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These Things We Note

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We take a census of humans every ten years and take one of deer every winter.

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Some can remember the old brake blocks on wagons and how fast they wore out; everyone knows that brake lining on cars wears out, too, if much stopping is done. Decision of Senator Byrd of Virginia to retire calls attention to the wear and tear on brakes in human affairs. The job of trying to keep the race from going too far or too fast is very trying. But brakes are necessary.

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Before this country solves its economic or social problems it is going to have to get rid of government interference and enlist the aid of individuals.

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One way of looking at human history is that men first developed a little government by giving some chief some authority. Later government grew until it was too big and too oppressive and had to be overturned so there could be a fresh start. Then the process was repeated.

The necessity of a downturn was manifest in the inflation. The upturn will come when adjustment is complete and some businesses are already going up.

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Grover Cleveland said that the people should support the government and that government could not support people.

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One doesn't have to be senile to remember when poison gas was touted as highly as war material as rockets are now. It proved too dangerous to use.

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A candidate for Oregon office calls himself a constitutional liberal which, without definition is merely a mouth-filling phrase. If he had said he was the same kind of a liberal as Senator Morse voters would have the matter clarified—or would they?

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Roy Shields, who is retiring as general solicitor for the Union Pacific, earned his own way; his father died when he was five and his mother when he was ten. Talk about being underprivileged. And few men made a better success than Roy Shields, which makes us think that it is the quality that counts more than the privileges.

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The wisdom of the world is written in books. Reading is the only way to get it out.

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Maybe most products that get in trouble do so by trying to be something they're not. Like a motor car trying to be a parlor, beer trying to be a soft drink or a woman's hat trying to be practical.

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The other day a writer wrote that there wasn't any security. He wasn't talking about economic security in particular but security in general. And he meant what he said. Maybe he's right for no man even knows he'll be here tomorrow.

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Residents of the east will long remember the winter of 1957-58 while those on the west coast will soon forget the fine weather of that winter. We don't think that proves anything but if it does it is bad.

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In the Orient it is polite to take off the shoes. Here it would not be polite. We get along by understanding.

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The world may get to be very scientific. It will not, however, change human relationships very much.

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We would feel a little contrite about having such nice weather while the east is shivering if it weren't that we enjoy it so much.

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The discussion in Portland over what is art finds some saying that a picture of a cow isn't art. May not be but most viewers would recognize what is intended to be.

Fertilizer, Survey Talked at Meet On Conservation

The Sherman County Soil Conservation district held its annual meeting Tuesday with a program that varied from soils to fish and fertilizer.

After a short film Leo Mayers soil scientist, told of the progress of the soil survey being made of Sherman county. It will be done next year according to present plans and will show the variety of soils and the geologic formations of the county. It will make Sherman county the best mapped area in the state and perhaps the best surveyed.

Harold Winegar reported on the wildlife conservation practices being followed, the cover made for birds, bird roosts and water guzzlers installed with other projects to increase the number of birds in the county.

Andy Anderson said that Sherman countians could raise trout in farm ponds if they wanted to go to the work and trouble to do so. Cool nights keep the water at a satisfactory temperature for trout and it is not necessary that ponds be stocked with bass or warm water fish.

Howard Cushman told his listeners about the nitrogen fertilizer trials that have been conducted here in the past four years. On soils three feet and under in depth the chances of successful fertilization is one to three, he said. On soils 3 to 4 feet deep chances are two to three and on soils over four feet chances are 88 per cent.

Tom Helseth gave a resume of his experiences as a Ford fellow at Harvard and asked the aid of district members to get more appropriations for soil conservation work if it is to be expanded.

Elected to succeed C. F. Kuyper as director was John Hilderbrand and A. C. Kaseberg was re-elected to the other board membership. The board will hold a meeting for election of officers next month. About fifty members attended the annual meeting.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

The Rufus postoffice is getting quite a face lifting these days. The whole front part of the present house is to be used for post-office use with a much larger space for boxes, sorting tables and filing cabinets. A rest room is also being added. The new post-office is to be separate from the residence of the present post mistress Mrs. Leonard Jordan. As in the past deputy postmaster had to use the living quarters of the Jordan's whether they were home or not.

Reports on Agricultural Matters Made by County Agent Thompson

A recommended vegetable variety list was published last year. Few changes have been made. The list is prepared by Ralph Clark, extension horticultural specialist. Anyone interested can give us a call and we will be happy to give information on varieties tested.

Trees for windbreak plantings should be ordered now if delivery is anticipated this year. The Oregon Forest Nursery provides trees for this purpose for Oregon farmers. Order blanks are available at our office. Trees available January 1st were: Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, White Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Austrian Pine, Chinese Arborvitae, Black Locust, Caragana, Russian Mulberry, Russian Olive and Chinese Elm.

Many people have an urge to prune their ornamentals in the spring. Most trees and shrubs do better if a minimum of pruning is done. Let them grow as natural as possible.

