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These Things We Note

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Marie Hattrup proved the quality of Sherman county cake-bakers to the wheat league. But natives have long known it was good. Congratulations.

TTWN
The Oregon football team is getting better, losing by smaller scores.

TTWN
The foreign car may not be being used as a substitute for a bigger American car, but as an addition to it.

TTWN
We must say for a brand new bill (although an old idea) the new Columbia river development plan is finding a lot of opposition.

TTWN
New Wales wants to be free from England. Too much taxes. Breaking the world up into smaller political chunks may be a new development worth watching. Maybe eastern Oregon should start agitating.

TTWN
Don't the women look funny who still wear their sack dresses?

TTWN
Calendars are coming with every mail showing a desire on the part of businesses that we keep up with the world next year.

TTWN
In this international cold war it is never wise to tell our story first. We figured the Russians had a 3500 mile missile and we sent out a 6300 mile missile then they claimed an 8000 mile one. And when it is all done the next war will be won by soldiers walking in the mud with rifles and bayonets.

TTWN
To one TV viewer it appeared that the break of the Oregon-Miami game came when Oregon's backs did not attempt to catch the punt that made the safety possible.

TTWN
The depression has never been bad enough to make men want to work instead of strike. Maybe we'll have to do it again.

TTWN
We read that American cotton is being shipped abroad at lower prices and then made into cloth to compete, successfully, with American exports. Great business.

TTWN
Next week is the last one before Christmas and we'll soon be saying how fast the year has gone. But we did find it about the usual length.

TTWN
This winter is going to be a little careful or it will be worse than last one. But we can't expect spring all winter every year.

TTWN
The proposal for a committee to study education is a good one, especially the idea of giving laymen a part of it. Maybe half would be better than a third.

TTWN
Sherman Adams is to write a book about his experiences. Bet most readers look at the last chapter first.

TTWN
Some old records proved that payment used to be specified and presumably made in gold coin. It is not possible now but gold was wonderful stuff to have. A ten was smaller than a twenty and plainly worth less while these days a paper bill is a paper bill, differing in value only by the figures on them.

TTWN
The Reds don't think much of popular voting where there's a decision to be made. They would rather let the bosses make it and then have the people ratify it. When you stop to think of it voting does make as many unhappy as it pleases.

TTWN
The Christmas party seems to have swam out of popularity. Too many drank too much and too many drank too little.

TTWN
Any way the dam locations on the Snake have romantic names.

TTWN
In ten days the days will start getting longer, a time of celebration since man learned about it.

ASC Committeemen Picked By Neighbors

According to the local ASC office the following farmers were elected committeemen from their communities for 1959 as a result of the count of ballots cast in the recent election held by mail.

KENT: Bill Jefferies, John J. Decker, Joe Bibby, Phil von Borstel, Richard Wilson.

GRASS VALLEY: Harold Eakin, Willard Barnett, Malcolm Esslinger, Ivan Blagg, Rob't. Holmes.

MORO: Joe Heater, John Shipley, Paul Fraser, Donald Thompson, Irving Hart.

WASCO: C. E. Coats, Don McDermid, Floyd Rathbun, Leroy Belshee, John Hilderbrand.

LOCUST GROVE: Gordon Harper, H. M. Zell, Malcolm McDermid, H. V. Watkins, L. E. Winnett.

Chairmen of the above committees will meet at the ASC office in Moro later this month to choose a County Committee. During 1959 this County Committee, with the help of the community committeemen, will administer with the Federal CCC loan, wheat acreage allotment, agricultural conservation and soil bank programs for the county.

Mrs. May Barnum Buried Thursday

Mrs. May Barnum died at her home in The Dalles Monday morning, December 8 after a long illness.

She was born at Edom, Ohio, November 29, 1881 and came to Oregon when a small girl, living in Polk county for some years before coming to Sherman county where she lived until moving to The Dalles when her husband, the late Ladr Barnum, became manager of a bank there.

Surviving are three brothers, Harry Kunsman of Moro, Irving Kunsman of Vancouver, Wash., Roy Kunsman of The Dalles; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Landingham of Sheridan and Mrs. Mary Crossfield of Oakland, California.

