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These Things We Note

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Many citizens will note that they could have a "bright, new look" for the \$50 or \$60 million the new governor will need. And some noted that there is nothing either bright or new about asking for more money.

T T W N
There is talk of a buyer's strike against high prices. Nothing would reduce them quicker. Also the cost of many other things including labor.

T T W N
Anthony Eden failed to realize that England could not go places and do things in the 19th century manner. The absence of the generation it lost in World War I shows up.

T T W N
We would like to read some articles about normal or better children for a change from those about the retarded ones.

T T W N
It looks at the start as if Speaker Pat Dooley had chosen his committees about as well as he could with what he had to use for filler.

T T W N
State senators started well by staying up all night the night before the session started.

T T W N
Several magazines have stopped publication for financial reasons. It looks like too much overhead finally brought the inevitable end.

T T W N
There's too much snow for the highways and not enough for the farmers. So far as we're concerned we'd rather have four feet than four inches.

T T W N
Howard Morgan's appointment as PUC director for Oregon is no surprise to political observers. Morgan is intelligent and able to think and speak. He is, or was when in the legislature, inclined to dilute these abilities with arrogance and combativeness. We believe that age will reduce the latter characteristics without impairing the former. He is a son-in-law of Harry Corbett, well known Portland capitalist, and perhaps some of Morgan's opposition to wealth stems from a desire to oppose his wife's family, a childishness he may be expected to outgrow. We think he will approach his new job seriously and attempt to perform a public service therein and be less governed by politics than many who were mentioned for the PUC job.

T T W N
Speaker Pat Dooley is reported as saying that the bill to repeal the surtax and increase the rates to obtain the same amount of money is all in one section of the law. Referendum against the rates would also be against the surtax repeal. It is a neat trick, even a slick trick, and an unworthy trick. It would very likely be cheaper for the taxpayer to repeal the new rates and keep the surtax.

T T W N
Some one suggests that while we are rejoicing over the hard time Russia is having we examine our own bloated economy.

T T W N
It seems about time that some one said a word for colonization. It isn't popular these days. Yet, nations that were once colonized are better off than those left alone. Maybe the reason they have a hard time being independent is more their fault than that of the colonizing nation.

T T W N
A common error is to assume that those who lived fifty or five hundred years ago were different from those who are now living.

T T W N
Bob Stewart from Baker county will be the head of the agriculture department after the session ends sometime this summer. He is a cattleman and the husband of the former Margaret Morrissey. He should be able to do the job.

T T W N
Governor Holmes says he is going to take active part in legislation. It won't work. We can't remember any legislature so compliant and unmindful of its legislative duties as to permit the executive branch to dictate to it.

Fair Board Sets Dates For Fair September 12-15

The Sherman county fair board met Thursday night and after welcoming the new member, Jack Cushman, drafted a resolution thanking retired member, Charles Burnet, for his long and conscientious service to the board.

The board agreed to donate \$100 to the uniform fund for the Sherman high school band.

The annual meeting and dinner for department heads was set for Monday, February 18 at the Grass Valley Odd Fellows hall if arrangements can be made. This dinner is in recognition of the work done by superintendents and also for planning the next fair and proposed changes in the premium list. Suggestions for changes should be given the secretary before the date of the dinner.

Much of the meeting was taken up in discussion of repairs to buildings on the grounds. New roofs are contemplated and new rest rooms are a very probable improvement.

The board was in favor of having a queen for the 1957 fair which will be held September 12-15. Method of selecting a queen will be decided later.

Phil O'Meara, oldest member in point of service, was elected chairman and John M. Rolfe was made vice-chairman of the board for the ensuing year.

It is not too early for everyone to begin making plans for their part of the fair. Every effort is to be made to get the 1957 premium lists to exhibitors by June first and until that time the 1956 books can be used.

Town Basketeers Organize For Play

Moro young men have organized a basketball team and scheduled games with towns in the mid-Columbia area including The Dalles, Arlington, Condon, Goldendale and Klickitat, playing two or three games a week at the Sherman High school gym on nights the school team does not play.

Playing are Don and Keith Thompson, Harold Brown, Blake of Rufus, and other young men who still feel active enough to play the fast court game.

