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1952 FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

The art of looking to the future is not considered one for adults who are more inclined to take the day or the year as they come. The use of the crystal ball is strictly hocus-pocus to most and attempts to simulate it are not taken seriously.

Yet some looking ahead does not come amiss.

For Sherman county there should be an average or larger wheat crop if moisture in the soil, good fall conditions and well made fallow are indicators. The price should be good unless there is sudden reversal of federal policy toward wheat loans. As long as the government is using wheat in international relations it will probably protect the producer of the grain.

Prospects are good for livestock prices although the increase in the number of cattle may depress the price slightly. We wouldn't be caught feeding a hog and are about out of sheep and the chicken population is down to household flocks so none of them will affect our economy to a great extent if the price should change.

The contest for manpower will probably remove some good men from the county but that is not expected to hamper production for machinery can be used for men to a large extent.

There are some things the county might obtain in 1952 if it wanted them bad enough. It could do some work on the John Day dam; it could try to have the Cottonwood grade finished the Gilliam county side is graveled and a part of the Sherman county side; it could probably get the dangerous underpass south of Moro eliminated if the court or some civic body would start the movement; it could eliminate a lot of duplication in schools.

Everyone has his own list and we hope everyone works for the improvements he considers valuable. That never hurts. A community is not dead as long as people are working for something. It is when they quit, that rigor mortis sets in.

SCHOOLS

We cannot help but revert to an old theme. If this country is in a bad way as to extravagance in government; if its people want more government and less individual responsibility; if they are ignorant about foreign nations and the philosophy of foreigners we should examine our school system as one means of aiding our deficiency.

We know it is unfair to indict schools without also naming homes and churches and other agencies that are presumed to be teachers of the public (including newspapers). We do not think that people came to look to government for support because of natural laziness. It might have been because of poor instruction in American ideals, a natural result of too much emphasis on our "dollar philosophy" and certainly some blame rests upon the charlatans who discovered the weakness.

At any event if the schools are to assume the job of teaching the young or if the citizens are going to thrust it upon them, schools should be doing something to correct our lack of understanding of ordinary economics, our lack of patriotism toward basic American ideals and our lack of knowledge about foreign philosophies.

One difficulty is that the product of a school system cannot be appraised for at least twenty years and the work of a fine teacher may not be known until he or she has gone to a place where presumably there are no schools.

Oregon dropped much of history for increased courses in science which seemed to some a good idea. Now the nation is so scientific that its citizens can build anything and are in danger of having everything in the world but friends. Other nations are jealous of our success. Now we are in need of men who can explain America

CAMPAIGN BUTTON - 1952!



Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

Christmas day, the weather was beautiful here. Wednesday morning the snow flakes began falling, and by noon there was three inches of snow laying on the ground. The snow which was real light and flaky fell on the frozen ground.

When the community arose Thursday morning, it was to find another three inches of snow had fallen during the night.

By Friday more snow had fallen, and the yardstick said eight or nine inches lay on the ground. All this time with the exception of one night, the thermometer didn't get below 20 degrees above zero.

It began to warm up Friday night and a warm rain fell during the night and on into Saturday. By Saturday morning, it was pretty sloppy all over. The snow melted and left water standing when it was unable to soak in or drain away. It made a wet slush that wasn't very pleasant to get around in.

Saturday night the thermometer dropped below freezing, and the snow tightened up and the slush froze. It wasn't overly cloudy Sunday, but it kept the snow and frozen. With the rain and all packing the snow down, it wasn't so deep any more. A heavy crust formed on the snow from the freezing. There was no danger of the snow drifting when it was packed so heavily with the crust on it.

Sunday night, another light skiff of snow fell on the frozen ground. But the thermometer hangs around 24 degrees above.

No trouble has been experienced from the storm. The ducks and geese were thick in the fields over the week end. Foraging for food that was hard to find was their main worry. And the hunters were numerous too, not letting the birds have much peace. If it was light at all at night the birds tried to eat at night.

