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These Things We Note

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You gotta take your hat off to the women—not to be polite this time—because they never quit trying to look pretty. Even in these sloppy times they never go out unless dressed neatly.

T T W N
Trouble with a "popular" government is that it buys its popularity with tax money. It is easy to be popular on others' folks money.

T T W N
There is no need for any company or individual to improve efficiency as long as he or it can raise prices.

T T W N
Wonder if Sputnik is powered by alcohol, the same as Khrushchev.

T T W N
Maybe we'll soon be talking about the propriety of segregating laboring men and giving non-union workers a break.

T T W N
If Oregon's Ducks can continue to play football with so perfect offense and improve their pass defense they may get someplace. So far very good.

T T W N
Common sense and economics all over the world point to deflation as the proper course. Politics points to inflation and that is what experts say we will have because citizens insist on having ease today even at the cost of poverty in the near future.

T T W N
Portland is to have an expensive account—luxury—hotel. Be nice for somebody.

T T W N
It takes more than sun to make a summer. A November sun has too many handicaps to be effective.

T T W N
Now they are talking about a suit that will never wear out. How utterly boring.

T T W N
We'll bet it is cold up there for that Russian dog. But maybe a Russian dog wouldn't notice it.

T T W N
When the rather ample dividends were announced for the third quarter, the selling stopped on the stock market. Profits are actually up a little.

T T W N
A story that may be and ought to be told frequently in the next political campaign is that old one about a traveler down south who was amazed to see a big hulking young man chase an elderly woman across the road with violence in his eye. When stopped by the traveler the youngster explained, "She's my maw and she's a trying to wean me."

T T W N
Why not fill a lot of government jobs with pensioners or those retired on social security and save a taxpayer for future use.

T T W N
France has chosen the man who tried to straighten out its finances as premier. May make a country of France after all.

T T W N
Sherman countians could be made happy over the special session if it would repeal the automatic property tax, if nothing else.

T T W N
An auto thief pled guilty and requested he be sent to a certain federal pen where he was going to study to learn a social trade. Maybe penitentiaries could become instruction centers and be in demand.

T T W N
Living was simpler in the days when an enemy had to see you to kill you but in those days people were afraid of a lot of other things, like falling stars and northern lights.

T T W N
It is very likely that the main reason Governor Knight decided to run for the senate was the probability he couldn't win a race for governor. No other reason was needed.

T T W N
Do politicians realize that their frequent charges of political intent on the part of the opposite group coincide with the feeling of citizens about it? And that if does them no good?

Husband's Night Celebrated With Dinner and Speech

The members of the Moro Womens club recently entertained their husbands at a dinner and program, in the dining room of the Community church.

Mrs. Theodore Johnston was program chairman. She introduced Mrs. B. H. Roberson, who welcomed the husbands charmingly. Harry Pinkerton responded for the husbands. Mrs. Ronald Powell pleased with two vocal solos, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs at the piano. Mrs. Sayrs and Mrs. Max Barzee played two piano duets. The speaker, J. Tracy Barton of The Dalles, was presented by Theodore Johnston. Mr. Barton spoke interestingly of the geology of the Columbia Basin, showing artifacts he had collected in his study of the area.

The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Eugene Amidon, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, Mrs. E. T. Strong, and Mrs. Orlov Martin. The tables were attractive with fall flowers and a bountiful chicken supper was served.

Del Wright Buried In Rose Hill Cemetery

Dell Wright, farmer, thresherman, stockman and veterinarian, in Sherman county for nearly 50 years, died in The Dalles Monday after a long illness. He had retired from his work as veterinarian a few years ago.

Dell H. Wright was born February 5, 1875 at Fort Dodge, Iowa and came to Sherman county as a young man, living in Bull canyon before moving to Wasco. He was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving are his widow, Sally and four children by a previous marriage, Leston and Perle of Portland, Alvin of Manzanita and Mrs. Gladys Barnes of San Diego, Calif., nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Alta Gore of Castle Rock, Wash., and Mrs. Olive Hayner of Portland.

Funeral services were conducted from the Wasco Methodist church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. C. F. Hemenway officiating. Interment was in the Rose Hill cemetery east of Moro.

Notes From The Agricultural Front By Correspondent Tommy Thompson

Vernon Miller and Lloyd Henrichs secured five tons apiece of the new pelleted beet pulp available at the Toppenish Sugar Beet company. The material sells for \$32.00 per ton, F.O.B. Toppenish.

Elton Medler, Wasco, is well satisfied with his cross-wind strip cropping. The system has altered strips of crop and fallow running north and south. This is a sure bet to control wind erosion in a problem area. Federal cost sharing is available on this practice through the agriculture conservation program.

