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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

A state senator has said he will introduce a bill to give the state authority over banking hours. It is no more the state's business how long a bank stays open than it is when this newspaper is published or a farmer sows his barley.

T T W N
Before election some folks said they were worried about the chance of "mutations" in humans fearing that the race might thus degenerate. Did they happen to think it might be improved. Equal chance.

T T W N
If we are to have a law controlling, or even reporting, campaign expenditures it should be enforced. In Oregon, it isn't.

T T W N
Actually the group that should be most worried about the growth of local taxes is the federal administration. Local taxes reduce federal.

T T W N
It's just a month until the sun starts back. About time for it certainly isn't very warm now.

T T W N
Sometimes this Khrushchev seems like a flanker put out to the left to decoy the defense out of position. Surely, that guy can't be the quarterback.

T T W N
We noted a soil conservationist burning leaves.

T T W N
One group of young men will enjoy a late Thanksgiving dinner more than another in Oregon this year. If the teams play as they did Saturday the under dog should win.

T T W N
We wonder what is going to happen to sportsmen, who seem to be winning complete control over fish and game and making great strides over control of natural resources of scenery and forest. They are well organized but even that will not make them successful without a better attitude than they have so far shown.

T T W N
It looks as if Khrushchev will have to take the cure. Communism is never going to win favor in the world with his kind of brutal leadership.

T T W N
Americans like ease and comfort and have well rewarded those who bring it to them. If you find anything else they'll pay for you can get rewarded, too.

T T W N
Eisenhower says "modern Republicanism" means that it is the responsibility of the federal government to see that no one suffers privation through no fault of his own. And that it means preserving free enterprise, integrity in federal fiscal operations, a sound dollar and dispersion of power. Sounds OK, but it may be the president meant that no one was to suffer except by his own fault. Won't they even let a man make a mistake?

Joe Griggs, back from Oklahoma, says it has rained there. We hear about the dust storms, and not about the rains.

T T W N
Texas is growing very fast and has low per capita taxes. Legislators take note.

T T W N
Multnomah county Democrats went back quite a ways but found an honest man for sheriff.

T T W N
My fine old aunt who is a glass fancier and a teetotaler is upset because the whiskey companies are advertising such fine bottles as Christmas gifts.

T T W N
Unhappiness can be a habit.

T T W N
It seems to be considered news when a city judge gets niched for traffic errors; something like man bites dog, we guess.

T T W N
Fewer new homes not year, says a headline. Maybe a little competition in building, too.

T T W N
We wouldn't enjoy gas rationing but it would save a lot of money.

Church Council Holding Meeting In The Dalles

There will be an evangelistic rally in The Dalles next Tuesday to which Sherman countians are invited, says Harold Fowler, pastor of the Wasco Christian church.

The first meeting will be from 2:30 until 4:30 at the Congregational church and at 4:30 different denominations will meet to talk over their own problems. In the evening at 7:30 the group will meet again at the Christian church.

Heading the rally are Dr. Ross Griffith, president of the Oregon Council of Churches and Jesse Bader, a member of the national council.

Veterans Pay More Taxes This Year

The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$135 this year, a gain of 18 per cent over last year and 68 per cent higher than he paid in 1952.

This fact was disclosed by Roy V. Bell, auditor for the state department of Veterans' Affairs, which has just finished paying the 1956-57 taxes on the properties of World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans.

The veteran borrower pays his taxes monthly to the department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before November 15, to earn the veteran a 3 per cent discount.

The department this year paid taxes on 11,407 homes and farms in the amount of \$1,544,903.

In Sherman county, the tax on two properties amounted to \$128.87.

Sales of U.S. Bonds Up In Oregon

Sales of United States Treasury Saving Bonds in October were \$3,761,938 for the State of Oregon, up 7% over those of last year. In this county, sales last month were \$2,476 compared to \$21,252 for October of 1955.

Volunteer Savings Bonds workers in many Oregon counties are hopeful that generally good crops in the state this year will result in at least normal sales for the state during the remainder of the year. Our sales for the first ten months of this year were the best we have had in the state since 1945, except for last year.

County Agent County Rambles For News of Agriculture

COUNTY RAMBLIN'S

Galvanized roofing that shows signs of rusting can be painted with a coat of metallic paint to give added protection. A second coat added three or four years after the first coat will provide some increased light over the two coats applied at the same time.

