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These Things We Note

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We wonder if there will be much curtailment of the use of cigarettes for health reasons as long as smoking them is the style. One might as well be dead as to not conform, you know.

T T W N

We are willing to go to great lengths to be like grandpa; wear whiskers, drive covered wagons, sail across the ocean. But heaven help us from working like grandpa.

T T W N

The supreme court says it is all right to advocate communism as long as you don't succeed. After that it is too late.

T T W N

Scientists are said to be worrying as to whether the earth is getting colder or hotter. Some days it is one and some days the other just like always.

T T W N

Overheard: "big enough to play a tuba"; "getting thoroughly tanned is as private an affair as taking a bath."

T T W N

Here is a classic quote: "Education is the most important single responsibility of government." Sweetland said, from OEA bulletin. National defense, protection of life and property, keeping the peace, all secondary, eh?

T T W N

Cattle in the John Day valley should winter well to judge from the size of the hay crop now being cut there.

T T W N

A style doesn't have to be better, only newer. Political theories are much like styles.

T T W N

The money the government spends to help the farm situation would be well spent if it helped the situation. Instead it makes it worse.

T T W N

Borrowers are generally opposed to a tight money policy and lenders generally favor it. Maybe there are more borrowers and they will eventually prevail. That will mean fewer people willing to loan money and that in time will bring higher interest rates in itself unless government will loan money at rates less than it will have to pay.

T T W N

If we could mobilize the effort Americans take to win plaques we could easily fly to the moon.

T T W N

"I'd much rather face the future with what I've saved," said the elderly one, "than with what is left after taxes plus social security and inflation."

T T W N

The ins are often the party of tight money and the outs the party of loose money. In fact, Truman had a tight money policy once and held onto it. Any administration is afraid of inflation if it has any sense.

T T W N

Who said this generation isn't tough; this morning a radio station was playing an Elvis Presley record before seven breakfast.

T T W N

We think labor will be in better position when it is able to hire small, weak men as organizers instead of the big, six-footers, now doing that job.

T T W N

Ernest Willerton of The Dalles died while on his way to Montana for a vacation trip at the home of his daughter and son in law. He was born in Hay Canyon March 13, 1884 and was well known to many old timers of this county.

T T W N

State Senator Warren Gill was having a little fun when he proposed that for every million added to the budget legislators pay be reduced \$100 and for every million deducted the pay be raised \$100. But it might do something to halt the successful lobbying efforts of the tax spenders.

T T W N

How much of the legislation now before congress and how much that was before the state legislature really concerns the average citizen? Not much, most of it is petty. If a better job was done on the important legislation the nation would be better served.

Girls State Girls Win Offices; Learn About Government

The five Sherman county delegates to Girls State, together with their chaperon, Mrs. Mildred McDonald, who acted as senior counselor, returned home Sunday after a week spent at Willamette university in Salem practicing the arts of government.

All five of the Sherman county girls were elected to an office after nomination, a campaign and election by ballot of the voters of their counties or the general assembly of 246 girls, the largest number to ever attend.

Karen Wilson became county commissioner, emulating her father, Lester Wilson, Kay Kirkelle was elected county judge of a different county, Bonnie Schaumburger was county chairman of her party and Diane Schilling and Geraldine Holzapfel were state senators.

Mrs. McDonald was greatly enthused over Girls State as a means of teaching government and also happy to congratulate the units on sending outstanding girls as county delegates.

Shrine Football Tickets Available

Ernie Woods expects to get a block of 50 tickets for the Shrine "B" football game in Pendleton by July 10. These are in the center of the field and may be obtained from him by those who may wish to attend the game.

Playing on the East team this year will be Louie Miller and Jim Brady of Sherman high school seniors and Robbie Hastings and Jim Belshe are alternates who will be used in the big game for smaller schools.

Labor To Produce Acre of Wheat Less

To produce an acre of wheat in America, it once required 57.7 man hours of labor. Today with mechanization, it takes 1.8 hours.

These and other striking facts about accomplishments of agricultural engineering have been outlined by OSC as part of the 50th year observance of professional agricultural engineering in this county.

J. B. Rodgers, head of agricultural engineering at the college, says the value of farm equipment on American farms is more than \$18 billion, five times the total investment in the automotive industry. And today, the modern farmer has at his disposal about 36 mechanical or electrical horsepower per worker to help him do chores.

Teachers Salaries Go Up and Up

Salaries for beginning teachers are up about \$300 this year over last with the demand continuing to run far ahead of the supply in all fields, according to Mrs. Kathryn Smith, director of teacher placement at Oregon State college.

