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These Things We Note

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Give a man a few crumbs and he will appreciate them; give him a cake and he will complain about the flavoring.

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Talking about proposed changes is fine; it often shows up the weaknesses so they are not made. Point for talk.

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Development of the ability to communicate is sometimes said to be the difference between man and the other animals.

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Economic conditions are generally better when interest rates are high; it means that saving is encouraged and entrepreneurs are optimistic enough to pay well for the money they need. It often requires neither confidence nor ability to go ahead on two percent money.

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People aren't funny. They are neither odd nor peculiar. They are people and look funny and act funny because they do not recognize the normal. The normal is not always in conformity with our idea of reason. Who's funny now?

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It becomes increasingly apparent that strikes are called by and for labor leaders, not working men. And that must be changed.

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We will be really making progress when someone figures out a way for the great American female to chew gum and eat popcorn at the same time.

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A man in Lake county drilled a well and got a geyser of hot water which the state now claims. If the state gets it Lake county should join California.

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Stories about centennial visitors being mostly from out of state as judged from car registrations were written about a different part of the parking lot than we stopped in. At least seven out of ten were Oregon.

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American industry has the job of creating wants. Then it invents a machine to satisfy the wants. Nice business until mankind gets wise.

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When you're young and your machinery is new it stays in condition with little attention; when you're old you have to pay attention to the wreck constantly to keep it from falling apart.

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It seems probable that legislators are discovering the fact that voters are tired of taxes although it seems as if the message was a long time getting through.

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Towns grow and develop much as do persons, because they want to bad enough to do the things necessary. A town with satisfied business men is not in line for much change.

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Young Mr. Moyer made a pretty fair defense in his battle with champion Don Jordan, but it will be some time before he is champion himself.

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Fiction is easier to believe than truth. Thousands will think western towns a few years ago had regular shootings after seeing the Portland show when they were really very quiet places.

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There is a theory that a man who never does anything bad doesn't have to do anything good in order to keep his balance. The other side of that coin might be better.

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The radical fringe of the Democratic party might vote for Humphrey but that will not be enough.

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We haven't heard the word "stakey" for a long time but it ought to come back in use. In these easy times nearly everyone is "stakey" which was originally used to describe the tremendously independent feeling engendered in the breast of a working man when he had a stake and could quit without fear of imminent starvation.

Republican Chieftain Talks To Party Workers Here Sunday

Peter Gunnar, Republican state chairman, and his press secretary Wally Hunter, were in Moro Sunday coming down from Madras after a tour of the middle counties of Oregon. He met with members of his party in the Moro park who turned out in good numbers to greet the titular chief.

Gunnar praised the late Dave Epps, his former Democrat alter ego, for being truly interested in good government and willing to cooperate with that in mind.

To his partisan audience the Republican chairman said that two parties were essential to the maintenance of our democratic form of government and asked all to help their party in organizational work—and finances.

NAWG Officers Explain Wheat Vote

Oregon wheat producers were urged today to vote in favor of marketing quotas in the national referendum to be conducted Thursday, July 23. Announcement came from Frank Tubbs, Adams, president of the OWGL, and Floyd Root, Wasco, president of the NAWG.

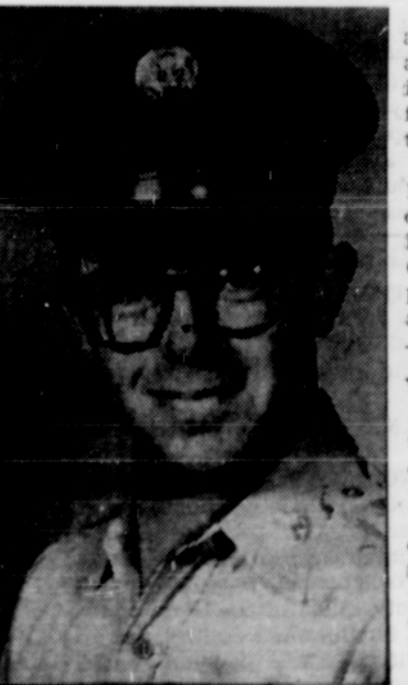
Wheat growers' organizations, while critical of the present wheat program view with alarm the alternative posed to growers in the coming referendum. "If marketing quotas are voted out, the national average price of wheat will drop to about \$1.18 per bushel; if quotas pass, the national average price should be about \$1.79," Root said. "Growers should realize that if quotas are voted out they are still subject to acreage allotments; support level drops to 50 percent of parity; and, under the provisions of the revised Antifuse Bill, a grower who exceeds his allotment will lose the crop history for his farm, his county, and his state," Root added.

