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These Things We Note

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Two elderly brothers recently died in Portland with money. Wait 'til Uncle Sam hears about that.

T T W N

The average citizen does not think politically. He is interested in good government but doesn't care much which party does it. This state administration, with its emphasis on politics, is doing itself or the state little good.

T T W N

It is doubtful if the interest rate is the main reason for slower home building. Most people have homes is a better reason.

T T W N

Civilization is the process of learning to live by and be softened by gadgets. It is lots of fun but bad for the health.

T T W N

If a few buyers wait for a price drop they will be disappointed; if a lot of buyers wait for a price drop it will come.

T T W N

One of the disgraces of local jails has been mock courts. Now that a man has been killed through one of them perhaps something will be done.

T T W N

The interest rates will go down when the savers get enough saved to satisfy the borrowers. Grandpa knew that loaning money was nice work if you could get it.

T T W N

Another industry that is going the way of blacksmith and the whalebone corset maker is that of picking up beer bottles along the roads.

T T W N

An English investigator exposed mice to cigarette smoke. Such mice lived longer than untreated mice. Moral: if you're going to smoke, be a mouse.

T T W N

To judge from present trends the car in five years from now will be longer, lower, with more angles and ridges. It will be faster, safer and more expensive. That is, unless some one makes a nice round little car to sell for \$1500.

T T W N

Oregon has the highest business tax and the least business. Reasonable isn't it?

T T W N

Wouldn't it be simple to have a business or profession all of the ills of which could be cured with money as the school men are saying about the school?

T T W N

Ideas are the most precious thing in the world and the ability to select the good ones is second.

T T W N

Observers may discern something of the temper of the voters in the Wisconsin election when Walter Kohler was nominated as U. S. Senator. He is head of the plumbing firm that has so long been struck by labor.

T T W N

If the politicians were doing their level best to keep the northwest from getting a dam they couldn't do a more careful job.

T T W N

No one is going to get very excited over heavy weight boxing for some time unless a more spectacular man can come along as champion.

T T W N

Social Security is a process whereby government takes money from all workers and gives it to those who live long enough, a sort of subsidy on longevity.

T T W N

When the political battle over civil rights is decided the south will have won something of a victory and the nation will have another lesson in political management. Those boys are good.

T T W N

Looking to the future we see football, school and county fairs looming on the rather immediate horizon and along with them frosted tomato vines and a fire in the furnace.

T T W N

A young fellow thinks that all changes are improvements; an old fellow thinks none of them are. Neither are right nor wrong but certainly not all changes improve.

Soil Bank Brings Nearly \$400,000 To Sherman Farmers

Soil bank payments were received by Sherman county farmers before harvest, a timing that made most farmers happy. Total payments made to Sherman county farmers for participation in the soil bank plan was \$395,108.69.

There were 90 contracts under the scheme which included 12,188 acres which figures out to an average of \$32.42 per acre. Figured on the basis of bushels on average production it comes to around \$1.23 per bushel for the wheat not grown.

July Dry and A Little Cold

It rained .23 inch on July 13 and that was all for July, and sufficient, too. At that it was .05 above the normal for July. The crop year total stands at 10.02 and that is 1.42 inches below the normal, an item that will be of interest to farmers and fertilizers.

It did get hot, 91 degrees being the hottest on two days. This is the lowest hot weather. It was 92 back in 1954. The coldest temperature registered at the station was 45. The average for cold in July is 42 so this July wasn't as cold as it seemed. Average maximum was 79.8 and the average minimum was 51.5 to make the mean temperature 65.6 which is three degrees below the average for July. However, the customers stood it, the farmers were pleased.

Old Folks Not So Useless It Says

The aged population represents a still-unexplored source of "man-power and brainpower" that can be turned from an economic liability into a total asset, the editorial said. However, there must be careful community planning and coordination of various agencies and facilities.

The AMA committee on aging has agreed that "retirement should not be based arbitrarily on chronological age," but that employment in all age brackets should be a matter of proper assignment of skills.

The committee is drafting a physical examination form which will help companies and physicians evaluate a worker's particular capabilities. It is also trying to devise an A. Q. (aging quotient) test based on physiological and psychological factors. Such a test would help the employer decide whether a man should retire or be moved to a less taxing job.

"There is little doubt, from a medical standpoint, that when men have their occupations taken away many of them become lost—experiencing a distinct deterioration of personality, a marked depression, and a great acceleration in the aging process," the article said.

