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These Things We Note

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We can expect the assembled governors to deplore the encroachments of the federal government and to ask for more government aid.

TTWN
Despite the medical statistics about cancer and heart disease being the most fatal we'll bet the most disabling ailment we have is imagination.

TTWN
Whether or not a people can govern themselves successfully has not been tried long enough to be entirely proven. It may take more restraint than we have shown about getting government money.

TTWN
Now it is time for some one to charge the crime wave in The Dalles and similar cities to the loosening up of Portland's morals.

Money probably isn't really the root of all evil but it is definitely the root of a lot of poor government. Over centralization is poor government.

TTWN
Security is a rut; a rut is security.

TTWN
Congress for the first time in quite a spell has adjourned in reasonable time. That is fine and you'll be surprised how well the country will get along.

TTWN
A national sales tax is nothing to get happy about but it would raise more money with smaller cost to the ordinary American than the income tax system we now use although it would be hard to distribute the costs as evenly.

TTWN
It has been suggested that candidates for major political office have a thorough examination to determine their fitness. We presume it would not be merely physical.

TTWN
An American, turned communist, is going back to China. Seeking a cure, no doubt.

TTWN
Republicans, we read, are worried over Secretary Benson and the agricultural situation. That makes it unanimous.

TTWN
They are having a beauty contest in a nudist colony. Getting down to the bare facts, eh?

TTWN
Pioneer celebrations seldom get the recognition they deserve and maybe the reason is that folks don't like to look back at the drab times of the past and prefer to contemplate the rosy glory of the future.

TTWN
It is by now painfully apparent that the method of controlling crops by controlling acreage doesn't work. Nature often takes a hand, modern fertilizers do wonders, choice of land to be used is a factor. If reductions were based on bushels a farmer might be penalized by nature's bounty but it would be a positive reduction. Unless American agriculture is to be disrupted by constant changes, a history of production of more than three years should be used. Otherwise we will be producing crops entirely according to price and not according to soil and climatic conditions.

TTWN
It is impossible to read the Congressional Record or the Journal of a legislature without being impressed with the fact that both are trying to do things that might be better left to the people; that many actions are taken for political and publicity purposes; that government does nothing well.

TTWN
That 22 inning baseball game must have been a wearing experience on the hired hands of the Portland club. May be it will tire them out so they can't move at all.

TTWN
Is a man a communist because he lives in Russia and a capitalist because he lives in America? Or are his beliefs the controlling factor? Political and economic concepts should be mental instead of being determined by residence.

TTWN
What's the use of having so many radio and TV stations if they are all going to broadcast the same things?



GLASS-JAWED ENTRY—Abbasong, a crack entry in the \$100,000 Hambletonian stake on August 12 at Goshen, N. Y., is given a good chance of winning, despite its twice-broken jaw. Raymond "Bud" Cotter, 26, is shown with the horse he hopes will beat the 18-year-old record set by "Doc" Parshall, who was 34 when he won the Hambletonian in 1934.

Old Program Emphasizes Changing Population Even In Stable Communities

We think of this county as being a very well established community where nothing changes much and where the population remains static. It isn't so.

A review of a program for a Sherman County Band Festival held at Wasco May 12, 1934 shows how much the population changes and how many children who were born here and attended school here have gone.

Of the 22 who played in the Moro band only four are residents of the county now. Wasco did better with 14 still living there but of Grass Valley's band members only four remain in the county. At Rufus the changes have been about as great.

This coincides with a study made some years ago by the county school superintendent who was trying to find out what should be taught to meet the future needs of children of the county. He found that they went nearly everywhere and did nearly everything and concluded that general education would fill the need better than specific education.

Advertising in the program was done by Roy Atwood's grocery, J. P. Yates clothing store, R. H. McKean, grain buyer, Steve McMillin, Dr. J. A. Butler, dentist, and the Wasco Market, M. G. Tuel confectionery and Avery Martin, garage. Only Steve McMillin is still in business at the same place and with the same owner.

Sam Brown was running for governor and came to make a speech and Jay Upton talked. He was a state senator from Crook county. M. G. Tuel was mayor of Wasco and the Rev. Walter Warner was pastor of the Methodist church. Clyde Simpson was director of all bands but that from The Dalles.

