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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

"By Gum," said the little old man, "I'm sure glad I'm no six footer. Can't hardly reach the floor as it is."

TTWN

We do not know how long the sign has been on the building across the street. It advertises Confectionery, Lunches and Billards, which indicates an age of around 40 years. Confectionery is a sweet meat or candy of some kind. What the sign painter should have painted was Confectionary, which is a place where such sweetmeats or candy are sold. What we note about the sign is that it is painted on a brick wall, a custom we deplore. Brick is much prettier unpainted and to daub up the side of a brick wall with a sign so much more permanent than the business it advertises is a bit of arrogance that is very unsocial.

TTWN

Mr Hatfield's "friends" have convinced him he should run for governor. There was once a famed politician who opined that he could take care of his enemies but that he needed protection from his friends. We will see.

TTWN

Every girl who expects to grow up to be a cook should teach a few calves to drink from a bucket. It is a most enlightening experience and teaches that hunger is a fine sauce but a potent aid to learning.

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America is either swollen with pride, scared by a Sputnik or steeped in gloom, that is, if you read the newspapers and do not talk to the neighbors. Few of them are excited or so very excitable.

TTWN

Whether one is an optimist or a pessimist about this weather, it is safe to remember that every good day means one less bad day.

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Style is fleeting. Last year a car without high tails fins looked as outmoded as grandma's black alpaca. And now, so changeable is public likings, high tail fins date a car as a last year's model—and in this country that is too bad.

TTWN

We may discover that what is wrong with our educational system is too much money, not too little. It will be hard to develop the hungry mentalities that correspond to hungry fighters in the plush atmosphere of expense account financing.

TTWN

Odd, the conception of what is old. To some Sherman county is a young county, not to be 70 until 1889, and to some the Sherman Highway is young, only 35, and to others The Dalles dam is the only thing young.

TTWN

Meetings with Russia may be nice friendly affairs with lots of caviar and vodka, and it makes no difference whether Russia agrees to any policy or not; they wouldn't do it anyway.

TTWN

We doubt if man ever destroys himself with atomic bomb or otherwise. There will be a few individuals at the head of the creek and a few tribes that will live through it all. But man might destroy his civilization; he has done that before. A better one usually results.

TTWN

Headline: Jet Landed On Belly By Mistake. Would be if it was me.

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If prices drop our gross national product will apparently drop also, even though we may be using as much goods as before. We do not think it will be a national disaster if prices do drop.

TTWN

The curative effects of depression on an inflated economy are having a hard time becoming effective. May be a good thing, unless we find that the cures are worse than the disease.

TTWN

Oregon's forest industry has done itself proud by offering to help construct the Portland ER center of native woods from truss to finish. It will be appropriate.

TTWN

"One of the most disheartening criticisms we know is 'Why didn't you do it yesterday?'"



Charles E. Seavey, Pacific Telephone public relations supervisor will discuss space age scientific developments in appearance at Sherman county high school, January 29.

Power From Sun To Be Demonstrated

Sunlight will be turned into electrical energy at Sherman high school Wednesday, January 29.

Charles E. Seavey, Pacific Telephone public relations supervisor will describe how the Bell Solar Battery works. Title of Seavey's talk, according to manager Cal Horn is "Power from Cosmic Space". The solar battery, first efficient device developed by man for converting sunlight into electric power, was invented in the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Seavey will use the battery to power a telephone system. It can also provide energy for small electric motors, relay systems and portable radios.

Secret of the solar converter is a razor-blade thin disc of silicon (purified sand) which is coated to one ten-thousandth of an inch with boron. The action of light hitting the boron-coated silicon disc is what produces energy.

Present models of the battery according to Seavey, equal the power-producing efficiency of the best gas or steam engines in operation today.

High School Students May Obtain Credit

The university's recently adopted "Advanced Placement Program" for gifted high school students of the state will be described to members of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals when they meet on the campus for their annual winter conference January 31- Feb. 1.

