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These Things We Note

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Lair Hill Gregory, whose grand father was once a Sherman countian, and who is famous as sports editor of the Oregonian, said recently that he would not dare walk through the Deschutes valley even though clad in all kinds of protective wear against rattlesnakes. As one whose first lesson on the outdoors consisted of instruction about what to do at the sight of a snake, and who has been stopped in his tracks by innumerable lizards and whose heart has fluttered at the sound of dried sunflower day after day, let us say that Greg could walk the entire length of the Deschutes barefooted with less danger than he would encounter by stepping out on the streets of Portland after dark. When it comes to snakes give us the rattling kind.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., we read, is to be the official historian of the Kennedy administration. Mr. Schlesinger seldom writes history, but does well enough at propaganda.

Shake-up in the British cabinet probably didn't remove the one most responsible for that nation's economic condition. Macmillan lacks the bravery the job requires.

We read that honesty is the best policy but that not everyone takes the best.

Overheard: "I wish congress would pass a law to make me equal to the rich and noble."

We already have two Jews in the cabinet so the political situation is better balanced with an Italian. Gotta look after the racial minorities, you know.

Most of the world's leaders are old men, careful and shrewd. Maybe that's the reason we are not fighting again.

Don't worry. Pretty soon it will be autumn and women will put on skirts once more.

No one is worrying much about the deadlock between two members of congress that is preventing passage of appropriation bills. Maybe citizens think it is beneficial.

Everybody is buying a new car. Maybe they want to have a good one to start the next depression.

The national credit card system doesn't seem to be working very well. Maybe the ones who like to spend and charge do not like to save and pay.

Since the Russians beat us with a satellite we have been worried about our standing in scientific things. There is almost nothing in science that makes an important difference in the human relationships that determine the quality of a life. The humanities are still the most important.

As quoted in the Oregon Legionnaire, John Hancock, when he put his name first on the Declaration of Independence, said: "There John Bull can read my name without spectacles, and may now double his reward of 500 pounds for my head. That is my defiance." Readers of the recent speech by Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Tulsa editor, have written to newspapers wondering what they could do. The reaction to oppression, usurpation of authority, a lack of morals, and other acts depriving an individual of his rights and powers varies. Some crumble and say that is the way it is, some whine and obey, the brave battle.

France is going to mint stainless steel coins. Imagine that, stainless money.

We suppose it is OK for a man to have a hold on a job as long as there is a job to do. The boss needs him and likes his work, he will earn what he gets. Otherwise holding a job may become a sort of graft.

Rev. E. Goodenberger First Fire Burns Wheat and Barley Near Wasco States Resignation Plans To Church

Rev. Ernest Goodenberger announced at the church service Sunday that he would like to be released from the pastorate of the Moro church by September 30. The Goodenbergs will retire from steady work although continuing in Christian service. The church will act on the resignation by September 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Goodenberger left Tuesday morning for Anaconda, Montana to visit their son John and will also go to Powell, Wyoming, before coming home in a couple weeks. During his absence Russell Belshie, Ed Fritts, and Rev. John Goodenberger will fill the pulpit.

William Brinkert Dead at 83

William Brinkert, a resident of Grass Valley since 1925, died at a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday night at the age of 83 from the effects of a series of strokes.

Mr. Brinkert was born at Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, March 4, 1879. In Sherman county he first farmed east of Grass Valley. Later he had the lease on the Heath place in Cottonwood which his son now farms. Brinkert was a horseman of the old school and had driven harness horses on the tracks.

Surviving are the widow, Elsie, two sons, William and Wilbur, both of Grass Valley, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two brothers and a sister in Michigan.

Funeral services will be held from the Grass Valley Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with interment in the IOOF cemetery there.

Fence Cutting Brings Neighbors

Neighbors came in to build a mile of fence for Vernon Eakin last week after someone had cut a mile of fence between every post on the north and east side of the Jackson place, east of Grass Valley.

The fence was completely ruined, not only the three barbed wire part, but the section that was new hog wire as well. Reason for cutting the fence for so long a stretch is obscure. It must have taken most of last Thursday night.

