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These Things We Note

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Disciplining yourself may not be much fun, but it beats letting someone else do it.

For many women the constant worry is whether to have the wash bowl clean or the family.

Local reaction to Gov. Clement's vitriolic speech we can gather is that Republicans are more positively so and Democrats are somewhat ashamed.

Remember reading a book once that said the theory of hell was all wrong because sinners would get used to it. Fact that there is much less complaining over second hot spell confirms writer's thesis.

Those who thought that age and experience would make something out of Harry Truman seem about ready to give up.

It looks as if the south is losing its battle for states rights, it being attached to an impossible concept—that of continued subjugation of negroes—but the entire nation is losing also. When we get centralized government we will not have a republic.

No planner on the Democratic committee was a weekly newspaper publisher or he would not have stood for the schedule of nominations on Thursday.

Egypt is too small to buck the big powers very long and Nasser is either ignorant or bluffing—may be both.

Party platforms remind us of a story. There was, it seems, a banker who tried to satisfy his borrowing customers by giving a sort of promise of financial aid which, unless conditions were good, was hard to obtain. "You didn't quite understand me," the banker used to say in giving his refusal. An irate borrower once exclaimed "Hell, no one understands you." A party platform is an effort to say nothing while promising everything; it contains strong words, well qualified, and if well done permits any future action without the change of a word. They are an example of the art of arousing hope without fulfilling desire.

It is entirely possible, but wouldn't it be strange if Morse found opportunity to double cross both parties?

We refuse to be afraid of the Russians as long as they live on cucumber and cabbage soup.

No money and no food in the house and when three of them returned from the picture show they discovered that a child had shot the old man. Some place we've lost our sense of values.

"To my great aunt," said Uncle Emmett, "all liquor was the same; she never tasted any of it knowing it all to be bad. Some critics remind me of her."

Think something new each day, eat something new each week, do something new each month and you'll grow old no more than a year annually, but it won't seem so dreary.

The Democrats ran off the convention just as long expected and the arguments and contests were mostly for show. None of the major disagreements were settled, just postponed.

If Oregon adopts the grand jury recommendation to suspend officials when indicted it will open a new way to get rid of officers, whether good or bad. Also it will be a way around the good old American theory that a man is innocent until proven guilty.

Come to think of it this year is getting pretty well used up.

Every story about Oregon's surplus will cause some voter to ask who is responsible for it. Answer: Only a few voted against it.

Japanese Here To See How Oregonians Raise Their Wheat

Oregon wheat growers will be hosts to a delegation of Japanese officials connected with the importation of wheat into that land next week. They are in Portland meeting with the chamber of commerce and viewing the shipping facilities.

Next Wednesday they will come to The Dalles to meet Floyd Root, Paulsen Kaseberg and Kenneth Fridley, who will take them through Sherman and Gilliam counties to stop at the Smith ranch going on to Pendleton. There they will see some harvesting, the experiment station, flour mill and other local attractions before going to Pullman to see the wheat laboratory.

This is all done as a means of promoting the sale of Oregon wheat to Japan, a campaign that is making rapid progress recently.

John Sanders Dies While At Work

John Sanders of Wasco died suddenly Tuesday afternoon while working at the Klondike elevator from a heart attack. Mr. Sanders was born at Cleveland, Wash., August 18, 1893, lived at Bickleton during his youth and served in the Marine corps during World War I and also in World War II.

He moved to The Dalles after the war and in 1953 moved to Wasco where he has worked for the grain growers. Surviving are his widow, Grace, two sons, Bruce and John of Wasco, a daughter, Mrs. Ila Clark of Merrill, a brother, Frank of Patterson, Wash., and a sister Mrs. Hazel Churchill of Patterson and three grand children.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Presbyterian church at Bickleton with Rev. Richard Bruner of Wasco officiating. Deceased was a member of the IOOF at Bickleton.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent and that contributions be sent to the heart fund, care of Dr. Stevenson at The Dalles.

