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These Things We Note

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Before schools are completely frozen into a set state-federal pattern we hope some one can devise a scheme to permit private schools in greater number. There is far too little imagination and inventiveness possible in what we call education and more control will stifle that.

T T W N
Most of the troubles of the world are caused by too many people. That is no solution, but it could result in one.

T T W N
Oregon played ball like a bunch of tourists and, in fact, that is what they were.

T T W N
A Russian could be excused for thinking Americans can't even count or are all terribly dishonest.

T T W N
As a game to watch basketball does very well, as a game to read about it is almost a total loss.

T T W N
Can't figure the burning of the new navy flat top as anything but carelessness and as such, inexcusable.

T T W N
The erosion of the human spirit goes on and we wonder how craven the average man must get before he revolts.

T T W N
Legislators are getting "briefed" on public questions by bureaucrats which is a most dangerous thing. It would be refreshing if legislators briefed bureaucrats.

T T W N
It may become necessary for more women to work as well as other people not because they need the money but because the government needs the taxes.

T T W N
We cannot be too badly upset over the possibility that the Russians may become the bosses of the world. We are adopting their ideas so fast it will not greatly disturb us, but wait until the Chinese get control. They will never let go.

T T W N
One noteworthy action is the shoving aside of Lyndon Johnson. We suspect that it may not go on indefinitely.

T T W N
The role of a school child in New Orleans is pretty soft but nothing compared to the role of school teacher.

T T W N
The incoming president lists more give-aways as a cure for an economy that is sick because of too much give-away.

T T W N
When a new proposal is made, if you say, "I'll take a look at it" you are a conservative; if you holler "Aye, Aye," you are a generous, socially adjusted "liberal"—and broke.

T T W N
Interesting insults: "Fisher men—hunters—if you intend to fish or hunt on January 1, a 1961 license is required." Game Commission Bulletin.

T T W N
The young man who shot the state policeman at Ashland seems due for a very unMerry Christmas.

T T W N
The Dalles resembles southern California in its attempts to save water although perhaps not quite so artificial. As for Los Angeles, it should be moved to the water.

T T W N
We can't help but wonder who is the genius that sees to it that the supermarket prices agree so closely.

T T W N
It may be a human error to try to correct dullness outside one's own mind. If things seem dull sharpen up the old brain.

T T W N
There may be reasons for not moving welfare headquarters to Salem but fear that the help will quit is not one of them.

T T W N
From us to you: A Merry Christmas.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Weedman will again entertain the club Dec. 29, for the annual Christmas party. There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange at that time.

Mrs. Frank Reid has been losing considerable sleep recently. Seems that the Montana sow that son Doug bought for a Voc. Ag. project presented him with a litter of 19 little piglets. The sow has room to nurse only a dozen, so Mrs. Reid has been feeding the overflow from the large family on the bottle, which means an around the clock feeding schedule quite similar to that demanded by an infant. Mother sow mashed one piglet two days after birth, but with Mrs. Reid's help, the other 18 little porkers are doing nicely. They are a week old at this time and gaining nicely.

(NOTE) According to reliable sources, the record for number of pigs per litter is 21. The average is usually from 7 to 12 or 14.

Hans Meves took some of his students including Dean Ruggles, Curt Blagg, Leonard Eakin, Annie Wilson, Carolyn Johnson and Ruth Alley to Portland Saturday on a shopping trip. They also went roller skating.

Mrs. Christine Maldaner arrived Dec. 12 from Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Payne and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and Robert and Harold and Mrs. Curtis Eichler were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mrs. John Rust and Mrs. Ralph Rust were business visitors in Portland Friday.

Among the students home from college for the holidays are Julie Bayer, Penny Higley and Mary Mobley of OCE at Monmouth, Keith Mobley and Gertrude Buecher of OSC at Corvallis, Scott Fritts, Nancy Decker and Orville Blaylock of EOC at La Grande, Nancy and Karen Wilson of the University of Oregon and Peggy Reckman from Judson Baptist College in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark of Culver spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and other relatives.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and family and Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst of Kent were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Fritts and Mrs. Bill Todd were shoppers in The Dalles Monday.