All of OSC's 352 teaching graduates this year could have been placed weeks ago. Mrs. Smith said. Requests were received from all areas of the state, from every other state in the nation, and from some other countries. Some teachers have not yet signed contracts, she reported, but only because they are "extremely choosy" about location and type of position.

Elementary teachers are in greatest demand, Mrs. Smith said, with the biggest call for teachers in the intermediate grades. This is a shift from previous years when teachers in the youngest grades—kindergarten to third grade—were most needed.

About two-thirds of the OSC graduates are staying here in Oregon to teach, according to Mrs. Smith. All could have been placed here, but opportunities in other states attracted about one-third.

Big high school teacher shortages reported by OSC are in home economics, girls physical education, industrial arts, mathematics and physical sciences. Women teachers are in great demand at present—a reverse from 10 years ago when school superintendents were crying for more men teachers, Mrs. Smith pointed out.

The OSC placement office maintains records also for graduates of past years who are in teaching. Some 7000 teachers are now registered with Mrs. Smith and many of them are placed in better jobs each year.

Swimming Starts Monday; Local Hauling Needed

Swimming classes sponsored by the local chapter of the Red Cross will start Monday, June 24, and run for two weeks. The classes will be held in The Dalles where the chapter has rented the pool and engaged life guards and instructors for the course.

Each community will furnish transportation and chaperons for those attending the classes. All children of school age are urged to attend if they would like to learn how to swim.

Classes in The Dalles start at 10 o'clock and end at 12. Bus transportation will leave the different communities in sufficient time to arrive at the pool prior to start of class.

Those from Kent are advised that the bus will leave the school house at 8 o'clock, at Grass Valley they should meet at the drugstore at 8:30, at Wasco, Mrs. Patrick should be contacted for time and place for the bus, at Rufus, they should meet at the postoffice at 9:00 o'clock, and at Moro no definite arrangements have been made as yet, but it is expected that transportation can be arranged. Notice of arrangements will be posted at the postoffice in Moro, so check this for final instructions.

Children attending swimming lessons who have not registered should do so Monday at the pool. The Red Cross has arranged for the use of the pool, set the dates and hired the instructor. Transportation is a local matter.

Parker Heads Moro TV Club Now

The Moro TV club at a regular quarterly meeting Tuesday evening elected officers for the coming year. The officers elected are: John Parker, president; John Buck, vice-president; Ken Dunlap, sec-treas. Also elected was a director for a three year term, this position was taken by Clarence Huls.

Outgoing president is Clair Balzer, vice-president Andy Paulson, sec-treas. Lloyd Wooderson and director Harry Benson.

Directors who hold unexpired terms are George Geiser and Keith Thompson.

The budget for next year was also approved and an assessment of \$5 per member was levied for the upkeep of the line and other expenses. This figures out a little less than 42¢ per month for television service, after the initial membership fees are paid.

At the present time the club has 65 members.

Kay Kirkelle Going On Long Trip

Kay Kirkelle is going on a trip and is ready to start Sunday as one of a group of 30 from Oregon to attend the National Youth Assembly to be held at Grinnell college in Iowa. Eighteen hundred are expected.

After the conference which will be held June 26 to July 3 the Oregon delegation will go south thru Denver to New Mexico and Arizona to make a tour of those states and California before coming home about the middle of the month. Presbyterian missions will be visited.

Miss Kirkelle won the trip, being one of eleven from the Portland Presbytery, for consistent and helpful activity in the church.

Fish Tagging Shows Run Tendency

Stage two of an extensive study of salmon migration between Bonneville and McNary dams was started last week by the Oregon fish commission as a part of the fisheries engineering research program of the Corps of Engineers. A determination is being made of possible changes in the time it takes fish to pass upstream that could be attributed to the construction of The Dalles dam.

Last year the fish commission put plastic tags on approximately 9,000 salmonoids at Bonneville dam to assess average migration rates for salmon prior to the completion of The Dalles dam. On the average, it took spring Chinook salmon eight days to swim the 146 river miles from Bonneville to McNary. Blueback and fall Chinook salmon made the trip more slowly, averaging about nine days.

Sherman County's Young Ball Players Win Doubleheader

The Sherman county entry in the mid-Columbia junior baseball league went to Kinzua Sunday and won a double header from that team by scores of 12 to 4 and 7 to 5.

Playing for the Sherman countians was Tommy Eakin, catcher, Terry Kaseberg, 1st, Butch Kirkelle, 2nd, Keith Hockman, 3rd, who played those positions in both games. Others playing were Jim Brown, Charles Griggs and Jim Duncan, pitchers, J. Holloway and Jim Dufean, shortstops, Lee Kaseberg, G. Smith, Tommy DeMoss, Gary Thompson, outfielders.

