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These Things We Note

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Japan has been admitted to the United Nations to sit as an equal with Costa Rica, Luxembourg, Cambodia and Laos.

T T W N

Perhaps the best definition of a modern liberal is one who hasn't any principles and wouldn't stay with them if he had.

T T W N

Farm production in this country has tended to exceed demand for 45 years in spite of rapidly increasing population—and the trend is likely to continue, says an Oregon State college agricultural economist.

T T W N

If the problem of inflation is decided by politics it will surely be decided wrong. But then it will have some benefits: if let loose inflation will do away with politicians for the whole system will fall.

T T W N

There isn't much point in Oregon asking for a Columbia river dam as long as so much of the power is reserved for Washington. Better wait until the allocation is made more equal.

T T W N

Usually what small business needs is management instead of loans.

T T W N

Some folks may throw their money around carelessly and foolishly but we'd still rather live in a country where that is possible than in a country where there wasn't any money to throw.

T T W N

The American Farm Bureau, biggest of the farm organizations, has gone on record as opposing government controls. After all these years of ignorance and oppression. Thank God.

T T W N

Those who have money tied up in social security should be the ones most interested in stopping inflation. They have the most to lose.

T T W N

When government controls come in flexibility flies out the window. Look at transportation. Government prevents railroads from competing and as a result all freight rates are higher because barge and truck lines work to keep rail rates up. Look at agriculture. The nation needs agricultural production to fit its needs while government puts a bonus on crops not in demand. We have trouble making progress with government interference because government nearly always interferes to save the status quo from the onslaught of progress.

T T W N

Over the state the drums are rolling for a bill to erect a 4-H hall at the state fair grounds. As a matter of fact most counties, including this one could put up their 4-H entrants at the best hotel in Portland and escort them to the fair grounds by taxi cheaper than to pay their part of such a building and upkeep for the few days used.

T T W N

If the relief agencies were gathering material for Hungarians who stayed home (and could deliver it) there would be better response than there has been for those who ran away.

T T W N

After 35 years the Russians are elevating men to high places who look a little less like brutes.

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We may not be friendly with every country but we are every country's banker. And it is hard to be both.

