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These Things We Note

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It is probably true that government can borrow money cheaper than individuals and can thus provide power cheaper because interest rates are an important factor in power cost. It is also true that the government spends more in constructing dams than would private firms. Three percent interest on \$400,000,000 is roughly the same as four percent interest on \$300,000,000.

A plan to make more than two terms possible for a president is getting under way. We are such a nation of hero worshippers it might do us more good to restrict the terms to one.

One of the worst things about a big celebration is having to go home and be common again. Some folks can't take it.

The most expensive cars are those with the highest tail feathers.

The Farm Bureau wants to promote use of sweet corn. If they dry it there would be more sales.

If each of us had an equal share of the money that is going into armaments we could enjoy life a little better.

Oregon lost two good newspapers this week in Jack Bladine and Bernard Mainwaring, men that will not be replaced until some youths have spent a long time in training for public service.

The federal government with the biggest debt it ever had and apparently the least intent to pay had better tend to its knitting and let school districts build their own houses.

One weather report is for cold weather through February. It may take it that long to warm up if it wanted to—of which there is no indication.

A writer says that Americans are beginning to vote for ideas instead of parties. If true, it is a great improvement.

The present style in men's hats is an extension of the style that started with straw hats and has now graduated to wool. The hat is tall, narrow brimmed and is worn without dent or crease. It seems to fit men with squeaky little voices and a mincing walk.

We can't get over the squeamish feeling we first had when we read that Democratic strategy was to try to pass a bill that would raise the income tax to fit the legislature's notion of what is needed and make it impossible for the people to initiate against it without continuing the 45 percent surtax. As for us, we dare them to try it.

A brief glimpse at television convinced us that an inaugural is no place for bald headed men.

It seems possible that the theory of damming big rivers to cure floods will be found wanting. It sounds good but a lot of water is involved.

Considering the federal budget we wonder what we would do in hard times if so many are dependent on the government in the greatest boom this country has ever known.

It is old fashioned to think that two and two make four instead of five; also it is unpopular and to some unattractive. But it is good arithmetic.

For one thing we are hearing less criticism of Oregon as a one-party state, the critics having changed the party.

Most Republican leaders expected and wanted the Democrats to organize the state senate presuming that committee assignments would be fair and equitable because the number is even between the parties. But no one expects or wants the Democrats to control everything which they are trying to do.

Health Board Thinks County Population Up In Past Year

The report of the Oregon state board of health about population given out this week estimates that Sherman county has grown 8.5 per cent in the past year and now has a population of 2460. It had 2271 when the 1950 census was taken.

Curry county was the fastest growing county in the state more than doubling its population. They must be finding a way to get the timber down off the hills. Wasco county made the second fastest growth due, no doubt, to the industrial expansion present and promised around The Dalles.

Estimates of the state board of health are probably the best made of population changes, in fact, are about the only ones. They are not, however, always justified when an actual count is made.

Empire Machinery Co. Buys Property Here

Jack W. Whitman came down from Pendleton Tuesday and made arrangements to buy the building owned and occupied by the Ranch & Home Store from John Parker. He also is buying the lots across the alley from the rear of that building.

Mr. Whitman is owner of Empire Machinery company of Pendleton and will use the acquired property for a branch to be established in Moro as soon as possession of the property is obtained. Clifford Holdman is to be manager of the local plant.

It is understood that plans are to put a concrete floor in the rear part of the Parker building to equip it for a shop and to use the lots for storage and display purposes.

March of Dimes Contributions Asked

Mrs. Darwin VanGilder, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign for Sherman county asks that those who want to make contributions to the fund do so by giving money to Luther Davis at Kent, Mrs. Paul Syron at Grass Valley, Mrs. Orlow Martin at Moro, Mrs. Will Reid at Wasco or Mrs. Walter Morris at Rufus. Because of bad roads conditions contributions may be mailed to any of these local solicitors who may not be able to get out to see all of the people readily.

The County's Business Is The Taxpayer's Business

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 2, 1957 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims presented against all funds—all allowed.

Re: Treasurer's financial statement showing all fund balances as of Dec. 31, 1956 presented approved and filed.

Gasoline consumption for month of Dec. 1956 presented and ordered filed.

Road Fund Balances as of Dec. 31, 1956 presented, approved and filed.

Re: New Court Member Lester Wilson sworn into office by District Attorney.

Re: Newly elected officers, C. Balzer, Co. Assessor; M. Hoskinson, County Clerk and Ben H. Galoway, Justice of Peace and Loy V. Cochran, County Coroner sworn into office by District Attorney.

Bonds of said officers approved.

Re: Fairgrounds Insurance—5-yr. policy taken.

Re: Road Machinery purchase—LeTourneau—Westinghouse Model D. Roadster Tournapull purchased from Loggers & Contractors Machinery Co.

