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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

A couple of politicians have a bill to restrict saving stamps. We don't think much of them either but it would make more sense to tax them than to further restrict business.

T T W N

Laws that give additional power to the executive favor dictatorship and damage democracy.

T T W N

The fellow said: "Use of checks makes the income tax possible."

T T W N

We note a great lack of proof for the statement that order is nature's first law.

T T W N

We don't know whether this generation is healthier than any former one or not, but it has more diseases to choose from.

T T W N

We gathered at the press conference that the job of putting some life in news pictures includes putting some life in pictures.

T T W N

Incidentally we still hope for an editor's conference sometime. We think that phase of newspapering could be improved.

T T W N

Now that we know which team plays the best basketball we are ready for baseball. Isn't suspense wonderful?

T T W N

One of the new legislators has introduced a bill to increase pay of district attorneys, making a base of \$6000. It might produce competition for the job in some counties.

T T W N

Maybe it was a mistake to come down out of the trees after all.

T T W N

Consider this: a constitutional amendment providing that legislative appropriations would continue year after year and that the legislature would only meet if the people, by a majority vote, so decided.

T T W N

A bill for a variable ratio has been introduced. It is against utilities which are a minority. If passed other minorities would soon be the victims. Poor legislation.

T T W N

Gossips will not likely be silenced by the meeting between queen and husband. One of the nice things about being a gossip is that facts need never interfere.

T T W N

It used to be a man couldn't rest for thinking about his job; now he can't work for thinking about his rest.

T T W N

This session has a large number of bills to reduce the liberty of the citizen and to increase the power of already well entrenched groups. Lawyers are working for higher fees and more of them, contractors for control over all builders, engineers to forbid any but engineers to be county surveyors and so forth.

T T W N

The governor's letter to Representative Giesy was an excellent example of political invection and should be studied for that reason. As a gubernatorial message it is an excuse for action too long delayed.

T T W N

The series of bills that would give the governor absolute power over the institutions, finance and liquor are evidence of great ignorance about a republican form of government or a great ambition to dictate. Neither should be encouraged.

T T W N

"Why Men Become Angels" is a story title on a magazine. It has nothing to do with driving too fast or smoking too much which the casual reader might guess; neither is it about personal reform which might make a man fit for no other occupation than an angelic one.

T T W N

Copied: Some people are like blotters. They soak it all in but get it all backwards.

T T W N

There's really no reason in many of the things people do. And maybe that's the reason they do them for reason may be a restrictive overlord.

Fire Prevention Loses Fair Board Has Indeterminate Discussion

The election held Wednesday, February 20 to determine whether or not the north end of Sherman county would form a Rural Fire Protection district resulted in defeat of the proposal by a 55 to 18 vote.

A great deal of excitement and much information about the cost of the plan and the equipment necessary to implement it resulted from the idea to form a district. It grew out of the burning of the Wasco hotel last summer. Costs were estimated at \$60,000 for the first four years.

Sign-up Date For Soil Bank Plan Moved To April 15

Sign-up date for the 1957 conservation program of the Soil Bank has been extended from March 15 to April 15, reports Robert T. Lister, Prineville, chairman of the Oregon state agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) committee.

This means farmers have an extra month to plan and sign up for conservation projects under the program, Lister said. But he urged farmers to contact their county ASC office soon, because applications for projects under the conservation reserve are being accepted on a "first come—first served" basis.

The conservation reserve is a national farm program aimed at cutting the acreage of soil-depleting crops and reducing the flow of surplus farm products into government warehouses.

Under the program, however, farmers have an opportunity to receive substantial government assistance—often up to 80 per cent of the actual cost—as they shift their crop land into soil and water conserving uses. Annual "rental" payments are then made to farmers to help them maintain their incomes while their land is being conserved and improved until needed in the future.

More information about the conservation reserve and help in signing up under the program is available from county ASC offices and county extension offices.

The Sherman County Fair board played host Monday night to division superintendents and others interested in the 1957 fair at Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley with Rebekahs serving the dinner.