The Tillamook Dairy Herd Improvement association again is offering ten day old Guernsey and Jersey heifer calves. These heifer calves are from production tested dams and are a good source to secure dairy animals. The association fills orders according to dates received and early orders are desired to insure getting an animal. Most calves are available during the months of February, March and April but should be ordered now. Pal Wallace, Willard Harper, and Floyd Rathbun are some of the folks in Sherman county that have secured some of these calves in the past.

One hundred and sixty two Sherman county 4-H club members received achievement pins for their past year's club work, Monday evening, November 4. This is the highest number of club members completing in the history of club work in Sherman county. It is four times greater than ten years ago when only 44 club members completed their projects. A special vote of thanks goes to the many 4-H club leaders and interested parents for a very successful year.

A comparison of owner operated and tenant operated crop land in Sherman county was made last week for the forthcoming planning conference committee meetings. As of November 1, 69% of the crop land in Sherman county is tenant operated. Broken down into communities it is as follows: Locust Grove, 73%; Wasco 76%; Moro 75%; Grass Valley 67%; and Kent, 54%; tenant operated. This is 2% less tenant operated than

4-Hers Get Pins, Praise For Work During Year

The 4-H club workers received awards for their work Monday evening at the school house when Bob Ferrell of the First National bank distributed them to the young workers.

Steven Burnet and Jean Ross started the meeting by leading the flag salute and the 4-H pledges. Ila Jean Macnab and David Reid told about the 4-H summer school and Wilma Gentry about The Dalles stock show.

The group was led in singing by Mrs. Edna Paulson, after which Alice Kaseberg talked about summer school, Sherrie Fraser and Tommy Higley about the state fair.

Mr. Ferrell, in prefacing his job of handing out the pins, said his bank was interested in aiding young people and in helping reward them and that he was willing to loan money to a 4-H club member who wanted to buy livestock.

A film of the latest 4-H club meeting in Chicago was shown and coffee and cake served to the large gathering of parents and children present for the occasion.

Cattlemen Favor, Oppose Commission

Sherman county cattlemen attended the meeting at The Dalles last Friday and listened to and spoke for and against the proposed beef commission.

Speaking for was Bernard Martin and speaking against was Dr. Frank Reid, who was quoted as saying "The cattle business is the only free and healthy segment of agriculture left in this country." He elaborated to say that there was too much government and especially too much government by bureau or commission.

A majority of those speaking opposed the commission through Raymond Crabtree, William Ketchum and Mr. Martin favored it or represented groups that had passed resolutions favoring it.

John Murtha, Bud Phillips, Jim West, Dop Davis of Gilliam opposed as did Ed Dick and Tony Conles of Wasco county.

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The sooner bulbs and tubers are dug and stored the better. They should be lifted gently and tops and excess soil removed. Gladioli bulbs should be dried rapidly with the temperature up to around 90 degrees F. and plenty of air movement. Clean when dry and store in a cool well ventilated place. Dust with a 10% DDT for a strip control. Other tubers like dahlias, tuberous rooted begonias are stored in sand, dry peatmoss, or dry sawdust in a cool well ventilated storage.

Urea type soil sterilants are excellent for weed free fence row and building areas. Demonstration trials in Sherman county have shown Karmex W and Ureabro, both excellent materials for grass and broadleaf weed control. Application needs to be made in the fall and winter moisture carries the material into the soil insuring a long protection period. Karmex W should be applied at 30 to 40 pounds per acre rate when used around farm buildings or narrow strips along fence rows.

Dalapon and Amino Triazole have proven quite effective for annual grass control along the fence rows. Both cheatgrass and ryegrass can be controlled by either one of these materials. Demonstration trials have shown spring to be a superior time than fall for application. Application can be made for \$10.00 or less per acre for materials. Besides numerous county agent demonstration trials with these materials this year, Dick Yocum, Delmer Smith, both of Wasco, used Dalapon with good results.

The Sherman county Pomona Grange meets Saturday at the Harlandview grange hall east of Moro.

Pole Line From Big Eddy to DeMoss Being Strung

The pole line being built to carry electricity to the new substation in DeMoss canyon where the DeMoss school once stood is being constructed rapidly by a crew based in Moro. The line runs west and north to the base line and straight west on that to the road around Gordon Ridge which it follows generally, thence going along the plowed land near the old Rattlesnake grade route. It crosses the Deschutes and goes to Big Eddy.

Poles in Sherman county are set and wire is being strung. The substation itself will be built later in time, it is hoped, to bring an additional connection to the Pacific Power & Light company and REAs in this area. Through the DeMoss-Klondike inter-tie the REA in Gilliam and Wheeler counties will be served also.

