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## These Things We Note

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It looks as if the atomic bomb will be like gas. No one will dare use it for fear of retaliation.

The United States armies have been in enough of the world already that nearly all armies fight with our weapons.

The administration is said to be concerned about the large supply of lame ducks left over from the recent election. We wouldn't want to pose as an expert but we do remember what grandma did with lame ducks.

So far as we know there is no organization in America to keep pet squirrels from nibbling tulip bulbs and we think some of those who love to organize would look into it.

Oregon is getting its code revised and the number of volumes cut down from ten to three. Maybe some laws will be removed in the process or is that too much to expect?

Looking at the pictures of the Brits who are visiting this country has made us wonder why they wear moustaches. There was a time when we were younger when the production of a moustache seemed to be desirable. Lack of acreage and of stand, however, made it impracticable if not impossible and the urge passed about the time we quit trying to wear a derby hat. It is not, therefore, that we have a lifelong prejudice against moustaches, although they do give the face a sophisticated look. We saw a magnificent one the other day, big and bushy, like an ivy growing from too small a pot. Gad, what a spray of coffee one could have blown from it. But these British with their little close cropped moustaches worn like a uniform make us wonder if they are worn for defense or to gesture with or for some reason we are unable to discern.

A court has ruled that the Portland school district was within its powers to outlaw fraternities in the school there. In other words belonging to a fraternity is not for the very young. Kids are too young for that stuff and must wait for college. Its like drinking and necking and staying out late, OK for the big boys but not for the little ones.

The Oregonian's special centennial edition reports that Wasco county produced over 52 bushels of wheat per acre in 1950 for which The Dalles chamber of commerce should buy up the whole edition.

It has taken quite a war to convince Henry Wallace that Russia was not filled with the spirit of brotherly love. But we don't think it was worth it.

The state board of health wants to vaccinate every Oregonian for several diseases. Oh, those doctors and their needles, always looking for new arms to puncture.

We wonder if the meeting of Truman and Atee will not make both nations happy—happy that neither nation has both of them.

A thinker intimates that perhaps some of the voter reaction against government medical care was because several million GIs had had a taste of that sort of medicine recently.

People have been curious about what TTNW stands for and have requested or demanded information about it. It annoys some as badly perhaps as how the old stars used to bother us. How to divide the items in a column is always a problem and it seems that the best we can do is to use TTNW for the title of the column. These Things We Note.

## High School Play Postponed Because Of Bad Roads

The high school play "January Thaw" has been postponed from the evening of December 8 (this Friday) to December 16, (next Saturday) because of the freezing rain that made school dismissal imperative for Wednesday. It was felt that if the cast had to miss the final rehearsals it would not be able to present the play well.

With another week in which to polish the play those taking part expect to give a better performance than would be possible if held on schedule.

## Farm Income Rise Expected In 1951

Gross farm receipts are expected to be larger for two reasons: a moderate increase in output (if weather permits) and somewhat higher average prices. Higher prices are expected, especially for preferred foods, owing to increasing consumer power and an expected higher support price level as the parity index of farm cost prices goes up.

The parity index includes commodities bought by farmers, for production and living, and also hired labor, taxes and interest. The index is expected to go up at least 5 percent during the next 12 months, and a new all-time peak in farm production expenses is expected in 1951.

Consumer demand is expected to be especially strong for meat and the supply of beef and lamb will not be much if any larger. Pork production will be around 5 percent greater, however.

The report contains sections on 10 phases of the outlook: demand, gross farm income, production, costs, marketing costs, net dollar farm income, real farm income, production prospects, national population trends, west coast trends, and short

## Cold Rain Clings To Roads; Makes Travel Dangerous

Highways had been ice covered in places Monday night and late Tuesday driving conditions became hazardous south of DeMoss hill as rain fell and froze to the road.

Trucks stopped in Moro to wait until morning and drivers put on chains. Those who had to travel were able to do so without great danger by going slow. School buses were ordered to stay in garages so there was no school Wednesday in either Moro or Grass-Valley or Kent.