In last weeks paper in the awards presented to the cub scouts in Den 3, Gary Brinkert received a bear badge, one gold and one silver arrow and Carsten von Borstel received a bear badge one gold and four silver arrows.

The Rufus Grange had its Christmas party after the Grange meeting last Thursday night Dec. 15. The group first met with a pot luck supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swigart as hostesses.

The tables were pretty with holiday decorations. The main hall was attractive with Christmas arrangements, and the Christmas tree in one corner was lovely with its decorations and lights.

George Fox opened his last meeting as master as he goes out this year.

The Rufus Grange is preparing a resolution about taxing non profit organizations, and copies to be sent to our state senator and representative. Mrs. George Fox was elected lecturer. Mrs. Fox read a report on expenditures made on the Rufus Grange building since 1958 when the Grange began to build and remake their hall. The state officers say Rufus now has one of the best halls in the state.

Mrs. Rolland Johnson, lecturer, presented her last program: It began with all singing "Joy To The World," and "The First Noel." There was a stunt by a group. A guitar solo by Otto Petersen, who played "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells." The following gave readings, "An Old Fashioned Christmas" by Miss Mary Brackett, "Please Santa" by Mrs. Otto Petersen, "A little boy's Request" by Mrs. Bill Huck, "A Week After Christmas" by Mrs. Harland McDonald, then there was a penny throwing contest by two groups. Santa Claus appeared and gave out gifts and candy to all the children, and the adults exchanged gifts, also. Then Rolland Johnson showed slides of his trip to Yellowstone and Zion and Bryce Canyon in Utah which were enjoyed as they were all in color.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rust and Mrs. John Rust were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday. Guests at the home of Mrs. H. O. Dugger Wednesday were Mrs. Ogden Wing, Mrs. Mack Alsup, Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Ruby Hall of Wamic.

The Baptist Mission Society met at the church Thursday afternoon. Mrs. James Earl, Mrs. Don Earl and Mrs. Bud Brinkert were hostesses at a baby shower honoring Mrs. Maynor Reed. The gifts were money in cards tied to a family tree with dolls around to represent a family. After Mrs. Reed opened the cards, Mrs. Meves sang a song and Sharyl Blagg and Louise Eakin sang a duet. Refreshments were served later by the hostesses.

Wendell Clodfelter of OSC and Tom Eakin of OTI arrived here Thursday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Padgett of Seattle arrived here Friday Dec. 23 to spend the holiday weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin.

The Gamma Lambda No. 84 Theta Rho met at the IOOF hall Tuesday evening for its regular meeting with Monya Neal, president presiding and twenty-five members present. Plans were made for the reception for Monya Neal, right supporter to wardens of the Theta Rho assembly, to be held in January. Following the meeting an exchange of gifts was held.

Rufus grade school came up Friday and played the Grass Valley teams. The Rufus girls won the volleyball game and the Grass Valley boys won the basketball game.

Mrs. A. von Borstel and Phil and Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

The Theta Rho girls held a candy sale at the C & C Food Store Saturday and made a little over \$13.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins arrived Sunday from Portland to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family.

Installation of officers was held at Rufus Grange Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:30 p. m.

The Rufus Grange held its card party at the hall Saturday night and only four tables were out as the night was so icy and snowy.

Winning high prizes were Rolland Johnson and Mrs. Harland Donald, while low went to Bob Borum and Mrs. Atlee Wilson. The Grange served supper at the close. The next party will be on December 31.

The Redland Grange from Oregon City came to Rufus Sunday to install the officers of the Grange for the ensuing year. They had a potluck dinner with members of this Grange preceding the work. Coming was the State Youth Chairman Fred Andregg, and his team Doris Elmer installing officer, marshalls were Francis Davis and Peggy Johnson master was Harold Olson, chaplain Jim Dumolt and regalia bearer was Art Jacobs and emblem bearer Bud Dumolt. All of the Rufus members were installed except Art Smith as gatekeeper. Mrs. Rolland Johnson, the new master, thanked the team for coming and all who helped to put the work over.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Leigh entertained the members of the Rufus Community church with a Christmas party at their home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and their four children of Portland, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan. Mr. Smith is a nephew of Mrs. Jordan.

