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These Things We Note

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The budget for 1957-58 for Oregon was \$17,208,825.05. The budget for 1957-58 (Smith budget) is \$259,848,733.07 and is expected to be much larger in the Holmes version. We wish each citizen would sit down and consider whether or not he is getting that much more from the state. If not he'd ought to holler.

T T W N

Let husbands all over off their hats to Mrs. Charles Wilson who defended her husband after he had been criticized by the president. Whether Wilson or the president was right or wrong is immaterial; Mrs. Wilson was right and loyal.

T T W N

People are becoming slimmer, it says here. Whether it is because they are eating less or working harder to pay taxes is not said.

T T W N

We have our education so standardized there is no variation by which to tell whether it is good or not.

T T W N

So far the Multnomah county vice investigation has brought credit on no one, except, perhaps, those who started it.

Those who remember how carefully Dave Beck evaded Oregon when there was a warrant out for him in this state will not think it odd if he goes to Europe now.

T T W N

A man who thinks he can save money doesn't mind a sales tax. He can control his taxes under it.

T T W N

"Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know."

—Montaigne

T T W N

That Reno blast never touched the gambling clubs. Must have missed its aim or else, maybe the moralists are wrong.

T T W N

One weather man said January would be normal and February cold. We hope he was as wrong about February as about January.

T T W N

A resolution has been introduced in the legislature to provide for annual sessions of that body. Inasmuch as the major function of that body in recent years has been to levy new and additional taxes this idea hasn't much general appeal.

T T W N

In these days of mechanization and of atomic weapons the national guard could easily be obsolete because it does not provide that kind of training.

T T W N

When either the federal government or the state makes a law to check on campaign contributions they should have no limit on contributions reported, high or low. Every man who has his wages hijacked for a candidate should be listed.

T T W N

The house taxation committee will be in a very poor bargaining position if it kills every kind of taxation except income. The people will not stand for the kind of an income tax needed for the premises.

T T W N

Citizens don't seem to like an executive or bureaucrat who doesn't give them what they want. A soft bureaucrat is a soft touch for a pressure group. Taxpayers need tougher men to guard their cash.

T T W N

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Proverbs XVI.32

T T W N

This is like inflation: The optimist felt ten stories. At each window bar he shouted to his friends: "All right so far."

T T W N

Another sign of spring is evident. The Oregon Journal is discussing the why of fishermen.

T T W N

One of the nice things about business is that one always finds different opinions about it. For some it is fine; for some terrible; for some it is going up for others dropping off. You never notice it being bad until it is too late.

Wasco Rural Fire District Data

Information about the probable cost of equipment that would be needed for the proposed Wasco Rural Fire Protection district and the possible rate reduction that might be achieved has been obtained by John Hilderbrand and L. E. Kaseberg.

First it must be assumed that two pumpers of about 750 gallons would be needed, one at Wasco, one at Rufus. Cost of these would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 each. Also needed would be two tankers of 1000 gallons that would cost almost \$5,000 each including required hose and miscellaneous equipment.

The committee has figured that the cost for the district would be a minimum of \$50,000 and definitely below \$60,000. This includes 2000 feet of hose for each pumper, an adequate alarm system, satisfactory organization of a fire department, etc.

Mr. Hilderbrand hopes that no tax of more than four mills would be levied which would mean the debt could be paid off in about five years and thereafter a tax of two mills should suffice to keep up the equipment and the service. It is possible for the district to engage in other activities if its members so voted.

The committee spent a day in Portland with the Oregon Rating bureau and found that the district could get a reduction from a 10 to a 9B if and when it was organized in a manner satisfactory to the bureau and with adequate equipment. This would mean a reduction in grain insurance from 30 to 26 cents and a seven per cent credit of dwelling insurance within a nine mile radius of the equipment stations or an 18 minute trip from the stations, which included, the men estimate, about ninety per cent of the district.

A general meeting is to be held at the Wasco fire hall at 1:30 p. m. next Wednesday, February 13 for the purpose of having a complete discussion of the proposed district. Representatives from the Fire Marshal's office and the Rating bureau are expected to attend. The vote on the district has been called for February 20.