Dean Robert D. Clark of the university's college of liberal arts, will discuss the program which enables high school students to speed up their educational process by taking college level work while still in high school. He will speak at a Friday afternoon, January 31, session of the association.

Mental Health Has Broad Base, Says Hill

Eight children out of each 1000 babies born in Oregon are found to have some degree of mental retardation, Dr. Irwin Hill, supt. of Fairview institution, told his audience at the regular meeting of the Mid-Columbia of Mental Health last night at the PP&L building. Preceding the regular meeting a group representing the association of parents of mentally retarded and the mid-Columbia mental health organization met with Dr. Hill for an informal dinner at The Dalles Hotel.

Dr. Hill estimated the enrollment at Fairview at 1980. Approximately 200 are admitted yearly and about half of this number return to their own or another community in time.

Causes of mental retardation were discussed briefly. Dr. Hill approximated that 20% be attributed to heredity. Other causative factors included prematurity, accidents, complications following diseases involving the brain and spinal cord such as encephalitis, meningitis, whooping cough under the age of one year was also mentioned as well as the infants whose mother had measles during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Dr. Hill pointed out that mental retardation is only one part of the mental health problem and is being brought out into the open in order that greater public interest and understanding can be given.

Mr. Mullins, president of the mid-Columbia mental health chapter advised that the program for February is being planned around the problem of alcoholism and the March meeting is, being considered for Sherman county to hold either in Wasco or Moro.

FFA Speaking Contest Coming Here Februry 1

by Jerry Miller, reporter

On December 19 and 20 the members of the Sherman high school chapter, FFA, gave speeches for the FFA public speaking contest. The top two speakers were to speak in front of the student body. They were Steve Burnet and Ron Mobley. Steve Burnet was chosen to represent this chapter in the contest.

Ron Mobley, a freshman, spoke in "Feeding Beef Cattle". Steve Burnet, a junior, spoke on "How to Sell Purebred Livestock". The topic he will use for the Blue Mountain district contest February 1, in Moro.

Sherman high school is to be the site of the FFA public speaking and parliamentary contest to be held Saturday, February first. The Dalles, Wyest, Boardman, Hermiston, Stanfield, Milton-Freewater, Atherton, Pendleton, Heppner, will be other schools competing. The speech contest will be held in the morning at 9:30 and the parliamentary contest in the afternoon. Lunch will be sponsored by the Sherman chapter and will be potluck.

The Sherman chapter applied for and received a beef chain from the state FFA. The chapter chose Larry Middleton to receive the animal. A beef chain operates as follows: the chapter gets \$300 from the Sears Roebuck foundation and buys a bred heifer. After the heifer has her calf, the calf is returned to the chapter and another boy is chosen. Thus the cycle goes on. The animal the chapter bought came from the Harold Eakin herd at Grass Valley.

Beef Referendum Starts February 10

The referendum on the proposed beef commission will be held throughout the state from February 10 through February 24, Robert J. Steward, Oregon's director of agriculture, announced Tuesday.

The referendum will be conducted on a mail ballot basis from the office of the state department of agriculture in Salem. All cattle owners—both beef and dairy—who registered in the period ending January 21 are eligible to vote in the mailed ballot.

The department has not completed tabulation of the number of cattle and owners registered. However, figures of registrations received at county agents' offices and relayed to the department headquarters in Salem up to January 17, indicate 3,646 owners have registered 447,437 head of cattle.

If the commission is approved, two-thirds of those voting in the referendum must favor the commission, and one-third of the cattle numbers in the state must be represented in the total vote.

AUTO INSURANCES GOING UP SOON

"Because of unprecedented losses and a high accident frequency among insured cars," the National Bureau stated, "rates are increased for practically all car liability classifications."

"Cars with no male operators under age 25 and which are not used to go to work (family cars) are the least hazardous class of risks and therefore enjoy the lowest rates. For these cars rate increases range from \$4 to \$18. If such cars are used to go to work and travel a distance of less than 10 road miles one way, increases range from \$4 to \$22; if they travel 10 or more road miles one way, increases range from \$7 to \$26."

