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These Things We Note

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Labor unions bought a lot of congressmen during the last campaign and will expect to get their kind of laws passed. Congressmen so bought usually deliver.

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Whether or not people voted for inflation we hope they don't get it being sure they wouldn't like it.

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It doesn't take long experience to recognize that chill in the air as the prime indication of approaching winter.

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Now we read that a sober motorist saw a very gruesome spectacle on the road. Wonder what he could have done drunk.

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Over the nation the hands of the spenders may have been strengthened, as a headline says. In Oregon it was different.

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Saturday is the day the bowl hopes get washed up.

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Owners of copies of "Golden Land" who desire a map of the county for reference may obtain one by calling at the office of the Sherman County Journal.

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"Does it make sense to spend nearly \$5 billion to subsidize the growers of six so-called 'basics,' while virtually all other farmers are totally outside the umbrella of government aid? And does it make sense to call tobacco and peanuts 'basics,' while milk and meat and orchard fruits are not?"

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Rain has added some joy to the farmer's heart by doing a bit of good to the long sown wheat.

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Back seat drivers are the same women who advise about ashes on rugs and mud on floors but without the authority in a car they have in a home.

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If one could only be sure of what he is sure of, he could have as much confidence as he pretends.

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In grandpa's day there was more teaching about how to live. Nowadays we call that sort of thing psychology and have built a terminology around it that scares the amateur. So we have more learning and less wisdom.

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If an American had written a book as critical of this country as Boris Pasternak is said to have written about Russia it would sell there just as Pasternak's book is selling here. But the Russians would pay no royalties.

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We wish the state highway commission would quit referring to Highway 97 as The Dalles-California highway, mostly because it isn't.

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"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are for."

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Seven new men are to be named to the U. S. Senate Ways and Means committee. Let's hope they don't all have new ideas.

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If one reads the arrogant statements of Hoffa and then the meek defense of Beck, it must seem that Hoffa is whistling to keep up his courage.

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It will be interesting to see whether the south gives up its belief in white superiority. Certainly it cannot longer be allied with northern "liberals".

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And now let us have enough warm weather to get the late sprouting wheat out of the ground.

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We are sure it is true, but we do not like the intimations of the statements that the better organization wins in politics. We would prefer to think that Americans were able to discern quality better than that.

Army of 4-Hers Get Pins, Papers For Clubwork

One hundred sixty-seven 4-Hers were recognized with pins or other awards for the completion of their 1957-58 year of club work at the annual Achievement Night program Monday, November 10, reports Carol Armstrong, county agent. The event, which was held at the Sherman high school, was attended by a large number of 4-H members, parents, leaders and friends.

Following the program, which included a Dress Revue by 4-H Clothing members, the 4-H leaders association served refreshments to the group. Co-chairmen for the refreshments were Mrs. Ronald Powell and Mrs. Earl Gentry.

Receiving special awards were: For Outstanding Project Work—Achievement, Ford Motor Co., Wilma Gentry, Mavis Miller and Tommy Higley; Boy's Agriculture, International Harvester Co., John Thomas, Gene Fridley; Clothing, Coats & Clark Co., Arlean DeMoss, Darlene Miller; Food Preparation, Betty Crocker of General Mills, Inc., Onalee Miller; Frozen Foods, Whirlpool-Seeger Corp., Mary Mobley; Girls' Home Economics, Montgomery Ward; Darlene Gochmayer, Wilma Gentry; Health, Eli Lilly & Co., George Miller; Leadership, Edward Ross Wilson; Terry Kaseberg, Jean Ross; Tractor, National Committee on Boys and Girls club work; Steven Burnett. For service on the State Fair Facilities committee: Mrs. Lester Wilson, Kent. For receiving trip to 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as Oregon's 4-H Clothing delegate: Sherrie Fraser.