Rebekahs Hold Annual Convention At Wasco

The annual Sherman county Rebekah convention was held Oct. 29 at Wasco at which time the assembly president, Mary Barker of Sutherlin, made her official visit. Several Portland members attended including assembly treasurer Helen Wright. Assembly color bearer Charlotte Barnett of Grass Valley was also introduced.

Officers and members of Marlon No. 112 Wasco, Grass Valley No. 118 and Lupine No. 116 Moro were present. Marlon opened, then turned the meeting over to convention officers Sadie Rich, chairman; Margaret Schilling, vice chairman; Margaret Schilling, secretary; Selma Watkins, treasurer.

District deputy presidents introduced were Selma Watkins and Lydia Crews.

A welcome by Jean Winegar was given and the response was by poem written by Glendora Smith. Thelma Miller presented tributes to past chairmen Helen Olds, Mable Bayer, Helen Martin, Lena Brock, Selma Watkins and Edith Brock.

Officers elected and installed for next year were Margaret Schilling, chairman; Vada DeMoss, vice chairman; Charlotte Barnett, secretary; Selma Watkins, treasurer.

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County Agricultural Conference Topics Assigned To Committees For Meeting Subjects Later

Planning conference committee meetings planned for first of next week are: Monday, evening, Nov. 11, Public Affairs; Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 12, Land Use and Crops; Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 13, Livestock committee. Meetings will be held in the county courthouse and any interested persons are welcome.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, will be held December 5, 6 and 7 at Pendleton. Definite plans for the county wheat league meeting have not been made but will be held near the later part of November.

Sherman county Rural Planning conference meetings got underway this week with Thursday's meetings of the Weed Control and Transportation and Marketing committees. Committee meetings follow the kickoff meeting October 30 when agriculture, county and community living problems were cited.

Six conference committees will study various county problems that exist. Three committees will meet next week. Public Affairs Monday 8:00 p. m., Nov. 11, county court house with Ken Fridley, chairman; Land Use and Crops, Tuesday 1:30 p. m. Nov. 12, Don Thompson, chairman; and Livestock committee Wednesday 1:30 p. m., Nov. 13, Bernard Martin, chairman. The steering committee of the planning conference

Umatilla 18 To Sherman 0 Is Football Story

Sherman suffered another defeat Friday on the local gridiron when the blue clad Umatilla boys set them back in an 18 to 0 game although the victors displayed little in football prowess.

Sherman held very well for a time but a 30 yard pass from Quarterback Hoyt to right end Thompson gave them an advantage they did not relinquish until they had scored.

Brown returned to the Sherman 38 and the local lads showed an offensive that worked for five first downs before the ball was lost. Umatilla was not able to gain consistently Sherman showing a very good defense.

After the second half started Sherman fumbled and runs by Green, Hall and Pat Powers, a husky fullback, took the ball over for the second touchdown.

The Sherman boys seemed discouraged after that and although Hockman, Arne Miller and McKay made some yardage no drive for the opposite goal could be put together and in the last quarter Umatilla scored again. No one from the visiting team could kick a point after touchdown and it wasn't needed anyway.

This Friday, November 8, Sherman plays that old rival Maupin and the winner will have the privilege or responsibility of meeting Merrill which has already won the championship of the southern district. The game Friday will be on the Moro field.

JURY CITED AWARD FROM ASKED \$25,000

A jury composed of Mrs. Frances Thompson, Jerry Barnett, Donald Clodfelter, Marvin Thomas, Mrs. Mabel White, Mrs. Mary Ann Mulick, Bill Todd, Fred Ann, and Mrs. Margaret Schilling and Mrs. Charlotte Barnett awarded Mrs. William Rodda damages of \$3,478.85 at the end of her suit against R. W. Belshee. Reason for the suit was a traffic accident on DeMoss hill in a heavy fog during a recent winter.

The jury after listening to testimony for two days took the case about half past three and debated it until 9:30 p. m. before reaching a decision. Suit was for \$25,000 and some additional costs.

EDWIN BALSIGER GETS NAVY ENSIGN RATING

Navy Ens. W. E. Balsiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balsiger of Moro, graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate school at Newport, R. I., November 1.

The new officers, college graduates and outstanding personnel from the fleet, received instruction in the naval sciences and leadership. Ens. Balsiger has been assigned to the South Pacific.

Historical Society Program Includes Moro Junior Choir

Those who attend the fall meeting of the Sherman County Historical society at Grass Valley November 17 will not only be fed in the rather grand style common to local pot lucks, will hear some thing of the early history of the county but will have a chance to hear the junior choir of the Moro church directed by Mrs. Velma McKean. This group will sing "Jacob's Ladder" a spiritual arranged by Roger Wilson, "Thanks-giving Anthem," a Netherlands hymn arranged by Charlotte Garden. In addition Nancy McKean will play a trumpet solo, Sharon Colesch will play a piano solo, the theme from Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony".

