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These Things We Note

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We note that the expression "working like a dog" or a horse is still with us. It should be dropped as no longer factual.

T W N

Maybe in Russia leaders do not have to take back their extravagant statements or prove them. That could explain Khrushchev.

T W N

The state with the best roads often has the highest death total after a holiday.

T W N

Paul Butler has always been as good an asset for the Republicans as for the Democrats and he insists on proving it ever now and then.

T W N

Contrary to hopes and boasts of new dealers social security has not ended poverty. Trouble seems to be that good people don't want security and the poor people (in spirit) soak it up and are still poor.

T W N

The human body is a wonderful machine and like all other machines it requires some care, but it will run a long time without any, although not very well.

T W N

Despite general opinion and judging from people on the streets there are more compulsive eaters than compulsive drinkers.

T W N

You can think what you like about firecrackers; they were never as dangerous as automobiles.

We remember a remark by an old philosopher that many troubles come from trying to cut off the top so thin there is no bottom.

T W N

Nature is kind in that it gave Gov. Long a weak heart to go with his weak head. Otherwise he might do inestimable damage.

T W N

BEEF, Inc., has published and distributed a little pamphlet that tells how to cook that meat and why it is good. Beef producers are dependent on themselves for their success—and they are doing well.

T W N

Swallows are inclined to move their location for whatever reasons we do not know, but along the Deschutes there are so many rock bluffs where a suitable kind of mud is easily available for them to carry a lot of greasy looking black mud to make their nests.

T W N

The hassle over the housing bill stems from a typical congressional idea of economy. Instead of appropriating \$1,600,000 for a six year period it appropriated \$1,400,000 for a two year period thus saving \$200,000. Ike couldn't see it.

T W N

The statement on income tax collections for the year ending June 30 shows more money than expected. At that rate the state will not need the tax boost in the new tax bill and just as well for the petitions invoking the referendum against it are being signed by everyone who is asked. There is still time to make this protest over deletion of the federal income tax as a deduction from state taxes.

T W N

Just the two of us and the river rushing, foaming along in the rapids or sweeping in whirls in the deeper spots, always with a destination, something to do, someplace to go and only a little time; and the construction crew of the swallows, insanely busy, demonstrating that man is not the only creature interested in love and family; the fish, if any, lazy and well fed. Everything active, even the inanimate things like water, birds and bugs going about their constant task of finding food, being born, growing, procreating, dying—all in a day or two or at most a year or three. Man, the only thing with time on his hands, taking a brief holiday in the sun, where the water gurgles and slaps against the rocks and the evidences of all the civilization he has worked for are naught, seeking relief from his own achieved complications, relieving the boyhood of this race. And happy in the simplicity of nature.

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

Dinner guests at the Donald von Borstel home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel and Phil. Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were callers in the evening.

Mrs. Phyllis Richards and Kenneth Wilson were married at Goldendale, Wn., Monday, June 29. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Oltmann of Goldendale were their attendants. After a short wedding trip to Vancouver, B. C. they are at home on his ranch at Kent.

Those enjoying a picnic dinner on the lawn at the Wallace May home the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse and family of Moro, Mrs. Grace Zevely of Wasco, Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day and William Walter of Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wharfield and daughter, Bobby Jean and a friend of Portland spent the 4th of July weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Clarence May and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clodfelter and children, Donna, Madara, and Craig, of Seattle, arrived Friday and were guests at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. They left Sunday and will visit in Bend, Corvallis and Eugene before returning to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter had as dinner guests the Fourth their son, Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clodfelter and children of Seattle.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runke of Milwaukee drove to Prineville and went fishing in the Ochoco Reservoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and family of Moro spent the Fourth at the A. von Borstel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runke met Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and children in Tygh Valley the Fourth and enjoyed a picnic dinner with the Alsop family and celebrated the birthdays of Bill Alsop and Tommy Richards. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alsop and family of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alsop and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Wing and family of Wamic, Henry Wing of Tygh Valley and Mrs. Mack Alsop of Tygh Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Tiller and children of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Norton of Corvallis spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton at Kent.

Frank McKay of Corvallis spent the weekend at Kent with his parents the J. McKays.

