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These Things We Note

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Sherman county on a bright fall morning shows little evidence of the original settlers who first came there. A few trees here, a house foundation there. That is bad. Every man likes to leave something permanent behind him or to go on forever himself. That is the basis of many religions. Sherman county was settled in the eighties and is now in the third generation with a few who were growing up then still alive and the fourth generation getting to be important. Some of the same families are here and many in laws.

There are not many place names bearing the name of people, early settlers or other. Rufus for Rufus Wallis, DeMoss for Professor James ends the list of towns although for communities there is Rutledge and Boardman. But Sherman countians prefer to name their locations for some other reason than that some one lived there. Like Lickskillot or Starvation point. Wasco was named for a county, Moro for a place in Illinois, Grass Valley for a rank growth of English rye and Kent because it was short.

There is Fulton canyon, Gordon butte, McDonald's ferry and the old John Day itself and there are a few other canyons named for men who lived in them. Incidentally why did that long canyon ever get the name of Hay?

Probably one of the best reasons for success is discipline. Of course the law provides discipline of a sort for those who won't or can't do it themselves. But the law is getting lax about its discipline because voters don't like it and it shouldn't be a force for personal discipline anyway. That is up to the individual. If he wants to succeed he has to set a course and stay with it regardless. If his plans were good and his discipline also good he can make it.

Northern California has been getting rain, great generous doses of it, that splatters on the streets and soaks the red, gravelly soil to start the grass. Outwardly it resembles Sherman county rain, is wet, falls from the skies, is often attended by wind. Some expressed curiosity on the subject could start an investigation by the two states (appropriately financed) to determine the points of similarity and difference in the interest of science.

The waitress had beautiful red hair going away. She sure had a good "do" on it. And when she turned around you could tell why. She had not other features that she could make anything out of.

The Sacramento river starts from some springs near Shasta which is a town on the west flank of the mountain, a huge mound of rock some 14,000 feet high. For miles the river flows over gravel between two high hills in a gorge hardly wide enough for it and the railroad track. It picks up help from other streams and finally breaks out into the valley where the big dam holds its water back for miles making a crooked lake that runs up narrow canyons and surprises the occasional viewer. The Pit river joins above the dam and is crossed by a long, high bridge that would almost reach over the Columbia. Once in the flat country the Sacramento gets lazy and drifts until at Stockton it turns to run into the bay. It gives transfusions along the way to the land helping the growth of grain, nuts, olives and such other products as give promise of delighting man enough that he will pay for them.

Eastern Oregon did pretty well in the election in one regard. It eliminated two members of the house of representatives who had been voting their party instead of their people. It put a good scare into one of the two remaining and maybe it can do better next time.

SCS Group To Meet In The Dalles For Three Days

Better farming methods and improved water use will be among the goals of some 300 farmer and rancher conservationists when they meet in The Dalles, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. H. C. Grabenhorst, Work Unit Conservationist for Sherman county, who made the announcement, said that several farmers from this area were planning to attend the sessions.

As delegates to the 12th annual convention of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts, conservationists will look for solutions to flood prevention, farm woodland, pasture management and water storage problems.

The conservationists are district supervisors and members of district governing boards. Under an active type program, they direct good land use work on a total of 9,000,000 acres, covering 12,853 farms and ranches in the state's 58 soil conservation districts.

"District supervisors," says Elmer Peterson, Portland, Association president, "are farmers and busy people. It's hard for them to break away from their chore. They are glad to make this sacrifice to help their fellow farmers."

"We think this year's program will help them do an even better job of administering their districts. They are each shouldering one of the state's biggest and toughest jobs in getting good soil and water work on the land."

Speakers at the sessions include Cecil Hagen, Spokane, editor of Farm Quad magazine who will address the luncheon gathering, and Dr. William R. Van Dersal, Washington, D. C., assistant administrator for management, U. S. SCS, the Thursday banquet speaker.

Robert Baum, Salem, administrative officers Oregon State SCS committee; Mrs. Ben Musa, The Dalles, and Wesley Cornwall, Spokane, a director of the National Association of SCS districts, are also down for talks.

Among contest presentations to be made at the meeting Thursday are awards to winners of the 1958 Goodyear conservation farming contest. These awards will go to the West Umatilla SCS district, one of its supervisors, Henry Kopacz, Hermiston, and its top farmer for the year, J. C. Norton, Stanfield. Kopacz and Norton will receive expense free trip to Goodyear's Experimental Farm near Litchfield, Arizona.

