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These Things We Note

by Jules L. French

One should be a little merciful toward candidates just starting a full nine month race. Talk about a six day bicycle race. Politics in Oregon is sure rugged.

T T W N

Harper's editor, John Fischer, certainly got circulation on his stricture about farmers when Benson's office for a brought it to light again.

Probably Ben Franklin survived his 250th birthday better than he did his 50th. Birthdays are seldom mourned after the 100th.

Finally nearly all the world's nations are in one organization so the Nations part is correct. Optimists think that someday perhaps the United will be correct, too.

H. L. Menchen at 75 was almost respectable when he died but there was a time when the unbending majority considered him otherwise.

T T W N

Wonder what we would think about international conditions if we were as well surrounded by big air bases as is Russia.

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Advocates of pure force never learn to drive on slippery roads.

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Probably all this talk about the poor farmer won't do much harm unless the farmer gets to believing it himself.

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Everyone can agree that it is better to have business in government than government in business.

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We think it typical of Eisenhower that he is going to make his own decision about running. That's the reason he has been so good a president.

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The problem of schools, of course, is to raise the general level of knowledge and ability to think. It is no confinement learning to the average level.

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Who'd a think it would get down to zero again?

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Teenage boys meet the problem of cold in a novel way; they just cram their hands deeper into their pockets. Don't know how cold it would have to be to make them wear a hat.

T T W N

Everyone worries about the price he gets for his product when it would be just as profitable to worry about ways of making it at less cost or better.

T T W N

Education, they used to say, was concentrated experience. It does serve for experience, too, until it can be gathered.

T T W N

In cold weather everyone gets to feeling like a prisoner of a furnace.

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A test vote shows that Portlanders favor putting flouride in the crinkling water. Rather take a chance on the stomach than the teeth, eh.

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Now the US Weather bureau says it will be cold for another month. Well, as the original man said, we were here first—and we hope to be here last.

T T W N

It's too bad that Marjorie Smith's abilities at getting publicity couldn't have been turned to more normal use.

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Some Democrats are poking criticism at Adlai who may not be as radical as they wish, nor as much of a new dealer. Others think the new deal is a dead duck.

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Some educators are opposing a sales tax for schools. Well, teachers would get to pay their share of that sort of a tax and it is one tax that no exemption is made for children. Under an income tax a child is an exemption although he may be going to school and costing some one something.

T T W N

Coaches are like others who work for the public, bums or heroes. There is a finality about being a bum that does not extend to being a hero.



John Hounsell, candidate for state senator, is shown in a portrait. He is a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, looking directly at the camera.

Candidates Getting Ready For Races

The decision of Sam Coon to try for a third term as congressman from the second district was published last week in the local papers. He is sponsor of the John Day partnership bill and other bills for smaller dams in eastern Oregon and favors better highways and a balanced budget.

For secretary of state two Republicans have announced, Bill Healy, who has been assistant secretary for eight years and Mark Hatfield, state senator from Salem and Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman and state senator from Milwaukie.

This week John Hounsell, Hood River, and by consolidation of districts senator from this district, filed for re-election. He will have to run in Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Wheeler counties as well as Hood River and Wasco counties if he is to return to Salem for his second four year term. He is an apple grower and is influential in taxation, education and agricultural fields in the senate.

Mrs. Collis Moore, who has announced herself a candidate for national committeewoman on the Republican ticket, has been named to circulate petitions to place the name of President Eisenhower on the ticket in May.

In the county the term of Kenneth Sather, commissioner, will expire and also that of Marie Hoskinson, clerk, Clair Balzer, assessor and Loy Cochran, coroner.

Telephone Company Reading Switch

Some 6100 telephones at The Dalles, Dallesport, Moro and Wasco will get new seven-digit numbers during the next two months.

Pacific Telephone company customers in The Dalles and Dallesport will have new numbers to dial starting at 11 o'clock the night of February 18, according to Telephone Manager Cal Horn.

On March 3, at 11 p. m., the new numbers will go into effect at both Moro and Wasco.

PT&T subscribers at The Dalles will have numbers with the prefixes CYPRESS 6 (CY6) or CYPRESS 8 (CY8) followed by four other numerals. At Dallesport telephone users will answer to numbers with the prefix PORTER 7 (PO7) followed by four other numerals.

