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These Things We Note

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There are people in the world who have never accepted democracy and who think people will never be able to govern themselves. Sometimes it seems we are trying to prove them correct.

TTWN
It has gotten to be one of the perogatives of government to spend a third of the money.

TTWN
One of the nicest things about a recession is that it proves the economists to be wrong about some of their "facts".

TTWN
We predict that next year the well built girls will get a break in the fashions.

TTWN
What is going to happen to wheat is something we do not know much about but whatever it is it will probably be something to make growers less happy than at present for the simple reason that from the top there's no way to look but down.

TTWN
It is easier to convict a millionaire than a labor leader.

TTWN
Child labor was deplorable but not so deplorable as child delinquency.

TTWN
Wonder what would happen if readers began doing what the ads ask them to. They would be fatter for one thing, be prettier for another. Take it from there.

TTWN
Perhaps the lumber industry would be materially helped if the government reduced the price for stumpage.

TTWN
Met a very modern fellow the other day. He said we were going ahead with the road program until all the good land was paved. When asked what we would live on in that case he replied, "Why, the government, of course."

TTWN
There was a bit of to-do about criticism of Admiral Burke from the executive department and an assumption that Burke might be fired for not agreeing with his boss about a bill before congress. We'd like to know just when it became bad practice to fire a man who disagrees with the policy set by the boss.

TTWN
Once upon a time it required bravery to be a radical. Now it is the conservatives who need nerve.

TTWN
The surplus of coffee in Brazil isn't helping consumers any more than is the surplus of wheat in the United States.

TTWN
There's probably no need to worry about it but how long can the government go without paying its debt?

TTWN
New cars will appear earlier this fall. Like the magazines they come out earlier all the time, even backing clear around the publication period. Maybe we'll eventually have a 1966 car in 1965.

TTWN
Really we are not so concerned with what the citizens give politicians as what the politicians give citizens. That hurts worst.

TTWN
That government projects pay no taxes is bad enough but that they also require taxes doubles the dose.

TTWN
There is no reason for the transportation tax although it now seems doubtful if the house will pass its repeal. It hurts the west and it hurts the railroads.

TTWN
All eastern Oregon received from three to five inches more rainfall this year than the average and it made big crops. When the cycle changes and we get less we will get small crops.

TTWN
When there is lots of rain in the Willamette valley the weeds grow over the fence rows making the country look ragged. This is one of those years.

TTWN
Along with the advent of industry in any community there comes labor troubles, one of the unfortunate imports.

First 100 Year Farmers Get Awards In State Campaign

The first two Oregon farmers to be officially qualified for the 1958 Century Farm program honors come from Clatsamas county. They are Ross Marquam and William Baker.

Their claims have been verified and approved by the Clackamas county judge, C. E. Latourette of Oregon City.

Judge Latourette is the first county judge to submit approved names for this honor to the sponsoring groups. The century farm program is a joint recognition for continuous farm ownership since 1858 or earlier and is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, Portland, and the state department of agriculture, Salem.

Esta May Powell Dies Sunday

Mrs. Esta May Powell died at a hospital in Portland Tuesday morning, June 24 after an illness lasting more than a year. She suffered another stroke Sunday and was completely paralyzed.

Mrs. Powell was born November 18, 1889 at Abilene, Kansas, a daughter of Henry and Docia May who moved to Woodburn and in 1903 to Wasco where deceased grew up. Surviving is a son, Marion M. Powell of Moro, a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Goodin of Portland, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 Friday from Finley's Rose Chapel in Portland with interment in Portland.

Oregon Motorists Disapprove Boost

Oregon motorists, as polled by the Oregon State Motor association, twice have expressed themselves as opposed to increases in gas taxes or motor vehicle registration fees, the Oregon AAA club said today.

The Oregon Highway commission recently suggested that an increase in these fees might be sought in the next session of the state legislature in order to help the state meet federal funds available for Interstate Highway construction.

In 1955, Oregon AAA members voted on the proposal to increase the state gas tax by two cents and 80 per cent of those voting opposed the increase, the Motor association said.

Again in 1956, AAA people were polled on the proposal to increase both motor vehicle registration and the gas tax and the result was almost the same with 79 per cent of those responding to the poll voting against the increases.

"In view of the recent proposal of the Highway commission, the association plans another poll to determine whether or not the attitude of the motorists has changed in this respect," the Motor association said.

