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These Things We Note

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It has been hot in this county since June 15 which is the longest hot spell remembered—and long enough.

T T W N

The new deal effort to make big people out of little people by law has utterly failed.

T T W N

A state senator wants to upset the reapportionment law. But for the wrong reasons.

T T W N

A labor dispute with musicians has closed New York's Metropolitan Opera for this season. The orchestra players were only getting \$170 a week.

T T W N

George Putnam, 88 year old editor who was burned to death last week, did exhibit bravery and judgment over and above that of other editors on three memorable occasions. He lived longer than his contemporaries some of whom were also pretty tough characters in their day. Perhaps Putnam will be remembered longest for saying that a newspaper that has no enemies has no friends.

T T W N

It seems that some attempt should be made to classify the names of husbands and wives. It would be a most interesting assignment. A few refer to their helpmates by their given name, "Jane says" or "Judy won't," like that. How, we would like to know, does such a one differ from she who is called "the Mrs." or "the little woman" (we've seen some of these who hadn't been little for 50 years). Then there's the pale man who refers to his companion as "Mrs. Smith" as if to tie her to him with a name. We've even seen some pretty good looking ones who showed recognition of the title "ball and chain." We'd like to have all these types classified, both husbands and wives, not neglecting the wife who goes through life answering to the name of "say".

T T W N

Women should have some color photos made of them in their summer outfits. They would be jolly entertainment next winter.

T T W N

So far as we can see the whole Berlin business is a staged performance. Russia is afraid of German unification (and so is England) and wants to stir up trouble between east and west Germany. We are pledged by a most unintelligent settlement in 1945 to protect a part of Berlin. War wouldn't settle anything except who was to die.

T T W N

Wonder if there isn't some way we could get Russia to take Harvard.

T T W N

Our friend, the scientist, recalls for us that life often persists best against great odds and he thinks the atomic bomb will not destroy mankind. He has biology on his side. The way to eradicate any form of life—or any class of society, or section of industry—is to make life so easy for it that it forgets how to struggle.

T T W N

Mr. L. B. Johnson is a good looking man with some homespun wit and with a tendency to over promise like many another politician. Sending him abroad is a little risky. He may promise the moon—or another slice of Germany.

T T W N

With congress ready to quit and get back home American schools may get a reprieve from threatened government control.

T T W N

Cooler in the morning for a change. It is about time. We were getting tired of drinking. Cool fruit juice, cool beer, cool water, felt good going down but it soon started to boil out the pores which were getting oversized from overuse. The only kind of liquid that did any good was the kind in a river, from a shower or, if possible, that which comes from the sky.

Veterans Reunion Coming Sunday For WWI Boys

Theodore Johnston is getting lots of mail these days as veterans of World War I return his cards to announce that they will be in Moro Sunday next for another reunion of the aging men of 1917.

This year the dinner will be held in the Odd-Fellows hall because it does not appear that any other place in town would hold the crowd. Last year there were seventy and Theodore expected about 100, but says he may fail by a few. Wives and female relatives are also welcome and this year any veteran of World War I who lives in the county may come.

It is almost strictly a reunion. Hand to hand and mouth to mouth visiting goes on steadily, continuously and loudly. Theodore welcomes the veterans. This time John Golden Barnett will respond and some others will talk briefly. They will sing the old songs with Mrs. Roy Kunsman playing the piano. Old songs like "Good Morning Mr. Zip, Zip, Zip" and "There's a Long, Long Trail a Winding" to bring them closer together. But that wouldn't be so necessary for there is a bond that ties these old soldiers close together and brings them back hundreds of miles for this reunion.

Bus Drivers Have New Rules Now

School bus drivers' license application blanks and the blank for the physical examination are available at the county superintendent's office. Under the new law, the licensing is transferred to the state department of education. The application blank is filled out by the applicant and returned to the county superintendent's office. The superintendent forwards it to the state department.

All school employees, including bus drivers are required to obtain a health certificate which is registered with the county superintendent.

All schools in Sherman county are scheduled to begin the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 5, (day after labor day). Last reports from the schools indicated that teaching staff was in most cases complete, and preparations well along for the beginning of school. Mr. Lee Robinson, for the past seven years music instructor in the Sand Point, Idaho schools has been hired for music instruction in the high school, and in the elementary schools, replacing Mr. Jacox.

MHS of 1951 Meet For Reunion, Picnic

The class of 1961, Moro High School, held its ten year reunion at DeMoss Springs park Sunday with eight of the original 13. Picnicking, eating and visiting was the occupation of the day together with the chasing of youngsters by the women.

