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These Things We Note

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CIVILIZATION

The cartoon above is very simple to illustrate anything so complex as civilization. It depicts a full stomach in a soft hammock. It is apt because the effect of our civilization and perhaps its purpose is to do less and get more, to make the stomach bigger and the hammock softer. Our plethora of gadgetry, our emphasis on foods, our desire for ease all point to our national aims. How long will it be before some one gives us a different purpose in life?

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The fair board was lucky enough to draw the first cold weather and the first threat of rain.

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McDonald, the steel boss, says a lot of his men are out of work. They asked for it or rather McDonald did. Foreign steel makers are waxing fat while ours draw unemployment comp.

Election is a time for many persons to decide whether to be loyal to their thinking or their prejudices.

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We hope that when that famous debate comes off it doesn't interfere with the fights or the football games. They would be more interesting and the debates look like a TV gimmick anyway.

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This urge to establish a government for every little tribe of people may be a start toward more independence of people themselves.

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There must be money in these retirement homes that charge a membership and a fee for food and care. There's so many of them.

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A group from Prineville is talking about preserving what remains of Camp Watson, a long discarded and nearly forgotten army camp near Antone in Wheeler County. It is nearly 100 years old as soldiers were stationed on it to protect travelers over The Dalles Military road.

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It says here: we have to have big labor because we have big business and we have to have big government because we've got both. And we'll have to develop some big men to handle any one of them for the success of any of them depends on men.

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Early advocates of the Forand bill to pay increased medical benefits to oldsters out of social security has finally aroused some dissent from those most hurt, by which we mean those who expect to live on social security in old age and who naturally do not want to see their funds spent for welfare before they reach the age to start to collect.

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Some Portlander has coined the phrase "outer Oregon" meaning us hicks who live in the sticks. It is mindful of outer Mongolia or Slobovia, and, as such, indicates the assumed—not actual—superiority of the city dweller. More polite people try to hide their arrogance.

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Interest rates are going down because there isn't enough demand for money. But money is going to countries with high interest rates and soon it will be short here and rates will go up again.

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Mr. Ullman, whose backing is mostly from labor and Mr. Phair, whose background is agricultural, are getting their campaign warm rather early and may create enough interest that voters will study the race and know what each stands for.



Alice Kaseberg fed a right fat calf and brought him to the fair and took the prize for the best 4-H fat steer of the show which is quite a feat in a county where nearly every youngster feeds a fattened calf.

Fair Entertainment Was Tucker Rodeo

The entertainment feature of the fair was the Tucker rodeo to which was added the music of Sheldon Brooks and the negro team of Ford and Williams supplemented by a clown act by Dodo Earls, who also would have protected fallen bull riders from the ire of their mounts had the bulls been irate.

The bareback riders were generally unsuccessful. The calf ropers made good time with Smoky Kaiser, an old timer from Goldendale, winning the event with time of 13.6 Sunday and 14.0 Saturday night, for a total of 27.6 for two calves to win \$73.66.

Most of the saddle bronc riders were able to stick and Norman Gorce was adjudged the best of the lot with 185 points. Horses were not the roughest ever seen, no one but Buford Kennison being thrown and he failed to keep his balance out of the chute.

Steer Wrestlers had a bad time Sunday as but five of 13 doggers made time. Clint Roberts threw his steer in 8.2 and George Berg downed one in 7.9 but they beat the barrier. Brahma bull riders lasted quick except Forrest Rhinehart who stayed the required eight seconds.

The music of Sheldon Brooks and his orchestra was good and the dance for which he played at Grass Valley night was successful. It is probable that Ford of Ford and Williams could sing but no proof was offered.

Vleda VanGaasbeck Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Vleda Van Gaasbeck died suddenly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee Wednesday morning and funeral services will be held from the Wasco Methodist Church Monday at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. Van Gaasbeck was a member of the Dunlap family, early day settlers just down Spanish Hollow from Wasco. Surviving are a son, Clark Van Gaasbeck of Blalock, two grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. McKee and a brother, Clifton living near Bend.

Cattlemen's Sale Again Successful

The livestock sale held for the benefit of Sherman fair exhibitors by the local stockmen brought a total of \$14,987.24 this year, less than last year but fewer stock were sold and the prices somewhat lower. It was considered a satisfactory sale as top sheep sold for 45 cents, top swine brought 50 cents and the best 4-H steer brought 46 cents.

The 30 sheep sold brought \$1199.93 for an average of 43.6 cents a pound; the 27 swine brought \$2061.92 an average of 38.3 cents per pound, and the 33 beef sold for \$11,725.39 for an average of 32.2 cents per pound.

