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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We note a lack of proper guarding of the members of the house. Imagine letting a bunch of fanatics getting guns, getting organized, getting into the house galleries, getting to shoot members without warning. One of the first duties of any government is to protect itself and its officials.

We have a suppressed desire to always be able to suppress some desires.

If you eat boiling meat, beef is cheap; if you demand tenderness beef is high. It's as simple as that.

From the advertisements we conclude that retirement requires about as much work as an occupation.

Winter is not through with us yet. The few warm days drove some of the chill of winter out of our bones which the freezing nights of early spring restored. The wind from the mountains is cold.

People seldom make decisions out of character. What they think today is much like what they thought yesterday; growth, mental and physical, is cumulative, not radical or violent.

The question now about the farm program isn't so much whether it is right or wrong, but does it work or not.

The National Wheatgrowers seem to be trying to prove that so many others get subsidies from the federal government that payment of a subsidy to farmers is alright. Carried to its logical conclusion that argument would put us all under government control. And the farmer as a substantial taxpayer would foot a large part of the bill.

It may be proper to continue corporation tax at 52 percent but we would like it better if the consumer could find out what he pays on it per item.

The popularity of Senator McCarthy and the sizeable vote for the Bricker amendment indicate that the majority of the columnists are not in step with the people. It looks from here as if the citizen doesn't want any foreign entanglements or communists.

The reader of books has the wisdom of all those who have gone before to refer to; he who views television depends on Joe Miller and other joksmiths.

An American, when rich, not only decorates his house with fancy furniture almost always called modern, he also decorates his mind with ideas just as fancy and also called modern. Then when he gets poor again—as he always does—he has to live with both.

Miss USA of 1952 has just gotten a divorce. Naturally.

It is in some papers considered newsworthy when members of one of our political parties divide on a question. Considering that there must be some 30 million members of each party it would be very surprising if they agreed on anything.

The water resources committee that is touring the state is finding sentiment for a permanent committee to handle water matters in the state. Question now is how much authority such a group should be given. If given great authority they will become a hated bureaucracy and do little good; if given advisory authority it will be more valuable.

Some of the most amusing literature in America is now being published. We refer to the announcement of candidates. Funniest is he who promises (itself futile) great social reforms and reduced expenditures and lower taxes.

An observer has noted that four out of ten women wear their stockings with the seams askew. Considering the esthetic pain this gives the male half of the population we think it a worthy subject for research.

New Grass Valley Elevator Pit Being Dug on New Site

Excavation for the new Grass Valley elevator has started. Site is on the old Fred Krusow cow pasture across the railroad tracks from the oil company plant at the south edge of town. The Engstrom site, once considered was not available because of legal entanglements. The new elevator is rated at 680,000 bushels and will be completed in time for this harvest.

Roscoe Roberts of The Dalles has moved to Grass Valley to become manager of the grain growers succeeding Mrs. Anita Hooper on June 1. Mrs. Hooper will thus have three months to train the new manager. She will retain the insurance business. Mr. Roberts was formerly manager of the PCA in The Dalles and is a member of an old Wasco county family, well known here.

Cub Scouts Get Start On Work

Thirteen boys of cub scout age from shy little lads to the boisterous were gathered together in clean shirts and bright smiles last Thursday night for the first regular meeting of the Cub Scouts of Grass Valley.

Ivan Blagg is chairman of the committee which consists of Willard Rolfe, Willard Barnett, Ted Kelly, scoutmaster, Clyde Stradley, Myrtle Smith and Elton Eakin. Den chiefs are Gene Schilling, Tommy Eakin and Ronald Davis. Present also were John McGraw and Dick Carson of The Dalles and Jim Jones, scoutmaster and Harold Eakin assistant. The PTA, in the person of Vernon Eakin presented handkerchiefs to John Reckman, Roy Easter, John Eakin, Jerry Kelley, John Duncan, James Duncan, Byron Bayer, Michael Todd, Curtis Middleton, Richard Stradley, John Kelly, Jean Allen Eakin, Danny Rolfe.

4-H Children To Learn Sheep Shearing

Forty-eight Oregon youths, most of them carrying sheep projects in 4-H or Future Farmers of America, will learn how to shear sheep with the help of a nationally recognized instructor at schools sponsored by the Oregon State college extension service.

The schools are March 15, 16, 17 and 18 at OSC, and March 29 and 30 at Ontario. Sixteen young men have been registered for each two-day course. Conducting them will be Ed Warner of Chicago, Sunbeam corporation representative and former Oklahoma extension livestock specialist.

