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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Bread costs more, one cent for each pound. May we again call attention to the low cost of the food in it. The wheat in bread costs three cents.

T T W N
Be thankful for the lazy man. The way of the ambitious is made easier by him.

T T W N
One of the oddest things is that "America First" should have become an epithet.

T T W N
The writer has been having a cold for a part of this week. The usual condolences have been his together with the usual advice, most all of which has been heeded. Only one thing seems to be new about the whole battle and that is the tendency to call this a "summer cold". If that be a term of belittlement we object. This is a real cold, with sniffles, sore muscles, sore throat, meanness, fever and all the trimmings. Any attempt to make it better or worse because of the time of year finds us in opposition. It is just a cold.

T T W N
McGrannery, James P., Attorney General, has the administration scandals well bottled up and in no danger to the coming campaign. Well done, McGrannery, not honest nor American but good politics.

T T W N
Doctors who are trying to find an infallible method of telling when persons are drunk are material thinkers. The percentage of alcohol has nothing to do with it as any observer would know who wasn't a scientist.

T T W N
There is evidence to show that the coming presidential campaign will be one in which the people oppose the government and will result either in defeat of the entrenched bureaucracy or of the idea of popular government.

T T W N
A writer with a fictitious name sent a letter to the Oregonian in which he berated eastern Oregon and Idaho festival queens and their method of election and wound up saying that the Rose Festival princesses were undoubtedly superior in every way. It was a sort of silly letter and belonged in the wastepaper basket, either at home or in the paper office. The Rose Festival princesses are very nice appearing girls indeed and so are the young ladies chosen as queens at public festivals and fairs all over the land. In our parts we may choose them because they can ride a horse and not because they can talk about a rose. That is our privilege—and Portland's. Anyone with the time and inclination to be critical of some young ladies who, for any reason, were chosen to rule over a fete day isn't worthy of much consideration from sane persons.

T T W N
Now there is a contest to find the prettiest girl in the whole wide world. We wonder if when the social history of the times is written such stuff doesn't rate a whole chapter. And certainly readers will think it very funny.

T T W N
Now the colleges have taken up rodeo. We'll bet some silly college would like a course in gambling if asked.

T T W N
This is the time when we really feel sorry for the national committees of political parties. The staff is supposed to remain neutral between candidates—the only group of individuals who are.

T T W N
The style among national magazines seems to be to point to evidence of higher prices one week and to threatening depression the next.

T T W N
White folks used to make fun of the Indian because the young men of the tribe used to return to their blankets and teepees after receiving a white man's college education. It is not done much anymore; not since the white man found out that the Indian used pretty good judgment.



IKE'S SON GETS ORDERS . . . In Fort Knox, Ky., Major John Eisenhower, son of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, is shown packing his luggage with the assistance of his wife, as their youngsters look on. Major Eisenhower has received his orders to leave for the Far East command. The children are Dwight David II, 3 years old; Barbara Ann, 2; and Susan, held by Mrs. Eisenhower, 5 months old. The general visited the major at Fort Knox in the spring.

Midco Lists Filled For October Show And Sale

Entries for the Midco Pured-bred Hereford show and sale have reached 51, according to Jim McWilliams, secretary, who was in town Thursday.

He also says that the entries are well distributed over the territory usually covered by the sale, coming from Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Crook in Oregon and Klickitat county in Washington.

There is usually some change in entries before the deadline and it is expected this year that the number will grow instead of decrease. Enough are available to keep the list up to 50, about the number considered most desirable. The sale will be held at Moro October 19 and 20 this year.

Portland Sherman Countians Meet

On Monday, June 23, 19 ladies of the Sherman county club of Portland, by invitation of Miss Elda Russel, president of the Louise Home, gathered at the home for an inside picnic lunch. The Home furnished coffee, cream and sugar. Two of the girls attended at tables and showed the group over the buildings and grounds.

A beautiful birthday cake and ice cream was served in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Zetta Carter and Mrs. Efile Burkes.

County Agent Tells About Range Management Comp, How to Sprinkle; Consistency of Cows and Other Agricultural Matters

The northwest section of the American Society of Range Management is sponsoring a 4-H camp for eastern Oregon boys. The camp will be held in the Umattilla national forest near Lehmann Springs, from August 4th to 9th. Various classes will be held for the boys attending with considerable emphasis on grass species and range management. All 4-H boys are eligible but need to be fourteen years of age or over. Anyone interested in this camp should contact the county agent's office.

Farmers operating sprinkler systems should check spray patterns to insure equal water distribution. One common cause for poor distribution is rapid rotation of the sprinkler heads. Rotation should be kept to one revolution per minute. Adjustments can be made on the heads to regulate the speed.

Laying hens naturally moult once a year, but high producing hens will continue on laying through the summer and will not moult until September or October. Low producing hens will moult in June, July or August. Early moulters are slow moulters and out of production for a much longer period. These early moulters should be culled out from the laying flock as soon as they

County Fair Gets New Improvement For '52 Show

The Sherman County Fair preparations were furthered at a meeting of the board Thursday night and will probably go into a short recess while members of the board harvest their respective crops.