The Alice Kaseberg calf went for 46 cents with Leonard Fields buying it and his son's calf, the FFA champion went for 37 cents with Howard Ross the purchaser. Barbara Medler's 4-H champion sheep brought 45 cents a pound from Muller Equipment and Pete Macnah bought the Doug Medler FFA champion sheep for 42.5 cents a pound. Virgil Fields top 4-H swine went for 50 cents with Madras Livestock buying and the FFA champion of John Fields brought 40 cents from Trace Fields.

Postoffice Dedication Due Sunday at Two

Lloyd Johnson, postmaster, has sent out invitations to patrons to attend the dedication of the new postoffice building to be held Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p. m. on the lot adjacent to the building.

Donald Acton, field service officer from the Portland office of the postal department, will make the dedicatory address and present the flag to the new office which will be received by the color guard of the local American Legion post.

Miss Sharon Coelsch will play the organ for the musical part of the program. Clair Balzer will be chairman and Larry Eddings will give the benediction. Giles French will speak on the historical background and Mayor B. H. Robertson will welcome the visitor to the town and program.

Fair Brings Fine Exhibits To Notice Of Consumers

It was a good fair with high quality exhibits especially from the children of the county. Adults were in general too busy to take much of a part in getting anything ready for the fair.

By unplanned timing the fair ended Saturday evening with the sale of livestock exhibited and the rodeo began that evening. There was almost no mixing of the fair and rodeo in time.

Alice Kaseberg showed the grand champion 4-H steer, heavy Hereford that was rated a slight favorite over the reserve champion, a Hereford shown by Jimmie Wilson. Virgil Fields had the grand champion FFA steer, a Hereford from the Fields' herd.

Dean Ruggles had the best Shorthorn steer. Doug Medler had the top light Angus and Allan Shipley the best heavy Angus and champion. Roy Sather had the best light Hereford. One feature of the show was the exhibition of breeding stock by 4-H clubbers. The FFA has always shown breeding stock.

In the girls' division many had taken to knitting and the showing of sweaters and dresses was indicative of a great deal of work and no doubt alike amount of coaching on the part of the leaders.

The flowers, although not as plentiful as in some years, were attractively displayed. Paintings by Mrs. Allie Ruggles drew much attention for they were of a type understock locally.

Mrs. Eunice Moran, nee Bucholtz at Grass Valley, brought up a most interesting display of hand made pottery to decorate a corner of the pavilion.

City Council Asks New Garbage Rule

The city council of Moro has sent out notices to all that a garbage disposal service will be started September 1 on a trial basis.

The council expresses the hope that many householders will get rid of their backyard burners and use the public service which will cost fifty cents per can and will be billed with water bills. Home owners will furnish their own can which should not be larger than 35 gallons.

Those desiring to take advantage of the offer may see Loy Cochran, marshal, or notify the treasurer at Ranch and Home.

Census Figures

Notification of the population of towns in Oregon according to the 1960 census has been made by the census bureau.

Population of Grass Valley is now 229 which is up 17.4 percent from the 195 it had in 1950. Population of Moro is now 329 down 8.4 percent from the 359 it had in 1950.

Population of Wasco is now 346 up 13.4 percent from the 305 it had in 1950.

The county population is 2430 up 7 percent from the 2271 it had in 1950.

Livestock Report

Livestock receipts totaled 416 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2 butchers hogs, 180-230 lbs. sold 75c higher at \$18.40 to \$19.50. Heavy, over 400 lb. sows sold at \$14.00 to \$14.80. Feeder hogs were in good demand and brought \$16.00 to \$17.25 a cwt. Weaners brought \$6.00 to \$12.00 a head.

A small supply of feeder lambs cleared at \$13.90 to \$15.20 a cwt. Breeding ewes, mixed ages, \$10.75 to \$13.00 a head.

Utility grass steers sold mainly steady at \$17.00 and \$19.00 with standards up to \$22.00. Standard heifers sold mainly at \$18.00 to \$20.50.

Utility cows sold at \$12.50 to \$14.00 with cutters and canners at \$9.50 to \$12.00.

Feeder steer calves around 500 lbs. or heavier brought \$23.00 to \$23.50. Steer calves 400 lbs. or less cleared at \$24.00 to \$26.25. Yearling steers around 800 lbs. brought \$21.00 to \$22.50. Common and Holstein steers sold down to \$16.00.

One lot of 48 light yearling heifers cleared at \$21.00. Heifer calves sold up to \$24.00.

A few good veal calves cleared at \$24.00 to \$25.00. Common calves sold mainly at \$19.00 to \$22.50.