"Lack of work, even when there is a pension, almost always presents a severe problem in economics, as well, to the elderly. At a time when his medical needs normally are the greatest, the earning power of the older is at its lowest. Multiplied by the millions, it is this factor—more than any other—which challenges the entire community in every corner of the nation," it said.

George Drinkards Married Fifty Years Sunday; Daughters Arrange Reception

The nicest social held at Rufus this season was the Open House Sunday July 28 at the Rufus grange hall for Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard Sr. on their golden wedding anniversary.

The hall was lavishly decorated with gay summer flowers. A lovely arrangement of yellow gladioli centered the punch bowl table, at which Mrs. George Drinkard Jr. served the punch.

A tree covered with golden foil wrapped fifty cent pieces centered the gift table of which Mrs. Alta Smith had charge.

A gold linen covered table was used to hold the beautiful three tiered wedding cake decorated in white and gold and centered by the number 50 denoting the years wed. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Spencer. Will Huck was photographer for the pictures taken. Many relatives and friends from



SURPRISED IN THE FOREST OF ARDEN are Jacques (right) played by Kenneth Geist of New York, and Duke Senior, done by William Sharp of California (center). Sword-wielder is George Vassiliadis of Texas, enacting Orlando. Trio will be seen in "As You Like It," opening the month-long season August 1 at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland.

Students Like Science Instruction By TV Now On Trial In Three Oregon Schools

A favorable attitude on the part of students toward television classes has been reported by Oregon State college following an experimental spring term class in which 43 students took chemistry by TV.

Test scores of students in the TV section and those of 145 other students in regular classroom sections of the same course were almost exactly the same. Under the experimental class arrangement, only the two weekly lectures were televised. Recitation and laboratory periods were conducted as usual.

Student attitude toward TV as an instruction device changed significantly during the course, according to the study conducted by Conrad V. Hatch, graduate student in chemistry, and Wendell Slabaugh, chemistry professor who was TV class instructor.

Before TV section assignments were made at the beginning of the term, 52 per cent of the students registered for the chemistry class expressed a "negative" attitude toward having lectures by television.

When the term was over, however, the percent of students having

ing a negative attitude dropped from 52 to 27 per cent and those with a "positive" or favorable attitude increased from 22 to 45 per cent.

Students in the TV sections rated TV and regular classroom lectures as having "about the same effectiveness." They had taken the first two quarters of the course under the same instructor in the usual manner.

Fourteen, or 35 per cent of the students in the TV section, considered the "over-all effectiveness" of the TV lectures to be greater than regular lectures; 13, or 33 per cent, rated the two methods equal; and 13 or 33 per cent, thought the TV lectures less effective.

Lack of color was mentioned as the greatest disadvantage. Other disadvantages included lack of good camera technique, lack of proper opportunity to ask questions, lack of personal contact, and limited view of material and equipment.

Many said the TV camera let them see demonstrations "closer up." Students preferred TV instruction from an excellent lecturer to face-to-face lectures from a less capable teacher.

The experimental class was arranged as a "test run" for TV courses planned by the state system of higher education to test the effectiveness of television for college instruction. This fall, TV courses will be presented over an inter-institutional network that include OSC, University of Oregon and Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.

Slabaugh's chemistry class, for example, will be taken by 300 students at OSC and U. of O. and by 50 students at OCE. It will be carried by KOAC, state-owned station located on the OSC campus, over its newly-assigned channel 7 educational outlet. The chemistry lectures will originate in the OSC coliseum, where a special portable chemistry laboratory has been installed.

The annual picnic of Sherman countians held in Portland will be held at Laurelhurst park Sunday, August 11 at one o'clock. A picnic dinner is a feature of the meeting together with a lot of visiting among former Sherman countians now living around Portland and those who still stay with the old home.

Tom Fraser is president of the association that arranges the picnic this year and all residents are invited to attend.

Bernis Guy Buried At The Dalles

Bernis Guy died in Portland Sunday at the age of 57 and was buried in The Dalles mausoleum Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. after service in Portland.

Bernis was born in Ames, Iowa September 13, 1899 and spent nearly all of his life in Sherman county. He moved to Portland about 12 years ago after farming southwest of Wasco for years.

