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These Things We Note

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Maybe political leaders who worry about the rise of conservatism will come to the same conclusion as the conservatives: viz. that there's nothing wrong with the country a good tax reduction wouldn't help.

TTWN
It rains the easiest—and the longest—around here.

TTWN
There is a little controversy going about as to how much the government should let the people know and advocates of a theory it should tell all and nothing. Depends on whose government one thinks it is.

TTWN
It isn't odd but when government is doing big spending people do not and when people are building things there is no need for government to do the same. And private spending pays taxes, government spending takes taxes.

TTWN
If everybody was honest not many could live under the tax laws.

TTWN
Those General Electric officials committed illegal acts by price fixing. They are, however, no more wrong morally than the laborers who made their products under price fixing statutes approved by the government. Labor has number, votes and one of the serious weaknesses of democracy is that votes speak louder than morals.

TTWN
Nothing could be quite so crazy as Oregon time. Nothing could show so little respect for the voice of the people who rejected fast time last November. Nothing will do as much to make wider the gap between the arrogant city and the rural areas that make it possible.

TTWN
Last year we noted the new tax of one cent of gasoline which was a temporary tax for one year only. We asked readers to remember it. For those who are remembering we note that it has been held over for another year. The moral: never let a government have anything new; it will grow.

TTWN
A small boy from Burns has won a gold medal at the Northwest Science fair with several demonstrations using very ordinary equipment. He is the only 7th grader in a 16 pupil school and he walks a mile to school. Educators will say "think what he might have done if he had good equipment and a big school's advantages." We say "how many other lads would develop as well if they had to rely on themselves."

TTWN
If Russia wants to gain a point it might argue that its women do not wear spike heels.

TTWN
A conference committee that does not have the ability to evade the press hasn't the ability to decide the problem.

TTWN
About all the publicity seems to have been squeezed out of the Adolf Eichmann trial.

TTWN
Oregon lost a fine citizen in Bill Tugman, retired newspaperman of Reedsport. He knew what to say and he knew how to say it—and had the nerve.

TTWN
Flowers for Mother's day are appropriate if they are prettier than the ones she has in her garden; candy is dandy if she has the figure to stand it; a few kind words are always acceptable.

TTWN
The bill for work on The Dalles Criterion road has passed the senate and will probably become law. It calls for \$4,000,000 which is about what the highway commission would have spent on that road anyway. Yet, it is an example of some very poor governmental policy.

TTWN
An impressive list of bad bills was left at adjournment which is proper. Bad bills sometimes last a long time.

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

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge met in the IOOF hall Wednesday evening for its regular meeting. Mrs. Frank Ketter, noble grand, presided with twenty five meeting the Theta Rho girls put on a Mother's Day program.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Briedwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 27 by taking a trip to Corvallis where they visited her mother, Mrs. Litha Guthrie and other relatives and by going to the coast to Neskowin for a few days before returning home. Their grandson, Douglas Bibby, went with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce of Mapin and daughters, May and Anna of Portland came up Sunday to attend the breakfast served by the Altar society.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Creighton went to Portland Sunday to the Ice Follies.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family went to Portland Sunday to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Danny Duncan and all went to the Follies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds went to Portland Wednesday and visited their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliot and family and went to the Ice Follies.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds went to Portland Wednesday and visited their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliot and family and went to the Ice Follies, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garland and Cathy of The Dalles spent the weekend here with his parents the Len Garlands.

Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis of Redmond were visiting in the Kent Community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters Jr. and family of Hood River spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters.

Gene Schilling of OTI in Klamath Falls spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling.

Parents and friends attended the Cubscout pack meeting held in the school auditorium Friday evening. Bill Rolfe, Cubmaster was in charge of the meeting. The Cubscouts marched in with the flags and after the flag salute they formed a living circle and had a growl howl. The awards were presented by Harold Owens assisted by Orville Ruggles to the following: Den 2, Ricky Cantrall, Robin Olds and Bobby King, each received a lion badge, one gold and one silver arrow, two year pin, assistant and denners badges, Curt Blagg received his Den Chief cord; Den 3, Robbie Brander, a bear badge, and one gold arrow, Byron Carlson, Gary Brinkert, Carsten von Borstel and Freddie Rolfe each two silver arrows and a year pin; Den 1, Robert Owens, Neal Schilling, Johnny Sargent, each one silver arrow. The meeting closed by playing a game and refreshments of cookies and punch and coffee were served in the lunchroom.

Randy Lemley celebrated her birthday anniversary Sunday by spending the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lemley had dinner with them that evening.

