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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Note that they're holding a school for leaders. Absolutely impossible. Schools are for following.

TTWN

Complacency sets in when people are satisfied. In football it is called fat-headedness. It is fatal.

TTWN

We think taxpayers would not worry so much about taxes if they felt they were getting their money's worth. Now they think they are paying more for government than it is worth.

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This is the time to be photographed in front of a blackboard marked with a lot of diagrams and symbols. Looks terribly smart.

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A magazine asks the question of whether any man can fill the president's job. Well, not to satisfy the opposition.

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Federal dam enthusiasts are greatly concerned over water storage on the Snake but let the big storage above the proposed John Day dam go without a struggle.

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Oregon's football team went about its business early in the season as if it were truly a business. Lately it has been ragged on pass defense and will have to correct that before Saturday to win from OSC, which has been ragged on everything at times.

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A news story says living on the moon would be a tough proposition. Worse than this, think?

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It seems that most of those who want negroes to vote want to tell them how to vote which doesn't indicate much interest in the negroes at all. The idea is general, though.

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They're looking for a new name for the new bridge on the site of the old Morrison street bridge. Why not the Bridge of Size?

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"Sweet are the uses of adversity" is one of Shakespeare's remarks that finds little approval in these days.

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The fall has gotten the leaves from the trees, the winter will keep them off but the spring will put them on again so there's no need of losing faith along the line.

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Sometimes we wonder what would happen if half of the numerous boards and commissions were dismissed. Don't you reckon people would settle the problems just as well?

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We have a sunflower head which we nibble on now and then when in a reflective mood. We note that the bumble bees didn't get around to fertilize all the seeds, however, and wonder if there should be a government project next year to see to it?

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Now the government is inspecting Christmas trees. My word, nothing left to individual judgment at all.

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Sure, you can rest on your reputation. But twenty four hours is the limit. After that you either can't rest or the reputation is gone.

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An Oregon couple has given \$1,500,000 to Harvard. Nice, but a long ways away.

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A reader might be forgiven for some confusion about the use of the appellation "Beavers" to athletic teams. There is the Portland baseball team, the OSC teams and now the lads from Beaverton have gotten into the big time.

TTWN

Taxpayers might well wish they could find the likes of Harry Dorman again. He saved money while budget director.

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Learning was fun until we organized it.



Officers of the new FFA chapter shown are: Steven Burnett, secretary; Lynn Thoele, president; Jim Fox, treasurer; Arnold Miller, vice-president; Jerry Miller, reporter and Lanny Burrill, state reporter. Tony Eakin was absent.

Change In Assessor's Ratio May Be Made

Effective January 1, 1958, in accordance with ORS 308.205, and Regulation, Article 8205.1, the State Tax Commission has announced that the normal conditions factor shall be 10 per cent, putting true cash value at 90 per cent of market value.

The normal conditions factor applies only to real property and will raise the true cash value of all real property in the State. This factor applied to Sherman county, will increase the present true cash value of real property by 12 1/2 per cent.

An example of this increase in true cash value can be illustrated by assuming that we have \$1000 worth of land or buildings. This value can be either appraised or market value. Under the present regulations, the normal conditions factor is 20 per cent, thus we would deduct \$200 from the \$1000 and have a true cash value of \$800. Under the new normal conditions factor of 10 per cent, we would deduct only \$100 and the true cash value would be \$900.

To arrive at assessed value, the true cash value or \$900 for this year would be multiplied by the county ratio of 30 per cent, giving an assessed value of \$270.

For next year to maintain the same assessed value, using the 10 per cent normal conditions factor on the same \$1000 value, we would have \$900 true cash value and we would have to reduce the county ratio to 26.7 per cent to arrive at the assessed value of \$240. At the present time this reduction in county ratio is being seriously considered, but will not be established or posted until next April.

County Tax Group Plans Dec 11 Meet

The county tax group met last Friday when few were out because of other distractions. Another meeting is planned for December 11. At this meeting, as at the last, there will be a discussion of the property tax in theory and practice. Those interested are invited.

Health Council Hears Informative Talk

The Sherman County Health Council met at Moro for a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, November 20. Mrs. Christie Corbett, nursing consultant from the Oregon State Board of Health, gave a very informative talk about why health councils are organized and what part they can play toward the betterment of health education and problems in their communities.

It was decided that there is a definite need in our county toward educating the people about just what the health department does and the benefits that the communities could derive from their services.

