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**Of Gardens**

Here it is the middle of June and the late stuff in some gardens isn't even up yet. To the gardener that is an early sign of failure for along about the first week of October there will be a frost that will put an end to gardens for the year.

The remainder of the summer (for summer is soon upon us) will need to be especially favorable or the corn will be in the milk, the beans short and immature and the muskmelon barely big enough to attract the pheasants. The tomatoes, although they may be plentiful, will be fit for chow-chow or similar pickle.

A good garden year must be one in which there is some warm weather along in March so seeds can sprout and emerge from a warm earth. This year few gardeners had their plots plowed until late. Only the iconoclasts who prefer a garden unworked in the spring got their seeds in early.

The rain was bad enough, but it was a cold rain, day after day, to make the earth an inhospitable place for seeds. Weeds seem to like colder weather than garden plants for cheat and mustard and cheese weed will grow despite frost. Later, when it is properly warm for gardens, the tumble weeds and Russian thistle come on to infest the garden.

But a garden is never a failure. If there be a paucity of turnips there is a plenty of exercise; if the corn is frail there still may be moments spent in the sun, leaning on or swinging a hoe. Either is a good way to commune with nature by being out of doors where there is opportunity to enjoy the world about us.

Certainly the ability to enjoy the world must be a primary pleasure if one is to have pleasures of any kind from living on this planet. GLF

**Community College**

Petitions are out in Sherman County asking that this county be excluded from consideration if and when the state board is faced with the question of establishing a community college in the mid-columbia area.

It will be readily understood that this does not indicate dislike for a community college as such. Some want an institution teaching nothing but trades; others prefer a school teaching the first years of college.

The reason for the petition is strictly economic. The plan for financing a community college is that at least half the cost be paid from property taxes. Sherman county has about a third as much valuation as Wasco county and approximately a tenth of the potential pupils. Unless there is a change in the law to permit a county to pay on a student basis, Sherman county cannot afford to enter into any such program.

The man who said Sherman county could afford to send its children to Yale with less cost than to send them to a community college under the present law wasn't crazy.

Hood River county has also developed opposition to joining Wasco county in a community

college proposal. Some its citizens say they could buy a bus and send its pupils to Portland State cheaper, have done some figuring.

That is the reason for the petition. We think it a good one. GLF

**Pope John**

John XXIII was a friendly man and the rather elaborate formality of his church could not hide his liking for people. He did the world great good by bringing Christians together in the Ecumenical council and he did his church great good by his efforts to soften some of the customs considered outgrown by many of his faith.

We hope his work initiating the council will not be stopped or altered. It promises too much to be lost. Pope John was a positive man and friendly, proving that the two are compatible, a lesson lesser leaders might remember.

**Deschutes Report**

The story about the report of a combination of public agencies on that portion of the Deschutes river from Sherar's Bridge to Mack canyon has been published. It was a release sent out by the Bureau of Land Management.

Because of its nature it did not contain the humor that is apparent in the report itself. It is the proposed development section that the most humorous.

The proposal is made that a new road be constructed over the tunnel below Sherar's at a cost of \$40,000. Two estimates are made, one for a single lane road and the other for a two lane road (20 feet wide) and the cost for the latter, which is preferred, is "50,000 for over the tunnel construction". This will only be funny to those who have looked at the terrain over which such a road must be built.

The remaining road of 18 miles is to be improved at a cost of \$153,000 or \$204,000 and gravelled at a cost of \$51,000 or \$92,000, depending on the width decided upon. Surface will consist of 8 inches of compacted gravel and 4 inches of gravel depending on the base. (It is rock all the way so it

doesn't matter. For facilities for the public there is to be a boat launching site at the tunnel to cost \$5,000. Cedar island is to be redone to federal specifications at a cost of \$120,000, which includes 35 camping units on the east bank (more north than east), a footbridge to the island and across to the Wasco county side and 20 day-use units, together with a boat launching ramp, water and sanitary facilities, of course. (We do not know why a boat launching ramp if only a footbridge is provided.)