She was a member of the First Congregational church in The Dalles, was a charter member of Bethlehem chapter, OES, Moro, Lupine Rebekah lodge, Moro, Nydia Temple, Daughters of the Nile, PEO Sisterhood.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church with Rev. Fred Morrow officiating with interment following in the Odd Fellow Memorial Mausoleum.

Football Banquet Planned For Tuesday

The annual football banquet in honor of the boys who played on the team during the recently completed season, will be held at the school house Tuesday evening December 16 at 7:00 o'clock. Mothers of the boys are sponsors for this event and desire all parents of players to buy tickets so that the sponsors can break even and provide for tickets for visitors.

Speaker of the evening will be Coach Paul Stagg of Pacific University, son of the grand old man of football, Alonzo Stagg, now at College of the Pacific.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Verna Mobley, Kent; Mrs. Marvin Thomas, Wasco; Mrs. Sim Duncan, Grass Valley and extra tickets will be available.

Dr. H. R. Davidson Resigns Health Post

Dr. H. R. Davidson resigned last week as health officer for Wasco and Sherman counties and the county courts are expected to appoint another by the first of the year when the resignation becomes effective.

Dr. Davidson has been part time health officer for three years and did not wish to accept the full time job the counties wish to obtain. He will give his full time to his medical practice and has stated that his practice in Sherman county will not be immediately changed by his changed status.

YOUTH TO SING

The Wasco Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Church Choir will do some Christmas caroling December 22 at Wasco. It will start at 8:30 where there will be singing around the community Christmas tree. All who are interested are urged to come and help extend the Christmas spirit throughout the holidays.



Serving up pieces of her prize-winning chocolate cake is Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup of Grass Valley following her first place award in the Oregon Wheat Growers League's annual cake baking contest held in Portland last week in conjunction with the League's 1958 state convention. Sampling the prize-winner are runner-ups, Mrs. William Markgraf of Madras, left, and Mrs. Stafford Hansell of Athena. The judging was held in the auditorium of Pacific Power & Light company's Portland general offices.

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

Members of Sherman chapter No. 132 OES held a regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall with Mrs. Jack Adams presiding. Christmas gifts were brought for the guests at the Masonic home. The chapter received an invitation to Arlington Saturday December 13 honoring Mrs. Anderson, grand representative of South Carolina in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel and Phil were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday. The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening with Mrs. Claud Bayer, noble grand, presiding and eight members present. Mr. and Mrs. James Earl were business visitors in Portland from Thursday till Saturday.

Mrs. Eben Kee went to Portland Thursday evening and attended the funeral of Mrs. Gladys McGrath Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ward of Portland were Monday visitors at the Bill Buether home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne in The Dalles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family of Kent and Mrs. W. D. Barnett were in The Dalles Saturday and visited Mrs. Bertha Mathews.

The Grass Valley home extension unit will meet at the school house Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17. Christmas decorations will be the subject. Mrs. E. J. Hartley will demonstrate tin craft and there will be other Christmas ideas. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel had dinner with the J. E. Norstons at Kent Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothy Abbott and son and her grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Wilson of Kent went to Springfield Friday on business returning Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace Zevely of Wasco had dinner with the Wallace Mays Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gabrielson, Gaila and Carl of Wallowa, spent Saturday at the Frank E. Bayer home.

Arthur Buether SP-4 in the medics of the US Army, recently returned from Korea and arrived November 15 to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buether till January 5.

Mrs. Bill Rolfe went to Portland Thursday to visit her father, George Wilde, returning Friday.

Mrs. Ray Sargent and Derrie of Salem, brought her father, Charlie Olds home Friday after spending about three weeks with them. They returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family drove to Heppner Thanksgiving day and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne and family.

John Rolfe met his sister, Mrs. Frances Mathews of Seattle in The Dalles Saturday and she spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe brought their daughter, Delores, home Thursday from the hospital in The Dalles where she spent three weeks following an emergency appendectomy.

