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These Things We Note

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"There is nothing makes a man suspect much more than to know little."

—Sir Francis Bacon

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If we read the papers correctly the recent argument over the showing of "The Lovers" in Portland resulted in good support of the show by newspapermen.

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Prejudices over color and religion are deep-seated and will not die out as long as some one keeps agitating. Easy does it.

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Mr. McDonald, about to go on trial for dynamiting, says that there is prejudice against him caused by newspapers. Maybe so. But reason for mentioning McDonald's name in connection with dynamiting was presumably from his actions.

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Movement to give hospital costs to oldsters to be followed by full medical coverage is based on the belief that it will bring more votes than it loses. There is nothing humanitarian about it.

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Talk about being a hold over from the horse and buggy age; look at the income tax. Exemptions were once large enough a family could live on them. The government that permitted the inflation should adjust the income tax to the lowered value of the dollar.

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Editorial and features of the Oregon Journal are improved in format. Sure restarted. Surely the Oregonian will take credit.

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Something happened to our schedule of sweet and sour or one week hot another cold and it has been cold and wet for two weeks. Growers of wheat do not complain but the growers of radishes are unhappy.

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We think the postoffice department needs an audit to show its costs for different classes of mail.

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Although the plan has worked in some counties the effort of Klamath county to get welfare recipients to work on county road jobs did not get much of a response. For those who don't even want to work there may be some treatment needed.

Let's let the Democrats hold the election in the spring and the Republicans next fall.

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It seems that the merit plan for school teachers has now become a plan to pay good teachers more. That is OK. How about paying poor ones less?

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Federal and state governments by postponing the date for income tax payments show that they are a little ashamed of being so avaricious.

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We have a committee for the aging (very inclusive) several youth commissions, committees, etc., but so far as is noted none for the middle aged. That is a definite need. Must not overlook the middle aged. They vote also.

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A politician says local government must be stronger if the federal government isn't to usurp its functions. That is not true. Federal government must quit over riding local authorities. Local officials some times have the guts to say no and could be encouraged to do it more often if the federal government wasn't so easy.

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The weatherman knows that sunny skies would become tiresome but that may not be the reason he sends some cloudy days. In other words, perfection is not appreciated if continuous.

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Every one who works is paying for social security which a small proportion will receive. The government does not dare to make it voluntary for private firms could do it cheaper and individuals would not take it.

Goldendale CofC, Sherman Club Will Host Pouring

Members of the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce met with members of the Sherman County Club last Friday to make preliminary plans for a public ceremony at the pouring of the first bucket of concrete in the John Day dam.

Coming to Moro for the meeting were Ray Perry, Pete May and Arvo Niemi, president of the chamber.

The exact date for the pouring will be set by Colonel H. B. Elder early in May and after that is decided another meeting will be held to further plans.

It was decided that the observance would be held at 2:30 p. m. so that visitors would be able to get home afterward, that the public generally be invited and no formal invitations issued, that program be brief, that there be no luncheon or dinner nor program other than the one at the dam.

Location of the ceremony will be on the rock fills that meet the coffer dam on the Washington side of the river. It is expected that a speaker's stand and loud speaking facilities will be provided so all may hear. Access roads and parking will be arranged.



Joyce Edwards was voted by the members of the Auxiliary of Chris Schultz Post No. 91, American Legion, to be their delegate to Girls' State this year at Willamette University next June 13 to 19.

Miss Edwards is a daughter of William Edwards of Moro and is a junior at Sherman High School.

