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GARRULOUS LEISURELY FLIPPANT COMMENT

A trio of bankers were reminiscing about the bad old days. They recalled to one another about the time when banks were paying all over the country and depositors were getting more nervous each week.

Bankers formed committees and went together to buy out their neighbors before the crash in order to retain the confidence of the public in the banking system.

These men recalled how the banks around the area would hear either directly or by the grape vine that such and such a bank was having trouble and there would be one of more hurried night meetings as secret as possible for the presence of a strange banker in a small town was considered a sign of trouble.

Then there would be agreement with the directors about what funds were to be kept and have much indebtedness would be absorbed and another bank would be at the end of its career, with the stability of fifty or more years gone with the depressing times. Banks universally helped one another, and all three of the men had gone busted after helping others until the weight became too heavy.

Said the non-banker of the group: "That sounds similar to the international situation right now."

The United States feels pretty able to take over the defunct treasuries of Europe and Asia so they won't go broke and scare the "depositors" into communism. So did the bankers of 1931.

The campaign on behalf of a sales tax for Oregon, on which the people will vote October 7, is going to be no amateur affair. There will be some few who will lend their names to the affair, but the work will be done by professionals. They will be men who know politics, know how to make up advertising copy, know how to use the words.

The cost will probably be according to the quality of the men employed, and there is a rumor of weekly salaries of \$500. The boys in the marble offices sure want this sales tax and are willing to pay for it. (But they'd have a better chance at the dog races)

A news magazine reports that scientists have discovered a new source of brain power, one of the amino acids found in wheat and soy beans in greatest quantity, and to some extent in meat and milk. It is glutamic acid and in tests already made improved the mental ability of a large part of the children tested.

Improving mental ability is something not often done, it is said, that is by diet.

This note would be a fine peg on which to hang some advertising for what is food and the new formed Oregon Wheat Commission may need it before long.

Incidentally, the boasts of wheat county residents about being a little different and better folks may assume more semblance of scientific actuality.

Speaking of wheat, the 1947 crop now looks to have lost some of its sparkle and it is coloring up in a sort of drab and unimpressive manner that doesn't indicate that there will be a very big crop.

It looks tired out with the struggle of competition with the bumper size brothers of the past few years, and like many another younger brother may just give up and be useless.

Among inventions that are needed is one that will permit a woman to express her liking for masculine attire without loss of grace, over emphasis of form or loss of femininity.

School district, No. 21, Fairview will sell on June 28 at 1:30 p.m. the following school property at the stated prices: Cottage \$350; School house, \$325; Barn \$30; two outbuildings \$10 each; Stove, furnace \$20; Books, \$7.50 set and \$9, and some other books and some other items.

Carl Meizer, Clerk

Flying Tour Section Makes Stop At Kent

Tuesday morning six planes of flight one of the Tri State Air Tour and nine local planes set down on the Decker landing strip. The purpose of the tour was to show how close cities of the northwest are by air and to demonstrate that flying is safe and does possess utility.

Planes and personnel from the tour included a Swift owned by the Aero Tribune and flown by Jack Miffin of Western Skyways and president of the Oregon Aviation Association, Bob Konopka of Pacific Transformer Co. and typist for the tour, Frank Womack, assistant manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the tour; a PT flown by Leverett Richards, aviation editor of The Oregonian and Hugh Ackroyd, photographer for the Oregonian; two Super Cruisers, one flown by V. D. Buroker who is Piper salesman for the other flown by the representative for the Piper Aircraft Factory at Lockhaven, Pa.; and a Cessna flown by Walt Rupert, president of Rupert's Flying Service of Beaverton and Virgil Meyers, a Flying Farmer of Beaverton.

Planes from the local area principally operated by Flying Farmers were four Taylorcraft flown by Mr and Mrs Victor Thompson of Goldendale, Washington, Bob DeWald, instructor at S & M Flying Service at The Dalles, piloted by his fourteen year old son, Jimmy, Luther Davis and George Wilson of Kent; an Excub flown by Lyle Driver Instructor at S & M and Tony Fitzgerald, CAA operator at Dalles Port; a Callair flown by Bob Wherli and Mick Cooney of Condon; an Aeromica Chief flown by Joe Hilderbrand of Wasco; a Skyraider flown by Clarence Morrison of Wasco and a Stinson Voyager owned by John Decker of Kent.