Fire Truck Fund Growing; Success Seems Probable

Collections for the fire engine have reached \$1495 cash and \$685 in pledges, according to Bon Christianson who is acting as treasurer for the group that is trying to gather enough money to match the city of Moro's \$3000 appropriation for fire equipment. The fire truck that the group and the city contemplates buying has been parked along the street for several days. It is a 1945 K-7 International, four wheel drive, dual rear wheels with a 500 gallon tank and a 500 pound Bean pressure pump driven off the drive shaft by five V-belts. It carries ladders and will be equipped with a 500 gallon American-Marsh front mounted pump, five lengths of 2 1/2 inch suction hose, ladders, axes, etc.

The front mounted pump will be the part of the purchase that will be of most value to the city although the added pressure in the Bean pump will help in some cases as will the fog nozzle possible with that pressure. The 500 gallon tank and four-wheel drive will be most useful in the country. Extra lengths of suction hose will make it possible to reach cists and watering troughs to replenish the tank supply. The rural area bounded by the rivers and the ridges is being asked to make contributions to the purchase of the new equipment which is expected to make a reduction in rural fire rates up to ten cents per hundred.

State Acreage Cut Announced As 25%

A proposed cut of 26% on Oregon's 1954 wheat acreage has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

Aronold Bodtker, state production and marketing administration chairman, says Oregon's allotment on the 1954 crop is slightly less than 900,000 acres. This is some 300,000 acres less than was planted for this year's harvest.

Benson announced the national allotment was set at 62,000,000 acres. This is about 20% less than this year's plantings, according to OSC extension agricultural economists.

State and county PMA committees have in turn broken down the state and county allotments into individual farm allotments. In general, all farms which grew wheat in any one of the years 1951, 1952, or 1953 will be assigned an acreage allotment. Then, if marketing quotas are approved the individual farm marketing quota is the wheat actually produced on the allotted acres.

Smut Funds May Be Granted

A move to secure an additional \$78,000 in federal funds for combating wheat smut in the Pacific Northwest has been virtually assured by a Senate-House joint conference committee, the Oregon Wheat commission has been informed by Congressman Coon.

If the increase is approved by Congress when the department of agriculture appropriation bill comes up for final action, it will raise the total federal appropriation for smut research to \$120,000.

These funds will supplement the present smut control program being carried on by the Oregon and Washington experiment stations and the Oregon Wheat commission which together account for about 300,000 in control funds.

The new funds will provide for hiring seven additional technical men, four assistants, labor, supplies and travel for expanded breeding and testing in a coordinated regional program for all-out war against smut. More than 28 percent of Northwest wheat graded smutty last year, costing wheat growers six million dollars in reduced returns.

The senate approved the additional funds but the amount was not included in the appropriation measure previously passed by the House.

The \$78,000 expanded program was requested late in April by Floyd Root, Wasco, wheat grower, and Robert Fletcher, executive-secretary of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association, in appearances before congressional committees. Root represented the Oregon Wheat league. Supporting the request for additional funds to attack the smut problem was the National Ass'n of Wheat Growers, represented by Herbert Hughes, Imperial, Neb., wheat farmer, vice president of the NAWG.

Making a trip to Washington in May on the same mission were Jens Terjeson, president of the National Ass'n; E. J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission, both of Pendleton;

Credit Use Grows With NFLA

Farmers and ranchers in this area are using more long-term, low-interest credit to help level out the disparity between operating costs and farm commodity prices, according to T. F. Whiteman, secretary-treasurer of The Dalles National Farm Loan association at The Dalles.

Discussing the financial report of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, for which the association makes and services loans, Mr. Whiteman said: "Our association which serves Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Hood River counties experienced a material increase in loan application volume in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and these applications indicate a definite trend toward the refinancing of short-term obligations with long term 4% real estate mortgage loans."

"In the four states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington the land bank loaned \$19,739,100 during last year. This was \$2,771,800 ahead of the previous year and the largest volume in any one year since 1935. In Oregon the volume reached \$4,117,600."