Already hired is MacBarbour, who has provided the rodeo side of the fair for many years. Spectators know the quality of the entertainment he and his group provide. He has good horses and a well earned reputation for getting them out of the chutes in good time.

There will be horse races and about six of them each of the program days if history repeats itself. The supply of local horses is growing and there will be the usual ones from outside the county, the owners of which are almost as well known as the local horse men.

There will be dances and music at the grounds; there will be livestock of all kinds and pavilion exhibits to delight the feminine contingent.

The selection of a queen and a pair of princesses has been decided and the girls have been outfitted with riding pants and shirts and hats to make them fit the popular idea of a county fair-rodeo queen. This week end they are expected to attend the Sisters Rodeo, the first of several visits they will make to adjoining counties to advertise the fair.

Many improvements have been made at the grounds including the removal of the poultry house to make room for more carnival paraphernalia, the construction of a concrete wall to bolster the track, the improvement to some of the barns.

Women are invited to come and either make the field trip with the men or stay at the station house and look at the flowers while awaiting the return of the trucks. Refreshments will be served.

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Field Day At Station Is July 2, Fertilizer Tested

There will be much about fertilizer trials, some pertinent notes on smut and its persistence, a demonstration about annual cropping at the field day on the Moro experiment station next Wednesday, July 2.

Farmers this year have been doing more fertilization of wheat and tests of 20, 40 and 60 pounds of actual nitrogen as applied to Elmar wheat will be shown. The rains may have come at unfortunate times to give fertilizer the best chance to increase the crop. Anyway that has been true as to the new grasses which have done very poorly because of dry April and May. The native grasses look good, however.

Smut Discussion Due
Something will be said about smut which is affecting the Elmar wheat. Elmar is only half smut resistant, that is, resistant to but half the kinds of smut.

The annual cropping experiment, started at the request of the wheat league, shows up poorly so far and the part to which was applied the heavier doses of fertilizer may produce very little.

Elmar wheat has been seeded at the rate of 38, 34, 61, 72 and 90 pounds on October 17, thus keeping the rate of seeding experiment and dropping the date of seeding part. Early seeding can usually be done at a lower rate but individual preference usually rules.

The nursery, where many of the new wheats have been developed will be shown again together with an explanation of what experiments are being started there.

Grass Crop Poor
Grass crops and alfalfa will be shown as a possible crop in case forage becomes of major importance in this area. Nomad, the creeping alfalfa, is in a station plot.

Visitors expected for the field day are Ralph Besse and D. D. Hill of the state college stations, Robert O. Fletcher, of the crop improvement association and George Penrose of the Union Pacific.

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Crop Estimates Give Oregon Big Wheat Yield; County Good

By the end of June it is often possible to estimate the wheat crop with a fair degree of accuracy. Estimates are being made and most of them are very optimistic.

The federal estimators as of June first reported that Oregon would have a larger crop than in 1951 with a total of winter wheat at 25,312,000 bushels. This is based on a winter wheat crop on 904,000 acres and a yield of 28 bushels. The average acreage in the 1941-50 period was 713,000 and the yield was 26.2 bushels. In 1951 the acreage was 753,000 and the yield was 29.5. Spring wheat estimates are later.

As for Sherman county the above seems a little optimistic. There is some very fine wheat, especially on the better lands. The dry weather of April and more particularly May did reduce the probable yield on lands in the average and below average class and the total county yield will probably not be the best of the decade.

Sherman county has but little spring wheat this year as seeding conditions last fall were generally acceptable.

The larger part of the county is sown to Elmar or to some of the other club wheats and all are smutty. How much smut will reduce the yield will never be known. There are reports of high percentage of smut that will certainly reduce the yield and also the quality. However, there were such reports last year, and well authenticated, but the yield was good nevertheless.

Assuming that the average for Sherman county is 2,600,000 bushels it seems reasonable to assume that the 1952 crop will equal that or perhaps exceed it by a slight margin. There will certainly be a greater difference between good land and poor land than has been the case for some years.

County Gives Fair \$1500 Boost

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JUNE 4, 1952 TERM OF COUNTY COURT
Claims against all-funds presented and allowed.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of May 31, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Clerk presents court with monthly statement showing all General Road Fund budget balances as of May 31, 1952, statement approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents report of gas consumption during month of May, approved and filed.

Fair Board member appears before court and asks for funds for improvement of fairgrounds. Clerk instructed to issue warrant in sum of \$1500.00 from emergency fund.

Court is presented with agreement re: retroactive date of social security for county employees. Date of July 1, 1951 set and agreement sent in to social security board.

