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These Things We Note

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Nudists are having a world convention in England. Not all of them there. Nudists seem to be winning the battle against clothes and have picked up a lot of support the past three weeks.

We hear that inflation will be with us until congressmen can see farther ahead than the next election. May be a long time.

Labor, led by Hoffa, will get bigger and tougher until the public gets nerve enough to stop it. It will not be the politicians first.

We would like to note that prosperity has caused neater looking farms, but must note that neatness or order do not always accompany financial independence.

Good morals in the main are a code of fairness.

The deer comes down to the Deschutes to drink at sundown and the families of chukkers run along the road chattering in their friendly fashion but most animal and bird life in the gorge is suppressed by the heat and the end of the growing season. It was not a good year for the berries and currants.

We are very pleased that the senate rejected a bill to appropriate money for school construction. It isn't federal business.

The bill in congress to enforce easier methods of killing meat animals reminds us of the two old maids who cut off their chickens' heads on a rotten log so it would be softer.

Laws to aid small business follow the old political principle of "divide and conquer" and may result in loss to all business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin are back in Phoenix, Arizona after a few weeks spent in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson returned Monday from their trip to Wichita, Kansas for the wedding of their son L. George R. Wilson and Miss Patricia Ann Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Anderson of West Palm Beach, Florida. Their son Paul made the trip with them.

The way to reduce is to eat less. What makes it so hard is that the body puts up a bigger demand than the mind can refute.

Democrats, we read, expect a larger majority in the next congress. Leaders will probably find a large majority more independent than a small one and be less happy next year.

One reason why people liked the sound of a train whistle and do not like the sound of the modern warning is that the air siren sounds like a groan. The old whistle was a call to adventure.

Final defeat of the labor bill will be campaign stuff. We hope so. Surely the great and growing power of labor endangers the power of government itself and is a proper subject for political debate. The bill was a weak thing and of little consequence.

Congress passed the social security bill which raises the take of recipients by seven percent on an average. Thus does social security strive to keep up with the inflation which it helps to cause.

There are enough intelligent and educated Sherman countians to make up a good discussion group for a winter's enlightenment.

Some of the young men are wearing whiskers, full beards. We think they look very well in them, more distinguished and commend the practice.

This may not be the end of a long dry summer but we are pretty sure it isn't the front end.

If you can change and won't you're old; if you can't change, you're dead.

Old Gordon Place Still Has Some of Original Fruit Trees

Probably no part of the county has changed as little as has the old Gordon place about four miles up the Deschutes from its mouth. It was the location of one of the county's first farms, an orchard where Thomas Gordon grew apples, peaches and berries. He had a bridge there which he sold to The Dalles Military Road company which made his place the point for the collection of toll on the road to Canyon City and Fort Boise.

The road started steeply from the bottom of Wingate canyon and climbed to the top in a matter of three miles over land that has mostly been plowed at sometime since Gordon left in the seventies leaving his family the ranch. Young Tom was killed by one of the Walker boys when Walker built a fence across what Gordons felt was a public road (The Dalles Military Road) but which did not always run through land claimed by its owners.

Marking the route of The Dalles Military Road is a project the Sherman County Historical society may undertake at some future time, perhaps in the centennial year.

Dell French Buried In Portland Cemetery

Dell French died in the Veterans' hospital Saturday from a long illness caused by cancer of the brain.

He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank French on their homestead in the Michigan settlement, the old house still standing on the Bob Schilling place. He went to the Michigan school and when but a boy played chords to his father's violin for dances through the south end of the county.

He wanted to learn and went to school steadily until he earned his Doctorate of Philosophy and taught at Oregon State, Oregon and Stanford, his subject being economics.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning in Portland with interment at Willamette cemetery.

Cassie Holmes Gives Room To Hospital

Cassie Holmes, Sherman countian, who has nursed thousands back to health during her many years as a registered nurse, was the first to donate funds to equip a room in the new hospital being built along the Dry Hollow road atop the hill back of The Dalles.

