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These Things We Note

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The state game commission is going to give hunter safety classes. So, even self preservation has become a function of the state.

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Unwittingly perhaps, Senator Humphrey has given Khrushchev more favorable publicity than he usually receives.

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The Sly report has given slight pause to the spenders, who, like vampires, exist on blood.

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We would like to call to the attention of ordinary name-callers the language of Senator Morse in his letters to Senator Neuberger. It is very scholarly and precise, rapier-like, instead of the club-like words usually used to berate.

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We think it is time to legislate against labor bosses just as it was once time to legislate against industrial bosses. And just as necessary.

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Many a criminal would like to know how Ken Martin could drive away from home and not be found. And most of us think it impossible.

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Admission of married pupils to high schools may stir the legislature. Seems like anyone who gets married before finishing high school needs an education worse than most.

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Adults have said they would like more studying by high school pupils. Now let us have the answers to a similar request from pupils.

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None of the alternative tax measures mentioned by Dr. Sley will be found acceptable to Oregonians which means that the state will have to adopt some economy in its spending. That is the only sensible course.

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If "liberals" in both parties get their way the parties will be in a contest to see which can give the nation away the quickest. And one American is going to take no part in the disintegration of this country.

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The Oregonian is pained because the state is not equipped to care for more of the senile who are now kept in state hospitals. We see no reason for unduly increasing the number of favored families whose aged are cared for at public expense.

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That battle for control of U. S. Republicans must certainly be a small affair.

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College authorities say a four per cent boost for professor's isn't enough—need eleven. Not many taxpayers will get four.

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"Coya's Husband Duped," says a headline. Accurate head writer.

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Girls are now wearing what we hear are full length socks, mostly black and with black slippers. Fine weather for such garb but we'll bet it won't be long before there's red ones.

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A government that lives by taxes cannot afford to take over business. It cannot make a profit from business and loses the taxes which are at least half what a private firm can make.

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Overheard: "If a man has honesty you can trust him in business. Unless he also has honor you can't trust him anywhere else."

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Oregon's "tax sacrifice" is 30 per cent greater than Washington's and 53 per cent greater than California's. It is computed from the relationship between income and taxes.

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If an Oregon girl can beat the school attendance law it may make it easier to let youths go to work instead of making them go to school. Nothing makes education so attractive as the continued pressure of a pick handle.

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

The American Legion auxiliary held its meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe Wednesday afternoon with 12 members, three junior members and four guests, Mrs. John Rolfe, Mrs. Bill Rolfe, Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and Miss Leora Sutton. Mrs. Bob Rolfe, president, conducted the business meeting. They made plans for the supper to be served at the New Year's eve dance at the Kent Legion hall. The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting, taking pictures and exchanging gifts. Refreshments were served later by Miss Sutton and Mrs. John Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock in Moro.

Frank E. Bayer and Julia, Francie Gabrielson, Margaret Brown and David Bayer and Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst of Kent were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. George Wilson, supervisor of the Kent unit of the Ground Observer Corps, called a special meeting Monday afternoon Dec. 8 in the Kent school auditorium. Mrs. Wilson opened the meeting and then turned it over to T-Sgt. Wilbur J. Mortamer of Hood River. Sgt. Mortamer explained since operation SAGE is fully equipped to do defense, formerly performed by the GOC, that the Corps would cease to function after Jan. 31. He stated that it was advisable to file the names of members with the County Civilian Defense board. He also said if planes were in trouble to notify the CAA. If they were wrecked to notify the county sheriff. He presented pins of service to Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mrs. Luther Davis, Mrs. Verne Mobley, Mrs. J. E. Norton and Mrs. Bob Helyer. Mrs. Wilson in behalf of the Kent unit thanked Sgt. Mortamer for his help and asked him to relay thanks to T-Sgt. Ralph Bragg. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel spent from Friday till Monday in Portland on business.

Among the visitors in The Dalles Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKay and Kay and their grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark, all from Kent and Mrs. W. D. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred von Borstel of Spray arrived Saturday from a three weeks trip to Greenville, South Carolina where they visited her relatives and friends. They are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds spent most of last week in Portland on business and visiting their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and family went to Tygh Valley Sunday to the house warming party at the Merton Sauers new home.

