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These Things We Note

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Gee, it must be fun to be a Russian, not a peasant, that isn't much fun in any land—except in spring. We mean a boss Russian, one who annoys Americans with wild story, dramatic charges, possible peace plans, scornful words. A cat with a mouse, a spider with a fly, a snake with a bird, come in the general class but do not have so much fun as the Russian. They've got the Americans so jumpy they dream their own stories part of the time.

T T W N
The president wants a war-time budget passed. Most would be for military expenditures. We suspicion that like other government budgets all the really necessary things in it could be bought at less than the estimate. And if the unnecessary things were eliminated the whole would not be so high it could not be paid.

T T W N
Oregonians, particularly Portlanders, are very interested in seeing movie actors who appear in "Bend of the River". The Eisenhower people should be pleased inasmuch as it shows a healthy hero worship.

T T W N
Loss of Arnold Dunlap is serious for Sherman county whose citizens have long relied on his steady and intelligent work in public affairs. It takes a long time for a man to reach the position in public esteem held by Mr. Dunlap and a lot of good qualities to start with. We will not soon see his like again.

T T W N
Someway we are unable to worry much about Republican quarrels at San Francisco. It shows they do have opinions and ideas. And we hope it develops a platform that is American and not "me too."

T T W N
When we look at the maps of new Portland traffic plans we can't help but wonder if the man who makes them isn't a square dancer.

T T W N
The leaning tower of Pisa has had its photo in every magazine until it is known to every school boy. It is reported that in 100 years it will fall because settling still goes on. It will be used as an example and as a freak long after it has crumbled and folks will be telling about it as proof that however slowly one moves from the straight and narrow path the end always comes eventually.

T T W N
Taxpayers who have been moving around will get most of the tax money to be refunded. Those who have had permanent addresses have already gotten theirs.

T T W N
An old man in Washington was telling about the hard winters of his boyhood. We presume his ideas came from pure memory without dilution by history. Winters were colder when the fuel was wood piled on one side of a board cabin under four feet of snow; the winds were stronger when they came through cracks in the side of the house; the cold season was longer when there was nothing fresh to eat until the mustard came out of the ground in March. A tight house, a good furnace and a handy grocery shorten any winter.

T T W N
We often wonder if private industry could have done a worse job on radio than did the FCC. And if so, how? Almost any radio set will get two stations at one setting and some can get three or four. There are not to exceed five or six main programs and perhaps 5000 stations to carry them. Government control was deemed necessary to prevent all this. It didn't.

Probably our feelings will be hurt when we find out that we cannot make European nations organize into a combination of states similar to ours. But it will be better for our feelings to be hurt than to have them bite us for forcing them into something they do not want.

Cox Buys Hereford Cow From Haley Herd For \$6200

When Don Cox attended the Haley cattle sale at Tulare, California he bought an eight year old Hereford cow, NHR Aloha by Battle Domino, 32nd for \$6200. She is bred to Larry Domino, a register of merit bull and has a record of production of fine calves herself. Because of road conditions she has not been brought home yet, being kept at Sacramento by the trucking company which has several head of cattle for the northwest bought at the sale.

Fewer Places To Buy Liquor Now

Despite a state population rise of nearly 40 percent since 1940, Oregon now has fewer licensed taverns and restaurants selling alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption than were licensed ten years ago, according to a report compiled this week by the Oregon liquor control commission.

There also are less outlets per capita since 1941, when the commission licensed 2510 establishments to sell for on-premises consumption, or 2.3 per thousand population. At the end of 1951 the number of such premises had dropped and the population risen, resulting in 2481 on-premises outlets, or only 1.63 per thousand persons. Computations are based on federal census figures, which place Oregon's population at 1,089,684 in 1940 and 1,521,341 in 1950.

The Goblins Will Get High Wage Payers

The wage board is taking action against all employers who gave over the ceiling pay raises this year without first getting official approval, as required by law under the wage-salary freeze. County Agent T. W. Thompson reports this information was received from the wage stabilization board, U. S. department of labor, Portland, this week.

