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These Things We Note

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It was alright for this chilly spell to move slowly when it was coming but it could move on a little faster if it would.

T T W N

State income and excise tax receipts are down about five million from last year but the decline was mostly in the first half of the year. Receipts for this fiscal year, July 1, 1953 to date are going up again. Maybe we've already hit bottom.

T T W N

By the time a man reaches congress it is the common presumption that he is wiser in the ways of politics than to be led into asking for a doubled salary in an election year. If they do not have that knowledge, they will.

T T W N

"For this is wisdom, To love to live! To take what fate the gods may give, Ask no questions and make no prayer. Just kiss the lips and caress the hair, Speed passions ebb Nor tide its flow To have, to hold, in time—let go."

T T W N

The National association of postoffice clerks has said that a pay raise for congressmen would be a fine move. Is that funny to you, too?

T T W N

That estimable publication, the Congressional Record, is again coming to this office. It is the words and actions of the senate and house and it teaches very clearly the distinction between being courteous and being nice.

T T W N

A refrigerator is a handy piece of equipment. You can use it in summer to keep food cold and in winter to keep food warmer.

T T W N

The president in his health and welfare speech said there are two million persons who could be rehabilitated and returned to work, and that the number was growing. It will probably continue to grow as long as the government increases the benefits.

T T W N

"Sir, there are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are ambition and avarice, the love of power and the love of money. Separately, each of these has great force in prompting men to action, but when united in view of the same object, they have in many minds the most violent effect."

—Benjamin Franklin

T T W N

You can tell how cold it is by the posture of pedestrians: if they stick out behind it is cold; if in front it's warm.

T T W N

Cigarette makers are establishing a research committee to investigate the possible danger of smoking. Do you want to bet on what the report will conclude?

T T W N

The luckiest man we've seen is the one who had no thermometer and wasn't cold.

T T W N

Now some half-baked lawmaker wants a law enforcing a boycott on coffee. The public will do as it pleases about it.

T T W N

No wonder those engraving employees took some of that money; there seemed so much of it and the government wasn't using it very well anyway.

T T W N

In England the top income tax is 96 percent. Ain't socialism wonderful? Think how the poor can eat up the rich by their votes, and think what a heck of a shape they'll be in when there's no rich to eat.

T T W N

The derby hat is already back, only now it is made of tin and worn by dam workers.

T T W N

Sometimes things look better when looked ahead to than when looked back to. This includes years, baseball seasons, marriages and many others.

T T W N

There is a poem by Lanta Wilson Smith entitled "This, too, shall pass away" which serves to remind that whether fortune be good or bad, the weather bright or blustery, it all shall pass away. Verily, there is nothing certain but change.

Less Smut In Wheat In 1953 Says Grain Trade

Smut infested less wheat in the Columbia basin's wheat belt during the past year than in the last 10 years, reported R. E. White, agricultural marketing service grain supervisor Friday in Portland.

White, in making his annual report to members of the Pacific Northwest Smut Control committee, explained that 4.8 per cent of the crop graded smutty in 1953 compared with 28.5 per cent in 1952 and 24.7 per cent in 1951.

Several reasons have been advanced for this sudden and spectacular turn for the better, said the Portland grain man. The abnormal moisture and temperature relationship during seeding and emergence of the wheat has been cited by some as the most important factor. The late and very dry fall last year held back the germination of the fall-sown wheat until much later than usual. There was enough moisture, however, for the smut spores to germinate. The result was a situation in which the smut spores perished before the wheat germinated.

Increased use of resistant varieties and seed treatments also were significant factors, indicated White. A shift to spring sown varieties, where smut is not so difficult to control helped the situation further.

White based his annual report on more than 29,000 licensed inspections of farmer-owned lots of wheat in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. This report is considered a reliable index to the smut situation in the Columbia basin area.

The number of inspections performed in the area covered by this smut survey increased from 25,247 in 1952 to 29,339 in 1953. Most of the increase was in the Common White varieties and in the spring sown and smut resistant winter varieties. Idada increased from 2,343 in 1952 to 3,616 this year. In the fall sown varieties, Brevor increased 655 last year to 2,455 this year. In this class the amount of wheat that graded smutty dropped from 14.4 per cent in 1952 to 2.5 per cent in 1953.