In pruning, take out dead and broken limbs first. Then weak growth can be removed where it is interfering or strength is needed for a better growth. Trees need little limb removal except for convenience such as limbs overhanging a sidewalk or street. Shrubs can have older stems removed as they get too large, and they can be maintained as useful ornaments for extended time. When heavy pruning seems necessary, it is usually a sign that the shrub has served its usefulness and should be replaced.

U. S. wheat exports are down a fifth from the level of a year earlier. The main reason or the drop is the fact that European countries are taking less this season. Europe harvested a record crop last year. India is in the



SHERMAN COUNTY WINNERS in a contest last week at the conclusion of the Elks Lodge sponsored winter season dancing program at The Dalles included this group, from left, front row, Richard Grabenhorst and Nancy Conlee, both of Moro, tied for first place in swing, junior high division; second row, Sharon Belshe, Moro and Gene Fridley, Wasco, first in swing, high school division; Lana Jean Paulson, Moro and David Conlee, Moro, second in swing, high school division.

Legion Post Debates Disbandment

Tom Blessington of Condon, district commander of the American Legion, was here Sunday to meet with local Legionnaires about the fate of the Chris Schultz post which has been inactive for some months. Members have failed to attend regularly called meetings and despite the work of the Auxiliary have not shown interest.

Mr. Blessington is interested in getting the maximum membership and advised against disbandment of the post. However a proposal to sell the hall and let members join another post was made with the idea that if there was one or not more than two posts in the county there would be more interest.

Commander Don King will see members and potential members to try to get the membership up to the quota which is but 25.

Jim Hill Billed For Stockmen

Jim Hill, manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Sherman County Cattlemen at Grass Valley, March 5 with the topic "Community Development Through Agriculture".

Moro Missionaries Plan Church Aid

The Moro Missionary society met with Mrs. Maggie Barnum Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Zella Dyer and Mrs. Mae Broun co-hostesses. A dessert luncheon of apple pie ala mode was served at 1:30 to 18 members and one guest Mrs. Joe Griggs.

President Hilda Goodenberger led in the opening prayer. Routine business was enacted. The society will buy curtains for the primary S. S. room. We also will cover a couch in the social room. We will serve lunch to the county health committee in the church basement Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Devotions were led by Alice Gochbauer on Hebrew 2:1-4 "We dare not neglect to share the message of salvation with those around us." She also read the names from the Yearbook of Prayer, and prayed for those who represent us in Colombia, and among foreigners in our eastern United States.

The program was in charge of Thelma Miller, who gave a demonstration of Galatians 5:22, "the fruit of the spirit", by using fresh fruit to represent love, joy, peace, etc. Nine women assisted in this demonstration. We dismissed the meeting by repeating the benediction in unison.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews spent last week in Portland visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Sunday dinner guests of the Jerry Barnett family were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roysse and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Haven and May Ann recently spent the weekend in Eugene, where Dads' weekend was being observed at the University of Oregon.

Enjoying a potluck dinner and an evening of pinocle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock last Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. Mrs. Nisbet won high.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and Clyde Fridley went to Portland Monday to see Ira Fridley who is in a hospital there.

Mrs. Del Wright and Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox of The Dalles were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews.

Dorcas society met at the home of Mrs. Sam Brock last week with nine members present. Mrs. Sadie Rich was co-hostess helping to serve the following: Margery Van Gilder, Edith Brock, Mae Watkins, Madelyn Barnett, Fay Boice, Jackie and Betty Schaefer of Hill's Motel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid spent the past weekend in Portland where Mr. Reid attended the Republican dinner. He also attended the recent Republican dinner in The Dalles.

Planning Conference Coming Thursday at Sherman High

Objectives for agriculture and rural living will be presented at the Sherman County Planning conference, Sherman high school cafeteria, Thursday, February 27 at 8:00 p. m.

One hundred fifty Sherman countians have participated in preparing six committee reports and recommendations during the winter months. The six committees and their 19 sub-committees have met periodically to establish goals and programs for the next 5 to 10 years. W. L. May is general chairman. The event is sponsored by various agriculture and community groups and the Sherman county extension service. The meeting is public and all are invited, states May.

Forty problems of concern to Sherman countians were listed at a conference kick-off meeting in October. Most of the problems listed and other subjects have been considered by the six committees and recommendations drawn up for consideration and adoption by the general conference. Each committee will present their findings during the evening. C. L. Smith, state extension agent, will summarize the recommendations and reports.

Committees and chairman who will report at the public meeting are: Marketing and Transportation, Elton Medler, Wasco; Land Use and Crops, Don Thompson, Moro; Home and Community Living, Catherine Thomas, Wasco; Weed Control, Joe Heater, Moro; Livestock, Bernard Martin, Grass Valley; and Public Affairs, Kenneth Fridley, Wasco.

Junior Ladies Hope To Get Silver

Twenty-two ladies gathered Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Willard Leff for the regular meeting of the Junior Ladies club. President Mrs. Vernon Melzer presided over the meeting and Mrs. Andy Paulson gave devotions.

The project for the year was discussed and decision was made to buy a silver service for use in the church. Proceeds will come from the silver tea, which is to be held March 18 in the Moro Presbyterian Church social room. Any surplus money received will be used for other items such as a lace tablecloth or a punch bowl set.

