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These Things We Note

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Most of the stern virtues we were taught are very unpopular.

T T W N

Now look, its almost Thanksgiving. Time to wind up the year, do those things necessary to 1952 and plan for another year to come. It is our national feast day and feast days used to be particularly valuable in the days when people were lean from harvest overwork. Thanksgiving did not originate as a feast day; it was a day of thanksgiving for the ability to feast. The Pilgrims were happy that the Almighty had made them prosper so they had plenty and could eat their fill without fear of winter hunger. When we have sufficient for that it seems that we might find some thing else, perhaps not physical, for which we could give thanks.

T T W N

Phil Brogan has been granted a degree from the University of Oregon after 30 years. We suspect that the victory of getting it is much greater than the degree itself. His already won success indicates the uselessness of degrees.

T T W N

At that we'd as soon have politics on the front page as the murders we are in for now.

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Some one with money to spend is raising a fund to have Adlai Stevenson make a broadcast once a month about the iniquities of the Republicans. Don't worry, some one will take care of that.

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This is the period of the biennium when legislators talk about a short session. With ever present taxation, a whole new code of laws, highway legislation and the usual run of perennial bills a long session seems more likely.

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We are truly surprised that more money wasn't made in betting on the election. So many seem to know why Eisenhower won that they may have known all along how it was going to end.

T T W N

The Oregon budget is reported to be \$210,000,000. It was \$180,000,000 last time. We predict it will be passed and raised after the boys have stayed in Salem long enough to become impressed with the "needs" of the state and have forgotten the "needs" of the taxpayers.

N M J J

GOP women are going to ask for more jobs it says here. A sign of lack of confidence, says we. Women out of office exercise more control than women in office.

T T W N

We wonder at the effrontery of writers who have tried to improve on the grandeur of the St. James version of the Bible.

R P M

A man drove into a parked car while kissing his wife. Kissing that kind of a wife should be worth it.

T T W N

Testimonials from temporarily famous characters for patent medicines or other things always reminds us of the athlete who broke a running record on Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey when grandfather could barely get home on it.

T T W N

Have you been mentioned for a cabinet post yet? Neither have we and like the rest of them would not be interested—that is, not much.

A survey of accidents shows that most of them happen in the daytime. Maybe there's something valuable in his night life after all.

T T W N

They are removing hazards right along. Now there's the indelible lipstick.

T T W N

It seems possible but not likely that the government could levy a tax for its needs and a surtax for debt retirement, possibly graduated.

T T W N

An old fashioned southerner is one who considers "damn Yankee" explanatory instead of expilitive.

It's a Nice Place, They Said In Their Talking



First National Officials Meet Sherman Citizens

It couldn't have gone off more smoothly had it been so planned and carefully timed. People dropped in all day from 9:30 on (that was a half hour before the official opening) until 8:00 o'clock p. m. There was never a rush nor a lull. Visitors came into the bank to be met by some of the officials or hostesses went to look at the huge and shiny vault door, inspected the teller's cages with their pretty birch furniture, glanced into the conference room (where they never hoped to be officially), signed the register, received a flower (women only), ate a bite and drank a sip and after some visiting went out into the bright fall sunshine.

They had seen the new bank with its many warm windows, its modern design, its red and yellow and green walls and met many of its officers who do the business for this area and most of them met Frank Belgrano jr. president, who stayed until three o'clock before taking off for his home in Portland.

The bank had moved in the day and night before and machines and equipment were in place. Employees were busier with telling visitors what things were for than in doing much work although business was transacted until closing.

At noon some 50 citizens of the county sat down to have lunch with the visiting bank officials at the Hotel Moro and listened to Mr. Belgrano speak for a few minutes. He said he liked it in Oregon and had willingly left his birthplace of San Francisco to live here, because he thought the opportunities were greater in this state, with its expanses of land, its power and its need for population. He said it was going to be impossible to keep folks from coming to Oregon.

