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THANKSGIVING

We do not always follow the custom of writing an editorial about holidays, except the Fourth of July when we urge readers to spend a little time with the Declaration of Independence. But we do remember them once in a while.

For twenty years this county has had much to be thankful for, good crops and prices more consistent and more satisfactory than for any other similar period in the county's history. Materially we are well off. We may not be spiritually for some are always wanting a little more even though they can't say right quick what it is.

We are thankful for what has gone before, not what may come in the future. Thus even Republicans can be happy for an eight year surcease in the inflationary trend that cut their dollars in half.

We do live well and never have so many youngsters away to school. It used to be finances that kept our young folks from going to school; now it seems to be ability and that is something to be thankful for. Sherman county is devoid of shacks such as many live in in other places and it has a high level of electricity use, telephones and most of the other gadgets chambers of commerce use to indicate prosperity.

Being thankful is a way of being happy. Thankfulness means we have. If we do not we are unhappy discontented and in no mood for a holiday started by a set of forebears who were happy because they had survived, grown a crop of corn and not been killed by Indians.

Perhaps the more we have to feel happy and thankful about the less we are inclined to feel that way. If so we need a spiritual overhaul.

These Things We Note

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Certainly it causes public employees to find excuses for doing nothing. Big government is the deadeast thing imaginable, following the same path today it traveled yesterday so that no one can accuse the little bureaucrats of trying to change something. This is in no instance called progress.

It took a long while to find a resident of this state who had been here a year. A gas pumper had been here four months a waitress two weeks, a store keeper since January, a motel proprietor two months. Finally a parking lot owner confessed to 14 years of Californihood and a little Italian looking waitress waived aside the opportunity to be considered a romantic emigrant from the Mediterranean and said she came from Fort Laramie, Wyoming and displayed a knowledge of the Oregon Trail to prove it. It seems that everyone has to take a turn at California and they flock here in great numbers. But they must leave quickly, to, or there couldn't be so many fresh ones. A few third generation Californians, descendants of the forty-niners, say there is no California loyalty any more and that is the reason why the state failed—except by absentee ballots—to support its presidential candidate.

Bay area newspapers seem more local in news coverage than Portland papers. They leave outside news to outside papers apparently and have few stories from the valley. Stories are often longer and headlines more blatant.

California and Stanford are going to play football Saturday and rooms in this part of the city have been reserved for weeks for that weekend. That isn't the point, but an aside. Newspapers are having a hard time writing about the game which is the 63rd of a series and neither has a winning team or is going anywhere but back home after the final whistle. But the stories seem duller than even the fact would indicate, like the writers had written about the area's big game so often it was just work.

Student of languages now can

get records at the library and go into a booth to listen to words spoken correctly and sentences formed grammatically which should be a lot easier than learning by rote as was the custom. One day a big blond boy with "football squad" on his over-bowtie took a record on Swahili and a sharp Chinese or Japanese kicked for one on German. What a country boy won't see when he shakes the stubble out of his eyes.

Wasco News

by Pauline Broughton

Guy Andrews was taken to The Dalles hospital last week for observation and possible surgery. He was somewhat improved the latter part of the week and it is hoped surgery will not be necessary. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Meta Nosworthy, of California, is staying with Mrs. Andrews and will remain until Mr. Andrews shows definite improvement.

The bake sale Friday, sponsored by Marian Rebekah lodge for the benefit of the World Eye Bank netted over \$30.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines were in The Dalles Saturday for medical treatment. While there they lunched with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Darrell. Mr. Darrell, who has been hospitalized for some time following injuries received in an explosion at Harvey Aluminum, was spending the day at home on furlough from the hospital, but returned for more surgery and treatment.

Mrs. Augusta Roysse will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Al Dormaier to Portland on Thanksgiving, where she will visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Roysse and family. The Dormaier family will be holiday guests of Mrs. Dormaier's mother there.

Wasco was well represented at the Fashion Show, sponsored by the Daughters of The Nile, in Portland last Thursday. Attending from here were Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mrs. Rober Bish, Mrs. Art Smith, Mrs. C. W. Walker (from The Dalles), Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mrs. Rena Shepherd, Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. Gladys Zell, Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid. Mr. Harper and Mr. Tuggle made the trip but did not attend the style show. Mrs. Kaseberg's group won a door prize, a repeat performance, as she was also a winner at last year's presentation. Also noted at the affair were Mrs. Alice Anderson and Mrs. Estrelie Hailley, former Wasco residents, now living in Portland.

Mrs. Leona VanGilder entertained the members of the Tiliicum Club at her home last Thursday. Table decorations and score cards carried out a Thanksgiving motif. Winning high honors at bridge was Mrs. Elva Dehler. Mrs. VanGilder was low and Mrs. Bill Niabet received a prize for taking the most tricks with a low card. Others present for the delightful afternoon were Mrs. Paul Patrick, Mrs. Lawrence Funk, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Sam Brock.

Mrs. Augusta Roysse and Mrs. Leona VanGilder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton.

Mrs. Ann McMillen of Hebo accompanied Mrs. Arthur Sargent home from Portland last Thursday and remained for a few days visit. On Monday she was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Leona VanGilder.

