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These Things We Note

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An old politician suggests that husbands and wives run for re-election at least once every four years.

T T W N

A grocer's job is to do the food buying for the community, the same duty in a different line falls to all merchants. The banker takes care of the money, the editor gathers the news, the minister leads the spiritual life. All the jobs are, in this light, community duties.

T T W N

The weather reminds one of the old rhyme: "pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold." And could we have a little just warm, please.

T T W N

We agree with Jake Arvey about one minor thing: Jack is a more popular name than Jake. Nevertheless, we think that Mr. Stevenson's backer will have difficulty getting to be known as Jack. Jake fits him so much better.

T T W N

When the convention began it was said that television would change them. Now there is complaint that it didn't.

T T W N

Truman waited until the convention of his party to let the steel strike be settled by permitting a \$5.20 raise; maybe he will give up on the Korean war by election time.

T T W N

We are a little sorry that Averill Harriman didn't get nominated. With his ideas of spending money to aid other countries he might have gone domestic and reduced freight rates on his railroad.

T T W N

Census figures are being analyzed with the release of some belated information about the 1950 census. The information doesn't make much sense. Eight Oregon counties have no urban residents at all, cities under 2500 (as we remember) not being large enough to qualify. Residents of such are "rural non-farm" people. Yet in diversity of goods for sale many of these towns compare favorably with large cities 20 years ago, so great has been the expansion of selling of food, clothes and home equipment since then.

T T W N

Whether Mr. O'Dwyer intends to stay in Mexico or not he might consider that Mexican citizenship is better than an Aermican jail.

T T W N

use mathematics and overlook a government official says that 45 is the beginning of old age. The government just has to use mathematics and overlook the fact that some are youthful at 60 and some are old at 30.

T T W N

The air force, once scornful of those who had sighted flying saucers, is now photographing them. Just another reason why people don't believe the government agencies very much.

T T W N

The state game commission exhibits a tendency to overlook the wishes of the citizens of the state and to follow the reports of its hired field men. It is, we think, an error and is certainly an indication of arrogance and arrogance is an ailment the voters can quickly cure when it becomes pronounced.

T T W N

We saw a man with a stove in his truck and a stove was advertising blankets this week. What a painful thing is memory. If anyone wants to know where the federal benefits come from the national debt is \$262,956,001,132.36.

T T W N

There are many kinds of wealth. There is wealth in money which is the accepted kind and which brings happiness to very few; there is wealth in learning, in friends, in accomplishment, any one of which is more valuable and more soothing to the soul.

Thieves Break Into Two Stores Obtain \$160

Thieves broke into the May & Son store in Moro Wednesday night and took an estimated \$150 from the cash register and also broke into the Wasco Market and obtained \$10.

The lock on the back door of the May store was opened by use of a small bar or a heavy screwdriver which permitted access to the main store. The door of the Wasco store was badly broken in opening.

Robberies of this nature have been going on for three or four months, particularly in Wasco, and so far no workable clues have been found.

Charles U'Ren of the state police was here Thursday to make an investigation of the robberies but nothing was discovered that would lead to immediate apprehension of the thief or thieves.

Commission Approves Local Deer Season

The game commission declined to make any change in its preliminary regulation regarding an open deer season in Sherman county, and it will be legal to hunt buck deer in Sherman county on October 1.

The commission wrote T. Lester Johnson, president of the Sherman County Rod & Gun club that it had information indicating that there were lots of deer here and that a buck season would not handicap the increase in deer within the county.

HARVEST GETTING ON

Wheat harvest is getting along very well in the Wasco community and another week will leave few unshorn fields. Grain has been pouring into the elevators at a tremendous rate as everyone has been cutting with all his machines and hauling with all his trucks. In two weeks the 1952 harvest will be history for most farmers.

NEWS FROM RUFUS

This week will see the end of the wheat harvest for some of the farmers in this area. What a relief it will be! No more worry from machinery fixing or motors from the combines pulled out and taken to town for tune up. There's so many working parts to combine that the man who runs it has to be alert at all times. It's easy for it to waste the wheat or leave chaff in the threshed wheat. The wheat can go out along with the straw and chaff that is blown from the machine.

It is reported a combine turned over while harvesting on the Striker place last week.