New Itana Wheat Not Acceptable

Itana, a new hard red winter bread-type wheat released for some areas of the Northwest, will not be recommended for Oregon, it was announced this week by D. D. Hill, Oregon State college farm crops department head.

Itana is similar to Columbia wheat released three years ago in Oregon as a hard red winter variety for low rainfall areas. Columbia is more smut resistant and higher yielding than Itana under Oregon growing conditions, Hill stated.

Washington State college released Itana for areas of less than 10 inches rainfall in Washington. Certified seed for commercial production in Washington will be available in the fall of 1959.

The new wheat is a selection from the cross Blackhull-Rex X Cheyenne made at the Oregon State college branch experiment station at Moro. Testing began in scattered areas of the Northwest in 1950. Idaho and Montana released Itana in 1956.

Columbia is resistant to all known races of both common and dwarf smut and has usually outyielded Rio, the commonly grown hard red winter wheat in the Columbia Basin. Because of its excellent performance in Oregon's there is no point in releasing low-rainfall areas, Hill stated, there is no point in releasing Itana in Oregon.

Football Schedule Shows Change In 'B' District

The football schedule for Sherman high school for next fall will require meeting some new competition for the local boys. The league is called the 6B league or Cayuse league.

First game will be with Goldendale (non-league) and will be played at night at the Washington city September 12. September 19 the team will meet Echo there and September 26 is open.

October 3 Condon will come here for a game. October 10 the game will be at Unatilla with that team and October 17 at Fossil with Wheeler high. October 24 the second home game will be played here with Pilot Rock and October 31 the final home game with Heppner. The final game will be with Maupin November 7.

New coaches will take up their duties with the start of school or before. They will be Dale Christiansen of Cascade Locks, a graduate of Pacific University who will teach physical education and social studies, and Robert Haynes a graduate of the University of Oregon who will teach mathematics. Christianson will be football and baseball coach and Haynes basketball and track coach.

Mrs. Emma Ross, now of Estacada but formerly of Hermiston, has been engaged to teach commercial subjects at the high school.

Bumper Crops Boost Surplus

M. D. Thomas says latest USDA crop estimates point to more than 14 billion bushels of wheat nationally this year, 34 percent more than in 1957 and 14 percent above the average for the past 10 years.

Thomas says odds are that supports on the new wheat crop will drop to 75 per cent of parity or about \$1.82 a bushel for the national average. The 20 cent drop from last year could go even lower, depending upon subsidy payment levels under the wheat export program.

Court Reduces Road Crew; Moves to New Office

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, REGULAR TERM JUNE 4, 1958

RE CLAIMS: All claims allowed as presented against General Fund and General Road Fund. RE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Statement presented showing all fund balances as of May 31, 1958—examined, approved and ordered filed.

RE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: Road Supervisor presents court with report of gasoline consumption for month of May, 1958—examined and ordered filed.

RE ROAD BALANCES: Clerk presents court with report of gasoline road balances as of May 31, 1958—approved and ordered filed.

RE SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Geiser asks for permission to attend tax collector's school—not granted.

RE ASC LEASE: ASC presents renewal of lease for two offices at same rent, \$25.00 per mo.—Rent raised to \$50.00 per mo. by court action.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED.

COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION BY CALL OF COUNTY JUDGE JUNE 17, 1958

RE SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Geiser appears before court with plans for remodeling and painting interior of his office—court authorizes said work.

RE ROAD EMPLOYEES: Road crew to be reduced to six men, including supervisor, beginning July 1, 1958. Based on seniority. Those who are to be retired to work until July 1, 1958 and accumulated vacation time paid from 57-58 budget.

RE PURCHASE ROAD MACHINERY: Road Supervisor instructed to purchase extra set of jaws for rock crusher.

RE ASSESSOR OFFICE: Assessor instructed to move into county court room and county court to move into Assessor's office.

RE FAIR BOARD: J. Rolfe, chairman of fair board appears before court and discusses some of the problems of fair board.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT

Moro Grain Growers Re-elect Directors, Hear Profit Story

The annual meeting of the Moro Grain Growers, held Saturday at the Sherman high school building featured the Journal Juniors for entertainment and the youngsters pleased the crowd that came for the annual session and particularly to see the children perform.

Elected were the same directors: Irving Hart, Lloyd Henriehs and Joe Heater, although the latter had a close race with Stan Coelsch.

