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These Things We Note

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Government by commission is not good government. The value of commissions in our form of government is to coordinate, to gather information, to obtain the truth in matters pertaining to the field in which it operates. If given too much authority it almost invariably uses it and thereby loses public support; without public support no government, or phase of government can be effective. Objection to a water resources committee as such was not expressed by anyone at Arlington; there was objection to a water resources committee with police authority.

T T W N

The most absurd story of the week was the one that Guy Cordon would run for senator and if elected would resign so the governor could appoint Bill Walsh. No one is going to go through a campaign just so he can resign at the end of it. It didn't make a bit of sense.

T T W N

Here we are almost around to baseball.

T T W N

A big car may impress the public but a smaller one impresses the banker.

T T W N

Some of the present yowl about politics recalls the old saying that it is the truth that hurts.

T T W N

It costs money to get someone else to do your work, especially government, which is about the most expensive help there is.

T T W N

The movement to put the tax deadline off until April 15 is a step in the right direction. The longer it is put off the better.

T T W N

Higher wages because of more or better work are always justified. Without it they are a drag on the economy.

T T W N

From the point of view of education 18 year olds are equipped to vote; from the point of experience they are not. Education is not as valuable as judgment. Besides they are too young to smoke campaign cigars.

T T W N

Trouble with the "dream" cars displayed the price is so high they will remain just a dream.

T T W N

There are lots of houses in America well over 100 years old and they are still comfortable and modern inside. We'd like to live in a house with stone walls two feet thick, one that the wind, the rain or the snow couldn't affect, nor the sound of trucks penetrate.

T T W N

We'll admit that basketball is a contest, but is it a game?

T T W N

Those people are lonesome who are uninteresting to others or to themselves.

T T W N

The ground in the garden is about right for the planting of peas, cold and wet, though it be that suits a pea seed. It used to be that it was only the good gardeners who could have green peas by the Fourth of July. Now they are gone by then. Either the world is slower or peas are faster.

T T W N

"I've noticed", said the old philosopher, "that people aren't as good as they think they are. Oddly enough, I noticed it about myself first."

T T W N

One trouble about trading with Russia is that we have done it before-and still have an unpaid account.

T T W N

They're calling old age the golden years which is nice, but we'll bet that many an oldster would two of them even up for a year of the sounding brass of youth.

T T W N

A man reaches maturity when he would rather see his name in headlines than to see his name there.

T T W N

A farmer now gets but 45 per cent of what the consumer pays for food, but then he gets all the blame.

4-H Leaders Get Praise For Helpful Attitude

Cecil Root, head of the commercial department of the Pacific Power & Light company of Portland, complimented 4-H club leaders most highly in an inspirational talk to those of Sherman county Monday night.

By a series of interesting personal stories he said that they have a different perspective than others, that they put things in their proper places and understood the need for constructive activity for the young so that they would grow to be able and law abiding men and women.

Charley Smith, assistant extension leader, said that the purpose of club work was to make better boys and girls and that the pigs and cakes were merely the tools used in that endeavor. Fairs some times, received too much attention in club work, he said.

The dinner was sponsored by the power company as a part of its public service policy. Lawrence Kirby introduced Joe Meuse of The Dalles and had a part in organization of the dinner for club leaders. Twenty leaders were present.

Elmer Lierman of the U. S. National Bank, presented first year pins to Mrs. Ann Miller, Earl Gentry, Howard Ross and Mrs. Bertha Belshe. Others earning pins but not present were Margaret Mobley, Harry Hartley, Bob Boynton, Helen Steenkolk, Mrs. Delmar Smith, Tony Miller and Charles Burnet won two year awards, Leonard Fields, Lavella Morrison, Mrs. Ted Trimble, Mrs. Thelma Sather, Mrs. Paul Fraser, Mrs. Howard Ross and Mrs. Orlov Martin won three year awards and Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley a sixth year award.

County Agent Tommy Thompson presided and made announcements for some of the work that will be done this spring and summer with children by the aid of the leaders who give so generously of their time.

Shelter Belts Get Farmer Support

"We wouldn't live here without it" is stated by many rural families in Eastern Oregon with well-planned windbreaks, states T. W. Thompson, extension agent.

More and more farm families are planting windbreaks where they live on a treeless windswept prairie. Good windbreaks furnish these benefits:

1. More comfortable living and working on the farmstead.
2. Better conditions for livestock.
3. Value added to the ranch.
4. Less fuel required.
5. Better garden, flower, and fruit conditions.
6. Objectionable snow drifts prevented.
7. Less dust and dirt blown in the house.