The temperature was higher Wednesday and the ice melted by noon so that driving was reasonably safe except for shaded portions of the highway and the promise of warmer weather gave better prospects for the remainder of the week.

Six trucks went off the road early Wednesday morning and all had to be pulled on by wreckers. No damage was done except for one that turned over near Kent.

term commodity outlooks. A schedule of additional outlook reports to follow on groups of Oregon's farm products in 1951 is given.

Current and historical data on farm commodity prices and costs are given in several tables and graphs, and summarized in a special section. Copies of the report are available from county extension agents or from the college.

## AXTELLS LONG WED

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Axtell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 19. Open house will be held at their home, Route 1, The Dalles from two to five that day. Friends will call at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Axtell lived in Sherman county most of their married life, farming near the Harmony schoolhouse.

## Wheat Commission Reports On Work Done On Industry Problems

After intensive research, the Oregon Wheat commission has a lot of the answers and information the wheat farmer sent it out to get two years ago.

A summary of its progress to get the facts has been released in a report to Gov. Douglas McKay for the period July 1, 1948 to June 30 this year.

The large amount of specific information gathered by the business-minded commission will give the wheat farmer a better grasp of his product, said the commission. The 1917 legislature set up the commission to find markets for Oregon wheat.

"We don't have all the answers, for the job isn't done," said Chairman Jens Terjeson. "We still have a lot to do. But we are way ahead of two years ago."

Oregon wheat farmers had asked the commission to get facts on how to sell more wheat abroad, how to get better wheat, use more of it for industry and to reduce freight rates.

In doing so, the commission helped set up the Pacific Grain and Grain Products association last year to get fair freight rates.

The commission was also responsible for other states joining Oregon in the National Association of Wheat Growers, formed this year. Terjeson was elected vice president.

The wheat certificate bill, written by Administrator E. J. Bell, and introduced in congress last February, is being studied all over the nation. As an amendment to the present law, it offers free growing and marketing of wheat and parity on the part sold for human food in the U. S.

The commission is also promoting a new bread in Oregon, like home-made bread with more flour.

The farmer's question of how to sell more wheat abroad brought about the Far East grain commission, sponsored by the commission and led by Bell last winter. As a result, the U. S. was told to meet competition,

buy more from the Orient and get the Orient to remove trade barriers.

To improve the quality of wheat, the commission stirred the USDA into a cooperative research agreement with Oregon, Washington and Idaho. USDA chemists were set up at Washington State college at Pullman. This laboratory works closely with USDA regional laboratories at Albany, California, and Peoria, Illinois, and experiment stations at Pendleton, Moro and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest, which are breeding plants.

Already two kinds of wheat, Elmar and Brevor, have passed stiff tests. The research aims at developing wheat that will be high-yielding, disease-resistant with just the right qualities for good milling and nutritious bakery products.

Research on industrial uses for wheat is also going on at the same time in these laboratories. The initial move was made by the commission at the request of the Oregon Wheat Growers league. The commission has found out though that wheat to be used industrially must be gold at the same price as corn.

The wheat commission also started the Pacific Northwest Wheat project to gather statistics on the production, use, and movement of Pacific Northwest wheat. In 1947, this information was not available from any official source. This service is kept up in Portland by the three Pacific Northwest states.

Hearty approval of the wheat commission's efforts has come from the executive committee of the wheat league. The committee strongly recommended that the commission continue and expand its policy of getting the answers for the farmer.

The general farm outlook for Oregon in 1951 is for larger farm receipts and higher farm costs, according to a report just issued by the extension service at Oregon State college.

## Gifts For Veterans In Hospitals Will Be Collected

Plans for providing Christmas gifts for veterans who are in Barnes hospital, the Veterans hospital in Portland and the Veterans hospital in Roseburg have been made.

Boxes will be placed in stores and pastimes throughout the county where gifts can be deposited. Cigarettes, candy, playing cards or other suitable gifts will be welcomed.