If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve quotas, the present wheat program will be in effect for the 1960 crop. This means marketing quotas will remain in effect in all 39 commercial wheat states; farmers who exceed their wheat acreage allotments will be subject to quota penalties on their "excess" wheat (farmers with 15 acres or less of wheat and compliers with feed wheat program are exempted); growers who comply with wheat allotments will be eligible for price support at 75 percent of parity.

If marketing quotas are repealed by growers, a grower could produce all the wheat he desired; however, in addition to losing his "history" he would not be eligible for the 50 percent loan rate and would sell on an entirely free market.

FAIR ENTRIES LIMITED

At the request of 4-H and FFA officials in the county the fair board has agreed that there will be no entries from members of those groups permitted in the open classes. The county fair will be held August 27-30.



Army Pvt. Earl F. Griggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Griggs, Moro, recently completed the communications center operation course at the Southeastern Signal school, Fort Gordon, Ga. During the eight-week course Griggs was trained to receive, process and relay messages by various means of communications. The 20-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of Moro High School and was employed by the Cushman Equipment Co. before entering the Army.

Wheat Grower Voting Day Set By Government

Voting places for the referendum to be held July 23 on marketing quotas for the 1960 wheat crop were announced today by Russel Belshee, chairman, County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee. Polls will be opened from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. The polling locations are as follows: Wasco and Locust Grove communities—City Hall at Wasco; Moro community—County Courthouse, Moro; Grass Valley community—Grass Valley Grain Growers office, Grass Valley; and Kent community—Grass Valley Grain Grower office at Kent.

Farmers who are eligible to vote in the wheat quota referendum are all those who in 1960 will have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain on a farm. The minimum price announced July 8 was set at \$1.77 a bushel for a national average.

If at least two-thirds of the growers who vote in the referendum approve the quotas, they will remain in effect for the 1960-crop wheat and price support will be available to farmers who comply with their farm allotments at at least 75 percent of parity. Farmers who exceed the larger of the farm allotment or 15 acres will be subject to a marketing penalty of 45 percent of wheat parity price on their "excess" wheat.

If the quotas are not approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting, the quotas and penalties will not be in effect, and price support will be available to farmers who comply with their farm wheat allotments at 50 percent of parity, as directed by law. At current parity levels, that would be about \$1.18 per bushel.

Auxiliary Elects Naomi Van Gilder

On July 10 a special meeting of the Auxiliary of Chris Shultz post of American Legion was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Wooderson for the purpose of electing and installing officers. There were 13 members of the unit present and Mrs. Keith McDonald of Wasco was on hand to help with the proceedings.

The following members were elected and installed: Naomi Van Gilder, president; Katy Wooderson, vice president; Florence Thompson, second vice president; Florence Bruckert, secretary-treasurer; Zella Dyer, chaplain; Marian Thompson, sergeant at arms; Alice Conlee, musician.

Ronda Fraser who went to Girls State gave a very good report on the school at Salem.

Joe Sill Takes Job As Stock L'an Man

The appointment of Joseph Sill as agricultural representative in the Columbia Basin area for First National Bank of Oregon was announced by C. B. Stephenson, president. His headquarters will be at The Dalles.

Sill replaces Carl J. Bartlett, agricultural representative in the area for the past two years, who is being assigned to the head office to assume responsibilities in the loan department.

Sill is a native Oregonian and a 1953 graduate of Oregon State college. Before joining the bank he was beef cattle herdman at Oregon State, and prior to his employment at the college he worked at the GI ranch at Brothers.

WASCO ITEMS

Albert C. Kaseberg was taken to a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday night suffering from what was thought to be a heart attack.

Mrs. William Ruppell, mother of Mrs. Floyd Root was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland to recuperate from her recent illness which has kept her bedfast for several days.