George Bell Unit Chose Delegates

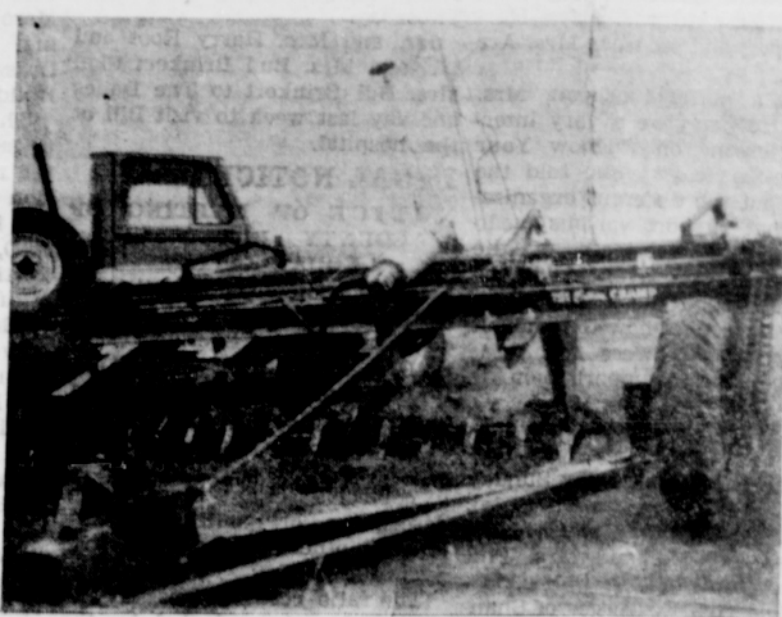
The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Alfred Kock in Moro Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Wallace May, 1st vice-president, conducted the meeting. They spent the afternoon making poppy corsages and plans were made to see the poppies election day May 20. Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap gave their report on the luncheon they attended in the Dalles held in honor of the national president. It was announced that department president, Mrs. Delphine George, Eugene, would make her official visit at a joint meeting of the Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco units held in the Legion hall in Wasco May 4 at 9 a. m. for coffee hour. All unit members are urged to attend. Mrs. Frank Sayrs, chairman, gave her report on Girls State. Betty Reckmann of Kent and Alice Eslinger of Grass Valley will be sent to Girls State in June. Refreshments of Danish pastries, brownies and coffee were served from a lace covered buffet table centered with a bouquet of spring flowers. The next meeting will be the Poppy Tea held at the home of Mrs. Harry Hooper May 11 at 2 p. m.

Spring Festival Dated April 30

Sherman county extension units are holding their annual spring festival, open to the public, at Sherman High School cafeteria, Saturday April 30 starting with a coffee at 1 p. m.

Events on the program are a skit by the Rufus 4-H clothing club, a style show of suits and coats made and modeled by extension unit members and exhibits of projects of last year's work. Main speaker for the day will be Vera Birney, woman's personnel director for Crown Zellerbach.

Free baby sitting has been arranged.



This is the Champ because it feet of this as 28 feet of duck goes through everything. It re-foot. All this stubble mulch cultivation takes power.

Hall & Belshee Win Soil Conservation Man of the Year Citation

Hall and Belshee were the choice of the committee of the wheat league as soil conservation men of the year. Friday was the final meeting of the group named to select the winner of the annual award and John Shipley, David Richelderfer and John Decker, all previous winners, picked the Hall and Belshee operation for a variety of reasons.

Hall and Belshee is Mac Hall, who owns 1900 acres laying across Hay Canyon. The quality of the land is probably about average for the county, mostly rolling but with a few steep slopes, 1500 acres of it is tilled and 180 acres are in grass. There are a few in Hay Canyon that has been cleared of sage and is in grain for this year.

The Hall and Belshee operation is a most interesting one. Stubble mulch farming began in 1949 after some quick floods had washed gullies in the fields and caused the men to think a different type of farming was needed. They began with a small part of their land and took seven or eight years before getting all of their farm land under stubble mulch.

Neither are dogmatic about anything. They will not say that stubble mulch is the best kind of farming nor that the way they do it is the best. In fact, they are changing all the time. Their operation goes something like this. They cut the crop so that no more than a foot of stubble is left standing when possible. In the spring after the ground is dry a few inches deep they run a duckfoot over the stubblefields. If the stubble is too thick for that they have what is called a Champ, a heavy 14 foot rod weeder, that will go through almost anything. The first time over the stubble is left standing at all angles or laying on the ground. This does not kill all the volunteer or cheat grass but it gives it a set back. Then before the growth gets started again they go over it once more with a duck foot run a little deeper. After this operation the stubble is mostly laying on the ground and little of it is fastened to clods.

In any case where the stubble is too heavy the Champ can be used, or if cheat grass grows too fast. The next operation is to go over the ground with a set of skew treads run at an angle. These pickers break up the stubble and dig out volunteer wheat or cheat grass and leave the ground looking almost presentable. It is usually necessary to rod weed before



Russell Belshee and Mac Hall are 12 inch and overlap. Stubble stand beside the duck foot tillage is nearly all gone after second trip with machine. They pull 28 feet.

harvest, say Hall and Belshee.

They find one thing mandatory to success of their kind of operation and that is early seeding. They explain it by saying that trashy fallow is colder than moldboard plowing and grain sprouts slower. September is a very drying month. It is necessary to get wheat well started in the fall so it will be ahead of the cheat. Furthermore trashy fallowed ground does not seem to start grain as early in the spring as moldboard plowing and this fall growth is a must.

The wheat growing on their place looks fine, which was noted by the committee, which commented on their early seeding and their control of cheat grass and their adaptation of machinery.

Hall and Belshee use more fertilizer than other farmers and are putting on a good application now and will add more later in the year after a test is made to determine how much is needed. It takes nitrogen to break down the carbon of the stubble so it will rot. But this has the beneficial effect of making their ground more mellow than many wheat fields. And though there have been some fast rainstorms the stubble mulch has held so far.

