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These Things We Note

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We will never again have any faith in the selection of a coach of the year.

TTWN

Young couple down in the valley was injured in an auto wreck when going home from a dance. Hard to beat a wise old horse as transportation home from a dance. He stayed in the road, did not need any steering and took his time.

TTWN

Now tularemia is getting the mice in southern Oregon. That is what killed the rabbits in this country once when they got too thick. When humans get too thick they die of starvation.

TTWN

A committee is a group of persons brought together to agree on a program designed by an individual. A committee fails only by not agreeing.

TTWN

Got to thinking about my aunt Pease the other day, great-aunt she was and what her name was I never knew, might have been Persis. Great-aunt Jote's name was Josephine. Great-aunt Pease was a cook, the best in the family. She never learned to read, nor to write either, for if she didn't know one letter from another she wasn't interested in making them. But she could cook wonderfully good grub. She knew all about seasoning and grew her own sage and rosemary in her little herb garden and she knew what would make things taste like she wanted 'em to taste. She couldn't give the blame to no recipe if things were bad. Her husband, Uncle Zeb, always said the reason she was such a fine cook was because she couldn't read; it kept her from cookin' like everybody else which can only be mediocre.

TTWN

In what is sometimes called a battle against the intellectuals it is easy to tell which side a person thinks he is on by his reaction. It will be clarifying to remember that not all thinkers are intellectuals and certainly not all intellectuals are thinkers.

TTWN

Legislators who resigned the first few weeks of 1958 and retained the \$600 of a salary for that year might as well get out of politics. The voters would catch up with such practices pretty soon.

TTWN

Comments about the president's message on TV were all about his improved appearance and his looks, none about what he said. It may be that with TV politicians will be judged by their looks and not by their thoughts.

TTWN

Ex-president Harry Truman makes a wonderful grandmother.

TTWN

Walter Reuther wants auto companies to share profits with the workers. At the rate of pay prevalent it is probable they do. Yet, it might be alright if the workers would share the responsibilities so that new cars didn't have to be made over again.

TTWN

We were talking to A Douma about the Swiss cowbells that he enjoyed when in that country and wondered how long it had been since we had heard a cowbell. Then we wondered how long it has been since we had seen a milch cow.

TTWN

When all the missiles are invented and developed we suspect the next war will be won by men with bayonets on their rifles fighting in the Flanders mud. Neither the cross-bow, gunpowder, airplanes or tanks have changed war very much and we doubt if atomic energy does.

TTWN

Up in Pendleton a meeting has been called of unemployment office workers to see about getting more jobs for 45 year olds and keeping them at work past 65. Tish, Tish. Haven't we been told that a 65 year old should retire and enjoy his pension even if hungry.

TTWN

Inferiority can be assumed; the neighbors will look after that. But superiority must be proved every darn day and some days it's a hard job.



Justice Randall B. Kester has filed for a full term as justice of the Supreme Court. He was appointed a year ago to succeed the late Walter Tooez. Judge Kester was born at Vale, educated in Malheur county and Willamette university and was practicing law in Portland at the time of his appointment.

Former Teachers Dies At Clatskanie

Friends and former students of Mrs. Walter Sherman (Harriet Frederickson) will be saddened to learn of her untimely death December 21 due to an heart attack. Mrs. Sherman, besides her widow, leaves two daughters, Ernestine and Josephine, 17 and 15 years, respectively. For the last several years, the Shermans have been residing and teaching at Clatskanie. Mrs. Sherman taught in the high school at Kent during the years of 1934 and 1935.

Mental Health To Be Speech Topic

The Mental Health association of The Dalles is sponsor of a talk to be given Tuesday night, January 21 by Dr. Irving B. Hill at eight o'clock at the PP&L building in The Dalles on "Problems of the Mentally Retarded". Dr. Hill is administrator of Fairview home and has had many years experience in work with the mentally retarded and The Dalles chapter of the mental health association is proud to have him come to speak to them. Any persons interested are invited to attend.

