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These Things We Note

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We are happy to see that many writers are now putting the word "liberal" in quote marks. It is to draw attention to the inaccuracy of the word as presently used. Modern liberals are most often advocates of a type of government opposed to liberalism.

Mid-west farmers weren't foolish to discard federal controls at a recent election. They will get almost as much for corn on a guaranteed basis and grow all they want. Wheat farmers would vote the same if permitted to plant fence to fence and get a good price.

Not many will worry about the nation losing its gold because they never see any of it anyway. But the loss of it will affect the economy just the same.

As soon as other nations find a place to buy goods cheaper than we will sell them they will do so, probably even though we loan them the money. In time we must conform to international prices or quit exporting. Recovery abroad hastens that time so prices may not always be so high.

This seems to be the time of year to buy a gadget that will keep you slim and pretty by jiggling you here and there. Exercise, we take it, is only for summer and not under any circumstances to be done for beauty.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were panaceas for our troubles; if we could get healthy by taking a pill, get perfect government by electing a man, go to heaven by intoning a prayer?

There will be 1000 new rooms to stay in when Portland gets all its projected new hotels. Maybe the competition will help the customers.

The proposal to give O&C lands to the Forest Service is a good one. Now the BLM manages O&C land which results in two managements for Oregon timber land. That is as confusing as when both papa and mama try to boss.

Mark Hatfield and Dick Neuberger seemed to hit it off pretty good and it was new enough to be news. People will like that better than a fight.

Russia is operating on the old theory: "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em" except that it is: "If you can't lick 'em, make 'em join you." Getting rid of successful competition is a problem dictators approach by showing their power and we think Russia will look bad in trying to get the allies out of West Berlin.

Publicity alone may not be enough to stop labor rackets and the McClellan committee doesn't appear to be doing anything else about them.

The only new cars that are making big gains are the less gaudy ones, we read, and does that mean we are learning that performance doesn't depend on looks?

There is more privately built housing than publicly built. The public housing is what makes the private cost so much.

Adlai says he is not a candidate. He's said that before and may again. Anyway he's not limited to two unsuccessful tries as the winner is limited to two successful ones.

A lot of money is spent on sports equipment and backyard swimming pools—and a lot of time, too. It seems that working has become merely an unpleasant interlude between recreations.

The Oregonian calls Governor Holmes' refusal of budget increases "meat-axing." We can't think of anything that needs it worse.

An official is one who likes to spend money—other people's.

An Even Dozen Attending OS College From Sherman

Twelve student from Sherman county are enrolled this year at Oregon State college, according to a report issued by the registrar's office at the college.

Eight of the twelve are from Moro.

All of Oregon's 36 counties, 41 states, all U. S. territories and 42 other countries are represented this year in the record 7981 student enrollment at OSC.

Students from Sherman county are: Moro—Dale V. Archer, Ronald L. Benson, Carol A. Burnet, Roy P. Cyphers, Sterling G. Gochbauer, James D. Griggs, Louis B. Miller and Jean Ann Ross. Wasco—Kenneth E. Bish and Phyllis Watkins, Grass Valley—Donald W. Clodfelter. Kent—Keith A. Mobley.

Honor Roll Has Many Senior Names

Following is the honor roll for the second six weeks at Sherman high school: Sherrie Fraser, 3.96; Ronda Fraser, Larry Helyer, 3.92; Eva Kirkelle 3.87; Nancy Wilson, 3.83; Janet Thompson, 3.79; Linda Marden, 3.75; Patty Byars, Jim Thomas, 3.71; Wilma Gentry, 3.67; Gene Eakin, 3.63; Lana Jean Paulson, 3.58; Jeannette Belshee, Barbara Hampton, Ron Mobley, Wiley Norton, 3.54; Arlene Macnab, David Reid, 3.50.