The Tractor 4-H club meets again January 23 at Cushman's with Doug Alley as leader. Elected to office were Bob Olson, president; Steve Burnet, vice-president; Sterling Gochner, secretary; Tom Higley, song leader; Keith Mobley, yell leader; Jim Belshe, reporter.

County Agent Continues Discussion of Grading

Stillbirth implants on coming yearling calves were established on the A. B. Christianson and Bernard Martin ranches during the past week. Thirty-six mgs. of stillbirth were used on steers at Christiansons. At the Martin ranch, besides a check lot, the steers were injected with 12, 24, and 36 mgs. of the sex hormone material. Other folks that have done some implanting work have been Donald von Borstel, Myrtle Smith and Jack Jefferies.

Each year estimates of livestock numbers, as of January 1, are made in cooperation with agricultural economists of the extension service and the USDA. Estimates for this year are: horses, 650; all cattle 12,700 with 6,500 beef cows, 525 milk cows; sheep 1,700 with 1,250 ewes; 1000 hogs with 140 brood sows; 60 goats; 13,000 chickens; 150 turkeys; 150 geese, 100 ducks; 200 rabbits and 10 bee stands.

The dormant or delayed dormant spray is one of the most important sprays for orchardists to apply. This also applies to folks with back yard or small farm orchards. Oil, lime sulfur, or combinations of the two are used on pears, apples and cherries. Dormant oil is often used on peaches if lecanium scale is a problem. This dormant oil may be combined with Bordeaux for combined scale and peach leaf curl control. Recommended spray concentrates are available for those interested.

The fifth biennial report of the Oregon Wheat commission dating from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1956 has been received. The report reviews the activities of the commission during these years and looks into the future with the wheat farmer and the activities of the commission. Also included are receipts and expenses for the

Mercury Drops To 11 Below Zero In Area Cold Spell

Instead of getting through the winter on the three above temperature of early December the weather turned cold Tuesday and dropped the mercury at the experiment station to nine below and Wednesday night to eleven below to chill everyone suddenly.

Earlier in the week a cold snow had fallen to cover the fields with about four inches of light snow that will be some protection to the wheat, about which there is at present no worry.

Weather prophets gave some warning of the impending cold which came down from Alaska to spread over the northwest. Nearly all of the nation is cold and it may be several days before a change comes to lighten the burden of intense cold.

Cattlemen Plan Annual Meeting

The Sherman county Cattlemen association annual meeting has been set for January 31, Odd-Fellows hall, Grass Valley, Oregon. The event will start at 9:30 with a luncheon at noon served by the Rebekah lodge. One of the highlights of the day will be the presentation of the Bang's Accreditation Certificate for Sherman county. A. G. Beagle, veterinarian in charge, animal disease eradication branch, USDA, will make the presentation to county officials.

The accreditation comes to Sherman county after a three year period of work to complete the bang's testing of all Sherman county herds. Dr. Beagle has sent congratulations to the people of Sherman county for their splendid effort and specifically to the cattlemen's association and its disease control committee and livestock owners of Sherman county who have participated in conducting the program.

The main theme of the program will be a panel discussion on livestock marketing in Sherman county. Segments of the livestock industry have been invited to participate in this panel to discuss the present situation and prospects for the future in marketing of Sherman county livestock.

Marvin Thomas, president, will comment on the past year's program and suggestions for the association for the future. Election of officers for the coming year, reports of committees and a general business meeting will be included in the days program. Several good films have been secured for showing for the first time to a Sherman county audience.

The executive committee of the association will meet Monday night, January 21, to lay final plans for the annual meeting.

Sherman Loses; Babes and Girls Win Games

Sherman high school's first team succumbed to a strong Culver team on the new basketball court Friday night by a score of 68 to 44. In the final stages of the game the local boys put on more steam and became more aggressive to excite the crowd, but they could not overcome the lead the Culver boys had built up, nor stop the fine shooting of Humphrey and Starnes, nor the backboard work of Youngs.

Starting for Sherman was Brown and Allen at forward, Fox at center and Arnold and Louie Miller and the entire first team was used during the game.

Saturday night the boys went over to Condon and lost another game but by a close decision. Several were out on fouls before the end of the game.

Last Friday night the JV squad put on a thriller against the Culver second string and won in the last minute 43 to 42. Lt was 15, Sherman, 21 Culver at the half. Kaseberg was again the best shot for the juniors combining with Wallace for some lay-ins at the last when the boys needed them to win.