The new hospital will cost \$1,200,000 which \$400,000 will come from Hill-Burton funds as a gift, \$400,000 from a loan and \$400,000 raised by donations. There is no tax money in it.

The 75 room hospital will be modern and well equipped with facilities sufficient for additions when they become necessary and it will be open to accredited doctors of the area.

Donations toward equipping the new hospital are being received because it seems fitting for a new hospital to contain new equipment. Cost per room is approximately \$1000.

Sherman and Wasco To Have Rodeo Fair

The rodeo fans in Sherman county will have the opportunity to see many local cowboys and other prominent Northwest cowboys in action at the Wasco County Fair & Rodeo at Tygh Valley August 23-24. All the top Northwest cowboys will be there competing for the beautiful saddle that Kuck & Bonney of The Dalles will present to the champion all-around cowboy. Herman's Men Store will present each event winner with a pair of hand-made boots. All these prizes plus the prize money will, no doubt, bring many contestants. The rodeo lies under the auspices of the Northwest Rodeo Association. At each of these approved championship rodeos the winners are given points, and at the end of the rodeo season the points are totaled and the high point cowboys are awarded prizes which are presented to them at the annual convention. The rodeo stock will again, as in previous years, be furnished by Son Bain of Antelope and Howard Johnson of Condon.

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

Mrs. Bill Paush, Mrs. Harry Hooper, Mrs. Roy Schilling and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap of Moro were invited guests when Mrs. Mrs. Jack Adams entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday with dessert luncheon followed by bridge at three tables. Mrs. Hooper held high, Mrs. Pausch second and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds low. Mrs. A. F. Balzer won the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Gene Reynolds and Mrs. Joe Peters.

Susan Anderson of The Dalles is a guest of her cousin, Gary Brinkert, at the home of his parents the William Brinkerts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith had as overnight guests last Tuesday his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Griffith of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence May are the parents of a daughter born August 9 at the Portland Sanitarium. The baby weighed seven pounds and ten ounces and was named Annette Marie. She joins two brothers, Wallace and Alan. Mrs. May and infant daughter and her sister, Bobbie Jane Earp of Portland returned here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and Gary were in The Dalles Saturday on business and visited Mr. and Mrs. Duane Anderson and family.

John Rust and R. E. LeBleu went to Bend Saturday fishing returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith returned home Sunday August 10 from Alameda, Calif., where they visited their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Anderson. Dennis is with the navy and left August 16 for duty over seas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox drove to Condon Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and family. Mrs. Davis and daughters left Monday for DeRidder, La., where they will visit relatives.

Orville Ruggles and his mother Mrs. O. N. Ruggles drove to Portland Sunday to bring Mrs. Ruggles and sons home after spending since Thursday visiting with her sister and family from New York at the home of their mother, Mrs. S. L. Boyce.

Mrs. Cora Russell and Mrs. Niece of Portland came Monday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, the former's daughter, Mrs. Clifford Macey and son, Raymond, of Portland brought them up and they will spend a few days at the Willard Barnett home.

Spending the week at Scout Camp Baldwin are Bill Smith, Floyd Rathbun, Mike Lane, and Donnie Watkins, who were transported by Delmer Smith.

Enjoying a family picnic recently at Northwestern Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family and their house guests, Mrs. Gene Gosson and daughters who were joined by Mr. Gosson from Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines and Patty, and Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny of Moro. They were joined by Mrs. Watkins' relatives from Glenwood, Wn., including her grand mother, Mrs. Antonie Kuhnhauser, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pierce, Glen and Ella Lee, Mr. and Mrs. George Wellenbrook and Howard and Mrs. De Rowland Ward and Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson have just returned from a vacation during which they stayed at Neiscott on the coast for a week and also visited Crater Lake, and the Oregon Caves. At Cave Junction they visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern Larson, Mr. Larson having been a former teacher at Wasco and is now a principal at Cave Junction. They also visited the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. David McGregor at Salem, whose wedding was June 15.