Mrs. Don Earl and son returned home April 26 from Carlisle, Iowa where they spent about two weeks with her mother, who was ill.

Among those going to Condon Sunday to the dedication of the new Baptist church were the Rev. and Mrs. Maynor Reed, Mr.

WATER ACCIDENTS MANY

The State Marine Board has received from the Federal government a statistical report on recreational boating accidents during 1960. Nationwide, there were 819 fatalities, of which 21 were reported by Oregon. The causes of the Oregon accidents closely followed the national pattern.

The majority of the fatalities occurred in Oregon with boats of less than 16 feet in length which capsized. This was due to unsafe loading, and the loss of life appeared to be due to an insufficient number of life-saving appliances aboard or a complete lack of them altogether.

The Oregon report indicated that of the 21 lives lost, 16 might have been saved had the occupants of the boats been wearing life preservers. Collision with other vessels was the second largest cause of loss of life.

Orval Etter of the League of Oregon Cities office in Eugene and Kenneth Tolleran, secretary of the League of Oregon Counties were here Monday night to meet with the Sherman County charter committee for a discussion of the proposed charter for Sherman County. They were interested in it and were willing to help make it sound more legal before it is submitted to the voters probably by next year.

Another meeting of the charter committee will be held June 13 at the court house.

office personnel who kept all entertainment moving with buckaroo breakfasts, hayrides, cowboy luncheon, cattle brandings and fossil bed explorations. John Day will long be remembered by the more than 100 postmaster and regional men who attended.

The Rufus Grange met last Thursday evening with the master Mrs. Rolland Johnson presiding. Agricultural chairman Rolland Johnson told of the new spray for ponds and waterways to eradicate weeds or plants that grow in water. He told of a new bee for pollinating alfalfa. Mrs. Harald McDonald on legislature said the bill on minimum wage has been signed by the President. She also told of the annual election held at Rufus school. On Home Ec the group was reminded the members would meet May 11 with Mrs. Ed Cardinal.

The cleaning of the Rufus Grange yard was discussed, and decided to do it later. The smorgasbord which is set for the last Sunday in May will be at the Grange hall at 12:30 until evening.

Rolland Johnson was elected alternate to State Grange to represent the insurance people of the Grange having policies. Rolland also reminded all of Pomona at Harlandview May 13 beginning with a pot luck at noon. The first and second degree work was postponed because of the sickness of Jerry Brackett's baby. Jerry and his father take the masters part in degree work.

For the lecturers program the members of the Home Ec club gave the skit, "Doing the Laundry." With Mrs. Joe Morris as the narrator, Mrs. Millard Leigh as Fluorina, Mrs. Otto Petersen as Home Ec agent, and Mrs. Trace Fields, Mrs. Bill Baum and Mrs. George Fox as the three witches. Supper was served by Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Millard Leigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald took a drive to Pendleton Sunday for dinner. The area is so nice this time of year for a drive, with so many things green, and flowers blooming. It was nice over the weekend but Monday evening it started to rain and a lot of it came down with puddles still standing Tuesday afternoon. Later in the day the sun did show a bit.

Friday there will be a special election at the Rufus Grange hall in Rufus from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

The Home Ec club of Rufus Grange meets Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ed Cardinal instead of Mrs. Fred Dornier as earlier announced.

Mary Mobley Elected

Mary Mobley of Kent was recently elected State Representative of the OCE chapter of Student Oregon Education Assn., SOEA at Monmouth, a club to all students in teacher education. Mary will represent the chapter on the state council of this nationwide organization.

Miss Mobley is a sophomore at OCE majoring in elementary teacher education. An active participant in SOEA and dormitory functions on campus, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verne E. Mobley of Kent, Oregon.

Women Choose Officers

The Moro Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. W. Roy Belshie on May 4. Mrs. Inez Thompson was assisting hostess. Dessert was served at 1:30. Mrs. John DeMoss was a guest.

Mrs. Belshie, president presided. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. R. N. Olsen, president; Mrs. Inez Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, secretary; Mrs. Eugene Amidon, treasurer; Mrs. Bleshee, Mrs. Theo. Johnston and Mrs. A. Douma, directors.

The choice of a recipient and an alternate for the \$100.00 scholarship presented by the club to a Moro senior, was made. It will be announced at commencement.

Miss Patty Miller spoke to the group on her experiences as a contestant in the General Federation and Vogue sewing contest, at the local, district and state level. She expressed sincere appreciation for the club's having sponsored her.

The next meeting will be in June—a picnic in Inez Thompson's yard, weather permitting.

Friday Is Election Day For County Road Levy

Friday will be an election day for Sherman Countians who have a chance to express opinion on a five year continuing road levy proposed by the county court.