John Landers, OSC extension animal husbandry specialist, said spectators will be welcome during the school. OSC schools will be in the college's new judging pavilion near the sheep barn. As part of each two-day session, Warner will discuss care of equipment and sharpening of knives and combs.

Soil Conservation Explained

By John Paul

I was recently asked by a Moro rancher what is the Soil Conservation service and what do they do? This is a very good question. For someone to ask if he does not know.

The subject of soil conservation districts was discussed in the July 31, 1953 issue of the Sherman County Journal, to which I will refer. In the national district law enacted in 1937, the law enabled districts to ask the federal government for technical aid to help conserve their soil and water. Technical aid covers farm planning, soils, engineering, range and a few other subjects. The Soil Conservation service is the organization and backbone of this technical help, who is paid by the government.

Service performed by these technicians is now and always has been without charge to the farmers within the Sherman county district, which includes every farmer therein, are farm and ranch plans, soil surveys, dams planned, land topography for land leveling or strip cropping and advice about any conservation question.

Farm and ranch plans are of two types, the capability map based on soil survey and the land use map.

The soil survey is an inventory of the soil resources on one's farm, mapped in accordance with the soil profile. This inventory is important to a progressive farmer planning to improve or conserve the soil. Few realize, though

Bangs Testing Made Compulsory By Close Vote

To force testing for Bang's disease or allow cattle owners to test at their own volition was the question before a courtroom full of stockmen and farmers Wednesday afternoon. The county court had called the meeting.

Members of the court said that they would be guided by the vote of those present. The vote was 28 for compulsory testing and 24 against, a close vote on a compulsory matter.

Three cattlemen and county agent Nels Anderson of Morrow county came over to express their ideas about compulsory testing in that county. They were generally favorable and said that testing twice was not being done according to the law which calls for testing twice a year and that it was done at the convenience of cattle owners.

Art Sharp, who runs cattle on the Deschutes said that Wasco county cattlemen had turned down compulsory testing and he didn't like compulsion anyhow.

Howard Ross, president of the cattlemen's association, said he would test anyway and that stock men were for it. George Fox said it hadn't worked before and he didn't think it would again and that they didn't like it in Klickitat county. Kenneth Fridley wanted the protection compulsory testing gave.

James Tate wanted to know if the administration was local. Bob Belshe said we had soil conservation and still had erosion; we had weed control law and still had weeds and probably would have Bang's disease anyway. Lawrence Kenny asked why it had to be compulsory.

Dr. Peck, one of the federal and state veterinarians in attendance said laws were made to be broken and administration would be with a little compulsion as possible. He also said there was not over two per cent of diseased cattle in this county.

Leonard Fields said we wanted show cattle tested and that all should be. Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite told of his personal experience with undulant fever, the human side of Bang's and Paulen Kaseberg spoke from the health angle about the seriousness of the disease in humans.

After the meeting adjourned the court voted to enforce Bang's disease testing in Sherman county according to the law setting the regulations therefore.

MRS. ANDREW DYER DIES

Mrs. James Dyer and her daughter Mrs. James Coons, left Thursday for Eugene to attend the funeral of Mrs. Andrew Dyer who passed away March 2. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a. m. from the Poole-Larsen funeral home in Eugene. Interment will be made at Coburg cemetery, where Mrs. Dyer's parents and many other members of her family rest.

he earth's surface is mostly covered with a soil that in the United States several thousand individual soils have been identified. In some places it is not uncommon to find as many as 6 to 10 different soils on one farm.

Each individual soil has characteristics as finger to identify it from other soils and it is called a series, which may have many phases that differ from the original by only one single feature such as slope or stoniness. There are three individual soils in Sherman county, each having a number of phases. The fact that each reacts differently to various practices and farming methods, and grow different crops and with varying success. This is why a soil survey aids a technician to determine the best practices.

Farm plans are made up from the information gathered in the soil survey.

The Sherman county district at present has limited aid from the engineers due to the small number of engineers and the demand for them in the irrigated areas. The SCS technicians also inspect and pass approval on all permanent type practices receiving pay from PMA.

To the great disappointment of many farmers, the SCS does not have the facilities to run soil or moisture tests for them.

It is their utmost interest to serve the farmer to the best of their ability and learn, with the farmer, what will help to conserve the valuable soil and water resources.

Cox Bull Wins; Eakin's Gets Prize

Fred Cox has received word that the new bull he bought from an Arizona breeder will not be delivered until the middle of this month. Both the bull and its former owner have been on a show circuit in Texas where HR Publican Anxiety won prizes in every show. Although but a long yearling, born November 1952, he has been in six shows in which he has been grand champion three times, reserve champion once, first in class six times and first every time in pairs, bull and heifer and get of sire classes.