A large crowd turned out to watch the unusual event. The flight proceeded to Yakima to join the rest of the tour for a scheduled lunch. Sixty nine planes divided into five flights left Troutdale Air Field at nine thirty-five on the tour.

Rural School Board Gets Organized

The Sherman County Rural School Board held its first meeting last week and organized for work that is to actually begin next January first, when all the provisions of the law become effective.

William Nisbet was chosen as chairman and drew the one year term. Irving Hart and George Fox will serve two years and Frank von Borstel and Wallace May drew the three year terms. The first directors draw for place.

Board members will have six months to establish policy and study the law. Their powers are to audit the budgets of rural school boards and levy a tax which shall be equal over the entire county. The board has no authority over school consolidation.

Another law, the basic school law, gives the state school superintendent authority to refuse to pay state money to any school that does not reach standards set up by the superintendent's office.

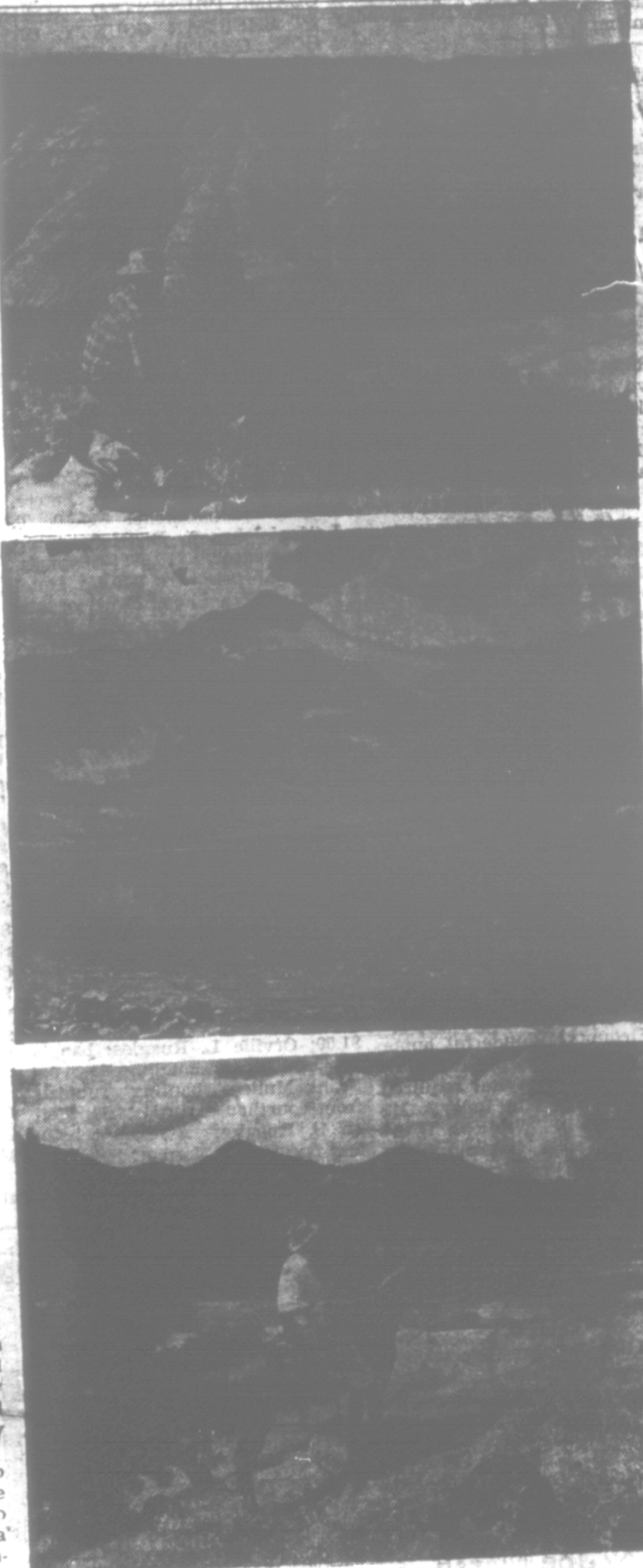
TELEPHONE HEARING DUE JULY 7 AT SALEM

A hearing will be held in the state capital building July 7, at 10 a. m. on the petition of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for higher rates in this area. The burden of proving the necessity for higher rates rests with the company.