A small barley observation nursery was planted on the Leland Medler farm between the Don and Bill Macnab farms, the middle of November. Varieties seeded were Harland, Hudson, Winter Club, Alpine, Olympis, Flynn No. 37 and Spray. Additional varieties will be seeded in the spring for further observation. Purpose of the nursery seeding is to observe height, growth and stiffness of straw that are a particular problem in this area.

Irrigated alfalfa producers were informed last week of the use of three pounds of the new chemical Karmex DW applied with 30 gallons of water per acre to control most weed pests in alfalfa stands. Scattered tests throughout Eastern Oregon in the past years have shown that the best time to apply the material is between October 15 and December 15 on alfalfa stands that are at least 1 year of age. The application of this material can knock out 90 per cent of the cheatgrass and Canada blue grass and 100 per cent of the annual foxtail barley that gets a jump on the alfalfa in the spring and shortens the life of the stand.

Cost of the treatment runs around \$2.00 an acre. Therefore, dry land fields that are infested with cheatgrass could not return enough additional forage to pay for the expense. Possibly in the near future other materials will be available that will reduce this cost and could be used on dry land alfalfa. Treated fields generally remain very free of weeds for at least three years.

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New Sherman High School Nearly Ready

The new Sherman high school building is getting along toward completion with a large part of the painting done, heating elements going in, the acoustic tile being nailed on the ceilings and a general appearance of a school building coming over the rambling structure.

The gymnasium floor has been laid, the basketball baskets placed and the lights installed. It would be possible to practice in it although some doors would be helpful. It must be painted yet but paint goes on fast these days. It is big enough to store all the hay in the county.

The gymnasium end of the building has been painted a light yellow and the cafeteria a brilliant pink, the school building a modest gray. Followers of pastel shades will have different color names than these. Interior colors are also pastel shades and are generally soft and pleasing. They will be easy on the eyes and restful. Ceilings are of white tile, and will make rooms more quiet.

Equipment and wood work is being moved into the rooms ready for painting. This includes shelves, storage cabinets and work tables. Lockers are installed in the hall and heating men are getting the radiators in place under the windows.

The contractors are leveling the playing field and getting it ready for sowing to grass and the local athletic club is helping so the field can be large enough to accommodate a football field, a baseball field and a quarter mile track.

Unless some bad luck arises to plague the workers it seems likely that school can begin in the new building after the first of the year, a little later than planned but that will make it possible to move during the holidays.

A dedication of the building, together with a program and an open house is planned within a month by the school board so that every one can come and look over the building and see what his tax money has bought in the way of gymnasium, recreation facilities, shop and education rooms.

The meeting for organization of a tax league set for Friday, November 23, has been postponed to Tuesday, November 27. Court House.

Farmers Making Own Re-appraisal of Farm Land for Assessment

Farmers met at the court house Tuesday to plan for the tax appraisal. The county has been divided into six sections with five farmers from each forming a committee to consider the value of all land. Best land will be rated at 100 and the remainder in smaller figures. When it is all done a figure is set for the value of the top land and percentages applied to all land.

By this method farmers will be appraising their own and resulting in a smaller charge for the work and probably a more satisfactory job than could be obtained in any other way.

Mrs. Marie Smith Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Marie Barnett Smith died in a hospital in The Dalles Saturday after a lengthy illness that has kept her hospitalized for several weeks. She came to Grass Valley in 1903 and was married to Clyde Smith, living on a ranch in the Rutledge country until 1949. She has been living at Goldendale recently. She was 75.

Surviving are a brother, Tommy Barnett of Grass Valley and two nieces, Mrs. Edgar Alley and Mrs. Bill Johnson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church with Rev. Don Leach officiating. Interment will be in the Odd-Fellows cemetery at Grass Valley.

Better Foods Help Everyday Living

Oregon families and others from across the country every day receive dividends in better diets, extra leisure hours and easier meal preparation from more and better processed foods, say food marketing specialists at Oregon State college.

And they predict the trend will continue during the next year as more mixes, frozen and dehydrated foods come into local markets.