The Rufus Grange is letting the younger group use the grange hall for a dancing party Saturday night, December 13. Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker is in charge of the first party. The children will furnish their own records and refreshments. They will be chaperoned by two adults and once they have entered the hall they are not to leave until the party ends. The hours set are 8 to 11 p. m. The age limit is the fifth grade children on up through high school.

The Rufus Grange met Thursday evening with the usual pot luck dinner at 6:30 p. m. George Fox, master, called the grange to order. Rolland Johnson told of the vast acreage of corn they saw on their trip through the mid eastern states. He also told how it was stored. He saw many cows and pigs in the feed lots being fed the corn. A new creeper type grass is found, and at times this is poisonous to livestock. The next H. E. meeting is December 11 at the home of Mrs. Rolland Johnson. The club is selling candy for Christmas. In appreciation for her past years in lecture work at the Rufus Grange, Mrs. Will Huck was given an electric steam iron. The first visitation meeting of the tri-counties will be December 10 at Rockford Grange at 8 p. m. There will be a late pot luck lunch. The grange Christmas program will be December 20 at 8 p. m. and the public is invited. The children will have their usual gift exchange. The grange members will have their own gift exchange at the next meeting night which is December 18. Installation of officers is set for January 4 according to the county deputy Rolland Johnson.

It is reported Wasco community is going to have skating parties at the old Legion hall. Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald told of visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Kuyper and Richie Dingle who are still interested in what the Rufus Grange is doing. McDonald also told everyone to save their pocket editions of western and mystery books which the Legion Auxiliary at Wasco is sending to the Veterans hospital in Portland. For the lecture hour Mrs. Rolland Johnson told of some of the highlights of their trip back to National Grange.

Mrs. Hazel Woods writes to recall the depression of 1932 when she was telephone operator in Moro and few could pay their bills in cash, and she like newspapers, took produce in exchange. She's been reading a book. The reception in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blaylock is scheduled for next Sunday at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley and friends are asked to come and forget gifts.

The Rufus school is preparing a Christmas program this year with all the children in it. The Rufus Grange had another card party at the hall Saturday night with four tables attending. The high score winners were Otto Petersen and Mrs. Charles Blake, while consolation prizes went to Sam Brock and Mrs. Curt Tom. The grange women served supper at the end of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson are in charge of the parties.

The Home Extension unit meets December 18 at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Spagle at 10:30 a. m. Members to bring the ingredients for a batch of candy.

The Thursday evening pinocle club met at the home of Mrs. Dave Miller with Mrs. Jerry Barnett as co-hostess. Mrs. Doug Shull won the high prize for the evening and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand won low, after which a dessert luncheon featuring fruit cocktail pie was served.

Tillieums met recently at the home of Mrs. John Robinson with Mrs. Chas. Everett and Mrs. John Royse as guests. Mrs. L. L. Funk won the high prize for the club and Mrs. Vernon VanGilder won low, and Mrs. Royse won the high guest prize. Gifts were presented to Emma Shearer and Mrs. Trace Fields honoring their twenty-five years of membership.

Wheat League Studies Problems of Industry

The Oregon Wheat Growers League, meeting at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland last week end, made some decisions about the industry they follow that may be of more than passing importance to farmers of the mid-Columbia basin where most of Oregon's wheat is grown.

Important discussions were had in the federal programs committee which has advocated the domestic parity plan for several years. Information that the surplus of wheat was growing, that more and more 15 acre farmers were turning to wheat and that a larger percentage than usual of Congressmen represented non-commercial farmers may have been responsible for the changed attitude.

Compromise Provided
Although pledging continued support for domestic parity the growers agreed to support the modified plan called "compensatory certificate plan" which provides for bushel allotments and payments from the federal treasury instead of from returns from certificates. Also asked was a condition that would make feeding of wheat possible for Pacific Northwest farmers through cheaper prices for feed grain or wheat not needed for human food.

Recipe Distribution Planned
Domestic Utilization committee recommended that a white butter cake be the contest cake next year, that cake contestants be married or over 21, that the 1958 recipes be published, that the league consider a recipe book and greater publicity be given the league.