Mr. Whiteman said the bank's capital stock, owned entirely by The Dalles National Farm Loan association and 64 similar NFLA's in the four states, stood at \$4,586,000 on June 30, 1953,

Allotment Vote Scheduled For Friday, Aug. 14

The allotment vote will be held in all wheat growing counties August 14, next Friday. Farmers who grow normally over 15 acres of wheat and produce 200 bushels or more may vote. Although theoretically the allotment is based on a ten year history anyone who has produced wheat in any one of the past three years may vote.

The election will be held in three places in the county: at the Grass Valley Grain Growers for the Kent and Grass Valley communities; at the court house for the Moro community; at the Wasco city hall for the Locust Grove and Wasco communities. Community committees will choose the three man election board, all members of which must be eligible voters in the election.

Latest figures released Wednesday by the PMA office show that the county quota is 101,197 acres of which 500 acres has been withheld to care for disputes that may arise. The total county acreage for 1954 would have been 149,808 which gives a reduction of 32.8% for this county. Growers' allotment will be 67.2% of the land that would normally be seeded next year.

Voters who are going to be absent from the county next Friday may obtain a ballot the day before but it must be in the hands of the county committee by 9:00 p. m. August 14. Election results are phoned in and the decision will be made known the following day if plans materialize.

Webbs Here At End Of Long Auto Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Webb of King City, Calif., accompanied by their daughter, Virginia Anne, were in town Tuesday night on their way home from a two month tour of the United States. They left home June 16 and stopped at Hoover dam, visited the Grand Canyon and went down in the Carlsbad caverns while on their way to Washington, D. C., where they spent two weeks because of Mr. Webb's interest in history and government, which he teaches at King City high school.

They were in the Mammoth caves of Kentucky, walked over the battle grounds of Valley Forge and Gettysburg and went through the historical buildings in Philadelphia before going to New York to visit that city. In Chicago they saw relatives and the stock market and livestock marts of that city. On the way west they stopped in Iowa, the Black Hills of South Dakota, Yellowstone, Montana and were at Grand Coulee just before getting to Moro.

Fair Books Out For Exhibitors

Anyone who wants a fair book may have it at the Journal office. Some have been sent to stores in the county where they are available. The book this year, due to some changes totals 68 pages and cover and has some new material in it.

Few changes have been made in the open class premiums or regulations but the 4-H section is new and somewhat longer than before. Color is light blue.

Agricultural Men To Be In Pendleton

Eastern Oregon will be the only area of the Pacific northwest where the agricultural committee of congress will hold hearings during the nationwide tour this fall, according to Congressman Sam Coon.

Arrangements have been completed for the house agricultural committee to stop in Pendleton November 5 for one day of grass roots hearings on agricultural problems. The hearings are being held so that the committee can obtain background information before making recommendations on agricultural policy to the Eisenhower administration.

The committee will fly to Pendleton from hearings in Billings, Montana, the day before, and will proceed to Santa Rosa, Calif., for the next set of hearings. There will be four sets of hearings for the nation. The committee will be in New England in early August; in the south from September 20-25; in the midwest from October 10-17, and in the west from November 1-12.

Small Fire Burns Small Shed; Singes Sheep

A fire destroyed a small shed and hay barn at the Lloyd Johnson home Wednesday night about eight o'clock. No one was at home at the time and how it started is a mystery.

A few sheep were penned near the shed and were pretty hot before they could be liberated. Neighbors brought the fire equipment and put out the fire although the shed was well consumed before the alarm was turned in.

GUEST SPEAKER TO BE HEARD AT CHURCH

Pulpit guest this Sunday at Moro Community Presbyterian church will be Mr. and Mrs. John Kilpack of Portland. Mr. Kilpack is director of juvenile protection for the Portland council of church. He will tell of his work with youth of the state, taking as his text "The Son of Man Came to Seek and to Save the Lost". Mr. Kilpack will also speak to boys and girls of the Sunday school at 9:45.

Rev. Alfred Solomon is spending this week on the faculty of one of the Presbyterian camps for junior age boys and girls, located at Camp Menucha on the Columbia gorge.

Also at Menucha this week are Ronda Fraser, Lana Jean Paulson and Bobby Archer. Just returned from an earlier camp there are Gary Thompson and David Conlee. Janet Thompson plans to attend camp at Menucha next week.