Trees and shrubs at the Sherman branch experiment station have now passed their eighth growing season since transplanted. Trees have had regular cultivation which is the main trick in rapid growth along with proper planting distances. Some pines are 12 feet high in this eighth year period, while the Russian Olive, Black Locust, and Green Ash are up to 20 feet or more. These plantings have shown windbreaks will develop in only a few years.

Sherman county farm people may now order trees for wind break plantings through the extension office. Trees are obtained from the State Forestry Department, Salem. Trees available for Eastern Oregon are Ponderosa and Scotch Pine, Chinese Arborvitae, Black Locust, Russian Olive, Caragana, Chinese Elm, and Russian Mulberry. Special orders for Austrian Pine will be taken and obtained from the State Forestry Nursery at Pullman.

Wise planning of the windbreak pays big dividends over the years. "Trees Against the Wind", an extension bulletin is available to explain the methods for good windbreak. Orders for trees should be placed prior to March 1st with any assurance of receiving varieties desired. Trees may be ordered through the county agent's office.

Ralph McEwen, wheat farmer from Athena, has been appointed by Governor Paul Patterson to serve on the Oregon Wheat Commission. He will replace Jens Terjeson who resigned from the Commission effective February 15, 1954.



Heading Home. Ronald R. Brown, Long Prairie, Minn., Edward B. Baker Jr., Midland, Mich., Parker Wyland, Fredericktown, Mo., Harold Duncan, Grass Valley, Ore. and Shegemi Sugiki, Maui county, Hawaii, five of the twelve "Report To The Nation" Explorer Scouts, relax after a special luncheon in Rochefeller Center's Cafe Francais which climaxed a hectic Scout Week tour of the East during which these representatives of 3,000,000 Boy Scouts presented the 4th Annual Scout Report to President Eisenhower.

Farm Meeting For Discussion Of Wheat Production Problems To Be Held Monday

Fertilizing grain, weed control, farm storage buildings, and what's new in cereal crop research will be taken up at an all day meeting at the county court house, Moro, Monday, February 22, starting at 10:00 a. m. announces T. W. Thompson, county extension agent. The meeting is being sponsored by the Sherman County Oregon Wheat Growers League.

W. E. Hall, superintendent, Sherman branch experiment station, will lead off the day's program on "What's New in Cereal Research." Rex Warren, farm

crops extension specialist, will discuss weed control and smut control plots in Sherman county. Slides of these weed control plots will be shown during this session. The morning program will be completed with a summary of the grain storage situation in Sherman county by Dewey Thompson, president of the County Wheat association. Mike Huber, agricultural engineering specialist, will comment on grain storage buildings.

The afternoon program will get under way at 1:30 p. m. with a discussion of "Fertilizing the Cereal Crop," by Howard Cushman, extension specialist in soils. The Oregon Wheat commission program will be discussed by Paulsen Kaseberg, member, Oregon Wheat commission. The afternoon program will be concluded with a discussion of the use of diverted acres and surplus grain by E. R. Jackman, range and crop specialist.

Dewey Thompson, president, County Wheat association, will be chairman of the meeting. During the afternoon program Mr. Thompson will discuss the status of the Sherman branch experiment station. The public is invited and members of the wheat association are especially urged to attend.

Mrs. Agnes Andrews Buried At Wasc

Mrs. Agnes Andrews, widow of the late Ben Andrews, of Wasc died at a hospital in The Dalles Sunday at the age of 85. She came with her parents from Missouri to settle near Grant in 1882 and has been a resident of this county since that time.

She married Mr. Andrews in 1890 and they spent their life in upper Gering canyon raising three sons, W. H. of Wasc, Ross and Roy of Portland and two daughters, Mrs. Elwood McPherson of Wasc and Mrs. Virginia York of Portland. Two grand daughters and one great grand daughter also survive.

She was a member of the Christian church in Wasc from which the funeral services were conducted. Rev. Merlin Shields officiated Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. services. Interment was in the Sunrise cemetery.

Pall bearers were Keith McDonald, David Richelderfer, Lewis Hastings, Robert Bish, Glen Van Gilder and Clem Welk.

