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These Things We Note

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There seems to be plenty of water in Oregon despite stories that the mid-west drought is spreading over the southeastern portion. The grain grows green from Sherman county south to the irrigated fields of Jefferson and beyond that the mountain meadows are lush and green where the few cattle kept at home from the trip to higher range lol in bovine comfort.

The road to Crater lake is not yet open; snow lies along the other mountain roads and the streams run full. The twisting Rogue swings on its side to pass between restricting rocks and visitors from near and far gaze at its antics. Southern Oregon is long on people who have come to live in the mild climate and who would do a little work if it could be had. Jackson county has the enterprise to find occupations for some and it is growing. Entrepreneurs have just built and opened a manor for the elderly, a huge ten story, glass and blue tile building atop a hill where everything an elder might wish (except youth) can be had at the ring of a bell. They say it is worth saving the money for.

T T W N

Generally the urgency is not on workers. Food and drink, homes and convertibles, sports and communication are easy to get. The more valuable things: learning, information and interpretation, respect, can be waived aside. For those who require only food, the conditions are ideal.

T T W N

If we need to put a man on the moon we hope the planning is well done before the start is made. And we hope it may be done under someone who has earned the nation's confidence.

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Whether Russia is winning its cold war battle with us we do not know, but we seem to be helping it as much as possible. National bankruptcy for us is one thing Russia has prophesied and is helping—and we are helping, too.

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Portland surely has a king sized queen.

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A government by the people must be one with the consent and support of a majority. Coercion is not permissible and force must be reserved for criminals. Any fool can rule with enough power and that is the way fools rule.

T T W N

The luckiest summit meeting this nation ever engaged in was the one last summer when Khrushchev was mad and nothing was done. At all the others in recent times we have lost something by being out talked. So, if Kennedy's statement is true that nothing happened, it is some small gain.

T T W N

If congress puts enough exemptions in the omnibus farm bill it may pass. But be sure there's enough.

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It is probable that this country could get better foreign aid if it merely gave adequate protection to its business men who invested in foreign countries. Building a factory is better public relations than building a bureaucracy.

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Some institutions go up in prestige and public support and some go down. The trick is to know when. The blacksmith shop for example. Barber shops slipped with the advent of safety razors but what we'd like to know is what is going to get better next.

T T W N

Some congressmen are trying to get a bill passed to permit small business men and professional men a chance to save money, something like the social security put away every payday for workmen which isn't taxed. Good idea, but the notion of having something untaxed worries so many congressmen it may never come to pass.

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

Mrs. Esther Minks, a former resident of Grass Valley, was buried Monday after services held at the Tygh Valley Methodist church. Her husband, Arthur Minks survives. She was born near Seattle October 26, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and Robin went to Portland Friday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and family returning home Saturday.

Among those here for Memorial day were Mr. and Mrs. Edison Sutherland of Richland, Wash., Miss Louise Fraley of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters Jr. and family of Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woolwine of The Dalles, Mrs. Lydia Olds and Willard of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Olds and family of Albany.

Bernard Martin and Elton Eakin were business visitors in Madras Wednesday.

John Eakin is working at the Harold Melzer ranch near Moro. Mr. and Mrs. John Rust took her aunt, Mrs. Carl Runke, to her home in Portland Saturday after spending a week with them. Sunday they went to Cannon Beach and Rockaway where they spent the day returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and family were business visitors in Portland Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters stopped in Hood River Friday to pick up the former's grandchildren, Mathew and Danese Peters, going to Newberg to visit Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox. Saturday the Arden Peters went to Portland to the Ruetters-Woods wedding and Mrs. Wilcox took the Peters and grandchildren to Salem to visit their sister, Mrs. Mary Hoffman, and to Portland where they visited B. C. Baumgartner, all returned to their homes Sunday.

Mrs. Eben Kee took Mrs. Art Bibby to her home in Portland Thursday after spending a few days here.

Among those going to Portland for the wedding of Miss Susan Woods and Ron Ruetters held in the All Saints Catholic church Saturday morning at 11 a. m. were Mr. and Mrs. John Alley, Mrs. Bill Buether and Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Peters, Mrs. Bernard Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert and Victor Johnson left last Sunday on a trip to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger went to Tygh Valley Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Esther Minks.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and family of Portland spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds were there.

Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of Kent honored her daughter, Bobby Jo and son, Tommy on their birthdays by serving cake, ice cream and coffee to Mrs. John Rust, Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chub Johnson of Aloha, Oregon are visiting with his son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson. Monday afternoon the Chub Johnsons called on Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum of Moro.

Recent houseguests of Mrs. Sally Wright were Mrs. Eva Gregg of Bend, and Mrs. Grace Gregg of Portland. The two sisters, both now widowed, married brothers. They are old schoolmates of Mrs. Wright's daughters.

Houseguests from Thursday till Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Mark White and children were Mrs. Lovelina Randall of Grandview, Wash., C. D. White of Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beach of Seattle, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert White and children of The Dalles also were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper drove to Seattle Saturday for a weekend on the coast. Enroute home Monday they stopped in Portland for some shopping.

Friday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Sally Wright were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tucker, Joe Morrow, and Mrs. Augusta Royce.

Susan Skiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skiles, took part in the dance recital at The Dalles Saturday night, presented by the pupils of Eleanor Borg's School of Dancing.

Larry Kaseberg left Wednesday to join other members of his group for the annual two weeks' training camp of the Air National Guard at Camp Rilea on the coast.

The American Legion auxiliary of Wasco met Monday for a no-host luncheon. This will be the last meeting until September. Mrs. Al Merritt, a new member was welcomed at this meeting. Coming from Hood River was Mrs. Margaret Parrot and from Portland Mrs. Lucille Blau, and from The Dalles Mrs. Casha Yates and Mrs. James Maddox.

Mrs. Harland McDonald, president presided at her last meeting of the year. Mrs. Paul Patrick, was secretary and Mrs. Elva Dehler chaplain. The officers draped the charter in memory of departed member Mrs. Sam Brock.

The unit reported sale of \$91 for poppies and the lunch served at the hall May 26 netted \$26.70 and the bake sale \$28.06. The unit also received \$315 for its part of the recent magazine drive to which they use for the hospital equipment fund. Of this amount the unit gave the Wasco Fire Department \$100 to put towards a station for use in the county. A thank you from treasurer of the fire station Pat Macanb was sent to the auxiliary.

Mrs. Gus Hartmann, chairman of the Poppies, said everyone was so nice about buying poppies, that 36 wreaths were sold. On rehabilitation Mrs. Keith McDonald said some garments were sent to White City, and to the Veterans hospital in Portland 15 dozen flowers, 10 ditty bags and 2 shirts were given to them for use by the Wasco unit. Mrs. Harland McDonald showed the 100 hour certificate of the Veterans' hospital. Mrs. Keith McDonald said she has put in more than a 100 hours at the hospital. Mrs. Earl Richelderfer read the eight basic principals of freedom. Mrs. McDonald said the legislators do not carry out the vote of the people so why take the trouble to vote. A note from Evelyn Kinney, district 5 president thanking unit for the vase given her.

Mrs. Margaret Parrot installed the following officers, some were present as they couldn't be present at this date. For president: Mrs. Will Reid; 1st vice president: Mrs. Floyd Root with Mrs. Geo. Fox taking her place; 2nd vice president: Mrs. Gordon Harper with Mrs. Virgil Larimore standing in for her; Sec-treas: Mrs. Paul Patrick, chaplain Mrs. Earl Richelderfer; historian, Mrs. Paul Patrick; Jr. past president Mrs. Harland McDonald and sergeant at arms Mrs. Keith McDonald. Mrs. Elva Dehler was the installing sergeant of arms, escorting each one to their respective places. Mrs. McDonald turned over the president's gavel to the new president Mrs. Will Reid, who conducted the rest of the business. Mrs. Harland McDonald was given a past president's pin by Mrs. Parrot on behalf of the unit. Mrs. Reid said the unit will meet again the day after Labor day with a pot luck lunch. The new chaplain Mrs. Earl Richelderfer ended the meeting with a prayer. Then all sang a verse of "America".

It was announced the Pomona Grange picnic will be at DeMoss Springs Park June 25 meeting at noon. The Grange sent Bert Swigart a thank you for leveling the

Swimming Lessons Start Monday

Red Cross swimming lessons start Monday, June 12 at The Dalles, and will continue for ten days. The children from Sherman County will have the use of the pool each day from 9.20 to 11, daylight time. Registration for the classes will be held at the following locations: Rufus, Mrs. George Fox, chairman, motel ofice, Saturday, June 10, 2 to 5 p. m. Wasco: Mrs. Paul Patrick, chairman, Wasco School, Friday, June 9, 9 to 11 a. m.

