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These Things We Note

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A business man or farmer looking forward to the year's income hopes that he will be able to do as well; a public servant expects a raise or expects to be unhappy. Now do you wonder why there are any taxpayers at all?

TTWN
Things we do not believe: that if you built a better mousetrap folks would flock to your door without notice or enticement; that years of schooling is qualification for anything but going to school; that most government work is necessary.

TTWN
Actually this union business is a very nice racket. The law makes a man pay dues if he wants to work and the bosses decide how much he must pay. He doesn't dare ask questions. It is hard to figure a greater temptation to dishonesty.

TTWN
All man has to do to remain on this earth is to find food and shelter and procreate himself. Since he has found ways of doing these things with a minimum of effort he spends his time in many frothy endeavors that bring him satisfaction: wars, writing books, drinking whiskey, making gadgets, bragging, traveling, most of which are done to exalt himself above the proletarian duties.

TTWN
Twenty years ago it seemed that Dave Beck was through. And he probably would have been had he landed in Oregon, but a gangster has means of influencing men which honest men do not possess.

TTWN
It is no more sensible to say that every worker should be a member of a union than to say that everyone should subscribe to a newspaper.

TTWN
When daughter can cook as well as grandma we will begin to believe there's something in home ec teaching.

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Overheard: "My wife reminds me of the old story about the Irish section boss who said, 'I do not beat you because I hate you, but to show my superiority over you.'"

TTWN
As a man gets older he gets slower, not because he has lots of time but because someone else will have to finish the job anyway.

TTWN
A man is a very simple, uncomplicated creature who wears gloves to keep from getting callouses and a hat to keep his head warm. A woman wears gloves to wash dishes and a hat to go to church.

TTWN
We are happy to note advertisements about something being lower in price.

TTWN
You don't have to worry much about a nation where there is great concern over diets.

TTWN
From the news we determine that it may be wise to watch the activities of the state liquor commission for awhile.

TTWN
The next two weeks may be a very depressing time for those paying income taxes. That is one of the things behind the drive for reduced taxes in state and nation and it may be opportune.

TTWN
Tell me, what on earth would a man do with 25 pounds of smelt?

TTWN
If all our defense expenditures turn out to be useless it will be a very happy ending.

TTWN
We suppose the reason they call it small talk is that it takes so much of it to amount to much.

TTWN
The teamsters union constitution is said to have a restriction against "abuse of fellow members or officers". Now how does an American like that who feels that he has a constitutional right to abuse army officer, senator or president? But not a fellow teamster—or officer.

Moro Women Invite Wasco Clubs Here

The Moro Woman's club meets April 4 at 2 p. m. in the Community church social room with the Wasco clubs as guests.

An interesting program is being planned with a guest speaker from The Dalles Mental Health association and film to be presented.

Anyone interested is welcome. Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Zella Dyer are directors. Hostesses are Mrs. Howard Conlee, Mrs. Maggie Barnum and Mrs. Merle Miller.

Farmers Planting Less Spring Crops

Farmers plan to plant the smallest acreage of spring crops since World War I, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist of Oregon State college. She says the way things look now, total planted acreage of 59 major crops across the nation may be 12 million acres less than last year.

Each spring, the U. S. department of agriculture crop reporting board asks the nation's farmers what they plan to grow, and how many acres they expect to plant to each crop. After checking over the board's latest report, Mrs. Horrell says it looks like farmers will plant about one-fifth less spring wheat, make modest cuts in corn and oat acreages, and keep hay acres about the same.

Planned acreage increases include early potatoes up a little, barley up about one-tenth, and sorghum up almost one-fourth.

In Oregon, the report shows farmers plan to increase their hay acreage about 1 per cent, sugar beets 7 per cent, oats 9 per cent and barley 10 per cent. The state's farmers plan to cut their late summer and fall potato acreages about 3 per cent, corn 5 per cent, and have indicated a spring wheat acreage cut of almost 35 per cent.

Chemical Information May Prove Helpful

The new smut controlling chemical, Hexachlorobenzene, which has given better smut control in this area, is not as effective against other plant diseases. This has raised the question for some farmers as to the value of treating spring grain.

