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## These Things We Note

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The Dalles is properly very happy after assurance that the Harvey company will start building. It is the result of long effort to get industry into eastern Oregon.

T T W N

Eastern Oregon is the youngest part of the state, geologically, politically, economically, just as the west is youngest. Both still will grow while other parts are nearer decay.

T T W N

Every farmer knows that the place to store water is before it gets to a river. Holding it there is expensive and wasteful.

T T W N

Some people have to be asked to do things and some have to be asked to stop.

T T W N

The award giving usually begins in May when high school students get their diplomas and then it goes on through college commencement and the meetings of conventions where the vice-president drops his vice.

T T W N

Well, the man said, some kinds of faces look better in a moustache. And some kinds in whiskers.

T T W N

An expert is a man of science and wisdom who represents your side of the argument; an "expert" is a man of questionable veracity and knowledge who is a hireling of the other side.

T T W N

To the average man the worst thing about living is that he's always had to work. Now the Americans are trying to change that and the old, old dream of sublime existence in a hammock will be a reality—with gadgets.

T T W N

Democrats support President Eisenhower and will not vote for him; Republicans do not support him and will vote for him. That is only partly true, of course, but it is being used by Democrats who try to prove they are basically Republicans.

T T W N

Argument over Governor Smith's inaction in asking federal aid for Mitchell is based on the big government theory that the federal government must have its expensive fingers in everything. Smith had better wait until Mitchell himself asks for help. An Oregon governor once made Wheeler county a drought area without a request and had to change.

T T W N

Crime investigation in Portland is pretty bad, it even brought Mike Elliott back to town.

T T W N

The Metropolitan opera has cancelled the coming winter season because of labor trouble. Petrillo is finally killing the goose that laid the golden eggs—every pay-day.

T T W N

We hope the boys will remember that it wouldn't be any fun being a Republican if it wasn't for Democrats and the reverse.

T T W N

"Before my time", said Uncle Emmett, the tunes the young folks played were quaint and old fashioned, since my time the young people have been crazy about tunes that were silly and jazzy. The only ones of any account were the ones I danced to."

T T W N

Maybe you've noticed. The furnace hasn't been running for a week.

T T W N

We've never thought before that Hells canyon was so aptly named.

T T W N

Of course, the reason spuds are so high is that few persons have them.

T T W N

Whether it is sinful to make money or not we'll let the moralists argue, but it does raise the taxes, increase the blood pressure, make one a candidate for snobbery charges. If it wasn't such an interesting game it wouldn't be worth the rewards.

T T W N

One of the things we must learn is that holding a position or office doesn't qualify a man for it.



Elmer Barzee, aged, black Republican, shakes hands with Douglas McKay on the streets of Moro, during the visit of the senatorial candidate to Sherman county. Mr. Barzee, who lost a leg a few months ago gets around with the aid of a small electric car which permits him to get down town to visit with his friends.

### Douglas McKay Meets Voters At Home

Douglas McKay was in the county last Thursday, going from town to town, and from store to store to meet voters and let them talk about their ideas of politics.

Mr. McKay is the Republican candidate for U. S. senator, and former secretary of the Interior whose name is known to every Oregonian because of his long and honorable public service.

Friday he covered Wasco county and Monday flew to Pendleton to meet with officers of the Oregon Wheat League.

As Secretary of the Interior McKay's first allegiance was to President Eisenhower, who appointed him; as senator from Oregon his first allegiance will be to the citizens of Oregon. He will be in position to act to change the party's position on any subject whereas as a cabinet member his role was to execute decisions made by a group of which he was a part.

Jim Dyce is gone from his accustomed haunts and is lying in a hospital in The Dalles, a very sick man. We hope it doesn't change his fine good humor.

### Oregon's Farm Products Fail To Follow National Trend In Recent Price Rise

Hay and potatoes are about the only Oregon farm products that have been bringing better than average prices recently based on the past 10 years, M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist reports in his mid-year farm outlook.

Both hay and potato prices are running well above the 10-year average level. But Oregon's principal farm products—beef and dairy cattle—have returns more than one-fourth under average.

The average for all Oregon farm products at mid-June was 4 percent under the same time last year and 10 percent below the average for the past 10 years, says Thomas. Even so, the worst of the decline in farm product prices seems to be past for the time being at least.

The economist reports the following trends at mid-year.

Hog marketings will probably reach their summer low in July, then start moving up toward a November or December peak. This means hog prices are now close to the high point for the year, but aren't likely to fall as far as they did last year.