The boxes of gifts will be taken or sent to the hospitals in time for Christmas. The three American Legion posts are aiding in sponsoring the plan.

## PROGRAMS EARLY

The programs arranged by the Community church are beginning long before Christmas this year in order to give time for all of them. Thursday of this week the junior ladies are having a Christmas party at the church, Saturday the annual Christmas party for the children will be held at 2:00 in the afternoon. Sunday the Mariners club will have its Christmas party and next Wednesday the Women's Missionary society will have a Christmas program at the home of Mrs. Edith Burnet.

## SUB-STATION CREW HERE

A crew arrived Monday to start work on the new sub-station of the Pacific Power & Light company which will be located back of the Artstill-Monroe garage on Scott and Second streets. The lot will be fenced and graveled and new transformers placed. Then the old station atop poles on Main street will be torn down.

Three new 200 KVA transformers will be installed on concrete bases and switching facilities will be put in place. Present buildings will be used for storage.

## BAZAAR SUCCESSFUL

The bazaar given by the women of the American Legion auxiliary last Saturday was considered a success in as much as a net of \$76.45 was added to the treasury by the effort.

Mrs. Florence Bruckert won the quilt and Ted Kelly and Tex Irzyk won other prizes.

The next meeting will be held after the district conference which was held in The Dalles Thursday. At that time Diane Christianson will report on her visit to Girls State. The auxiliary has sent \$10 and \$25.50 in gifts to the veterans hospitals.

## Chester Andersen Dies of Heart Attack

Chester R. Andersen, 50, died suddenly at his home in Grass Valley Friday morning. He had not felt well the day before and had arranged for an examination within a day or two. He had called another man to make some deliveries for him and then went back to bed where he died.

Chester Andersen was born in Moro March 4, 1900, a son of the late Chris Andersen and Mrs. Andersen. He grew to manhood in Sherman county and lived for many years at White Salmon. He returned to this county about nine years ago and became distributor for an oil company.

He was a member of the Grass Valley Masonic lodge and also a member of the Elks lodge. Survivors are his widow Catherine Mary, a son, Dennis Wilkie, his mother, Sophie Andersen of Portland and two sisters, Frances of Portland and Mrs. Bessie Guyer of Klamath Falls.

Funeral services were held at the Spencer & Libby funeral chapel in The Dalles Monday, December 4 at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Henry G. Hansen of Portland officiating. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at White Salmon, Washington with the Grass Valley Masonic lodge in charge of graveside services.

Palbearers were Harry Young, Luther Davis, Bernard Martin, B. C. Barumgartner, Owen Eakin and Ivan Blag.

## Wheat League Speakers Have Variety of Topics

This week the Oregon Wheat Growers league meets in The Dalles with a long program ahead of it, a program that covers most of the subjects in which wheat growers are interested.

Because the meeting this year is so close it is expected that many Sherman county wheat growers will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear a part, or all, of the program. There are talks on everything from making rain to selling wheat. Committees will work Thursday to write resolutions about many things.

Whether one likes it or not the organization of members of any trade or business becomes in time the mouthpiece of those who follow that trade or business. What the writers of resolutions write will be what the remainder of the state thinks the wheat men believe until next year.

Any farmer may attend committee meetings. If he wants to be heard on the certificate plan, hiring rain makers, taxation, use of wheat in industry or day light saving he may have his say.

The wheat league and the wheat commission are trying to solve in good times some of the problems which are sure to come up in bad times. In time of prosperity to prepare for adversity, has been their creed. That is something about which every wheat grower can have an interest.

## Sharon Coelsch, 4, Loses Appendix In Hurried Operation

Little Sharon Coelsch has had her appendix removed after using it a bare four years. Sunday she became ill, had a fever and her doctor relatives found a high count of white corpuscles. So they cut out her appendix which was really a long one for so small a girl and Sharon is getting along fine, taking as much pleasure out of the attention she receives as she gets misery from her operation. Perhaps she thinks it wise to get rid of your appendix early.

Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coelsch of Moro.

## WOMEN TO MEET

The next meeting of the Moro Woman's club will be held at the club house December 14 at 2:00 o'clock. It will be the annual Christmas party and Mrs. Randolph Cook of Pendleton will be the speaker. Mrs. Ernest Woods will be director for the day and Mesdames E. Amidon, Donald Martin and Lloyd Heinrichs will be hostesses.

## DITCH BEING DUG

The city of Moro finally started action on finishing the new ditch down in the flat. A W. Schilling, first alternate Ted Trimble, second alternate delegates, Dell Olds and A. J. Payne. For Kent: Theo. C. von Borstel, chairman, Bill Jefferies, vice-chairman, Donald McInnis, member, J. E. Norton, first alternate, Jay McKay, second alternate, delegates Luther Davis and Grover Young.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 1950

- 10:00 a. m. Committee Meetings: Production & Transportation... Kenneth Smouse, chm. Federal Agriculture Program & Land Use... Randolph (Sam) Cook, chm. Taxation & Legislation... Kenneth Fridley, chm. Wheat Disposal & Market Development... Ralph McEwen, chm. Young Peoples Activities... Virgil Larson, chm.
- 4:00 p. m. Preliminary Report. Standing Committees.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1950

- 10:00 a. m. Executive Committee Meeting.
- 10:45 a. m. Musical Selection
- Vice-President Donald McKinnis, presiding
- Address of Welcome: Mayor, City of The Dalles
- Response: Ronald Rew, Umatilla Co. Committeeman.
- 11:00 a. m. President's Address: Henry Baker, Ione.
- Presentation of Executive Committee
- Introduction of Wheat Commission.
- 12:00 Noon Recess
- 1:15 p. m. Recognition and Presentation of Life Members.
- 1:30 p. m. "Servicing Oregon Agriculture" F. E. Price, Dean Directing of Agriculture, Oregon State college, Corvallis
- 2:00 p. m. "Oregon Wheat Growers League Show" Eugene Courtney, Manager, The Dalles
- 2:30 p. m. "National Wheat Growers Association" Herb Clutter, President, Holcomb, Kansas.
- 3:15 p. m. "Policy and Program of Oregon State Farmers Union". Ronald E. Jones, President.
- 3:45 p. m. Panel Discussion on "The Use of Fertilizer for Soil Conservation and Wheat Production". Arthur S. King, Soil Conservation Specialist, OSC.
- 4:15 p. m. Report on Trip to the Orient, E. J. Bell, Administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1950

- 9:00 a. m. Report on Conservation Research Program. M. M. Oveson, Superintendent, Pendleton Station
- 9:30 a. m. Standing Committee Report on Wheat Disposal and Marketing Development & Commission Activities. Ralph McEwen, chairman.
- 9:45 a. m. Oregon's Program Under P.M.A. Harvey Miller, chairman, State P.M.A. Committee.
- 10:00 a. m. Standing Committee Report on Federal Agricultural Programs and Land Use. Randolph (Sam) Cook, chairman, Helix.
- 10:15 a. m. "Man-Made Weather" Irving P. Krick, President Water Resources Development Corporation, Pasadena, Calif.
- 10:45 a. m. Standing Committee Report on Taxation and Legislation. Kenneth Fridley, chairman, Wasco. Report of Auditing Committee; Report of Nominating Committee. Election of Officers; Selection of 1951 Convention City.
- 12:00 Noon Recess
- 1:15 p. m. "Why We Need to Teach Conservation". S. P. Swenson, Dean, Washington State college, Pullman, Wn.
- 1:45 p. m. Standing Committee Report on Production and Transportation. Kenneth Smouse, chairman, Lexington.
- 2:00 p. m. Presentation of Conservation Man of the Year. Floyd Root, Wasco.
- 2:15 p. m. "Work of the Milling & Baking Laboratory and Its Relationship to the Wheat Improvement Work in Oregon". O. A. Vogel, Agronomist, Agriculture Experiment Station, Pullman, Washington.
- 2:45 p. m. Standing Committee Report on Young Peoples Activities. Virgil Larson, chairman, Condon.
- 3:00 p. m. "Activities of the Northwest Farm Council". Don McKinnis, vice president, Summerville.
- 3:15 p. m. Report of Oregon Advisory Research Council and Freight Rate Activities. Marion Weatherford, Arlington.
- 3:45 p. m. "Federal Crop Insurance Program". Murl Cummings, State Director for Oregon & Washington, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
- 4:00 p. m. Report of Resolutions Committee.
- 4:15 p. m. County Nominations for Executive Committeemen.
- 6:30 p. m. Annual Banquet, Governor Douglas McKay.

