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These Things We Note

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We note that Floyd Root, president of the national wheatgrowers, says the consumption of wheat is "inelastic". Yet, the domestic parity plan which the growers advocate is based on a different assumption.

TTWN
Efforts to improve the senate's labor bill were defeated this week. More important is that some senators were brave enough to stand up and be counted in opposition to the labor monopoly.

TTWN
"The poor always ye have with you" (John 12:8) was not said at one of the better moments of Jesus of Nazareth. It has been used to show the hopelessness of aiding the poor and in a spirit of resignation. Certainly we always have the poor, but, thankfully, they are not always the same people. (We are referring to the poor in an economic sense, not the spiritual sense, the latter seldom recover). If it were not for the poor we would have no training ground for the production of the rich.

TTWN
What we wish is that we liked something as well as sparrows like our peas.

TTWN
Automobile makers are going ahead with the same models for next year. Seems like they might have a wide turning radius if it takes them a two years to turn around.

TTWN
If government will just extend unemployment compensation indefinitely there will be a fair security in never working again. It will be similar to the not raising hogs program.

TTWN
Moro girls were out at a what seemed early to them hour May Day distributing May baskets to front porches as a seasonable and friendly gesture.

TTWN
The assumption that in order for the nation to be prosperous government must spend more than it takes in is plumb loco. All government does is print money; it doesn't make it.

TTWN
The worst thing about state and federal taxes isn't their size; it is that they contribute to too much government.

TTWN
Of atomic weapons: it may be less dangerous to test and stay prepared than to not test and get behind.

TTWN
Those who got into the creeks for the fishing opener did pretty well but in most cases several miles of walking were involved. Worth it? Of course.

A man of 29 married a woman of 85 and some papers neglected the question considered of most importance: How much money did she have?

Wasco County Pioneers Meeting Saturday

Pioneers of old Wasco county who have lived fifty years in the area once included in that one time vast county are invited to attend the annual meeting of the association to be held at the city auditorium in The Dalles Saturday, May 3. Registration begins at 9:30 a. m. with the salmon dinner served at 11:30. It is expected that 800 will attend.

A feature of the meeting is the display of old pictures that fill the walls each year and attract the attention of all old-timers who come to renew friendships.

Dolph Kinsey, born near Antelope, is president this year and is responsible for the program. One feature will be a style revue of old dresses to be shown by wives or descendants of former presidents before the start of the annual old-time dance that ends the meeting.

The visiting that goes on around the benches set against the auditorium is wonderful to behold for everyone meets friends of the long-gone-by to make his visit to the meeting worth his while.

School Elections To Be Held May 5; Law Changes

An election for director for each of the five elementary school districts will be held next Monday, May 5, from 2 until 8 p. m. in each of the five elementary school buildings. Candidates have been placed on the ballot by petition as follows: Rufus, George Fox; Wasco, Virgil Brock and Keith Gleason; Moro, Ronald Powell, Grass Valley, Robert Rolfe; Kent, none reported.

An election will also be held in each of the elementary districts for the Sherman County High School District. Nominee to succeed himself is Marvin Thomas. Three directors will be elected in the Sherman County Rural School District, Zone 1, Rufus, Leland Medler; Zone 3, Moro, Virgil L. Archer; County at Large, no candidate has been nominated to succeed Ivan Blagg, present member.

Elementary districts that have not as yet voted on their budget and to exceed the six percent limitation will hold elections for this purpose.

The Rural School District will also vote on the proposition of exceeding the 6% limitation in the amount of \$79,250.79. As was stated last week, this is not a double tax since the rural district levies an offset fund which will be certified to the county assessor as an offset to each of the school district levies.

PREDATORS TRAPPED BY LOCAL AGENT

Six bobcats, three badgers, two raccoons and a porcupine make up the list of predatory animals taken in Sherman county during a four-week period, March 9 to April 5. Joseph P. Hamond is the federal-state hunter in this area. This information was just released by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state department of agriculture.

WASCO CEMETERY ASS'N ANNOUNCES MEETING

The annual meeting of the Wasco Cemetery association will be held May 5 at the Wasco City hall at 2 p. m. according to Hildred Zell, secretary. At the meeting election of four directors will be held and other business transacted. Annual dues are due on that date.

Friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruckert at their farm home last Thursday night, played cards, had coffee and cake to end the evening. It was the 25th wedding anniversary of the Bruckerts.