The Portland inspection point which includes four Columbia river counties, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco in Oregon and Klickitat county, Washington, reported a decrease in the percentage of wheats grading smutty from 19.6 per cent in 1952 to 1.2 per cent in 1953.

In Umatilla, Union and Baker county area, the percentage of total inspections that graded smutty decreased 17.6 per cent. From 20.1 per cent in 1952 to 2.5 per cent in 1953.

Storage Construction Advised At OSC

Prospects that Oregon grain growers will need 30 percent more storage space this year than last calls for careful planning to avoid spalls or to qualify for government support loan, advise Oregon State college extension specialists.

Wheat is moving out of storage slower than it did a year ago and increased barley plantings on land held out of wheat production under tighter government quotas could mean 6 million additional bushels of barley to store and feed in Oregon.

M. G. Huber, OSC, extension agricultural engineer, reminds growers to plan storage that will hold grain without loss of quality and keep it dry from rain, snow and ground moisture. Storage should give protection against rodents, birds and insects, and permit effective fumigation to control insects. If the grain is on government loan, sufficient head room must be provided for inspection and sampling and the storage must be built so it can be scaled.

Crib-type construction may be favored if permanent storage is desired. Another angle is a multiple-use building that can later be converted to machine storage or livestock shelter. Commercial bins up to about 3000-bushel capacity are also available.

Where mechanical equipment is available for filling the storage, Huber says it doesn't make much difference whether the grain is stored over a wide floor area or in a high storage where vertical stationary elevators are used.

Moisture spoilage can result not only from a leaky roof but from an improperly constructed concrete floor. Concrete itself is not moisture-tight and may transmit moisture from damp soil unless sealed from the moisture. High moisture grain also attracts migrating insects. Inspection for rain or snow leaks should be made after severe storms.

Wasco Taylor Lodge and Annie Fulton Install Officers In Impressive Ceremony

Taylor lodge No. 99 AF & AM and Annie Fulton chapter No. 124 of Wasco held a public joint installation of 1954 officers at the Masonic hall Saturday, January 9 at 8 p. m.

The following were duly installed: Carl Tuggle, worshipful master; Kenneth Fridley, senior warden; T. Lester Johnson, junior warden; Hildred Zell, treasurer; Leroy Belshe, secretary; Norman Gochnauer, senior deacon; Elton Medler, junior deacon; Francis Watkins, chaplain; B. H. Galloway, marshal; John Foss, senior steward; Douglas Shull, junior steward; Ernest Shull, tyler.

Installing officers were: Francis Watkins, PM, installing officer; Walter Bruckert, PM, installing marshal; Paulen Kaseberg, PM, installing chaplain; William Clothier installing organist.

Two songs, "The Horn" and "Rio Grande" were sung by Tom Fraser of Moro, accompanied by William Clothier of Seattle, Wn.

A certificate of past master was presented to L. E. Kaseberg, retiring worshipful master.

After a short recess, Annie Fulton chapter presented and introduced its installing officers: Rosalie White, installing officer; Francis Watkins, PP, installing patron; William Clothier, installing organist.

The presiding and honorary officers were: Marcella Hilderbrand, worthy matron; Hildred Zell, PP, worthy patron; Margie Kaseberg, PM, marshal; Allen Tom, organist; Dorothy Dutton, PM, conductress; Margaret Blau, asso. conductress; Ernest Shull, PP, asso. patron; Idah Everett, Adah; Grace Medler, Ruth; Helen Bruckert, PM, Esther; Augusta Huckin, PM, Martha; Mary Pratt, Electa.

The 1954 officers installed were: Astrid Tuggle, worthy matron; Mildred McDonald, asso. matron; Gordon Harper, asso. patron; Helen Watkins, secretary; Inez Sargent, treasurer; Marguerite Kaseberg, conductress; Betty Ann Thomas, chaplain; Dell Rust, marshal; B. Estelle Halley, organist; Marjory Shull, Adah; Hazel Marie Foss, Ruth; Lorraine Tom, Esther; Belva Galloway, Martha; Alice Gochnauer, Electa; Gladys Zell, warden; L. E. Kaseberg, sentinel.

