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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Sign in a bar:
"He who drinks and drinks with grace
Is always welcome in this place
But he who drinks more than his share
Is never welcome anywhere."

R. E. Rockefeller is the Union Oil agent at Woodland, California.
TTWN

Somehow and sometimes we get the impression that Californians have decided that the human race is here to stay. And there isn't much to be done about it. No one seems vitally interested in trying to change the human race, make the women wear more clothes, make the men drink less beer, make the children learn quicker. Experience teaches that efforts to reform the human race are universally unsuccessful, but it isn't often one finds a willingness to accept it as it is.

TTWN
The brunet across the darkened dining room was being particularly attentive to her escort although it was impossible to tell whether it was prompted by emotion or economics.

TTWN
The Jacinto grant was a 7,000 acre tract bought in 1867 by H. J. Glenn for \$1.60 an acre and was the start of the world's largest wheat farm. On it there were many buildings, hundreds of men and one of the most magnificent homes in California. Glenn became rich and indulgent and within one generation the family had dissipated \$5,000,000 after his death. The old home, now in ruins, covered with vines and a worker lives in a one story shack nearby disdaining the once elegant home that was a social center for a hundred miles around.

TTWN
From "On Center", publication of the Oregon State Hospital at Salem:

"God grant me the
... Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change ...
Courage to
change the things I can,
and Wisdom to
know the difference. . ."

TTWN
Remember when there were only three important brands of cigarettes? Now there are dozens. And no one knows why habits have changed.

TTWN
Walter Ruether's proposal that manufacturers reduce the price of cars if labor would curtail its demands on wages and hours was a cute stunt. It would have given labor credit for lower prices while contributing a part of only one component of a car's cost. However, it may be a good tendency.

TTWN
Magazine criticism of the farm program seems to be growing. Some of it is written without full understanding of the farm situation but it does seem that farmers might learn to walk better without so much aid.

TTWN
Politics is funny. The ins are optimists, the outs pessimists. Nationally the Republicans say everything is hunky-dory and there's barely a cloud in the sky while Democrats enlarge every depressing sign. In the state it is different (really is for that matter for Oregon isn't doing very well) as the Democrats find things pretty good while the Republicans holler about taxes and lack of industry and falling employment. As a matter of fact in Oregon the Republicans started the high surtax they now decry in the bigger version passed by the Democrats. Ah, me. What a dependable old world.

TTWN
Everyone is inclined to look to something or someone for help. Some look to relatives, especially parents, which is referred to as never growing up—and probably is; some look to government and the process whereunder citizens can rely on government instead of themselves is called socialism; some look within themselves for power to advance themselves and that is called individualism.

Fires Burn Barley, Grass This Week

A tractor started a fire on the Frank Sayrs ranch last Friday and the result was a loss of 10 acres of barley, a field of barley stubble and some grass. Volunteers rushed to the scene and thought the fire was all corralled until noon when it started again. This time men worked until dark before it was all out.

Wednesday a little before noon the city fire truck was called to the Kerkel residence where a grass fire blackened a few vacant lots and endangered a pile of lumber. A crowd gathered quickly but their aid was not needed.

Camera Club Elects First Officers

A camera club was formed here Monday night when addicts met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker for that purpose. The next meeting will be held in September at the Theodore Johnston home. Elected as officers were John Parker, president; Mrs. Theodore Johnston, vice-president and Mrs. B. H. Roberson, secretary.

Health Association Tries Expansion

A no-host luncheon meeting was held Thursday, August 15, at Beefe's for the purpose of organizing a citizen's advisory group to the Wasco-Sherman Public Health Department. The function of the organization will be to act as a liaison group between the community and the health department to interpret the health needs and wishes of the local citizens to the health department and in turn to disseminate knowledge of the available services of the personnel of the health department to the community. Monthly meetings are planned. As a project the group plans to study various health problems.