For courageous services rendered in rescuing a fellow serviceman from a flaming helicopter last October 26, H.M.3 Larry L. Sayrs, 22, Field Medical School Student, received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

While attached to medical elements of the Marine Corps' Cold Weather Training Command, Bridgeport, Calif., Sayrs, risking his life, did willfully help in the rescue of a passenger of a helicopter that crashed in a mountain area near Bridgeport last October.

While other members of the crew and their passengers were hurt, Sayrs, hearing cries for help from the scene of the crash, returned and climbed into the flaming inferno.

Despite the imminent danger of a gasoline explosion, he succeeded in rescuing his fellow passenger who was still trapped in the burning craft's cabin.

Upon completing the Field Medical school with graduation exercises last Wednesday, Sayrs reported to the 1st Marine division to assume his duties as a hospital corpsman.

History of Assessed Valuations Shows Trend Toward Higher Proportionate City Values

The history of assessments in Sherman county shows some trends, partly caused by new home building and partly caused by assessments themselves.

The following chart shows the assessed valuations for the past ten years. The first column is the valuation of land, tilled and untitled, the second is the valuation of buildings not in incorporated towns, column three is the value of town lots, column four is the valuation of improvements on town lots. Incidentally back in 1939 city lots were valued at \$66-980 and also incidentally farm valuations dropped in the 1920 depression and have never recovered.

YEAR	LAND	Imp. On Farm Land	TOWN Lots	Imp. On Town Lots
1949-50	\$ 5,990,710	\$ 557,890	\$ 55,510	\$ 318,360
1950-51	5,991,020	511,260	52,380	414,760
1951-52	5,991,200	516,260	52,500	419,610
1952-53	5,991,290	657,140	53,000	381,510
1953-54	5,992,580	743,420	52,950	405,730
1954-55	5,998,050	616,270	53,030	410,530
1955-56	6,008,270	716,680	54,260	370,120
1956-57	6,011,270	778,610	51,920	459,000
1957-58	6,015,410	941,300	69,470	560,160
1958-59	6,011,320	1,281,340	53,250	669,050

In 1949 the value of farm buildings was 8.5 per cent of the total value of farms and for next year (1959 figures are tentative) the percentage is 17.6.

The valuation of town lots, houses and farm buildings was 13.5 per cent of the total real valuation in 1949 and now town lots, houses and farm buildings are 25 per cent of the total. This means that buildings and lots are

worth a third as much as farm land on the assessor's books.

The recent reappraisal of farm land, done by committees of farmers, agreed to reluctantly by the state tax commission had little effect on the total valuation of farm land, as is shown by the chart. It seems probable that the effect was to transfer some valuation to poorer lands of the county and away from what has been considered the better land. But the total valuation was changed but slightly.

The increases in valuation in both farm buildings and town buildings by more than twice comes partially from new homes and partly from reappraisal made

by the state which reflects higher prices for construction. The generally higher prices for farm land are not reflected in the new appraisal of farm lands.

The figures given herewith indicate that there is still work to be done to adjust valuations in Sherman county to achieve the equalization the program instituted by the county and state was designed to accomplish.

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

The Community card club met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Chet Coats. Three tables of pinocle were in play with Mrs. Norma Shaffer as a guest. Mrs. Bill Macnab won high prize. Mrs. Frank Reid low while Mrs. Shaffer won the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Elton Medler, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Maryanne Demeris, Mrs. Morris Burnett, Mrs. Vern Dutton, Mrs. Leland Medler, and Mrs. George Fox. After the game Mrs. Chet Coats served a delicious crab bouille with crackers and coffee.

The Home Extension unit at Rufus met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. George Fox. Mrs. Kenneth Spagle and Mrs. Harland McDonald were leaders in the lesson on ready mixes. Biscuits, muffins, cake and cookies were baked for the luncheon which followed the lesson. Mrs. Spagle also brot a pudding and pie which she had previously made from the recipes. The hostess made a red bean salad which was served with coffee and the things baked in the morning lesson.

The West Wind Riders met at the old Potter place, some riding and some driving out, for a workday, cleaning the grounds and setting up equipment so that the place can be used for practicing for future playdays. An impromptu meeting was held during which the president, Vern Smith appointed John Kellogg as chairman of playday practice. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and Jack, and the houseguests of the Smiths, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilcox of Condon. During the afternoon the daughter and son in law of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams and children, Nancy and Billy from The Dalles, dropped by.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg and Kaye, Margaret O'Meara and Andy Engberg enjoyed a picnic at Pelton dam Sunday. Jerry Dekeo and Mrs. Jack Rothery visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Boice and family in Camas last weekend when they took Mrs. Rothery's mother, Mrs. N. W. Ward home to Battleground after visiting for awhile in Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan motored to Bend last Sunday looking over the prospects of a good fishing season. It was a lovely day for a drive with Mother Nature at her best. Monday the Jordans had Mr. and Mrs. George Fox over for a ham dinner.