Highway Commission To Open Bid Again

At its meeting in Portland on August 6, the state highway commission received bids for the grading and oiling of 1.71 miles of the Fulton Canyon-Wasco road eastward from the city of Wasco. Plans call for a 26-foot roadbed on the portion of the project outside the city limits of Wasco and a minimum 40-foot street section in Wasco. The project is to have an 8-inch thickness of crushed rock base and a 20-foot wide oil surface. This project was originally advertised for the June 16 meeting of the commission but no bids were received at that time so the project is being readvertised for the August meeting. The project is to be financed by federal, state and county funds allocated to necessary improvement of county roads not on the state system of highways.

Oregonians Getting Soberer Now

Oregonians consumed 1,502 fewer gallons of alcoholic liquor during the fiscal year ending June 30 than during the previous 12-month period, according to an Oregon liquor control commission report of sales made in state liquor stores and agencies.

Combined sales of distilled spirits and dessert wines containing over 14% alcohol by volume totalled 831,645 cases indicating consumption of 2,147,206 gallons and a decline of 3,117 cases. Sales represent a dollar volume of \$42,905,713 a 3.32% increase over volume of the preceding fiscal year despite the drop in consumption. Cities, counties and the general fund of the state received \$11,655,287.24 from Oregon liquor control commission revenues during the fiscal year ending June 30. The commission reports \$9,665,895 was distributed to the general fund, \$1,032,647 to incorporated cities, and \$956,745 to Oregon counties.

Yields Better On Late-Sown Wheat Say Farmers

Enough wheat has been cut to determine the pattern of the 1953 crop. It now seems evident that the early sown wheat, that which was put in with deep furrow drills in September and came up in the fall is not going to yield as well as that which was sown later and came up after the big January rain.

Yields of both kinds vary but the late wheat seems better now. Not so much of it has been cut and the later wheat may not be much better but the full answer will be known in another week. Yields are not bad on either. Land already cut is making from 25 to 35 bushels per acre. Two years ago some of the same land produced 45 bushels or better. An average for the county of 30 bushels appears likely which will be close to 4,000,000 bushels.

Wheat threshed so far is light in quality test weights being 55 to 57 which will mean lower prices. Some wheat looks to be of poor grade. There is very little smut, even in Elgin and other smutty wheats.

Cutting has started all over the county although few combines are running south of Moro. Some who started at Grass Valley have had to stop because the grain was too wet. At Kent the few threshers are getting good crops. Nearly all of the fields in the north end have been opened and cutting there is in mid-harvest this week.

Sherman Countians To Picnic August 23

The annual Sherman county picnic will be held in Peninsula park in Portland Sunday, August 23 according to Mrs. Jesse Myers secretary. There will be a pot luck dinner served between 12 and 1 o'clock and the committee will furnish sugar and cream and coffee. Sherman countians are invited to attend and former residents in Portland or environs usually make it a day of active reminiscing.

SCS MEN ATTEND Pendleton Conference

Henry C. Grabenhorst, work unit conservationist and John L. Paul, soil scientist of the service assisting the Sherman county soil conservation service, returned Friday from a conference held in Pendleton for the SCS technicians from north central Oregon where they learned new operation methods and visited the experiment station.

Paul said, "Many new implements that will aid in the use of trashy fallow and the results of their use was shown the group. Of these, stubble busters of the rotary type, an offset cult-treader, the spring tooth harrow and the rod weeders give good results in various ways."

Among those attending were technicians from Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Representatives of the state regional and national office of the SCS were present to give and receive information.

RAIN COMES TO Slow Wheat Harvest

A trickle of moisture totalling .03 inch fell Wednesday night and stopped harvest completely Thursday morning in the middle section of the county. The grain has not been very dry so far but it is not thought that the delay will be for long duration.



CURTAIN CALL . . . In New York City, Bette Davis (center white dress) and members of the cast of "Two's Company" take a curtain call following their triumphant opening at the Alvin theater recently. The screen star, known for her roles in dramatic movies, delighted first nighters in this scene, where she exhibited her talent for singing, dancing, clowning.