An effort will be made in the near future to get a condensed report on the above to every family in our county. We believe that by educating the people more, that there will be a definite benefit to both the health department and the communities toward better health services.

The Health Council will have its next meeting in January and every one is urged to attend. There will be a speaker from the State Board of Health and an interesting meeting is anticipated.

Local FFA Chapter Formed In Initiation Ceremony At Sherman High School Friday

By Jerry Miller

Over 150 persons attended the initiation and installation of officers of the Sherman High School Future Farmers Chapter, in the high school cafeteria, Friday, November 12. The officers of the Dales F.F.A. conducted the ceremony of initiation of 32 Sherman boys and 35 from Wy'east and The Dales.

The Wy'east officers raised Green hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer. These boys had held the Green hand degree for one year, completed a farming program that earned at least \$50, participated in F. F. A. activities and conducted a group for 15 minutes. It is the hope that all 32 Sherman F.F.A. members will earn the Chapter Farmer degree.

Lanny Burrill, state F.F.A. reporter from Newberg, talked to the group about F.F.A. activities. He asked "What happens in the Vocation Agriculture program to change a shy, bashful, awkward boy into an able, confident, well trained farmer in four years?"

State Makes Case For Proposed Beef Commission and Orders Registration

The question of whether or not Oregon cattlemen and dairymen want a beef commission will go before them for a secret vote.

Robert J. Steward, director of agriculture, has determined this on the basis of testimony and evidence submitted by producers at 17 hearings over the state last month.

"Testimony and evidence were predominantly in favor of promotion efforts on beef and beef products, although a minority voiced some objections to the state commission approach to the problem," Steward says in the formal order.

He listed seven major points of evidence to indicate the need sufficient to justify calling a producer referendum.

Although not mentioned in the formal order, Steward said he considered the testimony of some feeders that they would bear an unequitable share of the assessment. He said he was later informed feeders had agreed to go along with a referendum in the hope that they and other livestock interests may prevail upon the 1959 legislature to iron out any inequities in assessment found when and if the commission is established.

Steward said the state department of agriculture will open registration for the commission vote on November 20, and will deputize all county agents as registrars. All cattle owners must register their total cattle numbers on January 1, 1958, as reported to the tax assessor, to be eligible to vote in the referendum. Steward urged prompt registration; a termination date on registration will be announced soon.

1. Market prices to beef producers now average under 80 per cent of parity. Although the market price to producers is above a year ago, increased marketing costs have reduced further the producer's net income and share of the consumer's dollar.

2. Costs of cattle production have increased substantially in recent years, with market prices down during five of the last six years.

The program offers training in better farming methods, improved farm living, and in citizenship and leadership, said Burrill.

Burrill pointed out the need for hard work of the boy, cooperation of the boy's parents, and the need for God's understanding. He concluded with, "Though the F.F.A. is an organization for farm boys, sometime during that four years the boy becomes a man."

The Wy'east Chapter installed Lynn Thoele, president; Arnold Miller, vice-president; Steve Burnett, secretary; Jim Fox, treasurer; Jerry Miller, reporter; and Tom Eakin, sentinel, as the first officers of the Sherman Chapter. Marvin Robertson, vocation agriculture instructor, serves as adviser.

Lynn Thoele presented Miss Jewell Yaden, home economics teacher, a box of candy for the baking of cookies and preparation of refreshments by her and the home-economics class. Thoele also expressed the thanks of the chapter to Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, who prepared the punch.

Large Crowd Attends Society Dinner, Program

A crowd that filled the Odd Fellows hall at Grass Valley greeted the officers of the Sherman County Historical society Sunday before the time appointed for the annual dinner of the society.

There was food for everyone although the hall was filled. Sharon Coelsch played a piano solo, the youngsters of the Moro Junior choir, led by Mrs. Velma McKean, sang two appropriate numbers, Nancy McKean favored with a trumpet solo, Mrs. Ruggles, the secretary read minutes of past meetings, Dewey Thompson reported for a committee chosen last summer to recommend changes in DeMoss park and found several other suggestions from the audience, Carroll Sayrs told of finding a grave marker east of Klondike with the name C. A. Graves carved on it. No information about him was forthcoming and what to do with the stone was left to the committee.

Tom Fraser, here from Portland, sang "Sweet Oregon" and the crowd listened to a talk about early Sherman county stockmen who lived here before the homesteaders came.