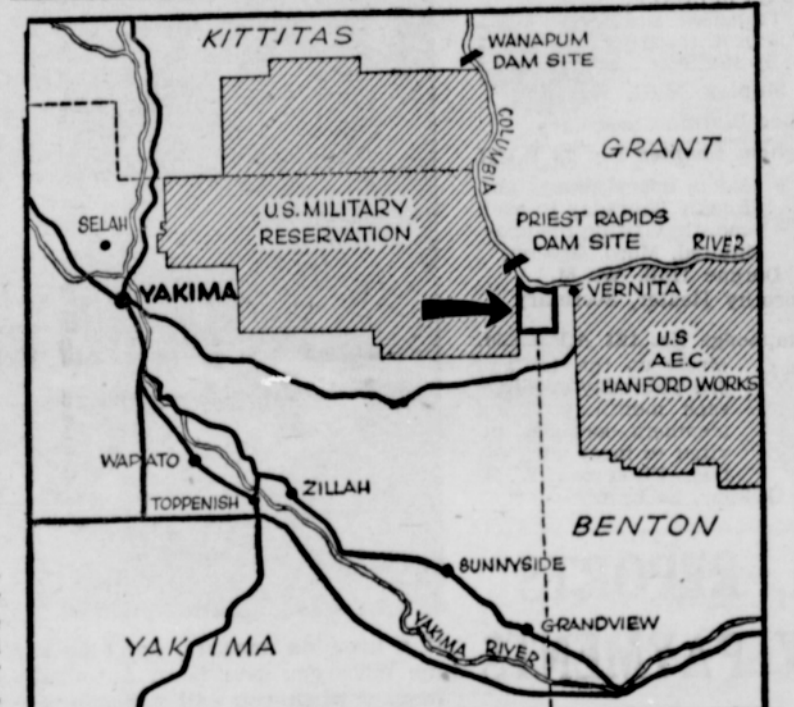
Not all superintendents were present which resulted in little being done toward making changes in the premium list. Several matters were discussed with net result that less was certain at the end than the beginning of the meeting. An example was a queen. The board had once decided to hold a queen contest this year and riding club members wanted to have one. But at the end of the meeting the problems of how to elect a queen, what duties or powers to give her and the work of getting it all done seemed to slightly outweigh the advantages of having a regal presence at the coming fair.

Other things undecided were when to hold the 4-H livestock auction although argument ran loud and long over a forenoon or an afternoon hour, and whether to permit 4-H stock owners to compete in open classes. Another meeting or meetings will be necessary for these decisions.

The fair has sent a contract to Harley Tucker at Joseph, which if accepted, will bring his string of rodeo horses, calves and bulls to the fair this September. He will provide the required number of animals, equipment, announcer and acts and take the responsibility of putting on a rodeo for \$3500, if he accepts.

Model Club Now Being Organized

A new club is in process of starting. It will be a model club and members will model anything they want to although airplanes are expected to get most of the attention. Mel Parker had a bunch of about a dozen boys at the school cafeteria Monday night for a preliminary meeting. Another, for organization, will be held next Tuesday at 7 o'clock. Purpose is modeling, any age is welcome.



Arrow points to 9000-acre tract being purchased by Pacific Power & Light company near Hanford Atomic Energy Works to have a site available for a future atomic power plant. Site is on the Columbia river about 35 miles east of Yakima, Wn.

Acquisition by Pacific Power & Light company of about 14 square miles of land near the Hanford Atomic Energy Works reservation to have a site available for a future atomic power plant was announced Tuesday in Yakima by Paul B. McKee, president of the utility firm.

Part of the 9000-acre tract has already been purchased and the Pacific company soon will exercise the options it holds on the remainder of the land, he said.

McKee reported that Pacific Power & Light, Washington Water Power, Portland General Electric and Montana Power companies have indicated by letter to Admiral Lewis Straus, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C., that the group is actively interested in atomic power possibilities.

All or part of this group might be participants in the future construction of an atomic plant on the site which Pacific now has available for such a purpose, Straus was told.

The relatively isolated tract lies on the south bank of a curve in the Columbia river a few miles downstream from the Priest Rapids dam site.

The site is also near a key center of power transmission lines at Vernita, where both Pacific Pow-

er & Light and the Bonneville power administration have substations.

"Our company and the others of the group have for more than three years been studying the atomic power situation," McKee said, "and we have held a number of serious discussions with the AEC."

"As long as economic hydroelectric developments can be carried on, it is obviously in the interest of power consumers of the region that such developments go forward vigorously. We estimate that it will require about \$150,000,000 a year from the four companies to carry on their part of the hydro program."

"However, the time is coming when the region will have to turn to thermal energy to keep up its rapidly growing power requirements," he noted. "At present, atomic power is much more expensive than available hydro, but we look for great progress to be made in reducing atomic costs in the foreseeable future, and we want to be ready to take action at the proper time."