The annual report showed that the previous year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the association, a profit of \$157,000 having been made.

Over 300 persons were fed at the buffet luncheon provided by the management preceding the program.

Ernest Houston Dead From Heart Attack

Ernest Houston died suddenly Wednesday night while getting into his car at the home of his brother in law, George McDonald near The Dalles. The Houstons had gone to The Dalles to see a doctor about a hip ailment that was bothering him and spent the evening at McDonalds. As they were preparing to start home a heart attack struck him.

Ernest Houston has been janitor at the Moro grade school for several years and before that was elevator manager for the Moro Grain Growers.

Ernest Francis Houston was born January 30, 1907 at West Lock, Alberta and came to Oregon in 1928. He has been a resident of Moro since that time. He was married to Clara McDonald at Moro February 11, 1934. He was a member of the IOOF lodge.

Surviving are his widow, one brother John of Vimy, Alberta, two sisters, Mrs. Sadie Budgen, Edmonton, Alberta, and Mrs. Christina Cannard, New Westminster, B. C., a foster mother, Mrs. Christina Holman, Chilliwack, B. C.

Services will be held at Spencer & Libby's in The Dalles with interment at Park Lawn at a date to be announced later.

Fair Board To Install Lights For Night Rodeo

The county fair board met Tuesday night to get down to actual planning for the fair to be held September 11-14. Furthering that planning it was agreed that meetings would be held the first Wednesday of each month.

There was discussion of the agreement made with Mr. Sander son who is training horses at the fair grounds but no decision was reached about action.

Goldendale will use the starting gates September 6 and 7 but renting the gates out will be discontinued because of the cost and difficulty of transporting them from place to place.

The board has agreed to have lights installed at the fair grounds so that a night show can be held Saturday night of the fair. The Wasco Electric cooperative has agreed to bring a line from Theodore Johnston's to the grounds, set the poles, install the light fixtures and donate the electricity for a total of \$2500 and the board agreed to that proposal.

Fair board members feel that a night show would bring a larger gate than a day show and enough for a profit. What will be on the program for Saturday afternoon has not been decided. The Sunday show will presumably include horse races and the end of the rodeo. Riders can come to Moro from Pendleton for a night show, it is argued.

Suggestions of names for horse and cattle judges for the open class were made. Agreement was reached on fat stock in the open class and these classes were eliminated. The 4-H children may enter the breeding classes as usual.

TV Cooperative

Elects Keith Thompson

The Moro TV cooperative met Tuesday night for its annual meeting and election of officers. Keith Thompson was made president, Clarence Huls, vice-president, John Buck, secretary-treasurer and Lloyd Wooderson, and Harry Benson members of the board to serve with the officers. John Buck was appointed to do the collecting for the club.

Farmers Vote Quotas In Widely Varying Numbers Here

The vote on the wheat quotas held last Friday was tight, not much more than a third of the eligible farmers going to the polls to express an opinion on the matter. Total in the county was 132 yes and 36 no.

The division in the five districts was peculiar.

	YES	NO
Kent	10	6
Grass Valley	33	8
Moro	18	12
Wasco	46	1
Locust Grove	25	9
TOTALS	132	36

Orlow Martins' Have 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orlow Martin were delightfully surprised when their relatives arranged a picnic dinner and small reception for them on their wedding anniversary, Sunday June 15. The date of their marriage being June 10, 25 years ago.

A bounteous dinner was served, picnic style on the lawn, to the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. James Healy and family, Mrs. Hartense Martin, Mrs. Anne Smouse of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and family of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse of Lone; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Martin and son of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Wendy of Kent; and friends Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson of Lexington.

Between the hours of 2 to 5 p. m. friends and neighbors called to extend best wishes and congratulations to the happy couple. Later refreshments of cake, coffee, punch, nuts and mints were served from a beautifully decorated table centered with a three tier silver and white cake and silver candelabras with three aqua tapers each. The candelabras were a gift from Mrs. Martin's family and a large silver tray from Orlow's family. All spent a pleasant afternoon visiting and taking pictures.

During the day congratulations by telephone were received from their son, Dean, at Fort Oord, California and from Helen's sister, Mrs. Richard Baker of Rochester, Minnesota.

State Agricultural Agents Go Far

A handful of men, the state department of agriculture's livestock officers, worked 2204 days and drove 292,496 miles last year in carrying out a variety of state duties.