ASC Committeemen To Be Elected

Ballots were mailed to all county farmers this week for the election of ASC community committeemen for 1961.

These committeemen assist the ASC county committee in administering the wheat allotment, CCC price support, soil bank, and agricultural conservation programs for the county.

Any farmer who has not received a ballot can obtain one at the ASC office in Moro. Ballots should be returned to the ASC office before November 25.

REVIVAL SERVICES CLOSE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A two-week revival meeting being held at the Wasco Church of Christ will be concluded Sunday evening. Services are held from 7:30 to 8:45 p. m. each evening.

In Wasco conducting the revival is Martin Lee of Castle Rock. Special music is also being featured during the services. The general public is invited to attend.

TO PUBLISH PAPER EARLY

With Thanksgiving falling on publication day the Sherman County Journal will be published and distributed to readers Wednesday of next week. All correspondents are urged to mail their copy in not later than Tuesday morning.

It will be greatly appreciated if Moro citizens would send in, or call personal items to the Journal.

Churches To Hold Joint Service Nov. 23

The Wasco Methodist church and Community Presbyterian church of Moro will join in a Union Thanksgiving Eve service to be held in the Moro church, Wednesday evening, Nov. 23 at 7:30.

The choirs of both churches will join in leading the music. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Bank Receives 59 Pints; Gallon Pins Awarded To Two

Sherman county citizens donated 59 pints to the blood bank during the visitation of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Moro Community Church Tuesday.

Four nurses and a doctor from a center in Portland were assisted by several local women.

Receiving gallon pins were Don Smith and Robert Brisbane.

Local expense of the bloodmobile visit to Sherman county is the lowest in the area, due to the fact that people who are unable to give blood furnish coffee, juice and doughnuts, Mrs. Earl Gentry, canteen chairman, reported.

Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, blood program chairman, thanks the donors and all who assisted with the work.

4-H Leaders Honored At Annual Banquet

Sherman county 4-H leaders were recognized Tuesday evening Nov. 15 at a banquet held in the I. O. O. F. Hall in Grass Valley.

Pacific Power and Light Co. sponsored the banquet and Del Friedline, local agent, offered the welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of The Dalles also represented the company.

Elmer Lierman, field representative, U. S. National Bank, presented pins to leaders. Receiving special recognition were Mrs. Paul Fraser and Leonard Fields, receiving a corsage of flowers and cigars respectively for their 10 years of leadership. A corsage was also presented to Mrs. Orville Ruggles for providing organ dinner music. The corsages were made by Mrs. Doug Alley. Also a ten year leader, but unable to attend was Mrs. Howard Ross.

The group was entertained by Miss Vee Busse, who sang "Make the Best Better," accompanied by Mrs. Busse, and by Ann Hall who did two Hula dances.

Bob Martin, outgoing president 4-H Leaders' Association, acted as toastmaster. Offering remarks were Mrs. Lloyd Henriks and Judge Vernon Miller. The Rev. Maynor Reed was present to offer the blessing.

Tuberculosis Tests To Be Given All Citizens Early In December

The potential tuberculosis reservoir in Sherman county will be determined next month when current plans are carried out, it was announced this week by Mrs. Marvin Thomas, publicity chairman for the Health Advisory Council.

The Sherman county council is spearheading a campaign to skin test every resident of the county to determine if they have been exposed to the germ that causes tuberculosis. Cooperating will be the Wasco-Sherman public health department and the Sherman county tuberculosis and health association.

School children will be included in the program if parents request the test be given. Request forms will be sent home with the child and are to be returned to the school.

Adult and pre-school children are encouraged to get tuberculin tests at the elementary schools in these locations:

11:30 a. m.; 1:15 to 3:00 p. m.	December 5 — 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.
1:15 to 3:00 p. m. — Kent.	December 6 — 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. — Wasco.
2:00 to 3:30 p. m. — Moro.	December 7 — 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. — Rufus.

The skin test will be "read" and positive reactors will get x-rays about two days later at the same locations.

This schedule requires that two trips be made—one for the test and one for the reading two days later.

High School To Present Concert Saturday, Nov. 19

The third annual fall concert, "Autumn Nocturne," under the direction of Douglas Jacox, will be held in the Sherman County High School, Saturday, November 19, at 8:00 p. m.