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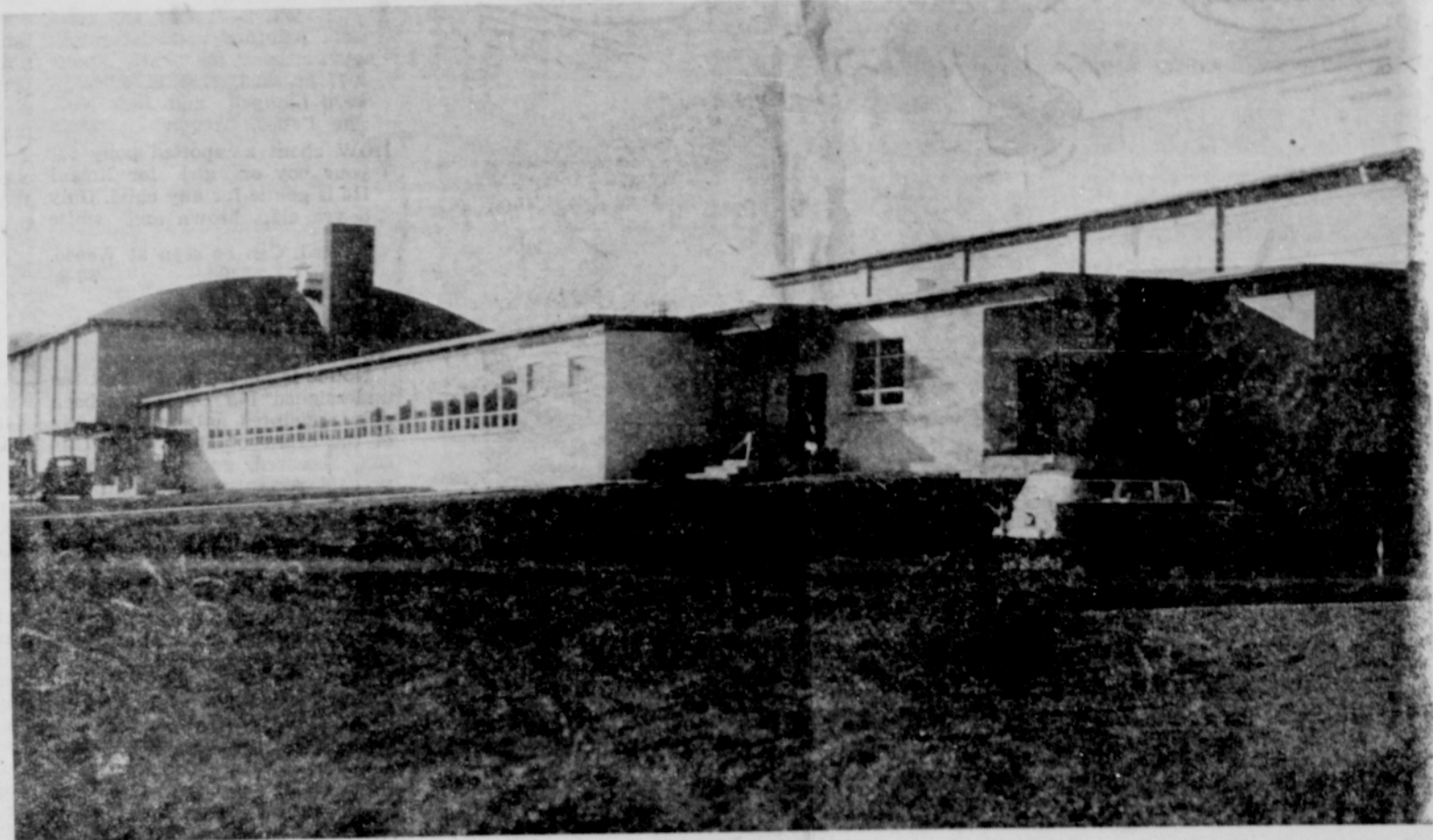
Mr. Nehru doesn't seem to fit as head of a huge country and India might get along better with a more practical man at its head.

T T W N

It is quite a change for a youngster to go to college from high school, especially if he had made himself important there. Any move into a higher class creates the same problem.

T T W N

HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Sherman High Has New Home To Start Year

Sherman county has a new high school building, the first the county has ever had as a county. The high school is moving into it this week and will start school there January 2 when classes begin again after the Christmas holiday.

The contracted cost was \$357,000 including shop to be used for instruction in farm machinery repair. The building is a half mile south-west of Moro between the old and new highways. In the city it would be about ten blocks from town.

Annand, Boone & Lei were the architects and Wall, Bartram & Sandford the contractors. Much of the work was done by sub-contractors of which there were many.

The drawing, prepared by the architects shows the design of the building with additional detail showing the basements. The heating tunnel is under the corridor between the two wide basements.

The building is designed to provide ample room for 150 high school pupils although more can be accommodated with less crowding than has been customary in county high schools previously. Additional classrooms can be built as wings when, and if, needed.

The gymnasium is big enough to contain nearly all the residents of the county and is one of the largest "B" school gyms in eastern Oregon. Tournaments could be held there with ample room for any crowd that might gather. A meeting of three hundred persons could gather in each corner without interfering with each to a great extent.

