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These Things We Note

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It's an old trick: watching the pea under the first shell and trying to guess where it will be next. The handler always and in this case it is Russia, that has us watching Berlin.

T T W N
The trouble with smart guys is often that they're not very smart. The president must be finding that out; the nation knew it.

T T W N
Ty Cobb has died, an old, ill man, who didn't even look as if he could flash across the outfield or steel second while a catcher was drawing back his arm.

T T W N
In relation to possible calling up reserve military forces we recall an old rule of the west: "never draw your gun unless you're going to shoot."

T T W N
It is bad enough that so many Americans have gone on relief; and it is a national disgrace that the self-reliant Amish should have their personal property confiscated for not going on.

T T W N
A magazine tells that family income has been increasing which sounds fine. But the family expenses often go up faster.

T T W N
Prophets are saying the weather will be dry and a little on the cool side during August. That isn't so bad if it can reverse the next two months.

T T W N
When you're lost you are sure of something that isn't so, whether you are in the timber or in your own mind.

T T W N
Whittaker Chambers exposed the rats in our closets and scared the daylight out of a flock of parlor pinks, depression communists and college "liberals" who lacked faith in our country. Watch 'em take after him now.

T T W N
The depression is officially ended but in reality it goes on about like it was last year.

T T W N
Daylight saving has made its perpetrators unhappy.

T T W N
On the grounds of the Blue Sky hotel is a Quaking Aspen tree about a foot through. Where branches have been discarded by the tree some bugs have existed and woodpeckers have dug them out leaving holes. In one such place the woodpeckers have dug a hole large enough for a nest and inside it was a family of dissatisfied offspring that kept up a constant complaining day and night unless the parent birds were engaged in stuffing their mouths with whatever food could be found. Photographers stood patiently about the tree awaiting the return of the parents, who did not hesitate to make trips as long as the men stood still.

T T W N
It looks like the path of the welfare recipient may be strewn with some pebbles as the dog-ooders meet more resistance.

T T W N
Who would have thought that a nation started in opposition to a minor increase in the tax on tea would ever stand for taxes such as we have?

T T W N
Killing the goose that laid the golden egg is nothing to the bureaucrats who try to kill the industry that pays their salaries and provides the cumshaw for the improvidents who elect them.

T T W N
We certainly hope our grain surpluses last until the government gets out of the farming business. Any set of dummies can store a surplus; we would starve if government handled poor crops.

T T W N
If the machinery operators that are striking really want to work they act funny about it. We suspect that union is doing nobody any good, the public, other workers, contractors or even the men themselves.

Publicity Shower Gives Farmer Voice He Wants

Wheat farmers have been getting some of the kind of publicity they like in the past ten days when editors from Portland came to see what harvesting was like and see for themselves how farmers live and work. Presumably the public relations firm hired by the wheat league had a hand in the matter.

The actual job of raising wheat is little known to city dwellers and is getting so complicated that no one out of touch with it a few years would be able to go ahead with it. Since the end of World War II chemicals and fertilizers have added to the complexity of growing wheat and the knowledge that told a farmer when to sow and how to plow must be multiplied by knowledge of when to fertilize and how and when to treat weeds and how.

The stories will be valuable if they tell some city people that farmers are real people who work long hours when it is necessary, do the job of producing bread grain and feed grain for man and beast in what is (in Sherman County) one of the most efficient production operations to be found anywhere.

New Farm Bill Up To Senate

The Senate Agriculture committee last week approved an omnibus farm bill which is virtually certain to be reported to the Senate this week and debated.

The new Senate bill provides:

(1) A one-year extension of the special "one-year-only" feed grain program of 1961.
(2) A one-year wheat program which would require wheat growers to cut their 1962 acreage by 10 percent in return for payments (in cash or kind) equal to 40 percent of the 1959-60 average annual yield on the land retired from production. This program would permit growers to retire an additional 30 percent of their wheat acreage in return for payment equal to 50 percent of the average annual yield.

(3) Expanded authority for use of marketing orders, checkoffs for research, promotion, and advertising would be authorized as part of any marketing order. The list of commodities eligible for orders would be expanded.

(4) Extension of P. L. 480 (the Agricultural Trade Development Act) for three years, with an authorization of \$1.5 billion per year for sales of surplus commodities for foreign currencies.

(5) Extension of the National Wool Act for three years.

(6) Several changes in the basic legislation governing the Farmers Home Administration.

To Picnic Sunday

The Oregon liquor control commission reports that distribution of revenue from liquor sales and privilege tax collections for the three-month period ending June 30 amounted to \$3,075,969.