"For cars owned or principally operated by unmarried men under age 25, rate increases range from \$25 to \$69."

"For family cars where a young male under 25 occasionally drives or where the car is owned by a married man under 25, the rate increases range from \$7 to \$33. Perhaps because of parental or wifely restraint, these young men have a better record than untrained young men. As an insurance class their loss costs are only twice the average for the family car with no male operators under 25."

"For private passenger cars used for business the increases range from \$1 to \$26."

"Because of favorable experience, car owners qualifying for farmer rates receive a discount of 30% from the rates that would otherwise apply. Formerly they received a discount of 20%."

Dr. H. R. Davidson Arranging To Come Here Part Time

Dr. H. R. Davidson of The Dalles is making arrangements to come to Moro a part of two days each week for practice of medicine. The Masons have remodeled the room next the Journal office, formerly occupied by the Camp Fire Girls, for him.

Dr. Davidson's plans are to come Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 and remain until five or six and on Thursday or Friday afternoons, arriving at 3:30 and remaining until late. He is working part time for the health association and will utilize his free time to come to Sherman county.

Mrs. Harry Benson will assist Dr. Davidson when not occupied with Dr. Reid and will make appointments for him.

Filings For Office Start In County

Stimulated, perhaps, by announced contests for state office, candidates have filed for Sherman county office although few offices are to be filled this year.

Charles E. Kuypers has filed for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner indicative of his desire to remain in that office for another four years.

Loy Cochran has filed for the Republican nomination for sheriff. He is at present marshal of Moro. George Geiser, who assumed the office of sheriff on the death of Norman Fields, says he expects to file. He is a Democrat.

Only other office to be filled is that of treasurer and Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder has said that she would again be a candidate. She is a Democrat.

Junior Ladies Meet To Start Program

The Junior Ladies club of the Moro Community Presbyterian church met Tuesday evening in the church social rooms for its first meeting of the new year. There were 18 members present.

Installation of new officers was held under the direction of past president, Mrs. Don Thompson, with Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger assisting. Those installed were: president, Mrs. Vernon Melzer; vice-president, Mrs. Allan Pinkerton; and treasurer, Mrs. Mac Hall. Secretary Mrs. Willard Leff was not present, due to illness.

Mrs. Melzer presided over a very spirited and interesting meeting, discussing activities and projects for the year ahead. Appointments of special chairwomen were announced. They were Mrs. Glenn Virtue, devotions; Mrs. Bob Axteill, baby gifts; and Mrs. Virgil Archer, program.

A silver tea is being planned for March 18, the proceeds of which will be used, as in the past, for some church project which will be announced at a later date.

Refreshments were served by hostess Mrs. Don Thompson.

The next meeting will be the annual Valentine party and will be February 4 at the home of Mrs. Robert Ferrell.

VETERANS EXEMPTIONS MUST BE APPLIED FOR

Disabled war veterans and widows of veterans must apply for their state property tax exemptions by April 1, Vere A. McCarthy, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, warned today.

Application for the tax exemption, which amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property must be filed with the county assessor on or before April 1 of each year, McCarthy said. Those entitled include:

1. War veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by the Veterans' Administration or the Armed Forces, regardless of the amount of their income.

2. Unmarried widows of war veterans, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Spanish-American war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.

3. Spanish-American war veterans, regardless of disability or income. Veterans whose 40 percent disabilities are certified by a private physician and the county health officer, rather than by the VA or the Armed Forces, are also entitled, but in these cases they must not have received more than \$2500 total gross income in the past year.

Further information is available from county assessors, county service officers, or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Sherman Wins Two In Weekand To Boost Average

It was a good week end for the Sherman basketball team. Friday night it succeeded in winning from Culver after two overtime periods. Final score of the game was 51 to 49. The score was tied 46-46 at the end of the regular game after Sherman had overcome a 23-22 half time score.