Harold Eakin had good success with his stock at Pendleton selling a bull for \$910 which was near the top for the sale. His heifer won first place and was sold for \$500. His bulls at the Ontario sale brought good prices also.

PI To Get Old Building Back

It will not be tents for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at North Portland this year. The Tumpane company which leased the Pacific International buildings in 1952 as a storage facility for the United States Air Force has just announced that the facility will become surplus to the company's needs within the next few months. The announcement stated that the air force was reducing its vehicular-storage program.

The exposition immediately announced that the 1954 stock show, October 19-23, will move back into the exposition building which has housed the show for most of its forty-four years. This will guarantee the show a weather-proof facility of ample capacity to handle a livestock show designed along similar lines to those which characterized the show in 1953.

In May the voters of Portland will vote on an \$8,000,000 bond issue the purpose of which will be to provide a multiple use building to house the Pacific International and a great variety of other activities such as industrial shows, many athletic events, ice shows, etc.

Early Spraying Best For Weeds

Early spraying is the best passport for more effective control of annual weeds by use of 2, 4-D. Wheat however should be growing and suitable tillered to reduce any possibility of damage. Barley is more susceptible to 2,4-D damage than wheat if not of sufficient size.

Pocket gophers are a serious problem in irrigated pastures and alfalfa stands. Farmers having trouble with gophers and desire some assistance should contact Jim Jones, Fish and Wildlife service or this office.

Sodwaterways are an effective conservation practice. Pubescent wheatgrass is the best grass for this purpose and can be obtained from several sources. Bob Rolfe, Al Kock and Joe Heater are some of the farmers planning on using some of their diverted acres for these waterways seedings. Sod-waterways provide pasture within a summer fallow field or may be used for grass hay. A good plan is to start these grass waterways during the spring of the crop year. This practice allows the grass to grow two years before it is subject to water runoff from the summer fallow land.

Don Martel, head, landscape department, Oregon State college, will discuss "Landscape Gardening" at the Wasco Women's club meeting Wednesday afternoon, March 10 at the Richelderfer ranch.

The Farm Home and Rural Life committee of the Sherman county Rural Advisory Council will meet Tuesday morning March 9. The group consists of home makers from each of the five communities in Sherman county. The purpose of the group is to lay plans and advise for improvement of the farm, home and rural life. Their project for this year is to secure a county home extension agent for Sherman county to work with home makers, 4-H club boys and girls and 4-H leaders in the home economic's field.

Early spring sprays get the most weeds. Rex Warren, extension farm crops specialist at Oregon State college, says farmers should be ready when spring weather breaks with their selective weed control in grains.

Warren says tests show it takes only one-half as much 2,4-D applied early before weeds develop a stalk to get the same kill as with late spraying trials further show that enough 2,4-D residue will remain to kill late weed seedlings as they emerge.

Wheat League Works For Lower Freight Rates From Railroads

Some people might not have new rate.

But the Oregon farmer, who was paying 50 cents for the same unit, found the 15 percent increase made him pay a total of 57½ cents. There's the problem. The shipper who sent his wheat a short distance had an increase of 1½ cents while the Oregon farmer had to come through with an extra 7½ cents.

That automatically boosted the price of Oregon wheat to a point where it wasn't in competition with wheat from other points in the U. S. And as each new percentage increase went into effect, the Oregon farmer was hit harder. Since 1946 he has paid the same percentage increase as other wheat growers, but he has paid on a bigger figure. Therefore it costs him a lot more.

The Oregon farmer would have less to complain about if the increases were made on any basis other than the percentage method. And right now the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association is doing its best to see that the Oregon farmer gets relief from a system of rate increases that could eventually put him out of business.

The problem arises because the Interstate Commerce Commission is allowing the railroads to increase their freight rates on a percentage basis. This is how it works: If, for example, in 1945 a farmer from Ohio wanted to ship his wheat to Chicago it might have cost him, say, 10 cents for a given unit of wheat.

On the other hand, the Oregon rancher—who lives much further from Chicago—might have had to pay 50 cents in 1945 to get the same unit of wheat onto the Chicago market.

That, of course, meant that Oregon wheat cost more at Chicago because it cost more to get it there. However, the Oregon grower didn't have too much to complain about. His wheat was a special type that the processors wanted bad enough to pay a little extra.

Then, however, after the end of World War II the percentage railroad freight rate increase began going into effect and the Oregon farmer started to have trouble selling his product. It's easy to see why.

By applying a percentage increase to the rates we have used as an example earlier we can understand the problem at a glance. For example, in 1946 the railroads boosted their rates by 15 percent.