Mrs. Gordon Johnson's son Ryan fell out of a wheat truck which she was driving. The accident happened about 9 a. m. last Thursday. Mrs. Johnson said she had just turned a corner and was getting speed up for the straight of way when the door came open and Ryan fell out. She said she made a grab for him, but these big trucks are pretty wide across. Therefore, she was unable to reach him. Fortunately, Ryan fell free of the truck. When he was taken to the hospital for an x-ray it was found he had a brain concussion above the left ear. He was in the hospital for two days when he was brought home to remain in bed for another week.

The day Mrs. Johnson brought Ryan home, she left her daughter Lola in the hospital overnight. It seems as if Lola had run a rusty nail in her foot about ten days previous. She was taken to the doctor for anti-infection remedy. The shots didn't work right for Lola. She broke out with a rash and fever and was very uncomfortable when she entered the hospital. She is home but also has to remain in bed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford of Arlington were overnight guests Saturday of the George Foxes.

Roy Philippi said he saw a bear on the breaks of the John Day river last week. When James Fox was riding his cattle pasture he noticed big tracks which he presumed were the bears. Or it could be a cougar is in the vicinity. It is real uncommon to see a bear around this part.

Threatened Rain Puts Speed Into Harvesting Operations

After two or three hot days the first of the week wind came up from the west Wednesday evening and by Thursday morning the sky was filled with clouds. A few drops of rain fell in Moro and in varying amounts over the county. Harvesting was not stopped in many instances but fear of a harvest rain made farmers more anxious than ever to get their crop into the elevators.

Portland Sherman Countians To Picnic

The annual get together of the former residents of Sherman county who live in and around Portland will be held at Peninsula park Sunday, August 10 with dinner at 12 o'clock. Those who live in Sherman county at present are always welcome to attend. It is a day of visiting.

Government Stops Setting Wages

Wage controls for agricultural labor under the Wage Stabilization board were removed by congress effective July 1, 1952. M. C. Redman, director of the agricultural wage division, notified the county agent's office this week by action of congress prior to adjournment.

Regulations prior to July 1, 1952 were that farmers could not legally pay more than 15 percent above 1950 wages. Amendments to the Defense Production Act has removed agricultural wage control. Sherman county farmers therefore are not bound any more by wage regulations for the next physical year.

Yield Reports Still Indicate Big Wheat Crop

Almost unbelievable reports on the size of the 1952 wheat crop continue to be heard and when all the cutting is done it should rate as one of the largest crops in the county's history.

Best crop reported is that of LeRoy Belshee where a field made 60 bushels per acre. Report has it that Hugh White had a field of 58 bushel wheat and Arvid Anderson's place produced 130 acres of 58 1/2 bushels to the acre.

Around Moro there are many reports of 40 to 45 bushel fields and at Grass Valley early returns are of 35 bushels per acre. On the county's nearly 140,000 acres of grain for threshing the prospect is for over 4,000,000 bushels.

Wheat yields at Kent are reported to be around 25 bushels although there will be variation in that when more farmers get to cutting with a probability that it will be higher.

It is not presumed that reports based on estimates before a field is done will be borne out when threshing is all done. There is always some reduction when cold mathematics come into play but it is not going to be so drastic as to reduce the yields to normal levels.

Reason for the size of the crop is in process of debate when two farmers or more have the time for such things. Elgin and Elmar are considered primary factors the heavy late rain, the cool June the big kernels are other factors. In any case the crop didn't look so good. But it yields wonder fully well.

BOND SALES CONTINUE GOOD

While the cost of living rose during the first half of 1952, Oregon residents purchased over 11 million dollars in series E defense bonds—an amount equal to the corresponding period last year.

"Throughout the state a total of \$11,201,406 in E bonds was purchased," Giles French, county defense bond chairman, stated. "An additional \$2,497,152 were bought in all other series defense bonds, to bring the total sales for the first half of 1952 to \$13,698,558. The substantial purchase of small denomination series E bonds, primarily by payroll savers, reflects a healthy thrift pattern that is highly commendable and desirable for a sound business economy."

County sales in all series during the same period amounted to \$63,829, of which \$49,611 was in E bonds.

BONUS PAYMENTS UP TO DATE

The department of Veterans Affairs announced Thursday that bonuses are now being paid on a "current" basis, which means that the backlog of claims which had been approved but for which checks had not been issued has been wiped out.