Sixteen numbers are scheduled on the program, featuring the high school band and chorus. The band has a personnel of 32 pieces with the chorus comprised of 25 members.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults, 50c for students and 25c for children. The general public is invited.

Local Hardware Store Sold To Floyd Rogers

Sale of the Ranch and Home Store in Moro was announced the first of the week by Mr. and Mrs. John Parker to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers of Portland. The new owners took over the operation of the business the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, who have operated the store for the past 12 years, plan to retire from business and will make their home in Grants Pass.

The hardware and variety business is not new to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, having been engaged in the business for the past 30 years. "We plan to carry a larger variety of items and in addition give the people of this area a sheet metal service," Mr. Rogers stated.

Grass-Legume Seedings May Be Answer To Surplus Acreage Revenue; Surey Underway

Frequently a person can hear a farmer in Sherman county make the statement "It cost me so many dollars to produce barley this year." With the wheat allotments equalling about two thirds of the cropland acreage, barley has been occupying the other third. Often barley returns a very low net to the owner during average yield conditions, and shows a definite loss in most cases to the operator who pays one-third crop share rent.

To help evaluate this problem the supervisor of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District requested economic assistance from the SCS. At a scheduled meeting economic budgets were developed covering wheat production by black-fallow and stubble mulch tillage methods, barley production, and dryland grass-legume seedings on a four year rotational basis. These budgets were developed on what the group felt was an average sized Sherman county farming operation of 600 acres of dry cropland each year and 600 acres of native rangeland. These budgets, however, if understood and used properly can be of value and adapted to most dryland farming operations in the District. The District Supervisors participated in the development of these budgets as did other prominent farmers, Extension Service, Experiment Station, and Soil Conservation personnel. Since barley was the principle crop in question the statement "It cost me so many dollars to produce barley this year" was in general substantiated. The barley budget, which was developed on a owner-operator basis, showed when using 1958 prices the following average annual per acre net farm income:

Barley yield lbs. per acre	Av. net farm income per acre
1000	Loss of .67c per acre
1500	Profit of \$3.58 per acre
2000	Profit of \$7.55 per acre

One can readily see on an owner-operator basis the net farm loss will be increased or net profit reduced. At the request of Bill Todd a comprehensive economic study was carried out on the Harry Ragsdale farm to see if the acreage presently devoted to barley production could be more efficiently used. It was determined that the growing of dryland grass-legume pasture on a rotational basis—with a basic cow-calf operation and supplemented by additional feeder steers in years of high grass production held the biggest promise to increase the ranch net return.

During the spring of 1959 and 1960 Bill established 160 acres of rotational grass-legume pasture on farmland previously cropped to barley. No grazing took place during the establishment year, however, this year the 1959 eighty acre seeding was well established and pastured during the critical summer grazing period. By having good pasture during this critical grazing period his average calf gain per head has increased greatly. Since Bill is a member of the "Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association," his calves are weighed each fall and their weights adjusted to a 205 day age. The last two year weighing results show:

The 1959, 205 day old calf crop (steers) averaged 425 lbs. per head, while the 1960, 205 day old calf crop (steers) averaged 460 lbs. per head. This increased calf gain can be contributed to more milk production by the brood cows while pasturing on the improved seeding. In addition to the calf gains Bill says this additional pasture will allow him to increase his cow herd by one brood cow per each five acres of improved grass seeding.
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This program has not been carried on long enough for Bill to draw any specific conclusions dollars and cents wise, however, it appears to hold promise as an alternate to barley production with greater returns. Bill is well pleased with the results to date as his farm records, when analyzed, showed an 87c per acre loss per year while producing barley over a four year period. As Bill points out a grass-legume rotation has many values which cannot be measured by immediate dollars and cents. By the use of additional grass-legume seedings he is able to develop a better grass management program on the native grass land pastures.

Soil loss is greatly reduced and soil structure improved by the addition of grass roots. Following a grass-legume rotation the Sherman Branch Experiment Station records show that increased wheat yields are still being obtained in the seventh wheat crop after the sod is plowed under and no commercial nitrogen fertilizer is required the first four crop years.

County Officials To Attend State Meeting

Official of the Sherman County Court will attend the annual convention of courts in the state of Oregon, to be held for three days in Portland this week.