Re: appointments made—J. A. Cushman, member fair board, 3 yrs.; J. Kenneth McKean, member budget committee 3 yrs.; Official Newspaper: Sherman County Journal; Trust Officer, Wm. D. Baldwin; Dog Damage Board: W. E. Bruckert, T. Lester Johnson, and Arzell Lemley; Road Viewers: W. S. Holmes, Joe Peters and Joe R. Yocom.

Court adjourned until January 3, 1957.

COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION JANUARY 3, 1957

Re: Jury Venire—500 names selected from voter's list to comprise jury list for 1957.

Re: Gas-Oil Contracts—Court signs gas contracts with Shell & Union and lube-oil contract with Standard Oil Co.

Re: Rural Fire Protection District—Committee reports on findings of facts for forming such district.

Stockmen Set Annual Meeting Next Thursday

The fifth annual Sherman County Cattleman's association meeting will take place 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., January 31, 1957. Members and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Buying and selling right are often said to be the difference between profit and loss, says Thomas. A livestock marketing panel to review and suggest marketing methods and practices will be held for the benefit of Sherman county producers. Panel members will include: W. Y. Fowler, marketing specialist, OSC, moderator; Phil Farrell, livestock feeder and buyer, Jefferson county; Paul Kortge, chairman, Feeder Calf Sale, Wasco county; E. L. (Gus) Woods, county agent, Prineville; Fred Ruble, fieldman, Portland Union Stock Yards; and Leland Fields, cattleman, Sherman county.

Highlight of the days program will be the presentation of the certificate as modified-certified Bangs free to Sherman county. A. G. Beagle, veterinarian in charge, Disease Eradication branch, U. S. D. A., Salem, will make the presentation. Vernon Miller, county judge, will accept the certificate in behalf of the county.

Sherman county is the second range beef county in Oregon to receive certification. Morrow county received certification January of 1956. Testing work has been done over the past three years with splendid cooperation from livestock producers. Infection was below the 1/4 of 1% reactors in 5% of the herds making certification possible.

The days program will begin at 10:00 a. m. with three new films of interest to livestock producers. The President's report and various committee reports will be held during the morning session. A social hour will be held prior to lunch through the courtesy of Agri-Chem, Wasco.

The livestock marketing panel will follow lunch. The business meeting at the close of the program will include election of officers.

SIDEWALKS CLEAN

Jack Cushman's men with little tractors have been keeping the sidewalks cleaned of snow every morning, making it easier for pedestrians to get about.

Weather Cold; Snow Falling Making Very Real and Rough

Weather has remained cold all of the past week although night temperatures were usually above zero. Seldom has it been over 20 in the daytime except when an infrequent sun broke through to warm the south side of buildings at mid-day. Snow has fallen every day and is now about eight inches on the ground.

Tax League Plans Tuesday Meeting

The Sherman Tax league will meet again Tuesday night, January 29 at the court house. All interested in taxes are asked to come.

Bills from the legislature have begun to arrive and will be available for consideration, especially the many way and means bills and the tax program of the interim tax study committee which has asked for a sales tax together with reduced income tax and property taxes. The state budget will be on hand for perusal.

The present purpose of the tax league to date is to study taxes of all kinds and reach group conclusions as to the policy for Sherman county to pursue. Members will probably appear before legislative committees to present the opinions of the league later in the session.

Mary Morrissey Buried In The Dalles

Mrs. Mary Morrissey, long time resident of Sherman and Wasco counties, died at her home in The Dalles early Monday morning.

Mrs. Morrissey was born in Fairfield, California, February 27, 1870, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDonald who took up a homestead east of Moro about 1888. She was married to Joe Morrissey in November 1896 and lived on his farm until he died a few years later after which she moved to Grass Valley to raise her two children, later going to The Dalles.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Ben Hockman of The Dalles and a sister, Mrs. Sadie Bunch of Yakima, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Requiem mass was offered at St. Peter's Catholic church in The Dalles at 10 a. m. Thursday and interment made in St. Peter's cemetery at The Dalles.

County Agent Finds Production \$7,570,000

Sherman county's wheat production was 2,960,814 bushels on 89,826 acres for an average of 32.9 bushels per acre, according to the annual report of county agent, Tommy Thompson, sent to the state college at the first of the year. This crop is slightly larger than the 2,896,950 bushels grown in 1955 and also larger than the 2,773,604 average for the past 31 years.

In addition the county produced 35,702 tons of barley, 1,200 tons of oats and 600 tons of mixed grains. Of the wheat 1,001,722 bushels went into the Sherman Co. houses, 743,116 into the Moro Grain Growers, 820,603 into the Grass Valley Grain Growers, 45,373 to the Eakin house and 350,000 into farm storage which includes feed and seed. The barley was about equally divided in the three commercial houses.