Two songs, "Lord's Prayer" and "Thanks Be To God", were sung by Leslie M. Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Gavin Lewis, both of The Dalles.

The retiring worthy matron, Marcella Hilderbrand and the retiring worthy patron, Hildred Zell, were presented their jewels by the junior past matron, Helen Bruckert and junior past patron, Francis Watkins.

An addenda was given by the 1953 officers in honor of the retiring matron and patron. Gifts and a bouquet of carnations were presented to them from Annie Fulton chapter and officers.

Under good of the Order the 1954 worthy matron, Astrid Tuggle, gave her sincere thanks to the following committees: Courtesy, Mildred McDonald and Margaret Blau; Gifts, Marguerite Kaseberg and Patricia Skiles; Guest Book, Glennie Harper; Programs, Phyllis and Shirley Watkins; Decorations, Glennie Harper; Refreshments, Betty Thomas, Gladys Belshe, Alice Gochnauer, Phyllis

Water Committee Plans Hearings

"Oregon's people will have an opportunity to present their water problems and ideas for solving them to members of the state water resources committee in February and March. The group has scheduled meetings in various parts of the state.

Oregon's water resources committee was established by the last legislature to analyze the water situation—both now and for the future—and to report to the 1955 session its recommendations.

Lyle F. Watts of Portland, chairman, said the group is especially interested in water for domestic and municipal supplies, irrigation and drainage, and fish and wildlife propagation.

The eastern Oregon meetings are to be at Arlington, February 15; La Grande, February 16; Ontario, February 17; Burns, February 18; and Redmond, February 19. Other parts of Oregon will be covered in March.

Watts explained that water is the limiting factor in industrial and economic growth of the state. This committee is to offer a guide for development of the available water.

Irrigation has been so widely adopted as a farm practice in recent years that many streams are over-appropriated for water rights in summer, he said. Some have been drained completely dry in mid-summer.

He said that with wise use of available water, the amount of irrigated land may be doubled in the next 20 years. With wise planning this can be done without losing the present values of fish and wildlife, recreation and scenic attractions, Watts added.

The state water resources committee is co-operating with the basin committees, Oregon State college extension service, League of Oregon Cities, and the state fish and game commissions.

Members of the committee are Watts, Frank C. McCulloch and K. W. Sawyer, all of Portland; J. W. Barney, Hillsboro; J. D. Bennet, Ontario; Curtis F. Beecher, Roseburg; and L. E. Coles, Prineville. Don Lane, Portland, is executive secretary. J. C. Moore, OSC extension conservation specialist, was designated by the college to assist the committee.

Temperatures Have Braking Effect

Changing temperatures, plus rain and snow, can be the downfall of an unwary motorist, the state traffic safety division reminded Friday.

With weather conditions in all Oregon varying greatly, safety men said drivers should remember that temperature changes present a real hazard to get the feel of the road.

Take the driver who starts out on an icy road early in the morning while its still quite cold. He finds traction and stopping ability fairly good. But as the sun comes out, temperature rises, and the ice becomes much more treacherous.

Studies reveal that at 20 miles an hour when the temperature is zero, stopping distance on ice is 110 feet. But when the mercury rises to 32 degrees above zero, stopping distance for the same speed is 250 feet, a difference of 140 feet.

Safety men also warned that ice or slippery spots can sometimes be found on bridges when other sections of roadway are bare. Unless a driver is aware of this hazard, a bad skid is likely.

Conservationists Hear Scientific Talks; See Pictures

The Sherman county soil conservation district meeting brought out a poor crowd because of the inclement weather and snow-covered roads but those who did come found a varied program.

Albert C. Kaseberg was re-elected as director from the Wasco community and will serve another term. Others are Luther Davis, Wallace May, Vernon Miller, and Charles Kuyper.

