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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

It seems very heartless of the white men to kick the Indians out as wards of the government and then crawl under that blanket themselves. It is worse than taking the country away from the Indians in the first place.

T T W N
The economic race is to the swift; and the government takes the hindmost.

T T W N
"Sun and wind and beat of sea, Great lands stretching endlessly... Where be bonds to bind the free? All the world was made for me!" —Adelaide Crapsey

T T W N
Maurice Hindus said that a country whose hens lay few eggs was always a poor country. Reason: hens, like other animals, must have good care in order to perform well. In Russia hens lay few eggs because those who care for them seldom get the eggs and therefore do not care for the hens.

T T W N
It may be that the reason it is difficult to handle liquor without scandal is that people are looking for scandal in liquor management and draw the lines closer because of it.

T T W N
We note the attempt to camouflage automobiles something like ships were painted during the first World War. Are they trying to hide them from the bill collector?

T T W N
This is the time of year for tearing down old calendars and replacing them with new ones. It is a distinct loss to consign to the fire or the trash bin the fine pictures on the old calendars. Not too many years ago they would have been in great demand by homesteaders who would have decorated the bare board walls of their cabins with them and derived pleasure from contemplating the scenes presented. Besides they would have kept the wind from blowing in so strong.

T T W N
Time is what life is made of. Wasting it is wasting life.

T T W N
What was that old pun about a cab driver wanting a passenger to be tipsy?

T T W N
It is a good thing legislatures were not in session or we would have had a lot of laws about "comic" books. As it is the book publishers got together and moderated their wares themselves.

T T W N
Funniest item in the news is the quandary of Washington State college, an agricultural school, about the sex of its new mascot.

T T W N
Hollywood might well look up the leaders of the French government. They are masters of suspense.

T T W N
In our opinion Senator-elect Neuberger paid a high tribute to Senator Cordon earlier this week when he said that when he visited the senate on his arrival in Washington it was the first time he had ever seen Cordon. Senator Cordon was never one to leave his work in Washington and go gallivanting around telling the voters how good he was for them. That is the reason he was not re-elected. We prefer the show-offs that is we will until we find out how useful it was to have a work-er.

T T W N
A scientist now writes that most of our ailments are caused by worry and mental distress. Some are ill whom you'd hardly suspect.

T T W N
The government can't fire any one without stirring up a squabble. It can't even fire anyone because it is out of money—although it is. Won't it be a shock when we get back to firing men because the boss doesn't like the color of their hair?

T T W N
Picking the biggest news stories of the year is as personal as picking a wife and nearly everyone has his own ideas about that.

John Sell Promoted By First National To New Business Department In Portland



JOHN I. SELL

John I. Sell, assistant vice president of First National Bank of Portland at The Dalles and widely known figure in eastern Oregon has been promoted to a position in the business development department at First National's Portland head office.

In his new post, Sell will be in charge of the city of Portland branches for the business development department, according to bank President C. B. Stephenson, who made the announcement.

Sell is a banker of 18 years experience and a former state legislator from Wasco county, and has been active in numerous civic affairs in recent years in The Dalles area.

Sell began his banking career in 1930 at the First Wisconsin National Bank at Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a messenger boy. In

Donna Kay Sparling Tells of Engagement

At a family gathering Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Kay, to Peter Soderlund of Medford. He is a graduate of Southern Oregon College of Education and will enter the air force January 1, after which he will begin the study of law. No date was set for the wedding. Miss Sparling is a graduate of Oregon State and is teaching at Ashland.

County Agent Finds Many Farm Items To Report At Year's End

By "Tommy" Thompson

A sample of chopped alfalfa hay was submitted to Corvallis for analysis, from the David Richelderfer ranch, recently. The alfalfa hay, which had been grown in the China Hollow acreage of the Richelderfer ranch, had been chopped. The hay tests 14.5% crude protein, which is a good quality alfalfa, similar to others in eastern Oregon.

A quarantine has been placed on Khapra Beetle, by the State Department of Agriculture this month. This insect is not prevalent in Oregon at the present time, but exists in Arizona, California and Mexico. The quarantine restricts movement of grain, grain products, and several other items, by reason of exposure to infestation by the beetle, constituting a hazard for the State of Oregon grain products. This insect is injurious to stored agricultural products.

Year 1954 is rapidly drawing to a close, and the farmers will be completing their year's farm records for analysis of their business. This is the time of the year when farmers should be calculating their net profit for the year, and determining how to make it better, by adjusting their farm operations for more efficiency. Unfortunately, most farmers do not keep records for analysis of the business. Most records are kept for strictly income tax purposes. This is an important item, however, and one that good records will help complete the income tax job.

Some changes have been made in the law dealing with farmers income tax reports. Farmers this year should file a return, and pay the tax on or before January 31, 1955. Or, they should file an estimate and pay this by January 15, 1955, then file their return and pay the balance due by April 15, 1955. A revision of the income tax law, passed by the last session of congress, extends the old January 31st reporting date to February 15th, but this does not become effective until the new

1936 he came west and joined the First National Bank of Portland working as bookkeeper at the main branch and Oregon City branch. August 1, 1937 Sell was transferred to The Dalles branch as a teller.