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Cold Hits Second Time In Winter; January Wet

January, after being a month of continuous drizzle and somewhat warmer than usual, ended with one of the coldest spells of the winter when the mercury at the station dropped to seven below the night of the 30th. The next night, which is credited to February, the reading was a cold minus 12.

There is a light covering of snow on the ground and the ground is frozen although no one knows how deep but a minus 12 temperature is enough to shove the frost down through snow.

Roads remain passable as there has been no falling weather since the temperature dropped below zero. Continued cold will endanger water pipes unless well protected and there is no assurance of warmer weather will come before Friday.

January did bring 357 inches of precipitation, more than twice the normal for the month. It brought a moisture up to 11.26 inches in a whopping 4.48 inch rain on January 15.

The highest temperature in January was 50 on the 6th and the lowest the minus seven. The average maximum was 36.5 and the average minimum was 25 making a monthly mean of 30.8 which is 1.3 degrees colder than the average for January.

"Cry The Beloved Country" Coming Here February 14

Local people are looking forward to the presentation of professional drama in Moro on February 14. The players are The Bishop's Company, now on a tour of churches and communities of Oregon, and the play is "Cry The Beloved Country", adapted from Alan Paton's best-selling novel.

The human hero of this story is an old and humble Zulu parson from the hills of South Africa. He sets out for Johannesburg in search of his only son. Finally he finds the boy in prison, the murderer of a white man who had devoted his life to justice for the black race.

In the scenes between the native father of the murderer and English father of the murdered the story reaches a height of tragedy seldom equaled in today's fiction. It is more than a story, it is a profound experience of the human spirit.

Beyond the intense and insoluble personal tragedy is the story of the beautiful and tragic land of South Africa—or any land, or any world where racial unrest breaks the harmony of men.

The drama will be presented in the Moro school auditorium, sponsored by the Moro Community Presbyterian, in cooperation with other churches of the county. Tickets will be on sale throughout the county in a few days.

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Road Block Stops Speedster Eviding Arrest By State Police

A young man giving the name of Leslie Edison Branch and age 31, was captured by state police on the street in Moro Monday morning about 9:00 o'clock after a chase of an hour or more. Branch, driving a car believed to be stolen, was noted on Highway 30 and police started pursuit going west. At the railroad crossing west of Celilo a train blocked the road and Branch in his white Thunderbird whirled it around in the road and back past the police.

They were on several roads in the north end of Sherman county with the speed occasionally reaching 110 miles an hour for the pursued and 90 for the pursuers. Highway patrolmen in Moro who are now equipped with two-way radio, heard the story and blocked the road near the bank with two snow removal trucks. Branch slowed down and started to swing around in the road again but Officer Powell stepped from the police car and threatened with his service gun and Branch gave up.

He is said to have stolen the car in Rochester, Minn., to live in Waterloo, Iowa and is suspected of breaking into drug stores where he obtained over \$4000 and a supply of drugs. He was taken to The Dalles.

Sherman County Club Planning Meeting

A meeting of the Sherman County club to provide a forum for discussion of several lively and important local subjects is being planned as soon as a date and better weather can be obtained. It will probably be held at the court house and not be a dinner meeting.

Among the subjects considered are the bridge at Maryhill, Federal Plan, high school construction. Speakers will be selected to explain the position of all of them.

Home Economist Work Shop Dated

During the month of February the extension units will have a lesson which is preliminary for the child's blouse workshop. Mrs. Ina B. Hanson will give the lesson at these meetings. She will discuss patterns, fabrics, sewing equipment, and give the general plans for the workshop.

The first will be held in Moro on February 8 at the home of Mrs. Mike Mulick, starting, 10:30 a. m.

Ross Loses Barn In Evening Fire

The barn on the Ross place was burned Saturday night about six o'clock when a heat lamp being used to warm up a newly born calf ignited some straw. Young bulls being fed and a cow were moved to safety by Mrs. Ross and daughter, Jean, who were alone at home. Mr. Ross was in The Dalles.

The 48 x 48 barn had recently been rebuilt and set on a concrete foundation. It contained a little hay. The fire truck of the city of Moro and volunteer rural association made the 15 mile run to the fire but arrived too late to save the barn.

