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These Things We Note

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Have we made any progress by learning that alcoholism is a bad disease instead of a bad habit?

The theory that a league composed of all nations would settle problems not soluble by alliances of fewer nations has not been proven.

It's nice to live in a big country but terrible to live under a big government.

Inventions and discoveries are ruining us; the more diseases we have, the more sickness, the more can openers the poorer the food, the more bakeries the worst bread.

Things have changed since the Declaration of Independence was written. All the forefathers asked for was the right to pursue happiness; now we want government to pursue it for us and present it bedecked with parsley.

My! My! Here comes a man talking about football when its not been warm enough for baseball yet.

Overheard: "He's too smart to think his smart."

The more time one has the less it is cherished, quite the reverse with money.

The poorest of the poor are those who are poor in spirit.

The other day we read, "there are no humorists in heaven" meaning that humor comes from discomfort and the reaction of the individual to it. Make a person completely happy and he has nothing to laugh about.

So they were coffin nails after all.

It has often been said that money is the most cowardly thing in the world and it may have been at one time. These days politics is crowding it.

How long, we inquire, will a furnace last if burned every day, the year 'round?

Voters in Oregon will learn that criticism of my candidate is mud slinging while criticism of my candidate is campaigning.

The old politician says: "The most fun will be in 1956 when Neuberger runs against Morse."

Thad Snow, in Harper's, has written in praise of the mule. High time, the mule now lives mostly in memory, a delightful memory for those who learned to understand him and a painful one for those who did not. There was no better advocate of patience and wisdom than the mule, both attributes in which we could improve.

Political opposition in the United States isn't between Republicans and Democrats, but between those who have faith in people and those who have faith in government. Those whose faith is in government would feel more at home in Russia.

Theda Bara is in the news again this time an abdominal operation instead of an abdominal exposition.

There are several reasons why a person may walk straight. He may be full of pride, the air may be chilly and invigorating, he may be healthy and happy, and he may be so fat he can't even bend forward.

A scuffling editorial writer in Portland is trying to make an issue about ragweed. The legislature apparently voted to control ragweed and failed to appropriate money therefore which is equivalent to a few kind words and no loan. Hay fever is a modern ailment. At least grandpa was too busy to be bothered with it or maybe he didn't have money enough to afford it.



THE SENATOR SIGNS — Meeting with Oregon's top-rated 4-H club members, in Washington for the annual encampment of the organization, Senator Guy Cordon

presented youngsters with copies of "Crops in Peace and War" A photographer caught the senator signing the Agriculture Department yearbook. Watching him are,

left to right, Frank Maynard of McMinnville, Betty Stellmacher of Albany, Jean Eymann of Canby and John Gardner of John Day.

Oregon High In School Expenditures Reports O.E.A.

The Oregon Education association supplements information recently published about the standing of Oregon schools in comparison with those of other states by sending a detailed sheet of figures on that subject.

It shows that Oregon citizens spend an average of \$43 per capita for public education, that they spend \$5992 per classroom, that the average expenditure per pupil is \$275. In these categories Oregon ranks 3rd, 4th and 5th in the nation.

The value of school property is \$596 per pupil and 85 percent of school age children are in school. There are 381 school children per 1000 wage earning adults in Oregon which places the state 15th in the national list.

Financially Oregon schools seem to be well supported in comparison with those of other states. A summary of Oregon's standing in quality of education is expected daily.

Grass Valley

Mr. and Mrs. August Wassenmiller and family of Tygh Valley spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Lydia Wassenmiller.

Mrs. Ralph Lister left Sunday for her home in Pendleton after spending two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike. Her sister Mrs. Leona Baker arrived Sunday from Springfield to stay a while with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughter, Carolyn, went to Portland Friday where Mrs. Lemley took the plane for Los Alamos, New Mexico to the home of her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moore where she will spend a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox went to Vancouver Friday to visit relatives returning Sunday.

Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mrs. John Block took Mrs. Oran Raven to The Dalles Friday where she took the bus for her home in Longview, Wn., after spending the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

B. C. Baumgartner was a business visitor in Portland Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Art Bibby and Stephen, left Friday for Portland where Stephen left by plane for Kessler air base in South Carolina after spending a week with his parents.

Bernard Martin and son, Danny made a business trip to Portland Monday.

Mrs. Marcus Eslinger went to Cascade Locks last week and spent a few days visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogue. Small daughter, Leta stayed in Moro with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger during her mother's absence.

4-H Camp Next Club Activity

The annual 4-H summer camp for Sherman county club members will be held at Suttle lake July 18-23, states T. W. Thompson, county agent. The camp is managed by the 4-H leaders from Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties. Other counties participating the past few years have been Wasco, Harney and Sherman.

Any 4-H club member may attend the camp. Camp site is the Methodist youth campgrounds adjacent to Suttle lake. Cost of the 1954 camp will be \$14 for the week's camp charge, insurance, craft cost and cost of nurse and lifeguard.