Supplies of fed beef, usually smallest during July-September, are likely to be smaller this year than last. And while the supply of grass-fat cattle may be larger than last fall, range conditions are better, especially in Oregon.

This means stocker and feeder cattle prices this fall shouldn't take the slump they did last year. Price in October and November aren't likely to be much lower than they were last fall—and could be a little higher, if the nation produces another large grain crop and fat cattle prices hold as strong during the next three months as seems probable.

Oregon's spring lamb market broke as usual about the middle of June, after opening in May at prices somewhat above a year earlier. Prices during the next three months will probably work

### Weather Warm As Mercury Goes To 96

The thermometer climbed to 96 at the station Wednesday almost reaching the 97 of July 9 which was high for the year to date. Evening breezes have come every night dropping the temperature down to 50 or 52 to cool off the atmosphere and make the heat start fresh every day. With no big buildings to reflect the sun's rays and the air in motion on the hills it has not been bad.

Rainfall totaling .13 inch has fallen during July with no benefit to crops other than to help cool the temperature down below the danger point for ripening wheat.

### GUS THOELKE HAS ANOTHER BROKEN LEG

Gus Thoelke drove his car into Barnum creek next to the bridge near his home Monday sustaining a broken leg which necessitated going to the hospital. The car was not badly damaged although it was standing on its nose until pulled from the creek.

Mr. Thoelke has only recently been able to disband one of his crutches used for months after another leg breaking accident.

### Vote on Allotment Quotas Due Today For Farmers

The Secretary of Agriculture has set July 20 as the date for a national referendum among wheat growers on marketing quotas for the 1957 wheat crop. At least two-thirds of the producers voting must approve quotas before they may be put into effect. When quotas are in effect, the producer who does not comply with his farm wheat acreage allotment will not be eligible for price support and will be subject to a penalty on his excess wheat. The local ASC county committee has established the following voting places for this referendum in the county: The Grass Valley Grain Growers office for the Kent and Grass Valley communities; county courthouse for the Moro community; and the city hall at Wasco for the Locust Grove and Wasco communities. Polls will be open from 8:0 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that the national average wheat support price for the 1957 production will be \$2.00 per bushel if quotas are approved in the referendum. At the \$2.00 national rate, wheat deposited in warehouses in Sherman county will receive a loan rate of approximately \$1.93 per bushel. This rate is the same as the 1956 wheat loan rate.

### Mrs. Ella Thompson Funeral Saturday

Mrs. Ella Thompson, widow of the late N. W. Thompson, died at Hillsboro Wednesday night from a long illness. With her husband Mrs. Thompson lived on a farm for years before moving to town where they ran a hardware store until retirement. She fell and broke a hip causing her to be bed-fast for her later years.

Surviving are a son, Harvey, two daughters, Mrs. Frances Henrichs and Mrs. Grace Busch, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at Rose cemetery with the Eastern Star in charge.

### Gravel Contract Let

The highway commission let a contract to Vernie Jarl of Gresham for \$31,900 for a rock crushing job on the Columbia river for rock to be used on Highway 30 and Highway 97. This will be at a site from which crews can haul rock for highway maintenance.

### Highway 97 Club Sign In Making

The Highway 97 club will have a sign at the Criterion Junction by the first of next week, according to a report given at the Tuesday night meeting at the Moro Hotel. The sign company put next Monday as the outside date for completion.

A report was given on the highway commission's attitude toward Highway 97 and B. H. Roberson told about the meeting of the Caribou Trail group at Bend and the pamphlets that organization is printing to advertise the international road between Weed, California and Dawson Creek, Alaska.

### World War II Vets Must Hurry

State educational benefits to Oregon's World War II veterans will end next December 31 unless they are in training before that date, the department of Veterans' Affairs warned today. The cutoff date was set by the 1955 legislature.

Raymond E. Petty, educational officer for the state veterans' department, which administers the program, said that veterans who have previously used the benefit may continue in training after December 31.

Veterans who have never used the state benefit but who are still interested in attending school may establish their eligibility by contacting their county veterans' service officer or the department of Veterans' Affairs, State Finance building, Salem or State Office building, Portland.

More than 8200 veterans have used the benefit to aid them in receiving an education. Most types of educational courses are approved under the program, but correspondence and hobby courses are not, Petty said.

There is no deadline for Korean veterans.