Show Dates Set
The Youth Activities committee asked for some changes in the rules for the annual June show, dates for which will be June 7 to 10. It asked continuation of the point system of judging, that the league issue its own publicity, that consideration be given to five member fair boards.

The speaking program for the convention started with the usual welcoming addresses followed by a talk by Senator Richard Neuberger who said that only six crops were included in the payments by the government. Ed Bell former director of the wheat mission, and now agricultural attaché in Greece, told of the agriculture of that country and the troubles of the government to get enough production to feed the natives.

D. D. Hill reported on the wheat commission, giving the historical background of that organization and its work since its start. A change is being made in the work being done.

Mrs. Marie Hattrup Best Cake Baker
Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup of Grass Valley was awarded first prize in the Oregon Wheat Growers League's annual Cake Baking Contest which was held last week in the auditorium of Pacific Power & Light company's general offices in Portland.

Mrs. Hattrup was one of three finalists in the contest which was conducted in conjunction with the Oregon Wheat Growers League's 1958 state convention held in Portland December 3-5. The other finalists were Mrs. Stafford Hansell of Athena, and Mrs. William Markgraf of Madras.

Following the judging, approximately 85 women members of the League attended a special coffee hour in Pacific Power & Light's Hospitality House as guests of Polly Pacific, PP&L's home economist.

Tax Study Asked
The taxation and legislation committee wants every county to set up a group to study legislation during the next session of congress and the state legislature similar to the one that operated two years ago in Sherman county.

It asked that lay members be included in legislative interim committee that a review be made of rural school budgets, that O & C land income be figured in school incomes, that costs be considered in computing any changes in basic school laws, that experience ratings be restored to workmen's compensation and that an appeal board be set up for injuries under such compensation law, that farm labor be not included in unemployment compensation laws, that no additional tax be placed on life insurance.

This group opposed any homestead exemption, opposed a variable ratio, opposed increase in buildings, opposed increase in Bonneville power rates and interest on REA loans. It asked for a 30 per cent vote on any bond issue and for a study of personal property tax repeal.

Export Held Necessary
The Marketing and Transportation committee said that 134 million bushels a year had been shipped from the northwest and that it was necessary to export 80 per cent of the crop, therefore a study of foreign trade was recommended.

Foreign trade was much on the minds of this committee which asked the wheat league to give all the aid possible to helping foreign countries, particularly Japan, to trade with this nation. It asked continuation of the PL 480 program.

It asked uniform freight rates, east and west, on meat animals. Railroads were commended for reducing freight rates on grain. It opposed a user charge on inland waterways, favored research on industrial uses for wheat and agreed with the federal program committee about the use of wheat for feed at prices competitive with corn and barley.

Research Wanted
The Production and Marketing committee urged continued study and experiment on morning glory and asked members to use Simazin for cheat grass control. The elimination of smut in wheat was considered and steps asked for further reduction in this pest. Alpine barley for winter seeding was praised. Burt wheat should only be grown on land that will produce protein wheat as it is without value when protein is set.

Wasco Club Meets At Medler Home
The Community Card club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Elton Medler. Pinocle was in play at two tables with Mrs. Leland Medler winning high and Mrs. George Fox the consolation prize. Mrs. Medler had her home decorated with Christmas decorations, and this was also carried out with the steamed pudding dessert and a spray of holly on each plate. Christmas tablecloths and napkins completed the decorations. At the gift table where the gift exchange packages were placed there was a candle lit miniature Christmas tree. Present for the evening were Mrs. Chester Coats, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Vern Dutton, Mrs. Frank Reid, Mrs. Bill Macnab besides those already mentioned. The club did not set a date for its next meeting, but will call everyone when a date is set.



Back row: Patsy Roberts, Mike Zachary, Jacque Bucholtz, Terry Eakin; front row: Nancy Conlee, Richard Johnson, Judy Kelso, John DeMoss.

Eight young people from Sherman county who were among those attending the dancing classes sponsored by the Elks lodge in The Dalles were acclaimed the winners at the end of the course, besting all others in their separate divisions.

The classes are given annually by the Elks and this year Ann Bennett was instructor of the youngsters who are able to handle their feet with agility and their partners with propriety since completing the course.