Moro: Connie Cushman, chairman, forms available from her anytime, or register open all day Friday, June 9, at the Sherman Super Market. Grass Valley, Doris Wilson, chairman, forms available from her at Fields Confectionery.

Kent Mr. Knott, chairman, forms available anytime.

The time of bus departure from each community will vary according to location. The bus will leave Wasco at 7:30 and at Moro 7:15 a. m. The time of departure from other communities can be obtained from your local chairman.

church property which Grange uses for a parking lot. The degree work is discussed with the date of June 19 set for the 1st and 2nd degrees. Supper was served after Grange by Mrs. Art Smith and Mrs. Roy Shafer who served angel food cake with whipped cream with pineapple in it and coffee.

Rev. and Mrs. John Griffiths who was pastor at Rufus church of the Nazarene for the past 18 months moved away last Saturday to Seattle, Wash., where he has a job accounting. The Griffiths have two adopted Korean children and recently had a baby of their own. The Griffiths built the Rufus church membership up but so many have moved away that it has dropped down again. At this time the church does not plan on getting a pastor. The church parsonage has been rented out.

George Fox Jr. received his master's degree in nuclear engineering June 5 with the graduation class at Wisconsin University at Madison, Wisconsin. The Fox's plan on being in Rufus on June 16 on their way to Mountain View, Calif., where he has a position at the Ames laboratory as a research engineer. This is with the National Aeronautics Space Administration which is at the southern part of San Francisco, California.

Mrs. George Fox attended church services at the Catholic church in Arlington Sunday where her grandsons Grant and Frank Weatherford made their first communion with the class. Afterwards all enjoyed a delicious ham and egg breakfast put on by the parishioners of the Arlington parish at the Odd Fellows hall in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kaseberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skiles, Susan and Shawn, attended the wedding in Portland Saturday of Susan Woods sister of Mrs. Larry Kaseberg, and Ronald Ruetters, of Bakersfield, California. The ceremony took place at All Saints church. Miss Woods is a former Moro girl, and is a 1961 graduate of OSU.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Belshe and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg attended Grand Chapter sessions of OES, held in Portland this week.

Mrs. John Robinson, who has been hospitalized in Portland for some time, continues to improve, and hopes to be able to return to her home this week.

Mrs. Leona Van Gilder had as Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton and Donna Jean Gunnels of Moro. Donna Jean spent most of last week visiting her grandmother here.

The Rev. and Mrs. Larry Eddings, and Clyde Fridley, spent last week in Portland, attending the annual conference sessions of the Methodist church. Rev. Eddings has been returned to the Wasco church for the coming year.

George N. Dickinson stopped briefly in Moro last Friday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Giles French. He was on his way home at Gold Beach after visiting the grave of his wife in eastern Washington. He was Tum-A-Lum manager in Grass Valley and later banker there a good many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Showers have moved to Paisley where he will be teacher and coach of the high school baseball, basketball and track teams next year.

Mrs. Clair Balzer has been running the Moro Hotel Coffee Shop this week after Mrs. Carl Scherrer left that position to move to Sisters where she will operate a smaller restaurant. Next week a woman from Wasco will take over the place.

Awards Won By High School Students

At the high school graduation awards were given to Arlene Todd for freshman scholarship, to Karen Tsubota for sophomore scholarship, to Linda Marden for junior scholarship, to Lana Jean Paulson for senior scholarship, to Darlene Miller for being chosen the outstanding girl, to Ron Mobley for being chosen outstanding boy. Lana Paulson won the University of Oregon and the Moro Woman's club scholarships and Joyce Edwards won the SHS Boosters scholarship. These Bill Bieker presented during the program.

Historical Society Picnic Event of Sunday at DeMoss

The Sherman County Historical society will meet Sunday at DeMoss Springs, coming to beat their gums over food and gossip for a few hours before listening to a program which will comprise numbers from all over the county. Rev. Maynor Reed will invoke the blessing, the audience led by Mrs. Velma McKean will sing "God Bless America"; vice-president Nina Pinkerton (in the absence of President Nellie Fields) will welcome members and visitors, Marcia Medler will tap dance, a male quartet from Grass Valley will sing, Janet Thompson will twirl a baton, Tom Fraser will sing "Sweet Oregon."