Dr. Wilson Foote of Corvallis stopped in Rufus Saturday for a visit at the George Fox residence. He was enroute home from Pendleton where he was on business for Oregon State college.

Mrs. Frank Reid chairman presided at the business meeting which followed the luncheon. Mrs. Harland McDonald secretary took down the minutes. The 16 members present marked the "interest sheet" on what projects they would like for another year. The Homemakers Festival will be held in the Wasco school house Wednesday April 30 at 1:30 p. m. Election of officers followed with Mrs. Kenneth Spagle elected chairman, Mrs. Ruth Hoseney, vice chairman and Mrs. Bill Macnab, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Frank Reid as county committee woman.

The next meeting on corsages will be May 22 at the Rufus grange hall at 10:30 a. m. with Mrs. Bill Huck as hostess. All members to bring a sack lunch.

From the records of Donna Stehlik secretary of the Busy Cookers club at Rufus, on March 5, Miss Carol Armstrong was present to check up on the 4-H record books. She spoke on how to demonstrate. At this meeting the club voted to have cheer leaders and Kay Macnab, June Baker, Louana Burnett and Barbara Medler were elected. At the March 19 meeting of Easy Meals the cheer leaders led the club in the yell "Strawberry Shortcake, Huckleberry Pie." Onalee Miller is president and Karen Macnab is secretary. Darlene Stehlik led the pledge of Allegiance and Barbara Medler led the 4-H pledge. The clubs have been very active this past school year.

Mrs. Glen VanGilder of Antelope was honored with a stork shower Friday night given by Mrs. Al Dormaier and Mrs. John Kellogg. Coffee, tea and a cake decorated with booties, a stork, and flowers were served to the following: Mesdames Henry Richelderfer, Vern Van Gilder, Pete Macnab, Harry Van Gilder, Harry Allen, Stan Gordh, Steve McMillin, Jerry Barnett, Arthur Sargent, Vern Smith and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder of Moro and Mrs. Sam Olmstead of Hood River. Those who were unable to attend but sent gifts were Mesdames Tom Moore, Virgil Brock, John Robinson, Vernon Melzer, David Richelderfer, Dewey Thomas, Lewis Hastings, Dale Laughlin, John Foss, James Clifton, Fred Dormaier, Leo Watkins, Gordon Hilderbrand, Paul Patrick, Floyd Haines, Lee Gunnelis and Mrs. Bob Brishine both of Moro and Mrs. Lee Wilson of The Dalles.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk were Mr. and Mrs. Erceel Yocum of Pendleton.

The third year Mealtime Fun 4-H club were given a demonstration on the fundamentals of baking by Miss Carol Armstrong, ed for ages between 6 mo. and extension agent. At the next 40 years of age. Follow up shots meeting, Mrs. Clarence Spenwiller be given.



Kay Kirkelle Named SHS Valedictorian Historical Society Plans 1958 Picnic

Kay Kirkelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, has been chosen valedictorian for the 1958 graduating class at Sherman high school because of her 3.41 grade average and consistent work in several school activities including the paper, the annual, chorus, pep club, operetta, scholarship award, majorettes, girls' state, senior play and student council.

Salutatorian will be Karen Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, whose grade point average is 3.31 and who has been editor of the paper, member of the band, the chorus, is a majorette, attended girls' state and is on the student council.

cer will demonstrate the technique of decorating cakes. Mrs. Faye Boice was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shull.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobson are the grandparents of a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson of Moro April 24. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and has been named Janice Ann.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand were Fred Anderson, Marilyn Olsen of Moro and Don McDermid.

Mrs. Virgil Larimore entertained her bridge club last week, with Mrs. Gerald Nisbet as guest. Mrs. George Macnab won high and Mrs. Elton Medler low.

The Thursday evening pinocle club met recently at the home of Mrs. Jerry Barpett with Mrs. Charles Wallace as co-hostess. Mrs. John Overman and Mrs. Harold Engberg were guests, and Mrs. Doug Shull won high and Mrs. Wallace low.