Baby Holstein calves sold mainly at \$12.50 to \$17.50 with odd head up to \$25.00.



Virgil Fields picked this calf out of the Fields' herd and fattened some good calves in the process.

Farmers Still Borrow Money When Wealthy Fair Premiums Total Nearly \$4000

Farmers in Oregon were using a total of \$67,975,000 in credit obtained from banks on January 1, 1960, the largest amount for all institutional lenders. This is an increase of 7% from a year earlier. In addition, the banks held on the first of the year \$798,000 of CCC paper for farmers in connection with the government's farm price-support program. According to a special study made by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., farmers of Oregon obtained credit from all but one of the 51 insured commercial banks in 1959. This information comes from the American Bankers Association.

Maybe Farmers Can Learn To Market

In the past 10 years, our retail bill for these foods has been upped 42% or better than 4% a year. Marketing charges, on the other hand, have zoomed upward at a much faster pace—from \$20.8 billion in 1949 to \$33.7 billion in 1959, 62% or an average of more than 6% a year. The upturn came about because of a combination of heavier marketings and higher per unit costs of most product groups. The farm value went up from \$16.9 billion in 1949 to \$19.7 billion in 1959—an increase of 16%, or at the rate of only 1.6% a year.

Percentage-wise, marketing costs have increased fastest over the past decade on meat products, slowest on bakery and cereal products. Of the five main farm-food groups—meat products, dairy products, poultry and eggs, bakery and cereal products, and fruits and vegetables—the farmers receive the smallest share of the retail dollar from bakery and cereal products, the largest from poultry and eggs.

Two Children Hurt During Fair Days

Casey Wallace, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pal Wallace fell from a horse at the fairgrounds Friday and broke her arm near the elbow which put her out of action temporarily. Another accident was not so serious, Jimmie Wilson was kicked in the middle of the forehead by a cow but fortunately was not hurt very badly.

V B. Eakin Dies At 81 Years

"Len" Eakin, it was Volando B. on the church register, died Friday morning in a hospital in The Dalles after an illness of several weeks caused by an infection in a foot.

Mr. Eakin was born June 15, 1879 in Allendale, Missouri and came to Sherman County with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Eakin in the 1880s. When a young man he acquired his first piece of land and started farming, a venture he made very successful, adding to his acres as he added to his family until he controlled a large part of the Rutledge community. He moved to The Dalles in 1942, turning the land over to his sons.

Surviving are his widow, Fay (Blaylock), seven sons, Alva, Weiser, Idaho, Millard, Madras, Harold, Owen, Elton, Vernon, Grass Valley and Ralph of Condon; a daughter, Mrs. Ellen Haskin, Grangeville, Idaho; a brother L. Dell, The Dalles; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Bush and Mrs. Lottie Dillinger, Portland, Mrs. Arcie, Alturas, Calif.; 26 grandchildren two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Eakin was a member of the Methodist church at Grass Valley and an active Mason and member of the Grass Valley lodge. For years he was active in the affairs of the Rutledge school and was a director of the Sherman County Historical Society.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Moro Community Presbyterian church with Rev. Larry Eddings officiating and the Masonic lodge in charge of graveside services which were at the Rose cemetery.



Doyn Price, newly appointed manager of the Sherman County branch of First National Bank of Oregon, will assume his new duties here September 5.

Reunion of Veterans Getting Organized

Theodore Johnston has received assurance from 25 veterans of World War I from Sherman County that they and their wives will be here September 4 to attend the reunion of elder veterans. This grew out of the two year old reunion of the veterans who left Sherman County for Camp Lewis on September 4, 1918.

There were 331 from Sherman County who served in World War I. All are invited to the reunion and in addition some long time residents who went from other counties. Not all can be reached, not all will be able to come. But there must be 50 still alive although mortality has been heavy.

Those who know the address of veterans of the first World War should tell Mr. Johnston about it so he can send them an invitation.

Football Schedule Dates Bigger Teams

The football season will be somewhat different this year than last inasmuch as Sherman High has moved into the A2 class and will meet bigger schools and more distant ones. The schedule has nine games of which four are at home and five away.

Sept. 9—Estacada—there
Sept. 16—Wheeler Co.—Fossil
Sept. 23—Hood River—home
Sept. 30—Lakeview—home
Oct. 7—Grant Union—there
Oct. 14—Burns—there
Oct. 21—Madras—home
Oct. 28—Heppner—home
Nov. 4—Maupin—there

C. A. Tom, Ex-Judge, Legislator, Dies

Curtis Allen Tom was born Dec. 21, 1880 in Springfield, Ill. He passed away at a hospital in The Dalles, August 23, 1960, after a long illness at age 79. He was a resident of Rufus, Ore., since 1882. He was a well known wheat farmer. Married Susie A. Tom Nov. 5, 1911 at Willow Creek, Oregon.