Bob Lutje At Air Force Camp

Robert L. Lutje, son of Mrs. Eunice Lutje of Wasco and Leonard Lutje of The Dalles, is currently participating in an Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps summer encampment at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Following graduation at Willamette University, he will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Applesauce Cake Prize Project

Girls, county fair time is approaching in all wheat growing countries in Oregon and Mrs. L. E. (Marguerite) Kaseberg, chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers League's Wheat Utilization committee, urges all women to participate in the league's annual cake baking contest.

Inaugurated in 1954, this ninth annual cake baking contest is expected to attract a record number of contestants. County fair winners will participate in the finals at the league's annual meeting, scheduled at the Multnomah hotel in Portland on November 26, 27, and 28.

Entrants in the cake baking contest must submit an applesauce cake. Rules do not permit the use of fruits, nuts or frosting. Cakes must be baked in a loaf or tube pan.

Top award of \$100 will be presented the state winner in Portland and, in addition, she will come into possession of a rotating trophy, to be presented this year for a first time.

Cakes will be judged on outside appearance, inside appearance and taste with each category rating 30, 40 and 30 points, respectively.

Should a county fair winner be unable to take part in the state finals, the second place winner in that county will be eligible to replace her.

Mayme Bayer Funeral Saturday

Mrs. Frank T. Bayer died in a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday night after a long illness from cancer.

Mayme Vinton Bayer was born August 15, 1893 in Grass Valley to Mr. and Mrs. David Vinton, pioneer settlers of the area. She went to Grass Valley schools and for years held the record for the 50 yard dash for girls. In February 1917 she married Frank Bayer and they moved to a ranch where they have farmed for 45 years.

Surviving is the widower Frank, a daughter, Cora Perrigo of The Dalles, sons Frank E. of Grass Valley, Claud of Moro, David of Davis, California, and Keith of San Rafael, Calif., nine grandchildren, two brothers, Guy of Carlton, Wash., Gene of Corvallis, and a sister, Mrs. Laura Campbell of Alaska.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Baptist church in Grass Valley with Rev. Maynor Reed officiating followed by interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

GVHS Graduates Asked To Reunite

All past graduates, their families and friends, those who attended Grass Valley High School in 1942, and all past teachers are invited to attend a pot-luck picnic at Moro City Park, Moro, Oregon on Sunday, August 5, at 1:00 p. m.

This is the 20th anniversary of the consolidation of Grass Valley High School with other high schools of Sherman county. Consolidation had been under consideration for a number of years, but it became necessary in 1942 due to the war-time shortage of teachers. There were six pupils in the last graduating class, 32 total enrollment in the high school. Since three teachers were necessary to carry on a course of study, this made a ratio of 10.2 pupils per teacher.

School Lunch Paid By Citizens

The State Department of Education, through its School Lunch program, distributed 274 train-car loads of foods to local schools in Oregon during the past school year.

According to Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of Public Instruction, this represented over 4000 tons of food which had a wholesale value of nearly 2 1/2 million dollars.

The tonnage, distributed to cafeterias in 950 elementary and secondary schools in Oregon, involved 29 types of food, which included frozen meats, cereal products, canned fruits and vegetables, raisins and fresh cranberries.

School lunch and school milk programs are operated without profit and are kept within the financial reach of the majority of children because of federal reimbursement administered by the Department of Education, explained Dr. Minear. Elementary children pay only 25c a meal and high school students pay a few cents more.

Each school receives from three to four cents in cash, plus donated foods which have a value of seven to eight cents per meal.

Maryhill, Sam Hill Bridge Dream Of Community Promoters Long Ago

Bob Byars of Wasco has brought to this office some correspondence between his grandfather W. F. Byars, a business man of Goldendale to Wesley Jones, then congressman from Washington and head of the commerce committee relating to the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river. The letters are most pertinent now when the two states are getting ready to dedicate the Sam Hill bridge built across the river at Biggs rapids.