An interesting program has been arranged by tri-county extension agents and camp officials. Swimming is available twice daily. Most of the morning is taken up with craft classes dealing with copper tooling, woodcraft, electricity, forestry, camp cookery, wildlife and other interesting fields. Most of the afternoon is devoted to sports of all kinds.

Sherman county boys and girls that desire to attend should notify the county extension agent's office on or before July 10. The camp is well recommended by past participants from Sherman county.

Wheat Growers Have Washington Lobbyists

The Oregon Wheat Growers league, through its publication, says that the board of directors has authorized Jens Terjesen and Marion Weatherford as representatives of the league in Washington, D. C. for an indefinite period, perhaps until the end of the present session of congress.

They will try to obtain a better understanding of Department of Agriculture officials of the deep acreage cuts and the effect they would have on summerfallow farmers.

The league's opinion is that the 50 per cent penalty under the present law might be worked into a semblance of the two-price system and be worked for northwest farmers if the penalty were reduced. Under it farmers plant all their land and be subject to a penalty on it. The penalized wheat could be sold at reduced prices to feeders and exporters while the price for domestically used wheat would be established at parity. It would require amendment to per. It growers to have part legal wheat and part excess.

In the meantime there is no information about the status of wheat growers in relation to the proposed cut for 1955. That may depend on changes in the base acreage, on change in method of allotting acreage in summerfallow areas, on the adoption of the 90 percent parity law for another year.

Sherman County Fortunate About Year's Rainfall

Sherman county is one of the most fortunate counties in Oregon from the standpoint of moisture for the 1954 crop. For the week ending June 25, 11.68 inches has fallen in this county compared to the average of 10.85. Figures are taken from the crop and weather report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Gilliam county has 11.47 inches and an average of 11.41. Farther east it has been drier, Umatilla county having 9.01 at Pendleton and an average of 12.37 for more than a three inch reduction in moisture for the year. At Enterprise the average rainfall is 11.99 and only 6.49 has fallen. All figures are for the period beginning September 1.

The rainfall has been spotted. Klamath Falls is over three inches short and Lakeview is a little long. Burns is almost normal and Ontario is two inches short. Baker is off nearly two and a half inches.

The hay crop in the river valleys is not good, very short in fact, and alfalfa yields are not expected to be normal.

County Records Different

The record for precipitation at the station is slightly different than the one from the federal bureau because of a different basis for normal. The local figures give .38 inch moisture for June, only a half the normal of .75. It all came in showers the greatest of which brought .08 inch although it has been showery most of the month or cloudy and certainly cool. Local figures on crop year rainfall are 11.93 which is somewhat above the normal of 11.18. The highest temperature for June was 86 on the 25th and the lowest was 33 on the 19th. The average maximum was 71.1 and the average minimum was 44.3 making the average temperature 57.7 which is a full 3.8 below the normal for June.

Monday No Day To Buy Liquor

State liquor stores and agencies will be closed Monday, July 5, as well as Sunday, both days by state law being legal holidays.

However, taverns and other licensees of the Oregon liquor control commission, including those selling liquor by the drink, need not close on either day unless they wish to, according to the commission. Private clubs which have master locker permits may not sell bottled liquor containing more than 14 percent alcohol by volume on Sunday or Monday, but other sales and service allowed by the club license will be permitted.

Driving Rules To Keep Safe Made

Summer's big holiday, the Fourth of July, will provide thousands of motorists opportunity to take to the open road this weekend and the result, Oregon traffic safety officials say, could be highwaywide.

The best advice, with 40 million vehicles jamming the nation's highways, is to "think twice—once for yourself and once for the other guy."

State officials said today that maximum enforcement can be expected over the three-day holiday from all law agencies but, they added, "the best enforcement would be realized if drivers imposed restrictions on themselves before leaving home for the week end."

Here's what state and national authorities recommend for a sane and safe highway trip:

1. Don't drive after drinking—even a little.
 2. Cut your usual cruising speed 10 miles an hour.
 3. Double check before passing or changing lanes.
 4. Don't follow the car ahead too closely.
 5. Don't compete in traffic; let the other guy go first.
 6. Watch out for traffic blunders other drivers commit.
- Oregon's last three-day holiday, brought eight traffic deaths. This weekend could bring a higher toll, officials said, since traffic undoubtedly will be heavier.

Gilliam Voters Beat Budget, Hospital and Demonstration Agent

Gilliam county voters defeated the county budget last Friday because it contained an item of \$115,000 for a 12-bed hospital and \$3000 for a home demonstration agent. The vote was 552 to 299 although it carried in Condon where the hospital would have been located. Arlington voted 208 to 8 against it and rural precincts also failed to approve.

County Fair Board Making Program

The county fair board is making progress in gathering together the many and varied elements that go to make up a three day celebration of the county's productive capacity.

The board has hired the Fraunfelder family, a group of musicians now living in Hood River. They originated in Switzerland and are shown as the Swiss Family Fraunfelder. Father Fraunfelder plays a bass viol, a daughter the accordion and a son the clarinet and they will appear between acts Saturday and Sunday of the fair.