Floyd Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper, won the bicycle given away for Christmas by the Moro Theater after the show Saturday afternoon when the drawing for the lucky number was held.

Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Lester Barnum and Mrs. Herman Peters were visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Harry Dean Eakin of OTI and Miss Margaret Morgan of The Dalles were weekend guests of the former's parents, the Harold Eakins.

A name was omitted last week in those who received awards. Skeet Brander received a silver arrow. Den mothers of Den 1 are Mrs. Harold Owens and Mrs. Alfred Payne with Mrs. Jim Brown as assistant and Mrs. Earl Olds with Mrs. Everett Cantrall as assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock received a phone call Monday morning from his brother, Oscar Jones, from Portland where Mrs. Jones is in Good Samaritan hospital for facial cuts and bruises received when their car hit an icy spot near Cascade Locks and spun around and hit a cement wall. Mr. Jones was not injured, the car was taken back to Portland by a wrecker. They were on their way to Grass Valley from Forest Grove to attend the Blaylock reception when it happened.

Mrs. Earl Sawtell came up Thursday from The Dalles and spent the weekend at the Clyde Stradley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith were business visitors in Portland Friday and Saturday.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer in Moro were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and Mrs. Leta Eslinger of Moro, honoring Mrs. Balzer and Mr. Blagg on their birthday anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty had as their guests last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Randall Dainty and daughters of Kennewick, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and family plan on leaving Wednesday on the train for Tiff City, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ruddick and to honor them on their golden wedding anniversary while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox were business visitors in Hermiston Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Verne Null.

Harold Eakin and son, Tommy were business visitors in Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne and family of Heppner were over night guests Saturday of the Alfred Paynes.

Ben Payne of The Dalles was taken to The Dalles General Saturday for medical attention.

Charles Burnet was still in the hospital the first of the week confined by a case of virus pneumonia that made him very ill for several days before he entered the hospital.

Jack Alsop was here last Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Alsop and help out in the store.

Mrs. Roland Johnson had her house beautifully decorated when the Home Economics club of the Rufus Grange met there for its Christmas party. Mrs. Johnson had wreaths placed in her windows, miniature Christmas trees, darling Santas she had made herself, and numerous arrangements of decorations on the tables. On the dining room table was a lovely Christmas arrangement with two red candles at each side. Both candles had a pixy character climbing the candle with a match in his hand. The table was covered with a poinsettia decorated cloth with holiday napkins. Place cards were used at each place for the dessert luncheon of fruit tarts served with tea and coffee. Homemade fudge was also on the table. Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. George Drinkard was co-hostess. Besides the regular members guests included Mrs. Norma Shafer, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Gladys Guy and Mrs. Johnson's niece Mrs. Joe Drinkard.

Mrs. Walter Morris opened the business meeting which followed the luncheon. Roll call was each telling what was the most interesting thing in the club that happened this year. Mrs. Harland McDonald thanked everyone who donated cookies to the Blood Bank. The club is selling Christmas candy for the first time.

Mrs. Fred Dornier was elected chairman of the club for next year.

The Sherman county fairboard met Tuesday afternoon to get started on the 1959 fair. The indication of the state fair board about the length of the state fair has made the setting of dates for county fairs very much up in the air at a time when planning for the shows is necessary.

The local board decided to hold the next fair August 27 to 30 and that is when it will be unless something changes it pretty soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock were honored at an open house Sunday, December 14 in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was held in the IOOF hall by their daughters and sons in law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sawtell and their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock. The couple were married December 17, 1908 in Hood River. They have lived here since 1916, more than 40 years.

The lace covered table centered with the three tiered wedding cake, decorated in gold and topped with a white satin bow with gold wedding bells, was flanked by brass candelabra with white candles.

The cake was cut and served by Mrs. Clyde Stradley and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock. Mrs. V. B. Eakin and Mrs. Earl Ordway presided at the coffee and tea service and were relieved by Mrs. Willis Brittain and Mrs. Hadley Stark. Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Mrs. Alfred Payne served the punch. One hundred forty-one signed the guest book in charge of Jerinne and Joelle Blaylock, grand daughters.

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year. Some of the members brought gifts for the state hospital at Pendleton. The club is again putting on the football banquet Tuesday night for the Sherman high school.