According to the wage board those employers who did not get approval for a raise, then not only the amount of the raise but the employee's whole pay for the entire year will be disallowed as an income tax deduction. Farmers should check against the new regulations, any new raises given to see that there were no violations and if there were to rectify with immediate steps.

The base pay rate for farm labor may be increased without Wage board approval up to and including one of the following: The base rate plus 10 percent, 95 cents per hour; \$225 per month without room and board; \$195 per month, plus use of a year-round house, etc.; and \$175 per month with room and board.

In addition to this regulation, increases are permissible in line with the Bureau of Labor Statistics national consumer index over the index of January 15, 1951. The increase to date amounts to 3.9 percent states Thompson.

Increases in excess of those permitted by these regulations require application to and approval by the wage stabilization board. Requests for approval of wage increases should be directed to U. S. Department of Labor, 317 S. W. Alder, Portland 4, Oregon.

Farmers giving pay increases should record such increases in their time or account book with reasons so it can be documented.

First National Adds Two Directors

Two new members were elected to the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Portland at the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders Monday, according to F. N. Belgrano Jr., president of First National.

Elected as new directors of the bank were John V. G. Posey, president of Posey Lumber, Inc., and Ralph E. Williams Jr., president of Williams and Hart, Inc., hop producers and brokers. First National stockholders also re-elected the bank's 19 incumbent directors, it was reported.

Smut Cost High Says Thompson, Cost \$300,000

Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) were lost from smut infestation by Sherman county farmers in 1951 says T. W. Thompson, Sherman county extension agent. This loss is double the previous high of 1950 when a \$150,000 loss was estimated.

A fifteen percent (15%) increase occurred in wheat grading smutty to push the loss by farmers past a quarter million dollars. Forty seven percent (47%) of all wheat delivered to the elevators of the four Cooperative Grain Growers graded smutty. The 1950 crop saw thirty-two percent (32%) of the wheat tagged smutty, Thompson stated.

Elgin Most Smutty

Elgin, soft white club type wheat, contributed the greatest loss with seventy (70%) grading smutty. A one percent (1%) increase in Elgin samples grading smutty was noted over 1950. Smut occurred in Federation, Golden and Rex, but Elgin accounted for sixty-six percent (66%) of all wheat produced in 1951.

Thompson indicates the staggering \$300,000 loss is based on dockage and yield loss. Elgin fields in the Wasco area on inspection showed 50% smutty heads. On delivery, samples ran as high as 5% smut. The Wasco area, however, had a decline of 5% in samples grading smutty from a high of 72% last year to 67% in 1951.

County farmers have lost \$700,000 due to smut in the last six years. Dockage loss this year amounted to \$67,000 and \$233,000 in loss in yield of 109,400 bushels, states Thompson.

Thompson bases his announcement on information compiled from the four Cooperative Grain Growers which handled all wheat delivered in the county. These co-ops include, Sherman Co-op, Wasco; Moro Grain Growers, Moro; Grass Valley Grain Growers, Grass Valley; and Eakin's Cooperative, Grass Valley.

New Wheats Better

A reduction in percentage of smut and dollar loss is expected for the 1952 crop year, Thompson reports. Seeding of several thousand acres of the new smut resistant wheats, Elmar and Brever will alleviate the situation. Increase in early seeding by use of the deep furrow drill will also reduce loss to farmers.

Even with heavy loss by smut the total bushels of wheat was second largest on record. Three million three hundred seventy thousand bushels (3,370,000) was delivered to the cooperatives. An additional 400,000 bushels was stored on farms, seeded, or feed to livestock for a total production of 3,770,000 bushels. Largest production was recorded in 1948 when 4½ million bushels were produced on Sherman farms.

Wasco Stars Plan Active Season

The Wasco OES social club met at the home of Mrs. Hugh White Monday evening, January 21 with thirteen members and one guest present, to enjoy dessert supper.

Mrs. Keith McDonald, president, opened the business meeting. It was decided that future social club meetings are to be held the night preceding the second Wasco Mason's meeting each month. Plans for a food sale were discussed. Mrs. McDonald appointed a committee to check on place and date for the sale, set for February.