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Cattlemen Hear Talks On Business and Public Affairs

About 40 Sherman county cattlemen braved below zero weather, Tuesday to attend the annual meeting at the Grass Valley Odd-Fellows hall and hear the program and eat the lunch provided by Rebekahs.

Pictures showing cattle operations and shipping scenes were shown while the crowd gathered and Bill Jefferies read the annual report showing membership and finances.

Giles French talked briefly about the Federal Plan of legislative apportionment saying that it was as similar to the plan used by the United States as practical for Oregon. It gives each county one senator whereas the federal government gives each state two senators. Necessity for adequate representation for the producers of the state was emphasized.

Ed Coles, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, Prineville, talked about provisions of the beef commission bill which his organization is writing, about the need for financial support from counties if the beef program is to be successful and mentioned the need for men who understand the cattle business in government places.

A social hour was held at the Grass Valley Grain Growers with Stan Mayfield as host. After lunch John Landers and Dorothy Sherrill of OSC showed how to cut up a beef carcass, how to wrap and cook different pieces of the animal.

The women easily bested the men in ability to identify cuts of meat and placed as follows: Mrs. Lawrence Kenny 1st, Mrs. Ted von Borstel 2nd, Mrs. Leonard Fields 3rd; Mrs. Howard Ross 4th, and Sadie Rich 5th.

Elected were Marvin Thomas, president; Lawrence Kenny, vice president; T. W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer; Hans Bardenhagen, Bernard Martin, Hal Wallace Harold White and Gail Holzaphel, board of directors. Luther Davis was named as chairman of the junior rodeo committee.

Fishing Regulations Made By Board

Final fishing regulations were adopted by the state game commission last week with little change in those affecting angling on the Deschutes river. The steelhead deadline of Warm Springs bridge was moved upstream to the mouth of Crooked River and it was made illegal to catch steelhead from February 1 to April 27. No one catches them then anyway.

Trout fishing will be legal from April 28, a Sunday until October 31, all over the state in streams and from May 26 to October 7 in lakes, reservoirs and in the forest reserves.

A few changes were made in fishing in other parts of the state but nothing to change the sport to any marked extent.

Service Plan Gives Veterans Chance

The immediate benefits of the air force's new prior service program for Sherman county "vets" are also matched by the long-range provisions of the service's retirement plan, according to Sergeant Dump, local U. S. air force recruiter-salesman.

"Actually," said Sergeant Dump, "every Sherman county ex-service man who re-enlists under the prior service program will also come in for the retirement benefits after he has continued to serve the prescribed length of time.

"And of course," he continued "the primary benefit of the air force's retirement plan for career servicemen is the security of being able to look ahead to a substantial government check every month and every year for life, after completing the required service."

To match the retirement pay received by an air force master sergeant with 20 years' service, Sergeant Dump, explained, a 24-year old civilian would have to invest \$210 each month for 16 years.

The air force's regular retirement system allows a person to retire after 20-year's service at one-half his regular base pay, or 30 years at three-fourths his base pay.



The late Governor Paul Patterson talking in the grandstand at the Sherman county fair on his visit here in 1953.

Politics Changed By Governor's Death

The political situation in Oregon changed seriously at 9:50 Tuesday night when Paul Patterson, governor and recently announced candidate for United States senator, died of what was announced as a coronary occlusion while talking to political friends in Portland.

Speculation is on every tongue as to who will take his place in the senatorial race and it is possible that several will run in the May primary. Many names will be bandied about between now and the filing date which is March 9.

State senator Elmo Smith of John Day will become governor until the election is held and candidates for that office will also file in the primary adding to the interest.

Meeting Called To Talk Fertilizers

Application of nitrogen fertilizers and weed control information will be discussed at a meeting, 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 7, county courthouse, Moro, County Agent Thompson has announced.

The Columbia Basin fertilizer trials with specific information on Sherman county will be discussed by Howard Cushman, soils specialist, OSC, Corvallis. Detailed fertilizer trials have been completed on twenty farms in Sherman county during the past two years. Ten additional trials have been established for the 1956 crop. Results of these trials will be reviewed and other information on the use and application of fertilizers presented. Information on use of liquid nitrogen applied through a spray rig will be discussed.