Sherman Countians Attend Health Meet

A number of Sherman county people attended the Oregon Rural Health regional conference held in The Dalles, Saturday, February 2. Dr. Frank Reid presented the dental side of the "Health Dollar" on a symposium. Russell Hudson, The Dalles, acted as moderator for the symposium. Others who attended were Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Hildred Zell, Mrs. Margaret Christensen and Mrs. Ina B. Hanson.



Talking over ways to conserve moisture on Eastern Oregon wheat lands are Oregon Wheat Industry conference soil and water management committee members (left to right) Howard Cushman, Oregon State college soil conservation specialist; Harry Hix, wheat grower, Dufur; Harold Tower, state conservationist, SCS, Portland; M. M. Oveson, sup't., Pendleton branch experiment station, William Hall, sup't.,

committee has been looking into and evaluating various moisture-conserving practices as well as problems of weed control, use of fertilizers, and the design of equipment to be used for conservation and wheat production purposes. Findings and recommendations of the committee will be reported at the wheat conference, scheduled to be held February 19 and 20 in Portland. The conference is being sponsored by Oregon State college, at the request of the Oregon Wheat Growers league. Seventeen other committees are preparing reports covering all parts of the wheat industry, and will also present their findings at the conference. All meetings at the conference will be open to the public, and wheat growers are especially urged to attend and take part in conference discussions and decisions. The conference will be held in the Multnomah hotel.

School Dedication Atracts Officials

Plans for the dedication ceremony for the new Sherman High school have not been changed since the publication of them last week. Visitors who will be here for the program include Annand, architect of the building and Al Beck, building adviser from the state department.

The band will play two numbers and the chorus will sing a like number during the program. During the afternoon there will be open house to permit patrons to go through the building and see how it operates. The program will begin at eight o'clock. Clyde Beard of The Dalles will make the dedicatory address, which will be heard in the cafeteria of the new building.

Tax League Will Meet February 13

A large study of new tax material has been gathered for the next meeting of the Sherman Tax league meeting scheduled for 7:30 p. m. the night of February 13, Wednesday at the court house.

Copies of the report of the interim committee on taxes together with studies of the 1955 income tax receipts, the bill that, if passed, would set up the key district plan for distribution of the basic school fund, all other legislative bills, the latest apportionment of the basic school fund will all be on hand for perusal and study by the members who come to take part in the meeting.

The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in and desire to learn about taxes and taxation.

TOWN TEAM WINS TWO

Thursday night February 1 the Moro Town team played Arlington at Arlington and came home with a 46-38 victory. Moro started fast and kept building a lead until halftime ended at 28-18. In the second half Arlington came back to within four points at 40-36 but Moro held on with Bob Martin contributing a field goal and two free throws in the last four minutes to settle the contest. Final score being 46-38. High man for Moro was Don Thompson with 17 points, followed by Doug Alley with 11 and Bob Martin with 10. High for Arlington were Thornhill and Bailey with 10 apiece.

Monday night, February 4, Arlington came to Moro for a return game. The game played at Grass Valley because the Sherman High gym was receiving a new coat of varnish, was won by Moro 69-45. The game was close through the first quarter but Moro opened an eight point lead at halftime at 26-18. After the half Dick Rust and Al Blake breaking loose Moro kept spreading the gap and the game ended with Moro ahead 69-45. High for Moro was Rust with 27 points, followed by Blake with 24. Hayes and Bailey were high for Arlington with 11 and 10 points respectively. Romine and Sealey also scored 9 points apiece for Arlington.

Earl Lyons Dies Under Truck After Cold Night

Earl Lyons, 33, died early Saturday in an accident on the hill south of Rufus. He worked for Leonard Fields and was going home to the place where Tracy Fields formerly lived with medicine for his wife who had but three days before returned from a hospital with chronic asthma.

His heavy pickup would not go up the ice covered grade and Lyons stopped to put on chains. He jacked the right hind wheel and chained it and while working on the left one the car, as the accident was reconstructed by the coroner, slipped from the jack and dropped the wheel across his abdomen.

He struggled through the night, slipping the pickup down the hill about ten feet before it stopped with him still under the wheel. His wife's mother, Mrs. George Carter drove from The Dalles to bring medicine to Mrs. Lyons and discovered Lyons, who she said, was still alive at 7:15 in the morning. He was dead, when she returned from Rufus with help.

About ten o'clock that night Allen Tom, coming home from Salem, started up the hill and finding it slick, went around another way to reach his home, thus failing to find the unfortunate man.