Honorable mention goes to Lynn Rathbun, 3.46; Mary Mobley, 3.46; Robert Lutje, Jeanne Macnab, Betty Jean Reckman, 3.42; Peggy Reckman, 3.38; Jimmie Duncan, Malcolm Eslinger, Darlene Miller 3.33; Phyllis Lutje, Shirley Watkins, 3.29; Everett Kirkelle, 3.21; Florene Crews 3.17; Peggy Alberty, Connie Axtell, Betty Bothwell, Patsy Roberts, 3.13; Sharon Belshe, Joyce Edwards, 3.04; Ann Hall, Deanna Martin, 3.00.

Beef Price May Drop In 1960

Beef cattle and hog prices—both on the increase for the past two years—appear headed in different directions for 1959.

Cattle prices are likely to hold up well next year, but hog prices are expected to decline considerably, reports W. Y. Fowler, Oregon State college livestock marketing specialist.

Present large feed supplies at low cost are paving the way for continued increases in livestock production. Expected hog slaughter for 1959 is five per cent above 1956 when prices early that year dropped to \$12 a hundredweight at Portland, Fowler states.

Market analysts believe pork prices next fall will be at their lowest point since the winter of 1955-56. How far prices drop is still keyed to next spring farrowings.

Hog producers throughout the nation have been warned of possible over expansion in 1959 and the following few years. Fowler advises Oregon growers to gear breeding programs to expected price drops in the near future and get set for a return of better prices later.

Cattlemen face a different situation. Abundant low-cost forage and grain is giving a boost to herd expansion, longer feeding periods, and heavier weights in 1959. Feeder cattle prices have now climbed to the level of choice finished steer prices, the specialist points out.

Cattle numbers on farms—now at an all-time high—are expected to increase through 1960, setting the stage for beef price declines sometime in the early 1960s, Fowler says. He adds that a herd expansion boom such as 1950-52 would likely lead to another market collapse such as in 1953.

Alsop Funeral Held At Grass Valley

Funeral services for William McKinley (Mac) Alsop were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church in Grass Valley with Rev. Don Leach in charge. He was born at Independence, Oregon, December 23, 1897.

Interment was made in the family plot in the Grass Valley cemetery with officers of the Wamic and Grass Valley IOOF lodges and the Kent and Wamic posts of the American Legion in charge of graveside rites.

Zoning Planned For Dam Area By County Court

Announcement by the Project Engineer, John Day dam, of start of the 15 million dollar railroad relocation after the first of the year will create immediate health and sanitation problems, Irving Rierson, sanitarian, Wasco-Sherman Public Health service reported to the commission. Initiation of large scale construction will create increased need for living facilities. Recommendation for an interim zoning ordinance by the commission is needed to maintain the rights of present citizens and protect them from "shanty town" dwellings and unsanitary practices.

Proposed area to come under the zoning and building ordinance would be from the Columbia River to the south cliffs between the John Day and Deschutes rivers. The zoning ordinance would require all trailer houses to be placed in certified trailer courts and any buildings constructed be in accordance with the uniform building code.

An Interim Zoning Ordinance is being recommended, since a character survey of the Rufus area is not possible as planned. This is due to the failure of Sherman county 58-59 budget to pass a vote of the people. Kenneth Fridley, chairman, County Planning commission, reported a satisfactory character survey would cost \$3,000 or more. In absence of this survey a temporary ordinance to extend three years was requested.

The Sherman County Planning commission was formed this past spring. Organization was initiated by the County Court following study of the Sherman County Planning conference last winter. Present commission members besides Fridley are: Harland McDonald, Rufus; Mrs. Roland Johnson, Wasco; Don Thompson, Moro and Mrs. George Wilson, secretary, Kent.

Objectives of the commission are to provide certain powers such as zoning, building codes, and non agricultural land use ordinances for a county court to protect the interest of its citizens.

Ada Bell Guyton Buried At Kent

Mrs. Ada Bell Guyton died at Pendleton November 25 after a long illness and funeral services were conducted for her at The Dalles Saturday afternoon with interment in the Kent cemetery beside the body of her husband, William, who died last May.

Mrs. Guyton was born in Idaho August 31, 1880 and had lived most of her life at Kent although her later years were spent at Dufur where the family retired after selling the ranch south of Kent. She was a pioneer school teacher, a member of the Christian church, Rebekah lodge and Old Wasco Pioneer association.