Don Hyder of the Squaw Butte range experiment station showed slides and told of the tests being made there toward spraying for the eradication of sage and the results of that and fertilizer experiments. Kills upto 95 percent have been obtained and it is not considered best to kill all the sage for it holds snow and helps warm the soil to start early grass growth. Production of grass can be increased from 200 to 800 pounds per acre. Nitrogen is often the limiting factor instead of moisture.

Roy Forman, Antelope, a member of the state soil conservation board told of the organization of the state and districts and reported on his trip to name the soil conservation man of the year and the varied conservation experiments being used.

Harold Towers, state director, explained the reorganization of soil conservation saying that it would simplify office work while leaving the same technical staffs. Rudy Mayko, district supervisor, was introduced.

Wayne Austin, agronomist, told what farmers could do to conserve soil while they had land unused as a part of the farm program. Howard Cushman explained the soil testing program at the state college by telling of tests for various salts and other elements in the soil that could be obtained. Tests for organic matter are also possible at a set charge.

The report of the association, read by Tommy Thompson, secretary, showed cooperation with the game officer, 120 farms mapped for a total of 166,025 acres in the county and the program continuing.

Vision Affected By Age Says AAA

Middle-aged and older motorists aren't just naturally annoyed while driving at night and having to face the glare of on-coming headlights. The truth is, they cannot see as well at night as the younger drivers, Ray Conway, general manager, Oregon State Motor association says.

Recent tests show that night vision and glare resistance—the ability to see objects at night when a glaring light is directed at the viewer—get progressively poorer as one grows older. The rate is slow to about age 45, then starts to rise more rapidly at the age of 65, and thereafter rises very rapidly.

The effect is generally about the same both for persons with normal eyesight and for those who wear corrective glasses—or those who should wear glasses and don't. Therefore, Mr. Conway says, few people are aware of what is happening to them. A man of 55 who is proud of his 20-20 vision seldom realizes that in all probability he will need more than twice as much light to distinguish the same object at night than a teen-ager with 20-20 eyesight requires.

Little or nothing can be done to relieve the condition. Mr. Conway says that in the case of the motorist, reduced speed and extra alertness at night compensate for the older driver's poor night "adaptability".

Liquor Sales Up In Dollar Volume

Net liquor sales increased \$1,037,314 during 1953, the Oregon liquor control commission reports, representing an increase of 27,884 cases of distilled spirits and dessert wines sold. W. H. Baillie, OLCC administrator, credits part of the rise in dollar volume to purchases by Dispenser licenses for bar stock since liquor by the drink sales were authorized during the year reached \$43,427,078 for 849,009 cases. During 1952, net sales were \$42,389,764, representing sales of 821,215 cases. Increase in popularity of dessert wine contributes to the rise in total case sales, although wine sales represent a comparatively small dollar volume.

Coxs Buy New Bull At Denver Sale, Get H.R. Publican Anxiety

Fred Cox and son, Don, have bought a new bull, obtaining him by proxy at the Denver Hereford sale Tuesday night. Andy Duffel, field man for the Hereford association, bought him for the Cox' after they had seen him at the Phoenix show and sale. He was grand champion of the show there but was not for sale there.

The bull is H. R. Publican Anxiety, a November yearling, grown by W. Foy Herschede of Hereford, Arizona. He was sired by Prince Publican 123rd and his paternal grandfather was C. W. Prince Publican 21st, a bull with the highest register of merit rating of all time. His dam was Miss G. C. Anxiety 61st.

The 1060 pound bull will stay in the possession of the Herschedes until he has appeared at three more shows when he will be delivered to Grass Valley, probably around March first.

The purchase of this bull brings a new blood line to Sherman county in the Publican line which is basically of Texas origin, a different strain than the W.H.R. Domino, Larry strains that have dominated the cattle here to a degree.

Wheat Loans Made Fast In Janary

The Sherman county ASC committee reports that 868 CCC wheat loans totaling 3,049,789 bushels for a loan value of \$6,691,115 has been issued by their office to January 15. Ralph J. Busse, office manager, states that there are 829 loans on warehouse stored wheat in the amount of 2,833,052 bushels, and 39 loans on 216,737 bushels of farm-stored wheat. The total wheat under loan exceeds that of the same date in 1952 by approximately 700,000 bushels. The committee also announced that loans and purchase agreements are available on the 1953 wheat crop to Saturday, January 30.