Those 4-H club members receiving awards and the number of years they have completed in club work are: first year—Melva Dean Alberty, Alicia Allen, Lorrie Alsup, Teresa Bardenhagen, Randy Bethke, Kenneth Blagg, Patricia Coats, Judy Dunlap, Donald Dutton, Gene Eakin, Leonard Eakin, Ronald C. Eakin, Terry Eakin, Judy Ferrell, Russell Geiser, Dick Grabenhorst, Dorothy Grater, Virginia Griggs, Barbara Hampton, Linda Hockett, Mary Hockett, Noel Hockman, Gary Irzyk, Stephen Irzyk, Richard Johnson, Gary Jose, Patricia Ann Knott, Janice Lemley, Randy Lemley, Loren Macnab, Donald Martin, Barbara Medler, Robert Parker, Derrie Peters, Nina Rhinehart, Sheri Rolfe, Lorraine Stark, Loleta Sullivan, Joe Thomas, Kent Thomas, Patricia Ann Thompson, Patricia Lynn Thompson, Susan Van Gilder, Ann Winegar, Pamela Winnett, and Lamar Yeager.

Second year—Nancy Alberty, Ruth Alley, Bobby Archer, Monte Axtell, Sally Sue Bibby, Mary Ann Brown, Louana Burnett, Linda Byrd, Loren Byrd, Bill Close, Steven Close, Mary Ann Coats, Nancy Ann Conlee, Roger Cyphers, John E. DeMoss Jr., Kenneth Dunlap, David Eakin, Michael Esslinger, Sandra Foss, Alvin Hailey, Fred Hall, Carolyn Henrichs, Judy Kelso, Kenneth Lemley, Janette Long, Marcia Martin, Barbara Miller, Denise Miller, Barbara Moore, Margaret O'Meara, Martina Petersen, Floyd Rathbun, Dean Ruggles, Margaret Spencer, Kenneth Thompson, Carol Todd, Linda Van Gilder, Joy von Borstel, Mary Sue Wallace, Helen Ann Wilson.

Third year—Patricia Alsup, Velma Jane Baker, Douglas Bish, Karen Brock, Patricia Brown, Sharon Coelsch, Nancy Ann Crews, Malcolm Esslinger, Barbara Gilman, Bonita Jefferies, June Jefferies, Mike Lane, Beverly Lutje, Nancy McKean, Douglas Medler, Onalee Miller, Don Mobley, Carol Ann Owens, Lois D. Payne, Carolyn Pearson, J. P. Reckman, Dan Rolfe, Roy Sather, William A. Smith, Mary E. Spencer, Mary Ann Thompson, Ardine Todd, Virginia Todd, Karen Tsubota, Kay Whipple, Sandra Wilson.

Fourth year—Donnie Decker, Mona Eakin, Malcolm Esslinger, Donna Mae Hanson, Mary Ann Haven, Kay Higley, Michael Kenney, Patrick Jefferies, Catherine Ann Macnab, Karen Macnab, Patricia J. Miller, Karen Powell, Douglas Reid, Erin Wilson.

Fifth year—Vee Busse, David Conlee, Virgil Fields, Ann Hall, Alice Kaseberg, Darlene Miller, George Miller, Ron Mobley, Robert Powell, Paul Sather, Bonnie Tatum, John Thomas, Shirley Watkins, Julie Woods.

Sixth year—Jim Coons, Arlean DeMoss, Barbara Fridley, Diana



The Van of History at its Moro charge of Harry Paget and Ed location last week end was in Durham (with beard) who directed visitors through the exhibit with explanation.

Van of History Attracts School Children And Adults To See Historical Displays

"When man becomes aware of his past he acquires a sense of responsibility for the future . . . finding himself to be a link in an unbroken chain which he is bound to preserve, to increase . . . (and) to transmit with respect, everything noble and worthy he has received."

—Don Antonio Inturmendi, Madrid, Spain

The above quotation is painted above the entrance door of the Van of History, higher than the eye of the visitor usually reaches. It tells the reason for the van better than does the explanation that it is being sent about the state to inform citizens about the history of Oregon, which is to celebrate its first 100 years in 1959 and that the Oregon Centennial commission, the Oregon Historical society, have been aided greatly by the Oregon Trucking association in making it possible.

The visitor, adult or child, who passed through the van quickly might not have been impressed by the exhibits; he who stayed long or returned, saw things to interest him, and cause questions to arise in his brain.

First panel is labeled Barons, Belles and Bosses. Barons were Simon Benson, a lumber baron, Pete French, a cattle baron, Ben Holladay, railroad baron and J. C. Ainsworth, river shipping baron, all indicative of a time when individuals took opportunity by the forelock and impressed him into personal money making. Belles were attractive pictures of early times. Bosses were Abraham Lincoln, who almost accepted the post as territorial governor of Oregon; Lane, who did accept; Abernathy, the provisional governor; Whit-

taker, the first governor; and Joe Meek, first marshal, who projected his personality into history by recounting boastfully his sometimes remarkable exploits.

There was a panel about Marcus Whitman including his Bible, pictures of his wife, Narcissa, whose inability to fit into her new surroundings caused much of the preliminary troubles. Delighting youngsters in this age of a plentitude of paper, was a sheet of paper on which letters had been written both ways, a custom of a day when paper was scarce.

Then there was the Columbia in replica, the ship in which Robert Gray discovered the Columbia in 1692, and the log carefully written by the ship officer in neat lines of the day when writing was cherished as an art and typewriters were unthought of. There were pictures of Generals Grant and Sheridan who served in Oregon and Forts Yamhill and Simcoe, the first printing press in Oregon, a small and ancient Ramage, and replicas of early documents including a map made by Hall Kelley, who told the east some fabulous tales about the Oregon country when it was as interesting as space travel is to moderns. It showed the Willamette river, tapping Great Salt Lake, and the broadside by James Nesmith giving his positive opinion of J. Quinn Thornton, a blistering attack that makes present day newspapers sound as mild as an invitation to a pink tea.

There was a sagebrush sandal, discovered in a Fort Rock cave and estimated to be 10,000 years old; there were bird bones (rocks on a string) that caused small boys to think of inventing their own come spring.

About five hundred persons went through the van during its stay here which is about 20 per cent of the total county population and about par.

The local historical society was permitted to display some of its material which included pictures of early scenes and also the placard issued by residents of Murray Springs in 1890 when that community was trying to be considered as the county seat of the then new Sherman county and the first map of The Dalles Military Road company with the acceptance statement of Governor George Woods.

Keith Hockman ran 87 yards for a touchdown after intercepting a Maupin pass. Terry Kaseberg made the second touchdown on a 10 yard run. Albright was the big scorer for Maupin making two of his three. Joe Burget made the third.

Maupin plays Merrill, winner of the district 5 crown, next week end at Maupin and the winner will play the victor of the Umatilla-Joseph game.

Henrichs, Lana Jean Paulson, Marilyn Smith, Janet Thompson. Seventh year—Florence Crews, John Fields, Ronda Fraser, Darlene Gochmayer, Tommy Higley, David Reid, Nancy Lee Wilson.

Eighth year—Steven Burnett, Sherrie Fraser, Gene Fridley, Terry Kaseberg, Mary Mobley. Ninth year—Wilma Gentry, Mavis Miller, Shirley Sather. Tenth year—Jean Ross.

Historical Society Program Sunday Traditional

The program for the fall meeting of the Sherman County Historical society will include songs by the Moro Junior choir under direction of Mrs. J. K. McKean and some solos by Tom Fraser, who has become the Sherman county soloist as surely as "Sweet Oregon" is the Sherman county song. There will also be some talking about old times.

Most of all will be the pot luck dinner to be served shortly after noon by a committee of women who have proven adept at such things. And, of course, there will be the opportunity to get together and visit and talk about other days that elders find pleasing and youngsters find instructive.