In 1943 he resigned from the bank to accept an administrative post with Seufert Brothers in The Dalles. Mr. Sell was elected to serve in the 1949 session of the Oregon Legislature and was appointed on the 1949 interim committee on taxes. He was nominated for the 1951 Legislature but was unable to serve.

In 1950 he rejoined the First National as an assistant vice president and business development representative for eastern Oregon with headquarters at The Dalles.

Sell has been extremely active in civic affairs in The Dalles being a trustee of the First Congregational church, past chairman and present treasurer of the advisory board of the Salvation Army, director of the American Red Cross, past exalted ruler of The Dalles Lodge B.P.O.E. No. 303, past chairman and present director of the United Fund, past president and member of the Kiwanis club, past district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, director of The Dalles County club, member of the Wasco county livestock association, Chamber of Commerce and the Order of the Antelope.

Mr. Sell married Margaret Maynard in 1939 and they have two children Joan 14 and Randy 8. The Sells will be moving to Portland in the near future. Mr. Sell will start his new position in the Portland head office January 3.

GRANGE TO MEET JAN. 1

On New Years day, the Harlandview grange will offer a full day of entertainment for the members at the grange hall.

The program for the day includes a pot luck dinner at noon served by the ladies after which a short officers meeting will be held. A grange meeting will be followed by a card party.

Each member of the grange and partners are invited to attend the dinner and card party. Members of Rufus or any other grange are also invited.

tax year, and will not apply until 1956.

Sherman county farmers, thinking of record keeping at this time of year, might give consideration to using the Oregon Farm Record Book for next year's operation. This farm record book, has been developed by the Farm Management people at OSC, for Oregon conditions. The record book is a one year record, with brown cover, and is for recording receipts and expenses, with space for summary of the year's operations. The summary forms for receipts, expenses and depreciation transfer directly to the Federal Income Tax forms No. 1040 and is schedule D. Price of the brown book is 30c per copy.

A companion book for the Oregon Farm Record Book, is one titled "Farm Inventory Book", which is a six year record, with a yellow cover. This farm inventory book provides space for detailed inventory information and depreciation schedules. Special depreciation schedules for purchase of dairy, breeding and work animals, are provided for farmers reporting on a cash basis. This book to be used in conjunction with the before mentioned brown cover Oregon Farm Record book. Price of the yellow book is 20c per copy.

Another farm record book is available to farmers from supplies at OSC. This book is titled the "Oregon Farm Account Book" which is a gray covered book. This book provides a method of keeping a management record of inventory items. It may be used for determining production cost, provides the necessary information for completing Federal and State Income Tax forms, on either the accrual or cash basis. Price of the gray book is 25c per copy.

Farmers may secure their copy of the Farm Record Books by sending a card, or giving us a ring on the telephone, or dropping by the Sherman county extension office, county courthouse, at Moro.

Rainfall Deficient For Calendar and Crop Years Alike

It rained Wednesday night, December 29. Rainfall during the night was .15 inch, doubling the month's total to that time. Rain continued Thursday.

Rainfall accounts for most of it although better wheats and better farming have played a part.

The calendar year of 1954, from a weather point of view, wasn't much to boast about. From March 1 to October 1 every month but one was below average in temperature. May was a mere half a degree above normal and the other months ranged from 1.1 degrees to 4.9 degrees below normal. Other months were above the normal temperature thus giving a comparatively warm winter and a very cold summer. November was 5.5 degrees above normal and December has been warm as well.

The lowest temperature recorded at the station for this fall has been 15 degrees on December 27.

Unless a big rain comes between now and Friday midnight the calendar year will end with 9.58 inches of moisture recorded. Eight months had a rainfall below normal and the year ended with a shortage of 1.99 inches. Luckily this dry year came immediately after 1953 which brought 17.33 inches of rainfall. The normal precipitation for December is 1.67 and to date we have had .15 inch. We have had 2.74 inches of rain since September 1 and need another two inches or so to make us even.

WASCO CHILDREN BAPTIZED

Sunday services at the Wasco Methodist church were dedicated to the Mason lodge and the sermon was on John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. Baby Cynthia Kay McConaughy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McConaughy of Richland, Wn., Albert Dean and Arline Dormaier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Al Dormaier and Jeffery Hilderbrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hilderbrand were all baptized at the church.

Sherman County Club Meeting Called For Monday, January 3

The Sherman County club will meet Monday night, January 3 at 7:30 at the court house in Moro. Vernon Miller, president, has called the meeting for that date in order that the club might start the new year early enough to do some of the things it wishes to have done before harvest intervenes.

This organization meeting will be expected to elect officers and the nominating committee to name men consists of Dr. Frank Reid, Lewis Hastings and George Wilson. Changes in the constitution have been proposed and the new wording will be presented by T. Lester Johnson and Giles French.

It is the hope of officers and those concerned with the need for a club that everyone interested in the county will attend the meeting. No community advances without effort. There is felt to be sufficient ability within the county to do anything that is necessary if it will direct itself into channels of public interest.

Arthur Smith Buried In The Dalles

Arthur S. Smith, Sherman county for the greater part of his 72 years, died at a hospital in The Dalles Thursday, December 23.