They will find employment, he said, and with that in mind the bank had evolved the slogan, "Let's Build Oregon Together" which is what it was trying to do. Oregon's economy was timber making up over a half of its income—and that in danger of slipping—and with so much other dependence of agriculture. The state needs industry and investment. And the bank would like to help that. He cautioned against expecting too great changes over the election because it would be necessary for all of us to take it easy and keep the boat from rocking in what could be perilous times.

FROM THE TOP DOWN
Visitors from all over the county chat with bank officials during the opening day for the new First National Bank building. Harold Eakin makes first deposit in new bank while his wife, Cecile and Frank Belgrano jr. kibitz the procedure. Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson start saving accounts.

Oscar Ruggles, Wife Married 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon when their children Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and Mr. & Mrs. Earl McKinney and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Peugh, Mrs. Frankie Axtell, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Mrs. Roy J. Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth Haefner, Mrs. Maggie Barnum, Mrs. Roy Hulse, Mrs. V. B. Eakin and Mrs. Edna Freeman.

The table was covered with a white linen cloth with hand crocheted lace and was centered with a three tiered wedding cake frosted in white and decorated in orchid trimming and topped with the numerals 40. Those who helped serve and pour during the afternoon were Mrs. Walter Ruggles, Mrs. William Cauthers, Mrs. Jess Landry, Mrs. Tom Peugh, Mrs. Frankie Axtell, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Mrs. Roy J. Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth Haefner, Mrs. Maggie Barnum, Mrs. Roy Hulse, Mrs. V. B. Eakin and Mrs. Edna Freeman.

About 150 signed the guest book that was in charge of Jocelyn Ruggles of The Dalles. About 3 o'clock Mrs. Charles Meyers sang two numbers accompanied by Mrs. Orville Ruggles. The Ruggles were presented with a silver service from their children. Guests were present from Portland, Stayton, Hermiston, The Dalles, Wasco, Moro, Kent, Grass Valley including life-long friends Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith from Okanogan, Wash.

Boosters Hear About Mountain Climbing And See Pictuaes

Boosters went mountain climbing vicariously Wednesday morning when they were shown Bill Byrd's pictures of the Alps and Tetons of the Rocky mountains. Byrd and two companions went to Europe last summer to climb mountains and the pictures of Switzerland and its snow capped peaks are one of the results. Members were impressed with the beauty of the pictured scenery. Also entertaining the club were Louis Miller who gave a reading and Jimmy Belshe, who played an accordion.

Next meeting will be held December 3 when Wendell Balinger will arrange the program.

COLLEGE KIDS WORK

To help finance their college careers, Oregon State college students are working at everything from ice cream making to fire fighting. So far this year, nearly 500 men and women students have been placed in part-time jobs through the employment office maintained by the college. Many jobs have been found also for students' wives. Request for workers have been received to date for such varied jobs as fry cooks, baby sitters, linotype operators, truck and taxi drivers, grocery clerks, painters, mechanics, leaf sweepers, tutors and farm workers.

Wheat League Committees Study Problems, Make Recommendations for Convention

Recommendations of the five committees of the Oregon Wheat Growers League were made at meetings held last week and will be presented to the state wide committees at the convention in Portland December 4-6. Youth activity recommendations were: for Danish system of judging; continued 50% wheat ration; no change in selling method; stock weights on arrival at show; study of age and feeding period limits; a feeder calf sale; vaccination for calves; a soil conservation project. Federal Agricultural Program committee approved: coverage of spot losses; consideration of a long range farm program. The Wheat Disposal and Transportation committee: held loan program satisfactory; increased storage for wheat at Portland; better method of smut dockage; continued study of feeding wheat to stock; more use of micro-mill; international wheat agreement; farm cooperation with bakers and millers to improve quality of bakery products; reduced freight rates. The Production and Land Use committee: favor evaluation of rain making; more teeth in weed control; money for weed research; urges every farmer to try to control weeds; favor soil testing laboratory at Moro experiment station; better seed handling facilities; more research on smut. The Taxation and Legislation committee: favors consolidation of tax collection and assessment; distribution of state motor vehicle tax on different basis; repeal of excise tax exemptions; business tax; federal plan of reapportionment; repeal of voting privilege for non-property owners; land appraisal be kept even between counties; public inspection of welfare lists; higher dependent deductions in income tax.