There will be a dance at Wasco Saturday night with Beachler's BeBops making the music. The board will meet again next Wednesday night for further planning.

Power Men Will Help Machine Movers

Ray Kelso, local Power & Light manager, says that any time there is need to move combines or other farm machinery through towns or under power lines, he will assist if he is notified.

Power lines are dangerous and men are often killed by letting steel machinery come in contact with them.

The company telephone is now connected to the Kelso home so he can be found at any hour by calling the company number.

No Stated Speed Limit Asked

If legislation about to be recommended by the Highway Lifesavers committee of Oregon Citizens, Inc., is accepted by the 1955 Oregon legislature, Oregon would not impose an absolute top speed limit on highways, but the Basic Rule for driving in Oregon will be amended in two essentials. One proposed amendment will be a clarification of the law to make present indicated and posted speeds mean something, with no misunderstanding on the part of the public that they are merely advisory, and another will make it unnecessary for arresting officers to specify speed, should arrests be made where the Basic Rule is being violated in the officers opinion. The Basic Rule requires reasonable and prudent driving at all times and in all places, conditions considered.

Following a conference on the Basic Rule, May 6, at Salem, when the Lifesavers committee sought to learn whether to recommend a maximum top speed limit, a subcommittee was set up to compose difference of opinions with the result that the following four recommendations were adopted as the guide to the state-wide committee in its recommendations to the interim committee of the legislature:

1. That the Basic Rule be retained as the fundamental traffic law for Oregon.
2. That the law be amended so that an arresting officer shall not have to specify the actual miles per hour when making an arrest if the defendant was not driving in a reasonable and prudent manner as required under the Basic Rule. (At present, the officer must specify the speed at which an alleged offender was driving).
3. That the proper interim committee of the legislature consider clarifying the Basic Rule law, so that the public will understand that designed and posted speeds are legal limits where posted—and not merely advisory, and that evidence of driving beyond the posted speed shall be sufficient unless the defendant can prove that conditions made that speed reasonable and prudent as required under the Basic Rule.

Station Field Day Due Wednesday; Fertilizer Featured

Nitrogen fertilizer trials to maintain wheat yields while reducing soil erosion with trashy fallow will highlight the Sherman branch experiment station's annual field day, July 7.

William E. Hall, acting superintendent, says the program will start at 1:30 p. m. at the experiment farm one-half mile east of Moro. The area is typical of much of the Columbia basin low-rainfall wheat lands.

Fifty-four test plots will compare use of fertilizers and various ways of preparing land for fallow. Fertilizer experiments on winter wheat after fallow and on annual cropped spring wheat are testing both ammonia nitrate (dry form) and anhydrous ammonia (gas form). Graduated applications run as high as 75 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre.

Visitors will see results of 14-year trials to reduce wind and water erosion by leaving a major part of the crop residues on or near the soil surface. Fallow land has been prepared by offset disking to mix soil and stubble, sweep plowing that leaves all stubble on the surface, and moldboard plowing with jointer to bury all stubble. Average yields for the 14-year period are recorded to test levels of nitrogen required to maintain production under the various tillage methods.

Winter wheat seeding rates which vary widely among farmers of the area have been tested for two years with rates ranging from 30 pounds of seed per acre up to 90 pounds. The same experiment compares dates of seeding starting September 1 with two-week intervals until November 1.

New varieties of wheat, oats, and barley are on trial at the cereal nursery along with comparative yield experiments on established varieties for the area. First year fertilizer trials with Safflower, a new crop in the Pacific Northwest, and the place of alfalfa in the soil fertility program for the region are among other field tour highlights.

Hall says women are invited to join the tour or to visit at the experiment station house.

Short Crops Expected In Oregon Fields

Short crops of Oregon fruits this summer may make it more economical for cost-conscious homemakers to buy those that are commercially processed rather than to can or freeze their own, according to Oregon State college extension economists.

The small peach crop in Oregon and Washington is almost certain to mean high prices at local markets and roadside stands, they said. On the other hand, the large crop in California and other peach canning states is greater than average and will help hold down commercial prices. Economists said the housewife will probably find commercially canned peaches a better buy.

Bartlett pears are also short in Oregon, but California has a good crop, according to the economists. For the entire Pacific Coast, Bartlett pears are up one-sixth from last year. The OSC economists said this situation will tend to keep canned pear prices near last year's level, but in Oregon fresh pears will be higher than last year.

Generally high prices on sweet and sour cherries are forecast. Economists said cherries will be more costly this year both locally and elsewhere because of short crops here and throughout the country.

A bright spot on the fruit market is brought by strawberries. Economists said they are actually a little cheaper this year. They also suggest that the budget-minded will be able to save more by picking their own in patches damaged earlier by the weather, especially in the northern Willamette valley counties.

Attorney General Here For Official Visit

Attorney General Robert Thornton stopped in Moro and Wasco Thursday of last week while on a trip through a part of eastern Oregon to talk to law enforcement officers and district attorneys about prevention of crime. Mr. Thornton says that the racket type of crime has been pretty well eliminated in Oregon.