Jack Ross, crops specialist, OSC, will comment on newer chemicals and their place in Sherman county. Research results on tarweed control at the Pendleton branch experiment station will also be reviewed.

The meeting has been planned to prevent current information on fertilizer and weed control. Local information will be reviewed by the county agent.

Traffic Deaths Climbing As More Injured Die

Oregon's 1955 traffic death toll first set at 400, is still creeping upward with arrival of delayed death reports boosting the count to 409.

The increase was chalked up against November and December. The death counts for those months now stand at 28 for November and 40 for December. Death so far in January total about 20 says the secretary of state's office.

The state traffic safety division warned drivers Thursday to be especially careful with the return of snow to most of the state's highways.

Snow conditions were described as general throughout the state with a few exceptions in southern Oregon. Even the coast reported some snow.

The division reminded drivers to keep plenty of distance between cars since it takes 3 to 12 times as far to stop on snow as on dry pavement. The division also suggested that drivers stop cars by pumping lightly on the brakes rather than jamming them on, a practice likely to cause a skid.

An upsurge in accident is always anticipated in snow, but most of these could be prevented if drivers would adjust car speed and other driving habits to meet conditions.

Contract Delayed In New High School Building

The Union high school board met nearly all day Monday trying to decide whether to let a contract for the new high school or not. This was the second meeting for that purpose, the bid opening being held last Thursday when the board stayed at its work until after midnight.

Of the bids made three were lowest and very close. Degree Construction of Bend bid \$337,000; Bechel Bros. of La Grande \$338,704; and Wall, Bartrum and Sanford, Junction City, \$338,412. However, there were different bids on the alternatives (minor things that could be deleted) and on the shop so that it requires study for the board to decide which is the best bid. Final decision is expected at the regular meeting February 8.

Board members are very anxious to make a contract and get the work underway and are also anxious to build a shop. It is possible that the board will make a contract for more money than is available and depend on the voters to vote an additional levy this year.

On hand is \$301,000 from a bond issue and about \$41,000 of a special levy. Money for equipment will also be needed but not in great quantity until the building is constructed, which, if the contract were let now, would be next fall, perhaps in time for school opening.

Cattlemen Plan Sale At Ontario

Oregon cattlemen are sponsors of the annual sale held at Ontario the dates for which are February 10-11 this year. More than 100 bulls will be sold all animals being thoroughly tested before being admitted.

No animals from Sherman county are listed to be sold this year which is an exception to the rule although several local cattlemen are expected to attend.

Wheat Growers Meeting This Week

The national association of wheat growers is meeting in Portland this week with the Multnomah hotel as headquarters. Registration began Tuesday with Wednesday the first day of programs. Cliff Hope talked that day telling the wheat men what they might expect from congress. Some news commentators are prophesying a return of the 90 per cent parity although they are the ones that would like to see that happen.

Thursday Gov. Paul Patterson was to have talked and at two o'clock Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson is billed. He will be there before to confer with American and Canadian wheat growers about export problems.

This is the first meeting of the national wheat group in Portland, other meetings of the six-year old organization being held in the mid-west.

Northwest Can Use More Local Pork

Feed barley in Oregon can be converted to pork as cheaply as corn in the Midwest. And Oregon can use more locally-produced pork.

Put these two together, and you have the reason a market hog grown and sold in Oregon can return more cash to the farmer than one raised and sold in the heart of the corn belt, says Grant Blanch, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

Two-thirds of the pork now sold in Oregon is shipped in from the Midwest, Blanch explains. That tends to raise the price of pork in this area. And, after a cost study of 43 sow-market hog operations in the Willamette valley, north-eastern Oregon, and the irrigated region in the central part of the state, Blanch is convinced that Oregon hog growers are just as efficient as those in the Midwest.

In his study, Blanch found it took an average of 438 pounds of barley, 18 pounds of protein supplement, 3 pounds of minerals and salt, 22 hog days of pasture, and 2.7 hours of labor for these producers to put 100 pounds of weight on a market hog and maintain the breeding herd.

Feed accounted for about 76 percent of the total cost of producing the hogs. Labor added another 14 percent, and capital and other costs came to around 10 percent.