Heart Fund Campaign Ready To Start

The Sherman County Heart Council composed of Mrs. Harry Hooper, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Arthur Watkins, Mrs. Leta Esslinger and Mrs. Lester Wilson, held a noon meeting in Moro November 15 for the purpose of discussing plans for the February Heart Fund campaign. It was decided to conduct the campaign entirely by letters, since it is so hard in our county to contact everyone, since we have such a wide area to cover. It is the council's hope that by this means we will have a successful campaign as funds are so desperately needed to fight our leading cause of death in the United States.

Mrs. Etta Moore Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Etta M. Woods Moore was buried Tuesday afternoon from the Moro Presbyterian church following her death Saturday in The Dales.

Mrs. Moore was born April 21, 1873 at Clarinda, Iowa and came to Oregon and what is now Sherman county in 1883, attending school here and marrying Leon V. Moore in 1891. He died in 1955.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Old Wasco Pioneer association and other organizations. Mrs. Moore was a resident of the Moro vicinity for 66 years and was known to nearly everyone in the community.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. W. N. Morse, and a son, Dr. Leo Moore, both of The Dales, two sisters, Mrs. Julia Hansen and Mrs. Nellie Cushman of Portland; two brothers, James G. Woods of Portland and Ellsworth Woods of Warden, Washington.

Reappraisal Job Nearing Completion

The Sherman county reappraisal program is now nearing the final stages, with appraisal of farm buildings expected to be completed about the end of this week.

The remainder of appraisals to be made, consists of residences in Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco and Rufus and these are expected to be completed sometime around the first of the year.

Present plans are that Stewart Woods will do the appraising in Rufus and Wasco and Arthur Jenkins will appraise the cities of Grass Valley and Moro.

The appraisals in town, as on the farms, will constitute a physical inspection of the property and lot values will be adjusted where necessary, as was done on the farm land.

At this time, little change in valuation is expected on town property, due to the adjustments made and incorporated into the current assessment roll. However, until these appraisals are made it will be impossible to tell for certain what effect these adjustments will have on the final assessment roll.

Harlandview Grange Elects New Officers, Changes Meeting Day

Officers elected at Harlandview Grange November 18 include: Helen Bruckert, master; Blaine Miller, O. S.; Jo Gentry, lecturer; Orlow Martin, steward; George Benson, ass't steward; Mae Brown, chaplain; R. J. Bruckert, treasurer; Florence Bruckert, secretary; Walt Bruckert, gatekeeper; Helen Martin, Ceres; Zella Dyer, Pomona; Ann Miller, Flora; Agnes Benson, lady ass't steward; Louis Sather, Dewey Thompson, Charles Burnett, executive committee; Imogene Belshee, musician.

Meetings for the coming year will be held the first and third Mondays in each month.

JP COLLECTS FINES FROM MANY OFFENCES

Fines collected by Justice of Peace Ben H. Galloway from November 1 to November 15 include \$97.50 for traffic violations, \$609.50 for overloaded trucks and \$128.50 for game violations, most of which were paid by local residents hunting in closed areas or after prohibited hours.

HAROLD EAKIN HEADS REORGANIZATION GROUP

Harold Eakin was elected chairman and Lloyd Henrichs, vice-chairman of the county committee for reorganization of the school districts of Sherman county set up in accordance with state law. No other business was done. Lynn Hampton is secretary.

Pomona Grange Elects Harland McDonald

The Sherman County Pomona Grange met November 8 at the Harlandview Grange hall. A delicious chicken dinner with everything that goes with it (as farm women know how to do it) was served by that grange at noon.

Rolland Johnson, master, called the meeting to order. The various committees gave their reports.

Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Pomona Home Ec chairman, reported on the canning contest on which she won an automatic washer with her jar of gooseberries. Other Sherman county winners were: tree fruits, Mrs. Will Huck 1st, Mrs. Walt Bruckert 2nd, Mrs. Harland McDonald 3rd, Mrs. Walt Bruckert 1st on berries. On jelly were Mrs. Walt Bruckert 1st, Mrs. Dewey Thompson 2nd and Mrs. Louis Sather 3rd.