Marion Weatherford to Speak

Marion Weatherford, well known resident of Arlington, will speak. He is descended from pioneers of an early day in Oregon, a member of the Oregon Historical Society, active in agricultural affairs.

There will be the report of the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Allie Ruggles, of the nominating committee and the betterment committee and the audience will be led in "America" before adjourning to some of the other activities planned for later in the day.

Everyone is invited. The dinner is potluck. There will be pictures of earlier county scenes on display. The conversation will be pleasant. The people will be of the best. Where can a Sherman countians spend three hours better?

May Was Cold, Wet, Rusty

May was wet. There was 1.26 inches of rainfall a good half inch above the normal and on the tenth it really rained with .52 inch to show for it. The crop year total is 12.55 (as of June 1) which is 4.98 inches above the normal so while other parts of the nation are dry we are still getting rains.

The warmest day was the 25th when the thermometer climbed to 80 and the coldest was 29 on the 4th, a good five days before the usual last frost. The temperatures, however, are about what we can expect from May. Monthly mean was 52.7 which is 2.9 below the mean.

Furthermore the evaporation has been less than normal by 1.43 inches making the total evaporation 5.55 for the month. On the 20th .37 inches evaporated. This week it rained again, Monday night and again Tuesday afternoon when a shower soaked things fully for a few minutes.

Rufus Grange Has Memorial Program

The Rufus Grange met June 1 with the master Mrs. Rolland Johnson presiding. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson will become members of the Rufus Grange by initiation. On agriculture Rolland Johnson reported on red rust in the wheat. He said the damage is unknown at this date. But he thought it will be a worse fire hazard as the leaves are drying up, due to the rust. On legislation Mrs. Harland McDonald read an article on vice and gambling. On safety Mrs. Otto Petersen read an article pertaining to the freeway for a safer way of travel. Mrs. Bert Swigart said the smog-bord bills are not all in yet, but the group was well pleased with results of their work and a neat sum will go towards the building debt. On education George Fox said there will be some new laws pertaining to schools. He said the local school will be enlarged soon. He spoke briefly on school reorganization.

The chaplain Mrs. Millard Leigh had charge of a Memorial program for the two grangers recently passed away who were Bruce Millard and Mrs. Sam Brock. Mrs. Leigh recited the 23rd Psalm, the group sang "In the Garden". A poem "Crossing the Bar" by Mrs. Rolland Johnson, the group sang "Church in the Wildwood" followed by the Lord's Prayer by all.

Boy Bitten By Rattle Snake Recovering At Morg Home

Bruce Melzer, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Melzer, was bit by a rattlesnake last Friday evening, while playing in the wheat near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coats. He went to the house and announced without tears that he had been bit. They didn't dare doubt him, and found four marks bleeding on his leg.

Young Bruce was spending the night as a guest of his cousins, so was rushed to the hospital by his older cousins Tom and Mary Coats and Jim Beck, who thought perhaps they had set a new record. Mrs. Coats had arranged with the doctors to meet him at one hospital, but not understanding, the boys took him to the other—so after a slight delay he was under medical treatment.

His leg swelled tight clear to the hip, although the bite was low on the inside of his leg. After local pain, nausea and fever for a few days, he was released Tuesday and is now home in bed recovering rapidly.

The doctor later indicated that a couple hours to get to the doctor and get the serum started would not have been calling it too close. He also said the smaller the bite and the larger the snake the more venom available and the more deadly the bite—in theory at least. Bruce indicated he was bit by a small snake, but they were unable to find it in the wheat.

OPEN HOUSE AT BELSHE'S NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshe celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 2 and will hold open house in their new home east of Moro June 11th at the hours of 3 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend. No gifts please. They will be assisted by their daughter Sharon and son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belshe.

Wasco Legion Elects Lewis Hastings

Frank Brown Post, American Legion at Wasco, is sponsor of the Little League entry for that town which has George Jensen as coach and George Macnab and Paul Patrick as managers.