No further matters at issue court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MAY, 1952 APPROVED JUNE 4 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT
GENERAL FUND:
SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Simmons Carbon Co., Inc., \$4.06; Norman Fields, \$69.00.
CLERK'S OFFICE: Moro Postmaster, \$10.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$73.50.
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Clair Balzer, \$13.60.
COURTHOUSE
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$53.30; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$25.55; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.00; Superior Sales & Distributing Co., \$91.39; City of Moro, \$1.75; J. K. McKean Co., \$0.92.
COUNTY COURT:
Donald Martin, \$24.00; C. A. Tom, \$4.19; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$8.95.
JUSTICE COURT:
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$17.10; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$2.80.
CIRCUIT COURT:
Jurors, \$258.68; Bailiff, \$5.00; Reporter, \$38.20; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, \$15.75.
DEMOSSE PARK
Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95; Ranch & Home Store, \$29.40.
ELECTIONS:
Judges & Clerks, \$340.26; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$5.80.
EMERGENCY:
Sherman County Fair Ass'n., \$1500.00.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$27.00
GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$58.33
COUNTY PRINTING: \$21.32
MISCELLANEOUS:
State Tax Comm., \$19.94; First National Bank, \$204.20; National Hospital Ass'n., \$8.00; State Industrial Accident Comm., \$12.18.
ROAD FUND
WAGES:
Frank Bazzel, \$358.87; E. McPherson, \$278.25; Frank Bayer, \$286.33; Jerry Morehouse, \$260.19; Ora Workman, \$259.34; Claud Bayer, \$272.32; Lloyd Gosson, \$268.29; First National Bank, \$198.80; State Tax Comm., \$22.21; Public Employees Retirement, \$15.85.
REPAIRS:
Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$1417.52; Howard Cooper Corp., \$283.65; Clem A. Weik, \$98.10; Hartley's Garage, \$7.32; Pratt Motor Co., \$16.00; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$1.65; Arstall Monroe Pontiac, \$26.54.
GAS & OIL:
Union Co., \$342.50; Standard Oil Co., \$14.85.
TIRES & TUBES:
Sunset Motor Co., \$82.47.
GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Fruehauf Trailer Co., \$1.88; The Dalles Iron Works, \$6.36; J. K. McKean Co., \$15.49; Service Motor Co., \$43.60; Montgomery Ward, \$54.00; Smith Auto Parts, \$10.00.
INSURANCE:
W. T. Balsiger, \$55.08.
MISCELLANEOUS:
State Industrial Accident Commission \$86.10; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$6.60; City of Moro, \$1.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.48; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$10.70.
BRIDGES & CULVERTS:
Armo Drainage & Metal Products, \$754.22; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$221.17.
RETIREMENT: \$11.89
SPECIAL ROAD TAX 1951-1952
E. C. Gerber, \$2569.45

Two Boys Drowned In John Day River; Bodies Recovered

Frank Scherrer and Clarence Kirby had worked at putting up the hay on the Carl Scherrer place on the John Day river. They wanted to go fishing and Carl Scherrer said it was alright, he would go cook supper, for it was evening.

The boys took a truck and drove off. When they did not come Carl went up the river, found the truck and one straw hat in the river.

Search availed nothing from the Friday evening when the boys disappeared until Monday when the Kirby boy's body was found a mile down stream on a little bar, Tuesday a little before noon the body of Frank Scherrer was discovered floating in the river a mile and a half below the place where the nine foot bank had caved off and a hat was found.

Friends and relatives, police and neighbors had searched for days a diver had come from Portland to probe the deep holes, neth that fatal bank.

Clarence Kirby, 13, graduated from the eighth grade last month and Frank Scherrer, 16, was in high school.

Frank Leonard Scherrer was born June 10, 1936 at Helena, Montana and had lived the greater part of his life in Moro. He was a freshman in Moro high school, a member of the football squad, capable at drawing. Funeral services will be held Monday, June 30, from the Moro Community church with Rev. W. W. Gearhart in charge followed by interment in the local cemetery.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scherrer, two sisters, Margaret and Mrs. June Shelley, both of Moro, a step-brother, George Geiger of Helena, Montana and a step-sister, Mrs. Katherine Wooderson, Moro and a grandfather, Leonhart Scherrer of Helena, Montana.

George Clarence Kirby was born October 28, 1938 in The Dalles and had moved to Moro three years ago when his father became P. P. & L. manager here. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirby, a brother, Leonard and a sister, Mrs. J. Albert Stepper, White Salmon, Wash. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 28, at 2 p. m. from Smith-Callways in The Dalles with interment there.

Virgil West of Blalock flew the plane from which the body of young Kirby was discovered and Larry Wilbur, first saw the body of young Scherrer floating in the water. Many had helped in the search, putting in long hours patrolling the stream on both sides. Sheriff Norman Fields was in charge of the search.

The drownings occurred on the Gilliam side of the river and many of those going to the scene traveled across Cottonwood to get to the river. Others went down to McDonald's ferry, the Merritt ranch, and crossed the river and drove up as far as they could. The John Day is higher this June than normal and cannot be forded readily.

10 PERCENT OF CHILDREN MAKE ADVANCEMENT
Of the 172 children (average attendance) who went to The Dalles for Red Cross swimming lessons 14 were able to qualify for beginners awards. They were John McCall, David Reid, Everett Kirkelle, Patsy Allen, Deanna Martin, Peggy Reckman, Darlene Gochner, Diana Arstall, Marie Hattrup, Frances Wyncoop, Vincent Belloni, Lynn Rathburn, Loran Byrd and Bob Byrd.

Four were able to qualify for intermediate awards. They were Nina Belshee, Barbara Blaylock, Larry Easter and Louis Miller.

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