Earl James Lyons was born in Tennessee September 19, 1923, but has lived nearly all his life at Kent where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons reside. Mrs. Lyons is now ill in Tennessee and Earl expected to go to visit her the day of the accident.

Surviving are his widow, Jacqueline, two sons, Carl Norman and James Alfred, a brother, Jack, five sisters, Mrs. Hester Wilson, The Dalles, Edna Schilling, The Dalles, Phoebe McKay, and Sammie Watkins, Kent and Mary Earl of The Dalles and his parents.

Funeral services were held from the Kent Community church Tuesday afternoon with Rev. David Gaumitz officiating. The American Legion of which Lyons belonged because of World War II service, conducted graveside services at the Kent cemetery.

COUNTY, CITIES GET CASH

Income from licensing operations of the Oregon liquor control commission during 1956 totaled \$616,687.35, all of which is being distributed during January to cities, counties and the general fund of the state.

Sherman county will receive \$94.78; Grass Valley \$92.46; Moro \$400.68; and Wasco \$311.29.

State law directs that 60 per cent of each license fee collected go to the incorporated city or county in which the licensed premises is located. This and allocation of fees from service permits bartenders totaled \$365,742.15.



Sherman branch experiment station, Moro; Elton Medler, wheat grower and committee chairman, Wasco; and Wilson Foote, OSC agronomist. The conference will be held February 19 and 20 in Portland.

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A. G. Beagle, veterinarian for Sherman county the second range of the USDA hands Judge Vernon county "free" of Bang's disease Miller the certificate proclaiming in Oregon.

New Manager For Muller's Equipment

Art Muller has opened his shop and branch at Moro as of February 1 with George Moreau in charge. Mr. Moreau, with his wife and baby daughter, have moved here from Ellensburg, Washington where he had a shop. He also had service experience with the J. I. Case dealer and with the New Holland hay equipment dealer.

Mr. Moreau has brought his own equipment to add to that in the shop and has opened the shop ready for service for welding and mechanical work as well as sales of parts for Case, Calkins and New Holland machinery. The stock of steel and welding rod will be completed and kept on hand. Messrs. Quirk, Rondeau and Darby of The Dalles will work in Sherman county out of the headquarters office of Muller Equipment in The Dalles.

W. E. Dutton Dies After Brief Illness

W. E. (Ed) Dutton, 79, of Wasco died in a hospital in The Dalles after a brief illness Sunday and funeral services were held from the Wasco Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Richard Bruner officiating, followed by interment in Sunrise cemetery.

Mr. Dutton was born October 5, 1877 in Ohio going when a boy to Kansas where he was married in March of 1900. The young couple soon moved to Sherman county and farmed a place in Rosebush for several years before moving to Wasco where they have lived ever since.

Surviving are his widow, Minnie E., a son Vern and a brother, Harley, all of Wasco, a brother, Roy of Yakima, three grandsons, Donald and Douglas of Wasco and Jean of Las Vegas, Nevada.

DRIVERS DO NOT RESOLVE

It was the first month in a new year, but many Oregon drivers were up to their same old driving tricks in January.

More than 10,000 were convicted of violating the state's traffic laws, according to the Oregon Traffic Safety commission. In addition, 748 drivers had their licenses suspended on offenses ranging from driving while intoxicated to failure to yield right-of-way.

The department of Motor Vehicles, through its driver license division, handed out 183 of the suspension total, 110 to drivers who had accumulated too many accidents or violations to be considered safe risks behind the wheel.

Other reasons for the suspensions included: driving while intoxicated, 281; reckless driving, 64; violation of basic rule, 48; hit and run, 13; failure to report an accident, 40; and failure to stop, 5.

Ninety-five of the suspensions amounted to extensions of previous "no driving" orders when drivers were caught operating on an already suspended license.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

A church Family Night of exceptional worth is being planned for Wednesday night, February 13. The evening of fellowship is to begin with a potluck supper at 6:30. Our special guest and speaker for the evening will be Miss Ruth McClure who comes to us from Philadelphia, Pa. Miss McClure is recognized as an outstanding leader in the field of Christian Education. This church family night is being sponsored by our Sunday school and a sincere invitation is extended to all the families of our community. Remember the date, Wednesday evening Feb. 13 at 6:30 p. m.