MORE E BONDS BOUGHT IN SHERMAN COUNTY

Sales of United States E Savings Bonds continue to be very high both in Oregon and in the nation, according to the report received today by the county Saving Bonds committee.

Oregonians bought \$2,619,312 worth of these popular securities last month, slightly lower than in July of 1955, but higher than any other recent year. Combined sales of E and H bonds in the state last month were \$3,192,977.

In this county, E and H bond sales last month totaled \$2667, compared to \$1801 last July.

4-H Kids Getting Ready For Fair

One hundred fifty Sherman county 4-H club members are looking forward to exhibiting 230 4-H projects at the forthcoming Sherman county fair, September 13-16, County Agent Thompson indicates.

Fair books and entry blanks were mailed to all club members this week. Entries and exhibits are due September 12. Projects to be exhibited include: beef, sheep, swine, horses, several classes of clothing, cooking food preservation, knitting, electricity and woodworking.

Jay Binder, Jefferson county agent, will handle judging of 4-H open classes of beef and swine. Sheep, poultry, rabbits, horticultural and field crops will be judged by Norton Taylor, county agent, Milton-Freewater. Mrs. K. Tellefson, Hermiston will judge the 4-H home economics pavilion exhibits. A 4-H special contest judge has not been selected to date.

Participation by some 4-H members in the Oregon State fair, 1-8, will require some pre-fair judging. Members of the Tractor Maintenance club will hold a driving and safety inspection contest Sunday, August 26, fairgrounds, Moro, to select a delegate for the State Fair. Girls to represent the county in dress revue will be selected Monday, August 27. Other club members and projects will be selected for State Fair competition.

Program and plans for the 4-H activities at the county fair will be planned by the 4-H Leaders' association Thursday evening August 23, county courthouse, Moro.

Fort Simcoe Dedicated; Mixed With History

A new state park in Washington was dedicated to public use Sunday with some assistance from Oregon. Old Fort Simcoe, southwest of White Swan, was built in August 1856 on orders from Col. Wright, commanding Fort Dalles and Co's F and G, 9th Infantry built the fort under direction of Louis Scholl, architect for the army.

Sunday, after the federal government had authorized leases by Indian tribes for more than 25 years, Chief Alex Saluskin, head of the Yakima tribal council presented to Governor Arthur Langlie a scroll providing for the long time lease of the grounds to the state for the park bureau which is restoring the remaining buildings of the fort area.

The Wasco county Pioneer association participated by a speech by its president who told of the connection between Fort Dalles and Fort Simcoe and the life activities of Nathan Olney, first permanent resident of The Dalles, first keeper of a ferry across the Deschutes, first road viewer for Sherman county and prominent citizen of Wasco county 100 years ago, who married a Warm Springs woman and died at Fort Simcoe in 1866. Dr. Thomas Griffith, who was once physician at the school at Fort Simcoe, dedicated a plaque honoring Mr. Olney at his grave on the park grounds and the party met many descendants of the Olney family during the ceremonies which were attended by some 10,000 persons.

Football Attracts "B" Shrine Squads

Under 90 degree weather, two Shrine All-Star teams got their first workout Monday when the coaches started active preparation for the fifth Class B game to be held on the Round-Up grounds at Pendleton August 25.

Sunburn proved to be an occupational hazard, especially for the West team, but Head Coach Connie Sproul of Siletz and assistant Coach Tom Van Etten of Monroe expressed their satisfaction on the condition of the team. Sproul summed up his team with these words, "Barring injuries, we will be able to show any team a rough evening by game time." Of the four games played to date, the West has won three, two of them by a one point margin. The rough practice session will be interrupted Saturday when the teams travel to Portland to watch the A game and make a trip through the Shrine hospital.

A street parade at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon will start the pageantry that has become an interesting feature of these games. The field pageantry will start at 7:30. A policeman's ball will follow the game in Pendleton's new Armory adjacent to the Round-Up grounds.