According to George Van Bergen, administrator, a total of \$17,924,412, obtained from liquor sales, license fees and privilege tax receipts, was distributed during the 1960-61 fiscal year. Of this amount, the state general fund received \$14,694,227 while the incorporated cities and county treasuries received \$3,217,113. \$13,072 was earmarked for the state census fund.

Distributes Funds

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the annual picnic Sunday, July 23, for members and families of The Dalles Elks lodge No. 303, according to Ev McReynolds and John Becharas, co-chairmen for the event. The picnic will again be held at the Dufur city park and will be an all-day affair the chairman said.

Families should supply their own picnic lunches and table service and the lodge will furnish ice cream, soft drinks, coffee and other refreshments. Games will be held for young and old and swimming will take place in the city pool with swimmers to furnish their own suits and towels.

Section chairmen for the event will include Pete Miles, Joe Tenney, John Lindsay, Bert Holland, Gay Dinger, Jim Sandos, Ted Walker and Clair Creighton.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hicks and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks of La Grande over the weekend. Sunday both families attended a reunion of the Counts family held at Goldendale.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root and Mrs. Rose Rueppell included Mr. and Mrs. Bud Root and son, Mrs. Alfred Evans, Rosemary Rueppell and Mrs. Gary King and son, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Glenz and Danny returned last week from a vacation trip to Cadott, Wisconsin, where they were guests of Mr. Glenz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glenz.

Houseguests of Mrs. Elva Dehler are her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hines and their family of Whidby Island. Mr. Hines is working in the harvest.

July 4 the young people of the Wasco Church of Christ enjoyed a picnic outing at Maryhill. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett, sponsors of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and family had as guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Prosser and children, Valerie Anne and Craig of Salem. Mrs. Prosser, a sister of Mrs. Root, remained while her husband attended a meeting at Pendleton Saturday. On his return to Wasco, Mr. Prosser stopped in Athena to get Gall Pickard, a niece of Mrs. Root, who will visit in Wasco for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Walla Walla visited in Wasco over the weekend. Saturday they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Funk. Sunday, they were dinner guests of Mrs. Elva Dehler.

Mrs. Elva Dehler had as overnight guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rourk of Fullerton, California. Mrs. Dehler got to know the retired naval officer and his wife on a visit to Honolulu several years ago.

Coming as surprise to the Rufus people was the wedding last weekend of Miss Joan Brackett and Charles Griggs. They announced Sunday at the Rufus church that they had ran away to Washington to be married. Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and is a 1961 graduate of Sherman High. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griggs of Moro and is a 1960 graduate of Sherman High School.

After being hot most of all last week it is starting out like it will be hot most of this week. It got up to 110 degrees last week at one place in Rufus. It was most uncomfortable where there was no air conditioning. Today it is 93 degrees according to the thermometer.

The wheat harvesting started in earnest last week and most of the north end farmers were cutting wheat or barley or they are in the fields with combines this week. From the reports the farmers aren't getting the yield as they have in some other years for their wheat. They don't know for sure just what was the trouble and can't get an estimate until all the field is cut. From all appearances, there won't be the money to spend this year. The farmers have hit lucky most all during the forties and fifties with good crop yields and a good price.

The farmers aren't the only ones to tighten their belts, the working men have been laid off since the strike just before July 1, and they are feeling the pinch of the times, too. There's not much work going on at Rufus right now excepting apricot picking at the local fruit orchards, and that will be finished this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and children of Olex joined Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and all went to Vancouver, Wash., to a family reunion of Mrs. Fox' relatives at the home of a sister Mrs. Al Jenkins. Relatives come from Seattle, Tacoma, Corvallis, Oregon City, making fifty in all to enjoy a day of visiting and picnicking. The weather was ideal there for the outdoor party. Pictures taken in 1959 at the Rufus Grange hall were shown by a movie machine when the reunion was held here.

Dwight Hull of Seattle, Wash., was a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Copenhaver of Goldendale brought Mrs. Gwen Sempey back to Mrs. T. M. Rolfe after spending a few days with them, they visited a while with Mrs. Rolfe before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Putman and children left Sunday for their home in Denver, Colorado after spending a week here with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Norton at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sondenaa and Lynne and Penny, arrived Saturday from Toledo to visit her mother, Mrs. A. von Borstel. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Says and Tony and Melissa of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garland and Cathy and her brother, Jimmy Norman, of Lexington spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland. Jimmy stayed for a longer visit with the Garlands.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel was hostess to the 4-H club outdoor cooking project group at her home Monday and Tuesday last week. Those present were Gary Brinkert, Robin Olds, Ricky Cantrell, Freddie and Steve Rolfe and Carsten vonBorstel. The boys cooked their supper and breakfast and each prepared their lunch for a hike Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. von Borstel.