Present were Bud Kock, Terry Bucholtz and Les Edwards who came from Seattle for the occasion. Mesdames Evelyn Ziegler, Carrie Belshe, Darlene Anderson, Dorothy Holland, Diane Stewart. Absent and not all found were Georgia Schmitt and Viola Edwards. Fred von Borstel is in South Carolina and John Alley and Dick Rust were in Grass Valley.

Marjorie Riggs Buried In Grass Valley

Marjorie Mae Riggs died Sunday in The Dalles at the age of 17. She was born there January 9, 1944 and has lived all her life at Grass Valley.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Riggs, a sister, Peggy Lou, two grandmothers, Mrs. Maude Garrett of Grass Valley and Mrs. Blanche Riggs of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Funeral services were held from the Grass Valley Baptist church at 2 p. m. Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Don Leach officiating followed by interment in the Grass Valley cemetery. Donations may be made to the Crippled Children's fund in her memory.

Elvin Barnum Passes 87 With Nonchalance



Elvin Barnum was 87 Monday which seemed to concern him less than it did the neighbors and relatives who arranged a lawn party in his honor. He was born at Sand Springs August 21, 1874 before the days of homesteading, before Sherman County, before the railroad, before any road except the stage road to Walla Walla from The Dalles, the station for which his grandmother kept. There was no more than one or two footpaths in the country (and those footpaths) and the bunch grass waved on every hillside belly deep to a cayuse and the creek bottoms were meadows where the deer fed at evening.

Queen Contest Has Four Entries

Entries for the queen contest are all in and four girls have said they would like to be queen if only for a week end. The contest will close September 15 at eight o'clock in the evening when the girls will compete for the nod of a team of judges headed by Fritz Watkins. Location will be at the fair grounds.

Girls entering are Sharon Coelsch, Patty Alsop, Nancy McKean and Ann Hall, all are from Moro. Personality and horsemanship are the qualities on which the queen is to be chosen. Sherman County Cattleman are sponsors for the contest.

Fred Hall Has Range Schooling

Representing Sherman County at this year's Youth Range Camp was Fred Hall, Moro. The camp was held early in August at the old "P" ranch on the Malheur Wildlife Refuge south of Burns.

A total of 48 boys from 15 eastern and southern Oregon counties attended the camp. They were selected through plant identification contests in their county, or on the basis of leadership, citizenship, and love of the outdoors.

County Claims Considered, Paid, Reports Read

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 1961 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$26.85; Flatt's Truck Service \$8.79; George F. Cake Co., \$7.44; C. L. Roberts, \$95.80; C. L. Gray \$162.30.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$9.70; Moro Postmaster \$10.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$18.75.

TREASURER'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$5.75; Sherman County Journal, \$20.00; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$5.75; Dunham Printing Co., \$15.00; Craig Office Supply, \$3.88;

COUNTY PRINTING: Sherman County Journal, \$160.68; DISTRICT ATTORNEY: T. Lester Johnson, \$15.00;

COURTHOUSE: City of Moro, \$5.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$31.53; Conley Chemical & Supply Co., \$53.15; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$15.11;

CIRCUIT COURT: Don E. Devlin, \$15.23; Dunham Printing Co., \$28.35; COUNTY COURT: Lester Wilson, \$15.00; L. E. Kaseberg, \$43.60; Secretary of State, \$40.00;

JUSTICE COURT: Pacific Telephone \$5.00; City of Wasco \$10.00; Morrell's Business Machines \$20.00; Darwin Van Gilder \$25.00;

WEED CONTROL: Great Western Chemical Co., \$255.00; Moro Postmaster, \$20.00; WELFARE: State Public Welfare Commission \$1732.25;

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New Wheat To Be Released For Increase This Fall

The new wheat that was called Shorty before it was officially approved for release will be named Gaines, after Prof. E. F. Gaines of Washington State University, who did some preliminary work in the development of a short strawed wheat for the northwest.

Gaines passed its milling test at Helix recently and the Pacific Northwest millers obtained 72 percent of flour from the sample, and that is sufficient to get the approval of millers.

Gaines is a cross between the rather well known Burt in this county and a Japanese wheat Norin 10 which was imported to provide the short straw without losing the productive tendency of Burt.

This year at the experiment station near Moro Gaines made 37 bushel per acre, a yield that is good for the year. Omar made 31 bushels per acre at the station.

Sherman County will have 10,000 pounds of the new wheat to distribute to farmers who will grow the seed according to specifications. Some of these are: to seed 30 pounds per acre and to sell 60 percent of it to growers next year at a price under \$7.00 per hundred weight. The fields must be certified and if not good enough for that the grain must be sold commercially.

By 1963 it is possible that there will be enough Gaines wheat to satisfy all who wish to grow it. It is as smut resistant as Omar, and more rust resistant.

SPRAYING TIME AGAIN

If you haven't sprayed your morning glory in the stubble or summer fallow now is the time to get this job done.