Now, for the farmer from Ohio, who was shipping his wheat at 10 cents for a given unit, the 15 percent increase meant that he had to pay 11½ cents under the

Hermiston Market Posts Good Prices

Prices remained steady despite generally lower quality cattle and hogs consigned at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. Volume was down somewhat, 98 consigners bringing 296 cattle compared with 335 the previous Friday, 85 hogs compared with 92 and 133 sheep compared with 112.

The first ewes with lambs at side of the season brought \$23.25 per pair, \$14.50 to \$18.50 per head.

Those topping the market were Orval Sherlock, Milton-Freewater, 51 ewes with lambs at side, \$23.25 per pair; Emery Gentry, Weston, 1650 lb. whiteface bull, \$15.20 cwt; J. R. Alexander, Paterson, Wash., 1 Holstein cow, \$162.50 per head; J. B. Lewis, Hermiston, 280 lb. boar, \$13.60 cwt; McCormack Brothers, Pendleton, 7 steers, 6675 lbs., \$20.00; Rufus Piper, Lexington, 20 lb. white sow, \$24.90; Robert Rehder, Ritter, 5 white fat hogs, 1145 lbs., \$28.30.

E Bond Sales Not Par In County

Purchases of the Treasury's popular Series E and H savings bonds during January throughout the state, amounting to \$3,603,115, were 36 per cent over January of last year.

Nationally, sales of Series E and H bonds totaled \$487 million 670 thousand, up 10 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, Sherman county sales for January were \$6,980, according to Giles French, county chairman.

A total of \$785 million in Series E savings bonds matured last month—those issued in January 1944—but only \$113 million 164 thousand were turned in for redemption, the balance being held under the Treasury's attractive extended maturity plan.

Committee Will Meet at Wasco; See New Picture

The Sherman county association of the Oregon Wheat Growers association will be host to the members of the executive committee of the league at Wasco on Friday March 19.

The executive committee meeting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning and the members and their wives will be entertained at lunch and again at dinner in the evening. The meeting and the meals will be held at the Masonic temple in Wasco and served by Steve O'Meara.

That evening a program will be presented by the local association to which everyone is invited. It will include the new film about wheat growing that the wheat league has had made. Photographers went all over the area included in the wheat belt and took thousands of feet of film which has been edited and issued to the league. Its first showing will be at Wasco on the above date. There are many scenes from Sherman county.

Frank Aughney, who is looking after the freight problems for the league, will come up from Portland to tell what he has done and Morris Wilson, president, will talk.

This much was decided at a committee meeting Monday night at the court house when Dewey Thompson, county chairman, called in heads of his five committees, Youth, Production and Land Use, Wheat Disposal and Transportation, Federal Agricultural Programs and Taxation and Legislation to help him plan the meeting.

It is a part of the program of the present regime in wheat league affairs to make the league a more active part of the wheat business and closer to the individual farmer. The league executive committee is to meet in every county of the wheat group before the year is out.

Kirby Transferred

Lawrence Kirby is going to move from Moro or go into other employment than as local manager for the power and light company. He may or may not accept the transfer offered him. What the policy of the company will be regarding the Moro office has not been announced.

Frank (Dutch) Schoites is here temporarily to replace Mr. Kirby coming from The Dalles.

Contracts Let On County Roads

The following contracts were let by the state highway commission last meeting, Sherman county: Deschutes River-Fulton Canyon fencing project on the Columbia River highway, about 16 miles east of The Dalles. Awarded to Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation, Portland, \$2,783.

Wasco and Sherman counties: Shaniko rock production project on the Sherman highway, north and south of Shaniko. Requires approximately 12,000 cu. yds. crushed rock in stockpiles. Awarded to C. C. Meisel, McMinnville, \$27,960.

Wasco Church Will Dedicate Rooms

Next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the four new Sunday school classrooms that have been built into the Christian church at Wasco will be formally dedicated.

The speaker for the dedication will be Jess Johnson, pastor of St. Johns Christian church in Portland. There will also be a pot-luck dinner in the evening at six o'clock followed by a Christian movie at 7:15.

Home Agent Ask

The county court agreed to present to the budget committee when it meets next May or June a plea of the Home and Rural Life committee for a home demonstration agent in Sherman county. The expected cost, to start, would be \$3000.

Presenting the petition were Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Robert Bish, Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Mrs. Howard Ross and Mrs. Lester Wilson.

The court agreed to support the Old Oregon Trail association to the extent of \$100 in its program for highway signs along the Columbia River highway and assistance in printing a strip map showing places in this part of Oregon that are worth seeing.