Brown saved the night by dropping a basket with seconds to go to tie up the regular game. In the first overtime each team made three points to tie it again at 49. Scoring was slight in the second overtime and Brown's lay-up was the only points counted but it gave Sherman a win in a hotly contested game.

Brown was top scorer with 18 for the night. Carlson and Ransom of Culver had 11 each. Kirkelle had 9 and Wallace and Fox, Sherman centers, had 7 each. Starns, Osborn and Ohlde of Culver all had 9 points.

Saturday night Sherman had a tough time defeating Glenwood, being tied with the Washington team several times during the game. Sherman was cold and slow and little R. Feller of Glenwood topped the scoring with 13 and Andrews, another small, fast boy, made 6 for the visitors.

Kaeborg led Sherman with 8. Wallace had 5, Fox 2, Hockman 4, Miller 1 and Brown and Norton 3 each. Score at half time was 14-9 for Sherman but Glenwood outplayed the local boys in the second half and came near winning.

Quality Not Quantity Rules Women's Style

Oregon women can copy some of the secrets of the "nations to best dressed," with wise wardrobe building, according to Mary Routh, OSC clothing specialist.

In a new bulletin on wardrobe building Miss Routh says that a well planned wardrobe is built around certain basic designs, colors, textures, and harmonizing accessories.

Being well dressed, says the author, is not influenced as much by money as by the shopper's own good taste and shopping ability. Women who shop on a limited budget should buy basic clothing with lasting quality and versatility.

Weed Control Talked By OSC Committee

Possible development of a Sherman Weed Council was discussed January 14 by the weed control committee of the Sherman County Planning conference, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

The committee is considering best ways to control weeds in the county, how to finance weed control programs, and the problem of devaluation of land infested with weeds, Thompson said. Weeds are a constant threat to agriculture in the county, he pointed out, and the committee is considering formation of weed council as one way to strengthen weed control in the county.

Details on the proposed weed council, and other recommendations of the committee, will be given to a public meeting of the planning conference to be held this spring, Thompson said. Exact date of the conference will be announced soon.

Joe Heater, Moro, is chairman of the weed control committee.



Herman H. Brackett, long a school director and long interested in basketball, was out to the Sherman-Glenwood game Saturday night although confined to a wheel chair because "his legs ain't much good", but he had a good time and enjoyed the game and meeting friends.



BILL E. TODD

Wheat Loan Ends January 31 Here

Price support loans and Purchase Agreements on wheat, barley or oats produced in 1957 must be completed not later than Friday, January 31st according to the local ASC office. Producers who expect to place their grain under price support should make a note of this date in order to avoid overlooking this deadline. Reported by the ASC office, as of January 15, loans outstanding on wheat totaled 897,431 bushels for a loan value of \$1,638,972; barley 1,338,302 bushels for a value of \$1,258,824, and oats 6,282 bushels at \$4,038, to date an additional 118,638 bushels of loan wheat have been repaid reflecting the market price changes.

Mild Weather Subject Of All Conversation

The weather has remained the liveliest subject of conversation during the week because, after the frosty night Saturday the mercury has barely dropped to freezing during the week and mornings have been as balmy as May mornings.

True to dispositions some are apprehensive and fearful that a sudden drop in temperature will kill all vegetation, including wheat; some are happy with the lack of wear on the overcoat and everyone is filled with wonder that January could be so mild. Well, there's a week left of it.

A weather prophet says that temperatures will be above normal and moisture below normal until February 15. Presumably another prophet will say the opposite.

BIG PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN INOCULATED

The county health officer reported to the local medical association Tuesday night (January 22, 1958) a 70% to 80% coverage of all school children by polio immunization, according to a survey just conducted. Seventy percent of high school students were found to have received two or more polio injections and the percentage in the grade schools increased to 80% or more.

Because of survey results, the health officer told the society that no further organized immunization clinics for polio are contemplated, although the health department will continue to stress the importance of polio immunization to every single person below the age of 40.

Regarding other immunization, i. e., smallpox and diphtheria, pertussis-tetanus booster immunizations, Dr. Henderson, Hood River health officer, stated that a clinic is provided in their schools every three years. The Wasco county health officer indicated the same service is provided to Wasco and Sherman county schools every two years.