This last weekend rain fell and froze, snow came down making travel hazardous on the roads. The state highway crews were busy sanding and keeping the roads off the road.

Jim Fox, a student at WSU, came home Saturday for Christmas vacation with his parents, the George Foxes.

The Grass Valley Home Extension unit held its meeting at the Baptist church Tuesday evening Dec. 12 with 15 present. Mrs. Bernard Martin was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Bill Rolfe and Mrs. Curtis Neal, project leaders, invited Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco to demonstrate the art of candle making. Refreshments of angel pie with whipped cream was served with tea and

coffee by Mrs. Rolfe and Mrs. Mrs. John Rust were visitors in Neal.

The Rufus Community Church held its annual Christmas program at the church Sunday evening Dec. 18 at 8 p. m. All sang "The First Noel" to begin. Mrs. Jerry Brackett was program director and gave a welcome to all. The primary class gave "Christmas Stars" with their teacher Mrs. Leona Burkhardt. The junior girls "Joy to the World" with their teacher Mrs. Sonya Daniels. The junior boys gave "Lights Along the Way" with Rev. Griffiths as their teacher. The nursery and beginners gave "Bany Jesus" with their teacher Pearl Brackett and Jane Baker. The junior choir sang "Away in the Manger" with Nina Daniels as their soloist and the director Mrs. Sonya Daniels. The teenage group gave a play "Seeing the Star" with their teacher Mrs. Fay Brackett and play director Miss Mary Brackett. The intermission solo was "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" by Sonya Daniels. The crowd sang "Silent Night" and Mrs. Jerry Brackett gave a Thank You and a Good Night. The minister Rev. Griffiths gave a pastoral closing, then the men of the church passed out bags of candy and nuts to all present.

Fred Cox and Wife Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox will have been married fifty years December 28 and their daughter, Mrs. A. N. Roberts, their son, Don, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, who stayed with the Coxes when a girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty are going to give them a reception at the Fred Cox home at 2860 Circle Drive in Corvallis.

Sherman County friends will be doubly welcome to attend, writes Mrs. Roberts for Fred and Leona spent all of their married life in Sherman County until they retired to Corvallis a few years ago.

Farmers May Kill Own Animals

Farmers do not need any permit to slaughter their own animals on their own land. The State Department of Agriculture issued this word today to clarify some confusion which exists in this matter.

If the farmer wishes to sell part or all of the meat or to transport it upon a public highway, it is necessary that a special tag, properly filled out, be affixed to the meat.

Farmers may sell all or part of their home-slaughtered animals, provided (1) the sale is direct to the ultimate consumer and (2) the "non-inspected" section of the producer tag is signed by the farmer and affixed to the meat. The producers tag certifies the ownership of the animal and contains a statement by the farmer that the meat has not been inspected but is, to his best knowledge, fit for human consumption. These tags are obtainable from sheriffs, county agents and various other individuals designated by the state department.

Plaque Given For Bond Sale Job

Word has been received here from Thomas S. Pridoux, chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds committee, that Giles French of Moro has received the highest honor that the Treasury Department can bestow on a volunteer. At a ceremony in Moro, Mr. French received the Eisenhower Prayer Award from George W. Minnaugh of Portland, stated director of the Oregon Savings Bonds program.

The award consists of a beautifully lithographed copy of the Prayer uttered by the President on the occasion of his inauguration in 1953. It is framed in wood from the platform on which President Eisenhower stood.

According to Mr. Pridoux, the award was made by the Treasury Department in grateful recognition of almost twenty years of service as chairman of the Sherman County Savings Bonds committee. He recalled that Sherman had the highest per capita investment in Series E War Bonds among the more than 3,000 counties in the nation, a reason for county pride.