New officers elected for the year were Ms. Joe Hilderbrand, president and Mrs. Carl Tuggle, secretary-treasurer. Following the business meeting cards were played with high score in bridge going to Mrs. Hildred M. Zell and the high for canasta was Mrs. Arthur Sargent. Each received a lovely hyacinth.

The rooms were attractive with dainty arrangements of daisies which added a touch of spring to such a wintery evening.

Arnold A. Dunlap Succumbs To Heart Ailment Suddenly

Arnold A. Dunlap died Friday evening as he entered a car to return to his Grass Valley home after visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Watkins and family northeast of Wasco. He had had a heart attack some weeks ago.

A. A. Dunlap was born in Pennsylvania, December 13, 1884 and had been a resident of Sherman county since 1910 when he came to Kent and began working in a store. He became store owner and after it burned he moved to Grass Valley where he was manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers. He served as county commissioner from January 1924 until 1939; he was mayor of Grass Valley; he was active in the war-time bond campaigns; he was manager of the county's successful infantile paralysis drives; he was an officer of the Sherman County Historical society; he was a member of the county budget committee; he was a public servant who took part in nearly every activity for community benefit. Fraternally he was an Elk, a Mason, a Shriner, and Odd Fellow and a Presbyterian.

Five Children Survive

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy (Haynes); three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Mobley of Kent; Mrs. Doris Watkins of Wasco; Mrs. Anita Hooper of Grass Valley; two sons, Kendrick of California; a sister, Mrs. Nell Swick, Warren, Pennsylvania. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Spencer & Libby parlors in The Dalles with interment in the cemetery there. Grass Valley Masons conducted the rites of that order.

'Lafe' Barnett's Life Ends Short of 93

Funeral services for Francis Lafe Barnett were held Monday from the Wasco Methodist church following his death, Friday in The Dalles.

Lafe Barnett was born in Yonkeetown, Indiana, February 5, 1859 and came to Sherman county in the early 80s, taking up land west of Wasco where he lived until it was sold a few years ago. He raised a family of seven, built a good house and prospered on a half section of land.

He was a successful participant in many shooting matches, being an expert with a shotgun. Surviving are four sons, Benton of Rufus, O. T. of Portland, Dean of Zig Zag, Leslie of Muskogee, Oklahoma; three daughters, Mrs. Ara Cloud of Gardena, Calif., Mrs. D. E. Brewer of Odell, Mrs. A. W. Anderson of Sandy; one brother, Homer of Brighton, Colorado.

Rev. H. Gravenor gave the funeral sermon and Smith-Callaway was in charge. Interment was in Sunrise cemetery at Wasco.



Jack Lynch, Portland, state senator, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state treasurer. He has served four sessions with membership on game, insurance, public health, county affairs, military affairs and utilities committees. He was born in Kansas and has lived all his life in Oregon since the age of four, attended school at Salem, Oregon State and Northwest college of law, was in navy in World War I, is public relations advisor for druggists and has other business connections.



ABANDON TAFT, ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE . . . Senator James Duff of Pennsylvania stands beside the doorway of the "Eisenhower-for-President" headquarters which were formally opened recently at the Shoreham hotel in Washington, D.C. "We like Ike" is the motto over the door. The various Eisenhower headquarters have received an open support from their recommended candidate who is busy in Europe.

Agricultural Ambassadors Sought To Go Overseas Learning and Teaching

Young men and women who would like to be "grass roots ambassadors" are now being sought as International Farm Youth Exchange delegates, announces county extension agent Thomas W. Thompson. Application blanks are available at the county extension office.

Applicants must be high school graduates aged 20 to 28 who can spend three months in a foreign land living and working with a farm family. Delegates must also spend considerable time reporting on their experiences throughout the state when they return.

The blanks must be filled out and returned to Mr. Thompson by February 1. More than 40 countries will take part in the 1952 program. Northern hemisphere countries will be visited during the summer program (June-November), and southern hemisphere countries will be visited during the summer program.