TRAPPINGS GOOD FOR STATE

Federal game hunters and trappers caught 787 predatory animals from October 20 through November 16, according to statistics released by Mel Smith, district agent for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief for the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Again, more coyotes were caught than any other predator, Knickerbocker stated. Besides 289 coyotes, hunters trapped 120 bobcats, 112 porcupines, 98 raccoons, 62 badgers, 51 skunks, 42 foxes, 11 bears and two opossums.

Malheur county hunters reported killing 45 coyotes to lead the rest of the state in destruction of that animal. Eight of the 11 bears taken were in Curry county, and 22 bobcats were reported destroyed in Harney county. Marion and Lane county hunters tied for the highest total of foxes—14 each.

Bill Todd Wins JC Award As Young Farmer

Bill Todd has been chosen by The Dalles Junior Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding young farmer of Sherman and Wasco counties and the award was made at a meeting held in The Dalles Wednesday night.

Competition was narrowed to two contestants from each county last week and a committee visited all four farms to pick the winner. Mr. Todd won because of his successful trashy fallow practices during the past seven years, his fertilization at a moderate rate, his use of grass waterways, his two miles of diversion ditches and the greatly increased production on the Ragsdale (Martin Hansen) farm he has occupied since 1949.

In addition to his farming, he has kept a small herd of cattle and fenced for them, has sown ten acres of alfalfa, pregnancy tested his cows, fed steers with Stillborel, rotated pasture, tested for Bang's disease, and had a 95% calf crop last year.

He is president of the county wheat growers league, was conservation man of the year two years ago, deacon and treasurer of the Baptist church at Grass Valley and spent 42 months in the air force where he was a meteorologist. He was county assessor for two years before getting a chance at farming, which is what he always wanted to do. He married Vivian Fritts and has two children, Ardine 11, and Scott 7. The land he farms is east of Grass Valley and comprises 1920 acres of which 1410 is tillable. It is owned by Mrs. Lida Ragsdale of Hillsboro.

Ability To Pay School Costs Teachers' Worry

A study of relative ability of Oregon school districts to finance their educational programs has just been completed by its research department, the Oregon Education association announced this week. Millages of first class unified districts and county units may be compared in the report.

This study shows that some school districts are nearly ten times as able to finance their programs as other districts this school year. Examples are Glendale (most able district) has \$88,831 of wealth behind each child contrasted with Hermiston (least able district) with \$9,364. Gilliam county (most able county) has \$70,441 of wealth per child in school while Benton county (least able) has \$12,503, the report revealed. Sherman county is second from the top.

YOUNG MAN GETS PROBATION, EXTENDED

George Haney, 20, of Sacramento, California, who lives part of the time at The Dalles, was cited to show cause why his probation should not be revoked by Judge E. H. Howell here Wednesday in a special session of the circuit court and the judge continued the probation pending good behavior.

Haney, paroled some months ago for the theft of some tires and more recently charged with the theft of a small amount of gasoline, was given another chance by the judge, who came from John Day for the hearing.

MORE ELECTRICITY USED IN NORTHWEST AREA

Enjoyment of more and more electrical appliances in homes served by Pacific Power & Light was reflected during 1957 in an increase of 368 kilowatt-hours in average residential use on the company's system, according to Ray Kelso, local manager.

Average use per customer reached the new high figure of 6931 kilowatt-hours, or more than double the national average.

Average price received by the company for this service in 1957 was only 1.36 cents, it was reported. This was 47 percent less than the national average price.

Total use of electricity by all types of PP&L customers reached 3,762,000,000 (billion) kilowatt-hours, an increase of 209,000,000 over the previous year. Number of electric customers served by the company at the end of the year was 276,448.

During the year 475 miles of new distribution lines were added by the company as a part of its \$56,000,000 construction program. Payroll provided by the company's activities in 1957 amounted to nearly \$14,483,000, including construction forces.