Maupin, B, Beats Sherman, A2, In Basketball

Friday night December 13 the Sherman Huskies lost to the Maupin Redskins on the latter's floor by a score of 56 to 49. The Redskins were able to fire at a 52% rate to 32% for the local boys. The Huskies worked the ball in for close shots with repeated attempts with control of the rebounds but made only 20 shots of 63 attempts. The smaller, quicker Redskins fired from outside for 21 shots of 40 attempts. The Huskies were guilty of 19 fouls which gave the Redskins 33 attempts from the free throw line for a total of 14 points. The Huskies had more accuracy from the charity stripe hitting 9 of 19 attempts for 47% per cent. The opening tip off was controlled by the Huskies but the close in shot was missed off the new sparkling backboards in the Maupin gym. From this point the Huskies seemed to be tense in their shooting. It was the first victory of the year for the Redskins.

Maupin was leading 13 to 10 at the end of the first quarter as Iverson flipped in four straight shots from outside the defense. John Fields, Don Decker and Tom Coats each contributed a fielder during this period.

Don Decker led the Huskies with 2 field goals in the second quarter while reserves Gene Eakin and John Thomas added a double counter each. Lease set the pace for Maupin in this quarter as they ended up leading 24 to 19.

During the third quarter the Huskies came back to outscore the Redskins 11 to 10 with Jim Duncan and Tom Coats hitting 2 field goals each. Ross hit two double counters for Maupin in this period.

In the fourth quarter Ron Mobley and John Fields came to life as each hit 3 double counters plus a gifter. Woodside, Iverson and Lease hit two each plus a number of gifters by the latter. The Huskies were trying to gain possession with the result of fouling in the closing minutes.

J V's Get Win To Even Score

The Husky J. V's were more successful as they eked out a 61 to 60 win with Maupin attempting a one and one situation with the expiration of time. The score was tied at the end of the first quarter 12 to 12. Jack Kellogg led the attack with 6 points, Bayer and Parker each helped contribute to the total. Meantime Snodgrass and Duus were doing the scoring for Maupin.

In the second quarter Kellogg remained the leader with four successful attempts with three by Bayer and Doolin plus Tim Allen. Duus and Snodgrass continued to lead the Maupin attack with 5 points each. The half time score favored Sherman 31 to 28.

The young Huskies had a slow third quarter as they scored 6 points while Maupin was building a lead with 20 points. During this time Duus put in 7 field goals.

Bayer, Kellogg and Doolin sparked the 4th quarter come back as the young Huskies pulled into the lead. Duus continued to be the best threat for Maupin.

The J. V's have a fine present record of four wins out of five attempts.

Roads Slick Over Week-end; Accidents Prevented By Care

The weather was very bad over the weekend. The highway was slick between a point a little north of Wasco to a bit south of Moro and traffic moved without danger only if equipped with chains. Pedestrians who ventured out made very hesitant progress.

By Monday the condition had changed and the chinook that had brought a sunny Sunday to the south end of the county moved north to melt the ice.

No serious accidents were reported, nothing as serious as happened to Les Gray, deputy sheriff whose car overturned in Grass Valley canyon last week when a tire blew out. Gray was bruised and the car was bent.

Some rain fell during the week and warmer weather permitted it to be absorbed into the earth. Another storm was reported early in the week but it may be days arriving.

Temperatures were about as usual, 20 to 24 at night and just about freezing during most of the day. Even so it has been a colder December than the county has been used to recently.

Market Report

Hogs followed a national trend downward last week with US No. 1 and 2, 280-230 lb. butchers \$1.00 lower at \$17.50 to \$18.40. Lighter weights and No. 3's sold down to \$16.00. Light sows sold steady at \$13.00 to \$15.00 and feeder hogs at \$16.00 to \$17.00. Weaners brot \$7.50 by the head.

Feeder steer calves 350 to 500 lbs. brot \$25.00 to \$26.20. Medium to good 400 to 500 lbs. feeder heifers brot \$20.50 to \$22.50 with 700 lbs. weights down to \$17.50.