They do not seed up and down

the hills, neither do they seed across the hills. Neither prevent erosion, they say, as well as seeding at an angle that permits the water to run down the drill rows but slowly.

The winning operators keep about 50 head of cattle to utilize the grass part of their ranch. Belshee has a brick veneer home in Hay canyon built in 1949 and Hall is building a new home atop the highest hill on the ranch and incidentally with one of the finest views in the county.

Local Musicians Play in New Band

A local band will make its first showing at The Dalles Sunday, April 24 in an opening concert. This band has been practicing since early in the year and includes several musicians from Sherman county who have gone down for regular practice sessions.

Playing are Leroy Belshee, tenor sax, Clyde Fridley, trombone, Catherine Thomas, trumpet, Harold Winegar, trombone and Doug Jacob, trumpet, who make up a part of the band of 50 members of which Bill Sievers is director.

Among the pieces to be played American Patrol, In a Persian Market, His Honor March and are Poet and Peasant Overture, other well known numbers for band music.

Sherman County Club

To Meet Tuesday

The April meeting of the Sherman County Club will be held at the Masonic hall at eight o'clock next Tuesday, April 26, says Frank Ketter, president. There will be some business to be taken care of and reports from committees that have been given assignments. Those interested in the county and its future are invited to attend.

Cancer Campaign

Workers Announced

The campaign to raise funds for the research, education and service program of the American Cancer Society, is now in full swing in Sherman County, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman.

Among the new volunteer workers announced by Mrs. Earl Gentry for the Moro area are Mrs. Mel Parker, Mrs. Harold Melzer and Miss Nadine Griggs; those for the Rufus area assisting Mrs. W. H. McDonald are Mrs. Frank Reid, Mrs. Ruth Spagle, Mrs. Jean Brown and Mrs. Dagney Swigart; and those for the Wasco area helping Mrs. Keith McDonald are Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and Mrs. Leona Van Gilder.

This campaign has been endorsed by many fraternal, patriotic, religious and agricultural organizations. The Honorable Governor Mark O. Hatfield will again be honorary state chairman. In accepting the chairmanship, Governor Hatfield said: "As one who has had experience within his own family with the tragic toll which cancer takes in human life, I am glad to serve as honorary state chairman for the American Cancer Society, during its 1960 crusade. Much progress has been made, particularly in recent years toward this ultimate goal of determining preventive measures through cancer research, but there remains much to be done which requires the support of all of us, not only in research but also in other areas of assistance."

Wheat Growers Plan Spring Meet Next Thursday

"Wheat Growers Stake in Asia" will be pictorial presented by Frank Tubbs, past-president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League during the spring meeting of the Sherman Wheat Growers League, Thursday evening, April 28, Wasco. All wheat growers, wives, and friends are invited to attend to hear this report and recognize the 1960 conservation winners, states Marvin Thomas, county association president.

Mac Hall and Russell Belshee will be honored as 1960 County Conservation winners during the 6:30 p. m. banquet prior to the general meeting. The banquet will be held in the Methodist church basement. Recognition of the winners will be made by the county wheat league. Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup, Kent, will also be honored as the 1959 Cake Baking winner. Following the recognition banquet, the general meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p. m. at the Masonic hall.

Dalmor Equipment company will present the award to the conservation winners. John Welbes, executive vice-president, OWGL, will discuss the association activities since the annual meeting. County committee and league officers will likewise make reports on activities.

Public relations program, initiated by the league recently, will be reported upon by Mac Hall, league public relations vice-chairman.

Other County Wheat League business will be held during the meeting including recommendations of names for a replacement on the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Wheat growers or others interested in planning to attend the banquet are asked to make their reservations by April 25 with the Sherman county agent office by phone or card. The banquet is being served by the Methodist church ladies.

Boy's Body Found Near Maryhill Ferry

The body of Tom Colwash was found in the Columbia river Sunday, April 17, and brought in to the Maryhill Ferry landing where officials took charge, according to Loy Cochran, Sherman county coroner. Young Colwash, an Indian boy of 16, was drowned when he fell from the Arlington ferry the evening of March 30. Burial was made in the Rock Creek cemetery.

Property Taxpayers May Protest Tax

Property taxpayers have until May 16 to file petitions with the Sherman County Board of Equalization for the review of assessments, according to Vernon Miller, chairman of the three-man board, and County Assessor Clair Balzer.

The board, composed of Chairman Miller, J. K. McKean and Gordon Harper, will convene in the courthouse on Monday, May 9, to make the annual review of assessments in the county. Oregon law provides that a property owner may appear in person or be represented by an attorney before the board when it considers petitions for reductions of assessments.