The next Pomona meeting will be at Rufus in February. This Pomona wishes its Home Ec club to be transferred from District 5 to District No. 4, which takes in Wasco county. The grange voted to contribute \$10 to Hells Canyon Dam Association. Election of officers for the next two years took place with the results: Harland McDonald, master, Louis Sather, overseer, Mrs. Rolland Johnson lecturer, Walt Bruckert steward, Altee Wilson assistant steward, Mrs. Altee Wilson lady assistant steward, Mrs. Earl Gentry chaplain, Mrs. Sam Brock treasurer, Mrs. Harland McDonald secretary, Orlow Martin gatekeeper, Mrs. Dean Reynolds Ceres, Mrs. Will Huck Pomona, Mrs. Blaine Miller Flora and the executive committee, Will Huck, Rolland Johnson and Dean Reynolds with Mrs. Walt Bruckert as Home Ec chairman.

The program was put on by the agriculture chairman, Tommy Thompson, county agent, and Walt Bruckert, agricultural chairman showed a display of dried weeds and Tommy Thompson gave an interesting talk on different varieties of weeds. Walt Bruckert was given a vote of thanks for framing the display of weeds and also framing the pomona charter.

Deer Hunters Too Careful There

Deer hunters in southern Oregon are becoming too helpful. Following an intense program by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association to teach sportsmen to close gates on the property they enter, Lake county ranchers complain that gates are being closed that are supposed to be open!

R. A. Long, of Fort Rock, cattleman and state board of agriculture member, stressed that it is very important to leave certain gates open to let cattle into water or into their fall ranges.

He added, "Next year the Oregon Cattlemen's association will have to switch their emphasis and instruct hunters to leave gates just as they find them."

Wheat Leaguers Find Proposed Farm Bill Good

The Sherman county section of the Oregon Wheat Growers league met Monday with a smaller number than usual but members went through the work about the same as usual.

Elton Medler presided and at the end of the session held an election which resulted in Bill Todd being chosen president for another year with Mac Hall as vice-president. Tommy Thompson is secretary.

Most discussion came over the report of the Federal Programs committee under Hildred Zell. Explained was a proposed new program put forward by the National Committee of Commodity Organizations which hopes to enlist sufficient support to achieve passage of the bill. Floyd Root will attend a meeting at Omaha next month for further discussion.

The bill would base wheat production on bushels instead of acres and would pay farmers full parity on 57.5 per cent of their allotted bushels based on a ten year average. This would include seed. For another 24.3 per cent of their wheat they would get 65 per cent of actual parity and this would go into export. The remaining 18.2 per cent would be for feed on the farm or it could be used up by adherence to the soil bank, by grass.

Those who had attended the Pendleton meeting and heard the president of the national wheat growers explain that the western states had not been increasing wheat acreage or bushels as much as eastern states where 15 acre farmers are constantly getting a larger share of the production. Under the new bill, if it is to be satisfactory to Sherman county farmers, it will be necessary to restrict these 15 acre farmers to their actual allotments.

The Domestic Use committee, Nerine Fields reporting, said that the baking contest should be continued on cake or some other product using white wheat.

Marvin Thomas, talking for the Youth Activities committee, asked several minor changes in the annual stock show at The Dales.

The tax committee reviewed several statements from last year and asked careful survey of local taxes and thought citizens could do their own lobbying at Salem.

Allan Pinkerton for the wheat disposal committee, which it wanted called the marketing committee, thought the Northwest Grain Growers should help export wheat, that terminal facilities should be expanded.

Mac Hall, reading the Production and Land Use committee report, said a basic soil research program was needed and that landlords should help save soil and curtail weeds.

Women of the Eastern Star served lunch at the hall at noon.

Bloodmobile Truck Coming November 26

The Bloodmobile will be at the Moro Community church from 2:30 to 6:30 on Tuesday, November 26.

Previously letters have been sent out explaining the value of the program. This time prospective donees will be contacted by telephone.

A suggestion has been made that Sherman county join with The Dales in the blood program. A poll will be taken to determine the wishes of those who give blood about this proposed consolidation.

Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, chairman of the blood program for the county, wishes that all in the county who have received blood since July would send in the number of pints received, the hospital, and the name of their doctor, to her at Moro, or send it to the drawing on Tuesday.

October Bond Sales Better Than Usual

October sales of E and H Savings Bonds for the State of Oregon were greater than any other month in 1957, totaling \$4,860,451. They were up twenty-nine per cent over 1956.

Sherman county showed a large increase over October 1956. Sales for this county were \$3180 compared to \$2476 in October of last year.

October 1956 sales were exceeded in 27 of Oregon's 36 counties.