ENGINEER WANTED BY UNION PACIFIC

Any young man who would like to be an engineer has a chance. The Union Pacific railroad is going to start some 15 or 20 high school graduates into a course of training as engineers. Applicants will go to Albina for interview and examination and if accepted will start on a run from Albina to Hinkle or to Seattle. Details may be obtained from any local agent of the company.



Refreshed and looking happy are the marker setters and hosts Mrs. Allie Ruggles on her lawn at the Finnegan ranch, once the stopping place called Haystack, when freighters in their

high-wheeled wagons and long strings of jerk-line driven horses or mules pulled slowly between infrequent water holes with food and tools for the gold camp on Canyon Creek near the John Day. Mrs. Ruggles is secretary of the Sherman County Historical society, sponsor of the marker project.



First marker set on the route of The Dalles Military Road, used from 1862 and officially established as a military road in 1869 by edict of Gov. George Wood.

This marker is on the north side of the Arthur Sargent place near where the road turned east and near the spot where young Tom Gordon was shot by Walker in an early day feud. Marker setters are: Mike Mulick, Orville Ruggles, Bob Ferrell, Frank Sayrs, Carroll Sayrs, president of the historical society, Theodore Johnston, former president.

May Family Has Reunion At DeMoss

The May family held a reunion at DeMoss park Sunday, July 12, with 40 persons present. In addition to the families who live in Sherman county there were Mr. and Mrs. Byron May and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Leason Coffey and Mrs. Walter Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Ison from Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moody and four children and Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford May of Vancouver, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Frank May and Tommy of Dufur; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fraser and Paul from Bend; Mrs. Luella May, Mrs. Robert Berger and two children of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hopkins of Riverside, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Claude May and three children of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Goodin of Portland.

At six o'clock Sunday evening Phil Boyer of John Day landed his plane on the Stan Colesch strip to pick up his mother, Mrs. Guy Boyer, to take her directly home.

Deiderich Reckmann Buried At Grass Valley

Graveside services for Deiderich Reckmann were held at the Grass Valley cemetery Monday afternoon following the funeral held at Gresham at ten o'clock that day.

Mr. Reckmann died Friday at the home of his son, Henry, from a succession of strokes from which he had suffered for several years. He was born in Germany July 24, 1874 and came to America with his father Hermann and brother John in 1881. The mother having died in Germany. They lived in Minnesota until 1885 when they came to Sherman county and took up land.

Deiderich Reckmann was a farmer all his life until he retired about 20 years ago and moved to a small place near Boring. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Estel Hartley, Grass Valley, Mrs. Ralph Eakin, Condon, Mrs. Alva Eakin, Idaho, and four sons, Dick, Grass Valley; John, Kent; Andy, Sandy, and Henry, Boring; and 21 grandchildren.

Military Road Marking Started By Local Society

A small but efficient crew of men interested in the placing of markers along the route of The Dalles Military Road set a dozen steel posts bearing such markers Sunday, every one was set in concrete deep enough to assure some permanency.

Carroll Sayrs, president of the Historical society, and his son Frank furnished the trucks and the material. Orville Ruggles, Giles French, Theodore Johnston, Mike Mulick and Bob Ferrell, dug holes and lent a hand where needed.

Road Crossing Marked

The party moved from the north side of Section 20, 1N16 EW, the Sargent place, to the spot where Machin canyon meets the Sherman highway placing a marker on county roads and state highways at suitable distances apart to show the route taken by the freighters who moved goods from the trading town of The Dalles on the Columbia to Canyon Creek on the John Day where gold was discovered in 1862. Pack trains went over that road and freighters with long strings of horses and mules pulled laden wagons over it with due attention to frequent water holes.

Somewhat later business men in The Dalles developed the idea that the federal government might give some land for the building of a road. The federal government did grant to the estate and the state gave to The Dalles Military Road company 592,567.89 acres of land for building a road from The Dalles to Fort Boise. There was not much use for the road by then for the miners had moved on leaving the final panning of gold on Canyon creek to Chinamen.

Others Interested

Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Dickson of Aentelepe joined the party at Grass Valley because of their interest in seeing the road marked through the south part of Wasco county. At the Finnegan ranch, which was called Haystack on early maps, Mrs. Ruggles, present owner and secretary of the society, refreshed the marker setters with cold tea, hot coffee and doughnuts and interested them with a view of her paintings.