Portland Auto Show Has Attractions

The 1954 edition of the Portland Motor show that broke all attendance records in its last appearance, opens Saturday, January 30th in the huge new Fred Meyer building on Swan Island with everything from sleek new cars to airplanes on display.

Unique among America's auto shows because it includes every popular form of modern transportation, Motor Show will offer in addition a free stage show headlined by Ben Blue's Hollywood TV Revue. Blue has made frequent appearances on the TV Comedy Hour.

Motor Show, sponsored by the Automotive Dealers association of Portland, drew 120,000 persons when last held in 1952, and aims at a new mark in 1954. The event will run nine days, ending Sunday, February 7th, with Ernest E. Williams as general manager.

The event, which is the largest compete transportation show in the United States, includes new 1954 passenger models, trucks, custom, foreign and sports cars, five types of racing cars, two groups of drags from timing clubs and house trailers.

There will be a special section for boats and both airplanes and railroad trains are scheduled to be shown.

Motor Show will be open from noon to midnight with two stage shows daily and three on Saturday.

Storm Brings Cold and Snow; Relief Promised

After a first half of winter that was like spring, the long announced storm from the Arctic regions arrived last Friday night. It brought six inches of snow and colder weather, temperatures going to ten above zero. The next day another three inches of snow fell, quietly and without drifting, as had the first.

Road crews cleared the highways and there was little disruption of normal activities. Tuesday night the weather man brought up his reserves and drove the temperature down to 13 below zero at the station and to 15 and 16 below on thermometers downtown, where it is often a few degrees colder.

All together the storm has done little damage to date. The snow fell on ground but slightly frozen if at all. The wheat should have sufficient protection against normal cold. The snow contains .69 inch of moisture which should get into the ground with small loss. The prophecy is that this week end will be warmer.

The long range weather prophecy is that the next month will be colder than usual and also wetter. Those who believe in compensation will believe that we must pay for the fine weather of the fall and early winter.

In the winter of 1952-53 it was never as cold as zero and seldom did the mercury drop to ten above if at all. Our average winter does not often bring weather much colder than zero. Few winters get as cold as this one.

Moisture conditions are good with 1.38 inches already for January and ten days yet to go to get the average of 1.60 inches.

Wednesday night the temperature was two below in the evening raising to about that much above by morning when a fine snow began to fall. This area was in a cold pocket that made it one of the coldest places in the state Tuesday night.

George Fox Jr. On "B" Football Squad

George Fox Jr., 190 lb, senior full-back and end of the Wasco-Rufus football team, was selected as an East team tackle for the Shrine Bowl "B" game to be held at Pendleton next August.

Fox, who co-captained the Wasco-Rufus team, scored five touchdowns and made better than forty percent of his team's tackles. He intends to enter Oregon State college next fall. Not only does he excel in athletics, but he is also an honor student in school.

Veterans' Exemptions Need Application

Veterans and widows of veterans who are eligible may obtain a tax exemption but it is necessary for them to apply at the assessor's office.

An exemption of not more than \$1500 may be granted to veterans of the Mexican war, Civil war, Indian wars, Spanish-American war; veterans who are 40 percent or more disabled; an unmarried widow of a war veteran.

It is necessary for application to be filed before the assessment toll becomes a tax roll.

Al Blake Called Up By Army

Francis Elwood Tindall, The Dalles, Clarence Alfred Blake, Rufus, and Lee Roy Knobel, of Hood River, reported for service in the Armed Forces on January 15, 1954.

Seven men from this area will report for physical examinations January 27, 1954. Only one man will be called for physical examination in February, the next induction call has been received marked "No men ordered".

Red Cross Meeting Called For Monday

James Tate, acting chairman of the county Red Cross, has called a meeting for Monday night, January 25 at the Moro Hotel and 8 o'clock is the hour. The purpose of the meeting is election of officers for the local chapter and a representative crowd is wanted.

This is not the kind of weather to discuss swimming although it is adaptable to checking suits for moth holes. And if there is to be a swimming program there must be interest and attendance at this organization meeting.