Moro Women To Have Girl Guests

The Moro Women's club will meet January 23 at 2 p. m. in the social room of the church. There will be a speaker presenting a program of special interest to the seventh and eighth grade girls and their mothers, who are invited as honor guests. Members of the club will please keep this date in mind.

County Agent Tells of Rats and Lice Eradication

A tour of livestock feeding operations in the Hermiston area of Umatilla county will be made next Monday, January 20, by interested Sherman countians. Anyone is welcome to make the trip. Plans are to visit the feed yards at Hermiston, cattle feed yards at Hinkle and the swine setup at Ordinance. Ben Kilgore, who is in charge of the livestock feeding program of the Federated Livestock company will conduct the tour of the plants.

Assembly will be at the court house, Moro, at 8:30 a.m., and Wasco at 8:45 a.m. Tour will start at 11:00 a.m. at the Pendleton Grain Growers. Hermiston feed plant. Tour of these facilities and feeding operations are part of the county planning conference livestock committee in vestigation of opportunities in livestock feeding for Sherman countians. If you are interested in making the trip give us a call since weather conditions might require a change of dates.

Twenty-five Sherman countians attended the annual meeting of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit association in The Dalles, January 11. Carroll Sayrs, Moro, is vice-president and Sherman county representative. The PCA is entirely farmer owned and operated. The local group is on of 29 similar groups in the Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, which are working toward entire farmer ownership of this system. The local PCA has 385 members in Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties in Skamania counties in Washington. Farmers often ask about volumes occupied by various types of hay. Here are volume figures

Young Farmer Sought for Entry In National Test

A search is now under way in Sherman and Wasco counties to locate the outstanding young farmer in this area. The Dalles Junior Chamber of Commerce, for the third consecutive year, is attempting to locate a young farmer between the ages of 21 and 35 to represent this area in the State and National contest to give recognition to a young farmer.

According to Nate Marston, agricultural chairman of The Dalles Junior Chamber of Commerce, more than 100 nomination blanks have been mailed to farmers and community leaders in these two counties in a quest for suggestions. Approximately 25 nominations have been received to date and the next step is the narrowing of these candidates to three or four and then a visit to the respective ranches of the finalists by the judging committee. Final selection will be made Friday, January 17.

Purpose of the search is to increase public understanding of the farmer and his problems and to create, through example, more interest in farming as a profitable and satisfying career.

Numerous awards will be made to the community winner and runner-up. Winner will be entered in the state judging and may win an all-expense trip to a national awards program in Indianapolis, Indiana next April. There, during a three-day awards program, America's Four Outstanding Young Farmers of 1957 will be selected and honored. For the fourth year, Jaycees and the American Petroleum Institute, committee on agriculture, are national co-sponsors. More than 1,500 communities are expected to participate.

Leona Sather Dead After Long Illness

Miss Leona Sather died at a hospital in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Saturday at two o'clock from the Moro church with Rev. Ernest Goodenberger officiating and Dr. Smith Callaway in charge. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley.

Miss Sather was born November 19, 1922 at Kent and was a member of the Christian church at that place. Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather of Moro, four brothers, Kenneth of Kent, Jack of Ontario, Glen of Corvallis and Merrill of Spokane, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Blaine Miller of Moro and Mrs. James Barker of Alameda, Calif.

Big Rain Falls Sunday Washing Some Ditches

A big rain fell Sunday, January 12, big enough to raise the creeks and do some washing in the fields, not deep pills because there was a little frost in the ground, but many of them.

The rain varied over the county, some places reporting an inch. At the station there was .06 on Friday, .60 on Sunday, another .11 Tuesday and .05 Wednesday for a total of .82 inch for the past week. The normal rainfall for January is 1.70 meaning that we have about half as much as we can expect.

Wednesday's top temperature was 57 and the low was 37 for one of the warmest days for January of any year. There have been warmer days, however, the record showing a 58 on the 11th in 1953. Back in 1918 there was a 65 on January 1 and a 61 in 1934 on the 27th.