Taxpayers may determine the "assessed value" of their property by contacting the Assessor's office. By dividing this figure by the county ratio of 20 1/2, they can arrive at the "true cash value."

Or this may be done by multiplying the "assessed value" by 5. A taxpayer planning to appeal to the Board of Equalization should first review his assessment with Assessor Balzer. If the assessor feels the assessment is correct and the taxpayer disagrees he may place his case before the board on or before May 16. Forms for this purpose may usually be obtained from the Assessor or the County Clerk, who serves as secretary to the board.

If the board sustains the Assessor, the taxpayer has 30 days, after the board's notice is sent to him or published, in which to continue his appeal to the State Tax Commission. Thereafter he may take his case to Circuit Court.

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

Mrs. Ida Olds and Alton had dinner Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of The Dalles and their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Haskin and family of Grangeville, Idaho spent Friday here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clodfelter took their grandson, Phillip Marsh, to his home in Hood River Easter Sunday and spent the day with their sons in law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Don Marsh and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eccles and family. Other guests were Mrs. C. P. Adams of The Dalles, Wendell Clodfelter up from OSC and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams of Hood River.

Dinner guests at the Alfred Payne home Easter Sunday were Mrs. Ben Payne and Mrs. Irene Belshe and Frances of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ashley from Washington, who were over night guests leaving Monday.

The past noble grands met at the home of Mrs. Art Schilling Tuesday afternoon. They cut out quilts blocks to make a quilt for the Camp Columbia Boys home. Those present were Mrs. Clyde Stradley, Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, Mrs. Bill Rolfe, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Claud Bayer, Mrs. Earl Olds and Mrs. Bernard Martin. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the IOOF hall Tuesday May 10.

Mrs. Curly Elchler was hostess with Ruth Alley and Sandra Wilson as cohostesses at a surprise party held at the IOOF hall Friday evening honoring Carolyn Johnson on her birthday anniversary. Several of the mothers were present as chaperons. The evening was spent playing games and dancing. After the honor guest opened her gifts about 35 enjoyed the birthday cake, ice cream, punch and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett had as dinner guests Easter Sunday Mrs. O. N. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney and Alan of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland and

their son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garland of The Dalles took a trip to Heppner Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and family drove to Olympia, Wn. Saturday and spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. Henry Roth, returning late Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Schilling and Gary took Mrs. W. F. Schilling to The Dalles Monday on business.

Mrs. Elton Eakin and children and Stan Earl were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family attended St. Paul's Episcopal church in The Dalles Easter Sunday and had dinner with the Keith DeCourcy family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rust spent Easter Sunday in The Dalles with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zeigler Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling spent Easter Sunday in Ellensburg with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Galley.

The old Van Gilder house on the place farmed by Raymond Van Gilder was completely burned Wednesday afternoon. Faulty wiring is thought to be the cause. The Wasco fire department was called out but the wind was too high.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jesse Helyer were held in The Dalles Tuesday following her death in Vancouver Friday after a long illness from cancer.

Your correspondent has been combing the north end of Sherman county in search of people for the census. Work is progressing very satisfactorily and should be completed by the end of the week. Sherman county doesn't have much population, but covers quite a lot of territory.

A rain fell in Rufus and the north end of the county Monday. It was enough moisture to stop workers in the fields in some areas. It was a good rain and very welcome for the farmers who have pasture and crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Deal of La Jolla, California arrived Sunday

for a visit with Mrs. Deal's mother, Mrs. Ida Everett.

Easter Mrs. Leona Van Gilder and Mrs. Elva Dehler, accompanied by the former's daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunels and Donna Jean of Moro, drove to Condon for dinner, then returned by way of Arlington and the Rock Creek country.

The "Easter bonnet" worn by Lloyd Royce Sunday gave him the look of a visitor from outer space as the result of surgery on his ears last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and family drove to Boardman Easter. They attended church there with Mr. Root's mother, Mrs. Florence Root, and spent the day with her. Enroute they stopped in Arlington for a visit with Mr. Root's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber, whose guests also included their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Macomber and family from California. The two families from Arlington came Wednesday to Wasco and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Root.

Mrs. A. von Borstel had as Easter weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sondenaa and Penny and Lynn and his mother, Mrs. Gus Sondenaa from Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and Tony and Melissa of Moro had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mrs. A. von Borstel were business visitors in Hood River Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and family spent Easter Sunday in Beaverton visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hart and family.

Ed Fritts was the speaker at the Baptist church Sunday. The Sunday school classes presented an Easter program, Bill Todd, superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Olds spent Easter Sunday in The Dalles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Starr.