Wasco Study Club Meets At Fields

The Wasco Women's Study club met Nov. 6 at the home of Mrs. Trace Fields. Mrs. Arthur Smith assisted. Mrs. Ruth Leigh of Rufus was a guest. The guest speaker was Mrs. Collis Moore of Moro, who is Oregon National committee woman of the Republican party, her subject being "Women in Politics." She urges women to study and work for the part of their choice and in this way influence the trend and make it truly the voice of the people. Mrs. Moore's pet project is to take a college girl sponsored by the Women's Republican groups to the spring meeting in Washington, D. C. The cost is about \$300, and Oregon is the only state that does this so far.

Thirty-three ladies were in attendance when the American Legion Auxiliary met recently, and honored Mrs. Art Watkins with a handkerchief shower following the meeting. During the meeting it was reported that the bake sale and lunch served on election day brought in \$62. There was a report on the Red Cross First-Aid classes sponsored by the auxiliary, which are being offered as a sixteen-week course, with two-hour sessions each Monday evening at 7:30. Thirty-six people have signed up for these free classes, the only expense being the textbook at 75c.

Art Is Topic of Moro Women

The Moro Women's club held its regular November meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Mrs. Vernon Miller was chairman of the program—with the theme "Fine Arts." She had arranged to have two artists present to display their handicraft. They were Dorothy Leonard and Mrs. Lorene Seely, both of Roosevelt, Washington. They showed many fine paintings—oil and water-colors, etchings, china plates, note-paper headings, etc. They will sell their products or make articles on order.

Many guests were present, to enjoy the exhibit with the members among them was Mrs. Edna Melzer, a former president of the club, and three friends from Portland.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Donald Martin and Mrs. R. N. Olsen.

Biggs Rapids Bridge Approved By Army Engineers

A meeting held at Vancouver, Wn., last week between officials of Washington and Oregon was attended by Judge Vernon Miller. At the meeting William Bugge, director of the Washington Toll Bridge authority, said that the projected bridge across the Columbia at Biggs rapids would be built. The U. S. Army Engineers have given approval after the hearing held at Maryhill Castle last summer. Paul Speer, Chicago bond broker, has said the bridge would be feasible at a charge of one dollar per car with higher rates for big trucks.

The project has been working toward such a conclusion for some years with local men, Klickitat county officials and the Highway 97 association and the Caribou trail association, all being active in its behalf. Cost will be \$3,300,000 according to figures released at the meeting.

Next step, it was learned, is to obtain support of highway commissions in both states in building the approaches to the bridge and on the Oregon side to assure construction of that part of Highway 97 through Sherman county by the time the bridge is built. This has been promised by the commission for several years.

Conservationists Meet At Baker Nov. 18

Major soil and water problems will come in for an airing when supervisors and cooperators of Oregon's 57 soil conservation districts gather in Baker, November 18-21 for their association's tenth annual meeting.

Ralph Wilson, Salem, pres., says "The government reports that our nation's population has passed the 175 million mark and is climbing at the rate of 8000 new residents daily. This big upturn in growth puts a heavy load on our supply of food, fiber and timber. And even with our present surpluses, it's increasingly important that we do an even better job of caring for and developing our soil and water resources."

Wilson explained that panel discussions scheduled for Friday morning on such topics as "Conservation Planning on the Farm," and "Economics of Conservation of Woodland, Crop, Range and Irrigation Lands," set the tone of this year's meeting.

Panel moderator will be Forrest Scroggin, Union, and speakers will include Ed Hatfield, Hillsboro; Richard Clarke, Pilot Rock; Bill Southworth, Seneca; Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco; Elmo Angele, Lakeview; Len Schaffer, Salem.

On the legislative side, supervisors are expected to introduce a resolution asking the state legislature to provide funds to employ part-time, sub-professional engineering and conservation help for the state's soil conservation districts.

Bishop Lane Barton of Bend, presiding bishop of the district Episcopal churches, will show slides of the Lambeth conference of bishops in England last year, at the Masonic hall in Moro next Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock, according to Mrs. Gene Reynolds of Grass Valley.