McLEAN NAMED FOR OFFICE

Congressman Sam Coon announced this week that Allan C. McLean of The Dalles, Ore., has been appointed district supervisor of Federal Crop Insurance for Oregon. McLean will replace Archie Beamer, who resigned to take a federal crop insurance agency in Umatilla county. The Oregon district includes Malheur, Baker, Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes, Marion, Linn and Polk counties. McLean was recommended for the position by Senator Guy Cordon and Congressman Coon.



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Red Cross Make Campaign Plans

Organization of the Sherman County chapter, American Red Cross, for the annual drive for funds was made Monday night at a meeting held at the Moro Hotel.

James Tate, area chairman, will be responsible for the Rufus territory. Mrs. Andy Engberg will collect in Wasco, Bill Hall in Moro, Ivan Blagg in Grass Valley and J. M. Wilson in Kent. Vernon Miller is county chairman of the campaign.

Hearing On Conservation Of Water Resources Finds Opinions Agreeing

The Water Resources committee, an interim group of seven, charged with obtaining information and recommending legislation to prevent the uneconomical use of water in Oregon, held its first hearing in Arlington Monday afternoon. A crowd of well over a hundred was present.

At the close of the meeting Lyle F. Watts, chairman and retired head of the forest department in the northwest, summed up his opinions of the trend of the testimony by saying: some sort of commission was favored to supervise the use of water, there was need for a ground water code, the men assembled favored state aid on small projects, dredging damage should be forbidden, and

use should be improved when damaging to water resources, maximum development of power was wanted although this conflicted to some extent with an evident sentiment for stream headwater dams.

Marion Weatherford of Arlington, welcomed the men present and stated the different duties of the water committee and the Upper Columbia Basin committee of which he is chairman.

John Mohr of Hood River, the farthest west of the seven counties represented, told of the water conditions in that county and asked that local autonomy be retained in any legislation recommended.

Orville Cutsforth of Morrow county, said water was scarce there and probably always would be although saving what there was seemed important.

He favored an enabling act to permit districts to be formed to handle local water problems. Oscar Peterson from the same county said that water was most important where it fell.

J. C. Haskins of Pilot Rock testified for dams up in the mountains instead of on lower levels of the streams and said that the latter often flooded better land than was irrigated. He wanted local taxation for local projects.

Colonel Lipscomb Speaks

Colonel T. H. Lipscomb of the U. S. Engineers in Portland said that proper use of water was important to the program for development of the northwest and that co-operation between local, state and federal agencies was entirely possible and had been done in some places.

Ronald Davis of Olex favored a state water commission and state engineering aid for residents along Rock Creek in Gilliam county.

Oren Ellis of the Pendleton chamber of commerce made a plea for a dam on the Umatilla river and this was referred to the Columbia Basin committee as being a part of its work.

Fish and game enthusiasts had a say after Glenn Price of Milton said that his area was short of water and would eventually pump out of the McNary pool. Glen Martin, Pendleton, Mike Ignowski of The Dalles, Tex Wilkins, Condon; Harry Johnsen, speaking for Fossil, asked for a law against dredging the John Day to preserve the newly found steelhead fishing in that river.

E. P. Dodd, 84, veteran of Columbia river development work, had a few words to say to the effect that if young men did not get to work on the development he would have to start again.

Members of the committee present were Mr. Watts, Laselle Coles, Prineville, Gen. Curtis Beecher, Roseburg, and J. W. Barney, Hillsboro. Allen Tom acted as floor manager, introducing the speakers and arranging their order.

Annie Fulton Has Meeting

The regular meeting of Annie Fulton chapter No. 124 OES, Wasco, was held February 9 at the Masonic hall.

An original poem "Looking Backwards" and covering the years from 1946 to 1954 was read by the Worthy Matron Mrs. Carl Tuggle.

Mrs. Helen Watkins, past matron and Herbert Root, past patron, who presided when she was initiated were introduced by Mrs. Tuggle. A no-host dinner for Mrs. Bertha Burton, associate grand conductress of the grand chapter, will be held at the Sherman hotel Monday February 22 at 6:00 p. m. School of instruction will follow the dinner.

Tuesday evening February 23 the next regular meeting will be held and a birthday observed for all members having birthdays in December, January or February.

The first meeting in March will honor past matrons, past patrons and charter members. Past matrons are requested to wear the dress they wore as worthy matron.

Refreshments were served at the close of chapter by Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mrs. Ernest Shull and Mrs. John Foss.