Those attending from Sherman county will be Judge Vernon Miller and Commissioners Lester Wilson and L. E. Kasberg.

The State Clerk Association will also hold their annual meeting in Portland during the week and Mrs. Marie Hoskinson, Sherman County Clerk, is planning to attend the two-day affair, Thursday and Friday.

Wheat Growers Favor Marketing Plan At Annual Meeting Here

The Wheat Marketing Plan, long advocated by the Oregon Wheat Growers' League, was again recommended by the Sherman Wheat Growers during their fall meeting held in Moro last week.

The plan has the approval of the National Wheat Growers, Grange, and other farm organizations. The administration elect has indicated favorable comment toward the plan. Position of the Oregon Wheat League will be determined during the annual meeting in Portland, Dec. 1-3.

Marvin Thomas, Wasco, was re-elected president. Other officers elected were L. E. Kasberg, vice-president, and Thomas W. Thompson, secretary.

Sixty-five producers attended the noon luncheon at Moro Community Church. A special bread and cake exhibit was on display indicating items that can be made from wheat flour. The lunch and pastry display was under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Kasberg.

4-H Achievement Night Set For Friday Evening

The annual 4-H Achievement Night, honoring Sherman county 4-H'ers will be held Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p. m. at the Sherman high school cafeteria, Janet Olsen, county extension agent, has announced. The main event of the evening will be the presentation of awards. Songs and entertainment will round out the schedule, according to Diana Henriks, Alice Eslinger, and Karen Tsubota, program committee.

Parents and 4-H leaders are urged to attend to share in the evening's events.

The following awards will be presented 4-H members at this time: National awards, county level: Achievement, Karen Macnab, John Fields; agriculture, Fred Hall, Ken Thompson; beef, Doug Medler, Erin Wilson; clothing, Nancy Crews, Katherine Reckman, Jean Hockett; electricity, Lowell Smith, Michael Eslinger; food preparation, Karen Tsubota; home economics, Nancy McKean, Darlene Miller; leadership, Darlene Gochnauer; swine, Alice Kasberg, Virgil Fields; citizenship, Malcolm Eslinger, Diana Henriks; dress revue, Nancy Crews, Carol Owens, Katherine Reckman, Teresa Bardenhagen, Carolyn Henriks, Mary Hockett, Mary Knott, Denise Miller.

Clubs are awarded achievement seals for goals accomplished during the club year. For any seal award a club must have met the requirements for a charter, held eight or more regular meetings, and have the secretary's book completely filled out.

A gold seal is awarded when 18 of the goals listed in the secretary's report have been accomplished. A blue seal is awarded for any 15 goals and a green seal for any 12.

Clubs receiving gold seals are: The Buzzin' Dozen, Grass Valley; Mrs. Kenneth Hattrop and Mrs. John Reckman, leaders; Golden Thread, Grass Valley, Mrs. Harry Stark, leader; Busy Bees, Grass Valley, Mrs. Harry Stark, leader; Handy Girls, Moro, Helen Martin, Aleta Fraser, Betty Henriks and Wanda Dunlap, leaders; Sewing Suzies, Grass Valley, Mrs. Emma Jean Smith, leader; Tireless Toot, Watchers, Moro, Grace Busse, leader; Kitchen Kookies, Wasco, Reatha Coats, leader; Come & Get It, Moro, Mrs. Howard Ross, Mrs. Vada DeMoss, Mrs. Mille Ferrel, leaders.

Top Hatter's Cooking, Grass Valley, Mrs. Donald Von Borsel, leader; Knitting Stars, Grass Valley, Mrs. Emma Jean Smith, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Harry Stark, Mrs. Bud Brinkert, leaders; Hi-Yu Horse Club, Wasco and Moro, Mrs. Marjorie Van Gilder, Mrs. Doris Coelsch, leaders.

Clubs receiving blue seals are: Busy Cookers, Rufus, Mrs. Myie Tsubota, Mrs. Helen Medler, leaders; Sweater Girls, Moro, Mrs. Genevieve Powell, leader; Knitting Stars, Grass Valley, Mrs. Emma Jean Smith, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Harry Stark, Mrs. Bud Brinkert, leaders; Hi-Yu Horse Club, Wasco and Moro, Mrs. Marjorie Van Gilder, Mrs. Doris Coelsch, leaders.