Eugene Knott and children spent one day last week at Warm Springs.

Frank von Borstel spent several days last week on business in Rainier and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe and family spent Sunday at Friend visiting the Everetts Dunlups.

Bill Todd went to The Dalles Monday and brought his father, W. C. Todd home from the hospital where he spent two weeks for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and children of Tacoma, Wn., enroute home from a trip to Kansas and Nebraska where they visited relatives, stopped Thursday and were over night guests of his brother, Myrtle Smith and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith gave a party for her 4-H sewing and cooking classes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin Thursday afternoon where those enjoying swimming were Ruth Alley, Carol Todd, Joy and Cathy von Borstel, Sandra Wilson, Nancy Crews, Mona Eakin, Melva Dean Alberty, Carol Owens, Julie Reynolds, Jessie Brander, Lorraine and Lou Ann Stark. Refreshments were cookies furnished by Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. Alex Brandt and ice cream furnished by Mrs. Smith, and Mona Eakin made the punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel had as dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Ardis Gustafson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelly of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon and grand daughter, Carol Kurilo of Portland and Arnold Sharp of Olympia, Wn.

Karla Sue, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel was baptized by Rev. John O'Connor Sunday at St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grass Valley. Godparents are Ed Gustafson of The Dalles and Carol Kurilo of Portland.

Joint hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Mrs. William Beers Tuesday night, June 30, were Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Win Roberts and Mrs. Leonard Jordan. Mrs. Beers was formerly Sharon Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller who operate the John Day Cafe. The shower was held at the Rugus Grange hall.

A beautiful floral piece centered a lace covered table flanked by white candles on each side. Other attractive floral arrangements were used. The gift table on one side of the room was covered with pretty wrapped packages. The center table held a two tiered white decorated cake with the traditional bride and groom figurine on top. Games were played with Mrs. Otto Petersen getting the prize. A number of people brought their favorite recipe for the new bride, and each told why she liked this recipe. Mrs. Beers was assisted in opening her packages by her school friend Miss Patsy Roberts, and her mother, Mrs. L. Miller. The gifts were passed for all to see.

After the gifts were opened the bride cut the cake which was served with whipped jello and punch and coffee at individual card tables. The guest list included Mrs. Loren Miller and daughter Onalee, Mrs. Otto Petersen, Mrs. Eugene Eaton, Mrs. Jack Beers, Mrs. Geo. Fox, Mrs. Robert Byrd and daughter Lingia, Mrs. Fritz Malone of Wasco, Mrs. Don Macnab and daughter Jeanne, Mrs. Bill Macnab and daughter Ariene, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Alta Smith, Mrs. Shirley Stockard, Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Harlan McDonald, Mrs. Stub Thompson of Blalock who was formerly Nadine Grant, and Mrs. Keith Cazier.

The Rufus Grange met last Thursday evening for the last time until the latter part of August. Roland Johnson, agricultural chairman, told of the tour of the morning glory plots and told of the chemicals used on these plots, for the killing of the morning glory weed. On legislation, Mrs. Harlan McDonald chairman, said it looked like the construction of the Maryhill bridge would be started in the near future. Mrs. McDonald also reminded the women that the Home Ec club would meet July 9 at the Wasco City Park at 12:30 p. m. for a pot luck picnic. The food booth at the Sherman County Fair was discussed, the fair will be earlier than usual this year, as it will be the latter part of August.

For the literary program Mrs. Bert Swigart had all sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". Each told of a child hood memory of the 4th of July which they had experienced. A reading "Old Glory" by the lecturer, "Brakes" by Mrs. Atlee Wilson and "Independence Bell" by Mrs. Harlan McDonald. The grange women served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Stub Thompson (Nadine Grant) of Blalock was in town Tuesday night for Mrs. Bill Beers' shower and at this time she showed off her new baby which is just a month old. It is a very attractive baby and seems to be in the best of health.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan left Saturday morning for Paulina lake where they were going to spend the weekend. After that they were going on a drive to see the country, they thought up to Victoria, Canada, and some northern points. Mrs. Jordan, Rufus postmaster, is on a months vacation. Mrs. Win Roberts is the acting postmaster.