Like other meetings of the society this one is open to all who are interested in the history of Sherman county whether residents or not. Committee in charge of the food is Mrs. Myrtle Barnum, Mrs. Clara Kock, Mrs. Cleora Spencer, and Mrs. Nellie Fields.

BARLEY STOCKS UP GREATLY FROM AVERAGE

Stocks of barley hit a record high of 463.7 million bushels on October 1. Total supplies, at 562.1 million bushels, also are at a record level, reflecting the large carryover and the all-time high production. Disappearance of barley dropped to the lowest point since 1953 as exports fell off sharply. Barley prices at the farm averaged 83 cents per bushel in October compared with 98 cents a year earlier.

Stocks of barley in all positions on October 1 reached a record 464 million bushels—58 million more than the previous record in 1955, 75 million larger than in 1956 and 181 million greater than the 1946-55 average. Stocks were up 272 million bushels (59% of total stocks) were 21% larger than a year earlier. Off-farm stocks comprised 41% of the total and amounted to 192 million bushels, about 28 million more than a year ago. Off-farm stocks included 142 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses, 45 million at terminals and about 5 million bushels in CCC bins. Of the total October 1 stocks, CCC owned 62 million bushels as against nearly 55 million last year.

Domestic supplies of barley for 1957-58 are estimated at a record 557 million bushels. This is well above any previous year and compares with 490 million bushels in 1956-57 and 386 million the 1951-55 average. Carryover of barley, at 126.7 million bushels, was the second largest of record. Production hit an all-time high of 430.7 million bushels compared with 372.5 million produced in 1956

Citizens Asked To Hear Talk On Dam Problem

Sherman countians will have an opportunity Friday night, November 8, to hear about some of the problems that beset a small town when the federal government moves in to build a big dam.

Roger J. Bounds, banker at Umatilla, and a resident there during nearly all of the McNary dam construction, is coming to the Friday meeting of the Sherman county club at the courthouse to tell local citizens about it.

There are certain benefits in the form of federal payments that may be obtained by communities in which the government moves hundreds of men. These include aid to schools and may include aid for road or street building and perhaps some for police protection. Inasmuch as Sherman county is comparatively small it is assumed that it will be necessary for it to take full advantage of federal payments in order to weather the dam building at all.

Every interested citizen is invited to attend the meeting and ask questions of Mr. Bounds, who has been through it all and will be able to answer most of them. Time is eight o'clock.

Irwin D. Pike Dead At Age 83

Irwin Denny Pike, who was born at Lebanon December 28, 1873 and came to Sherman county in 1883, died in a Eugene hospital October 31 from the effects of old age.

Mr. Pike, son of one-time Sherman county assessor, Benjamin Franklin Pike, spent the greater part of his life in Sherman county being in the hardware business, one of the first tractor operators,

in The Dalles and for 26 years postmaster at Grass Valley, and once chief of police at The Dalles. He was a citizen for many years. He has lived at Springfield for the last few years.

He was married to Nellie Holder Dec. 23, 1900. She survives him as do a son, Frank of Roseburg, four daughters, Mrs. Leona Baker of Springfield, Mrs. Fay Lister, Hayward, Calif., Mrs. Jessie Gordon, Pilot Rock; Mrs. Vere May, Hermiston, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held held Monday in The Dalles with interment there. Masons conducted the services as he was 48 years a Mason and pall bearers were Old-Fellows, an order to which he belonged 54 years.

Rufus PTA Has Big Halloween

The Rufus PTA goes all out to show the students of Rufus school a rollicking hilarious good time on Halloween night. Such a party was held at the Rufus school Thursday night with all committees appointed doing their part.

First of all the children in costume marched around the gym to form a circle. As it is too difficult to pick out "best", each one was given a prize. The 7th and 8th grades put on a play, "Who Scared Who". The stage was decorated with skeletons, bats, pumpkins, cats and a moon making a very attractive setting for the play.

There were games, a balloon race, musical chairs with pumpkins, rope game, pinning a tail on a donkey, throwing bean bats at a pumpkin face. There was also a fish pond and a bingo game with prizes for all. After the strenuous games, the children were glad to settle down to refreshments of apples, doughnuts, cider and coffee. To end the party, a sock dance was held in the gym of the school.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO FIRM FOR \$96,000

Contract for grading, rock and paving the Monkland road from the Hoekman junction to the four way bridge in Hay Canyon was let last Thursday to Greene & Buick of Salem for a sum slightly in excess of \$96,000.

The contractors will grade the west end of the project to meet the section already partly graded by the county. They will set up a rock crusher for surfacing material and will oil the road next year. Also in the contract is a new bridge across Hay Canyon. Work is expected to start at once.