Several cars were taken to the Wheeler county town to transport the boys to the game.

Fertilizer Effects Being Compiled

Effects of fertilizers on wheat yields throughout the Columbia Basin dryland area from 1953 through 1955 are reported in a new booklet published by Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

Experiments on nearly 100 wheat farms of the area are summarized in the circular, "Wheat Fertilization Experiments in the Columbia Basin". While the circular does not pin-point fertilizer recommendations, it gives patterns of yield increases for various climates and soil conditions. Effects of fertilizers on test weights and protein contents of wheat are also discussed.

Bangs Testing Still Going On In State

More than 27,000 Oregon cattle were tested in May, and another 18,214 calves were vaccinated in the federal-state brucellosis eradication program. The testing revealed 194 reactors, or 7.10th of one per cent.

Officials of the state and federal departments of agriculture at Salem said the May testing was carried on 2,599 herds, in 86 of which reactors appeared. More than 600 herds were included in the month's calf vaccinations.

Fifteen Bang's reactors were found in Columbia county's 289 cattle tested to give that county the highest percentage of May reactors. Klamath and Lake, where fewer cattle were tested, showed 4.4 and 4 per cent of reactors, respectively, and Jackson county with 1,614 cattle tested had 3.1 per cent reactors.

In the cooperative testing for tuberculosis last month, only one reactor (Wasco county) was found in the 12,708 cattle tested.

Mountain Sheep Released From Enclosure; May Not Be Hunted Until Band Increases; Agile, Fearless Animals Hard to Herd

For the first time since the late '90s, bighorn mountain sheep once again roam the scab rock country of eastern Oregon. But don't get your fever up for it will probably be quite a few years yet before any hunting will be allowed.

The first release of the big rim rock dwellers into the wilds of Oregon took place last week when Frank Grogan, district game biologist, with the help of five other commission employees, drove 18 animals through the gates of the Hart mountain enclosure. The animals included two young rams, four ewes, four lambs, and the rest yearlings of undetermined sex. The released bighorns have free access to roam where they wish and to take up homesteads on any part of the range which they might find to their liking.

Getting the animals out of their 1,000 acre enclosure was no easy task. During the 2½ years of confinement since their introduction from British Columbia in January of 1955, the bighorns had become familiar with every foot of the steep canyon and jagged cliffs within the fence. They had also become past masters of the art of playing hide and seek with anyone entering their little domain.

The day of release proved no exception although Grogan planned a careful method of attack. Ron Shay of the game commission's information division was planted in a blind at the gate to take movies of the release and also to close the gate quickly in case too many animals were driven down. It was hoped that about 15 animals could be driven thru the gate to freedom, the rest to be held inside the enclosure as a

Bloodmobile Due July 2 For First Visit This Year

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Moro Community church Tuesday, July 2, from 2:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

The American Legion posts of the county and their auxiliaries are sponsoring this drawing. Members of these units will have pledge cards to be signed by donors. However, for those who wish to donate and do not happen to be contacted cards will be at the Wasco Market and Mae Reids in Wasco, Cushman Equipment and Doumas Market in Moro, Fields Confectionery and Hoopers Union Station in Grass Valley.

Since the drawing last year, residents of Sherman county have received 51 pints of blood at The Dalles General hospital. This is the only hospital from which we receive a lab sheet. We know that almost as much was used in the Portland hospitals. The 51 pints were distributed as follows: Rufus 9, Wasco 27, Moro 4, Grass Valley 7 and Kent 4. From reports given us by persons concerned we know that residents of the Moro district received 12 pints at the Veterans hospital and 19 pints at other Portland hospitals.

Letters are being mailed soon with a more detailed explanation of the program and some of its results. We hope to exceed our quota of 86 pints and send 100 to the center.

Wheat Exports Big Again In May

Monthly records for export movement of grain from Oregon ports were smashed for the second consecutive month in May, according to the state department of agriculture. More than 9.4 million bushels of grain, mostly wheat, were loaded last month on ships at Portland and Astoria ports. This is about a third of a million bushels more than in April, and represents almost 28 full cargoes.

T. Ralph Harry, chief of the department's division of grain inspection, says much of the export grain came from flathouse storage in the Portland area. Three mothball ships were also unloaded during May.

The May exports included 448,000 bushels of corn and 529,130 bushels of barley.

On the other side of the picture, more than 7.3 million bushels of incoming grain, again mostly wheat, were inspected at Portland and almost 820,000 bushels at Astoria. The Pendleton office inspected 51,300 bushels of incoming wheat.