Dress Revue To Be Judged Aug. 27

The Sherman county 4-H dress revue will be judged Monday, August 27, at the courthouse according to an announcement by Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent. This will enable the winners to attend the State Fair Dress Revue, which will be held in Salem September 7.

The 4-H dress show will be held during the county fair as usual Friday, September 14 and the placings will be given at that time. Having the garments judged ahead of time will eliminate some of the confusion on dress show day.

Mrs. Kemble Tellefson of Hermiston will do the judging. If for some reason it will not be possible for a girl to be present on the 27th her garment will be judged during the county fair.

Girls who live in or near Moro may bring their garments to the courthouse at 11:00 a. m. Sew It's Fun and Charming Youngs groups will be judged at 1:30 p. m. Teen Age Miss and Clothes For Fun and Sun at 2:00 p. m. Clothing IV and V at 2:30 p. m.

After these separate groups are judged the champion and reserve champion will be selected. This will also give the girls an opportunity to practice modeling before appearing at the county fair revue.

New W heats Show Ability To Control Smut; Premium Lists, Entry Grain Crop May Be Bigger Ever Harvested Here

Pacific Northwest wheat growers are in the best position ever to combat wheat smut that costs the region millions of dollars each year, report Oregon State college scientists.

The tide is being turned with a combination of the highly smut-resistant new wheat varieties, Omar and Columbia, plus a new seed treatment to control soil-borne spores of common smut (bunt). The potent, double-barreled weapon comes at a time when smut incidence has been on the upswing for about 10 years.

Seed treatment with hexachlorobenzene (HCB) marks the first satisfactory attempt to control soil-borne smut spores. The treatment does not completely eliminate smut from soil-borne spores but it proved 4 to 7 times more effective than the long-used standard mercury treating materials for reducing smut in regional tests this year. The program is under the supervision of C. S. Holton, U. S. department of agriculture plant pathologist stationed at the State College of Washington.

Although Omar and Columbia are resistant to all known races of smut, seed should be treated to prevent or delay the rise of new smut strains, says Chester Horner, OSC plant pathologist. Through the years, smut has exhibited an uncanny ability to maintain itself with new races that broke down previously resistant wheat varieties.

HCB Safer Smut Killer

HCB in 40 percent formulations gave good protection against both soil-borne and seed-borne smut spores. The old mercury treatments destroy seed-borne spores but give no protection against soil-borne spores that plague winter wheat growers. Soil-borne smut germinates in the fall, along with winter wheat, and infects the wheat plant seedlings.

As a seed treatment, HCB is specific for "stinking smut". Unfortunately, it will not control other smuts of wheat nor the smuts of oats and barley. Neither will it control any other diseases that might occur in these crops.

Details for treating seed with HCB may be obtained from county extension agents. HCB is slightly cheaper than mercury materials and applicators or seed handlers. Mercurial materials are poison and require extreme caution in handling.

Farm field trials this year in the normally heavy smut area of

northern Sherman county showed only one-fourth as much smutty wheat from HCB-treated seed as from the mercury treatment.

Ninety per cent of Sherman county's seed stock was treated last year with HCB. The program was a result of cooperation between commercial seed treaters and Thomas Thompson, Sherman county agent; William Hall, superintendent of the OSC Sherman branch experiment station; and Horner.

In commercial fields trials near Pullman, Dr. Holton reported that mercury-treated areas had 4 to 7 times more smut than the HCB-treated areas. Dr. Holton says these results, together with those of previous years, show that HCB provides a highly significant measure of protection against soil-borne common bunt which makes it a preferred treatment for winter wheat.

4-H Leaders To Plan Events

Sherman county 4-H Leaders' association will meet at the court house August 23 at 8:00 p. m. Leonard Fields, president, will preside. The group will discuss plans for the 4-H division of the Sherman County Fair and for the State Fair. They will make out a schedule of events for the demonstrations, contests, livestock judging, home economics and dress revue.