### Delegation Talks To Commission About Highways

A delegation from Sherman county attended the meeting of the highway commission last Friday and made brief statements on behalf of Highway 97 and the Wasco-Condon road in conjunction with a delegation from Wasco county.

Vernon Miller, county judge, and Sam VanVactor did the talking for Wasco-Condon, aided by Judge Mauser and E. R. Fatland of Condon. Value of the road for the hauling of wheat to market a shorter distance than at present was advanced, need for the road when the Columbia highway is impassable, and the saving of 17 miles from Condon to Wasco were other arguments made. No word on construction plans was given by the commission but a crew has been surveying in Grass Valley canyon.

Giles French, introduced by Judge Miller, spoke briefly for Highway 97 saying that it is truly an interstate and international highway, that it provided the easiest climb from the Columbia to the high lands of the interior and to California, that the Caribou Trail association was building a better road to connect with it and that a bridge across the Columbia was in prospect by 1958 by which time it was hoped the Sherman section could be all realigned. The commission was interested in the proposal and said that work would continue on the road according to schedule and it would probably be done by the time the bridge is built.

Attending the meeting from Sherman county were the above and Kenneth Sather and Charles Kuypers, county commissioners, and C. R. Morrison.

### Farming Dangerous Says Farm Bureau

"Farming is a dangerous business at any time, but during harvest season danger is increased by long hours and fatigue," said Gerald Detering, president of Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, in urging farmers to observe Farm Safety Week, July 22 to 28.

"In the rush to get crops in at the peak of perfection, more men work with more machines for longer hours, and the danger of accidents increases as the harvest progresses."

"Even though farmers are accustomed to working with dangerous equipment or around potentially dangerous animals, they should never for a moment relax their awareness of the danger of injury or death," Detering said. "This is especially true when other members of the family, neighbors or hired labor comes to the farm for seasonal work. Every precaution should be taken to protect them from accidental injury."

"The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation urges all farmers to join in the Farm Safety Week campaign, and to extend safety practices throughout the entire year," Detering stated. "There is no compensation for injury or loss of life, which could have been prevented by careful working habits."

### STANDARD ELECTS CANNON

Arthur M. Cannon has been elected vice-president and treasurer of Standard Insurance Company of Portland, Oregon, according to an announcement by W. P. Stalnaker, president, following the board of directors meeting Tuesday, July 17. He will assume his new duties early in September. Despite the similarity in name with Garnett E. Cannon, executive vice-president of the company, there is no family relationship.

Cannon comes to Standard from the University of Washington where he is professor of accounting and finance and on the faculty of its advanced management seminar. In addition to his teaching, Cannon serves the university in the management of its extensive property holding in the metropolitan center of downtown Seattle; and has been consultant to Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, Washington Public Utility Districts association, Puget Sound Power & Light company, and others.

A native of Portland, Cannon attended public schools there, in Hood River and in Toledo, Oregon where his father was superintendent of schools. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

### Ronnie Benson Hurt In Tractor-Weeder Accident Monday

Ronnie Benson is in a hospital in The Dalles suffering from multiple bruises after an accident that might have been more serious. He was driving tractor for Frank Sayrs pulling rod weeders when he "blacked out". The tractor ran through a fence, headed for the Deschutes river, and as it dropped over a ditch Benson was thrown out of the cab and ran over by the weeders.

When he came to he chased the tractor to shut it off and prevent it getting clear away and down into the breaks. After 600 yards he had shoved the throttle to low enough fuel that the machine stopped when mounting a knoll.

Sayrs found Benson lying in the weeders with one shoe gone and most of his other clothing stripped from his body. At the hospital he is getting along very well with no breaks in his bones.

### Library Association Elects Doris Coelsch

The annual meeting of the Moro Community Library association was held at the new library room last Friday afternoon. Officers elected were: Mrs. Stan Coelsch, president; Mrs. Orlov Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Marvin, secretary; Mrs. Lamer Sayrs, treasurer.

Business was conducted pertaining to the end of the year, and to the readying of the present room as a home for the library. A decision was made to not hold a story-hour this summer. Many books have been presented the library recently, and will be soon on the shelves. Fifty dollars worth of new children's and youth books will be ordered immediately.

The board acknowledged with grateful appreciation the receipt of a donation of \$200.00 from the Moro Woman's club, to compensate the library for having to move. Gratitude of the board goes to many persons of the community who donated time and labor toward preparing the new library room.