Committees for the silver tea were announced by the president and yearly program books were distributed.

Mrs. Virgil Archer introduced Mrs. A. Douma, who gave a very vivid and enlightening account of their recent trip to Europe. She had many souvenirs on display which she had bought in different cities they visited. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leff and co-hostess Mrs. Lloyd Wooderson. The next meeting will be March 4 at the home of Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger.

TEEN-AGERS MEET

A regular meeting of the Teen-Age club was held Monday evening at the home of Father O'Connor. It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Keith Hockman on the recent loss of his father. Thanks was expressed to the Wasco school board for permission to use the gym. There will be no social activities this week end. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 24. Refreshments were served and movies shown. This club is for all interested high school youth, and is nondenominational.

Lenten devotions consisting of Mass and The Way of the Cross will be held this week on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's Catholic church in Wasco, and on Friday evening at St. John the Baptist Church in Grass Valley. Next week devotions will alternate, Grass Valley on Wednesday evening and Wasco on Friday. Sunday devotions will be held in Antelope.

REBEBAHS INSTALL

Installation of new officers for Lupine Rebekah lodge was done last week with the following taking their duties: Ann Miller, NG; May Broun, VG; Thelma Miller, RSVG; Bertha Belshe, LSVG; Zella Dyer, RSVG; Florence Bruckert, LSVG; Laura Grabenhorst, warden; Vada DeMoos, Conductor; Maggie Barnum, chaplain; Leona Douma, musician; Mary Brackett, inside guardian; Mollie McLachlan, outside guardian; Helen Martin, secretary; Althea Burnet, treasurer.

Fair Board Has Dinner For Those Who Supervise

The annual dinner given by the county fair board for the division superintendents was held Monday night at the Masonic hall with ladies of the Eastern Star serving the dinner. Chairman John Rolfe presided and heard reports from the superintendents about what they hoped to do with the 1958 fair. Most were optimistic and most recommended changes in the premium list.

Bill Jefferies who was not present sent word that the horse exhibits would again be large and some entries are already promised. Henry Barnum, cattle superintendent, said that excluding 4-H clubbers from the open classes would reduce entrance fees more than it would reduce premiums. Orlow Martin, poultry, welcomed new pens. Howard Ross, sheep and swine, wanted a loading chute and the board said it was going to build a shed on that barn. Bill Hall, field crops, wanted wheat classes changed.

Biggest debate of the night was after K. W. Moore of Portland, explained the method of putting in lights for the rodeo field and a preliminary estimate of the cost: \$5000. The plan is to hold the rodeo Saturday night so that more riders can come from Pendleton, where the Round-Up will be finished.

The fair board, through Jack Cushman, expressed the idea that the fair was now dependent on racing money which may not continue in so large a stream as at present. It has been working to put the grounds and buildings in shape. Proposal for a lighted arena was with the idea it might increase revenue.

When superintendents make their changes for the premium list it will be printed and work on the fair will proceed for the year. There will be some new features in an effort to obtain more county participation. The FFA will have a division and there may be other local contests. Also there is possibility the county may suggest a joint fair with Gilliam county, if not immediately at some future time.

DAY OF PRAYER SET

World Day of Prayer is Friday, February 21, at the Moro Presbyterian Church. The World Day of Prayer began in 1887. Observances are now held in 144 countries, starting with the Tonga Islands and ending with St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.

This is a day when Christian women all over the world will meet to worship and join in prayers and in offerings to the greatest cause in the world, the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

The service for this year is entitled "Bread of Life". As we send its message out to the peoples of the world, may we prove by our lives and devotion the reality of our faith. Through our Master, we can offer strength, comfort, and hope to the weary and war-torn world.

GOC UNIT MEETS

Mrs. George Wilson, supervisor of the Kent area of the Ground Observer Corp, called a special meeting which was held at 2:30 February 17 at the Kent Legion hall. There were 15 present which included three visitors from Grass Valley, Mrs. Harry Hooper, supervisor of the Grass Valley area; Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Eben Kee; M-Sgt. Ralph Bragg USAF of Arlington, Sgt. Ruel Brumitt from the Bend Flight Center and Sgt. Wilbur Mortimer of the Hood River area.

Mrs. Wilson called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Sgt. Bragg who introduced the other sergeants. Sgt. Brumitt gave an introductory talk on the place of the GOC in the missile age and showed one reel of a scientific movie of "The Challenge to Outer Space", which featured space engineer Werner von Braun, explaining his plans for men to explore and conquer space. Sgt. Bragg explained the necessity for GOC members to continue training and sky watching. Sgt. Mortimer told of the "Jot 'em Down" plan being used in the Hood River area to keep the volunteer observers well trained. It was decided to adopt a similar plan with each member observing to keep aircraft records and reporting to their supervisor at the end of each month, who in turn will report to Sgt. Bragg. Sgt. Bragg told of a plan to tour Geiger Air Base and the Spokane Filter Center. They decided to make the tour in April.