Mrs. Metra Lee, PHN, opened the meeting and discussed, "Why A Health Council." She introduced Dr. H. R. Davidson, health officer, who discussed the health officer's role, as well as the duties of the clerk-stenographer. Irv Reiersen, sanitarian, explained his duties. Mrs. Lucy Mullins, supervising PHN, explained the role of the public health nurse. Mrs. Michael Mulick was chosen secretary of the newly formed council. A chairman will be chosen at the next meeting. Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Beryl Irzyk, Lynn Hampton, Mrs. Nina Pinkerton, Judge Vernon Miller, Mrs. Marian Boynton, all of Moro and Mrs. Wanda Hilderbrand of Wasco.

Demands of Proper Display Stated By County Agent for Exhibitors

What Sherman county area produces the best horticultural crops? The Sherman County Fair is the place to find out and here are some hints in preparing exhibits by would-be contenders states T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Quality, condition, uniformity of size and color are points to consider. One should select the best so the selection will be of high quality, free from defects, specimens that combine ideal characteristics of variety. Clean carefully, if necessary, but do not destroy natural color.

Here are some examples of various vegetables and fruits: Green Beans—uniform type, color and size, with individual beans about 3/4 grown. Avoid stains, dirt and stringiness. Pick in the morning and store in a cool, dark place away from drafts. Beets—Avoid side roots, blemishes, light-colored rings in flesh and leaves. Cut tops to one or two inches and clean beets gently with a soft brush. Keep cool until displayed. Cabbage—Select a firm head of correct shape and about two or three pounds in weight. Avoid any kind of damage to the head. Trim off old outer leaves only. Carrots—Select deep orange specimens of high quality and characteristic shape for the variety. Avoid green tops and clean off all dirt, washing carefully if necessary. Cut tops to one or two inches and keep in a dry cool place away from drafts. Cucumbers—Select solid, true-to-type specimens of uniform size and color. Clean with a soft cloth without washing. Dill—Both the leaves and fully developed green seeds are used for flavoring. Exhibit plant with root attached and before it has reached the brown

Dick Baum Going To Orient Trying To Sell More Oregon Wheat To Asian Countries

A six-week trip to the Far East by Richard K. Baum, executive vice president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, to review the current status of market development projects to increase use of wheat, was announced today.

Baum left August 21. He will be joined in Honolulu by Stanley W. Phillips of the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S.D.A., and they will be met in Tokyo August 23 by Joseph Spiruta, Far East representative for the wheat growers league.

The three will spend about seven days in Japan, about three days in South Korea, will visit Hong Kong on their way to the Philippines, will be four days in Thailand, three days in Burma and about one week in India.

At Madras, India, they will visit the Women's Christian College, where in 1952 a project was initiated to increase consumption of wheat foods in the rice-eating areas in Asia.

About four days will be spent in Pakistan.

In Japan, the trio will study the status of market development projects being carried on in conjunction with the Foreign Agricultural Service.

Studied in Korea will be the results of a program, also in cooperation with the FAS, which currently is shipping 1,200 tons of bulgour type wheat.

The past several years, the league had been interested in the possibility of exporting bulgour type wheat to countries in Asia. Bulgour is wheat which has

been cooked, dried very hard, and cracked. It retains the nutritional qualities closely associated with whole wheat, but keeps better than wheat or flour since most of the moisture has been removed. And in practically all of those countries visited, further opportunity for wheat promotion under Public Law 480 will be studied.

In many of the countries, local currency is available under the P. L. 480 program, including Indonesia, a stop Spiruta will make on his return to Japan.

Many of the projects, notes Baum, are being carried on in cooperation with the Millers' National Federation. Chief among these are those in the Philippines, Thailand, Burma and Indonesia, primary flour buyers.

The stop at Hong Kong, explained Baum, will be to obtain information on conditions in China and to see about opportunities for flour sales. A Chinese mill in Hong Kong has been dominating that market, said Baum.

An important stop will be at the Philippines, largest importer of U. S. flour in the Far East.

Entertainment features will include an amateur rodeo and some horse races with Indians participating to make it one of the most colorful fairs in the state.