Keith Mobley of Kent has been named winner of a scholarship to Oregon State college next year. He was one of 124 Oregon high school seniors selected to receive scholarships at OSC for 1957-58 under sponsorship of the state system of higher education. The scholarships are worth \$138. Mobley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne E. Mobley, Kent, graduated from Sherman high school earlier this month. He plans to major in engineering at OSC. In high school he was active in student government and during his senior year Mobley served as student body president.

Grass Valley P. O. To Be Dedicated

Mrs. Glendora Smith, Grass Valley postmaster, announces that there will be open house at the postoffice Saturday June 29 starting at 2:00 o'clock with a flag raising by Boy Scouts and with an official of the postoffice department on hand to speak.

In the evening there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 with all lodges co-operating. A history of the Baptist church will be given and also a history of the Grass Valley postoffice. Patrons of the rural route will honor Matt Simon mail carrier, who has served them for 30 years.

Reason for the celebration is to dedicate the new building recently built by Mrs. Smith and the installation of new equipment by the government.

Moro Grain Growers To Hear Youth

Members of the Moro Grain Growers will be able to hear a program given by the Young Oregonians at the annual meeting on June 29 which will be held at the Sherman high school building.

It has been several years since a group of Young Oregonians have visited Sherman county with one of their varied and entertaining programs.

Superintendent Hired For SHS; Fakin Elected

By a somewhat smaller vote than the Sherman high school budget received a week before the voters of the county approved a new tax base for the high school district 142 yes and 66 no in Monday's election. The vote on the budget was 166 to 23.

Harold Eakin was re-elected to the high school board with few dissenting votes, some of which were cast for men residing outside the Grass Valley area. It was necessary to elect a director from that district although voters from all over could vote.

The school board met Monday night and elected William Bleker as the new superintendent. He has been teaching at Lorane, an eleven teacher school in Lane county near Cottage Grove. There were three full time teachers and two part-time in high school, average daily membership was 39.8 and the assessed valuation \$755,446. Mr. Bleker is 33, married and has three children. He is a graduate of Pacific university and has obtained an M. A. degree from Oregon State.

Cloyd Duncan, science teacher, has resigned to go to Athena and a new instructor is being sought to fill the position he has held for the past four years. Incidentally, Gerald Disch, former Moro coach, has accepted a position as coach in a Florida school and will leave Oregon.

Herman Peters has accepted the job as janitor at the high school and started work Monday morning. Work on the athletic field has begun and effort will be made to get it drained and graded and ready for seeding soon.

More Coyotes Killed

More than twice as many coyotes were taken in April than in March by Oregon predatory animal hunters. This is revealed in the monthly report to the state department of agriculture, cooperating agency with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The total April take in 32 Oregon counties was 814 predators, compared with 551 in March. The April destructions included 567 coyotes, 183 bobcats, 9 bear and 55 fox. The hunters also caught 39 badgers, 17 skunks, 66 raccoon and 110 porcupines.

Umatilla led the counties on coyotes, with 74 destroyed; other top coyote takes were in Lake, 63; Crook, 60; Umatilla 50; and Morrow, 45. Lake county accounted for 39 bobcats. Yamhill topped the fox column with 18. Lane was second with 12; and Marion and Linn accounted for 9 and 8, respectively. The bear catch was all in seven western Oregon counties.

Oregon Traffic Down

Oregon highway traffic recorded at 28 rural automatic traffic counters showed a statewide decrease of 1.5 per cent for May 1957, as compared to May 1956.

Despite the overall decrease for the month, some counter locations showed substantial gains. Gervais on Market Road No. 629, 1 mile east of US99E was up 17.1 per cent; Gresham on US26, 1 mile east of Gresham up 11.7 per cent; and Midland on US97, 6 miles south of Klamath Falls up 7.8 per cent.

College Grads Wanted

The demand for trained graduates in agricultural engineering is constantly increasing, Rodgers reported. Some 1000 agricultural engineers are needed each year but only about 300 college graduates are available each June.

OSC is one of 25 U. S. colleges nationally accredited in agricultural engineering with work offered on both the bachelor's and master's degree levels.

Rural electrification has brought electricity and conveniences to almost 95 per cent of the U. S. farm homes; irrigation and drainage advances have brought vast areas of land into production; with mechanization, one man today can handle 40,000 broilers, while 10 years ago he could handle only 10,000; and beef cattle feeding labor requirements have been cut to a fraction of what they were earlier.

Less than 13 per cent of the population of the U. S. now produces all the food and fiber needed by this country, Rodgers pointed out. In 1857, before the era of agricultural engineering, it required about 85 per cent of the people to do the job.