Mrs. Don Clodfelter was hostess to her bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon with invited guests including Mrs. Art Christianson, Mrs. Leta Eslinger and Mrs. Lester Conlee of Moro.

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Local Ballclub To Play at Home Next Sunday

The Sherman County Braves will play their third home game of the season Sunday, July 23, to begin the second half of their Big League games. Playing Kinzua, whom the Braves beat by one run last Sunday, they seek to improve on their 2-3 record to date.

The game is scheduled for 2:00 p. m. on the Sherman High school field. Admission will be by donation.

The winner of the second half of the Big Wheat League meets Condon, the winner of the first half, to decide who gets the trophy. The league winners will be sent to Portland to play in the AABC tournament, competing against other top semi-pro teams in the state.

Zaniker, Thompson or Jensen and Hastings will be the battery for the locals.

Birth Certificates Need for Pupils

The Oregon State Board of Health advises all parents of children who are to enter school this fall to obtain birth certificates for them as soon as possible.

A registration card may be obtained from the Board of Health for a fee of one dollar by addressing the request to Vital Statistics Section, Board of Health, P. O. Box 231, Portland 7, Oregon.

Children born outside Oregon may obtain a certificate from the state where they were born.

Scholarship Group Named By Prexy

Mrs. Nellie Fields, president of the Sherman County Historical society, has appointed a scholarship committee consisting of Theodore Johnston, Wallace May and Eva Kirkelle, to choose the winner of a scholarship to be given by an anonymous donor to some graduate of the 1961 high school graduating class of Sherman High school.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Appointment of Sheridan C. Panther to succeed Charles McDowell as district line superintendent for Pacific Power & Light Company in The Dalles has been announced by Art Thrasher, P&L district manager. McDowell has been reassigned as Central Oregon district line superintendent for Pacific Power.

Weed Control Includes Seed Prevention

Good weed control practices include prevention of weeds from forming reminds Martin J. Zimmerman, Sherman County Weed agent. These pests will spread rapidly from field to field if allowed to produce seed. Wind, water, wildlife, livestock and machinery all carry seed large distances before dropping them again on to the soil.

Modern farm chemicals can be used to prevent seeding of many common weeds such as Morning Glory, Russian Knapweed, Canada Thistle. Three pounds of 2,4-D Amine is effective against Morning Glory and Canada Thistle at bud or early flowering stage. Russian Knapweed should be sprayed with 20 lbs. of 2,4-D with a wetting agent.

These weeds may also be tilted to keep from seeding.

Market Report

Livestock totaled 160 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs brought \$19.10 to \$19.50. Good feeder hogs 70 to 100 lbs. brought \$20.00 to \$22.50 a cwt. and good weaners \$8.50 to \$13.00.

Standard fed steers \$20.50 to \$21.60. Good 550 to 700 lb. feeder steers \$20.00 to \$22.00. Medium steers \$18.00 to \$20.00 and dairy types \$15.00 to \$18.00. Heavy 950 to 1100 lb. grass steers \$18.70 to \$19.50 on common kinds. No good steer calves in offering.

Good 650 to 800 lb. grass heifers \$18.25 to \$19.50. Average on 700 lb. heifers \$18.75.

Cutter and canner cows were in good demand at \$12.00 to \$14.50 with utility to \$15.50.

Baby calves ranged from \$12.00 on light dairy breeds to \$27.50 on Holsteins.

Wheat Yield Drop Startles Farmers; Cause: Unknown

The wheat crop in Sherman County is going to be below the normal of the past twenty years if early indications are borne out. Returns from those who are threshing wheat are all on a preliminary basis so far as few fields have been finished and results not computed for these.

Whether it was the rust, the howeather or something else will never be known because there will be no agreement. But yields are down from the almost fabulous 50 bushels some have come to expect and the 40 that was common. Top estimates are that some wheat has made 30 bushels this year.

Early returns from the Hay Canyon country which is just about average in quality of land would indicate that the neighborhood of 25 bushels. That will mean something between 2,000-3,000 bushels of wheat for the county.

Elders will call that a good crop but no one whose experience comes solely from the period since 1940 will think so. Since that date we have had an extra two inches of moisture, have learned to spray for weeds and the remainderly WSEIq to apply fertilizer. Machinery has steadily improved.

The crop of barley was good. Even in the north end where the growing of barley has not been very successful barley returns were good and the remainder of the county can usually expect a good barley crop.