The telephone lines have kept up, and the electricity though low hasn't been off. There hasn't been too much social activity the past week, but the community gets around anyway taking care of their wants and needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab were in Portland a few days last week, taking Jeannie down for a check-up. Karen and Jackie stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington in Dufur while their folks were gone. The Addingtons spent Christmas day with the Don Macnab family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler were hosts to relatives here for Christmas dinner. The Medlers got moved into their new house the first part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson entertained on Christmas day. Besides Mrs. Johnson's mother, there were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, and their daughter, Dorothy, all invited for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.



SHAH'S FAMILY SEEKS SAFETY . . . Shah Reza Pahlevi of Iran is shown with his wife, Queen Soraya, and his daughter by a former marriage, Princess Shahnaz, 10, aboard the plane in which they flew from Teheran to Switzerland. The queen's health was the reason given for the trip abroad at this time when Iran is in a crisis over the oil controversy with Britain. The shah did not accompany his family but remained home to weather the crisis with his people.



FIRST OF RACE . . . For the first time since the Spanish-American war the army has awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism to a negro. The nation's highest award was granted posthumously to Pfc. William Thompson, 22, New York City, who died in Korea while performing a one-man delaying action to save his comrades. Mother, Mrs. Mary Henderson, bows head as she reads newspaper clippings of her son's heroism in action.

to make "believers" out of high-November after letters and perway cut-ups, suspended the 11-sonal interviews failed to make censures of seven drivers during them see the error of their ways

behind the wheel. The state intends to continue suspending the licenses of drivers with repeated violations, accidents or serious traffic offenses, pointing out that accident statistics consistently show that more than 90 percent of all traffic mishaps in Oregon involve a violation of traffic law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Jesse Helyer, has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Barbara Helyer, deceased, and has qualified as such Administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified to the undersigned, at Kent, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: December 14, 1951.

Jesse Helyer
Administrator
Donald E. Heisler
Attorney for Administrator

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Plymouth's Pace-Setting New Belvedere



Here's Plymouth's smart hardtop club coupe, the Belvedere, the pace-setter in the lowest price field with its new concepts in styling and beauty. The car has glistening, lively two-tone colors: Suede Tan with Sable Bronze top; Belmont Blue Polychromatic with Sterling Grey top; Mint Green with Black top. The color used on the roof follows the Belvedere's streamlined contours around the spacious rear window and down over the rear deck, giving the car the continental look. Sparkling chrome molding outlines the top and carries back to separate the two colors at their junction at the rear quarter-panel. The interior is luxurious, with colorful quality fabrics and vinyl blended in perfect harmony with the shades used on the exterior.

Driving Licenses

Lost By Hundreds

Two hundred twenty-two drivers lost their driving licenses last month after court convictions of driving while intoxicated, and another 180 persons had licenses suspended for other traffic misdeeds, the safety division discloses today.

The suspensions were handed out in line with state law and department policy requiring the calling-in of licenses of drivers who demonstrate by their actions that they are potential accident makers behind the wheel.

Forty-two suspensions resulted from convictions of reckless driving charges, and 25 persons lost driving privileges for violation of Oregon's basic rule. The state's driver improvement program, which attempts

Another thing we'd like to find out is what makes a dam built by the federal government holy and one built by a private company a thing of evil and iniquity.

Next week the two leading democracies of the world will probably see their two elected leaders conferring in secret about affairs that concern both nations if not the whole world. It is not likely that the congress or the American or English people will be given any more information than they were about Yalta, Tehran, Casablanca or Potsdam, all of which have aided world confusion and helped put these same democracies in a bad situation. In this country the bi-partisan foreign policy is partly to blame as it makes secret-keeping easier. We do hope that we soon get some "leaders" who are not afraid to be frank with the people.

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—John Stuart Mill
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