Andy Holt Buried In The Dalles

Andy Holt, former resident of Sherman county, died at the Redmond hospital at the age of 77. Mr. Holt was born in March of 1880 in Iowa and came to Oregon when a young man, eventually settling in Sherman county where he became county commissioner for a term.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Grace Gregg of Terrebonne and Mrs. George Francois of The Dalles; three brothers, Walter and Arthur of Redmond and Arnold in Nebraska.

Services were at Redmond with interment in the IOOF cemetery at The Dalles.

New Tax Book Now Available

A new and larger edition of the Internal Revenue service's tax guide for small business is now available for business proprietors who need ready answers to tax problems growing out of their operations. Ralph Granquist, district director of the tax agency announced. He reminded small business taxpayers that the previous edition of the guide met with a ready response for its extensive coverage of typical business tax problems.

Mr. Granquist also pointed out that 46 new rulings are explained in the new booklet and many new examples and illustrations have been added. As with the previous edition the guide contains a tax calendar for 1958 which indicates what to do and when to do it in relation to federal taxes coming due during the year.

The guide is priced at 35 cents a copy and may be obtained from the district office of the Internal Revenue service at 827 NE Oregon, Portland.

The electricity. It should be suspended by a separate chain or wire. RAT CONTROL—Did you know that every rat on the farm will eat \$2 worth of feed each year. And for every dollar's worth that he eats another ten dollars worth may be contaminated.

Each pair of rats can produce and raise fifty or more rats in a year. Warfarin has proven to be very effective in the control of this pest. It is not only an excellent poison for controlling rats, but the rats never realize what is killing them. Our older rat poisons were effective for awhile and then the remaining rats seemed to "catch on".

Rats seem to move into the buildings or in sheltered areas during the winter which is a good time to poison them before they start having litters again. CATTLE LICE—This is not the best time of year to treat cattle for lice control. It is, however, the season when lice become most abundant. Control measures are described in Extension Circular 561, "Livestock Pest Control," available at the county agent's office.

CHEMICAL APPLICATORS SHORT COURSE—Seventh Oregon Agricultural Chemical Applicators short course to be held at Corvallis, January 27 to 31. This short course is of interest to commercial applicators of insecticides and fungicides. The last day of the conference will be devoted to new developments in herbicides. This conference is jointly sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon State college.

If heat lamps are used, they should be hung about three feet from the floor and a 250 watt lamp will furnish a big enough circle to include a litter of pigs. The thing that most users of heat lamps neglect is to provide adequate wiring and proper sockets and a support for the lamp.

Porcelain sockets should be used rather than the ordinary brass sockets. Porcelain will take the tremendous amount of heat generated by the lamp, while the brass sockets are not designed for this purpose. Then too, heat lamps should not be suspended by the cable or electric wire supplying the electricity.

PCA Has Annual Meeting, Hears Of Progress

The Mid-Columbia Production Credit association's annual meeting held January 11, 1958 in the Junior high gymnasium in The Dalles was well attended by 185 members and guests. This attendance represented people from the six counties which are Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler in Oregon and parts of Klickitat and Skamania counties in Washington and served by this association.

At this meeting E. Riddell Lage and Paul Davenport were re-elected to succeed themselves. At the organization meeting of the directors Mr. Lage was re-elected president, Carroll Sayrs, vice president and the present office staff, consisting of J. Merton Stein, secretary-treasurer, Kermit B. Peterson, assistant secretary-treasurer and Lorine E. Jensen, assistant treasurer, were reappointed.

The Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane, of which the Mid-Columbia Production Credit association is part owner, extended more than \$208,000,000 of agricultural credit in 1957 in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Paul Matson, president of the Spokane bank, in addressing the annual meeting of the local PCA in The Dalles Saturday, said the local association and 29 similar production credit associations in the four Northwest states now own \$829,000 in credit bank stock which also includes some patronage refunds.