Three pounds of 2,4-D Amine is recommended at 7.5 to 10 gallons per acre on spot treatments. ACP cost sharing is available for all of these programs except stubble spraying. This is very important, however, and probably contributes to real success with 2,4-D.

There is some evidence that the effectiveness of TBA spray applications may be increased by discing or spring tooting the area immediately following the spray application.

We would like to have some farmers who are spraying 4 or 5 acres of morning glory take half of it and springtooth the sprayed area right after the application and leave the other half that is sprayed without cultivation.

For such a trial to control the field bindweed, you might try as low a rate as 8 pounds of TBA per acre which would be 4 gallons of the concentrate.

About the County

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore left Wednesday of last week for a few days of vacation at Camp Sherman. They took their saddle mounts, intending to do a little riding. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins visited them at their vacation cabin. Enroute home, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins stopped on Sunday at Madras for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Merchant.

RUFUS PERSONALS

The Rufus Grange met Thursday August 17 after a rest since the first part of July. Mrs. Roland Johnson, master, presided at the meeting. As usual this summer it was a hot night. Roland Johnson on agriculture reported that the rust damaged the wheat crop to about one-half crop this year. The average for this area was 18 to 24 bushels. Johnson said the surplus on the west coast has been sold, so the price may be good. He also told of the mint crop around Madras.

Mrs. Harland McDonald on legislation said Gov. Hatfield has been busy with the strike problems. Highway 97 from Wasco to Biggs has been closed and the traffic is routed down Fulton Canyon for those going west and down the Rufus or Scott Canyon for the traffic going east. Mrs. McDonald said Maupin is meeting to cope with the mosquito problem there. She spoke of the problem in our area and said a meeting is planned soon to work out a plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson had a folding chair to display to the Grange. And as the Rufus Grange needs new chairs, it was voted to purchase fifty of these tan chairs for the hall. Bill Huck on insurance says the insurance on sports cars is changing. Also a reduction on compact cars is given.

Mrs. Roland Johnson said she was at the Grange Youth Camp at Bend where she assisted with the work. She said there were three one week sessions this year, and they expect four sessions next year. The site is west of Bend located in the mountains and makes a beautiful setting to have a camp session. The master said the community service report should be in by Sept. 1. The Rufus Grange will put on the third and fourth degrees at the regular meeting Sept. 7. There will be a pot luck dessert luncheon following the meeting.

For the literary program Mrs. George Fox gave two short readings, Mrs. Joe Morrow read "Walk the World" and Mrs. Roland Johnson read "Builders". Skits were given by Joe Morrow and Mrs. Harland McDonald, Bill Huck and Atlee Wilson, Roland Johnson and Mrs. Bert Swigart.

Mrs. Millard Leigh and Mrs. Bill Huck.

The Sherman County Fair was discussed and the dates are Sept. 14 thru 17. The Rufus Grange will again manage the food booth as it has previously.

Mrs. Trace Fields thanked the grange members for the assistance given them for their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Tommy Thompson, Sherman County agent, said he would like to see the two granges in Sherman County have a booth at the Pacific International this year. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Bert Swigart and Mrs. Geo. Fox, who were the hostesses, served watermelon, punch and coffee to those present.

The Home Ec Club of the Rufus Grange met August 10 at the home of Mrs. Bert Swigart. A desert luncheon preceded the meeting. Mrs. Swigart, chairman, of the club called the meeting to order with the salute to the flag. The secretary reported the Major Blake of Camp Columbia called and said he wouldn't be home August 10, but that he would be the next day if the club could come that day. As it was a busy time and so hot, the women thought it best to postpone the trip to the camp until the latter part of September or the first of October. Major Blake said to be sure to come over before the bad weather set in. Mrs. Roland Johnson passed out breakfast food coupons. Mrs. Millard Leigh said she and the rest of the fair display booth committee are working on ideas.

Mrs. Harland McDonald, general chairman of the food booth at the fair, asked for suggestions. She said a work day for the end of the week prior to the week of opening must be done. The October meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Atlee Wilson as co-hostess. The members are to make and bring a dish garden.

Mrs. Swigart purchased a flag with 50 stars for the clubs use and donated it. It was reported the Pomona Grange will be the fourth Saturday in September and will be at Rufus.

Mrs. Harland McDonald won the drawing prize. The club members signed a get well card for Mrs. Nellie Fields who hasn't been well since her accident.

Friday, August 18, the secretary of Rufus Grange, Mrs. Atlee Wilson, the Home Ec chairman Mrs. Bert Swigart and secretary of the H. E. club Mrs. George Fox all met with the chairman of the Community Service, Mrs. Trace Fields to help make out the report. Each one added what their part had done this past year for the community as a whole.