Mrs. Earl Gentry is vice-president of the group and Ina B. Hanson, secretary-treasurer.

Ina B. Hanson will judge the 4-H clothing exhibit and dress revue at the Jefferson County Fair August 16-17 and at the Walla Walla County Fair in Enterprise August 20-22.

School Opening Set For September 10

Schools in Sherman county will open September 10 unless some belated change is made in the schedule. The first three days will be registration and preliminaries because the final two days of the week the county fair will take many 4-H members to the fair to participate in stock showing or some of the more feminine activities of dress making and cooking.

It is probable that the high school will be able to move into the new building sometime in November and football games will probably be played on the field in town this year.

Court Takes Harvest Time To Pay County Bills

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF AUGUST 1, 1956
TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims presented and allowed against all funds.
Treasurer's financial statement showing all fund balances as of July 31, 1956, presented, approved and ordered filed.

Gasoline consumption for month of July, 1956, presented and ordered filed.

County Clerk's annual report of budget expenditures and report of fees collected and disbursement of same for July 1955 to June 30, 1956 inclusive, presented, approved and ordered filed.

Re: Predatory Animal Control. Court signs order to pay \$572.00 to State Treasurer for matched funds.

Re: Rural Fire Patrol District—G. Moon of Wasco appears before court discussion ensued of importance of a rural fire district in north end of county—matter taken under advisement.

Re: Adoption Budget 1956-57—Order signed adopting budget for said fiscal year.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1956 APPROVED AUGUST 1 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:
ELECTIONS:
Judges and Clerks—Election Boards, \$264.50

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
N. Fields \$70.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$390.15

CLERK'S OFFICE:
The Harold Co., \$1758.20—photostat machine; Moro Postmaster, \$10.00; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., \$59.50

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
Royal Typewriter Co., \$97.50

COURT HOUSE:

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$27.25; Pacific Tel. & Tel. \$64.90; City of Moro, \$13.35

CIRCUIT COURT:

Jury—mileage, \$12.00

COUNTY COURT:

Kuyper, \$29.20

JUSTICE COURT:

City of Wasco, \$10.00—rent

INSANITY: Thomas E. Griffith, M. D. \$7.50, Frank Seale.

COUNTY PRINTING:

Sherman County Journal, \$23.79

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

General Assistance, \$207.75; Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled, \$176.25; Aid to dependent Children, \$314.75; Old Age Assistance, \$840.00

COUNTY JAIL:

Board of Prisoners, \$2.85

GOVT TRAPPER:

Gordon Mitchell, \$65.83

AMBULANCE FUND:

Russ Volstorff Pontiac, \$500.00

DEMOS PARK:

Pac. Power & Light Co., \$1.50

U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SER.:

State Treasurer, \$572.00—matched funds.

ASSN' OF OREGON COUNTIES:

Dues \$5.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

EMERGENCY FUND:
Standard Oil Co., \$24.94; Consolidated Pityaws, \$2.06—spray for Rufus.

COURTHOUSE INSURANCE:

W. T. Balsiger, Ins., \$300.00

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS:

John A. Foss, Ins., \$45.00 (Burnet & O'Meara) Frank Ketter, Ins., \$31.53 (John Rolfe) U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., \$25.00 (M. Coons)

MISCELLANEOUS:

First National Bank, \$212.30; State Tax Comm., \$45.23; Social Security, \$90.46; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$8.73

ROAD FUND:

Premium Lists, Entry Grain Crop May Be Bigger Ever Harvested Here

Premium lists, booklets showing the prizes available at the Sherman county fair, together with rules and regulations are being distributed and may be obtained from the secretary, Mary O. Coons, from the county agent or from the Sherman County Journal office.

Entry blanks are also available so that open class exhibitors or 4-H exhibitors can prepare to make their entries before the fair and reserve such room as may be needed for exhibits, livestock or pavilion displays.