Nationally, the program is sponsored by the cooperative extension service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to promote better understanding between rural people of this and other countries.

Oregon's Water Outlook Good

Recent storms have given Oregon's 1952 water supplies a big boost toward recovery from the severe summer drought, according to the preliminary water supply outlook issued cooperatively by the soil conservation service and the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

Results of the annual snow survey show that mountain snow cover on January 1 was more than twice as heavy as normal for this date. Surveys of three representative Oregon streams revealed above normal winter flow reported W. T. Frost, hydraulic engineer for the soil conservation service.

Reservoir water supplies are less than last year in 14 of 20 reservoirs reported, but the heavy snow-cover already is greater than usually recorded at the beginning of the melting season, Frost said.

More Snow Falls; Moisture On Ground

New snow fell Tuesday, nearly all day, and piled another four or five inches on top of the snow that came December 26. It is unusual to have snow lay on the ground for 30 days in this county and while it is good for the wheat some folks are getting tired of it. It is light enough that it would drift badly if the wind blew.

Computations at the experiment station show that as of Thursday there is 1.88 inches of moisture on the ground, either as ice or snow. Exactly half of this came in December, after Christmas and the other .94 inch has fallen in January. Normal for January is 1.54 which means that we will be short for that month.

Sherman County Club Moves To Aid Dam Plans

Reorganization and reactivation of the Sherman County club was begun Wednesday night when a group of members met at The Dalles. Primary purpose is to make the club a factor in Sherman county's effort to aid the construction of the John Day dam as soon as possible.

The meeting was called for The Dalles in order that members might obtain the advice of W. S. Nelson, secretary of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, and prime mover of that town's successful efforts in obtaining approval of The Dalles dam.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the brief made in 1948 when the engineers gave approval of the Columbia river dams including the John Day. At that time it was estimated that \$700,000 would be needed to blueprint the John Day dam so accurate estimates of its costs could be made.

Reasons for construction of the John Day dam are apparent to those who have followed development of the Columbia basin dams. It would obtain the flow of the Columbia and upriver tributaries, it is in the center of the area needing power so transmission costs would be less, it would complete the slack water pools to the Hanford atomic plant.

Some discussion was held about the possibility of developing alumina plants in Wheeler county by use of the new power that can be made along the Columbia.

Dam costs are divided in varying ratios of the factors: power (which would pay 80 percent of John Day costs), navigation (slack water to the interior), irrigation (over 200,000 acres to be reclaimed by pumping from the pool; fisheries not endangered because no sawing grounds flooded); recreation (minor but valuable).

The John Day dam would provide 1,105,000 kilowatts of prime power and more when upstream flood control is figured. With the 980,000 KW of the Dalles dam this section of the river would have more power than Grand Coulee.

New officers were elected. Vernon Miller was chosen president, Giles French, vice-president, Allen G. G. secretary-treasurer, L. E. Kaseberg, retiring president pro tem. Four directors will be named before the next meeting. Counties affected by the dam construction will be asked to join in the campaign for appropriation for planning.

David Nish Buried Here Tuesday

David William Nish was buried in the Moro cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He died at Bridal Veil Saturday after a lingering illness. He was in a rest home there.

Mr. Nish was born in McHenry county, Illinois, March 3, 1859 and liked to tell of early days on a farm where his parents raised stock for the Chicago market. He went to that city and was teamster on the fire department for years before he came to Oregon to be near his brother, Alex, who had homesteaded here.

The death of his wife a year or two ago saddened the aged man who found it difficult to adjust himself to living a different sort of life. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Gimmes of Portland.

Services were held from the Moro Community church with Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiating.

Moro Wins Game From St. Marys

Friday night the Moro Huskies outscored and outlasted the St. Mary's Gaels 56 to 43. Bob Martin and Leroy Martin forwards, scored 18 points each. Norval Lane was third with 14 and H. Duncan 4, Miller 2.

The game was close although Moro led all the way. The first quarter ended 14-9 at the half 34-11. There was a notable lack of fouls with St. Mary's committing 12, while Moro had 6. LeMarche was high for St. Mary's with 18 and Twiss had 9.