Surviving are his widow Frances, one daughter, Mrs. Al Dor-maier of Wasco, a son, Gaylord of Portland, two sisters, Lottie Bowman of Re-nond and Lois Loomis of Forest Grove; four brothers, Harold of Goldendale, Malcolm of Yamhill, Maynard of Forest Grove and Roy of Grass Valley.

Utility Valuations Up In State, Down In County

Assessed values of utility company holdings show an increase of 11.5% over 1956, according to figures released today by the State Tax Commission. Total assessed value this year is up \$30 million over last year for a grand total of \$289,287,409.27 in all counties.

"This substantial increase," commented Commission Chairman S. W. Horn, "is due to the continued expansion of facilities and service of several of the rapidly growing utility companies."

The gas company category, which has increased nearly 47% over last year due to the investment in natural gas pipeline and facilities, heads the list of increases. Other classes showing substantial gains include air transportation companies, up 14.4%; telephone companies, up 17.3%; water transportation companies, up 14.6%; and electric companies, up 13.1%.

Certificates of assessment printed electronically by the Commission's tabulating system, have been mailed to all county assessors by the utility valuation section. These certificates show the assessed value of every utility company within each county with the exception of private car companies whose values are less than \$100,000 and whose taxes are collected directly by the Commission and distributed to the counties separate from other utility assessments.

Sherman county has \$3,658,650.80 in true cash value, an increase of 3.8 %. The assessed value is \$1,317,114.29, a decrease of 1.7% because of reduced assessment ratio.

Fall Hunting Regulations Change Former Rules Slightly; Many Fish Planted

Game commission liberation trucks have been operating practically around the clock the past month stocking streams and lakes throughout the state. Tabulations show that through June approximately 9,517,000 fish have been released so far this year. According to Reino Koski, in charge of liberations, the number is an increase of about 3,000,000 for a similar period in 1956 and is the result of the commission's accelerated fry and fingerling program.

Total weight of fish stocked is more than 346,000 pounds. During June more than 100,000 pounds of fish were released, the third consecutive month in which this figure has been exceeded.

Complicating the heavy hauling schedule has been the necessity of distributing some 7,000,000 Kamloop fry resulting from eggs taken at Diamond lake. Anglers can look forward to catching this fighting strain of rainbow in several popular fishing waters. It will take possibly two years before they will be of any size, but Kamloops of eight to ten inches should be in the bag for next year.

In the popular Cascade angling area, Wickiup reservoir received plants of Canadian rainbow fry totaling nearly 900,000. Waldo lake received about 500,000 Kamloop fry. Klamath Falls anglers can look for the Canadian rainbows next year in Klamath lake where about 900,000 were released.

A week longer general elk season and an earlier pheasant and quail opening highlighted several changes in the tentative rules adopted by the game commission Friday as final hunting regulations for the 1957 seasons.

The rules as adopted would open the general elk season on October 26 on both the east and west side areas. Closing dates would remain the same, November 11 on the coast ranges and November 24 in the Cascade, northeastern and southeastern ranges.

In addition, Josephine county on southwestern Oregon was included in the spike bull area.

The pheasant, quail and partridge season was moved ahead a week, opening October 19 and extending through November 4. Because of excellent brood counts, Jackson and Josephine counties were opened up for valley quail, the season to run concurrent with the pheasant season dates. Bag limit was set at 5 per day and not over 10 in possession.

A complete synopsis of the regulation will be available to the public in three or four weeks.

111 Years of School Teaching Done By Three Webbs

Three men who have taught school for a total of 111 years were in Moro Tuesday and Wednesday. Eldest and the one who has taught longest is Ernest Webb who ended 33 years as instructor at Beaverton last year by retirement. He has taught a total of 52 years, mostly as high school public speech teacher.

Leslie Webb finished 42 years as teacher this June after 32 years as history teacher at King City, California. Both elder Webbs have taught in Sherman county.

With the brothers was Ronald Webb, Ernest's son, who has taught 17 years in Oregon schools which does not include four years in the army for which he will get retirement credit.

ASC Plans To Start Weed Program

A noxious weed control program has been approved for the county under the 1957 Agricultural Conservation Program according to Frank von Borstel, chairman, Sherman ASC county committee. Under this program, which is limited to the control of Morning Glory and Russian Knap weed by the use of chlorate, alacide or polyborchlorate, payment will be made at 50 per cent of the cost of chemicals used. New for 1957, is that payment will be made only on those farms which have a total of 1/4 acre or more of these weeds. Mr. von Borstel stated that it will be necessary for operators whose farms meet these requirements, and who intend to file for payment, to call at the ASC office in Moro for further information before applying the chemicals.