Seed treatment has long been a recommended practice of the Sherman Branch Experiment Station. The effectiveness of this practice in controlling wheat smut is well known. Even with the development of smut resistant varieties, seed treatment is recommended as insurance against the increase of smut races not controlled by the known resistance of varieties.

Some seed treatments are also known to be an effective control method against plant disease other than wheat smut. Some examples are: Damping-off, seedling blight, Diploia rot and many others. When bulbs or tuber pieces are used, instead of seed, treatment is recommended to control Fusarium, Phytophthora, Ustilago and other fungi in the soil.

Farmers in this area have made it a common practice to treat all grain seed. This practice developed with the use of copper sulphate (blue vitrol), formaldehyde and mercurial compounds (Ceresan). These chemicals were known to give good control of many plant diseases. The use of these chemicals was good insurance against an unknown disease as well as giving control of the known smut problem.

Most questions on the treatment of spring grain concern the control of smut in barley and oats. This is a different kind of smut than found in wheat and is not controlled by Hexachlorobenzene. The type of smut found in barley in this area is not controlled even by the mercury treatments. The value of these treatments in controlling the smut of oats is also doubtful. The best control of these diseases is use of non-infected seed. The use of certified or locally produced seed will reduce the loss from these diseases to a minor importance.

The value in seed treatment for disease control in spring grain then comes as protection against an unknown. It is a type of insurance, non-expensive, which may or may not result in better stands or higher yields. The proper use of seed treatment never reduces yields.

The use of seed treatment to control wireworm has not been covered in this discussion. Too many factors are dependent upon this material to be covered at this time.

County Budgeteers Meeting Tuesday To Make Budget

The county budget committee will hold its first meeting next Tuesday, April 2 to make up the county budget for the year beginning July 1 and citizens interested may appear to have a look at the preliminary figures put in the budget.

County Judge Miller has expressed hope that the county budget may be reduced a little for 1957-58 but final decision on that will reside with the budget committee and the voters who appear at the final hearing some time in May.

Sherman High Mothers Buying Dinnerware

The Sherman High Mothers Booster club met at the high school Wednesday March 20 at 3:30 for an executive meeting, all except three members were present. Election of officers was held with Mrs. Bernard Martin elected chairman, Mrs. Frank Reid, secretary and Mrs. Virgil Conlee, treasurer.

They decided to buy dinnerware which is to be used for any occasion that arises. They also decided to have the minstrel show, "The Cotton Pickers" from Condon, sponsored by the PTA, put on the show in the high school cafeteria Tuesday evening April 2 at 8 p. m.

A card party will conclude activities for the school year.

Mayor Gives Chance For Paving

Mayor B. H. Roberson says that the city expects to have some work done on the city streets this year, including graveling and paving.

Property owners who would like to have driveways oiled at the same time should turn in to the city an estimate of the yardage required so that it can be included in the same contract, thus obtaining a better price for all concerned. Bids will be asked by the yard at which time the property owner can determine whether or not he wants to go ahead with the project.

It has not yet been determined which city streets will be oiled with the state appropriation in 1957.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

The youth of the MYF enjoyed a progressive dinner Sunday evening starting at the home of Jean Hockett for appetizer, proceeding to Marvin Thomas' for soup, L. L. Royes for the main course, and ending at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Haven for dessert and recreation afterwards.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruner and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley accompanied the group, including Everett and Carmen Royse, John and Jim Thomas, Jean Hockett, Barbara Fridley, John and Virgil Fields, Betty and Mary Haven, Tom Coats, Ed Rogers, and Terry Kaseberg.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. J. F. Royse last week were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Green of Outlook, Wn., who were on their way to Washington, D. C. to visit their son who is a trial lawyer under Attorney General Brownell.

Mrs. Grace Medler honored her daughter in law, Mrs. Elton Medler with a birthday dinner Sunday. Others present for the occasion were Elton Medler and Marcia, James and Dean, Mrs. Phyllis Adams and sons. Other visitors at the Medler home were Mr. and Wallace May of Grass Valley and Mrs. Hazel Moore.