This report is almost six months behind schedule, but animal division chief, M. E. Knickerbocker says there's a good reason. The clerical staff has been too involved in more demanding work to compile the figures.

Seven livestock officers worked from January to August, when the unit was increased to 11 men due to the tie-in with supervision of non-technical work of lay meat inspectors.

This is how the livestock officers spent their time last year—and it'll show you broadly what they do:

They spent 653 days investigating livestock theft cases, 96 days searching for stray animals, 112 days inspecting auction yards and 20 inspecting garbage and rendering plants.

That wasn't all. Another 318 days were absorbed in inspecting operations of 654 applicants for meat dealer licenses as well as 696 days on livestock brand inspections and 13 on brand recording work.

Forty-nine investigations growing out of the division's brucellosis and tuberculosis control program claimed 112 days; 63 days were devoted to basic livestock sanitation investigations and 11 to the meat inspection program.

These officers made 31 arrests, two-thirds of which were on charges of larceny of livestock or related causes.

They conducted 226 investigations, 50 percent of which involved meat dealers and brand inspections. They attended 105 meetings. The tally doesn't mention telephone calls, but it does show 28 days sick leave and 43 days annual leave.

Most of the activity of these men is chargeable to a particular license or fee account. The single exception is 460 of the hours and 5227 miles of the travel spent in searching for more than 200 of the stray animals reported.

Weather Hot, Weather Wet, Gr. in Hurt Little

The weather man turned up the heat last week to put a scare into Sherman county wheat growers, who previously this crop year have suffered fewer scares than usual. There is even dispute about this one.

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the thermometer at the station registered a steady 94 degrees, dropped to 93 Friday and rose to a sweltering 96 Saturday and Sunday. By Monday it was down to 90 and the rain that came up that evening brought it down to a refreshing 75 by Tuesday.

The rain didn't amount to much as moisture but its refrigerating effect was most pleasant. At the station 20 inch was recorded and skies have remained cloudy to keep the temperature within bounds.

Whether the hot weather hurt the wheat or not is not known, nor will it be for certain. Weather in the nineties might very well dry out the kernels and reduce the weight and some of the ranker spots in the fields are reported shriveled by the hot days. In the north end of the county where wheat was nearly ready to thresh before the hot weather there is less likelihood of damage than in the south end where wheat is later.

Threshing stopped Monday afternoon by rain and did not start again until Thursday in more favorable locations. Barley yields are so far under early estimates, making around a ton in the Wasco neighborhood.

Well Owners Have One Month Left

Friday, August 1, will be the last day that well registrations can be filed, Lewis A. Stanley, state engineer, announced today in Salem. That will be the end of the three year period provided by the 1955 legislature for well owners to register their wells. Failure of any person to register his well by the August 1 deadline will deprive him of his right to continued use of ground water from his well.

Mr. Stanley pointed out, however, that certain uses of ground water are exempt from registration. The exempted uses are: (1) ground water used for stock water, (2) ground water used for watering lawn or non-commercial garden not exceeding one-half acre in area, (3) ground water used for single or group domestic purposes in an amount not exceeding 15,000 per day, and (4) ground water used any single industrial or commercial purpose in an amount not exceeding 5,000 gallons per day. Claims for uses specifically exempted in the statutes cannot be registered.

4-H Kids Home From Summer School

Nineteen tired but happy Sherman county 4-H'ers returned home Sunday after spending a week on the Oregon State college campus. The youngsters were attending the annual 4-H summer school, says Carol Armstrong, Sherman county extension agent.

Kay Higley, Moro was house president of Waldo Hall, first floor for the session. Gene Fridley, Wasco was vice-president of Reed Lodge as well as being an assembly usher. Jacque Bucholtz, Moro, was one of 30 performers chosen from 120 auditioners to appear on KOAC-TV for the annual Talent show. Jacque sang a vocal solo.

Shirley Watkins, Wasco and Florene Crews, Grass Valley, represented Sherman county in the 4-H Candlelighting Ceremony held in the stadium Saturday night. They took part in the impressive ceremony held before the nearly 2000 4-H'ers at summer school.

Mrs. Haward Ross, Moro, and Carol Armstrong, county extension agent, accompanied the group. Mrs. Ross served as leader and Miss Armstrong was one of the class instructors for the session.

Florene Crews, Grass Valley, previously announced as attending on a 4-H Leaders scholarship attended on a scholarship sponsored by the Wasco Electric Cooperative.