Total agricultural income of the county is estimated at \$7,570,000 for 1956 of which 92.9 per cent was from grain. Wheat accounted for \$5,822,000, barley for \$1,200,000, oats and other grains for \$22,000. All hay and fruits accounted for but .9 per cent of the total or \$70,000 of which \$50,000 was from hay.

Total production from livestock was \$465,000 with \$330,000 being from cattle, \$9500 from sheep, \$5760 from wool, \$49,300 from swine, \$7420 from chickens and \$63,000 from eggs, making in all 6.2 per cent of the total.

The report on varieties, shows an interesting variation. At Wasco only two kinds of wheat went into the elevators, Elmar and Federation. At Moro there were four varieties, the above, Orford and 40-Fold and at Grass Valley there were all the above plus Brevor, Requa and Hard Red Winter. In the county Elmar contributed 59.9 per cent, Federation 36.1.

There is a report of fertilizer trials, smut losses, 4-H club work, cattlemen's association and all the other activities which interest the county agent during the year in the typed and mimeographed volume which is as near an official record of the county's agriculture as will be found.

JEANNETTE BELSHEE WINS

Jeannette Belshee is the winner of a \$25 scholarship to the 4-H summer school next June for county winners in the livestock breeding contest. Joanne Johnson of Clatskanie was winner of \$100 scholarship as top of the contest.

Miss Belshee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Belshee at Wasco.

Lake Fishermen Lucky?—With 3 Fish

Anglers never had it so good as they did last year at the popular East and Paulina lakes. Catch records disclose a new high in total catch was made at Paulina, while the catch at East lake was the second highest on record.

Paulina lake produced a total of 72,685 trout for 21,460 anglers during the 10-week period on which catch statistics were recorded. This amounted to 3.0 fish per angler, also the best success ratio recorded.

Total weight of fish caught was 23,871 pounds or 18.3 pounds of fish harvested per surface acre of water. The only previous year which came close to this production was in 1953 when 16.6 pounds of fish per acre were taken.

About 63 per cent of the fish caught ranged from 8 to 10 inches in length. Nineteen per cent were in the 6 to 8 inch group and 15 per cent in the 10 to 12 inch class. About 3 per cent ranged over 12 inches and up to 20 inches.

Rainbow trout provided almost the entire catch, with eastern brook trout providing 2.8 per cent and brown trout providing only a trace. Anglers spent a total of 94,228 hours at Paulina.

At East lake, 88,772 trout were taken by 32,988 anglers during the 10-week period, a record catch surpassed only once in the past 10 years. The weight of these fish was 47,394 pounds or 49.4 pounds per surface acre of water. Anglers spent 156,131 hours at East lake. Average success was 2.7 fish per angler.

Again rainbow trout predominated in the catch with 85.5 per cent recorded. Eastern brook provided 14.3 per cent of the catch, while brown trout provided only 0.2 per cent.

Sherman Trims Maupin, Starting Win Column Record

Maupin High school came to Moro Friday night for basketball games with Sherman high school. The Sherman JV team hasn't been defeated yet but were behind by an 8 to 9 score at first quarter. However, Sherman gained a one point lead at the half when the score was 20 to 19. Then Sherman slowly pulled ahead to a 34 to 29 score at the end of the third quarter to win by a six point margin at the whistle when the score was 46 to 35. Kaseberg was high point player for Sherman with 15.

The Varsity game January 18, started out with the Sherman boys full of confidence. They gained a 17 to Maupins 8 points at end of first quarter, and a 24 to 15 lead at the half. In the third quarter to the cheering and shouting of the fans Maupin forged a one point lead to a 38 to 37 score. The Sherman team rallied and widened the gap to a 61 point score for Sherman and 49 points for Maupin to win their first game this season. Brown and Allen were high point men for Sherman. Wilkins and Wiesinger officiated at the game.

Hog Prices High In Western Areas

Hog price prospects look good for 1957. Farmer's shouldn't count on a repeat of 1954 prices, but \$20 hogs are definitely back in the picture, says M. D. Thomas, OSC agriculture economist.

Oregon's favorable feed situation, good hog-raising climate, and strong pork market have combined to put Oregon swine growers in a strong competitive position this year, the economist states.

With about 10 percent of national population, the Pacific Coast raises only 1 percent of the pigs. This usually keeps Coast hog prices the highest in the nation, Thomas points out.

Nationally, the fall pig crop was 4 percent smaller than a year earlier. Spring farrowings are expected to be 2 percent smaller than last spring and 10 percent less than the spring of 1955. Adding to the optimism of fewer pig numbers is the Oregon feed situation. Another bumper barley crop is anticipated from acres diverted from wheat production under government production quotas.