Mrs. Martha Bell Buried In The Dalles

Mrs. Martha Bell, widow of the late L. L. Bell and a resident of Sherman County for over 40 years, died at her home in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs. Bell was a native of Minnesota having been born there 83 years ago. She married Leslie L. Bell and with him farmed in Sherman County until his death whereupon she and a daughter retired to The Dalles.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia, who lived with her mother and Mrs. Pearl Liechti, who lives on a farm near The Dalles; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Dieter and Miss Lena Hein of St. Charles, Minn. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

Funeral services were held Thursday at two o'clock with interment in Parklawn Memorial cemetery near The Dalles.

Meets At DeMoss Home Ec Unit

The Moro Night hawk Extension unit entertained their members and guests from the Moro Tuesday unit at a Christmas party December 12 at the Vada DeMoss home. Hostesses were Tillie Geiser and Grace Busse.

Sam and Carol Almstead of the new Kalo Kam House of Beauty in The Dalles entertained with a demonstration on the correct application of make-up and hair styling. Mr. Almstead offered several beauty hints that were interesting to the group.

White elephant gifts were exchanged and refreshments served by the hostesses.

Port Is Regional Says Nelson For Commissioners

Members of The Dalles Port commission, cognizant of the fact that no success is possible within the bounds of Wasco County, came to Moro Monday night to meet with members of the Sherman County Club and explain something of their plans for ocean transportation at their river city.

In the group were Paul Kortge, chairman, R. C. Hampton, Paul Vogt and Dave Larson, members and Elton Eby who will become a member with the new year. W. S. Nelson, chamber of commerce secretary and long-time booster for the port and Dolph Kinsey, port manager, were present as was Jack Groutage of the Chronicle.

Mr. Nelson did the talking and told of the potential of the mid-Columbia area in relation to power, agricultural production and what shipping would mean to every resident. He related the story of how The Dalles obtained the bigger locks at Bonneville dam and how other Columbia river dams are equipped to provide barge traffic for the inland empire.

He told of the recent visitors from Germany, who are interested in building a factory in The Dalles, and who knew as much of the possibilities of the area as did local citizens.

Frank Ketter, president of the club, conducted the business meeting and obtained reports from committee chairmen to the effect that plans for basic school changes are looking more reasonable, that some legislation will be important, particularly reappointment, that Ebasco and associates will start working here soon. A resolution opposing legislative dabbling in highway matters was approved. Max Barzee introduced the visitors.

FFA Works To Prevent Accidents

by George Miller
The Sherman chapter of the Future Farmers of America is taking part in a nationwide program to prevent accidents to farm people resulting from carelessness with farm power units on the farm.

During the Safe Farm Power Use Program, members of the Sherman FFA chapter will try to visit every farm in the county, during the second and third weeks in January. They will safety check each farm, review the various safety precautions necessary for safe operation of tractors, machinery and other power equipment, and point out the fact that safety is a family responsibility. They will also leave a safety centerpiece printed with safety messages for the entire family.

Several days prior to the checking of the farms, a cartoon type quiz will be mailed to each farm. Plans are also being made for several safety displays around the county and for safety slogans to be read on a radio station in The Dalles.

"Farm equipment is designed for safe operation, but the operator must follow safe operating rules," according to Doug Medler, Safety Chairman of the Sherman FFA chapter.

Mrs. Lester Conlee Finds English Kin

Before Mrs. Lester Conlee went to Europe she wrote to the town clerk at Ongar, Essex, England, to see if she could locate relatives. That is the town which Mrs. Conlee's parents came from.

The clerk turned the letter over to the Ongar Gazette which advertised the quest in two columns with the result that when Mrs. Conlee arrived in England, she was able to find a cousin, Cyril Staines, who came to London, 20 miles south, to visit her and her niece. Older relatives were dead.

Mr. Staines works for an electric company, Marconi, and was an infrequent visitor to London. Mrs. Conlee and niece were standing in front of their hotel when he and his wife came along and Mrs. Staines immediately recognized her saying "she looked just like his mother."



Recently installed officers of Stark, treasurer and Mrs. Max were, left to right, Mrs. Harley picture Mrs. Luther Davis, vice McKay, chairman; Mrs. Verne chairman. Mobley, secretary; Mrs. Byron Photo by Floye vonBorstel