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These Things We Note

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The difficulty the advocates of big government have in proving they are different from communists who go for the same old theory.

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Sherman Adams has the reputation of being so politically pure a lot of politicians are tickled to get him in the brine. Everyone in public life, whether elected or not, receive presents and not many are given with expectancy of reward. And really, despite public suspicion, not many rewards are given. The giving of presents as a means of appreciation is an old American custom and public persons are not exempt.

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The labor bill the senate is considering is rather a weak one and it will probably be defeated in the house anyway. A law to protect laboring men from their bosses is badly needed but the men are not organized except under the bosses and congress is too cowardly to act for them.

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The supreme court has decided that the state department has no power to refuse passports to communists. Well, let them leave. Maybe a way can be found to prevent their return.

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There is a vast difference between the sentiment expressed in "You shouldn't do that" and "There's no profit in it."

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Sherman county knows there's a sort of recession because of reading the papers, not otherwise.

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The most important thing in the world isn't money; it is ideas.

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Our habits are being built around the motor car; drive in stores, banks and theaters. Why if a merchant can't hear the honk of a horn he's practically out of business.

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If you do a man a bad turn he may never retaliate; he may merely tell others about it and thus cut your throat without drawing blood.

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There's one thing to remember about pensions and social security; they never grow as fast as the demand.

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The success of that Chicagoan in suing a friend for something like a half million dollars for alienation of his wife's affections has started other similar suits. A Salem man asks \$70,000 which may make his wife angry if she is not already so. It used to be the style to shoot invaders of the home and that may be more merciful than extracting a half million from the purse.

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Color TV seems to improve the picture a great deal. What TV needs is not so much better pictures, however, but better things to take pictures of.

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It will be appropriate if the southern California schools schedule football games with the Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco 49ers. Professionals should play together.

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Inflation appears to be halted in some quarters in the United States a condition all should cheer. If it starts again we may wind up like France.

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It is amusing to note the joy of editorial writers of Portland over the admission of Alaska to statehood passing over entirely the fact that Alaska with 145,000 people will attain representation inequally. When the federal plan was proposed for Oregon the cry was pathetic. O, consistency, thou art a jewel.

TTWN

We wish some one would write a book about the periodic styles. Crew cuts were popular about 50 years ago and sack dresses about 35. There must be a pattern about this and future generations should be warned.

Farmers Urged To Vote On Grain Quotas

Jack Smith, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, urges all producers to cast their ballot Friday, June 20, when growers will decide in a national referendum whether to accept marketing quotas for the 1959 crop.

Smith said that marketing quotas will go into effect if approved by two-thirds or more of those voting. Marketing quotas would apply to all 38 commercial wheat states.

If marketing quotas are approved, a producer who exceeded his farm allotment would not be eligible for price support and would be required to pay the penalty on excess production in order to receive a marketing card. The minimum support of \$1.81 a bushel national average recently announced by the United States department of agriculture is 75 per cent of current parity.

Smith pointed out that producers should also realize that if quotas are defeated, the price support level would be approximately \$1.21 a bushel, which is 50 per cent of the July 1, 1959 parity. Farmers would still have to comply with acreage allotments to be eligible for price supports.

City Budget Shows Gain Over 1957-58

The city council has prepared a budget for the year beginning next July 1 and it is published herein. It calls for a tax levy of \$10.125 which is \$1.125 greater than last year. One reason for this is that an error was made in bonds due last year which had to be made up.

The budget does not conform with the law in that it does not show the amount spent from the various funds during the past year.

A few years ago the voters provided a new base for the city and until the budget exceeds that base the voters have nothing to say about the size of the budget other than to protest when the final meeting is held.

Scotsmen To Play At Condon Fete

The Scotch Clans in Gilliam county are taking out their tartans and brushing up on highland dances as they prepare to welcome guests from all over the state at the annual "Uncle Will Stewart Night" party and Scotch celebration to be held June 21.

Mrs. Alex Currie, chairman of the local committee, has announced that the popular Clan MacLeay Pipe Band from Portland with their bonnie dancing lassies will come to take part for the fifth consecutive year in the street parade and to furnish music and entertainment for the big free dance at the Condon grade school playground in the evening.

The gay event has grown to its present proportions in the past five years. It began with a gathering of Scots folk in the community to honor an elder citizen, "uncle" Will Stewart on his 95th birthday, who danced the highland fling as long as the pipes skirled. Mr. Stewart passed away in 1956 and his friends have continued the gay affair as an annual event in his memory.