It seems good for work to be progressing at Rufus again, and the men being busy. Idleness does no one good, besides in this day and age the people don't plan on a very rainy day, so it is with a real hardship for anyone to be without work but for a short time. The John Day dam lights can be seen twinkling across the Columbia river at night since the work started again.

Albert Burnham of Burley, Idaho who knew the Millard Leighs since the '30s when they lived in Idaho, stopped in Rufus Tuesday night to reminisce with the Leighs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook of Portland stopped in Rufus Sunday and were overnight guests of the George Fox. The two men were friends before either were married while both attended Benkhe Walker business college in the middle '20s. The Cooks were on a vacation which had taken them to Victoria, Canada, Vancouver, B. C. and as far east as Grande Coulee dam and were on their way home. Cook is a mail clerk in the postoffice department.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald, all went to pick huckleberries up on Mt. Adams last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vuri Blackburne and children of Oklahoma who have spent their vacation with Vuri's parents the Geo. Blackburnes left for Oklahoma Wednesday. Last Sunday the Roger Blackburne family of Portland came to spend the weekend with the Blackburnes, so a family reunion was enjoyed by all. Paul Blackburne and family live in Rufus as well as Mrs. Audrey Shafer and son. Patricia Blackburne and Mona Casey are home from college for the summer so there was quite a crowd when all got together.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Woodbury Co., \$35.30; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$11.28; BRIDGES & CULVERTS: Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co., \$677.90;

THRES & TUBES: Cushman Equipment Co., \$9.11

Farmers Told About Farm Bill And To Vote

Farmers filled the court room Tuesday night to listen to an explanation and enter into discussions of the new farm bill. The meeting was called because of the coming vote on the price for 1962 wheat and the continuation of quotas which the administration apparently very much wishes to be retained.

Tommy Thompson, county agent, started the meeting by giving the basic facts of the election saying that domestic consumption is estimated at 609,000,000 bushels, exports at 600,000,000 bushels and with a carryover of 242,000,000 bushels will make a total of 1,451,000,000 bushels. The 1961 crop was 1,260,000,000 bushels for a total of 2,660,000,000 bushels so by law the secretary of agriculture must call an election to decide whether to have quotas imposed or not. If a third of the farmers oppose there will be none.

This would also mean that there would be no loan price and wheat would either sell at market price or at one half parity which is about \$1.19.

For years farmers have been consistently voting for the larger price and accepting the quotas along with it. It is expected that they will do so today (Thursday). The average loan price in the United States has been set at \$2.00 per bushel and in this county it will be \$2.06. Under the quotas to be imposed farmers will take out about 39 per cent of their land, including an extra ten per cent on which nothing can be raised.

Barley will also be restricted but there are several choices a farmer can make to handle his barley and wheat acreage. If he wishes to take out land in addition to the mandatory ten per cent he can be paid for not planting it on a scale that should bring him about \$37.08 per acre for 30 bushel land. Not all regulations have been received and are probably subject to change.

Dan Verhagen, ASC field man, noted that farmers will have allotments anyway, whether they vote for or against the marketing quotas and the loan price. More farmers can now vote as the growers of 15 acres of wheat are now allowed to vote and with but 13.5 acres.

Manning Becker put an explanation on the board and answered such questions as he could about the use of diverted acreage.

Bank Debits Down In Mid-Columbia

Bank deposits for the Upper Columbia River including Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties decreased in July 1961 as compared to July 1960 according to the U of O bureau of research.

Debits for July 1961 totaled \$29,197,964. For June 1961 the total was \$29,310,515, and for July 1960 the total amounted to \$29,721,224.

Oregon with 230 banks reporting had a decrease in bank debits in July 1961 of 5.7 per cent as compared with June 1961 and a decrease of 4.6 per cent from July 1960.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 822 with 687 cattle consigned for the feeder sale.

U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-240 lb. butcher hogs sold at \$19.70 to \$20.30. Sows 300 to 500 lbs. brood to \$16.00 to \$16.90. Feeder hogs 70 to 170 lbs. brought \$16.50 to \$20.50 and weaner pigs \$8.00 to \$15.50 by the head.

Good 600 to 700 lb. yearling steers brought \$23.00 to \$23.50 with common and medium down to \$19.00. Common to good 1000 lb. and over steers \$18.00 to \$20.00 with a large consignment of Holsteins weighing over 1000 lbs. at \$18.00 to \$19.00.

Good 400 to 500 lb. steer calves \$24.50 to \$25.75 with over 500 lb. weights down to \$23.00.

Good 400 lb. heifer calves sold at \$22.50 to \$23.30 with 500 to 700 lb. heifers \$20.00 to \$22.00.

Cows with calves at sides, calves around 300 lbs. brought \$177.50 to \$199.00 a pair.