At Mack canyon another \$10,000 will be spent to include 20 day-use units, the usual Chick Sales and water. At Girt canyon there will be 15 day-use units and the cost will be \$15,000 and at Oakbrook there will be five family picnic units and a boat ramp to cost \$15,000. There will be trails and footbridges, etc., to cost an additional \$50,000. And, Oh, Yes, \$20,000 at Sinamox. Total estimates cost is \$665,100.

The projected development would probably cost ten times that amount.

The money, also estimated, is to come from the BLP and Accelerated Public Works funds and the game commission. It so happens that BLM has been under some fire in congress and may not get all the money it wants. Also the legislature did not look at the state game commission with a happy eye in the last session and certainly any Sherman county official who applied for Accelerated Public Works funds for such a deal would be in grave danger of ending his political career.

The Oregon legislature's memorial requesting funds from congress ended as a request that at least a part of the river be left as a wilderness area. The state highway commission has better places to spend its money.

Certainly the Deschutes river is a much more enjoyable place as it is than as it would be after the government had had its way with it. All this is but a sample of what undisciplined big government may do.

The project considers moving the cattle to the hills and development of the springs to accommodate them. Also included will be

the cost of maintenance by a crew of men, who will also be able to detect and suppress fires. Considering that in 30 seconds a fire in dry cheat grass is out of control, that a polite, but useless, consideration. GLF

**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss left Tuesday for Renton, Washington, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George DeMoss and family, they plan to be there for a week or ten days and then will travel to Hansville, Wash., to do some salmon fishing.

Linda Reed made a flying trip to Portland to see George, her husband Friday morning. Was back in Moro early in the afternoon. She found George looking some better than when he left Moro. She and her friend Vivienne Williams had breakfast at the New Hilton Coffee House.

Little League and Babe Ruth Benefit Dance, with live Music June 29 at 10 p.m. to 2:30. Moro Legion Hall. Couples \$2.00 and singles \$1.00. Supper 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Belshe were in Toledo, over the week end to attend the wedding of a niece. They returned Monday.

Lora Lou Coons motored to Centralia last week to bring her daughter Sharon Creighton, and grandson, Brad home with her to spend some time here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Douma took the Kirekeley girls back to their home Sunday, in Kennewick, Wash., and spent the day visiting there returning in the evening.

Velma McKean, Lynn Hart, Marie Barnum and Dorothy Moore had an impromptu Bridge Party Friday afternoon to celebrate Velma's birthday at Beefe's.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Balsiger visited at their sons home Sunday.

Grave Zevely retired school teacher has moved back to Moro from Wasco.

Little Johnny Gentry returned to California with his mother who was here for her daughter Cheryl's graduation.

Helen Sayrs entertained Edith Crews from Mesa, Arizona with a bridge party and luncheon. Mr.

and Mrs. Charley Garlie were luncheon guests. Those present at the one table bridge party were Marie Barnum, Edith Crews, Helen Sayrs, and Marie Peters, with Marie Barnum winning high.

Vee Bussy was in an automobile accident Sunday night near Walla Walla, Wash. She received only minor injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Balsiger went to Spokane, Wash. Tuesday morning for a short business trip.

Marie Cyphers was a visitor in The Dalles Monday afternoon.

Mary Lou Melhase, county nurse for the southern part of Sherman county was in Moro Tuesday and had lunch with Linda Reed. Reporting as usual a very healthy community.

Helen Sayrs was asked to be musician at the regular meeting of the Annie Fulton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Bobbie Roots place since Bobbie wasn't feeling quite well enough to play Tuesday evening.

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Monte Decker and son Lantz, were here visiting during graduation week from Ontario, returning home Monday.

Edna Paulson is the assistant at the post office during the absence of Lloyd Johnson, postmaster.

Terry Decker left Monday for Enterprise, where he will be employed during the summer.

Linda Reed was in The Dalles on business Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole who are with the P.P.&L. Co. spent the week end in Seattle leaving after work Friday and returning Sunday evening.

Ernest Webb from Beaverton, Oregon was in the Journal office to renew his subscription for another year.

Patty Alsop left Sunday morning for a one week session of Girl State activities, at the Willamette University Campus.

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