Marshall Jeffries Dies From Heart Attack

Marshall John Jeffries died in a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday morning after a few days illness brought on by an heart attack. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. at The Dalles after which the body will be shipped to Twin Falls, Idaho for interment.

Mr. Jeffries was born July 1, 1907 at Fruitdale, Oregon and went soon after with his parents to Twin Falls where he grew to manhood. He was worked over much of eastern Oregon and for the past six years has been employed at Cushman's Equipment in Moro.

Surviving are his widow, Frances; a daughter, Mrs. Janet Pierce of Pringleville, a step daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Chapman, Cheyenne, Wyo.; two stepsons Gene and Barton House, Oak Harbor, Wn., two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Carter, Twin Falls and Mrs. Waunah Byington, Gannett, Idaho.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were in Hood River Sunday where Mrs. May assisted with a reception held at the home of Mrs. Willis Miller, (Lois Hilderbrand), in honor of Mrs. May's nephew, Fred Cook and wife, who were married May 31 in Milwaukee, Wis. The young couple will make their home in The Dalles.

Mrs. Gene Reynolds was hostess to the Aermican Legion auxiliary at her home Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were decorated with white peonies. Mrs. Harold Owens, president, conducted the meeting. Memorial service was given for Mrs. Carsten von Borstel. New officers were elected and plans made for the annual picnic. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Boy Scout work has stopped in Moro for the summer, says Ken Parker, and may not be resumed unless there is more interest shown.

Rebekahs Say Goodbye To Miss Paulson

Lupine Rebekah lodge met in regular session Tuesday night with 16 members and one visitor present. After the business meeting a surprise farewell party was held for Miss Edith Paulson, who is leaving for LaGrande to attend summer school. The program consisted of the following:

Jacque Bucholtz sang, "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You" and "Loveliest Night of the Year" accompanied by Sharon Belshie.

Johnny DeMoss played a saxophone solo "Sail Along Silvery Moon."

Deanie Johnson sang, "Girl of My Dreams" accompanied by Arlean DeMoss.

Janice DeMoss played two piano solos "Long Long Ago" and "Starlight Waltz."

Deanie and Rickie Johnson sang "Bill Grogan's Goat" accompanied by Arlean DeMoss.

Wilma Gentry played two piano solos, "Indian Love Call" and "Love Letters in the Sand."

Arlean DeMoss sang, "Over the Rainbow" accompanied by Barbara Hampton.

Sharon Belshie played a piano solo "Song of India."

Barbara Hampton played a piano solo "Nola."

Jacque Bucholtz, Arlean DeMoss, and Barbara Hampton accompanied by Wilma Gentry sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

A gift was presented to Miss Paulson from the lodge and refreshments were served.

People Are Eating More These Days

Consumers are buying more food, paying more for it, eating more meals in restaurants, and enjoying more marketing service than ever before, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State college economist.

Some of the reasons that people are spending more for food services are explained by Mrs. Horrell. Retail food prices are up, because both farm prices and marketing charges have increased in the past year. People also have more money, are willing to spend more for extra services, and enjoy the luxury of eating more meals in restaurants.

Although food costs are higher today, people are spending about a fourth of their incomes for food, the same as in other recent years. However, Mrs. Horrell points out, if shoppers bought only the same amounts and types of food as those bought in the prewar years from 1935 to 1939, each person's food bill would amount to only 16 percent of his disposable income. As incomes increase, people usually buy more expensive foods, and more convenience in the form of processed, prepared foods.

A smaller share of food is being produced at home nowadays as people depend more on store-purchased items. A department of agriculture survey shows that 18 percent of the food used was home-produced in 1942, compared with only 8 percent in 1955.

Behind higher retail food prices are increases in both farm prices and marketing charges, Mrs. Horrell reports. Higher prices on livestock, fresh fruits and vegetables have pushed food prices higher. The boost in marketing charges is due mostly to the higher cost of assembling, processing and distributing farm-food products.

Pomona Grange members enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday in the nice clean DeMoss Springs Park. The park has lots of green grass and swings for the children to play on. After the dinner cards were played during the afternoon. Dewey Thompson showed some pictures he had taken while in Hawaii. Enjoying the grand day for the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Miller and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson and grandchildren, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck, Mr. and Mrs. Altee Wilson, Mrs. Bert Swigart, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson and Mrs. Grace Medler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woelper, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillipi and Roy's sister, Florence were callers at the Will Huck home Friday evening. Roy had been to the coast and caught an extra large salmon. They reported it to be very delicious eating. Mrs. Huck hadn't seen Florence for many years and was happy to see her again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gaejo and son Lee were overnight guests at the home of Ernest's sister, Mrs. Bert Swigart Thursday night. They were returning to their home in Lyons, Wn., from a trip to Illinois, Iowa and Montana.