Saturday night was an occasion for celebrating the birthday of the American Legion. Fifty three people were present at the potluck dinner at which coffee and ham were furnished. Commander John Hilderbrand cut the birthday cake and Auxiliary president, Grace Medler presented the Legion with a framed charter and charter roll. The junior members are entertaining at the next Auxiliary meeting on April 1, and the Auxiliary will present them with their pins.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McConaughy of Kent were Saturday visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nisbet.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg and family and Everett Royse recently attended the basketball many factors are dependent upon this material to be covered at this time.

The Thursday evening bridge club met last week at the home of



Pretty little Rosella of Wolf Creek, Oregon, does woodworking under direction of Velda Brust, occupational therapist, at Easter Seal hospital school in Eugene where youngsters from over 20 Oregon counties receive special education, training and therapy. Woodworking aids in developing arm motion. Hospital school is financed through current sale of Easter Seals by the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Red Cross Drive Getting Started

The annual Red Cross drive has started over a part of the county, and will continue through next week by which time it is hoped by Dr. F. D. Reid, county chairman, that the entire budget of \$1796 can be raised.

Of this amount \$1025 or 57.07 percent will remain in the county for local purposes and \$771 or 42.93 percent will go to the national. The budget for the Sherman county chapter includes \$202 for blood bank, \$668 for swimming and \$85 for home service and some smaller items.

Chairmen for the districts in the county are: Mrs. George Fox, Rufus, Mrs. Paul Patrick, Wasco, Mrs. Willard Barnett, Grass Valley, Mrs. Luther Davis, Kent.

Each will have additional solicitors.

March Moisture Mightv Memorable

March has already done better in bringing rain than another March in the long list of years since the station was established here. So far 2.67 inches of rain has fallen and that is 1.79 above the normal for the month. Highest previous March rainfall was 2.24 in 1938. For the crop year the precipitation is 6.72 and that is still 2.23 below the normal figured to April 1. On March first we were 4.02 below the normal indicating the driest fall and winter ever. Temperatures in March were almost exactly normal ranging from a high of 58 to a low of 25.

Four-H members, eligible to attend 4-H summer school at Corvallis June 11-12 have been mailed application forms.

Linfield Choir Heard Reappraisal Work Nearing End As Values Debated

The Linfield college choir, 45 strong, appeared at the Sherman High school auditorium Tuesday night before 100 citizens and presented a program of songs, the most ambitious of which was a musical setting for the Book of Genesis.

The first section consisted of sacred music fitted to staging by an a capella group. The final section was made up of more popular music and songs giving some what more range to the singers.

The college choir was under the direction of Carl Kittleson, director, and is ending a tour that took them far into Montana during the spring vacation at the college.

Permit Needed For New Drilled Wells

The three-year period provided by the 1955 legislative assembly for well owners to register their claims for rights to appropriate ground water is more than half over. Failure to register a claim with the state engineer before August 3, 1958, creates the presumption that the well owner has abandoned his claim for a vested ground-water right.

Certain uses of ground water are exempted from registration. These exempted uses include the use of ground water for stock, for watering any lawn or noncommercial garden not exceeding one-half acre in area, for single or group domestic purposes in an amount not exceeding 15,000 gallons a day, or for any single industrial or commercial purpose in an amount not exceeding 5,000 gallons a day.

To be subject to registration in Eastern Oregon, wells must have been constructed on or before May 28, 1927 for there has been ground-water legislation governing the construction of wells east of the Cascade Divide since that time. Wells for non-exempted uses that have been constructed subsequent to these effective dates without benefit of a permit to appropriate ground water are unlawful wells and are not subject to registration. Owners or operators of wells that are used in unlawful appropriations of ground water should make application to the state engineer for a permit to appropriate ground water. The priority for a water right obtained by a permit is based on the date the application for a permit is filed with the state engineer. A right to appropriate ground water under a registration has a tentative priority based on the date when construction of the well was begun.

Forms and information regarding well registration or permits to appropriate ground water can be obtained by writing to Lewis A. Stanley, State Engineer, Salem, Oregon.

Wasco Pastor To Be Ordained

This Sunday there will be the first ordination service in Wasco Church of Christ in the memory of present members.

Dr. Ross Griffith, president of Northwest Christian college of Eugene, and also chairman of Oregon State Council of Churches, will bring the morning message and conduct the ordination of Harold Fowler as minister of the Church of Christ or Christian church.