Lack of native oil and gas in the area and other natural fuel problems make the possibilities of nuclear energy of special interest of the Pacific Northwest, McKee commented.



Clockwise: Audrey O'Conner, Horn, Pearl Watkins, Margaret Rice of Pacific Telephone, Velma Buskohl, Neil Roth, C. P. Hubel, in The Dalles business office.

New Telephone Directories Coming Next Week

The last remaining building at Old Fort Dalles is featured in a full-page picture on the front cover of Pacific Telephone's new telephone directory for this area. Copies of the directory are to be mailed to customers in The Dalles, Arlington, Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco and other nearby towns starting February 25.

The historic building pictured on the directory cover was used as the headquarters of the U. S. Army surgeon at the fort in the middle of the 19th century, according to Manager C. P. Horn. Reproduced in brown, it is the first full-page picture used on the cover of a directory for The Dalles.

The original photo was taken by Neil Roth, outside representative at the company's The Dalles business office.

About 5,800 directories will be mailed to subscribers in The Dalles, Horn said. Another 400 copies will be hand delivered in the downtown area.

In addition, 360 copies will be mailed to Arlington, 230 to Moro, 277 to Wasco and 200 to Grass Valley.

The book has 184 pages—40 for alphabetical listings and 144 for yellow-pages classified listings.

Almost three tons of paper were used to produce the 2,208,000 pages of the 12,000 directories that were printed.

Extra copies of the directory are kept in supply at the company's business office for replacements or new customers during the year.

Old directories will not be picked up and Horn suggests they be destroyed after the new ones arrive in the mail. He advised, however, that a quick check be made in the old directory for money and other valuables that might have been stored there for safekeeping.

4-H Leaders Plan Workshop Session

The Eastern Oregon 4-H leaders workshop will be held at Heppner, March 6-7. Registration will start at 11:00 on Wednesday and the session will close at 4 on the 7th. The first afternoon will be devoted to planning the club program, ideas for meetings and the junior leadership program. The Sears foundation will provide a banquet for all the leaders Wednesday evening. Thursday morning there will be a discussion on 4-H record keeping, how to use our new record forms, and the awards program. The final afternoon session will be devoted to demonstrations and judging.

Mrs. Winnifred Gillen and Cal G. Monroe of the state 4-H club office will be in attendance.

Any Sherman county leader or assistant leaders wishing to attend should notify Ina B. Hanson or T. W. Thompson by Feb. 28. They will arrange for transportation and make the necessary banquet reservations.

George Bell Auxiliary Helping Crusade For Freedom Campaign

The American Legion auxiliary, department of Oregon, is assisting in the Crusade for Freedom during the month of February, according to Paul B. McKee of Portland, state chairman.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel of Grass Valley, president of George Bell unit, is in charge of the project.

Crusade for Freedom supports Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press, both of which bring news about the free world to the more than 70,000,000 persons in the satellite countries behind the iron curtain.

The period from February 12 through 22 has been designated as Freedom Week and during this time members of the Legion auxiliary will staff booths in various shopping areas. They will also distribute coin containers throughout their areas.

President Eisenhower recently stated that "more than ever before contributions to the Crusade are an effective way for every American to reassert his belief in the indivisibility of human freedom, and in the right of peoples, wherever they may live, to have governments of their own choosing."

Women Learning To Sew This Spring

Mrs. Joe Heater, Mrs. Terry Bucholtz and Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs got their basic workshop under way this week.

They worked Thursday and Friday of this week and will complete their four day session Feb. 27-28. Those taking part are: Joelle Belshie, Carrie Belshie, Carol Brishline, Gladis Bucholtz, Barbara Gray, Darlene Harrison, Barbara Pinkerton, Carol Thompson, Florence Thompson, Sharon Thompson, Alice Gochauer, Dorene Hall and Joan Jaeger. They will be meeting in the basement of the church from 10 to 3 on these days.

The Grass Valley workshop will get under way Feb. 26-27 and finish on March 4-5 with Mrs. Boyce Blaylock, Mrs. Ted Trimble and Mrs. Estel Hartley as leaders. They will meet in the social room of the Baptist church in Grass Valley. Those who will be taking part are: Charlotte Barnett, Allie Rugles, Betty Owens, Mary Eakin, Margaret Stark, June Rolfe, Grace Earl, Helen Bayer, Marguerite Eakin, Cecil Eakin, Hazel Adams and Mary Brown.