The wheat men are getting their combines in shape to begin the barley harvest which is expected to start in earnest next week, providing it doesn't rain and set things back. The wind has blown briskly for about a week. This has been a cool moist wind which is excellent for the growing wheat and barley. Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson thought they would pick a few apricots this week as they have been turning into ripeness. There aren't too many apricots in Rufus at this time, as the high water which flooded the orchards after The Dalles Dam turned it in, has killed a good many of the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox spent the 4th inspecting what they could see on the Washington side of the Columbia river at the John Day Dam and what they have accomplished already. It seems like a lot has been done in the making of roads and buildings, but there's a lot more to do.

Floyd Root left Sunday for Washington, D. C. to appear before the House Agriculture committee, where he will speak for the wheat growers on the overall farm program now being considered.

Several families enjoyed a group picnic at Sorosis Park July 4. Present from Wasco were Walt Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and son, Everett, Mrs. Augusta Royse, Mrs. Leona Van Gilder and John Robinson. Others in the group were Mrs. Iva Christen and Orvil Hansen from The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hockley from Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunnels and daughter from Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Watkins drove to McMinnville Sunday to visit the Keith Landers family. They returned Monday.

Mrs. Leona Van Gilder entertained at dinner Monday evening in honor of the birthday of her granddaughter, Donna Jean Gunnels from Moro. Others present were Donna Jean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunnels, Laurie Alsop and Walt Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Malloy had as Sunday visitors her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spergen from Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda have as house guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Willie Maier and family from Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines spent Friday in The Dalles on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and children returned Friday from North Carolina, where they had spent the past ten days visiting Mr. Thomas' mother. They made the trip via United Airlines, and reported a good flight both ways.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy of Kent arrived in Wasco Monday. They will spend at least a part of the summer here visiting with their daughters, Mrs. Clyde Fridley and Mrs. Robt. Nisbet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Malloy took a trip to the Metolus river near Bend recently, and while in that vicinity called on Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morton at the Wizard Falls trout hatchery. Mrs. Morton is a cousin of Mrs. Malloy. Mr. Morton is superintendent at the hatchery.

The L. E. Kaseberg family enjoyed boating and water skiing near The Dalles July 4, and later gathered at the home of their son, Larry, for a picnic dinner.

Several families met at the Ray VanGilder ranch on the 4th for an outdoor barbecue. Those present, besides the hosts, were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burgraff of State Line, Oregon, visited the Martin Pshigoda family last week.

Mrs. Desta Hoyt and son Densel spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Walker of The Dalles drove to Timberline the 4th, then continued on to Portland for dinner and a trip to the zoo. While in Portland they visited the begonia gardens and enroute home stopped at The Dalles Country Club to watch the fireworks.

Mrs. John Robinson, who has been in Corvallis visiting her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. David McGregor, returned to Wasco Monday. While in Corvallis, Mrs. Robinson assisted in the care of a new granddaughter born to the McGregors June 20.

Chuck Hockett of Prineville is spending the summer working for various ranchers in this vicinity. He has been staying with the Robt. Nisbet family.

Mrs. William Rueppell, mother of Mrs. Floyd Root, is quite ill at her home on Fulton Canyon road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry VanGilder and Mrs. Ida Everett enjoyed a picnic dinner on July 4th with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nisbet visited their son, Larry Nisbet and family in Redmond Saturday and Sunday. They also attended the Rock & Mineral show at Bend.

Mrs. Bud Root, who is employed in Corvallis, spent July 4th week end here.

Johnny Sheldrake of Hood River was a Sunday visitor in the Lloyd Royse home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Harris and two children from Hermiston stopped at the Floyd Haines home for a visit Friday. They were enroute to California for a vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace spent Friday and Saturday in Pendleton with their son, Bill.

Clouds Keep Air Cool To Aid Maturing Wheat

Continued cloudy weather and coolness has advanced the wheat and barley crop of Sherman county a week nearer to ripeness and made more certain that the yield will be satisfactory.

There is no assurance that the crop will be big. It is possible but not probable that a crop grown in a dry year will be as large as one grown when moisture is plentiful. Kernels may be smaller and may weigh less, either of which would reduce the total bushelage.