Total of the levy would be \$250,000 at the rate of \$50,000 per year which would mean a millage increase of little less than five mills on the 1961 valuation (which will be steadily more if state plans are not stopped).

For this amount the court would grade, rock and pave as much road as possible, using its own crew and contract builders as crews desirable. Roads that are most important market roads would be the first improved.

This is an opportunity for taxpayers and residents to say whether they want roads badly enough to pay for them. It is not likely that rural roads will be paved by any other funds than the county's own, nor that lower costs are probable in the seeable future.

Mental Health Campaign Started

May is mental health month, says Mrs. Tommy Thompson, Sherman County chairman of the mental health campaign, a time when the attention of the nation is focused on our nation's number one health problem. You can help conquer mental illness next year with the unbeatable team of research, treatment, prevention, and YOU. This year more than ever, mental illness has come to the fore.

The Mental Health Association of Oregon is kicking off its annual drive with a mailer campaign during the first two weeks of the month. According to Mental Health Asso., President Tom Simmons, "you can help our drive by returning your contribution during the first two weeks in May. Education and research in the state of Oregon depends largely on your contribution."

Summer School To Get 22 From Here

Twenty-two Sherman County 4-H club members will be traveling to OSU, Corvallis, for 4-H Summer School June 12 through 17, announces Janet Olsen, extension agent. Summer school is one of the highlights of the 4-H club year to which older club members look forward. Delegates are chosen on records of activities and participation in club work.

The 4-H club members are sent on scholarships by various donors. This year's delegation and their sponsors are as follows:

From Rufus: Karen Tsubota - U. S. National Bank; The Dalles: Doug Medler - Cushman Equipment Company, Moro; From Wasco: Mary Coats - J. Weir Memorial Fund; Loren Macnab - Sherman Co-op; From Moro: Johnny DeMoss - Butler Farm Air Co., Redmond; Kenny Thompson - Safeway Stores, Inc.; Ann Hall - Sherman County Fair Board;

Lorrie Alsop - Walt and Helen Bruckett, Wasco; Fred Hall - Harlandview Grange; Karen Powell - Moro Grain Growers;

Carolyn Henrichs - U. S. National Bank, The Dalles; From Grass Valley: Erin Wilson, Sherman Cattleman's Association; Joy von Borstel - C & C Store, Grass Valley; Danny Rolfe - Grass Valley Grain Growers;

Kenny Blagg - Dr. Frank D. Reid, Dentist, Moro; Mona Eakin - Butler Farm Air Company, Redmond;

Katherine Reckmann - Brady's Grocery, The Dalles; James Tatum - Aero Spray Service, Hood River;

Ardine Todd, Wasco Electric Co-operative, The Dalles; Michael Eslinger - First National Bank of Oregon, Sherman Branch;

Patty Knott - Pomona Grange. Attending with the group will be Janet Olsen and one adult 4-H club leader. The boys and girls furnish money for transportation to Corvallis and also bring some "mad money".

Boatmen Delaying Purchase of License For Coming Season

Sheriff Leo Roberts reports that less than fifty percent of the owners of boats registered with the State Marine Board last year have renewed their 1961 boat licenses. The sheriff is reminding boat owners that they have had since January 1st to obtain their licenses and should not wait until the last minute to apply and then be impatient to go boating.

The application for the 1961 license was mailed to the owners last year and is on the reverse side of their 1960 registration. Those who have misplaced or lost this form may apply to the State Marine Board simply by letter, enclosing the fees (check or money order).

The annual license fee for boats less than 16 feet in length is \$3.00. For boats 16 feet and over but less than 20 feet the fee is \$5.00. For boats 20 feet and longer the fee is \$5.00 for the first 20 feet, plus \$1.00 per foot or part of a foot over 20 feet.

Band Concert Dated For Next Tuesday

The Wasco Grade School will play host to the bands from Rufus, Moro, Grass Valley and Kent Tuesday, May 16 for the annual Sherman County Band day. Rehearsals are scheduled from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m. and a concert featuring each group and the combined bands at 1:00 p. m. Dr. John Kell Richards from Lewis & Clark college and the Portland Symphony, will be guest conductor. An admission charge of \$.75 will be made to partially defray the expense involved.

Pomona Grange Meeting

The Sherman County Pomona Grange will meet Saturday, May 13, at the Harlandview Grange hall. After luncheon a program will be offered under the direction of Delta Johnson, lecturer.

The program, which begins at 1:30 p. m. will be open to the public and will feature James McKinley, Oregon youth, recently returned from Jordan where he traveled as an International Farm Youth Exchange. Jim hails from Nyssa.