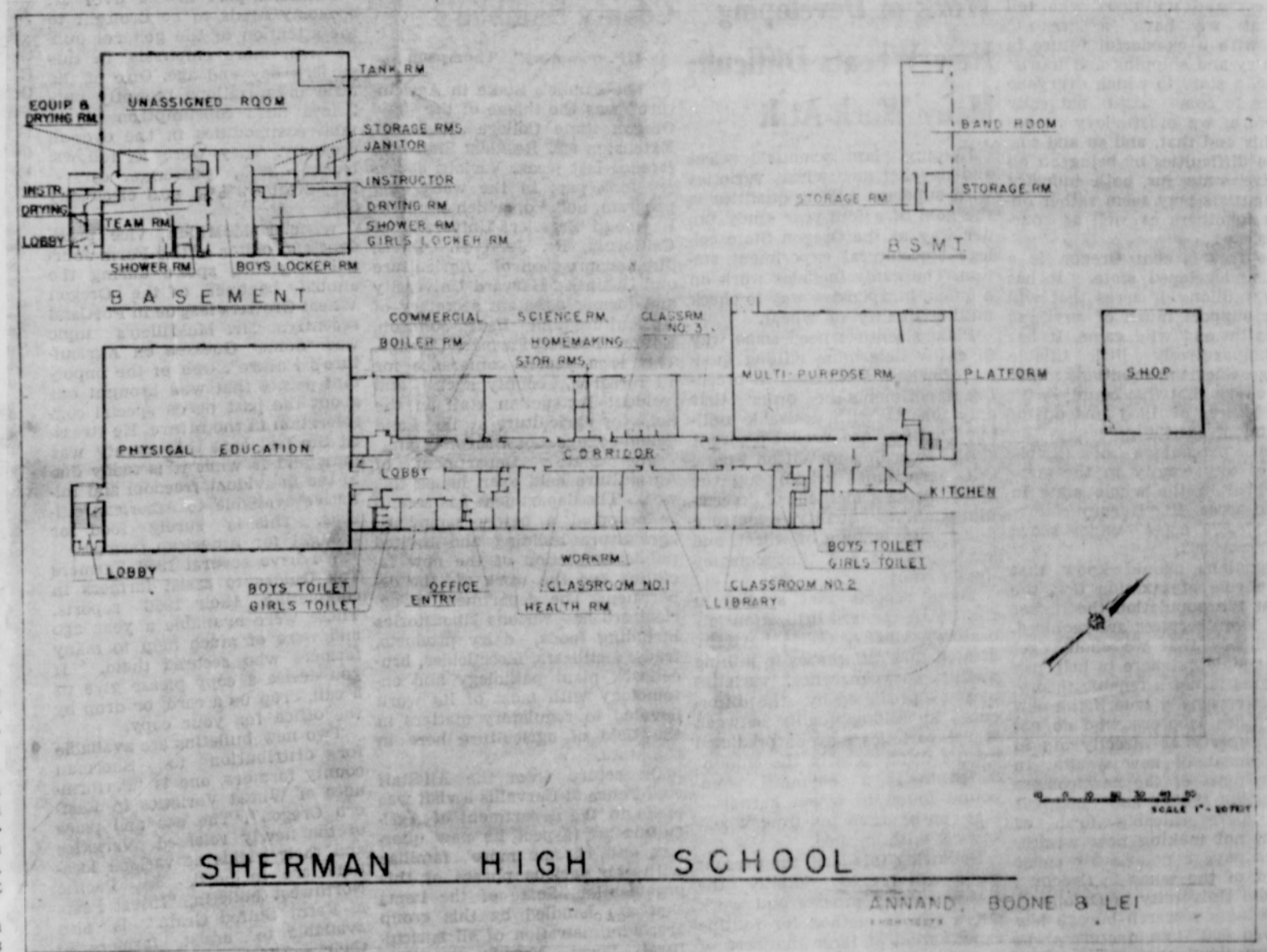
The contract did not call for as large an athletic field as the patrons desired so a group of farmers brought tractors and earth moving equipment and enlarged it by hauling dirt to the hill near the new highway. Now there is room for a quarter mile track, a baseball field and a football field at the upper end of the school house, near the gymnasium.

The school board of Sherman High school will set a day for dedication ceremonies sometime in January and invite all citizens to inspect the building, appraise the soft tinted interiors, the lighting and the educational facilities and listen to remarks concerning it. Members of the high school board, which is organized under the county high school law, are Leland Medler, Marvin Thomas, Charles Burnet, Harold Eakin and John Decker.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger had their son, John, his wife and daughter here from Portland as Christmas day guests, and also their daughter, Dorothy Goodenberger, from Harlem, Montana.