Cattlemen Get Recognition For Years Activity

A modified-certified Bang's area certificate was presented Sherman county during the fifth annual meeting of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association. Vernon Miller, county judge, accepted the Bang's certificate presented by A. G. Beagle, veterinarian in charge, Disease Eradication and Control Branch, U. S. D. A. The certificate is dated January 15, and runs to 1960. It does not mean Bang's has been eliminated but incident of infection is 1% or less in no more than 5% of the herds.

Bernard Martin, Grass Valley, was elected president of the association for the coming year. Other officers elected were Hans Bardenhagen, vice-president, T. W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer; executive committee, Stuart Macnab, Floyd Rathbun, W. F. Wallace, Orville Ruggles and Jack Jefferies. Chairmen for various committees will be selected by the president and become a part of the executive committee.

A marketing panel reviewed the over all livestock picture, past marketing methods in Sherman county, and possible marketing methods. Feeder calf auction sales in the area and the use of a marketing pool to ship odd livestock to the terminal market were suggested. The panel consisted of livestock operators, feeders, and marketing specialists from several counties.

Garland Meader, president and Ed Coles, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's association discussed activities of the state association and problems of the livestock industry. Mr. Coles indicated several legislative matters dealing with the livestock industry are being considered. Items of special interest were the fence and herd law, disease control laws, and formation of a beef commission.

Marvin Thomas, retiring president of the association, cited accomplishments during the past year and matters that should be given consideration during the year ahead. Accomplishments of the association were: completed testing of all herds, making Sherman county the second range beef county to receive certificate as Modified-certified Bang's Free, initiated a livestock theft reward program and a "group Disability and Accident Insurance" policy for members, conducted the Junior Rodeo in May and the 4-H meat animal auction sale at the county fair, sponsored "Bull Grading" field day, "Feeds and Feeding" short course, and 4-H summer school scholarship, and made cattle chute available to any one for a small rental fee.

The auditing committee report by Lloyd Henrichs showed the association in good standing with no outstanding debts. A social hour was sponsored by Agri-Chem of Wasco and a bountiful meal served by the Rebekah ladies of Grass Valley.

Advisory Council Meeting Dated

The Sherman County Rural Advisory Council will meet 1:30 p. m. Feb. 15, county courthouse, Moro, reports T. W. Thompson.

Initial plans are being given to holding a Sherman county Planning or Economic conference during the fall and winter of 57-58. This conference would be similar to ones held in previous years, 1924, 1938 and 1948. Committee membership and details of the conference will be spelled out in the meeting. Representatives of various organizations and committees make up the council membership.

MEETING AT CHURCH

The basic dress workshop to train project leaders will be held at the Methodist church basement in Wasco February 11 and 12. Mrs. Margaret Potter, extension clothing specialist of Corvallis, assisted by Mrs. Hanson, will be here to train the leaders. Sessions will start at ten each morning. Leaders who will be trained are: Mrs. A. S. Watkins and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco; Mrs. Frank Reid and Mrs. Don Macnab, Rufus; Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and Mrs. Ted Trimble of Grass Valley; Mrs. Luther Davis and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, Kent; Mrs. T. W. Thompson and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. Joe Heater and Mrs. Terry Bucholtz, Moro; and Mrs. Estel Hartley and Mrs. Orlov Martin as 4-H leaders.

The leaders will be holding similar workshops in their home communities later in February.



WARD ARMSTRONG

Ward Armstrong, one of Oregon's International Farm Youth Exchange delegates will be in Sherman county February 13 and 14. He will speak to the Sherman high student body at 1 p. m. on Wednesday and at the Wasco Woman's club at 2:30.

Keith Mobley, president of the student body will introduce Ward who visited India, Pakistan and Nepal. He spent 4 1/2 months living with families in India. Ward's parents, the Hubert Armstrongs, Myrtle Point, and formerly of Newberg participated in a two-way exchange by hosting an Indian delegate to the U. S. in their home this past summer.

He is 24 years old and has almost completed work for his bachelor of science degree in forestry at OSC. The Wasco Woman's Study club will be meeting at the home of Mrs. L. P. Haven. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, Home Ec, will introduce Ward to this group. Other organizations who may be meeting on either of these days and would like to hear Mr. Armstrong are asked to get in touch with Ina B. Hanson or T. W. Thompson through the county extension agent's office.