In February of this year, another IFYE visited Sherman County. Many heard and enjoyed his program on Italy.

Stock Show Plans Start

For the 15th time Oregon boys and girls will gather in this Columbia River city June 4-7 for the annual Junior Livestock Show of the Oregon Wheat Growers' League.

This year's show again will be held at the commodious Seufert buildings in Wasco County park opposite The Dalles dam, but for a number of years the event was held with cooperation of Frank Wink and his sons at their auction yards, torn down to make way for a freeway.

Summer Classes At OSU

The "year-around" school program that will be tried on an experimental basis this summer at Oregon State University has drawn favorable endorsement from students and is expected to draw a substantial enrollment, according to university officials.

The usual 8-week summer session will run from June 19 to Aug. 11. This year after it is completed, however, a special 4-week "intersession" will follow from Aug. 14 to Sept. 8. By putting the two together, a student may earn 18 credit hours, or a full-term's work plus.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 311 head with U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs steady at \$17.40 to \$18.00. No. 3 hogs sold down to \$16.80. Sows sold at \$12.00 to \$15.00 on heavies and up to \$18.00 on light. Weaner pigs brought \$4.00 to \$16.00 a head. Feeder hogs \$18.20 a cwt.

Good 250 to 350 lb. steer and heifer calves brought \$27.00 to \$28.50 a cwt. Steers 400 to 500 lbs. \$23.00 to \$26.00 a cwt. Medium 250 to \$21.00 and good 500 to 700 lb. steers \$20.00 to \$23.80. Medium to good 500 to 700 lb. heifers \$18.00 to \$22.10.

Wheat Growers Hear of Bills; Honor Winners

About 80 wheat growers and friends met at Grass Valley Friday night for the annual spring meeting of the wheat league. Paulen Kaseberg was chairman of the program. Peggy Riggs sang two songs accompanied by Nita Ruggles. Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg introduced Marie Hattrup, county winner of the cake contest and her mother, Mrs. Ted von Borstel, state winner.

The chairman gave some history of the conservation award which started when he was a member of the wheat commission and John Shipley, chairman of the soil conservation service, introduced Charles and Althea Burnett, 1961 winners of the award for conserving the soil. Herb Johansen presented the plaque to the Burnetts and Charles responded with some observations about soil conservation that were pertinent.

The main meeting of wheat growers followed some reshuffling of chairs and was presided over by Marvin Thomas, county chairman, who introduced Floyd Root, of western wheat associates, an organization for the purpose of selling northwestern wheat to the Orient. Root, former wheat league president, both state and national, told how western wheat operates and the success it is having in India. Methods of increasing the sale of wheat include school lunches, classes on wheat cooking, displays at fairs. The job of getting good wheat across the ocean and stored so it will not deteriorate is a big one as is the job of getting it mailed.

Bulgour wheat is now included in PL 480 subsidies.

Allen Tom, who with Root was a recent representative of the wheat league in Washington, told about farm legislation and explained quickly three farm programs that are possible.

The first was the administration's omnibus bill, so named because it has everything in it. Briefly it lets farm groups set up programs for their own product under federal regulations, then the secretary of agriculture reviews them, then the proposal goes to the president, then to congress, then to a referendum by the producers. The secretary is given much more authority than before.

The two price plan is still alive and northwestern wheat growers are hopeful that it will be adopted for next year, after the omnibus bill has run its projected course of one year. It would reduce the supply of grain by making payment for only 90 percent of the crop. But unless the government stopped payment for some part of the crop this could backfire.

Then there is the feed grain bill, which is now in operation and which may be the only law passed. It requires acreage reduction of 20 percent and gives the secretary of agriculture power to dump stocks in order to hold down the price, which is what he is doing in the mid-west. As long as the loan price is high farmers can buy from the government for their feed needs and sell their crop on loan.

Mrs. Sam Brock Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Sam J. Brock died in The Dalles Wednesday morning, May 10 after a brief illness that had kept her hospitalized since last week with a stroke.

She was born Lena Spoon, at Susanville, California January 26, 1885 and came to Sherman County in 1903. She and Mr. Brock were married in 1904 and Sherman County has been their home since then. She was an active member of the Rufus Grange, Christian church, the Rebekah lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are her widower; two sons, Sam of Great Falls, Montana, Virgil of Kennewick, Wash.; one daughter, Mrs. Claudina Banta of Coos Bay, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at one o'clock from Smith Callaway in The Dalles with Rev. W. R. Jones officiating. Interment will be in Park Lawn cemetery there.