The Wasco unit will complete its workshop on Friday this week. Mrs. Afton McIntyre's name was inadvertently omitted from the list last week. Mrs. Delmer Smith should have been listed with the Wasco unit instead of Rufus. The Rufus, Kent and Moro Wednesday units will all complete their workshops next week. Ina B. Hanson assisted these leaders on the first and final days except where there were conflicts. Mrs. Orlov Martin assisted the Moro Wednesday unit leaders. Mrs. Estel Hartley assisted the Kent group February 19.

Fliers Get Chance

Local members of the air research group were alerted early Saturday about the plane accident near Condon and by dawn were in the air to look for the plane. Mel Parker had George Geiser as an observer and Stan Coelsch and Curly DeMoss teamed up. They were in the air five hours searching the area west of the John Day and they had covered about 200 square miles when they learned that the plane had crashed up near the Condon field from which it started. Search is conducted at between 1000 and 2500 feet. This was the first official search for these men who only joined the air patrol last week.

Wheat Industry Conference Gets Wide Information

About 200 wheat growers and state college advisers met at the Multnomah hotel this week for the second wheat industry conference, a somewhat larger group than met at Moro in 1926 for the first such conference. Perhaps the number of actual farmers was comparable.

Out of the first conference grew the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, now the Oregon Wheat Growers league, out of inclusion of the fifteen acre wheat growers of the Willamette valley. The count found no more than three who had attended the first conference.

Purpose of the 1957 conference was to make a study of the problem now facing wheat growers who are beset by acreage restrictions and growing costs. It is the hope that a solution will come out of the vast amount of information accumulated by the four major committees, which were broken down into 16 sub-committees.

The problem is economic, not agricultural. Research, adoption of new methods and constant modernization have raised production until it, or itself, has added to the economic troubles.

It seemed to some growers that there will be no end to acreage restrictions—outside of another war—as long as government is in charge of agriculture. High prices have encouraged more farmers to become wheat growers and farmers on land suitable to wheat are in competition with many other farmers, making the problem more complicated than before. Neither is there much hope for reduced costs for a low price economy would reduce wheat prices comparatively.

Development of machinery has made it possible to grow wheat with less man-hours per bushel and made it possible for one man to farm more acres, although acreage restriction has handicapped him. Use of diverted land to other crops is a temporary solution and one not satisfactory to the farmer is a natural wheat area.

The reports of the committees will be compiled and published. The above are observations taken from quick reading of them and may be a guide to what will come from the conference.

Don Thompson, Tommy Thompson, Bill Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Giles French from Moro attended the wheat industry conference in Portland Tuesday.

Quits Banking



ROBERT FERRELL

Robert Ferrell To Succeed Pinckney

The appointment of Robert E. Ferrell as manager of the Sherman county branch of First National bank of Portland in Moro was announced by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system.

He will replace B. C. Pinckney, who resigned recently to accept a position in The Dalles with Inland Navigation.

A native of Sherman county and a banker thoroughly familiar with central and eastern Oregon, Ferrell has 20 years' experience with First National.

He joined the bank at The Dalles branch in 1937 as a bookkeeper, remaining at the branch until he was called into military service from 1942-46.

After discharge from the service, he was assigned to Condon branch, where he was operations officer for two years. He then worked a year at The Dalles and two years at Hood River as assistant cashier and installment loan officer before being elevated to general loan officer at Heppner four years ago.

At Heppner he has served as an officer of the Morrow county Community Chest, the Morrow county March of Dimes and the All Saints Episcopal church. He is also a member of the American Legion and the Parent-Teachers association.

Sherman Riders Hold Meeting About Queen

By Helen Watkins

The Sherman County Riders club met at the home of their new president, Curle DeMoss, Wednesday evening February 6.

Reports were given by the chairman of each standing committee of 1956, Marjory Van Gilder, alternate delegate to the MCSCA, gave an interesting report on the annual meeting held February 2.

Under new business, the Sherman Fair Queen contest was discussed. Stan Coelsch was appointed to meet with the fair board as delegate concerning this contest. A new American flag is to be purchased by the club. Hopeful plans were laid for holding the major MCSCA Horse Show in June, at the Sherman county fairgrounds. There is a possibility that one of the small buildings at the fairgrounds can be obtained as a meeting place for the saddle club, and also, for the Sherman County 4-H Horse club.

The next meeting will be February 25 the home of Doris and Stan Coelsch. At the close of this meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess Vada DeMoss.