Having successfully completed his flying training and now a qualified jet pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Hoskinson of Moro, Oregon is now stationed at Luke AFB, Arizona. At Luke, Lt. Hoskinson will learn advanced tactics in bombing, rocketry and aircraft machine guns. A graduate of Oregon State, Lt. Hoskinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson of Moro. With his wife, the former Jean Nelson of The Dalles, he temporarily resides in Good-year, Arizona.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty. In Moro Wednesday, August 28, at the court house between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Father Quigley To Move To Enterprise

Father Martin Quigley has been transferred to Enterprise and Father O'Conner will come to Wasco to replace him.

Friends and parishioners of the Wasco and Grass Valley and Antelope churches will hold a farewell potluck dinner in the Wasco city park next Sunday at 3:00 p. m. in honor of Father Quigley and all are cordially invited to attend.

Soil Bank Held Good For Farmers

Oregon farmers should take careful second look at the Soil Bank program to make sure they're not missing a good bet, advises J. R. Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college agricultural extension service.

Only a few of the state's farmers have put land in the Soil Bank to date, Beck reports. And with sign-up time for both the conservation reserve and the acreage reserve sections of the program just ahead, he thinks farmers should look both parts of the program over with an eye to the future.

Present-day surpluses of many farm crops are holding down prices farmers receive, Beck explains. The Soil Bank is one way to take some of the poorer or hard to farm land out of crop production, helping reduce surplus stocks while giving farmers a fair income from their land.

Acres Reduction Aim

Right now, the conservation reserve section of the program offers the best hope of any legislation in sight for farmers to reduce price-depressing surpluses, Beck believes. If the nation's farmers would put 30 or more millions of acres under conservation reserve contracts, it is believed production and demand of farm products would be more nearly in balance, he says.

This means Oregon farmers should put a total of around 300,000 acres under the plan. Right now, only about 42,000 acres are under conservation reserve contracts.

Farmers with wheat allotments can also put land under the acreage reserve section of the Soil Bank. This helps cut surpluses of this farm product, Beck points out, and won't affect farmers' allotments in future years.

More information on the Soil Bank can be obtained from local county agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) offices. Farmers are urged to contact local ASC office soon, so they can plan the best Soil Bank contract for their farm.

Over 4,000,000 bushels Is Sherman Grain Crop In Harvest Now Ending

Harvest in Sherman county is nearly over even though some farmers in the north end of the county are still cutting and at Kent some are just getting a good start. Within a week all will be done north of Nigger Ridge and most will be finished in the south end of the county.

Yields were good, remarkable on some fields, and even where the hail hit at Grass Valley and Kent the returns were good considering hail insurance payments.

At Wasco the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers report a crop of 1,100,000 bushels of wheat and about half that of barley. That is

the section where barley produces smaller crops than farther south. At Moro the total bushelage to Wednesday was 1,180,000 bushels with 710,000 of that being wheat and 470,000 barley.

At Grass Valley as of Tuesday 541,500 bushels of wheat had been stored at the elevators of the Grass Valley Grain Growers and 413,346 bushels of barley with expectancy of around 650,000 bushels of wheat and 600,000 bushels of barley when all is in. This is a small crop for the Grass Valley-Kent area, the hail storms causing most of it. Ordinarily that section produces more than does the Moro sector.

Several fields made in excess of 50 bushels to the acre and some small patches as much as 60 bushels according to reports. Farms with a total average above 40 bushels were common where fertilizer was used and no damage occurred.

It is not the county's best crop, restricted acreage being one reason and hail being another. But where the wheat was good it equalled the 1948 yield.

State Fair Draws Contestants From Sherman County

Exhibits and contests entries for Sherman 4-H participation at the Oregon State Fair were selected August 16, County Courthouse, Moro, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent. Nineteen Sherman club members will compete at the State Fair. Selection of entries was made by Jane Schroeder, Wasco county agent.