Republicans Plan Fund Raising Feed

Irving Hart, Republican chairman for Sherman County, says that members of that party will have an opportunity to hear Senator John G. Tower, the Texas Republican who was recently elected to the senate, the first one of that party to be so elected. The dinner will be at the Marion Hotel in Salem at 7:30 p. m. standard time. Tickets are \$25 per couple as it is a fund raising dinner.

Women Shower

Bride To Be

About 65 friends and relatives attended a miscellaneous bridal shower for Miss Penny Higley Friday, July 14, in the Moro Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Elton Eakin entertained with a piano number. She played "The Man I Love". Another musical number set the atmosphere for a bridal shower as Miss Shirley Watkins, accompanied on the piano by Miss Judy Watkins, sang "True Love".

Assisting the guest of honor as she opened her gifts were Miss Mona Eakin and Miss Sharon Belshe.

The tea table was beautifully decorated with an arrangement of pink roses and pink candles. Focusing were Mrs. Henry Jaeger and Mrs. Harold Eakin. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Earl Gentry, Mrs. Richard Bruckert, Mrs. Donald Martin, Mrs. Paul Fraser and Mrs. Bob Belshe.

Weight Changes

Car Lights

Drivers pulling a boat or trailer or with back seat and trunk loaded with camping or vacation equipment were urged today by the Department of Motor Vehicles to have their car headlights adjusted to avoid blinding oncoming drivers.

The department said it had received several complaints this summer from motorists who have been blinded by headlights of oncoming vehicles loaded-down with vacation equipment.

The department explained that a headlight adjustment is required to compensate for the additional weight on the back of the car.

Otherwise, even headlights on low beam will blind other drivers and could result in a serious accident.

A driver may also find himself cited by State Police for driving a vehicle with improperly adjusted headlights if he fails to get the lights adjusted, the department concluded.



Ten of the 17 graduates of Moro high school in 1936 met together Sunday and had a right good time talking. Others of that same age or near to it came to broaden the field of conversation and the afternoon was spent pleasantly. The dinner gave it a

Tracy and Nellie Fields Finally Celebrate First Fifty Years of Married Life

Open house between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. was held at the Rufus Grange Hall on July 16 for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields of Rufus. Hosts for the open house were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains of Portland.

The hall was lavishly decorated with golden gladioli, the gift tables and punch table were covered with golden colored tablecloths.

Mrs. Emma Schearer had charge of the guest book, Mrs. Harold Brown assisted by the grange ladies served cake to approximately 160 guests. The ladies of the Wasco Women's Study Club served at the punch table. Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mrs. R. T. Dingle, Zetta Carter, Mrs. Stuart Johnson, Mrs. Arvilla Beeks served coffee and tea. The ladies of the Tillicum Bridge Club received the gifts and the ladies of the Wasco Church of Christ opened the gifts for display.

The serving table was laid with a linen cutwork cloth, centered by the wedding cake, baked and decorated by Mrs. Harold Brown, grand daughter, flanked by gold candles and mixed flower bouquets.

Mrs. Emma Schearer, aunt of Mr. Fields, made the wedding gown and dressed the bride fifty years ago, and dressed her again in the same dress for the anniversary. The Wasco Woman's Study Club presented Mrs. Fields with a lovely gold throated orchid. The leaves of the corsage were made from the silk illusion of her bridal veil.

Little Cindy Inman, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Andrews wore the same little dress

her grandmother, recently Blanche Dingle stepdaughter of Richie Dingle, wore as flower girl fifty years ago.

R. T. Dingle, brother of Mrs. Fields, who has been an invalid for 12 years was brought up from The Dalles for the occasion. Mrs. George Smith, sister of Mrs. Fields, was unable to come from her home in Canada for the occasion.

Guests coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Montgomery of Burton, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Craig and sons, William and Bruce of Centralia, Wn., Mrs. Opal Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Seward and son, William of Goldendale, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Verle Fields and sons, Mark, Faul and Kerick, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson of Salem, Mrs. Zetta Carter of Vancouver, Wn., Besse Pound and grandson, Nick Pound of Pittsburgh, Pa., Emma Schearer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Richie Dingle, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Courtney, Mrs. Pat Courtney, all of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Walla Walla, Wash., David Fields and Tom Henchel of Kennewick, Wn., Dwight Hull of Seattle, Wash., grand daughter, Cindy Inman, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains, all of Portland. Robert Black of Los Angeles, Calif. and numerous friends from Sherman County were also present to congratulate the happy couple.

Preceding the anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields a potluck dinner was served in the basement of their home to 42 members of the family.