Preliminary to the basketball games the girls defeated the Culver girls volleyball team by a score of 31 to 16.

Elks Sponsor Contest To Aid Dental Care

The B.P.O. Elks lodge No. 303 of The Dalles is sponsoring a contest for grade school children in the first six grades with a \$50 and a \$25 savings bond as prizes in each of two classifications. One group is from grades 4 to 6 and the other for smaller children. Smaller children will have a poster contest and the larger ones an essay contest.

The contest is in conjunction with observance of dental health week and is a continuation of Elk expenditures of over \$7500 last year for dental aid to children in the area of the lodge's activities.

Juniors Plan Ball In Valentines Memory

The Junior class of Sherman High school is giving its annual Sweetheart ball on Saturday, February 9 at the cafeteria of the new school building and it will be the first dance in that structure. The date is as close as possible to Valentine's day. LeRoy Belshe's orchestra will play.



Starnes of Culver looks on while Culver's Youngs battles at the net with an unidentified Sherman player during an active moment in the game Friday which Culver won 68 to 44.

Wasco Methodists Get Memorial For John Royse

The Methodist church has just received a beautiful cross and a pair of candlesticks in memory of John Royse, donated by his wife Augusta Royse. This lovely altar ware will be used as a worship center for WSCS, MYF and the church-school programs. It will be placed on a fine table with a white leather Bible also given in memory of John Royse. They may be seen in the social room.

Last Sunday was registration Sunday for the coming school of Missions which begins January 27 at the Methodist church. The school continues for four Sunday afternoons, and each session will begin with a pot luck dinner at 12:30. There are classes for all age groups. The adult class will be studying "Southeast Asia", taught by Richard Bruner. The high school and junior high will also be studying "Southeast Asia" taught by Clyde Fridley and Catharine Thomas. Juniors will be studying "The Philippines" taught by Grace Zevy and Ila Mae Clark. Primaries will study the same course and will be taught by Alice Wilkinson and Betty Christianson. Two outstanding Southeast Asian films will be shown February 3 and 17, "Ming May of Malaya" and "Day of Jeopardy".

Special speakers have been engaged to supplement the lessons. Dr. and Mrs. James Pomeroy who were medical missionaries in India for several years and just returned to America will speak January 27. They are now superintending the work at Eastern Oregon TB hospital in The Dalles. Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger who were missionaries in China and Thailand for fifteen years and now the Presbyterian minister at Moro will speak February 10. All are invited to participate. If you didn't get to register, come anyway. Books, materials, maps, handicrafts and art work are available.

A Cub Scout pack committee meeting will be held at the parsonage at 8 p. m. for all committeemen and den mothers.

Real Pick-up Truck Cleans Highways

Operation of the Oregon State Highway Department's truck-mounted electro-magnet last week on the Baldock Freeway between Portland and Salem, gathered an average of two pounds of scrap metal per mile on the surface and shoulders of the well-known freeway.

The scrap metal consisted of items ranging from bottle caps, wiper blades, bolts, and screwdrivers to breather-caps, a hubcap, a fender skirt, and an automobile drive shaft, the largest item.

I.O.O.F. and Rebekahs Install Officers

Rebekahs and Odd-Fellows met Tuesday night for a joint installation of new officers and the Rebekah lodge of Wasco joined for the ceremony which was held in the hall at Moro. Installed for the Moro Rebekahs were: Laura Grabenhorst, NG; Ann Miller, VG; Helen Martin, RSNG; Thelma Miller, LSNG; Laura Sather, RS; VG; Florence Bruckert, LSVG; Zella Dyer, IG; Mollie McLachlan, OG; Maggie Barnum, chaplain; May Broun, warden and Leona Douma, musician.

Installed for Odd-Fellows were: Orlov Martin NG; Floyd Haines, VG; A. Douma, RSNG; C. Burnet, LSNG; C. Sisco, RSVG; Sam Brock, LSVG; Jack Cushman, warden; Floyd Lane, conductor; G. Douma, IG; Curly DeMoss, OG; Vernon Miller, chaplain; John Shipley, past grand.