## Committeemen Elected For Farm Programs

Election of community committeemen for the federal agricultural programs in Sherman county was accomplished at elections held late in November and votes were counted early this week. The county convention for the selection of county officers was postponed from Wednesday until sometime next week.

For the Locust Grove community H.M. Zell, chairman, David Richelderfer, vice-chairman, Malcolm McDermid, member; M. I. Howell, first alternate, Tad McCoy, second alternate. Gordon Harper and H. V. Watkins, delegates to the county convention.

For Wasco: Joe Hilderbrand, chairman, Dewey Thomas, vice-chairman, V. W. Dutton, member, Marvin Thomas, first alternate, J. L. Robinson, second alternate; delegates, Lee Dehler and A. J. Smith.

For Moro: Carroll Sayrs, chairman, Charles Burnet, vice-chairman, Bob Belshe, member, Bob Boynton, first alternate, Ronald Powell, second alternate, delegates, Lloyd Heinrichs and Harvey Thompson.

For Grass Valley: Bill Holmes, chairman, Lester Barnum, vice-chairman, Dell Olds, member, A. W. Schilling, first alternate Ted Trimble, second alternate delegates, Dell Olds and A. J. Payne.

For Kent: Theo. C. von Borstel, chairman, Bill Jefferies, vice-chairman, Donald McInnis, member, J. E. Norton, first alternate, Jay McKay, second alternate, delegates Luther Davis and Grover Young.

## YOUNGSTERS WRECKED

Jimmy Roberson, accompanied by Sharon Coons, Carolyn Lemley and Yvonne Kirkelle, overturned his father's car near the Eben Kee place last Friday night while returning from a show at Grass Valley. The car overturned once and was badly dented. No youngsters were hurt seriously.

## STORE ROBBED

The Grass Valley Variety store was broken into and robbed some time Sunday night. Entrance was gained through the back door on which a screw driver was used. About \$35 in cash and several jackets and shirts were taken.

## BERT HATLEY DIES

Funeral services for Bert Hatley were held in The Dalles last week following his death there. He was a former resident of Wasco and a long time employee in the warehouses as a wheat buck. He was working in the mill at The Dalles.

## Rufus P-T A Meets, Hears Program

Parent-Teachers met at their regular monthly meeting at the Rufus school house Monday with Mrs. Allen Tom presiding. The members decided to send a Christmas box of gifts to the state hospital. The gifts to be attractively wrapped and left with Mrs. Martha Brady who will send them away.

After the usual business was taken care of, Mrs. Sarah Gianonatti's upper grade room presented a one act play which was well received. The students taking part were Vincent Rice, Dottie Steward, Elaine Eaton, Patty Blackburne, Wally Morris and Jerry Brackett. The pupils also sang two numbers accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Edyth Neyhus.

Refreshments after the meeting were served by Mrs. Fay Brackett, Mrs. W. E. Rice and Mrs. Edyth Neyhus. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8 on account of New Years falling on January 1. Don Macnab, Allen Tom and George Fox were appointed hosts.

## R. A. STOW IN STOUB

Word from R. A. Stow from San Carlos, California where he is spending the winter with his son Volney sends his best wishes to all Sherman county people. He states he is feeling pretty good and likes it there.