Some barley is already being cut, mostly on Starvation point where it ripens earlier. Yields have not been reported but a good crop is not expected from there this year and often the barley that is ripe first is not the best.

Wheat is still green over much of the county, although it is turning rapidly. Wheat harvest will not begin for two weeks, according to most estimates, and then only on lighter land and in the north end of the county.

Wheat Price Set For 1959 Crop

Basic prices for wheat have been set for the 1959 crop, the federal government doing the setting. Support price for Sherman county is \$1.86 which compares with \$1.85 for Gilliam, \$1.83 for Morrow, \$1.81 for Umatilla and \$1.90 for Wasco county stored wheat. The base price at Portland is \$2.03, the northwest price and the lowest of the terminal areas which get as high as \$2.32 at Port Arthur, Texas.

Warehouse charges will range from one cent to 12 cents. In this area the rate will be 11 cents to August 2 and 10 cents from then to August 25 when much of the wheat will be warehoused here.

Signs Erected For Centennial Visitors, Directing Them To County's Historic Spots

Signs pointing the way to or announcing a historic site were erected last week through the efforts of the Sherman County Centennial committee.

One at Wasco announces that 14 miles east is the emigrant crossing of the John Day river, a point that was mentioned in many of the diaries of emigrants because of the steep climb to reach the highlands. It was often windy there and it was also a place where traders from The Dalles met the emigrants to supply them with salt and flour and bacon.

A sign at the south end of Grass Valley shows the route to Sherar's bridge, the historic crossing of the Deschutes. Peter Skene Ogden reported a bridge there as early as 1825. John Y. Todd built a bridge in 1860, later sold to Ezra Hemmings who sold to Sherar in 1872. It was Sherar who developed the roads and established the routes that are still in use. It is now the only site where a visitor can see Indians netting fish from boards since Celilo has been inundated.

A sign in the city park at Grass Valley marks the crossing of two old trails or roads that were famous in their day. In the 1850s, after the Barlow route was opened emigrants pulled up Grass Valley canyon after leaving the Oregon Trail at the top of the hill out of the John Day and reached Buck

Moro Star To Hold Public Installation

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, OES, Moro, will hold a public installation at the Barnum Masonic hall, Saturday evening, July 11, at 8:00 p. m.

Officers to be installed are: Mrs. Harold Hailey, worthy matron; Lloyd Johnson, worthy patron; Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, asso. matron; Thomas Thompson, asso. patron; Mrs. Joseph Heater, secretary; Mrs. Howard Ross, treasurer; Mrs. Andrew Paulson, conductress; Mrs. Vernon Miller, asso. conductress; Mrs. Raymond Kelo, chaplain; Mrs. J. T. Jones, marshal; Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, organist; Mrs. Donald Martin, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Terry Bucholtz, Mrs. James Cushman and Mrs. Ronald Powell, star points; Mrs. Mary Eva, warder; William E. Hall, sentinel.



Miss Lynn Rathbun who recently returned from Girls' State which she attended as a delegate from the Wasco Auxiliary. She was one of the representatives to the Oregon congress from Kookie county.

Marker Placing Time Set For 9:30 Sunday

Placing of markers along the route of The Dalles Military Road which was made official in June of 1869 by Governor George L. Woods, a resident of The Dalles, will be done Sunday, July 12, by a group from the Sherman County Historical society as a Centennial feature for the county. The road which ran from The Dalles to Fort Boise was one of three "military" roads approved at that time to facilitate movement of soldiers from the better settled part of Oregon to the east to protect settlers and gold miners from the often rampaging Palutes and Bannock Indians. So far as is known the Sherman county sector of the road will be the first one marked.

The party will meet at Moro at 9:30 a. m. and go to the juncture of the road below Sargent's with the road to McDermid's for the first planting.

West Wind Riders Camp Out On Trail

The West Wind Riders Club celebrated the 4th with a camp out high among the pines on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Shippey, near Appleton, Wn. Members and their families who enjoyed the trek were Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg and son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, Barbara and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Weedman, Mike, Guy and Debbie, and Mrs. Weedman's nephew from Portland Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Donnie and Debbie Gosson of Portland. Guests from The Dalles were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alford and children, Ken and Ted.