Surviving are one son, Volna of Clackamas, two daughters, Mrs. Glade Steinmetz of Shaniko and Mrs. Helen Rees of Fairview; one sister, Mrs. Irene Sandman of Brea, Calif., eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

TB Testing Ending In Health Area

The major portion of the Tuberculin patch testing in the Wasco-Sherman county grade schools has been completed by the Health Department. During the month of November 2015 tests were done with a total of 15 positive reactions being noted and referred for micro-film follow-up. It should be noted, the Health Department advised, that a positive reaction does not mean that the reactor has Tuberculosis, but only that some germs have entered the body at one time or another. If the individual's health is good, the body usually keeps those germs from doing any damage. However, a chest x-ray is indicated to be sure. It can show whether or not any harm has been done.

The Public Health nurses completing the tests included: Mrs. Metra Lee, Mrs. Pat Darnielle, Mrs. Zelma Heberness and Mrs. Lucy Mullins. Volunteers assisting the nurses were as follows. In Sherman county they were Mrs. Bartley Shelton of The Dalles, Mrs. Vernon Berry and Mrs. Willard Leff.

About the County

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. (Bill) McKean of Vancouver are parents of a baby girl, Diane Marie, born November 25. Mrs. Sadie McKean, formerly of Wasco, is the grand mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbet and family were Thanksgiving day guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott in Heppner.

Spending the holiday together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond VanGilder and family were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. George Buck and family from Grants Pass.

Judy Buck and Judy Watkins spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Buck in Moro on Thursday.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rothery were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moss and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Delco and baby girl and Mrs. N. W. Ward of Battleground.

Weekend visitors at the Jack Rothery home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ward of Battleground, who took Mrs. N. W. Ward back to her home.

Mrs. John Royse, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Dutton and sons, Mrs. Ed Dutton and Mrs. Norman Hockley were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse. Mr. Hockley arrived from Eugene on Friday night to join his wife for the weekend.

Mrs. Elmer Hill has been released from the hospital and is staying at Tigard while undergoing treatment.

Paulen Kaseberg and Floyd Root left Sunday to attend the Idaho wheat league.

Recent Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Della Shierborn in Hood River were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and Mrs. John Royse. They also visited Mrs. Vieda VanGaasbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKee there.

Among the many college students home for Thanksgiving was Lee Kaseberg. Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whetsell, Roxanne and David.

A bake sale at the city hall Dec. 9 was planned by the Rebekahs at their last meeting. Christmas and all occasion cards will also be sold, as well as pie or cake and coffee. The drawing for the clothes hamper will be held.

County Agent Tells About Coming Events, Meetings

The Sherman county 1959 Agricultural Conservation program handbook will be developed Tuesday afternoon, December 16, court house, Moro. The ACP practices are a Federal-cost-sharing program. Funds are appropriated by Congress and administration is through the county ASC committees. The program funds are used to share with farmers the cost of carrying out needed soil and water conservation measures.

County and community representatives will meet the 16th to develop the '59 program. All are encouraged to attend and assist in selecting and developing local county practices.

Union Pacific Agricultural Improvement Car

Land Use and Conservation will be the theme of the visit of the U. P. car January 22, Moro. Arrangements are being made to hold the annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District in conjunction with the visit of the U. P. car. The program will be local in nature. E. R. Jackman, range management specialist, will be featured speaker.

Grain Insect Control With Malathion

Considerable publicity and advertising has been given to the approval of Malathion by the USDA for grain insect control. Several complications as to residue and keeping track of treated grain exists. The material is good, but at present Oregon State college is advising against its use until further tests to handle residue tolerance are conducted.

Farm Record Keeping

The end of the year brings income tax reporting time close at hand. Once again we would like to remind farmers of the Oregon Farm Record or Account books available at the county extension

at 3 o'clock. Election of officers was held and are as follows: Julia Long, noble grand; Floyd Hines, vice-grand; Jean Winegar, secretary; Flossie Haines, treasurer. All members who have articles for the Odd Fellows home are asked to bring them to the December 10 meeting or give them to Mrs. Haines. The next meeting will be a birthday party for all those who have had birthdays within the past six months. Present for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Jean Winegar, Juanita Long and Charles Sissel.