Gene Gosson visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins recently and took Mrs. Gosson back to Seattle with him for a few days, after which she returned to the Watkins ranch to pick up her children and then returned to their home in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith and Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and Jack enjoyed a picnic supper together at the Watkins' home.

The West Wind Riders held a general business meeting at the club house at Klondike to discuss the coming program of events. Mrs. Vern Smith served ice cream and cookies to the following: Vern Smith, the John Kelloggs and Jack, Tom Moores and Barbara, Leo Watkins' and Donnie, Freddie Dormaier and the James Cliftons and Danny.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith took a ride over in the country around Friend to look for a campsite where the West Wind Riders will be during the Labor Day weekend. They decided to camp at Wasco Pine Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry VanGilder and Mrs. Charles Everett visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanGilder and family in Antelope last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family spent Sunday recently with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Re and family in Arlington.

Mrs. Faye Boice has rented the Grace Medler house in Wasco and will make her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and sons have just returned from a weeks vacation at Victoria, B. C.

A group of West Wind Riders met at the Tom Moore home after afternoon ride for a potluck supper. Present besides the Moores and Barbara were the Vern Smiths, Leo Watkins', Betty Haven, the John Kelloggs and Leon Smith.

Mrs. Vleda VanGaasbeck and Mrs. E. Dutton spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell in Spokane, taking several interesting side trips during this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley and children are spending a week in Seattle and vicinity visiting friends.

Mrs. Roy Schilling, son Gary and Susan Woodward took Mrs. W. F. Schilling to The Dalles Tuesday to see her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Julie and Debbie, spent the week end in Portland shopping and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kellogg.

Gary Schilling returned home Saturday from Eugene where he had been attending summer school. Miss Susan Woodward came with him to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling. Gary will take her to her home in Hamilton City, Calif., Thursday and he will return Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spencer and son, Tommy, left August 11 for their home in San Francisco after spending several weeks here with her parents, the Boyce Blaylocks and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Caughman and daughter, Betty Ann, of Hillsboro spent from Wednesday till Friday at the Boyce Blaylock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel went to Portland Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel and Phil drove to Camas Park, Wash., Sunday for the Loffel family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith spent the weekend in Corvallis on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and family returned here Friday from Idaho and left Sunday for their home in Astoria.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe was brought home Monday from the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles where she has been for several months with a broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Mobley and family went to Madras where they attended the Junior Rodeo Saturday and Sunday. Their son, Ronnie, placed first in steer decorating and second in calf roping.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faust of The Dalles and his brother and wife, DE and Mrs. Faust and their grandson were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester.

Mrs. Trace Fields had a pot luck dinner served out on the lawn when the Home Ec club of Rufus Grange met there Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Bert Swigart was co-hostess with Mrs. Fields and they served sliced peaches and cake with ice cream, punch and coffee. It was a wonderful day for a picnic and Fields' yard and grounds never looked better. Due to the warm day, the women moved indoors for their business meeting at which Mrs. Grace Medler, vice chairman, presided over. Roll call was telling of an embarrassing moment. Mrs. Harland McDonald read a letter from the Fair Board telling about getting the food booth painted. The board says it will furnish the paint if the grange can get the work done. Mrs. Fields said they and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison are making plans on a grange display booth for the Sherman County Fair. Mrs. Grace Medler won the drawing. There won't be any more meetings of the club until October 9 at the home of Mrs. Fred Dormaier.

The orchards at Rufus are picking peaches. It was cooler Sunday with a strong west wind. The wind continued to blow Monday also, picking up the dirt which the bulldozers are raising trying to level the land on the old Bartholmew place.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald went to High Rock near Mt. Hood Saturday afternoon to see about getting some huckleberries. They said the grounds were well picked over, but each came home with enough for a few ples and jelly.

Miss Grace Franklin who is a student X-ray technician at a hospital in Nampa, Idaho, is visiting friends in Rufus this weekend. She has been an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beers and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett. Grace formerly lived in Rufus and attended school here. She left for Nampa Monday evening.