Bishop Barton is recognized as an interesting speaker and his pictures of the Episcopal conference show a picturesque part of England. All are welcome. In addition lunch and coffee will be served after the program.

Christmas Saving Clubs Get Paid

A Christmas Savings club containing \$2,000,000 an all-time record high for any Oregon bank, will be distributed this week to 24,800 customers of First National bank of Oregon, according to local branch manager, R. E. Ferrell.

The record amount represents an increase of 22 per cent in Christmas club savings, the bank manager said, and is an indication of the wide acceptance of the plan to pre-pay holiday expenses.

On Friday, First National's 78 offices will mail a check to each club member for the amount saved during the past year, plus interest, in time to complete Christmas shopping before the real rush begins, the bank officer said.

John Day Dam Program Filled With Information

An inaugural ceremony for the John Day dam was held last Friday, starting in the afternoon when nearly 400 persons visited the site of construction at the north end of the dam. In a cove where the hills recede from the river is a spot suitable for erection of buildings and location for trailer houses for dam workers. Along the river the soil is sandy and visitors will follow the roads when they are constructed. The SP&S railroad runs along the river bank, making the delivery of materials easy.

So far work on the dam consists of preparatory moves toward building of a coffer dam which will protect workers while the foundations of the fish ladder and navigation lock is laid down in solid bedrock. Both will be on the north side of the river although there will be a supplementary fish ladder on the south side as well.

John Day Biggest Yet

Statistics of the dam were given by army engineers at the site and later at the program held Friday evening at Maryhill castle. The drainage area of the new dam is 226,000 square miles, more than twice the size of Oregon. Length of the dam will be over a mile, 5900 feet being the present estimate. The normal pool elevation will be 265 feet and will be 265 feet and the pool will reach up the river for 77 miles. There will be 20 spillway bays 50 x 58.8 feet and the entire spillway will be 1232 feet long.

In the power house will be 12 units at first and provision will be made for eight additional units of 108,700 KW each for an ultimate capacity of 2,174,000 KW, making John Day the largest producer of electricity in the nation, according to Col. Paul Sumbol, district engineer.

the lock will be 675 feet long by 86 feet wide with a maximum lift of 113 feet to give ample room for barge transportation.

Evening Party Held

The evening program started in the basement with a social hour when men and women gazed at Indian basketry and religious symbols while indulging in a habit equally as old—the ingestion of alcohol. They then marched slowly into another part of the basement where tables were spread with a buffet dinner served by a Goldendale caterer with a knowledge of human tastes.

The program was handled by Allen Tom who introduced Edward Bradshaw of Arlington to lead the Star Spangled Banner. Paul Stecher, of the Goldendale Catholic church to give the invocation and Earl Coe, director of conservation for Washington and formerly state senator and secretary of state, to welcome the dam, its engineers and its workers to Washington. Oregon Governor Holmes sent regrets.

Giles French told some of the history of the area, including stories about John Day, the Revolutionary war veteran and hunter for the Astor party, for whom the river and secondarily the dam, is named. He also told of early steam boating on the upper Columbia in gold mining days.

Col. Paul Sumbol gave statistics of the dam and promised cooperation with local authorities during its construction.

Col. Allen Explains

Col. Allen F. Clark, North Pacific Division engineer, gave the principal address, giving some historical background and saying that he had recently been engineer along the Delaware where industry is packed "cheek by jowl" for the entire length of the stream and both water and electricity are fully utilized. He prophesied this would eventually happen to the Columbia because of the great electricity potential in this stream.

Rev. Edwin Crowther of Oxford, England, gave the benediction whereupon the crowd dispersed into the rainy night having taken part in a ceremony commemorating the start of the last big dam on the swift western river that will furnish power for descendants of pioneers who, while urging the construction of dams, are fearful of the changes the dams may make in their accustomed way of life.