Thanksgiving day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill White were Mr. and Mrs. Al Komyate and Connie, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shouse and Mrs. Elma Jose and Gary, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shull and children spent Thanksgiving at Mrs. Shull's parents home in Pullman.

Mr. and Mrs. William White and Bonnie of Lyle were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bill White.

Miss Mary Upton of Beaverton was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shull.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller and Scottie were holiday guests of his parents in Goldendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda were called to Texas by the death of Mr. Pshigoda's brother.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barnett were Eva Bigelow of Loomis, Calif., and Malsie Reardon of Portland.

Roller skating in the Legion hall has been postponed until spring, when an effort will be made to provide this opportunity on through the summer.

Mrs. Astrid Lahman of Olympia has been a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle.

Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gordh were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg and Kaye.

The Wasco Public Library is now open on Wednesday and Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. with Mrs. John Kellogg as the new librarian.

Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mrs. Harold Engberg and Mrs. Donald McDermid chaperoned the following group of Girl Scouts on a visit to The Dalles Chronicle office and KODL: Linda Hockett, Nina Rinehard, Ann Winegar, Alice Kaseberg, Allison Walker, Margaret O'Meara, Jeannette Long, Kaye Whipple, Mary Hockett, Mary Lou Griffith and Sandra Foss.

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The record keeping book is liked by accountants, credit agencies, as well as the Internal Revenue department. Space is allotted for income, expenses, a summary of income and expenses which can be transferred directly to Form 1040F, Farm Income Tax Report, and gives space for a study of the farm business. Further space is provided to determine labor income, land use and crop yields, schedule of credit from banks or other groups, and payment to government for employees such as social security, state industrial accident, and etc.

Range Fertilization

Fertilization influences today's range management practices in various ways. Some of these uses are: To increase the number of grazing days "the green-feed" period. To increase actual forage production: pounds of dry matter. To increase the carrying capacity of an area. To increase the quality of forage produced: protein content. To aid in the establishment of new seedlings. To increase a plant's ability to more efficient use of water. To change composition makeups of grass-legume mixtures. Aid in getting better distribution of livestock on the range. Aid in getting more efficient use of forage by livestock. Fertilization can make sites normally unproductive, suited to growing forage plants by increasing soil fertility.

Other significant notes are: A landowner who fertilizes his range must be prepared to make a partial or complete change in his range and livestock management practices. This in order to take advantage of increased forage, longer "green feed" period, better distribution of stock. Also, remember that range land soil fertility must be low (more so than that of improved pastures), in order to warrant the expense

Carroll Savys returned from the hospital Sunday after several days spent there recovering from an infection that threatened blood poisoning.

Friends of Mrs. Pauline Baker will be sorry to know that she is in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace of Wasco went to Salem Friday to attend the funeral of their brother in law, Merrell Lucas, 63, who died of a heart attack earlier in the week. He had recently been reelected as mayor of Gervais.

Mrs. Chas. Fulton spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of her niece and family in San Francisco.

Paulen Kaseberg attended a soil conservation meeting in Baker last week.

Moro Women Have Christmas Party

The Moro Woman's club held its annual Christmas program and Scholarship Tea in the church dining room Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. R. N. Olsen, Mrs. Louis Sather and Mrs. Roy Belshee were the hostesses.

Following a brief business meeting, the program was presented by Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger. Christmas hymns were sung, the story was read from Luke by the Rev. Goodenberger and the church first grade and kindergarten children each gave a short recitation. Taking part were Cheryl Gray, Cheryl Thompson, Cindy Heater, Jeff Paulson, Donnie Wilhite, Johnny Hall, Dan Hall, Joy Leff, Janet Pinkerton, Susan Robertson, Ronny Thompson, Randy Taylor, Randy Melzer, Allan Melzer and Jimmy Pinkerton.

Sharon Coelsch played a piano solo, based on Christmas hymns. Jacques Bucholtz and Nancy McKean sang a duet "And There Were Shepherds," accompanied by Mrs. J. K. McKean. Mrs. Goodenberger read a story "Once There Was a Little Boy," based on the life of Jesus as a young boy.