Mrs. Joan Thompson entertained in her home with a party Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hugh Mathieson and daughter Helen and a girl friend from Dufur attended. Several games and bingo were played. Mrs. Harland McDonald got the door prize. Mrs. Thompson got the Bible which she was working for.

Mrs. Harland McDonald gave a pajama party at her home Friday morning. Mrs. Trace Fields received the prize for the best dressed costume. They played several guessing games. Mrs. Jean Thompson got the door prize. Maple bars and coffee was served. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and daughter, Joan, Miss Grace Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker and daughter, Jane, all enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday at the park in Condon. The girls went swimming in the new tank in the afternoon.

Earl Viele of Dufur visited friends in Rufus Wednesday afternoon. He is a brother in law of John Mathieson.

Attendance at the Sunday school at the church of the Nazarenes Sunday morning was 17. When the number increases to 50 a picnic for the class is planned according to the teachers.

Rufus Grange meets this Thursday evening after being postponed for six weeks on account of the work season.

So many people seem to have colds that it seems queer for this time of year when the weather is so hot and dry. They say, "they just can't throw them off." They are worse than the winter variety.

Small Girl Injured By Car On Moro Street; Recovering

Little Kathleen Kraft, 3 1/2, darted across Main street Monday afternoon just in time to be struck by a car driven by Miss Carol Armstrong, county home economic agent. She suffered a serious injury to her head and was taken immediately to The Dalles and from there to Portland where she was reported off the critical list the next day.

The Krafts are from Minneapolis, Minn., and had stopped to have some minor work done on their car. With some of the other five Kraft children Mrs. Kraft had gone across the street when Kathleen decided to follow. The parents are Philip and Dorothy Kraft.

Wasco M. E. Church Celebrates 75 Years

The Wasco Methodist church celebrated its 75th anniversary August 10 with about 95 people attending services. The church history was given by Mrs. Vleda Van Gaasbeck and Mrs. Harry VanGilder. The church was organized in 1883 and James Helem was the first pastor. Rev. Barret was here when the first parsonage was built and it is still standing behind the present parsonage. The work on it was done mostly by the members of the church and Mrs. Barret, the minister's wife, helped with the shingling. Rev. Frank Spaulding worked hard in the church and was sent to Brazil for several years as a missionary. When he came back to Wasco he started a church at Monkland. The Epworth League was started by Rev. Rawlins, later called the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The present parsonage was built when Rev. F. R. Jackson was pastor. During the depression Rev. Walter Warner received the large sum of \$200 for his entire year's work. Miss Vivian Trounce started the Christmas bazaar which has continued to the present time. Rev. Cookingham was in charge here when a fire in the church necessitated the changing of the position of the basement stairway.

Rev. Fletcher Cannell was here longer than any other minister, and during his time there was a large choir of high school pupils led by Mrs. Ormond Hilderbrand. The MYF was a strong organization and the girls' organization, The Standard Bearers, was organized and lasted until 1954, when it was disbanded because of the lack of a leader.

In 1948 when Rev. Carl Stierle was pastor one delegate, Patricia Kaseberg, was sent to the Methodist conference at Cleveland, Ohio. An outstanding event of 1949 was the entertaining of the Portland District Youth Fellowship for two days.

Under Rev. Richard E. Bruner the new building program was carried out, with new Sunday school rooms added and the basement enlarged and modernized. Siding was put on the church and parsonage and a new entrance and front door made. For this the church was awarded first prize in the Annual Town and Country Church Improvement project for 1955.

Guest speaker for the anniversary celebration was Rev. Ernie Wilson, the new district superintendent, whose theme was "We Build for Eternity." The church choir sang "Bless This House" and Mrs. Tom Moore, sang, "My Cathedral" accompanied by Miss Carmen Roysse. During the service the southwest corner classroom was dedicated to the memory of Olive Robinson, beloved teacher and friend of all in this church and community. The dedication came as a result of a memorial fund given by her friends and loved ones to the church building program in the past few years.