Dress Workshop To Meet At Church

The final preliminary for the basic dress workshop will be held at the social room in the Moro church Tuesday, January 29, according to Ina B. Hanson, Sherman county extension agent. The meeting will start at 1:30 p. m. There will be a discussion on the revised pattern measurements, how to take body measurements for patterns, and general information on the plan of the workshops which will be held in February.

Projects leaders from the various extension units throughout the county will be trained on February 7, 8, and 11, 12. Margaret Potter, extension clothing specialist of Corvallis, will be here to assist Mrs. Hanson in this training.

These trained leaders will in turn set dates for the workshops to be held in their communities. It is not necessary to belong to a unit to attend one of these workshops.

Come to the preliminary meeting January 29 and sign up.

New Home Ec Club Starts

The "Nighthawks" extension unit was organized at the home of Mrs. Ralph Busse the evening of January 14. Officers elected were: Mrs. Grace Busse, chairman; Mrs. Harold Halley, vice-chairman; Mrs. James Taylor, secretary-treasurer. Others who have indicated a desire to become members are Mrs. C. D. Holdman, Mrs. R. E. Kelso, Mrs. C. L. Gray, Mrs. G. Geiser, Mrs. Max Belshee, Mrs. P. W. Cyphers, Mrs. Cloyd Duncan and Mrs. Beryl Bethke.

This unit was organized to accommodate those who are working or who cannot attend because of "baby-sitting" problems.

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, extension agent, presented a lesson on "Buying and Using Foam Rubber".

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Taylor at 7:30 February 18. Mrs. Margaret Hammond of Grass Valley has been asked to give a demonstration on cake decorating.

Thieves Open Courthouse Vault, Steal Camera

Thieves broke into the Sherman county courthouse Friday night, January 18, nine years to the day after it was burglarized before.

On this occasion they—and it presumed that there were two or more of them—jimmied the door of the treasurer's office with a half inch bar and punched the combination of the vault in that office. They went through the drawers and files in that office but found nothing of value in them.

They then went into the sheriff's office where they took \$49.10 in cash from the till where motor license fees were kept and a \$96.50 check. They also took along the sheriff's Crown Graflex camera and light meter which was quite a valuable instrument.

The same night the Wasco Pharmacy was opened and \$1.50 taken from the small change left in the till. They took a few bottles of whiskey and some "dope" found on the shelves, missing some more. A complete audit has not been made of the loss.

In 1948 when the courthouse was opened more serious damage was done because the sheriff's vault was rather badly damaged. Those thieves were not apprehended.

Roy Belshee Married At Sunday Ceremony

The home of W. Roy Belshee was the setting for his wedding to Mrs. Imogene Dahlquist of Springfield Sunday, January 20 in the presence of relatives and friends. Rev. E. C. Goodenberger, local Community-Presbyterian minister officiated.

Attendants were Mrs. Emmalyn Wilson, daughter of Mr. Belshee, matron of honor, Deloris Belshee, granddaughter of Mr. Belshee, maid of honor and Leroy Belshee who was best man for his father. Three generations of the Belshee family taking part in the ceremony, which was held in front of the flower and heather banked fireplace.

Here from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Harlow of Eugene, Mrs. Lula Belle Bingman of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshee and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson of The Dalles. Relatives from Moro were present as were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan.

Wasco Women Give Opinions On Affairs

The Wasco Woman's Study club was called to order by the president, Mrs. Vinton Watkins at the home of Mrs. H. M. Zell. Mrs. Walter Bruckert was co-hostess. The flag salute was given and the club collect was read.

Fourteen members answered to roll call with personal opinions of pressing international problems. A lively exchange of ideas followed.

The state chairman of International Affairs desired an opinion from each club member on the question: Do you favor the establishment of a United Nations police force?

Mrs. Zell spoke of the Arlene Frances Home show on TV. All clubs were asked to submit two questions on "How to strengthen the United Nations." The questions were discussed on the Home show January 2. The questions submitted by our club were:

1. Why not limit membership in the N. U. to countries ruled by their people and whose delegates would be elected by the voters of their countries?

2. Why not eliminate the Veto Power of the Big Four?

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Plans for a Family Night dinner were discussed and approved. The program committee, Helen Bruckert, Mabel Haven and Alice Wilkinson, assisted by the president will make the definite plans.

Mrs. H. M. Zell, national chairman of Europe Division of International Affairs department of the Federation of Women's clubs was introduced. She spoke of her personal experiences at the different meetings she has attended this past year in her official capacity. She emphasized the importance of getting first hand, unquoted information on all our top leaders of today, deciding which programs we consider the better, then writing our representatives and senators what we think on the subject. The seriousness of the present times cannot be over emphasized.