Clubs receiving green seals are: Sew & Sews, Wasco, Mrs. Harold Engberg; Mealtime Fun, Wasco, Mrs. Clarence Spencer; Busy Bakers, Wasco, Mrs. C. A. Hockett; Happy Healthsters, Moro, Steve Stivers; Kent Livestock Club, Kent, Bob Martin; Moro Livestock Club, Moro, Lloyd Henriks, Norman Gochnauer; How-D Horse Club, Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffries.

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The following membership pins and cards will be awarded: Ten year pins—Shirley Decker, Terry Kasberg, Mary Mobley, Mavis Olsen. Nine year cards—John Fields, Darlene Gochnauer, Florine Schilling. Eight year cards—Alice Eslinger, Barbara Fridley, Diana Henriks. Seven year cards—Vee Busse, Virgil Fields, Ann Hall, Alice Kasberg, Darlene Miller. Six year cards—Velma Jane Baker, Betty Bothwell, Mona Eakin, Malcolm Eslinger, Rosalee Eslinger, Pat Jefferies, Karen Powell, Patty Sather, Bonnie Tatum, Erin Wilson.

Five year pins—Patricia Alsop, Sharon Coelsch, Nancy Crews, Barbara Gilman, Bonita Jefferies, Catherine Ann Macnab, Nancy McKean, Doug Medler, Don Mobley, Carol Ann Owens, J. P. Reckman, Daniel Rolfe, Mary Spencer, Virginia Todd, Karen Tsubota, Kay Whipple, Barbara Worrell.

Four year cards—Nancy Alberty, Ruth Alley, Sally Sue Bibby; Louana Burnett, Nancy Ann Conlee, Roger Cyphers, John E. DeMoss Jr., Kenneth Dunlap, David Eakin, Michael Eslinger, Fred Hall, Carolyn Henriks, Jean Hockett, Mary Hockett, Judy Kelson, Kenneth Lemley, Barbara Moore, Jannette Long, Denise Miller, Mona Ley Neal, Martina Peterson, Floyd Rathburn, Dean Ruggles, Roy Sather, Margaret Spencer, Kenneth Thompson, Ardine Todd, Carol Todd, Linda Van Gilder, Joy von Borstel, Mary Sue Wallace, Margaret O'Meara.

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Second year cards—Michael Alsop, Judith Axtell, Vernon Axtell, Dick Barnum, Tom Barnum, DeLores Belshie, Curtis Blagg, Sheryl Eileen Blagg, Jessie Ann Brander, Gary Carlson, Greg Cox, Janice DeMoss, Bobby Drinkard, Doug Dutton, Roy Eakin, Edgar Eslinger, Kathleen Gaumitz, Steve Gentry, Margo Grabenhorst, Mary Jane Griggs, Donna Jean Gunnels, Kathleen Heater, Jane Heigeson, Colleen Jefferies, Carolyn Johnson, Kathleen King, Diana Macnab, Jane Macnab, Nancy Macnab, Richard Macnab, Greg Marvin, Janey McKean, Kathleen Miller, Ernie Moore, Jill Moore, Shirley Morris, Holly Mulick, Philip O'Meara, Richard Powell, Lee Rathburn, Katherine Reckman, Steven Rolfe, Maurice Root, Lowell Smith, Lou Ann Stark, James Tatum, Judith Thompson, Susan Van Gilder, Vicky Virtue, Cathy von Borstel, David Welk, James Wilson, Pamela Winnette.

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Choice turkeys and hams—just in time for Thanksgiving—will be awarded "top" shooters during the day Sunday, November 19 at the Wasco Trap Club grounds.

The shoot is under the joint sponsorship of the Wasco Trap Club and the American Legion Post of that city.

Lester Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Trap club, in making the announcement said that sandwiches and coffee would be served at the club house during the day.

The shoot is scheduled to get underway at 11:00 a. m. and there will be other events in which one may win their holiday turkey or ham.

Drivers Examination To Be Given In Moro Tuesday

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, November 22 at the court house between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

Those receiving green seals are: Sew & Sews, Wasco, Mrs. Harold Engberg; Mealtime Fun, Wasco, Mrs. Clarence Spencer; Busy Bakers, Wasco, Mrs. C. A. Hockett; Happy Healthsters, Moro, Steve Stivers; Kent Livestock Club, Kent, Bob Martin; Moro Livestock Club, Moro, Lloyd Henriks, Norman Gochnauer; How-D Horse Club, Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffries.

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