Mr. Smith was born at Richland, Iowa May 1, 1882 and came to Sherman county in 1886 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Issiah Smith and the other members of that numerous family. He farmed the home place east of Grass Valley and ended his farming career on the Schenk place in 1932. He has been living in The Dalles where he was watchman for the Port of The Dalles. He was an Odd-Fellow and a member of the Wasco County Pioneer association.

Surviving are his widow, Ica of The Dalles and two brothers, Ross and Hubert of Riverside, Washington and many other relatives. Funeral services were held from Spencer & Libby Tuesday afternoon with interment in the Odd-Fellow cemetery there.

Crop Yields Show Value of Rain Over 20 Years; Most Important

There have been 14 good crops in Sherman county, 14 successive good crops. Some sections of the county have had moderate crops in some of those years but the overall production has been good.

The first year, 1941, was the best in years. Acreage was 105,895 and farmers did not expect more than 20 bushels as an average. They got 30. Acreage reduction played a large part in the production and acreage yields.

The average crop since, and including 1940, has been 3,160,000 bushels. In the 1930s the average was but little more than half that figure, the lowest being 1,066,000 bushels in 1931 and there were two other crops of less than 1,200,000 bushels. The price was low, too.

No figures on either yields or acreages are entirely accurate. It is possible to obtain the bushelage warehoused and it is upon these figures that the Sherman County Journal estimates are made each year. The amount of wheat farm stored or kept for seed or feed must be estimated and it may vary by 100,000 bushels. Acreage figures may include hay land or grass land, depending on the current rulings of the government.

Year	Bushels	Acres	Yield
1937	2,378,686	124,538	19.1
1938	2,711,190	127,630	22.2
1939	1,681,270	97,863	18.3
1940	1,756,380	105,501	16.6
1941	3,350,977	105,895	30.7
1942	2,633,667	91,117	28.9
1943	2,412,672	96,423	25.0
1944	2,966,845	121,321	24.5
1945	2,506,636	105,528	23.7
1946	3,330,825	120,589	27.8
1947	2,837,124	117,532	24.1
1948	4,500,000	133,605	33.7
1949	3,000,000	130,072	23.6
1950	2,700,000	123,830	21.8
1951	4,000,000	135,000	30.0
1952	4,000,000	142,000	28.1
1953	4,000,000	136,000	29.0
1954	3,500,000	101,197	34.6

Yields per acre in the thirties

were much lower than since then and the rainfall was lower to account for it.

Next year farmers will be permitted to sow 94,000 acres which is low but is higher than in some of the years under the new deal farm program.

The average for the four last years in the 1930 decade was 19.5 and these years were much better than 1931, or 1932 when production was 1,607,431, or 1933 when the total crop was 1,500,000 or 1934 when it dropped to 1,175,000. The average for the last 14 years has been 27.5 bushels per acre.

Gloria Douma Tells Wedding Plan

Mrs. A. Douma and Gloria entertained a group of friends at a luncheon Tuesday announcing the engagement of Gloria to Robert M. Cockburn, son of Mrs. G. S. Cockburn and the late Mr. Cockburn of Milton, Oregon.

The table was attractively decorated in holiday motif of red tapered candles with white bows, flanked with holly, between the candles were miniature dolls dressed as a teacher and a doctor. The news was disclosed by means of cards hidden in the center piece attached to red and white streamers to each place which spelled out the announcement after the girls straightened out the scrambled words.

Those present were: Mesdames Gordon Lemley, John Shipley, Lloyd Wooderson, Bob Axteel, Claude Bayer, Bill Johnson, Roscoe Moore, Jack Miller of Ione and Richard Baker of San Francisco, California.

Both young people are graduates of the University of Oregon. Mr. Cockburn will be graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School in June.

A June wedding is planned.



This community has opened its heart to a little five-year-old during the past week, with donations to the Linda Coats Hospital Fund climbing to almost \$600 since Linda's story first appeared in The Chronicle a little over a week ago.

Fund total stood at \$585.04 Tuesday morning. Money is being placed in a special bank account for Linda and will be applied to medical expenses for the little girl who has been in a local hospital here since last June when she was badly burned playing with matches in her trailer home.

Fifty per cent of the child's body was burned and most of the burns were third degree. For nearly six months she has endured an almost continuous series of major surgical operations, skin grafts and blood transfusions.

Doctors estimate Linda may have to be hospitalized for another six months while skin graft

ing continues. And hospital expenses are roughly estimated to reach \$8,000 by the time Linda is able to go home again.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coats of Maupin. She has three younger brothers and sisters. Her father is an employee of the Mt. Hood Lumber Co. at Maupin and averages a monthly salary of \$320.

Most donations received at The Chronicle office are labeled simply "For Linda" but many letters carry cheery get-well messages for the little five-year-old.

Linda's parents were able to spend part of Christmas with her but she was unable to go downstairs to see her younger brothers and sisters. Hospital employees put up a special tree for Linda and donated enough money to buy the little girl a bicycle for Christmas, which will aid Linda in gaining strength in her legs when she is finally able to return home.