### Bond Sales Down Here In June

Sales of United States E and H Savings Bonds were excellent in Oregon in June, but showed a drop in this county when compared to a year ago.

Although 23 counties in the state had better sales last month than they had the year before, we were not on this select list. Sherman county's E and H bonds sales were \$12,664 last month compared to \$17,821 in the same month of 1955.

Total sales of E and H Bonds in Oregon in June of this year amounted to \$3,316,693, up 7.4% compared to June of 1955. Sales for the first-half of 1956 in Oregon totaled \$21,799,180, making this period the best first-half the state has had since World War II, with the single exception of last year.

### B. H. Roberson Chosen Highway 97 V.P.

B. H. Roberson and Jack Cushman went to Bend Saturday to attend a regional meeting of the Highway 97 association with the Caribou Trail association which elects officers jointly. Mr. Roberson was chosen a regional vice-president, being one of the three to hold such an office. Plans for a meeting at Pentiction in October were made.

### Albert Pleumke Dies At Madras Home

Albert (Dutch) Pleumke, 45, died at a hospital at Redmond Thursday night from a heart attack of a few hours earlier. He had been in vigorous health.

Mr. Pleumke was born in Moro in December of 1910 and obtained his education at Moro High school where he was a star full-back. After the war he went to Madras where he farmed, was town marshal, and later county commissioner of Jefferson county.

Surviving are his widow and a son and daughter, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pleumke of Portland, a sister, Mrs. Paul Smith of Albany and a brother, Carl of Albany.

Funeral services were held Monday at Madras with interment there.

### Fair Dates Are Sept. 13-14-15-16 Since Change

The Sherman County Fair will be held September 13-14-15-16 instead of September 6-7-8-9.

The fair board took such a change under advisement pending word from Mac Barbour with whom they have a contract to furnish bucking stock. He agreed to the change when reached by telephone Sunday night.

Asking for the change were members of the riding clubs of the county, represented at the board meeting by Fritz Watkins, Bill Alsop and Harold Brown. Some members of riding clubs want to go to the state fair with their horses and could hardly be back by Friday. They also asked permission to put on some riding exhibitions Friday afternoon and for some small prizes for the contests.

Tommy Thompson, county agent protested that it would be difficult to continue judging of 4-H and open class livestock with a horse show going on and timing for these events is still to be worked out. How much of a show the horsemen will put on will be determined later.

Another argument for a later date is the spring wheat in the south end of the county which will delay harvest. John Rolfe, board member, doubted if more than half the farmers south of Grass Valley would be through harvest by September 6.

Change in the dates means that judges will have to be hired again unless they have open dates and other program changes may have to be made including music, acts and race horses.

### Liquor Sales Drop In Sherman County

Sherman county liquor sales totaled \$62,838.30 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, which is a decrease of \$3,037.00 as compared with the preceding fiscal year, according to the Oregon liquor control commission, which reported total state sales of \$45,102,483.91. This is \$2,184,007.85 more than was collected during the preceding year.

The commission attributes the total increase in dollar volume to the fact that this is the first complete 12 month period to reflect price increases made May 1, 1955, following legislative recommendations that liquor prices be increased for more revenue to the state. Eleven counties showed declines in dollar volume and 25 reflected increases. However, the general increases are not matched by increases in the amount of liquor sold, the commission reports, case sales indicating that about 5,000 fewer cases were sold for the year.

### National Farm Price Index Up Again

Oregon farm prices failed to follow the national trend upward in June, says Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

There was a national average jump of 2 percent in prices received by farmers in June, with no increase in farm costs—the first time since 1948 that farm prices have advanced from May to June, Mrs. Horrell pointed out. However, Oregon prices failed to follow this trend and dropped 1 percent in the price index.

Oregon farm prices are now 4 percent below a year ago, in contrast to the nearly 2 1/2 percent increase chalked up over the past 12 months in the national average. Cotton, tobacco and oil-bearing crops—crops not grown in Oregon—helped lift the national average, Mrs. Horrell explained.

### Road Job Getting To Final Stages

Laying of the black top mix on the Moro-Grass Valley sector of Highway 97 is entering its fast phase. Start was made Wednesday on the new road southwest of Moro which has been left until last.

The job includes laying a two inch layer of the mix which is followed by an inch and a half layer of skid-proof top mixture later. Within the city limits the road surface will be from curb to curb. A seal coat is put down to bind the mix to the road surface preparatory to the laying of the plant mix.