Bert Swigart is still employed at Klamath Falls where he was sent to work several weeks ago. Maurice Swigart is working at Swift Creek, Wn. The men hope to get work nearer their home which is at the mouth of the John Day river as soon as the John Day dam begins to hire men.

A few families are already moving into Rufus in the hopes of getting work on the John Day dam in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox Jr. came Friday to spend the weekend with George's folks, the elder George Fox's. George just graduated from OSC and is on his way to Milwaukee, Wis., where he will be employed by Allis Chalmers. They left Rufus Monday to be on their way.

George Fox returned home Friday from attending the Oregon State Grange sessions held in Eugene last week. Mr. and Mrs. Retland Johnson returned Saturday. They reported also seeing Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert from this county at State Grange.

The Home Ec club of the Rufus Grange met Thursday afternoon with a dessert lunch served at the home of Mrs. Art Smith with Mrs. Sam Brock as co-hostess. Angel cake topped with strawberries

Jackman Writes About Grass and Deer and Nitrogen and What To Do About It

E. R. Jackman, range management specialist and noted extension specialist for 30 years, was in the county the first of the week to help with the range land tour and range land educational work. We asked Jack to contribute to this week's County Rambler's and he graciously consented.

"We saw three deer—all bucks—in a new seeding of alfalfa and grass on Bill Todd's place this week. There is deer hunting now in most of the county's canyons. When the immigrants came here, back in Civil War days, there were very few deer in the open parts of any of the Columbia Basin counties. Some persons in those days, with wagons broken down, or fresh out of oxen, or just plain lost, wondered around for weeks, and came close to starving to death all through this country, and their diaries abound in complaints about the complete lack of game.

"So why do we have deer here now? Some say the thousands of hunters in the forest drive the deer into open country. Some say the forests are filling up with young trees so the deer don't have the feed, so they are scattering to find feed. Others have other explanations. But I think it's largely because of the stock water reservoirs that now dot the country, like dozens of twinkling eyes, as seen from the air. Deer MUST have water. Millions of acres of Oregon range lands never did have any deer until stockmen began to put in dams and create ponds. Now there is a little deer herd adjacent to every reservoir that holds water all summer.

"There is another way to get deer to hang around—if that's what you want. Seed some grazing alfalfa. Deer MUST have protein and whipped cream and coffee was served.

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Steve Burnet Going To FFA Contest

Steve Burnet has been chosen to represent the Sherman FFA chapter in the Blue Mountain District Better Farming contest. He will compete with representatives from nine other schools. The winner will exhibit pictures of his project at the Oregon State Fair.

The contest is based on the farming program of the boy. Steve's project includes about one-half of the herd of 30 registered Angus cows with calves in partnership with his sister, Carol Burnet. Steve fed out the steer calves last winter showing a choice steer at the Wheat League show in The Dalles.

The better farming contest is based on the size of the farming program, the quality, the boy's opportunity, how the program fits the home farm and how much the boy knows about the program.

The district judging will be completed July 1 and 2.

Dr. H. R. Davidson is going to attend the medical convention and will not be in his office from June 20 until June 30.

Moro Grain Growers Harvest Starts; Having Program, Lunch at Meeting

The annual meeting of the Moro Grain Growers association will be held Saturday at the Sherman high school with the Oregon Journal Juniors bringing the entertainment from Portland.

A buffet luncheon will be served at noon after the business meeting and members are invited to come and take part in both announcements Wendell Balsiger, manager.

Church Committee Investigating House

The building committee of the Moro church has made up and sent out plans for a new manse which would be built across the street from the church on the lot now occupied by a gravel pile. The new house would face the church on McCoy street. Plans are for a house containing 1200 square feet, with three bedrooms, garage and utility room, two baths.

Members of the committee, headed by Lamer Sayrs, are busy gathering information about material and costs preparatory to a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, June 22, at which decision will probably be made about construction.

W. E. Tate Buried At Wasco Sunday

Graveside services in honor of W. E. (Ernie) Tate were held at the Wasco cemetery Sunday at one o'clock. Mr. Tate died June 10 at Glendale, California where he has made his home for many years. Ministerial services were held at Riverview in Portland Saturday.

Mr. Tate was born in Chicago, June 18, 1865 and would have been 93 had he lived a few days more. He was postmaster in Wasco from 1905 to 1934 and was a member of the Wasco Masonic order from 1905 until his death.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Florence Murdock, Mrs. Bess Wittenberg, Mrs. Gladys Ford, Mrs. Alleen Laurs, Mrs. Mary Barbour.