Harold Fowler, with his wife, Lurene and sons Corlan and Kevin, has been the pastor of the Wasco Church of Christ since the last of August, 1956.

Mr. Fowler has preached since 1947, with nearly five years of regular pastoral ministry; former churches being at East Berlin, Conn., Vernon, Colo., and Montague, California.

He graduated from Pacific college (now George Fox college,) Newberg and attended both Hartford Theological Seminary and Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

Linfield College Gives Scholarships

Norman Fridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Wasco, is among approximately 200 students at Linfield college, McMinnville, included in a \$50,000 scholarship and student aid program during the current college year.

Some of the awards are given for scholarship; others for excellence in particular areas, and some are grants in aid. They range from the large, \$800 to \$450, four-year scholarship for freshmen, which they will use over a four-year period, to the \$60 one semester and the one year grants.

The committees that are working on the job of reappraising the land in Sherman county are getting along with their work. The final figure to put on land has not been determined, however.

The county has been divided into four zones or districts. Zone 1 is the land west of Wasco and Moro to the top of Nigger ridge. Zone 2 reaches to about six miles north of Klondike to the head of Hay canyon for north and south boundaries and from Grass Valley canyon to about three miles east of Hay canyon for east and west boundaries.

Zone 3 lies east and north of Zone 2. Zone 4 is the land south of Nigger ridge which is generally in line with the head of Hay canyon.

There are 304,000 acres of tillable land in the county. Of this amount 26.61 per cent is in Zone 1, 16.97 in Zone 2, 18.01 in Zone 3, and 38.41 in Zone 4.

There is no No. 1 land in the county. The first zone has 68.44 per cent of No. 2 land, 34.43 per cent of No. 3 land, 51.89 per cent of No. 4 land and 1.25 per cent of No. 5 land.

The second zone has 50.76 per cent of No. 2 land, 44.91, No. 3 land, 2.53 per cent of No. 4 land, and 1.80 of No. 5. The third zone has 16.88 per cent of No. 2 land, 46.11 of No. 3, 30.52 of No. 4 and 6.85 of No. 5. Zone 4 has 15.52 per cent of No. 2 land, 59.09 of No. 3, 21.54 of No. 4 land and 3.85 of No. 5 land.

What is holding up the pricing is an argument between those who want to put a low price on the land and those who would prefer a price reflecting actual sales. The first group fear that federal estate appraisers will use a high figure to put large inheritance taxes on estates. The second group thinks they would be more likely guided by a realistic figure than one apparently too low.

Relationship between the value of the different classifications in price has caused little argument. The tax commission suggests that a top price of \$145 be put on the best land. Some committee members want \$120 on such land. The average of all proposals is \$125 for the best land.

Homemakers Festival Scheduled May 6

Plans are underway to hold a Homemakers' Festival on May 6. Members of the County Advisory committee and chairmen of the Extension Units will meet with Ina B. Hanson, Tuesday, April 2 to complete plans for the event. The group will meet in the small courtroom at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Wasco, chairman, will preside.

This group will discuss the extension program for next year. They will assemble the program suggestions from the unit members on to a ballot. At the April meetings of the various units, members will be given an opportunity to vote on the projects and workshops that they want included in next year's program.

Oregon Fairs Officers To Meet

The second annual Oregon Fairs association workshop has been announced for the Memorial Union Building, Oregon State college, April 22-23, states County Agent T. W. Thompson.

The workshop idea has been initiated to help promote better fairs in Oregon through consideration of ways of improving fair management, production, and displaying of Oregon's products. Goals of the workshop are to improve educational value of the exhibits, stimulate interest in the fair through better publicity and promotion, secure more entries, improve methods of making entries, display exhibits more attractively, develop better booth displays, and improve systems and methods used in judging and in audience involvement.

Registration will start at 8:30 a. m. Monday April 22 with the general opening of the workshop at 9:30 a. m. All folks interested in fairs and their improvement are to participate. Specific participants will be County Fair Managers, Division Superintendents, Board Members of County and the State Fairs, and Oregon State Extension Staff. A delegation from Sherman county is expected, states Thompson.