Mrs. Jennie Hearing left for Portland Sunday evening, where she will remain to spend Thanksgiving with her daughters, Mrs. Edra Kirkelie and Mrs. Laurella Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith returned last week from a ten day trip to Hawaii, sponsored by the Oregon Grange. They made the trip by jet from Portland, taking five hours for the trip going over, but only four hours and forty-five minutes for the return flight.

Guests last week of Mrs. Elva Dehler were her son, Jack Hines of the Oak Harbor Naval Station and his friend, Chief Paul Proffer, also of Oak Harbor. The men, who were returning from an elk hunting trip, were accompanied by Mrs. Nellie Harrington of Elgin, mother of Mr. Hines' wife. Mrs. Harrington was also a guest of Mrs. Dehler before continuing on to visit her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson returned last week from a three weeks' trip to California where they visited Mr. Robinson's cousins, Guy, Mason and Marvin Hines

People's Column

TO THE EDITOR:

As a long time landowner of considerable acreage in Sherman and Wasco counties, we were appalled and disgusted with your article concerning hunters in the November 4 paper.

Our long experience has been that the average town and city hunter is an honest and respectful individual. For years we have been hearing of alleged depredations, crop damage, property damage and stock damage. It has been our experience through close association with these farmers who claim these alleged injuries that the greatest percentage of them are out and out fabrications of the truth or caused by Farmer hunters themselves, solely for the purpose of giving the farmer and landowner a moral excuse for acting in an undemocratic manner and posting his property so that no one but he or his personal friends receive the benefits of any fish or game, which incidentally is public property, that might be on his land at any given time.

Your article stated deputizing all landowners in opposition to socialism. Are you advocating a police state where everyone informs on everyone else, including his neighbor, friends, and relatives? Don't say it can't happen here in these United States. It has happened to other countries many times over. Or have you forgotten the Gestapo, the M. K. V. D. and the Italian Secret Police? Many farmer's sons, along with men from cities and towns went off to war to prevent this sort of thing from happening here.

This seems to be a very dangerous solution to a simple problem, that of landowner vs. sportsman. You speak of socialism where the sportsman could run over your land at their discretion. The paramount danger of what you advocate lies here — under our form of government the majority can vote legislation that binds the minority. The town and city sportsman far outnumber us landowners. If they choose to vote legislation that would discriminate against landowners then we are bound as citizens, under our present democratic process to abide by that law.

We think it is to our advantage as landowners to try and keep the understanding of these potential voting masses. We are not going to acquire their understanding by continually frustrating the greater number of them by posting "NO TRESPASSING" signs.

An after thought—quite a few of the town and city hunters tax dollars have been used for the Farm Support Program. I don't think our town and city brethren have done so badly by the farmers in allowing their tax money to be used to support farm prices. Or have the farmers forgotten the 1930's?

VELMA K. BAKER, guardian of the estates of Gary D. Baker and Stuart Roy Baker.

of Lookout, and also spent two days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Hines. From Lookout the Robinsons drove on to visit friends and relatives at Napa, Vallejo, Berkeley and Son Jose. They stopped at Watsonville for a visit with Mr. Robinson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Knox. Enroute home the Robinsons stopped in San Francisco for a day of sightseeing, then stopped again for a two-day visit with the David McGregor family at Salem. They reported fine weather was enjoyed throughout the journey, except for one day on the return trip, when they encountered rain and fog near Red Bluffs. Mr. Robinson remarked, "as soon as we got into Oregon, we had nice weather again." Charles Sissel stayed at their ranch to look after things while

they were away.

A number of people from here were in Corvallis for the homecoming and football game there Saturday. Among those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, who drove on to Eugene after the game to visit with their sons, Lee and Terry; Mr. and Mr. Larry Kaseberg, who spent Sunday and Monday at the Portland Air Base before returning home; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skiles, Mr. and Mrs. John Foss, Mr. and Mr. Marvin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Belshee and Delores. L. E. Kaseberg remained in Portland to attend the Inland Waterways meeting the first of the week. Mrs. Kaseberg returned to Wasco Sunday in order to drive to Pendleton with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Foss, Monday, where they attended the funeral of an aunt. Mr. Kaseberg then returned to Portland to rejoin her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Belshee and Delores were involved in a minor accident on their return trip when their car struck a rock on the highway west of Hood River. They received no personal injury, but it was necessary to have their car towed to a garage.

The W. S. C. S. of the Wasco Methodist church met Wednesday, Nov. 16 with 14 present. Gifts for the Methodist Home's annual Harvest Tea were brought to the meeting to be taken to

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Finished with his deliveries, Chub pulled the empty truck up to his front door. "What would you like for breakfast?" called his missus. "A big bowl of cereal with cream," answered Chub. "Sorry, dear," said Mrs. Jackson, "the milkman passed us by today."

From where I sit, it's wonderful the way folks forget themselves to do things for others. My neighbors are like that. When I have supper with them, they always serve my favorite foods and my favorite beverage—beer! They drink tea themselves, but they're happy to accommodate my preference. If we all accepted each other's right to have preferences, we'd never "milk" our friendships dry.

Joe Marsh

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