The chambers of commerce of Sherman county communities met at the Moro Hotel in the fall of 1929 with J. B. Adams presiding and E. E. Larimore, secretary, sent a telegram to Samuel Hill who answered from New York city to advise on what should be done to get a bridge built across the Columbia connecting sections of Highway 97, then referred to by Sam Hill as the Every Day Highway. He noted that at one time Lakeview had more cars per capita than anyplace in the United States because there was an opportunity to use cars there more days in the year than other places.

Mr. Hill advised bridge sponsors to read Fremont's journals and obtain his data on the climate of the area, to note the equable climate of the region caused by the Black Japan current which comes up the Columbia river. From this information sponsors were to write an article and get it published in all the newspapers.

The estimate on the cost of the bridge was \$1,000,000 of which the two states should pay half. The present bridge cost is about

three times that amount and the Washington Toll Bridge authority paid for all of it through the sale of bonds. Goldendale workers for the bridge were trying to get the federal government to assume some part of the cost and Mr. Byars continually warned Congressman Jones that if he didn't jump in and get the job started some other member of congress would get the credit for it, because it was certainly going to be built.

In one of his letters he wrote, "Within the next two years we can travel over a modern highway for its entire distance from Yakima valley to Goldendale—a road of long tangents, light grades, easy curves and magnificent scenery. The only barrier in a continuous highway from British Columbia through Goldendale to California and Mexico is the Columbia river, 12 miles south of here. A bridge, sooner or later, will be erected and it is to be called the Samuel Hill Memorial Bridge."

New Superintendent Starting Duties

C. Edwin Tyler, who will be known as Ed Tyler, with his wife and three children, a boy ready for kindergarten and two smaller girls, has arrived in Moro and moved into the house most recently occupied by Jack Cushman and bought from him by the Sherman High School district.

Mr. Tyler comes from Reedsport where he was assistant principal under Homer Dixon for the past three years. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and obtained his masters degree there before going to USC for some special work. He has taught at Albany and at Los Angeles.

The new superintendent has attended a board meeting and is making plans for the coming school year which includes the hiring of a language teacher, making up the schedule of classes and putting the final touches on the facilities themselves.

Gaines Wheat Growers Make Seed Clean To Sell

The twenty-three Gaines wheat growers in Sherman county met at the John and Gordon Hilderbrand ranch the latter part of June with extension and research personnel. Information on requirements for certification including field inspection, harvesting, storage, cleaning and treating along with samples for purity and germination were reviewed with the growers. Special attention was directed to methods of rouging the Gaines fields and the off types and other varieties that needed to be pulled from the fields. Norm Goetze, farm crops extension specialist, W. E. Hall, superintendent Sherman branch experimental station, and the county agent assisted with the session.

The distribution of the new wheat, Gaines, has been handled in somewhat different manner than previous allocation and releases. More growers received the seed than in the past years which has some advantages and some disadvantages. Certainly two of the more important advantages is to see how the grain does under various conditions and also to acquaint more people with the methods, procedures and requirements for producing good clean seed.

The production of any type of clean seed whether certified or not takes extra pains. The production of Gaines wheat under certification requirements, certainly gives a good picture to many farmers in the Columbia basin this year on how to properly handle the seed for seed purposes to maintain good quality for the



A well known highway engineer drew the plans for the first projected bridge across the Columbia at Maryhill or Biggs Rapids as pictured above. The big depression killed the first

hope but the fact that the best road from north to south hits the river here made a bridge a certainty. It will be dedicated in September.

that a bridge making the final connection on the Every Day Highway, which has the easiest grades from the Columbia to the highlands, the fastest route, the shortest distance from Seattle to Los Angeles, the finest scenery was practical and necessary.

There is no doubt that as soon as the convenience of Highway 97 route becomes known it will be the favored one for north-south travelers going from Mexico to Canada or intermediate points. Truck owners will especially appreciate the easy grades, the long turns and the faster road when compared to any other route.

The approach on the Oregon side is completed and the road leading from the river to the connection between Highway 97 and Highway 830 is graded and ready for surfacing on the Washington side. All but one section of steel is in place and the deck is nearly completed. The next thing is to dedicate it, open it, and watch the traffic flow.