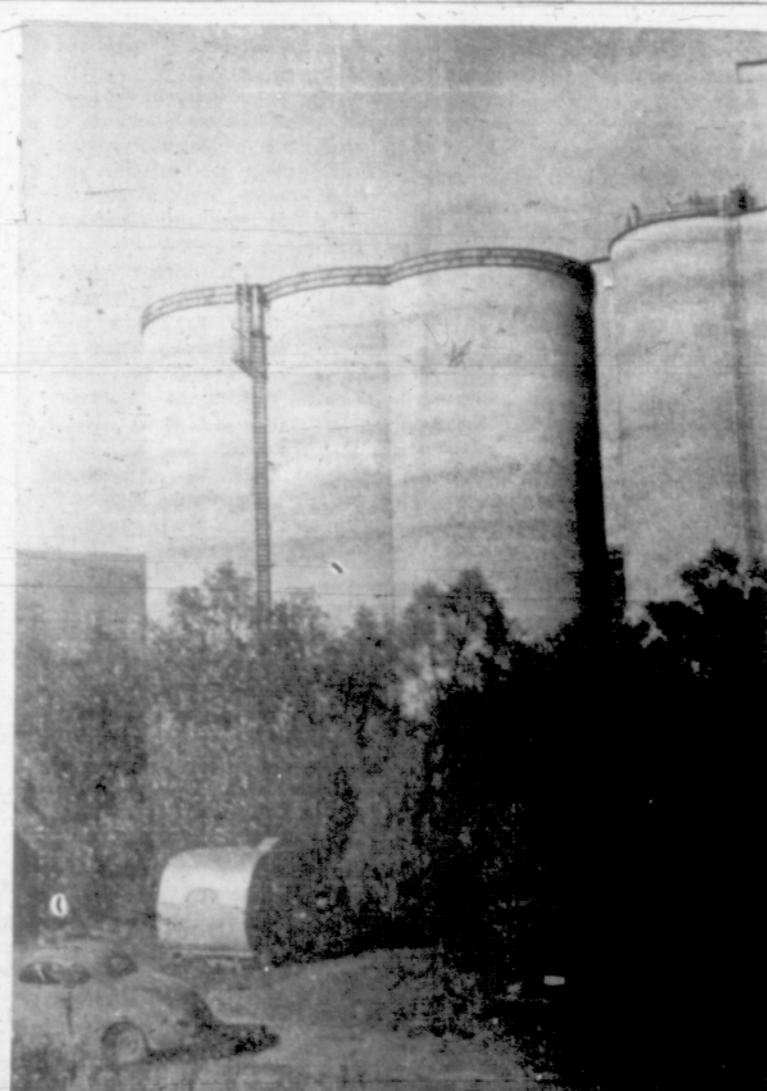
H. C. Saalfeld, bonus supervisor, said that by the end of the week (July 25) more than 78,000 bonus checks will have been paid to living Oregon veterans and to widows, children and parents of deceased ex-servicemen, in the amount of about \$32,000,000.

He said that there are quite a number of bonus claims with numbers lower than 78,000, however, still in process, and urged veterans not to write concerning these claims until requested.

The "approved claims" backlog was built up over a period of months starting last October when veterans began filing their claims and the bonus division started processing the applications. Payments, however, were held up until June 18, when money finally became available from the sale of \$46,000,000 in bonds to finance the program.

Through the cooperation of the secretary of state's office, which writes the checks, the department mailed out 45,000 checks in a three-day period starting June 18. Since then, payments have been at the rate of about 1500 daily.

From now on, payments will go out only as fast as claims come in and the bonus division can process them. Saalfeld estimated this will be at a rate of about 350 daily for awhile, then will slow down as fewer veterans file applications.



Above is the new Hay Canyon A pile of grain eight feet high. The break occurred on filled the roadway blocking past the side directly opposite the sage to the wooden elevators. Central bin shown in the picture, which are only slightly elevated.

Farmers Advised To Use Caution In What May Be Break In Upward Rush of Prices

Even though many signs of recession are showing in 1952, it isn't likely that the slump will be either very severe or very widespread the rest of this year, Oregon State college extension service concludes.

Many Oregon farmers already are being hurt by the downward trend, economist M. D. Thomas points out in the latest issue of "Oregon Agricultural Situation and Outlook." Strawberry and cherry raisers, chicken growers and wool producers are feeling the pinch this year. Markets for other inflation leaders of 1951, like beef, are sagging, too.