The Wasco Little Leaguers will bring their baseball season to a close July 12, when they will play against the fathers on the Wasco diamond.

The Peeewe team, with Mike Foss and Don Dutton doing the hurling, have won two of the four games played. They were trounced twice by the Moro team, with scores of 0-4 and 4-9, but defeated the Arlington team by a score of 6-3 in the first game, and 7-2 in the last week's game.

The Little Leaguers, under the pitching of Jack Kellogg and Ron Johnson, also dropped two games to Moro, scores of 0-1 and 4-9. They pelted Arlington for an 11-5 score in the first game, but Arlington came back for a 10-0 win in the second. Their one game with the Grass Valley team gave them a lopsided 21-1 victory over that team.

Results of Monday night's game at Hood River was Wasco 10, Hood River 3. The Hood River team will travel to Wasco Saturday for the second game.

Shell Makes Low Bid On Gas, Fuel Contract

When the bids were opened by the county court last Thursday for gas and fuel contracts for the county and the school districts the Shell Oil company was low bidder and will receive the contract which includes 50,000 gallons of ordinary gas at 21.61 cents, 12,000 gallons of premium gas at \$25.11, 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel oil at 12.97, 8,000 gallons of stove oil at 13.97 and 1200 barrels of P3800 at \$3.05 per bbl.

Several other companies bid for the contract at higher figures. The county and school districts also went in together on a tire contract which includes the purchase of new tires and the recapping of old ones. Two firms were close, one better on recapping and one on new tires and it is possible the contract will be divided.

This combined contract for county and school is a new venture on the part of government agencies and apparently will save some money because of a lower price obtainable because of combined purchases.

New Folders Tell About County

Sherman county has some new folders, 20,000 of them having been delivered last week. Half of them bear the centennial mark and will be used for distribution this year, locally and at the centennial building in Portland. Service station operators and motel proprietors may obtain them for distribution to customers.

The folders are printed in brown over yellow paper and contain several pictures of Sherman county. There is a large picture of John Day dam and a map of the county showing creeks and canyons and old roads and trails of interest to the visitor.

Sherman countians who would like to send some information about the county to friends who live away from here may obtain them from the county clerk. Payment for them was made by the county and the Sherman County Club.

OES Installs

Sherman chapter No. 132 OES held open installation of officers last Tuesday evening. The hall was decorated with red and white peonies, roses and other flowers. All the officers carried bouquets of red carnations and the men wore red carnation boutonnières. After the meeting was opened by the worthy matron, Mrs. Jack Adams, a short program was given with Susan Eakin in calypso costume giving a baton routine number, "Banana Boat" and a saxophone solo, "It's No Secret" and "A Medley of Folk songs" by Mona Eakin.

Installing officer, Mrs. Wallace May, was escorted to the East and welcomed. Mrs. Leta Eslinger was installing marshal. Mrs. D. L. Reynolds installing chaplain and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter installing organist. Officers installed were Mrs. Luther Davis, worthy matron, Luther Davis, worthy patron, Mrs. Harold Eakin, asso. matron, Harold Eakin, asso. patron, Mrs. Wallace May secretary, Mrs. Leta Eslinger conductress, Mrs. Harry Justesen asso. conductress, Mrs. D. L. Reynolds chaplain, Mrs. Jack Adams marshal, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, organist, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Adah, Mrs. Bob Schilling, Ruth, Mrs. E. R. Blaylock Esther, Mrs. Harry Hooper, Martha, Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Electa, Harry Justesen, warder, D. L. Reynolds, sentinel.

An addenda "We're Standing Behind You" was presented by the officers for the newly installed matron, Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Harry Justesen, the Junior past worthy matron, presented a silver tray to Mrs. Jack Adams, the outgoing worthy matron, a gift from the chapter and the incoming matron, Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Adams gave a talk and presented gifts to her officers.

Refreshments were served buffet style, from a lace covered table centered with a bouquet of red roses flanked by red candles in silver holders, by Mrs. D. L. Reynolds and Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

Out of town members present were Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of The Dalles. Visitors present were Mrs. Marcus Eslinger, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and Mrs. Frances Mathews of Seattle.