Work Day Dated For Fair Grounds

Tuesday, August 26, will be a work day at the fair grounds with the specific purpose of building a wash rack for swine and sheep exhibitors. Howard Ross, superintendent of the two divisions, will be in charge of the work and exhibitors of such animals and swine are asked to come and give a hand to the work.

There is going to be an exhibit of poultry at the fair and Jack Travis member of the state board will bring some 100 birds to show. It will be for display purposes only and will not compete with local chickens.

Wasco Fair Starts Today At Tygh

The Wasco county fair, locally called the Tygh Valley fair, is on this week with Sonny Bain's rodeo string, Indian horse races and barns full of 4-H exhibits from the Columbia to the Indian reservation.

The setting is one of the best for a county fair in the state with ample grass in a level meadow behind a high hill for afternoon shade, and many Sherman countians attend annually. Saturday will be pioneer day and the 4-H fat stock auction will be held that afternoon at 5:30. Sunday is The Dalles day and Sherman county day.

Date Undetermined On Dam Celebration

The date for the projected celebration because of the start of the John Day dam has been changed so often that no one knows when it will be held. Klickitat county citizens have been insisting that it be held this fall and although the September 19 date has not been found feasible the engineers have agreed to a date this fall.

Latest suggestion is October 24 and senators are being asked if that date will be acceptable to probably be speakers for the occasion.

State Wants Man To Run Farms

The state of Oregon desires to secure a well-qualified farm administrator. The administrator would direct the over-all state institution farm program. Closing date for application is September 13. Minimum requirements: five years of actual farming experience on which two must have been at the management level, college graduate with specialization in agriculture. Preference will be given to Pacific Northwest residents and veterans.

Girls Picked For Fair Trip At Pre-judging Show

The girls had a party at the high school building Tuesday and Wednesday, a dress up party, a crooking and knitting party and whatever men or boys were about were relegated to such tasks as carrying other beasts of burden jobs. It was the days for selection of contestants at the state fair among 4-H club girls.

Winners were: "Sew Its Fun" Nancy Conlee, Caroline Henrichs, Arlene Todd.

"Charmingly Yours" Sharon Coelisch, Lois Payne, Karen Powell. "Teen-wise Clothing" Alice Kaseberg, Karen Macnab, Karen Tsutoba. "Clothes for Fun and Sun" Arlean DeMoss.

Clothing IVB Janet Thompson, Darlene Miller, Lana Jean Paulson. Clothing VA Ronda Fraser, Clothing VB Sherrie Fraser.

Knitting: Beginners: Nancy Conlee, Intermediate A: Nancy McKean, Intermediate D: Wilma Gentry.

Food Preservation: Canning: Patty Thompson, Frozen Foods: Mary Mobley.

"Easy Meals" Karen Tsutoba, Mary Ann Thompson, Patricia Miller. "Main Dish Meals" June Jefferies, Mary Spencer, Barbara Gilman. Junior Dinner Club Erin Wilson; Senior Dinner Club Nancy Lee Wilson "Advanced Foods" Mavis Miller.

Mary Spencer won at cake baking, Sherrie Fraser at Wool sewing, George Miller at Health.

In the Dress Revue Arlean DeMoss won in "Clothes for Fun and Sun", Darlene Gochbauer in "Best Party Dress", Ronda Fraser and Sherrie Fraser in Clothing VA and VB.

University Group Stops For Visit

A traveling group sponsored by the College of the Pacific at Stockton, Calif., stopped for lunch at the Moro Hotel last Friday and spent part of their time here asking questions about Sherman county and learning about its remarkable agriculture. The group was ending a two week tour of the Northwest, looking at historical points and new dams and similar construction. Credit will be given to those who write a suitable story of the trip which will under direction of R. R. Stuart of the college.

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Mrs. Metra Lee, Miss Zelma, and Pat Darnielle, pose beside a new car.