Judge Tom studied law under Francis B. Galloway. He served two terms in the State Legislature and was county judge in Sherman County for one term. He served 30 years in the Red Cross and founded the First Aid and Highway Safety program. He served 45 years on the Rufus school board. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles. He was a charter member of the Sherman County Grain Growers; a member of the Odd-Fellow lodge in Moro; Knights of Pythias in The Dalles; Masonic lodge in Wasco; Al Kader Shrine of Portland; Anna Fulton chapter of the Order of Eastern Star; life member of the Oregon Wheat League; life member of the Sherman County Historical Society; and the Wasco County Pioneers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Susie A. of Rufus; one daughter, Catherine E. Tom, Rufus; one son, Charles Allen Tom of Rufus and The Dalles; three sisters, Edith F. Baragar of Redmond, Sadie E. Yocum, Rufus and Leah Robertson Salem; three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles Saturday at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. E. Ernest Tayler will officiate. Interment, Arlington cemetery in Arlington, Oregon. The body will lie in state at Spencer & Libby Funeral Home until Friday evening at 9:00 p. m.

Schools Supplied With Teachers For September 6

The Sherman County schools will begin the 1960-61 school year Tuesday, September 6 (the day after Labor Day).

The various school districts report that the teaching staff has been filled with the exception of two teachers, and it is expected that they will be contracted by the beginning date.

New principals have been hired for Rufus and Moro. At Rufus, Roy Gayman from Tum a Lum replaces Jack Lloyd, and at Moro, Ben Ward from Tygh Valley replaces Steve Stivers. Both men have attended Eastern Oregon college of Education at La Grande.

The law requires that except as provided by law, all pupils between the ages of 7 and 18 are required to go to school if they have not completed high school.

The law also provides that a child may enter the first grade if his sixth birthday occurs on or before November 15.

A meeting of the Sherman County principals will be held in the court house Thursday, September 1 at 3:00 p. m.

Following is the list of teachers for Sherman County, 1960-61:

District No. 3
Rufus Elementary School
Roy Gayman, Principal 8th
Donald Kohlmeier 6th & 7th
Mary Robinson 4th & 5th
? ? ? 2nd & 3rd
Lyla Hayes 1st

District No. 7
Wasco Elementary School
C. A. Hockett, Principal 6th
Leland Schwendel 8th,
Arts & Crafts

Dorothy Smith 7th
Girls' P. E.
Irlene Kirkwood 6th
Kindergarten

Carl Ziegler 5th
Boys' P. E.
Elizabeth Hill 4th
Grace Zevely 3rd
Lois Daily 2nd
Mythena Grater 1st

District No. 17
Moro Elementary School
Ben Ward, Principal 7th & 8th
Boys' P. E.

Shelley Roberson 7th & 8th
Music and Kindergarten
Shirley Mae Ricks 6th
Girls' P. E.

Margaret Christianson 5th
Frances Jeffries 4th
Ardith Trullinger 3rd
Dorothy Blagg 2nd
Leona Heigeson 1st

District No. 23
Grass Valley Elementary School
Hans Meves, Principal 7th & 8th
Elizabeth Bowden, 5th & 6th
Helen Meves 3rd & 4th
Virginia Sullivan 1st & 2nd
Bertha Brinkert Kindergarten

District No. 9
Kent Elementary School
Eugene Knott, Principal 6th & 7th
8th and Band

Josephine Parkhurst 3rd, 4th, 5th
Sella Rooper 1st & 2nd
Sherman High School
Mary Brackett, English and Library

Dale Christianson Boys' P. E.
and Health, Baseball & Football Coach
Doris Hampton English & Journalism

Ordie Hoyer Social Studies
Basketball and Track Coach
Douglas Jacob, Music
Gary Nichols Mathematics

Doris Pearson, Home Economics
Girls' Health & P. E.
Don Shawe, Social Studies
English and Speech

Keith Showers Science
Mary Shumway Social Studies
and French
Marvin Robertson, Vocational Agriculture

? ? Business Education

State Treasurer Handles Fines

State Treasurer Howard C. Belton in addressing the Justices of the Peace at their convention in Redmond August 26 pointed out that the 1959 legislature enacted laws, effective July 1, 1960 relative to the distribution of fine monies which will result in better than half a million dollars to the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961. Mr. Belton noted that a surplus is building up in the state treasury and will be greatly needed to meet the increased demands for state service. "I hope to see the state continue on a cash basis."