These 30 local farmer-owned associations, Mr. Matson explained, are in the process of buying out the government's investment in the Spokane bank and ultimately will own the bank through which they obtain the bulk of the funds they loan to members. The PCA's bought their second block of credit bank stock on January 1, 1958 and will buy an additional \$400,000 worth on January 1, 1959. After making this initial cash investment the PCA's will use patronage refunds from the bank to retire the remainder of Uncle Sam's investment. As of December 31, 1957, Mr. Matson said, government capital in the bank totaled approximately \$6,100,000, while its surplus and reserves stood at \$5,900,000, and undistributed earnings, \$128,700.

Mr. Matson told the local association members that acquiring ownership of the credit bank involves responsibility on their part. "You own and control the PCA system at the local level and will ultimately own it at the district level." "By working together in a cooperative effort you have been able to bring money into your community at rates comparable to those charged business and industry. This should mean much to you because as permanent and dependable source of credit is just as important a part of your equipment as a tractor, combine or a herd of beef cows."

Foreign Shipments Boosted By Group

Opportunities for Sherman county in the development of facilities for the export of grain from The Dalles were considered recently by a committee of Sherman county farmers, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Development of trade with foreign countries who will use our wheat can speed river development and alleviate our grain surplus problem, stated L. E. Kaseberg, chairman of the sub-committee on river transportation of the Sherman County Planning conference. But this deep-sea trade will depend on development of river channels and port facilities, he pointed out.

The place of local cooperatives and the North Pacific Grain Growers in the development of a port at The Dalles was discussed at the meeting, and a list of needs for port development drawn up. The committee also considered development of recreational facilities along the Columbia river.

The committee will meet again to finish drawing up its recommendations. The report of this and other conference committees will be given at a public meeting of the Sherman Planning conference to be held this spring, Thompson said. Exact date of the conference will be announced soon.

Present at the sub-committee on river transportation meeting were Kaseberg, Elton Medler, Norris Gilkison, Dean Pinkerton, Earl Gentry, Hildred Zell, Ken Fridley, W. T. Balsiger and Thompson.

A. Doumas Have Interesting Time on European Trip

Mr and Mrs A. Douma have been home several weeks from their European trip primarily to visit their daughter, Mrs. Rob't. Cockburn, who is with her doctor husband in France. The Doumas and Cockburns toured Europe for three weeks, going to Italy to see the sights of Rome, Pisa and Venice and Switzerland and the Rhine country. What interested Twin most was the farming.

French farmers have kept their land in good shape, he says, and still make good use of manure for fertilizer. The land is black and the stubble tall and thick. Farming is still done with oxen in some parts of Europe, driven by women while men hold the plow.

It is easy to get around over there, Twin says, because someone is always handy who can speak English, especially in the larger cities. Out in the country trouble is sometimes experienced. The Doumas brought home pictures of their trip which neighbors are hoping to see.

GRASS VALLEY LODGE HAS JOINT INSTALLATION

The Grass Valley IOOF lodge NO. 131 and the Rebekahs held joint installation of officers at the Odd Fellow hall Thursday evening that was open to the public. Installing officer for the Odd Fellows were Orville Ruggles, district deputy master; Boyce Blaylock, district deputy warden; Edgar Alley, district deputy secretary; Willard Barnett, district deputy marshal; Harold Owens, district deputy chaplain; Bill Jefferies, district deputy inside guardian and for the Rebekahs were Mrs. Kenneth Crews, district deputy president; Mrs. Art Schilling, district deputy marshal; Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, district deputy warden; Mrs. Willard Barnett, district deputy secretary; Mrs. Don Smith, district deputy treasurer; Mrs. Alfred Payne, district deputy chaplain and Mrs. John Rust, district deputy inside guardian.

Officers installed for the Odd Fellows were Frank Ketter, noble grand; Art Schilling, vice-grand; Claud Bayer, secretary; Everett Cantrall, warden; H. N. Riggs, conductor; Boyce Blaylock, chaplain; Harold Owens, RSVG; Edgar Alley, LSVG; Alfred Payne, RSVG; Robert Schilling, LSVG; Harry Stark, inside guardian and Jack Adams, outside guardian.