The members all exchanged gifts by passing the gifts and keeping the one each had when the alarm clock went off. (The alarm wouldn't ring, until after each started opening her package when they got tired of passing them.)

The January meeting of the club will be a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p. m. at the hall with the husband's invited. A social evening will be spent after a business meeting.

The Rufus Grange is preparing for its Christmas program to be held at the hall December 20 at 8 p. m. This is open house and everyone is invited. The children are to bring gifts for an exchange among themselves and the usual bag of treats for them from Santa.

The Rufus church of the Nazarene has announced a Christmas program for December 21 at 7:30 p. m. There will be treats for all and everyone is invited. The motion picture "The Christmas Faith" will be shown. Also there will be recitations, songs and musical numbers by the children. Each Sunday school class has a part and the teachers help their own classes. The program committee is Mrs. Fay Brackett, Mrs. Otto Petersen, Mrs. Luther Stewart and Mrs. John Mathieson. The decorating committee is Jane Baker, Joan Brackett and Barbara Miller. The candy committee is Fay Brackett and his son Jerry and John Mathieson.

The Rufus school plans on having its Christmas program at the school next Monday night. The children are practicing parts for their plays.

It was a bit frosty and icy here last week. However, it was milder at Rufus because the fog made ice on the bushes and wires look like ropes with the frost clinging to them on the hills south of Rufus town. On the north side of the Columbia river in Washington, ice and snow can be seen on the top of the hills. These hills are so steep, the elevation changes rapidly. Anyway the town of Rufus likes to think they "Live in the Banana belt".

Earl Gentry is home from a siege in a hospital where he had his eyes treated so he can continue to see.

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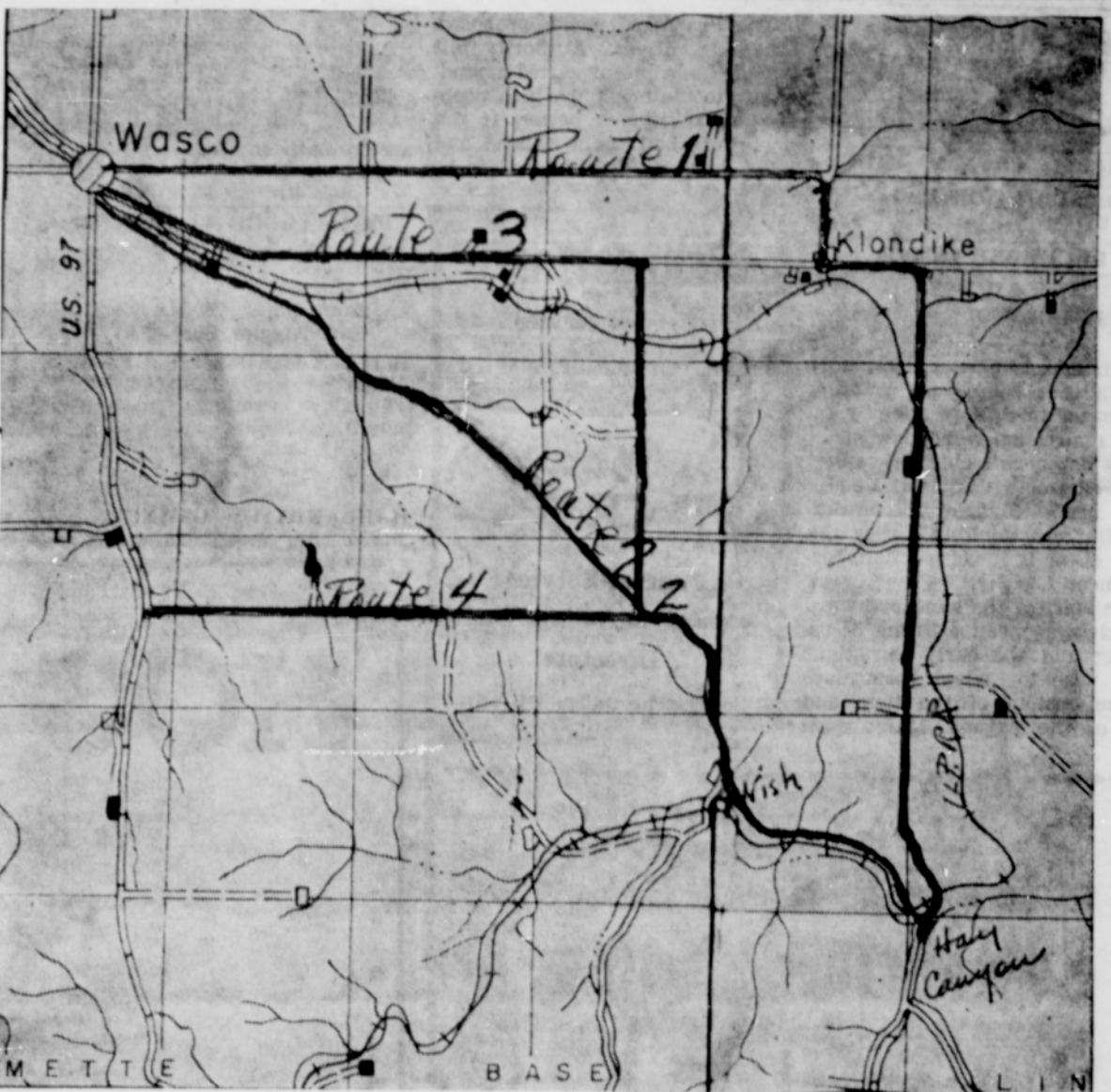
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Route marked 2 has been accepted by the Sherman County Court and the State Highway Commission is expected to call for bids on construction in the spring. Fear was felt that the appropriation might go to other roads if the state survey was not accepted. Route 1, by Klondike, would be cheaper in land but more expensive in money. Route 2 will be cheaper in money and more expensive in land. Route 4, would have been cheapest in both.