But the odds for last half of 1952 seem to favor some recovery rather than further recession, Thomas believes. There is even a possibility that considerable inflation could come if a combination of events sparked another spending spree and brot the potential purchasing power into the market.

Farmers are advised to keep close watch of supply, demand and price conditions during the next few months so they may market their products to best advantage. In most instances, holding for the past season's high prices seems likely to bring disappointment.

Grass Is Gold Program Growing

Reports from many counties in Oregon indicate a growing interest in the 1952 "Grass Is Gold" program. Four new counties, Clatsop, Multnomah, Tillamook and Wasco, will participate for the first time this year. Some 17 of the state's 36 counties were entered last year.

Initiated by the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, one of the principle features of the program is the naming of an Oregon "Grassman of the Year" who will compete with finalists from Idaho and Washington for the regional title and a \$1500 irrigation system or other equipment award presented by R. M. Wade & Company of Portland. The Oregon winner will also receive a \$500 cash award from the United States National bank.

Local county contests are sponsored by various organizations, chambers of commerce, Kiwanis and rotary clubs, cattle-men's associations and others, with county agents acting as coordinators. Several counties have arranged for special awards and trophies in addition. This phase close on August 15, deadline for entrance in the state contest. The Oregon award will be presented at the state fair in Salem early in September.

Elevator Breaks At Hay Canyon; 30,000 bus. Loose

One of the middle bins of the new Hay Canyon elevator broke Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock and let some 30,000 bushels of stored grain onto the road between the elevators and the bank.

Virgil Archer, in charge of the Hay Canyon elevators for the owner, Moro Grain Growers, said it made little noise and almost no jar of concussion. The concrete and steel just pulled out from the moorings and collapsed on the roadway.

The elevator is constructed in two huge circular bins about ten feet apart. The space between them is divided into two bins, the outside of which is curved in the same arc as the main bins. Appearance of the break indicates that this center bin was imperfectly fastened to the main bins and with the weight of the stored grain it just gave away.

Company Assumes Liability

Engineers of the Central Construction company of Spokane were here Wednesday and said that they would stand all costs of repairing the bin and would start as soon as requested by the grain growers. Wendell Balsiger, manager, says, however, that repair will not be done until the grain can be removed from the entire elevator. Storage space will be needed this fall.

Work of picking up the grain started the next day with a day and night crew loading trucks to haul into one of the wooden elevators nearby. It will probably take three or four days to pick up the grain unless the fallen concrete retards the work. The bin was designed to hold 31,000 bushels and was nearly full of 40-fold wheat owned by George Kaseberg.

New Dope Makes Cattle Grow Fast

A new way to save feed while fattening beef cattle has been reported by the Oregon State college experiment station. It involves the use of male hormones to produce increased rate of gain on relatively less feed, according to Dr. Ralph Bogart, animal husbandman.

Testosterone, the male sex hormone, was injected into the muscles of the animals in trials last year. Increased gains of 4 of a pound per day were obtained. Feed savings amounted to nearly 150 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of gain.

New tests are under way this year, Dr. Bogart reported. The aim is to find a more practical method of giving the hormone. Now they are mixing the testosterone right into the feed and results to date are promising.

The tests were started to learn whether the male hormone causes bulls to gain more rapidly than steers and both to put on weight quicker than heifers. On the basis of tests by Dr. Bogart, it appears that the hormone does control the differences in rate and efficiency of gain to a large extent. A non-masculinizing hormone, methostan was tested and had no effect on either rate or efficiency of gain.

Testosterone injections, while boosting the gains by heifers, did not quite bring them up to the level of steers getting the hormone. Heifers with testosterone gained 2.5 pounds daily while steers with the same treatment gained 2.7 pounds. Without the hormone, heifers gained 2 pounds a day and steers 2.4 pounds.

No ill effects were reported when the carcasses of the test animals were examined. They were marketed at 800 pounds with only a slight tendency toward bulliness showing up in one or two animals. Heifers did show a higher proportion of rear to front quarters than steers.

NOTICE

To whom it may concern: The lobby of the postoffice, Moro, Oregon, will be closed between the hours of 7:30 p. m. till 8:00 a. m. until further notice.

Lloyd R. Johnson
Postmaster

