist, shown here, is in charge. Foods are irradiated at the atomic energy reactor, Idaho Falls, Ida., and shipped to OSC in cans. Pork, peaches, carrots, and jam are test foods. Irradiated foods can be stored at room temperature for long periods. They are not "radioactive" and may soon be on American tables.

**Farm Wage Rates Higher Than Ever**

National farm wage rates to hired workers are now at record highs, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension economist at OSC.

Wages advanced faster than rural living costs in both 1956 and 1957, resulting in buying power greater than at any time except in 1945 and 1946. Preliminary estimates show that farm operators in the nation also fared well, in spite of rising operating costs. Incomes were up for the second consecutive year.

Oregon and national farm prices followed different patterns throughout the year. At the close of 1957, farm prices in Oregon dragged a little behind the close of 1956. National prices, on the other hand, were as much as 3 percent higher than the 1956 close. Both Oregon and the US averaged higher for the year.

Farm prices in Oregon crept up 1 percent during December due mainly to substantial increases in meat animal and egg prices which offset lower prices in many of the crops. National farm prices leveled off from November to December as higher prices for meat animals and sweet potatoes counteracted price declines in cotton, tomatoes, milk and oranges. Although farm costs continued to rise, the rise was too slight to have much effect on farm product buying power, Mrs. Horrell reports. A slight rise in prices of production items, especially feeder livestock and motor vehicles more than compensated for a drop in family living items.

**MORO 4-H CLUB**

**By Ann Hall**  
The Moro Livestock club meeting was called to order January 13 at Mary Sue Wallace's home by President Darlene Gochauer. All members were present. We made rope halters. The next meeting will be February 10 at the home of Nancy Conlee.

The Health Advisory committee held its regular meeting Wednesday at the Pinkerton farm home with many of the members present to advise the health officials about how they are doing with their public relations.

**Wasco News**

**By Doris Nisbet**

There are still three more Sunday afternoons for the School of Missions at the Wasco Methodist church, and the theme is Japan, with classes for all age groups. Primary class will be taught by Mrs. Chet Coats, assisted by Mrs. Richard Bruner and Mrs. Tom Moore. The junior class is being taught by Mrs. Grace Zevely with Mrs. William Clark assisting. Junior high and high school classes will be taught by Rev. Richard Bruner assisted by Mrs. Dewey Thomas and the adult class taught by Clyde Fridley assisted by Vernon Root. The School of Missions begins with a potluck dinner following the worship service. For

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Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.  
Joe Heater, W. M.  
Jyde Gilmore, Secretary

those who could not attend the dinner, classes begin at 1:30 and run until 3:00 p. m. From 3:00 to 3:30 a special program of films, speakers and worship service will be featured. The film for next week will be "Gateway to Japan". Everyone in the community is invited to attend because some very important issues are at stake in regard to whether Japan becomes Christian or Communist, and a great deal is at stake as to whether this comes about. Mrs. Leroy Belshe, chairman of the Missions planned the program, with Mrs. Lloyd Royse, Mrs. Grace Sanders and Mrs. Richard Bruner as committee members.

Rev. Bruner attended a meeting of the Oregon Methodist Conference Board of Education at the First Methodist church in Portland, Thursday, January 23 and will make a report to the Conference Camp Commission, of which he is chairman. He is also a member of the Conference Town and Country Church Commission and attended that meeting in the afternoon.

Friday night the Cub Scout Pack No. 571 meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Little Legion hall. All clubbers and parents are invited to attend.

Last Sunday during the morning worship the junior choir sang an anthem. Due to the absence of Mrs. Tom Moore, Mrs. Keith McDonald directed the choir.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship met as usual Sunday at 5:30 with 16 young people present. Miss Barbara Fridley led the worship service and discussion period on a study of church work in Japan, with a panel discussion with Mary Haven, John Thomas, Jean Hockett and Linda Martin participating. Everett Buss, president led a short business meeting during which future plans were discussed, which include a waffle feed, invitation of a church choir from Portland to present a concert in the Wasco Methodist church and a presentation of a program of two one-act plays and other talent skits and comic situations. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Roy Shafar.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seely of Portland, formerly Sherman county residents, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, January 19, with open house and reception given by their children, held at St. Mary's Episcopal hall in Woodburn. Attending from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid. Former Sherman countians attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and daughter in law Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Jessie Benefield of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Banta (Claudine Brock) of

near Coos Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Overholts (Mable Thomas) and children Terry and Linda of Stayton. The Seely's children present were Mr. and Mrs. Gus (Violet) Winegardner of Seaside, Mr. and Mrs. Lou (Zella) Ballinger of Beaverton, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Seely of Woodburn and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Seely of Portland and their families.

An organizational meeting of the Ladies Altar society of St. Mary's Catholic church was held at the rectory Monday night with Father John O'Connor, presiding. Mrs. Bill Macfarb was elected president, Mrs. Don Macnab, vice president, Mrs. Robert Nisbet, secretary, and Mrs. Afton McIntyre, treasurer. Monthly meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month from September through May. After a discussion of various projects for raising money it was decided to sponsor a card party for church members and friends to be held Feb. 1. Mrs. Dave Demarest and Mrs. Robert Nisbet were appointed as chairman. Mrs. Clarence Wolf furnished refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Reid with Mrs. Stuart Macnab as co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of Wasco, announces the engagement of their daughter, Lois Ann Everett to David Allen McGregor, both of Salem. Mr. McGregor is the son of Mrs. Verma McGregor of Corvallis. Miss Everett is a graduate of Wasco high school and Merritt Davis school of commerce of Salem. Mr. McGregor is a graduate of the Salem state college and has attend Oregon State college, where he will return this fall. Both are now employed in Salem. A June wedding is planned.

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on her birthday when her daughter in law, Mrs. Jerry Barnett, invited Mrs. Desta Hoyt, Mrs. Tom Moore, and Mrs. Guy Andrews in for cake and coffee last week. Mrs. Chas. Fulton returned recently from a trip to Europe. Accompanying her on the SS America was Mrs. Francis Seufert and together they toured Germany, Denmark, Austria, Bavaria, Switzerland, Italy, and France, and returned on the Queen Mary. Mrs. Fulton left for San Francisco Tuesday, and will spend the rest of the winter touring California and Arizona.

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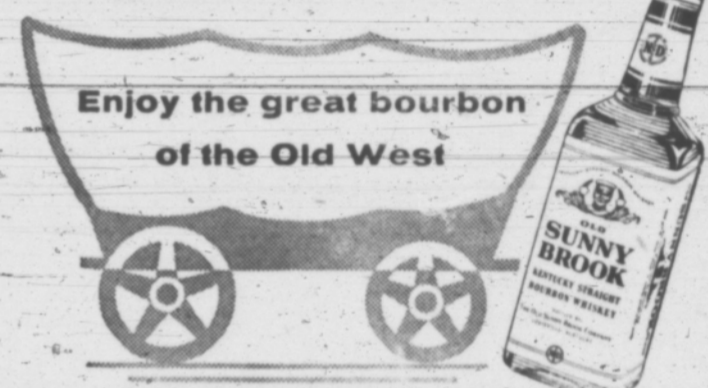
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