A phenomenal increase in sale of processed foods has come about almost overnight, reports Zelma Reigle, OSC marketing specialist. In 1954, some 359 million cakes were baked from packaged mixes, 12 times as many as in 1947. Frozen fish stick sales rose from 7.3 million pounds in 1953 to 44 million pounds in 1954.

Nominations Made For ASC Offices For Next Year

Members of the Community Election boards for five communities met recently at the Sherman ASC county office to choose candidates or community committeemen for the 1957 year. Nominated from these communities were: KENT: Hans Bardenhagen, Ed Fritts, Jesse Helyer, Art Justesen, J. E. Norton, John Reckman and Bob Tatum.

GRASS VALLEY: Willard Barnett, Ivan Blagg, Bud Brinkert, Wm. A. Brinkert, John Buehler, Elton Eakin, Bob Holmes, Eben Kee, Gordon Lemley, and Roy Schilling.

MORO: Stan Coelch, Mac Hall, Irving Hart, Joe Heater, Blaine Miller, Collis Moore, Ronald Powell, Howard Ross, Carroll Sayre, and Don Thompson.

WASCO: Jerry Barnett, L. E. Dehler, Bill Macnab, Don Macnab, Don McDermid, Elton Medler, Leland Medler, Delmar Smith, Marvin Thomas, and Glenn Van Gilder.

LOCUST GROVE: Al Dormaier, Leonard Fields, Willard Harper, Virgil Larimore, Curtis Neal, Richard Yocum, and H. M. Zell. Those named will be listed on ballots and voters will choose a chairman, vice-chairman, member and two alternates for each community. Voting will be by mail and farmer will receive their ballots this week with return set for December 3. The person elected chairman will also be a delegate to the county meeting later in December to choose the county committee for 1957. Farmers who do not receive a ballot in the mail can obtain one at the local ASC office in Moro.

Wasco Rebekahs Have Donut Feed

Seventeen members were present at the last meeting of the Rebekahs. During the business meeting they ordered Christmas cards and Mrs. Leo Watkins was appointed a member of the United Nations Youth Pilgrimage committee. The meeting adjourned, the members went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines for donuts and coffee, as Mrs. Haines, president, was unable to attend the meeting.

LeRoy Martin Now Sports Editor of OSC Barometer

Leroy S. Martin of Kent has been named sports editor of the Oregon State college Daily Barometer, student newspaper.

Martin was a sports columnist and a sports night editor before becoming sports editor.

A senior majoring in agriculture, Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Martin of Kent. He is a 1952 graduate of Moro high school.

Oregonians Have Cars Enough To Ride

Oregon could easily transport every person in the state in the privately owned passenger cars registered in 1955 — and there would be plenty of room for baggage, according to the Oregon Motor association.

Figures compiled on per capita motor vehicle registration for 1955 show that Oregon had one passenger car for every 2.6 persons in the state. In that respect, Oregon was in a tie for fourth place in per capita registration, having the same ratio as Michigan.

In first place is the state of Nevada with a ratio of 2.3 persons per passenger car, while the District of Columbia was at the bottom of the list with a ratio of 4.8.

Oregon had 735,947 privately owned passenger cars in 1955, the Motor association reported. In this classification, California tops the list for the nation with a registration of 5,299,589 while New York is in second place with 4,131,794 passenger cars. Pennsylvania is next with a registration of 3,208,177 vehicles.

In total passenger car registrations, Oregon stands in 28th place, while Nevada is last with 94,505 cars.

Herb Lawrence Killed In Evening Accident

Herbert William Lawrence, 27, recently moved to Mosier, was killed Friday night when he drove his car into the rear of a loaded truck at the west end of The Dalles. It was dark and raining with short visibility.

Herbie Lawrence is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawrence of Moro and is a graduate of Moro high school where he was a half-back on the football team.

Since army service he has lived in The Dalles where he was steadily employed until buying a tavern in Mosier recently. He is married and only a few weeks ago became the father of a son, Herbert Kelly. He has a sister here, Mrs. Ted Thompson and another, Mrs. Bert Lile of Portland.

The motor of the Lawrence car ran under some protruding timbers on the truck, which was just pulling onto the highway, and the load pushed in the windshield and rolled back the top of the car. Lawrence was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 20 in The Dalles with interment in a cemetery there.