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Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Marie Brady and Mrs. Art Schilling.

OREGON FARMERS MAY EXPECT LITTLE CHANGE

More produce worth less money—that was the picture facing Oregon farmers as they harvested their 1957 crops, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSC. Better livestock prices during the year came to the rescue, however and helped the state's farmers fare about as well as the year before.

US department of agriculture reports show Oregon farm prices last year averaged somewhat above 1956, even though prices were lower at the end of the year than at the start, Mrs. Horrell found. Crop prices averaged 4 percent lower than in 1956 and it was up to livestock prices, chalking up a 7 percent gain to account for the higher average.

But prices paid by farmers, nationally, for production items rose nearly 4 percent during the year to an all-time high, Mrs. Horrell said. Farmers' buying power as expressed in the national parity ratio—the relationship between prices received and prices paid farmers—averaged 82 for the year, the same as in 1956.

Oregon's crop harvest in 1957 was good due to excellent growing conditions and ideal harvesting weather. Crop tonnage, when the final count was made, topped 1956 production by 7 percent. But Mrs. Horrell calculated that the farm value of these crops fell short by a like amount.

Superintendent Explains New School Law

By Lynn O. Hampton
County School Superintendent

This year, under the new Rural School District law, school budgets are not reviewed by the Rural School District board. Instead, each district prepares its own budget and levies its own tax. Consequently, there is no March 15 deadline for delivering the budget to the Rural board. Late February or early March is, therefore time enough to prepare such budgets.

Mr. Turnbull of the state department of education informed me last Tuesday that the department would furnish new budget forms this year, and would distribute them to the counties as soon as possible.

Budget procedure for third class districts. (All Sherman county elementary school districts are third class):

1. Board prepares an itemized budget to include all estimated receipts and expenditures, and signs it at a legally called school meeting of the board.

2. The board then gives the budget to the clerk who posts it in at least three locations in the district, one of which must be the place of the meeting, and publishes it according to law.

Publication Required

(a) First publication to be not more than 25 days nor less than 15 days before the meeting and election, second publication to be not more than 14 days nor less than 8 days prior to the meeting and election.

(b) Posting of the budget and notices must be at least 15 days prior to the time of the meeting. Clerk must record in the minutes of the districts where and when the notices were posted.

3. At the time of the meeting to levy the tax, the board explains the budget to interested taxpayers. Then ballots are issued to legal voters who vote either to approve or not approve the budget.

4. In addition to the public meeting for the levying of the tax, it is also required that each elementary district call an election to vote on the question of exceeding the six-percent limitation in the amount of the levy since no elementary district has a base under the new rural school district law. Notices for this election must be published and posted as outlined above. The polls for this election must be kept open from 2 to 8 p.m. Mr. Turnbull indicated that both the meeting to approve the budget and the election to exceed the six-percent limitation may be done at one time if the board wishes.

Doubling Up Possible

5. After the approval of the budget and the approval of exceeding the six-percent limitation in the entire amount of the levy, the board files the budget, the notice of levy and the notice of vote on the question of exceeding the six-percent limitation with the assessor, the county clerk, the county treasurer and the county school superintendent. These must be filed before July 15.

Under the new law the Rural School district will levy an offset fund which will be distributed to each district on the basis of adjusted average daily membership and will be certified directly to the assessor, who will reduce each district's levy by the amount so certified by the Rural School district.

There has been very little change in the local budget law so that the Sherman county high school district will prepare its budget through the use of the budget committee and levy its tax approximately the same as last year. The high school district levy will also be reduced by the Rural School district offset fund.

MRS. HOWARD ROSS HEADS A & R GROUP

Mrs. Howard Ross of Moro has been appointed Sherman county chairman of the Arthritis and Rheumatism foundation annual statewide education and membership program proclaimed by Governor Robert Holmes for the week of January 20-25. The appointment was made by Mrs. Holmes, state chairman.

Mrs. Ross is arranging a series of Sherman county community coffee hours with local hostesses to be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 20 at which activities and purposes of the foundation will be explained.