New Grand Jury Drawn as Court Opens

At the meeting of the circuit court for Sherman county which began Wednesday a grand jury composed of the following was named by Judge E. W. Howell, here from Grant county for the session: Curtis Neal, foreman; William Jefferies, Charles Adlard, Elizabeth Hartley, Wilhelm Buehler, James W. Coons and Gordon Hilderbrand. The case of Leishmann vs. Taylor was tried with James Powers of Portland representing Taylor and Sam Van Vactor and T. Lester Johnson representing Leishmann. The case grew out of a fatal accident north of Kent in which Mrs. Leishmann, driving north passed a truck driven by an employee of Ben Taylor. As she entered the traffic her car overturned.

VFW Auxiliary Has Initiation Ceremony

The VFW auxiliary met at the Woman's club room Monday evening. June Alsop was initiated in to the auxiliary. President Grace Busse gave a report on the meeting of the American Cancer society which she attended last week at the Multnomah hotel in Portland. Myrtle Rust was appointed chairman for recruiting help for the square dances and Velma Belshe was appointed chairman of the Christmas party to be held December 15. Refreshments of salad, sandwiches, ice cream and coffee was served at the close of the meeting.

ELECTRICITY SAVING NEED

An appeal for conservation of electricity to help carry the Pacific Northwest through a tight regional power situation was issued today by M. C. Thorn, district manager for PP&L Co. "The Defense Electric Power Administration already has ordered a cut in the power consumed by major users, such as factories and industries," he said. "That means production and jobs and pay checks are being cut. Every saving you can make in your use of electricity will help keep these jobs going. "The long dry fall has resulted in dangerously low water conditions throughout the whole area. The Columbia river is flowing at an extremely low rate, as are the rivers feeding practically all Northwest power dams. This has seriously cut down the electrical supplies of the Northwest Power Pool, which serves the needs of the whole area. "We need the help of everyone in avoiding any waste of electricity. Power saving is needed all day and every day, all around the clock, to meet our problem." The present tight power problem affects the whole area, including all of Washington, most of Oregon and northern Idaho. The federal order applies throughout the whole area. All electric utilities served by the Power Pool in this area are subject to the terms of the order and are cooperating in the drive to save electricity, it was explained by Thorn. In addition to Pacific Power, utilities in this area named by the DEPA order include the held December 8 at 7 p. m. at Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc. the same office.

Historical Society Hears Pollard On Value of History

Ninety-eight persons were at the meeting of the Sherman County Historical society Monday night to hear Lancaster Pollard, secretary of the state historical society, and to enjoy a preliminary trial run for Thanksgiving turkey and the traditional gastronomic *buffet* thereto. Mr. Pollard, Virginian, Jeffersonian, reader and compiler of northwest history, delighted the audience with his sallies about politics and impressed them with his observations about history. History, he said, at one phase of his talk, is the story of people in their relation to the land and their surroundings. The Indians didn't use the land and built no lasting civilization; the whites made use of the land and have established themselves. History, he said, is the memory of the race. Each of us is the kind of person we are because of our past, our memories and the effect our experiences have made upon us. In that light, said Mr. Pollard, history is the glue that keeps civilization because it is the memory. He urged the establishment of museums to preserve the remnants of the past and of business record to show future generations how we conduct our business, what we buy and what we sell and how much it is worth; for of such things are histories written. James Tate, president of the society, presided and introduced Theodore Johnston, Herb Root, and Roy Belshe, former presidents. Teachers of Sherman county schools as especial guests, were introduced by Homer Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Little and Mr. and Mrs. James Tate formed a quartet to Geologist Survey, Oregon state play and sing; Kay McKay and Gene Knott played a duet on piano and horn; Deanna Martin performed a graceful tapdance; The Baptist orchestra, Mrs. Elton Eakin, Mrs. Vernon Eakin, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Everett Cantrall played; Willy Knighten explained the purposes of the essay contest being sponsored by the historical society saying that it would be ended March 1 and that prizes would be awarded to winners in each school as well as in the entire county; Tom Fraser sang two numbers including the favorite, "Sweet Oregon"; Giles French talked of an episode in the county's history and introduced Mr. Pollard. Words are seldom adequate to describe food; that is better done by grunts or gestures. One who has no experience with a Sherman county pot-luck cannot be told in words; he who has such experience will need no further explanation. Turkey and coffee were furnished by the society and were prepared by Clara Kock, Millie von Borstel and Myrtle Barnum. The plentiful viands came from the generosity and culinary skill of the county's cooks.