Warmer Weather Removes Snow Here

A few warmer and sunnier days have taken most of the snow from the county and with little run-off except from draws where the soil is too thin to hold much water.

Temperatures have been below freezing nearly every night to hold the loss of snow water to a minimum. The ground is soaked.

Work now being planned by farmers is fertilization of the fall sown grain. Moisture conditions being so favorable both ground machines and airplanes will be used to spread nitrogen fertilizer on the ground to increase the crop, both in quality and quantity.

Sherman county has about 100,000 acres in wheat this year although about 30,000 acres will probably be sown to barley. This ground may be fertilized also.

OES Honors New Officers

A regular meeting of Bethlehem chapter No. 78, OES, was held Thursday evening, February 11, with 33 members and friends attending.

Mrs. Betty Christianson, WM, and Joe Heater, WP, presided.

An addenda was given honoring past matrons and past patrons in which Miss Jannsen and Miss Beachler, accompanied by Mrs. Max Barze at the piano sang, "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bells", while Mrs. Cathy Thompson and Mrs. Dean Pinkerton dressed in winter togs entered the room pulling sleds with large white pop corn balls and passed the "snowballs" out to the matrons and patrons.

Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and coffee were served in the dining room. "Happy Birthday" was sung by the group, it being the chapter's 51st anniversary.

A cleverly arranged surprise baby shower was given the WM, Betty Christianson during refreshment time. Many lovely gifts were received and opened for all to enjoy.

Refreshment committee consisted of Cathy Thompson, Dorene Hall, Joe and Dorothy Heater, Margaret and Dean Pinkerton.

Union Pacific Buying More Power

Summarizing a message received from A. E. Stoddard, Union Pacific president, Agent W. H. Davis has come up with some facts and figures which illustrate the railroad's faith in the country's economic future.

Union Pacific, he says, has invested \$465,000,000 in motive power and rolling stock since 1953. Twenty years ago, in that "depression" year, the road ordered its first streamliner passenger train, the City of Salina, and has continued to order equipment in large quantities ever since.

Dating from the City of Salina order, U. P. has purchased 45,568 freight cars, 458 passenger train cars, 948 diesel locomotive units, 210 steam locomotives and 25 gas turbine electric locomotives.

He pointed out a 1953 end of year U. P. order for diesel units exceeding \$35 million to illustrate the optimistic thinking of U. P. management.

Current pessimistic talk in regard to future business conditions is obviously not shared by Union Pacific management, he said.

Moro Wins, Lose Basketball Games

Moro was beaten in a rough and scramble basketball game played against Maupin Friday night. The final score was 51-47. The game was a very close game up until the final buzzer. The game was played on a slippery Grass Valley floor but there were no mishaps. Don Miller was high point man for Moro while Richmond carried away scoring honors for Maupin. Maupin is in third place in the Cascade League.

Moro was a decidedly stronger team than the Dalles J. V.'s when they played on the Grass Valley floor Saturday night. The score ended, 73-35 in the Huskie's favor. This game was not a league game but was played for practice more than anything else. Don Miller was high point man for Moro with 23 points. This game had no effect on the Moro league standing.

The Moro "B" squad won both games over the weekend, beating Maupin Friday night and Wasco Saturday night.

The volley ball team split a decision for the two nights. They were beaten by Maupin but came back strong to beat Wasco Saturday night.

Fair Board Wants Opinion On Queen

Do You Want A Fair Queen? If you would like to again have a Queen and her Court to reign over your Fair, then let it be known.

The deadline for filing a contestant's name will be April 1st. Each contestant must have a sponsoring organization. It is hoped that every organization in the county will sponsor a contestant.

The girls must be between 16 and 18 years of age and residents of Sherman county.

For further information, please contact any member of the Fair Board or the Secretary.

Beef Production Aid Possible

Production testing of beef cattle is based on two simple facts, according to a bulletin recently released by the Oregon State college extension service.

They are that individual beef animals differ in their ability to put on gains and that rate of gain is an inherited characteristic that is transmitted from sire and dam to offspring.

The publication, "Production Testing of Beef Cattle," explains that by selecting breeding stock with ability to put on rapid gains, it is possible to produce fast-gaining calves. Since the sire contributes half the inheritance of every calf, selection of fast-gain bulls is particularly important.

The objective of production testing is to establish records of gains so that promising animals can be identified. The purebred breeder can use this information in both his culling and selection program and in enabling his customers—bull buyers—to select not only on conformation but also on rate of gain and efficiency.