Weather for the week has been generally sunny during the day although nights have often been foggy with some frost hanging on trees in the mornings. It has been colder but not much frost is going into the ground.



Elmer E. Barzee Dies Christmas Day at 87

Elmer E. Barzee, 87, died at his home in Moro the evening of Christmas day after gradually and slowly wasting away from a long illness.

Mr. Barzee was born near Turner, July 15, 1869, one of the younger sons of a large family. He lived in the valley most of the 19th century and came to Sherman county at the behest of a brother in 1903 to remain here as a farmer and land owner during his long life. He was a musician who played a violin in orchestras and in the local bands of another day. He once owned a hardware store in Moro and served on the city council during the 1930s. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges.

Mrs. Barzee died about five years ago and Mr. Barzee lost a leg by operation nearly three years ago making him a cripple for the last years of his life.

Barzee of The Dalles two grand-children. Surviving is one son, Elmer R. children, Mrs. Louise Fairfield, now living in California, and Max Barzee of Moro, and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at one o'clock from the Moro Community church with Rev. Richard E. Bruner officiating and Smith Callaway in charge. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Mrs. May Barnum has been dismissed from a hospital in The Dalles and is now at her home there.

Rufus School Has Christmas Program

The Rufus grade school held its Christmas party at the school Friday night. Each room added a number to the program. Group singing was enjoyed by the crowd. Santa Claus appeared with sack overflowing with candy and nuts for all. The adults were served cookies and coffee by the Rufus PTA at the end of the festivities.

The Rufus grange is planning a card party at the hall December 29 at 8 p. m. This party is open to the public. The winners at the last party were Bert Swigart and Mrs. Roland Johnson in pinocle. Low went to Harold Baker and Mrs. Elmer Jaff. The canasta top winner was Mrs. Charles Blake and low went to Mrs. Edith Barager. Supper was served by the grange women after the game.

Foreigners Must Be Registered Soon

Ernest J. Hover, district director of Immigration and Naturalization service estimated today that 19,000 aliens will report their address in the state of Oregon in January under the Federal Alien Address report program.

The Immigration official said that 18,723 aliens reported their address during January 1956. The announcement followed a statement from Washington in which Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner J. M. Swing estimated that more than 2,750,000 aliens in the United States will report their address next month in compliance with the law.

200 May Be Hurt In New Year Wrecks

About 200 Oregon residents probably will spend at least part of the New Year's holiday in a hospital.

If last year's New Year holiday record is any indication of things to come, four people may not be so lucky; they'll be killed while celebrating the arrival of a new year.

And to make the picture complete, Oregon's Traffic Safety commission estimates that around a thousand car owners will be faced with filling out insurance forms and getting estimates on car repairs on January 2.

All this the result of the "holiday" which annually gives police and traffic safety officials a king-size headache.

Most of these holiday accidents could be prevented according to James R. Ranks, the commission's executive secretary, "if drivers would impose restrictions on themselves which would rule out drinking and driving, excessive speeding and general chance-taking."

Banks warned that it isn't the stereotyped "drunk" who presents a traffic problem. "It's the person who has had only a few social drinks and feels completely confident of his driving ability." Scientific tests indicate that even though a driver feels perfectly competent, one or two cocktails slow his reaction time enough to make him a hazard.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten are here for the holidays from Mitchell and Willy Jr. and Anajean and her husband are here from Sattle for a family meeting.

Highway 97 Traffic Increases In Year

Oregon's highway traffic—as measured by gasoline consumption and count of vehicles tallied by automatic traffic recorders—showed steady increases on most major routes during the first 10 months of 1956 as compared to the same period in 1955.

The cumulative gain in gasoline consumption by months this year over identical months in 1955 ranged between 6.7 and 4.4 per cent, according to Traffic Engineer, F. B. Crandall.