Geologic Map of State Being Made

What will be the first detailed geologic map of Oregon is being compiled in the geology department at OSC. The map, which will show distribution of rock formations, will be of special value to highway and construction engineers, interests and students of geology, according to Dr. Lehi F. Hintze, assistant professor of geology who is in charge of the work. Oregon is one of the few states in the nation still without such a map. Approximately three-fourth of the state has been geologically surveyed to date by the U. S. Geological Survey, Oregon state department of geology and mineral industries, Oregon State college and the University of Oregon. In some areas the mapping has been done in great detail but over much of the state it is of only a reconnaissance nature. The objective of the OSC compilation is to assemble both published and unpublished map information and reduce it to a uniform scale on one map. A preliminary black and white edition of the map will be ready next year. This will be followed in three or four years by a color edition, according to Dr. Hintze. One of the areas of the state where geological mapping is in progress is the John Day country of central Oregon where the OSC geology summer school camp is held annually.

Accidents Happen In Your Head

Traffic accidents happen in your head. But that's not to say smashed fenders and dented grills are merely a figment of your imagination. What this means, according to Captain Walter Lansing, coordinator of the traffic safety division, is that a traffic accident happens because of what goes on in a driver's head. Still confused? Well, Lansing maintains that traffic smash-ups are caused by faulty attitudes which drivers possess, and he adds, "every accident is an example of disorganized thinking behind the wheel." "Until we stop blaming cars, roads and weather for our own traffic blunders and admit that human failure causes accidents, there is little hope that the highway death toll will be reduced," Lansing said. He advised drivers to keep in mind that "cars do not have the ability to think, so if a driver fails to use common sense an accident is almost sure to happen."

SHEEP CLUB STARTS

The Sherman county 4-H sheep club met Monday night at the office of the county agent and organized for the next year's activities. Elected were Char-lotte Benson, president; Jean Ross, vice-president; Jeanette Belshe, secretary; Jimmy Coons, treasurer; Joarin Ross, reporter. The next meeting will be held December 8 at 7 p. m. at the same office.

Power Company Pays \$7400

A check for \$7,466.00 in payment of 1952 real and personal property taxes on Pacific Power & Light company in Sherman county was turned over to the county this week by Lawrence Kirby, lineman-agent for the utility. This year's Sherman county payment was more than six per cent less than last year's Kirby said, and was part of more than \$1,186,000 paid by the company to 16 Oregon counties in advance of the November 15 due date. Kirby said that total direct taxes carried by the Pacific system this year will exceed \$5,000,000, of which approximately \$2,738,000 represents federal taxes.

HEC ORGANIZE

The H.E.C. of Harlandview week and quilted a quilt for Mrs. Chas. Bullard and picked officers for the year. They are Agnes Benson, chairman; Helen Martin, vice chairman; Inez Thompson, secretary; Florence Bruckert, treasurer; Bertha Belshe, treasurer. A potluck dinner was served for members and the repair crew of Telephone line 41. Hostesses were Bertha Belshe, Florence Thompson and Aleta Fraser.