Although there wasn't too large a crowd for the dance at Rufus school Saturday night everyone had a good time. A lot of work was put in making the gym attractive for the dance. Mrs. Frank Reid was general chairman. Pie and coffee and punch were served in the school cafeteria at midnight.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and her daughter Joan of The Dalles have been staying at the ranch home of her son Don Macnab and family while Mrs. Don Macnab is with her mother, Mrs. John Addington at Dufur. Mrs. Addington is very ill.

It is beautiful weather in Rufus so far this week and warm enough to go around without a jacket. The crops are growing by leaps and bounds.

Polio Shots Possible For Everyone Monday

Through the efforts of the Sherman County Health Advisory Council and the cooperation of Dr. Dean Wilcox and Dr. Davidson, every resident of Sherman county will have the opportunity to get their polio shots in the county.

Dr. Wilcox will be at the Grass Valley schoolhouse Monday evening May 5 between the hours of 7 and 9 and Dr. Davidson will be at the Wasco schoolhouse Thursday evening May 8 between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. The cost of the shots will be \$3.00 a shot for the first member of the family and \$2.00 a shot for each additional member. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity who haven't already received their shots elsewhere. The shots are especially recommended for ages between 6 mo. and extension agent. At the next 40 years of age. Follow up shots meeting, Mrs. Clarence Spenwiller be given.

Wheat Leaguers Hear Reports; Honor Fridley

Sherman chapter, Oregon Wheat Growers league, held its annual spring meeting Monday night at Wasco and honored Kenneth Fridley who was chosen Conservation Man of the Year by a committee headed by Allan Pinkerton last March. Mr. Pinkerton recounted the conservation practices that gave Fridley the award after introduction by Bill Todd, president of the Sherman chapter.

Cliff Holdman, local manager, introduced John Lamb, stockholder and treasurer of Empire Machinery, who presented the plaque of recognition. It is a statue of a man holding a tall, large sheaf of grain and made by a sister of Jack Whiteman, president of Empire. Mr. Lamb warned of the loss of soil by erosion and praised those who save it.

Mr. Fridley responded with thanks for the award and gave credit to those who have made soil conservation a reality on many Sherman county farms.

George Lindsay, president of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce introduced a delegation from that city who came to have a part in the meeting.

The business meeting was held at Friendship hall where Noboru Imajo, Japanese consul at Portland spoke briefly about his country and the benefits the younger generation there is getting from a diet of wheat instead of rice alone. Eighty percent of Japan, a country no larger than California, is mountainous and no matter how efficient Japanese farmers may be they cannot feed the 90 million inhabitants. The population is growing at a rate similar to the United States even though birth control is officially approved.

Committee chairmen reported on the activities of the varied phases of wheat league business, they being Allan Pinkerton, Production and Land Use, who said smutty wheat declined, that farmers wanted a stiff-strawed barley and a regional soil laboratory.

Ted Thompson for Marketing and Transportation who noted a new subsidy on white wheat for the Philippines, the new rail rate cut and barge's corresponding reduction.

Leland Medler on Taxation and Legislation noted the value of county tax leagues. Marvin Thomas, Youth, said the wheat league stock show would be held June 8-9-10-11 at The Dalles. Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Margie Kaseberg for Domestic Wheat Utilization, noted plans for the contests at the fall meeting. Hildred Zell for Federal Programs said an effort was being made to have bulgar wheat included in PL 480 shipments and that crop insurance should be moved to county ASC offices.

Bob Taylor, administrator for the wheat commission, told of the work being done on research for agricultural products. Wheat can be made into alcohol and alcohol in gasoline improves that fuel. But the price of wheat is too high or the price of fuel too low to make it economically practical.

Registration of Voters Up From Last Year

Total registration of voters for the primary election Friday, May 16 is higher than it was last year when a special election was held in the same month. This year there are 1241 voters compared to 1178 in 1957.

Republicans have gained 30 to total 644 and Democrats have 22 to total 583. There has been an increase of ten independents.

The registration by precincts:

	Rep.	Dem.	T
Rufus	65	88	153
Wasco	168	194	366
Moro	218	149	372
Grass Valley	120	102	227
Kent	73	50	123

Conservation Tour Due Wednesday

Sherman county 7th and 8th grade students will participate in a Conservation and Better Farming tour next Wednesday, May 7. The tour was initiated a number of years ago by the Conservation committee of the Wasco Woman's club. During the morning the boys and girls will see what some of the farmers in northern Sherman county are doing in the interest of conservation. The OSC Sherman branch agricultural experiment station, Moro, will be visited during the afternoon.