Information about the hearing was given by letter from George Flagg, P. U. Commissioner.

Rate increases, if allowed, would increase business telephone rates 50 cents per month. Toll rates would also be increased.

The company filed its new schedule to offset wage increases recently given and to increase revenues considered too low.



Pictured above, at top, a base of towering Eagle Cap; bottom cowboy views the beautiful town, Wallowa Mountains as seen from Imnaha Canyon; center, a pack from the Laxy T Ranch near train pauses along the shores of Glacier Lake nestled at the

Assessor's Books Show Increase In Valuations of County Property

The annual statement of the assessor for Sherman county as far as the local assessor controls it, has been compiled at the assessor's office and the statement thereof sent to the state tax commission.

Local value has risen to \$8,032,540 from \$7,858,540 of the 1946-47 tax year. There has been little increase in the valuation of real property, the last year's figure being \$6,862,900 and this year being \$6,869,505. Tillable land, in fact, has dropped in unit value from \$21.26 to \$21.14 and non-tillable land has remained at \$1.51.

Valuation of tillable lands is \$5,700,310 and of untillable land is \$294,150. Improvements on land is \$537,800 this year as compared to \$508,420 in 1946-47. Platted lands are up \$430 to \$52,530.

Through improvements on platted lands (city lots) are down to \$285,110 from \$319,490.

Merchandise is valued at \$99,580. Instead of \$93,630 and movable machinery has increased to \$52,020 from \$26,800. Furniture in commerce is now valued at \$25,330 instead of \$20,350.

Livestock has changed in unit values; horses to \$29.64 from \$18.47, and most of them are in the saddle horse class assessed at \$40 whereas draft horses are assessed at \$20. But there are only 584 horses in the county now instead of 802 as last year. Back in 1918 there were 7328 horses in Sherman county.

Cattle are down on the assessment rolls, there now being 8947 as against 9637 last year and the average value is up to \$48.17 instead of \$29.77. Sheep total 843, another drop and the present value is \$4.83. There are almost exactly the same number of hogs as last year, 1249, and the value per head is \$11.20 instead of \$8.62 and the 2660 poultry now is figured as 89 cents each instead of 38 as last year when there was 3055 of them.

Valuation of personal property is \$1,165,870 for the current tax year a raise from \$996,370 last year.

Sherman county has a small amount of property that is owned by tax exempt bodies. Of this the federal government has the largest block, some 52,720 acres valued at \$79,250; the state has 754.28 acres valued at \$2300 and the county owns 495.37 acres worth \$38,460. Cities have possession of 7.8 acres valued at \$6940; school districts 1402 acres worth \$73,650. Of the entire tax exempt real property there are 55,492.45 acres and the total valuation is \$211,810. This includes churches, benevolent societies, cemetery lots and other such groups.

The tax exempt compilation is made each year to show officials and the general public how much property escapes taxation.

Grass Valley's Picnic Pushed

Grass Valley residents are doing a great deal of work to insure the success of the Fourth of July picnic that is to be held in the park there next Friday. The field is being put into shape the stands repaired and the auditorium is getting some repairs as well.

New fireplaces are being built in the park for the use of visitors, trees have been trimmed and a general overhaul has been going on since the picnic was planned. A full day of games and amusements is being readied for the Fourth.

Cattlemen From Three States Look Over Sherman County Purebreds

Some 70 visitors from as far south as the San Fernando valley (Clipper Count, Diamond Souvenir and Diamond Prince Peter. Visitors were taken through the barn where the show stock was being fitted for the shows this fall.

The Fred Cox farm was the next stop. There Mr Cox and son, Don, showed their small and well-fed herd of purebred Herefords. They had displayed the ribbons won and the pedigrees of their two herd bulls, Aldarra Trix and Mark Donald.

For lunch the party drove to Moro where the seven cattlemen whose stock was being shown were hosts at a barbecue prepared the night before by LeRoy Wright.

First stop after lunch was at the Ralph Eakin ranch where the crowd saw his starting herd of Herefords bought largely from Harold Eakin's stock. Herd sire is Diamond M. Dom. 11th.

An unscheduled stop was made at the Bernard Martin pasture where his small group of Herefords were shown and ancestry made known.

Millard Eakin showed his purebred herd of Shorthorn cows and calves and his three bulls, Idaho operated by Elton and Owen Eakin was the next stop and here was found another herd just being formed. Several young bulls were shown although Real Promino was the most used sire of the group. Cows are nearly all young and prospects for development are excellent.

Harold Eakin's operation on the old Guthrie place was the final stop of the day and it was six o'clock before the crowd left his spacious corrals and stopped looking at his herd. He has bought cows and heifers at many sales, he explained, and has many blood lines, most prominent being Bar Jupiter 40, Real Prince Domino and Promino. Most of his calves are from now dead White Mt. Royal and Hartland Domino. Eakin's new bull, Domino Heir L. 121 obtained from North Dakota last spring was shown. He will be two in July.

Many of the visitors on the tour came to buy and had money to do it with. They were interested in the county, its production, its size, the valuation of land and stock here.

Experiment Station Field Day To Be Held Next Saturday Afternoon

When farmers of Sherman and adjoining counties go to the plowing looks as well as any experiment station next Saturday at 1:30 to take part in the annual field day they will find a tour of interest prepared for them.

The alfalfa and grass experiment whereon grain is planted after a few years of alfalfa and readily shows the effect of too much nitrates in the soil in a year like 1947.

The rotation plots receive little attention and yet, it was for the purpose of finding some crop rotation that would beat summer-fallowing that the station was established. Good crops of grain and peas have been found possible under rotation methods and when, and if, we return to a livestock economy the use of other crops may be found profitable.

The plots show up well this year. The varietal plots show the effect of dry weather although the comparison is as valuable as in better years. In the composite cross plot turkey seems to be gradually gaining in quantity, showing it to be stronger in survival than some of the others. Spring grains look more promising.

The visitors will find the tour interesting and informative. Evidence of the value of the station is found in the changes that have taken place since it was established, proof enough, that there are new things to learn about man's oldest business: agriculture.

Special Road Levy Passes By 47 Vote Margin

The special tax levy was voted Friday, June 20 although the margin of victory was smaller than sponsors had hoped. Total vote was 149 to 102, with a total of 251 persons expressing their opinion through their ballots, a pretty small turnout.

By precinct the vote was:

Precinct	Yes	No
Rufus	20	12
Locust Grove	11	13
Klondike	21	5
Monkland	19	3
Kent	21	14
Grass Valley	25	16
Moro	17	24
Wasco		

No comparison can be made between the city vote and the country vote because nearly all city precincts include country voters. Precincts where there is the most road work to be done gave the highest percentages for the special levy.

The vote means that for the next two years there will be a special levy of \$40,000 on all property in the county to make a total of \$80,000 which will be expended under direction of the county court for improvement of county roads. The estimate gives 187 miles of road to be rocked, wholly or partially, with 51,625 yards of gravel.

The Dalles Breakfast Club Plans Three Day Celebration for 4th

The Dalles will have a three day Fourth of July celebration that, says the sponsoring Breakfast club will be the most elaborate staged here in many years.

Among the events featured will be the largest rodeo ever presented in this city, a big street parade on the morning of July 4; a \$1000 fireworks display; a beauty contest; a Dalles-Hood River softball game and big dances at the auditorium ballroom each night of the celebration from 9 until 12, with good music.

In order to attract the highest caliber of competition, the Breakfast club is posting \$3000 prize money for the rodeo. Some of the top performers on the circuit including several who have displayed talents in Madison Square Garden will appear.

The rodeo will be staged each afternoon, starting at 1:30, and will be at the local circus grounds on W. 6th street within easy walking distance of the city. Sonny Balm is bringing his string including 80 bucking horses, 50 roping calves and 50 wild Brakma steers. Bucking, roping, bulldogging, trick and fancy riding and many other attractions are scheduled.

Participation of out of town rodeo queens is being sought by the committee. Miss Dorothy May, popular Dalles girl, will be queen of the local celebration. Many other Mid-Columbia communities have held rodeos this spring, and have selected queens for them. They are being asked to contact the Breakfast club parade or rodeo committee if they are willing to appear here. Ample seating capacity will be provided at the rodeo grounds.



Miss Dorothy May, former Sherman county resident, has been chosen as queen of the Fourth of July celebration given by The Dalles Breakfast club. Miss May is shown in her rodeo costume.