Farm Prices Down A Little, Buying Same

Prices received by farmers slipped a little in October, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college. Lower prices on meat animals, corn, potatoes, poultry, eggs and cotton more than offset higher prices on dairy products, some vegetables, cottonseed and wheat.

Farm buying power held practically unchanged, however, Mrs. Horrell said, since farm costs about the same as in September and the drop in prices wasn't sharp enough to bring about any change in the parity ratio. The parity ratio in October was 82 — same as October 1955.

Farm costs held steady, with higher wage rates offsetting lower prices on the production items farmers buy.

The lower-cost production items were mostly farm-produced goods. Mrs. Horrell pointed out. Feed and feeder livestock were the lower, and corn prices dropped sharply as the near-record new corn crop became available. However, farmers paid higher prices for many manufactured items, with new automobiles, motor supplies, and other products using metal all carrying higher price tags.

Sherman Mauls Merrill; Going to Stanfield Friday

By Larry Thompson

Again the Sherman Huskies, under the direction of Coach Berry Bethke have found their way along the victory trail with a resounding 25-6 win over the Merrill Huskies, at Hood River, Saturday, November 17. The Huskies of Sherman HI had too much speed and line-play for the Merrill eleven and only with the Sherman second string in did the Merrill crew touch paydirt.

Fullback Jim Rodda scrambled 17 yards into the end zone for the first Sherman tally of the day. Jim Brown missed his conversion attempt and the Huskies were in the lead for good. This run capped a 76 yard drive starting on the Sherman 24 yard line, and it took only 10 plays.

Jim Rodda also plunged over from the one yard stripe for the second Sherman TD. This time Jim Brown made good the conversion attempt and the Huskies led 13-0. The Huskies made this drive in 13 plays for the 79 yards.

Sherman came back in the third quarter with another TD and a drive of about 70 yards, with Sterling Gochbauer cutting back after bursting into the Merrill secondary and racing for another six points. His run covered 11 yards and he showed his speed and cutting ability on this run. Brown again missed the conversion and the Huskies held a 19-0 lead.

The final Husky tally of the game was made by Rob Hastings on a one foot plunge on the quarterback sneak. Brown missed the PAT and the Huskies finished with a 25 point total to their credit, ample for the victory margin.

Merrill Finally Scores

Merrill finally scored with about three minutes remaining in the game. The score was made on a 26 yard pass and run play from Tom O'Neill to John Haskins. Merrill rolled up 232 yards, 166 on the ground and 66 in the air, and made 12 first downs.

The victorious Sherman Huskies racked up a total of 328 yards of which 305 were made on the ground and 18 in the air. The Huskies also pilled up 17 first downs. Jim Brady and Jim Belshaw lead the Huskies in tackles with 11 apiece, Belshe also blocked a punt. Gene Cantrall followed them closely with 10 stops.

Leading the Husky offense was Sterling Gochbauer who rolled up a total of 81 yards on 13 carries for a 6.1 average per carry. Jim Rodda boomed his way for 74 yards on 12 carries for a six yard per carry average. Lou Miller did a very good job for the Huskies in running the offensive unit and running the option play off of the split T.

The Huskies will play the Stanfield Tigers Friday, November 23, at Stanfield. The Tigers handed the Huskies their only loss of the season, and that was a very wicked drubbing, the final score 34-0.

City Officers Invited To State Meet

Newly elected officials of Oregon cities have been invited to attend the 31st annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities, according to an announcement by Mayor Peter G. Cosovich of Astoria, league president. The convention will be held in Portland, November 25-28. A special welcome will be extended at the Tuesday luncheon to all newly elected officials and to Governor-elect Robert Holmes and Secretary-elect Mark Hatfield.

The emphasis of the convention program will be on the fringe area problem now facing many Oregon cities. Governor Elmo Smith will address the convention on "The Governor Looks at Oregon's Cities" and will discuss the state's interest in the fringe area problem. Mr. Charles H. Reynolds, member of the State Highway commission, will outline state policy with reference to the federal highway program in Oregon.

Slated for special honors at the convention are James O. Conville and J. L. Franzen, who retired from city service last July after many years as city managers and as officers of the League of Oregon Cities. Mr. Conville served as city manager of Astoria and Corvallis, and Mr. Franzen of Oregon City and Salem.