Gilliam County Has Best SCS District

Oregon's champion soil conservation district for 1956-57 and two individuals selected for outstanding work in soil and water conservation have been named by Good-year Tire and Rubber company, sponsor of a national soil conservation awards program.

Gilliam county district, one of 54 soil conservation districts in Oregon, received top honors for the state.

Lloyd Smith, Mayville, was named by the Gilliam county district board of supervisors as the outstanding farmer-cooperator. Harold Hartfield of Arlington, was nominated by the winning district to receive the governing board's individual member award.

Smith and Hartfield will be guests of the program sponsors on a vacation trip to Wigwam guest resort and Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Ariz., in November. Gilliam county district and the individual winners will also be presented bronze plaques at the annual meeting of the Oregon association of soil conservation districts, November 21 and 22, at Tillamook.

Second place district honors went to the Midstate soil conservation district in Deschutes county, which nominated Alfred Smith of Terrebonne as its outstanding farmer-cooperator.

Districts were judged, May 1, 1956 to April 30, 1957, on activities in organization, education, planning, promotion and accomplishment in the fields of soil and water conservation. The eleventh annual contest began this May 1.

Gilliam county was credited with making the greatest advances of any county in the Columbia Basin in use of trashy fallow for erosion control. E. R. Jackson, Oregon State college, farm crops specialist and member of the state judging committee, said the county is also making rapid progress in use of an alfalfa-grass combination for soil conservation.

Other Oregon judges were Glen Purnell, Corvallis, former executive secretary, Oregon state soil conservation committee; Robert Brown, Portland, assistant Oregon conservationist for SCS; and Robert Baum, then executive secretary, natural resources committee and now executive secretary of the state soil conservation committee, Corvallis.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton Aids Safetyrama

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was in Portland Wednesday, where she assisted in the showing of the "Traffic Safetyrama" at the Meier and Frank company's auditorium. Thirty or more organizations are taking part in the 9-day safety show, which was arranged by the Oregon Highway Lifesavers committee in co-operation with Meier and Frank. Prize contests, stage and film shows, exhibits and booths are features of the show. Mrs. Pinkerton was a hostess at the booth manned by the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs. On Wednesday, the 1:30 stage show was sponsored by the federated clubs.

Mrs. Mildred Drinkard Buried Wednesday

Mrs. George (Mildred) Drinkard died at the family home east of Moro Monday morning. She was 53 years old, having been born in The Dalles in 1904 and lived in this vicinity all of her life, the last 17 years at Moro.

Surviving are her widower, George Drinkard Jr. and a brother, Claud Nelson of Soap Lake, Washington.

Funeral services were held from Smith Callaway chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday, July 31 with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there. Pall bearers were James, Phil and Steve O'Meara, Virgil Conlee, Gus Nichols and Harvey Thompson.

Crop Yields Hold Up As Harvest Half Finished

The center of harvesting activity moved from Wasco and the north end to Moro and the central part of the county this week and elevators of the Moro Grain Growers are having what will probably be the biggest week. Hauling to Hay Canyon, has already slowed down as farmers on Starvation Point finished their cutting. Some are through at Monkland and in the north end of the county many have ended harvest for 1957.

As is usual cutting starts at Grass Valley after it is pretty well over north of Nigger Ridge and wheat has merely started to roll into the Grass Valley elevator this week as full crews started work.

Good fields made 50 bushels per acre. There are too many reports to that effect to discount it. Some beat that by five or six bushels and the crop is fine.

There are only a few reports of crops under 30 bushels and that on poorer land or unfertilized land. Some of the wheat was shattered by the persistent wind and much wheat lost for that reason.

Harvesting is a quick and almost painless process in these days of fast pusher combines and big trucks when two men can put 2500 bushels of grain in the elevator and sleep until six o'clock before starting with time and energy for a bath every night.

Many farmers have two or three combines and do the job in less than two weeks whereas harvest used to last from mid-July to October in some phase or another.

Baptists Will Hear Lawrence Todd Sunday

Baptists will feature Larry Todd next Sunday at the Grass Valley Baptist church. Mr. Todd, missionary to Japan, will be speaking at both services.

Mr. Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Todd of Grass Valley, was raised around Grass Valley and while on furlough from his missionary work is working in harvest.