Wheat Movement Good For 1958

Movement of grains in and out of Oregon in the year ending June 30 established a record second only to the 1956-57 shipping year, reports Frank McKennon, director of the State department of agriculture.

In 1958-59, the department's grain division inspected 104.5 million bushels of grain arriving at Portland, Astoria and Pendleton from Oregon, other Northwest states and points east of the Rockies. This comes close to the record of 105.7 million bushels shipped into inspection points in 1956-57 and compares with 81.9 million bushels in 1957-58.

On the export side, the 81.6 million-bushel record of two years ago still holds, but last year's 59.9 million bushels topped the 1957-58 movement of 53.6 million bushels. Most of last year's export shipments were from Portland but 1.9 bushels of wheat moved overseas from Astoria. Wheat held the export lead from Portland all three years, but barley export stepped up to 21.8 million bushels last year for a record export movement of that commodity.

Of the almost 52 million bushels of wheat unloaded at Portland last year, 4.4 percent carried smut which represents a substantial drop from the 12.8 percent which carried smut a year earlier. The corresponding figure three years ago was 17.4 percent.

Truck movement of grain into Portland last year totaled 11.4 million bushels, a drop of 2.6 million bushels from a year earlier but still second high on the records.

Water movement into Portland terminals, on the other hand, nosed out the 1957-58 mark to set a new one when river barges discharged slightly more than 9.9 million bushels of wheat and barley.

Mrs. Hildred Zell Home From Philippine Trip With Womens' Club Delegation

Mrs. Hildred Zell returned recently from Manila, P. I., where she had gone as one of the 151 delegates from the U. S. to attend the International Convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs. The 1200 delegates, including women from Japan, Republic of China, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Guam and the Philippines were present. The 1959 convention, which opened in Los Angeles June 6, recessed so that the U. S. delegates could attend the Asian meeting. Mrs. Zell was the only delegate from Oregon to make the trip. This was the second time that the GFWC annual convention had met outside the U. S. and the first Asian meeting. The meeting in Geneva in 1954 was the first meeting to be held outside the U. S.

The women went by air, with their first stop at Honolulu, where they stayed at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. While there they toured Pearl Harbor and visited the National Memorial Cemetery. Before leaving on the next leg of their flight, they were briefed on the military and political situation in the Pacific area by Admiral Felt, commander-in-chief of the Pacific area.

Their second stop was at Tokyo's Imperial Hotel, where they were entertained by the Japan association of University women and the Tokyo YWCA and met with Ambassador McArthur. They also dropped down at Hong Kong for briefing with the American consulate and CARE officials before proceeding on to Manila for the concluding portion of the 1959 convention.

Highlights of the convention in Manila included discussions and studies on community development, the status of women, community education, self help projects and the clubwoman's approach to international understanding. In addition the convention was addressed by ranking government officials, among whom were Philippine President Carlos P. Garcia, Ambassador Chas. E. Bohlen, Secty. of Foreign Affairs F. M. Serrano and Ambassador Trinidad F. Legarda.

It is expected that the convention, aside from enlarging and increasing community development and self help projects, will forge stronger bonds of association among these women of many lands. Harvest has really started and early returns are that it is very good. There are reports of barley making better than a ton to the acre east of Wasco and on the point (Starvation) it is doing better than three-quarters of a ton. The quality is not high, test weights are low, but the yield is satisfactory.

Sometimes early returns are misleading but it is not generally the case and the warm days of last week end do not seem to have done much real damage to the wheat, even where green. It is ripening in good shape. There are spots that are not going to break any records, where the color is the dead drab of cooked grain. But they are few.

By next week some farmers in the north end of the county will be cutting wheat which means that if the crop is to be extensively damaged it must occur quickly. It will probably be better than an average crop unless a catastrophe does happen.

James Weather Gets Lots Of Travel

James L. Weathers, boilerman fireman, USN, son of Basil L. Weathers of Rufus, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Shelton operating with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

The Shelton has traveled over 19,000 miles since her departure from Long Beach, Calif., last March and has visited Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines.