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These Things We Note

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Census figures are out and are apparently official except for late checking. Oregon's growth was large but not nearly so great as had been hoped for by those who consider numbers all important. We Americans do take great store in the biggest of anything; look at our insistence on keeping the largest national debt.

Rudyard Kipling once used this little poem to illustrate a point and it may be done again: "Twelve hundred million men are spread about this earth And I and you wonder When you and I are dead, What will these luckless millions do?"

But before that time (much better, too) some brief consideration can be given to what the Oregon million and a half do as far as producing food and fibre are concerned. It causes reflection on the productivity of populations.

Agricultural production in 1949 went like this:

Marion	\$27,549,000
Umatilla	23,945,326
Jackson	22,248,393
Klamath	21,458,900
Linn	18,885,000
Lane	18,222,000
Clackamas	17,843,000
Yamhill	15,697,009
Union	12,349,763
Multnomah	9,813,000
Morrow	7,754,000
Wasco	7,253,300
Douglas	7,068,000
Wallowa	6,832,580
Benton	6,819,390
Sherman	6,421,000
Coos	6,298,100
Tillamook	6,000,000
Hood River	5,976,217
Josephine	5,946,072
Deschutes	5,792,333
Crook	5,776,130
Columbia	5,500,000
Lake	5,220,575
Harney	5,024,200
Grant	4,396,307
Lincoln	2,519,926
Curry	1,600,000

If one has a mathematical mind or some time and patience or a computing machine he can soon discover that the people of some counties produce considerably more than others.

And some delving into such matters would lead to information about other firsts since they seem to be cherished. Umatilla county has the largest number of tilled acres. Morrow second, Sherman third; Douglas has the most timber and the most sheep; Baker has the most minerals; Wallowa has the most scenery; Sherman has the largest percentage of tilled land and the largest per capita incomes; Harney county is the largest. Lake second; Multnomah the smallest.

Of the making of platforms there is no end. Anytime any group wants to make headlines or trouble it calls a few of the faithful together and makes up a program sometimes called a declaration of principles, or a charter or whatever else the publicity man thinks up for the occasion.

It is all a part of a democratic process in that every group or every person has a right to be heard. But it will be quite a clamor if we all do it. And utterly useless.

If present sentiment continues perhaps the legislature will see fit to eradicate firecrackers completely at the next session and rid the state of a menace to life and limb and destruction by fire. A willingness to compromise has kept legislation for absolute abolition off the books heretofore.

Did you read or re-read the Declaration of Independence last Tuesday?

Sheriff Fields who registers as a Democrat, has been having lots of fun this week trying to peddle an elephant to the Republicans. He was in charge of one attached from a circus.

Wheat Price Set At \$2.05 bu. In Sherman

The production and marketing administration Wednesday announced the loan rates on wheat for the 1950 crop, through E. Harvey Miller, chairman.

The loan rate for Sherman county will be \$2.05 for No. 1 wheat.

This is five cents more than it was for the 1950 crop and assures a price for the crop now growing. The plan to charge the farmer for the storage has been abandoned. This would have in effect reduced the net price to growers by seven cents if the wheat was kept until spring.

The rate is \$2.21 in Portland with reductions based on the freight rate which gives Wasco county \$2.05, Gilliam \$2.04, Morrow \$2.03 and Umatilla \$1.97.

Condition of the crop in Sherman county has deteriorated somewhat during the hot weather of the past week although not below what had been expected if hot days came before complete ripening. Fields are turning rapidly in the north end although the spring grain in the south end still remains green. The amount of bushels the county obtains this year above the normal will come from the spring area because the winter wheat is not expected to be above average except in a few places.

The temperature was 93 here the first of the week and although a little cooler Wednesday is still seasonably warm.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds motored to Wamoc Sunday where they attended the 50th wedding anniversary of their brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Balzer. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse and daughter, Mrs. Leslie Stewart and sons from McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell and family from Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown from The Dalles and W. R. Olds from Yuba City, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grimes and David Nish were here Wednesday to look over the Nish home while at The Dalles to see Mrs. Nish from Portland.

Diane Christianson Tells About Trip To Girls State Meeting At Salem

By Diane Christianson

An exciting week of experience in state government was mixed with plenty of education for Dorothy Wilson and myself, Diane Christianson. I was selected and sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary from Moro and Dot from Grass Valley to attend Girls' State in Salem June 12 to 18.

Part of a nation-wide program to increase interest in practical government, Oregon's observance of Girls' State brought about 185 high school juniors from all parts of the state to meet and go through the functions of government from city and county convention and elections, on up to the choosing of a complete slate of state officials.

We had a good idea of what was going on, because of our civics training, but there was a number of the practical angles, like filing for office, that proved to be new. Three forms of city government were demonstrated; commissioner, aldermanic, city manager. Our city, which we called, "We're Here City in You'll Find Us When You Want Us County," was a commission form of government, and the only kind we were concerned with.

I served as one of our city's councilmen, and in the state government later formed was representative. While at the conclusion of the week-long session, one representative and alternates were chosen who will go in August to a Girls' Nation meeting in Washington, D. C. to follow through on a national scale.

Each day was carefully planned, beginning with a flag raising ceremony and ending with

Women Lead Both Parties Here

Sherman county has a distinction. It is the only county in the state where both political parties have elected women as chairman of the county central committee. The election of Mrs. W. O. Brinkert of Grass Valley by the Democrats last week brought that party into feminine control where the Republican party has been since 1938 when Mrs. Howard Conlee became chairman of the central committee for the GOP. She has been in office for 12 years.

Other officers elected by the Democrats were Mrs. Paul May, secretary, Mrs. Walter Bruckert and John E. DeMoss, congressional committee.

MEIZER-MCCOLLOCH
Wayne Meizer, last single one of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meizer, was married last Saturday at Goidendale, Wash., to Miss Evelyn McCulloch of The Dalles. The wedding party consisted of Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Meizer, Doris Murray and Keith Averill besides the bride and groom.

After a wedding trip into Washington they will return and help farm the Meizer place.

WASCO PLAYS CONDON

Wasco will play the Condon baseball club on the Wasco diamond next Sunday. Condon was the winner in the Wheat-Timber league and is a consistently good team and an old foe of the Wasco boys. The game will begin at 2:30 standard time.

About the County

All of the right of ways along the wheat fields haven't been cut for hay yet, but most of the fall wheat fields are cut. It's a common sight now to see the bundles of hay curing along the right of ways. Some of the farmers wait until after harvest to haul the bundles in, but most of them see to it that the job gets done before then. Those that have put their hay through choppers, have learned the hard way that it doesn't pay to put it in the barn too green. The results of that is spontaneous combustion, which has burned up fine barns filled with good hay.

The spring wheat still has that fresh green color, but some of the fall wheat is turning that

Reapportionment Balanced Plan Gets On Ballot

Information that the balanced plan for reapportionment will have a place on the ballot next November because of the filing of 35,189 names was received Wednesday night. The gathering of the last of this huge number of names was done by cars traveling the length of the state from several directions to pick up the certified petitions.

The plan sponsored by the AF of L, the CIO, the Farmer's union, some young Democrats and some young Republicans will not be on the ballot, it was announced, because of failure to get the necessary names checked by county clerks in time. Enough signatures were obtained for that plan some days ago it was learned but so many were in Multnomah county that they could not be prepared in time.

The result will be properly considered a victory for the rural people of Oregon who have met a challenge more effectively than the challengers themselves.

The fact that the balanced plan will be on the ballot does not mean that it will be passed without active support of those who have an interest in having legislative representation based on more factors than population. There is more than one hurdle to making a law by the initiative process.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

golden yellow which means the livelihood of most of Sherman county. The kernels of the wheat are formed now in the wheat heads, and in some places, are already hard.

Allen Tom thought he might be able to start harvesting about the middle of this month.

Rev. Enos Whalley of Portland will bring a group of boys called the "Chordsmen" to Wasco July 12 to sing at the M. E. Church at 8 p.m. standard time. Rev. Whalley has been in Wasco before on similar missions.

Deer have been seen around the north end of the county again this year. Sunday a couple of bucks were noticed lounging around Bruce Millard's spring.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Macnab left Saturday for Portland when they went to see Macnab's cousin, a newly ordained priest say his first mass Sunday in Portland at his home church. Their daughters, Arlene, Kay and Nancy were overnight guests of Mrs. Alta Smith while their folks were away. Also leaving from Rufus Sunday to attend the mass were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab. Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab were present also, but they went down to Portland on business during the middle of last

Cooler-Lemley Wedding Held In Moro Church June 25; To Live In Eugene

Miss Eileen Lemley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley of Grass Valley became the bride of Jack E. Cooler, son of W. E. Cooler of The Dalles and Mrs. Frances Hunt of Portland. The ceremony took place at the Moro Community church Sunday, June 25, with the Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiating.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore the traditional white satin gown with a fingertip veil held in place by a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid. Miss Marilee Yeager of Roseburg was the maid of honor and Miss Carolyn Lemley was bridesmaid for her sister. Miss Yeager's gown was of pale green satin and Miss Lemley's of orchid net. Their hair bonnets matched their dresses and of identical style, both carried nosegays of gladioli florets.

The best man was Ray Dickson of Bend and the ushers were Eddy West and Don Cooley, brothers of the groom. After lighting of the candles by the ushers, Vern McGowan, uncle of the bride of Pilot Rock, sang two numbers, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life" and "The Kashmiri Song", The Dalles.

Sunday School Rally Coming Sunday

The annual Sherman County Sunday School Rally will be held Sunday July 9 in the Moro Community church. The rally will begin 10 a. m. standard time with Bible classes for everyone. Morning worship will begin at 11 a. m. Mr. Paul J. Bayles of the Kent church will speak.

There will be a basket dinner at 1:00 p. m. followed by a program in which all the Sunday schools of the county will have a part.

GAME HEARING DUE

The annual public hearing on hunting regulations will be held by the Oregon State Game Commission at 10 a. m. July 14, the time prescribed by statute. The commission's Portland headquarters are located at 1634 S. W. Alder Street.

All persons or organizations interested in regulations pertaining to seasons, bag limits, and methods of taking game animals, game birds, and furbearing animals are invited to attend. Recommendations from all parties will be heard, but for accuracy in the record, Charles Lockwood, state game director, requests that all important facts are statements be submitted in writing.

Tentative regulations will be announced after the hearing. The commission will reconvene within two weeks, make any changes deemed necessary, and set the final hunting regulations for 1950.

BANKS RAISE RATES

The United States National Bank has increased the interest rate on savings accounts and has announced a proposed 20 per cent stock dividend.

The action was taken at a meeting of the board of directors Friday, June 30. Savings depositors of the bank will receive 50 per cent more interest on their savings beginning July 1, 1950. E. C. Sammons, president of the state-wide banking system, explained. The rate has been increased from 1 per cent to 1 1/2 per cent on savings accounts under \$10,000 and to 1 per cent on amounts over that sum.

Stockholders of the United States National Bank will benefit from a proposed 20 per cent stock dividend if a plan approved by the board of directors is ratified at the bank's stockholders' meeting called for August 11, 1950, and if the plan also meets with approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, Sammons stated. "Since more than 75 per cent of the stockholders are residents of this state, the proposed increase in capital structure will benefit Oregon," Sammons added.

As of June 30, deposits of \$1,487,399 and loans of \$195,284 were reported for the Sherman County branch, Moro, of the First National Bank of Portland by Carrel S. Bennett, local manager. On June 30, 1949, deposits were \$1,600,590 and loans \$256,011.

The First National Bank of Portland with 45 branches, reported June 30 deposits at \$478,766,582; loans at \$176,256,994 and total resources at \$518,679,679, according to F. N. Belgrano Jr. president.

On June 30, 1949 deposits were \$458,205,572; loans \$156,556,423; and total resources \$497,187,407. Increased interest rates for savings account depositors at the First National Bank of Portland became effective July 1, said President F. N. Belgrano Jr. Depositors will receive 1 1/2 per cent interest on all savings accounts up to and including \$10,000 and 1 per cent interest on any amount in excess of \$10,000. This action was taken by the board at its regular June meeting on Wednesday. Belgrano stated that the new rate will apply to both new and existing accounts and that deposits made on or before July 1 will draw interest from July 1.

BELSHE CHILDREN WIN

Jimmie and Sharon Belshe, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshe returned from a months visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helyer at Vale, Oregon.

Field Day At Station Time For Showing New Wheats; Fertilizer Trials

Two new wheats, ready for distribution, will be shown at the experimental station today when visitors gather for the annual field day. They will be led by Superintendent George Mitchell, assistant Bill Hall and Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department at OSC.

One wheat is Elmar which is a cross between Hymar, a smut resistant variety, and Elgin and recrossed three times. It looks exactly like Elgin but carries the smut resistance of Hymar. It yields with Elgin, too, and mills well. What has been developed is Elgin that does not smut badly.

The other new wheat is Brevor. In its ancestry is Oro, Florence, Turkey, Federation and 40-fold. The breeders just crossed the best wheats for various things and Brevor is the progeny. It has a long head like Federation, a white chaff, white kernel and grades as soft white. It yields well, mills only fairly well but the millers have agreed to accept it.

The effects of fertilization will be shown at the station this year although the superintendents say the difference does not show so much now as earlier in the spring. Trials were made by using three kinds of nitrate bearing fertilizer, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate and uram.

All were tried in plots treated with 10, 20, 30 and 40 pounds per acre of nitrogen. Check plots tell what would have happened if none had been applied. Cost is about 14 cents per pound for nitrogen plus cost of application making the total for a 40 pound application \$5.60 for

nitrogen and the flying time. Experiments have not been carried on long in fertilization and the results this year are not conclusive. Moisture, weather and other conditions affect the results.

The nursery will attract the attention this year because it contains many new winter barleys in an attempt to find a winter barley that will fill the requirements present under the farm program. Olympia now looks the best with hardiness and an average production of 38 bushels over five years.

The nursery interests every year because it is from there that all the new wheats and barleys come. Developing a new variety is a long process. After the crossing of two wheats the desirable descendants are picked out and planted in head rows and observed for smut resistance, head character and straw strength. Then the best are planted in a row and tested for smut and growing characteristics again and the good ones then go into single rows where they are replicated four times and watched for vigor and the other factors and then the test for yield can be made. The average time required is 10 to 12 years and many varieties that look fine at first fail before all the tests are made.

A suggestion has been made that by planting grass on wheat fields for a four or five year period it may be possible to bring the soil back to a more porous condition so that water will enter it instead of running off. A farmer might properly have a fifth of his land in grass all the time on a rotation basis and thereby prevent it from danger of the run-offs that have cost thousands of acres of soil loss in recent years in this area.

A crop of grass usually reaches its peak of root growth in about five years when there is something like a couple of tons of roots to the acre. These roots permits water to penetrate the soil more easily. Aid to the soil and often better crops are grown for a five year period after grass.

There are experiments at the station that show the effect of winter and spring wheat of growing grass and alfalfa and alfalfa and grass combined. The results this year will be different than before as this is the third crop since the alfalfa was plowed under.

There are some new plantings of grass, mostly the standard varieties which are now recognized to be crated wheat, big blue, the biggest bunch grass, bulbous blue and the fescues (sheep and Idaho) which are slow growing and hard to start. There are some crosses between rye and rye grass and wheat and wheat grass for those who would like to see a perennial wheat experiment.

And the new shrubs show well this year and anyone wanting to shield and decorate his farmstead could find the kind of shrub for it by looking at the many varieties on the station grounds. Mrs. Mitchell has an experimental vein in her system, too, and has many varieties of flowers blooming or getting ready for later blooming. There are tall delphiniums, many varieties of chrysanthemums and others to please the heart of the ladies while the men talk about wheat.

During their stay in Vale they attended the Oregon state grange juvenile session in Ontario, Jimmie being a delegate from Harlandview juvenile grange. Both Jimmie and Sharon competed in the state declamatory contest, Jimmie winning 2nd place in the 10 to 14 age group and Sharon 3rd place in the 5 to 10 age group.