"The 10-month increase which showed up on many highways—as recorded at 29 rural automatic recording points roughly showed a boost of 3.0 per cent in the number of vehicles," Crandall said.

Women's Clubs Plan Television Program

Mrs. Gladys Zell, an official of the General Federation of Women's clubs received word from Washington, D. C. asking her to submit two questions on the United Nations, from this part of the United States in an effort to get the thinking of the people from different sections.

Mrs. Zell contacted Mrs. Ed Cardinal who carefully prepared two questions which were sent in to headquarters in Washington, D. C. and will be on the Arlene Francis home show January 2.

Mrs. Zell felt that many of the club women and others might be interested in keeping this date in mind to hear and see on television the answers that would be given at that time to the two questions submitted by Mrs. Cardinal.

These Notes Made News In First Half of 1956

These things happened in Sherman county during the departing 1956:

Jan. 6: John Rolfe named fair board member; ASC program to be explained. Jan. 13: Virgil Kuhn buys Tom's Welding Shop; E. R. Jackman makes plea for soil conservation.

Jan. 20: Kenneth Fridley says USDA is considering two-price plan; big winter run-off creates interest in soil conservation; silver thaw does great damage in Grass Valley.

Jan. 27: Land on east bank of Deschutes closed to entry; Moro Huskies lose tenth straight.

Feb. 3: Contract let for Sherman High school; Cattlemen meet at Grass Valley.

Feb. 10: Wheat growers stay by two-price plan; school to cost \$357,340.00.

Feb. 17: School districts 1 and 4 to be consolidated with Rufus and Whoso; more snow and cold arrives to lengthen winter.

Feb. 24: Soil loss continues; road job delayed by bad weather. March 2: Moro finally wins basketball game; February colder than usual; New seven digit telephone numbers in use.

March 9: Joe Bibby elected to head Rod & Gun club; Petition filed for vote on county high school district.

March 16: Election lists closed for primary races; tri-county rainmakers get federal OK.

March 23: New church ready at Kent; school election day set April 25; panel discussion on school problems held.

March 30: Farm work gets late start; school election re-dated April 30.

April 6: March cold and dry; budget date set.

April 13: Biggs elevator being moved; county budget down \$5000.

April 20: Nine file for five Sherman high school board jobs; work day set by fair board.

April 27: Soil moisture above average; two new teachers hired. May 4: Huskies win at basket ball to take league championship; Voters approve county school district by 486 to 272, Leland Medler, Marvin Thomas, Charles Burnet.

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Banks Raise Interest Rate On Savings

New higher bank savings deposit interest rates ranging from 2 1/4 to 3 percent will go in effect January 1 at the Sherman county branch of First National Bank of Portland, it was announced by B. C. Pinckney, manager, Wednesday following a special meeting of the bank's board of directors. Three year certificates of deposit, issued after January 1, 1957 will draw interest at the rate of 3 percent payable at the expiration of the three year period. They will be written for any amount desired by the depositor. All regular First National savings accounts, regardless of size, will begin earning the new 2 1/4 percent rate on January 1, 1957.

Over a quarter million depositors in all 74 First National banks will share increased interest earnings of more than \$1,000,000 during the coming year.

In announcing the statewide rate increase, Pinckney said, "The cost of money has gone up throughout the country and we are pleased that this increase will permit us to pay on higher interest returns to our depositors in a fashion fully consistent with bank safety."

Health Report For Week

The Oregon State Board of Health notes that the incidence of influenza and streptococcal sore throat, including scarlet fever, continues above normal seasonal levels over the state.

Also noted were 53 new cases of Tuberculosis reported in November of this year, as compared with 38 cases reported for the same month of 1955. The cumulative total of Tuberculosis cases reported for the first 11 months of 1956 is 545. Last year's figure for the same period was 576.

Nationally the incidence of infectious hepatitis has been about 40 percent below 1955 levels (Oregon has shown a similar decline).

Outbreaks of food poisoning totaling over 570 cases in six states have been reported recently. Most of these were of the staphylococcal type.