More Fertilizer Now Being Purchased

Fertilizer sales in Oregon reached an all-time high of 120,871 tons in the first six months of this year, says J. D. Patterson, chief chemist for the state department of agriculture. The record was an increase of 16,734 tons over fertilizer sales in the same period in 1955, figure is from inspection fee reports made to the department.

The same reports show sales of agricultural limes were down to 14,617 tons—the lowest during any six months recording period. Agricultural mineral sales dipped to 14,491 tons or 651 tons under sales in the first half of 1955. This was the second highest agricultural mineral tonnage for any six-months period. Agricultural minerals include such products as soil sulphur, gypsum, boron, ground rock sulphate and metallic salts. These figures do not include sales made in packages of five pounds or less.

Over 200 Killed So Far In 1956

Oregon's 1956 traffic death toll has passed the 200 mark. Street and highway accidents claimed at least 31 lives in July to boost the seven-month toll to 216, the department of motor vehicles reported today.

State safety officials say July toll was 15 below the toll for July last year. The count might have to be revised upward later if delayed reports are received or if persons injured should later die.

On the strength of the July reduction noted so far, however, the state's toll for the first time this year stands below that of last year at the same time. At the end of July last year, deaths numbered 220.

Be Bigger Ever Harvested Here

Cutting of wheat will be nearly ended north of Nigger ridge by the end of the week with nearly everyone finished except a few with large amounts of acres or with poor luck during harvest. South of the ridge cutting will require another week or more.

The crop was a good one and it may be the largest number of bushels of both wheat and barley will be warehoused this year, even more than in 1948 which was the county's biggest year to date.

There will be less wheat than in 1948 because of the federal regulations but the total of wheat and barley may be as large or more.

Weather conditions for harvest have been generally good with only one little rain being all that stopped threshing. Mornings were seldom damp enough to stop the cutting and the job has gotten along at good speed.

As farmers finish the big harvest they pile their families into cars to take a short vacation at the beach or some cool place to grab a bit of rest before coming home to start the children in school and get ready to seed another crop.

Loan Associations In New Location

The Dalles National Farm Loan association has now moved its office in The Dalles to the new First Federal Savings and Loan Building, 4th and Court Streets. The Dalles, where they will occupy joint space with the Mid-Columbia Production Credit association. Mr. Thos. Whitman, secretary-treasurer reported this week.

Mr. Whitman expressed the thought that since many farmers and ranchers are members of both the associations the grouping of all activities under one roof would prove of greater convenience to the members. Off street parking is provided which will no doubt be appreciated by the members, and all are invited to visit the office anytime they are in The Dalles.

The secretary-treasurer also reports that The Dalles National Farm Loan association extended \$526,000 in long term credit to farmers and ranchers in this area during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956.

BPA Finishes New Lines From McNary

Bonneville Power Administration's 176-mile, 345,000 volt transmission line from McNary Dam powerhouse to the J. D. Ross substation at Vancouver, via Big Eddy, was constructed at an estimated cost of over \$14,000,000. The transmission line will carry the highest voltage and be the longest transmission line of its type west of the Rockies.

Completion and initial energization at the conventional 230,000 volts of the line from McNary Dam to Vancouver-Portland load centers took place October 1955. Transformer installations for operation of the line at the super high voltage of 345,000 volts is scheduled for August, 1956.

Operation at 345,000 volts will enable the transmission line to carry about 320,000 kilowatts, or the power from more than four of the huge McNary Dam generators, directly to Vancouver-Portland load centers. This would supply all the current power needs of the city of Portland with a single transmission line. Transmission at the super high voltage enables the line to carry about double the power of the conventional high voltage lines operated at 230,000 volts. This makes possible great savings in power transmission costs as the line requires about the same width of right-of-way as the conventional high voltage lines and costs of the stronger towers and larger conductor are only slightly greater.

BOY RECOVERING

Ryan Johnson, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson is getting along fine after his return from Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., where his mother took him to correct a long ailment.