The hostesses served nut-bread sandwiches and assorted Christmas cookies from an attractive tea-table. Mrs. A. Douma poured the tea and coffee. The children were served hot cocoa.

The members of the club were asked to bring gifts for the Navajo Indian students at Chemawa school near Salem to the Ranch and Home Store before Dec. 15.

Friends are invited to come for a congratulatory visit. But the Blaylocks say "Please, No Gifts." They have the house full already.

Moro Library Plans Party December 12

How many autographed, first edition books do you have in your book collection? Thousands of dollars have been paid for such items. What makes them valuable? Age, scarcity or sometimes a misprint in the first publication.

Sherman county people have an opportunity to obtain an autographed, first edition on December 12. It is not aged, nor scarce, nor has anyone reported an odd misprint, but it will not cost a thousands dollars, either, though it may be worth it. The author, Giles French, is being honored at a reception by the Moro Public Library. The library has copies of Mr. French's book "Golden Land" for sale and Mr. French will be present to autograph all copies. Linda Reid will furnish coffee and tea in the dining room at Beefs.

The book describes how the first explorers passed over this county mentioning only that it was devoid of timber. Cattlemen first utilized the grass before the homesteaders and true farmers came to till the soil. Mr. French has well located the old roads and trails. Perhaps your farm is near one of these historic landmarks.

Much of the history describes the era of 1850 to 1860, just a century ago. You will recognize the pioneers who left names on the maps, Frank FULTON, Mike FINNEGAN, RUFUS Wallis and August Scherneckau (SHANIKO) to mention a few.

World Livestock Numbers At Record Levels

Although the livestock industry in the United States has made great strides since the turn of the century, we have not been able to keep pace with our growing domestic demand. As a result, we have been a net importing nation of meat and livestock for almost 25 years. At the same time, other countries have been expanding their livestock production to meet their growing domestic demand for meat. World numbers of the three major livestock classes—cattle, hogs, sheep—are all estimated to be at record levels during 1958. Since the early 1930's, numbers have increased about 40% for cattle, 35% for hogs and 30% for sheep. The larger part of these increases came shortly after the end of World War II.

Midco Sale Nets \$45,070 To Purebred Growers

Seventy four bulls and three cows brought a total of \$45,070 to consigners at the Midco Purebred Association sale held at the old Seufert cannery Tuesday. The average was \$592 fairly good compared to other sales but not high considering the price of beef cattle.

The bulls brought \$43,860 and the three heifers, which were consigned by H. D. & Cecil Eakin, brought \$1210, all being sold to Stan Coelach of Moro.

The seven Angus bulls brought \$3945 for an average of \$563, the three shorthorn bulls brought \$1350 for an average of \$450 and the 64 Hereford bulls brought \$38,565 to average \$603.

Best bull according to the judges at the show which was held in the forenoon was one consigned by Herb Ekstrom of Ione. A Francis Powers bull from Baker was reserve. Herefords were divided into five classes for judging. Al Mattson of Bickleton had the grand and reserve champion Angus.

The grand champion Hereford brought \$900 to be topped by another Herb Ekstrom bull that was bought by Kenneth and Elsie Martin of Kent for \$1000. Charles Burnet bought the champion Angus for \$750.

Si Williams was auctioneer for the sale which was called the biggest bull sale to be held in Oregon this year and Carl Bartlett was clerk.

Buyers were mostly from the immediate area with 18 animals going to Sherman county, 27 to Wasco county, 10 to Klickitat county, 8 to Jefferson county and 14 going to other places.

E. R. Blaylocks Married 50 Years

A reception will be given at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley between the hours of two and five on Sunday, December 14, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Blaylock who were married December 17, 1908 in Hood River. She is the former Mable Heaton of that city. Ernest came here in 1886 and both have lived here since 1916, more than 40 years.

The reception is being planned by the two daughters and son of the celebrating couple, Mrs. Earl Sawtell of The Dalles, Mrs. Clyde Stradley of Grass Valley and Boyce Blaylock of Grass Valley.

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