Sherman exhibits will be taken to Salem, August 29 Thompson indicates. Judging starts August 30. Exhibits for the county are as follows: Clothing—Sew It's Fun, Sharon Colesch and Christine Woods, Moro, and Carol Ann Owens, Grass Valley; Charminglly Yours, Jacque Bucholtz, Moro; Karen Macnab, and Karen Traubota, Rufus; Fun and Sun, Diana Henrichs, Darlene Gochbauer and Lana Jean Paulson, Moro and Alia Jean Payne, Grass Valley; Best Dress, Ronda Fraser, Party Dress, Sherrie Fraser, Street Dress, Susan Woods, and Mavis Miller; Knitting, Jean Ross; Frozen Foods, Jean Ross; Muffins, Barbara Gilman, Darlene Miller, and Gene Yeager, Moro; Cake, Mavis Miller.

Style Revue participants will be Darlene Gochbauer, Lana Jean Paulson, Ronda Fraser, Sherrie Fraser, Susan Woods, and Mavis Miller. The Style Revue will be held September 6.

Tommy Higley will represent Sherman county in the 4-H Tractor Driving contest. The contest will consist of driving, safety, and maintenance tests.

Tourists Fewer In Oregon This Summer

Something happened to Oregon motor vehicle travel during the first half of this year.

For the first time since the end of World War II, travel showed a decline when compared with the same period the previous year.

The drop for the first six months this year amounted to nearly 89 million miles or 21 per cent below the travel figure for the first half of 1956.

With one exception—1949—travel each year since 1946 has shown a consistent increase over the previous year, the Department of Motor Vehicle's traffic safety division reported.

Only month of the first six this year to show an increase in mileage was January.

Another six month figure which worries state safety officials is the mileage death rate. Even though travel was down, deaths continued on a par with or slightly above last year.

As a result, the state's six month mileage death rate stands at 6.8. It was 6.5 during the same period last year.

The death rate, officials said, shows number of people killed in each 100,000 miles travelled and is computed from reports of gasoline sales submitted to the motor vehicle office.

Hearing On River Road On Today

A hearing will be held in the hearing room of the Pacific Power & Light building in The Dalles at 10:00 a. m. Friday, August 23 before an examiner of the Bureau of Land Management for the purpose of determining advisability of permitting the Bureau of Wild Life to open the old railroad grade from Sherar's to the baseline in Sherman county. This would entail cleaning out the first tunnel below Sherar's.

Stockmen with land bordering the Deschutes river in the area involved are unanimous in protest because an influx of fishermen and hunters unacquainted with the country would be a constant fire hazard and would render useless, in their estimation, their Taylor grazing leases. Many of them will appear to testify against the opening of the road.

Rural Road Traffic Holds Up Best

Oregon's rural highway traffic volume for July 1957 was almost identical to that recorded in July 1956 according to the state highway department's monthly traffic count.

There were slight increases in travel on highways US30, US99 and portions of US26 and US101. Highways US97, US20 and portions of US99W showed decreases.

The maximum daily volume at a single recorder location was at Troutdale on Highway US30. Sunday, July 28, 171 vehicles were recorded. This peak of volume was primarily to the opening of Rooster Rock state park east of Troutdale.

Horse Club Has First Fall Ride

By Shirley Watkins
The 4-H "Hi-Yu" horse club went on a 16-mile trail ride Sunday, August 18, with sack lunches to the Deschutes river. They started from Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Watkins' ranch at 10:30 a. m. They went north approximately five miles (and could see the Columbia river at this point) then, zig-zagged down a slope to the bottom of the Deschutes gorge, traveling southward along the river to their shady picnic spot, arriving there at 1:35 p. m. After lunch and a good rest, they proceeded homeward via a shorter route.

Norblad Has Grass Books To Distribute

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) recently received from the surplus storeroom an allotment of the 1948 Agriculture Year Book entitled "Grass."

This book contains many articles on how farmers, ranchers, poultrymen, livestock raisers, dairymen, and the conservationists can grow and use grasses and legumes. It also contains information on grass for lawns, parks, roadsides, and playgrounds.

The book is in four parts and city people, as well as farmers, find it useful and informative. The government printing office sells the book at \$2.00 per copy, but so long as the supply lasts, the Congressman will send a copy free to anyone requesting it.

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