Installed for Wasco Rebekahs: Flossie Haines, NG; Ruth Fields, VG; Hilda Yocom, warden; Donna Lane, conductress; Selma Watkins, RSNG; Edith Brock, LSNG; Juanita Long, chaplain; Jean Winegar, secretary; Lena Brock, treasurer; Alice Wilkinson, IG; Juanita Gleason, OG; Grace Medler, LSVG; Sadie Rich, RSVG; Ida Lyons, musician.

PP&L Pays Town Franchise Money

The Pacific Power & Light company paid the City of Moro \$448.27 this week as the annual payment on the franchise granted the company. It is two percent of the gross of \$22,413.52. U. S. government excluded.

The tax for Wasco was \$447.49 for the year, although Wasco is paid quarterly. For Grass Valley, which is also paid quarterly, the tax was \$290.01.

Carroll Says Again VP of Mid-Col. PCA

Carroll Says was re-elected vice-president of the Mid-Columbia Credit association in The Dalles last Saturday at the annual luncheon and business meeting held at the junior high school. Riddel Lage of Hood River was re-elected president. New directors chosen were Earl Meeker of Wasco county and Mr. Says.

The meeting included reports on activities of the association during the past year including a financial report showing loans of \$767,485 to members and money borrowed from the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of \$744,009. Stock is owned by 220 active members and 165 inactive members amounting to \$145,000.

Almost 200 men and women attended the gathering to hear of the work of the association which loans production funds to farmers in the mid-Columbia area.

Soil Conservation District Members Hear Speeches

The Sherman county Soil Conservation district held its annual meeting at the court house Tuesday afternoon and despite the intermittent snow had a good audience.

Business consisted of re-electing Wallace May and Luther Davis as directors for another term, listening to and approving the annual report read by Tommy Thompson, secretary, and the program.

In summarizing the fertilizer trials made in Sherman county this year, Mr. Thompson, speaking as county agent, said that on farms with five to six feet of soil 20 pounds of nitrogen brought an increase of six bushels, 40 pounds an increase of 11 bushels and 60 bushels an increase of 13 bushels, the latter perhaps not paying for the added cost of fertilizer. Conclusion reached is that on soils under four feet 20 pounds is best.

Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton station, reviewed some reports made about the use of soil at that and the Moro station. He said that a fertilizer trial had been carried on at the Moro station during the twenties and was found unsuccessful because no gain in yield was obtained. Palouse soil is the best in this area followed by the Ritzville and Walla Walla soils.

Oveson said he was convinced that deep furrow drilling was better for trashy fallow but results of a test showed no advantage of deep furrow drills over the older double disk type. Loss of nitrogen from the soil together with actual loss of soil has been enough to more than pay for the land and unless some saving is done will continue until the soil is practically useless.

Rudy Mayko, soil scientist, promised that the government is getting ready to print the report of the soil survey in Sherman county but it will probably be 1959 before it is done. The job of surveying the 80,000 acres remaining will be done this year.

Art King, extension specialist of OSC, told about northern Africa where he spent about three years as an employee of the United States looking for projects to help the natives in exchange for the money they would have paid for our wheat. He showed colored slides of natives and their agricultural habits and with his pertinent comments, made a very interesting talk.

County Reaches Needs In Blood Supply

For the first time in recent times Sherman county citizens donated more blood to the Red Cross bank than was used by Sherman countians.

The information was contained in a report on blood bank use made to Dr. Frank Reid, Red Cross chairman which stated that it should be a matter of community pride that the county had provided for its needs in the matter of blood needs of the ill or injured.

Dress Workshop Due Jan. 29 at Church

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, will be presenting an extra preliminary meeting for the basic dress workshop at the Moro Community Presbyterian church, Tuesday January 29 at 1:30. This meeting will be held to accommodate those people who could not attend the meetings held in the Rufus and Kent areas.

Kent Home Ec. Unit Meets At Nogels

The January meeting of the Kent home extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Max Nogel from 10:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. January 10. There were 12 members present and the Sherman county home extension agent, Mrs. Hanson, who gave the lesson on "Buying and Using Foam Rubber".

It was an especially interesting meeting as it gave us many new ideas on the price, usefulness and wearability of foam rubber and also plastic coverings.

There will be a preliminary dress workshop January 18, from 1:30 to 3:00 p. m. at the Kent Legion hall with Mrs. Hanson as leader. Anybody of the community interested in sewing is invited to attend, whether she is a member of the unit or not.