Members of the team are Danny Jensen, David Welk, Walter Whorl, Mike Weedman, Dick and David Richelderfer, Kenneth Shafer, Leroy Long, Philip Jones, Michael Patrick, Kent Thomas Greg and Billie O'Meara, and Doug Dutton. Wasco won its first outing beating Moro 10 to 1.

At the election of post officers Lewis Hastings was chosen commander; Frank Reifsnider, 1st vice commander; Paul Patrick, 2nd vice commander; Pete Macnab, chaplain; at arms, David Richelderfer; Lee Schwendel, service officer; Earl Richelderfer, historian.



Stewart L. Udall, secretary of interior, will be the main speaker at the \$25-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson day dinner sponsored by the Democratic party of Oregon. The dinner will begin at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at the Portland-Sheraton Hotel.

Udall's Portland appearance will be the climax of a rapid three-day trip through the Pacific Northwest. On previous evenings he will have been guest of honor at party dinners at Lewiston and Tacoma. Purpose of the dinners is to raise funds to cover the Democratic party's 1960 election deficit.

Wheat League Show Has Winners From Sherman

Sherman county youngsters competing in the livestock show of the wheat league at The Dalles this week brought home awards in both 4-H and FFA divisions. There were 12 exhibitors in 4-H who had one steer, six sheep and eight hogs. Virgil Fields took fifth in heavy Herefords.

Sherman had the best flock of sheep. Individual winners in that division were Karen Macnab 1st and 2nd in Suffolk; Barbara Medler 9th in light Southdown; Delores Belshe 3rd in medium Southdown, Fred Hall 5th; Danny Thomas, 4th in heavy Southdown, Ann Hall 7th.

The county also had the best herd of hogs. Alice Kaseberg had 2nd and Nick Hall 3rd for mixed hogs; Sheri Rolfe 1st, Dan Rolfe 4th for light Yorkshires; Curt Blagg 1st, Ken Blagg 2nd and Dan Rolfe 6th for heavy Yorks. Curt Blagg had the champion York and Sheri Rolfe reserve and Alice Kaseberg had the top Montana and champion, Curt Blagg's York was reserve grand champion of the show.

In the FFA class Doug Medler had 1st and 2nd in Aberdeen Angus; Harold Gray 3rd for heavy Herefords and Pat Jefferies had the best pen of three steers.

Paul Sather was 2nd and 3rd in the Chester White class of hogs and the county herd was 3rd. The FFA judging team of Ron Mobley Gene Eakin and Allen Miller won the contest with 1539 points out of a possible 1800 and Ron Mobley was the winning beef judge.

For 4-H Karen Macnab was individual judge and the county team took 4th. In showmanship Karen Macnab was 8th in the seniors, Fred Hall 9th in intermediates and Danny Thomas, Delores Belshe and Barbara Medler respectively 7th, 8th and 10th all in sheep judging. Alice Kaseberg was 3rd, Dan Rolfe 4th in senior hog judging; Curt Blagg 5th in intermediate and Nick Hall 9th in juniors.

John P. Reckman had the best pen of three FFA lambs in the show.

Mr. and Mrs. T Fields Injured In Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields were driving rather hurriedly from their home at Rufus to Wasco last Thursday when an accident with their car caused it to hit a bank and run off the road. Mrs. Fields sustained a broken arm, a rather serious break, cuts and bruises that have kept her in the hospital. Mr. Fields was also bruised but was able to go home after a few days.

They were getting ready to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 4 and their daughter, Mrs. Basil Bains and son, Leonard and wife were here to help them. It had to be postponed. But when it is possible Nellie will wear her wedding dress and friends will congratulate them, not only on 50 years of marriage but on recovery from serious injury.

Court Makes Budget For Coming Year

The county court and its appointed budgeters have made up a budget which is printed in this issue to notify the tax payers about the expenditures of their money for the coming year.

It was an easy budget to make. Little hikes were given here and there, nothing of great consequence. The vector control matter is in the budget but is raised by the vector district and is therefore a poor bit of legislating.

The committee took the full six percent increase which is now getting to be over \$9,000 of itself. The county could have gotten by easily without it but preferred safety to the risk of possibly being without money. Some day a citizen may find a better way to handicap governmental budgeting than the six percent limitation, but so far there is none. Whether it automatically raises budgets by six percent or holds them to that is a recurring question.

There is nothing exciting in the budget. Under it the county will go on as before.