Alfalfa Growing Methods Discussed

Sherman countians and others in Eastern Oregon, growing alfalfa for hay or pasture, like it for its high value for fall grazing. Alfalfa does make excellent September grazing, but it certainly is an unsound practice unless the alfalfa is begging for a good plowing up any how. Pasturing after the alfalfa has stopped growing isn't so bad, but nature uses the September period to build root reserves. Many folks having "September Pasture" wonders what's the matter with their alfalfa in the spring. They comment "the first cutting isn't worth a whoop," "must be the cold spring." Every spring is a cold spring for alfalfa eaten to the ground in September.

Recent work at many experiment stations show that alfalfa can be cut earlier than we had originally imagined, and that the pasture type alfalfa can be cut earlier than the others. Vernal, Rhizoma, Nomad, can be cut at the bud stage with little damage to yield. This will give 18% protein feed. Where can a man buy any 18% protein feed for the same price?

Estel Hartley, Grass Valley, reports 2.6 tons per acre of alfalfa hay on the first cutting this year. Estel is doing some sprinkler irrigation on alfalfa and irrigated pastures on the Shearers grade road from Grass Valley.

The "Farm Management" magazine says that all money spent by a farmer for experimental work on his own farm may be deducted from his income tax. We need more farmer's experimenting with different varieties of grazing type alfalfas, and we would surely like more experimental work throughout the county on this project.

Each summer four colleges in the United States hold a three week summer session for county extension agents, that desire to obtain additional training. The western United States summer session is held at Colorado A and M, at Fort Collins, Colorado. Your agent will attend this year's summer school, starting June 16 running through July 4.

Harvest Starts; First Barley In Elevator June 12

Harvest started last Thursday June 12, when Collis Moore cut a few acres of barley on right of way and hauled it to Hay Canyon one of the earliest starts of harvest remembered by anyone. The barley was about 45 pounds in quality. Several will begin cutting Monday on barley.

This is the time of year when farmers sweat out the weather and this year they are more nervous than ever. There may be a reason for it.

The crop is thicker, heavier, taller and ranker than usual, some saying that it has prospects of being the very best crop ever. A farmer wouldn't like to lose such a crop. There is moisture in the ground which is of little importance from now on for over most of the county the stalks are drying and the wheat must mature and fill out on sap left in the stalk.

A few hot days might shrivel the kernels and reduce the crop to normal or smaller proportions while cool days and the beneficial west wind would assure a harvest to tell the grandchildren about. Last week the days were cool and the wind blew refreshingly; this week what wind there is comes from the east and that inhibits the growth of any plant.

It is possible to tell by the drab color of modern wheat whether it is maturing well or not. Certainly the green is changing to a lighter shade and it is time for that but no one can tell whether ripening is too fast until he harvests. And there is nothing he can do about it anyway.

Main Street Gets New Coat of Oil

Monday the local highway maintenance crew began brushing main street; then the street was washed and made ready for a new coat of oil. Wednesday a state crew moved in and by noon had recoiled the street where lined with curbs. This procedure left about 100 yards between this new coat and the new job done by Houck a year or two ago.

Wheat Varieties Carefully Chosen

Select a crop variety that is eligible if you want to qualify for seed certification in Oregon, says T. W. Thompson, Sherman county agent. In other words, there is an approved list of crop varieties in the Oregon certification program.

A variety does not make this eligibility list through a hocus-pocus procedure, but each variety, up for consideration, is reviewed by the Oregon State college certification board. Data showing adaptation, yield, disease and insect resistance and seed needs, are some of the things that are examined by the certification board. Superior performance of a new variety in one or more categories over varieties now available is considered a requirement to eligibility for certification.

Even though this procedure has been a part of the Oregon certification program for many years, there are people who still believe that payment of certification fees entitles them to certification of almost any crop or variety.

This eligibility list is subject to revision each year by the board. As new superior crop varieties are developed they may be added to the list. Older varieties that are replaced by better ones are removed from the eligibility variety list.

Thompson reports that at least one year advance notice is given before a variety is dropped from certification. Final approval to delete or add a variety is given by the certification board.

The board reserves the right of accepting for certification, varieties recommended for production in Oregon by the Oregon Experiment Station. All crops recommended for production in the state will not automatically be eligible, states Thompson. Many crops are produced for seed in Oregon that do not need a program such as this. With these, good seed can be maintained by reasonable purity standards. Crop varieties developed in other states, to be eligible for certification in Oregon, must be approved here, too. More information on this subject may be obtained in the Sherman county agent's office.