Equalization Problem May Be Settled

Possible solution of the controversy that arose last spring when assessments were raised on buildings in city limits and on farms while farm land was not increased in value may be near. Petition was made to the county board of equalization which would not act; the state tax commission failed to accept its obligation to hear petitioners.

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Sherman Loses, Wins At Basket Ball

Sherman won and lost over the week end. Wheeler County High was just a little too strong. Friday night, taking the game 43 to 42 after Sherman had led most of the way. At the half it was 23-23. At the end of the third quarter it was 33-33. Wheeler kept the locals away from the basket and the long shooting of the guards, Helyer and Kirkelle was too seldom good for points.

Kaseberg and Roysse were successful in getting rebounds during the first of the game but the heavier Wheeler boys lasted better for the end of the game.

Saturday Sherman defeated Dufur in a much easier game, the score being 46 to 37 with Kaseberg and Roysse making 12 and 10 respectively to account for nearly half the score. Kirkelle had 8, McKay 2, Helyer 3, Duncan 5, and Norton 4.

This was the first win for Sherman this year. The team is not tall, although Roysse, Reid and Kaseberg are six feet or over to give backboard strength. The little, fast boys may have to make up for lack of length.

Small Wasco Boy Undergoes Operation

Wednesday of this week the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merritt of Wasco underwent surgery for an open heart defect at the Portland University hospital where he was sent from The Dalles after diagnosis. The boy has been waiting two years for conditions to be right.

Fred Merritt and wife have an elder son, they hope that the long operation will make the boy normal and able to live like others.

Judge Makes Progress In Getting Highway 97 Improvement Started

Judge Vernon Miller was the only representative of Sherman county at the state highway meeting in Salem last Friday but accounts indicate that he did a very good job.

He asked that work on Highway 97 be first done between Wasco and Biggs where the road is most crooked and which is the most dangerous part of it. It will require more money to modernize. Preparatory to the trip the Judge with some others had gone over a new route which would take the highway up on the heights soon after it entered Spanish Hollow to the east where it is said an easy grade could be found. It would follow the contour of the land and reach the present Wasco-Rufus road on the ridge south of Girkling canyon and come into Wasco from the north. That route together with the previously recommended one between Spanish and China Hollows, will be investigated by the commission.

The judge was instructed to get support in the county for his plan to move the 1959 appropriation from between Moro and Wasco to the Wasco-Biggs section, and it is not thought that there will be objection for the lower part of the road will be the most expensive, is the crookedest and it is desirable to have