A Maryhill Bridge association was formed and its officers in Sherman county were E. D. McKee, chairman and George G. Updegraff, secretary.

Mr. Byars, Congressman Wesley Jones, Samuel Hill, the road builder, George Updegraff, nearly all of the men who were working 33 years ago for a bridge across the Columbia, are gone from the scene of earthly promotions. Certainly when the celebration is held dedicating the bridge sometime in September (if the steel strike ends) there will be due mention of these pioneers who started talking about a Columbia river bridge before the depression that ended all such talk.

These men and their followers in the promotion were never able to convince Oregon officials of the value of a bridge at Biggs, but Washington officials could see

Wind Damages Ripening Grain In North End

The winds of the past week have cut into the yields of wheat and barley in Sherman county, especially in the north end where the grain is riper and perhaps where the wind has been strongest.

Farmers trying to cut barley find the bins filling more slowly every day and the ground getting filled with barley kernels that shatter out when beaten together by the wind.

It has been a long time since wind was a hazard of harvest time. This past week has been very windy although it seems to have slackened to some extent. The prophesy, however, is for some storms to continue to blow in.

Politicians Call On Picnic Prospect

Two political candidates showed up in Moro, Sunday, for a picnic and rally which wasn't being held.

Bob Chandler of Bend, candidate for Congress from this district, was the first to arrive. He and his daughter, Janet, landed their plane near town. Pat Blair of Salem arrived with his family a few minutes later. Blair is running for state labor commissioner.

Each had, through some mixup, been invited to a Republican picnic. But Republicans weren't holding any picnic. Blair decided the picnic was being held in Morrow county, instead of Moro, and left to make his scheduled speech.

There was a picnic being held, however, by the Eastern Star. Chandler and his daughter, having looked over the commissary, decided to stay in Moro, rather than going to Morrow county. Mrs. Collis Moore was their hostess at the picnic, and the Chandlers flew to Bend later in the day.

School Auditors Here This Week

An audit team from the Audit division of the Oregon Secretary of State's office arrived Monday morning to make the annual audit of the records and accounts of the various school districts in Sherman county.

Members of the team are Clair F. Young, Art Seto, Frank Caldwell and Mario Rossi.

Oregon school law requires that records and accounts of all school districts in the state be audited each year by an approved auditor. The Sherman County Rural School District Board has contracted with the Secretary of State for this service.

Grain Markets May Be Cut

Oregon wheat growers may lose some of the markets they have developed in Asian countries for their white wheat unless they get relief under present federal wheat allotments, which seem to point the way for other countries to take over these markets.

This is the opinion of T. Ralph Harry, state department of agriculture grain division chief, who sees the possibility of this situation in the substantial decline in wheat exports from the Portland port.

He cites the drop to 38.4 million bushels of the wheat moving into export trade for the year ending June 30. This compares with 53.1 million bushels of wheat exported in the previous year and 48.8 million bushels two years ago.

Total grain exports, in which barley in runnerup to wheat, from Oregon are also down, but not as markedly as the wheat movement overseas. Grain exports, he says, for the year just ended were slightly more than 60 million bushels, down from 64.8 million bushels in 1960-61, 71.9 million bushels in 1959-60, and the all-time high of 81.6 million bushels in 1956-57.

Harry reports one bright spot looms in his annual summary of grain inspections. This is the low incidence of smut with only 1-10th of 1 per cent of the samples graded smutty during the fiscal year. This is the lowest in 20 years of reports immediately at hand.

Smut incidence has dropped steadily in the last five years, being below one per cent of samples in the last two. Ten years ago and for several years earlier it ranged above 20 per cent and as recent as six years ago was found in 12 per cent of samples.

This sharp decline in smut means a better return to the grower because smut draws a discount. One per cent of smut in 2000 bushels, for example, would lose the grower about \$35 at present prices.

On the subject of grain exports, Harry points out that all grain moving through the Oregon port does not originate in Oregon or even in the Northwest. Some comes in for export from as far away as Colorado and western Kansas.