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These Things We Note

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We have to presume that a recession is a period in which some persons discover that they or their jobs are unnecessary.

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A man we know, who has lived with himself a long time, says that living is like being a general in a battle as far as the management of his forces are concerned. He has to keep a balance between all his physical pieces. If he babies his stomach by giving in to its demands he overworks his heart; if he exercises his legs very much, his feet object; if he lets his muscles get lazy his brain doesn't respond very well, so the job of living is a job of generalship.

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It seems about time to conduct a little survey into the reason for raising wages. Certainly added production would be one reason just as lowered production would be a reason for lowering wages; increased cost of living and bigger business would be others.

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There used to be a common word called "ethics" and schools even gave courses in it. We note that it is seldom used these days.

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We note that a survey shows a majority of workers oppose wage boosts now. Often the people are wiser than their leaders.

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A few months ago we were saying that population growth would give us a continuing expansion and assured prosperity. There is no indication that population has quit growing.

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The girl at the bar called her much older companion an old fool. He said, "That is a distinction for there are not many old fools, but a great many young ones." And she slapped him.

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Government is more concerned about the recession than anyone for it has the biggest stake as long as taxes are high. Individuals and corporations may be able to reduce expenses in a pinch, government, never.

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It is perfectly alright to have a conference with the Russians if we enter with the expectancy of getting nothing out of it and the express understanding that we will not believe anything they say.

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Close observers of the Portland papers have noted that there are a lot more capitals used now than before. That is to conform with the Associated Press regulation as to style. As much newspaper copy is set direct from tapes sent by wire it is handier that way and readers will have to get used to seeing ordinary words like county and state and legislature capitalized. The Sherman County Journal, being delightfully independent, will continue to follow the down style instead of the new up style as to capitalization.

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Even Mother Nature doesn't always pay off on promises. How can you expect a political party to be better than that?

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High taxes cause high prices. When a man has to earn two dollars to get one he raises the price in an effort to get it. He may not be successful but prices are boosted.

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Hooray. The first picture of baseball players has been printed and it will just have to be spring.

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When the first buttercup pushes its way through half frozen earth to bloom on some slightly warmer hillside it is a feat worthy of mention; when the same plant sends up a flower in February after a winter in which it could have bloomed at any time it is dereliction of duty.

TTWN

Senator Byrd is going to retire and that is bad. But even the ability of Senator Byrd has not been equal to the job of holding down federal expenses and no wonder he is discouraged.

Conservationists Conclave Called, Program Made

T. P. Helseth, state conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, will be featured speaker during the Sherman County Soil Conservation District annual meeting, 1:15 p. m., Tuesday, February 18, County Courthouse, Moro. W. L. May, chairman, District Board of Supervisors, indicates an interesting and educational program has been planned for the event.

"Farm Fish Ponds" for Sherman county will be discussed by Andrew Landforce, wildlife extension specialist, OSC. Production of fish in local farm ponds is relatively a new opportunity in Sherman county. Landforce has studied local ponds and many over the state to determine why some work and some do not.

Helseth will speak on "Conservation in Sherman County". As former area conservationist for the Columbia Basin he is versed on local conditions. Presently the speaker heads up the Soil Conservation Service in Oregon.

New Ideas in Nitrogen Fertilization will be the topic of Howard Cushman, soil specialist, OSC. Top dressing, spraying liquid nitrogen and soil testing will be items discussed. Progress on completing the soil survey work in the county will be reviewed by Leo Mayers, soil scientist. Soil series classes have been set down and their locations have been laid out on a county map. Mayers will review methods used in soil survey work and explain the soil series locations. A film "From the Ground Up" will further bring out classifying soils by type.

The Wildlife Habitat Improvement program and progress to date will be presented by Harold Winegar, Oregon State Game Commission. Mr. Winegar has been in charge of the local program living at Wasco for several years.

The annual report of the district will be presented during the business meeting. The terms of supervisors, A. C. Kaseberg and Charles Kuyper, expire and an election to replace them will be held. W. L. May, chairman of the local board, will be in charge of the meeting. Other supervisors are: Luther Davis and John Shipley.



John Buck, back to camera, new pneolator, the face piece of Mel Parker, Loy Cochran and demonstration meeting at the Keith Thompson look over the court house last week.

First Aiders Sought For Pneolator Study

The purchase of a new pneolator, has stimulated activity in first aid and Explorer post 351 will be given a class in instruction on the use of the Mine Safety company's equipment. In addition to the explorer scouts any one interested may take the class which will be given Monday evenings at eight o'clock in the basement of the Moro church.

Sheriff George Geiser is anxious that as many persons in the community as possible become familiar with the new machine and acquainted with methods of giving oxygen to injured and ill. Local fire department members and police officers are potential students.

ERRATA

In a story about the First National Bank, published January 10, it was stated that the bank had lost loans and discounts amounting to \$443,282,299. The correct figure was \$43,282,299.

In last week's issue we said that Mrs. Barnum was a daughter of Julius Medler. We should have said Bruno Medler.

Planning Conference Date Set February 27 At Court House

The general session of the Sherman County Planning conference is set for 8:00 p. m., Thursday, February 27, Sherman high school, Moro. Reports and recommendations of the six conference committees working since last October will be presented to this public meeting for adoption, states W. L. May, conference chairman.

Land and Use and Crops, Transportation and Marketing, Public Affairs, Livestock, Weed Control and Home and Community Living have been the various conference committees working.

Completion of committee reports for the conference is presently being made by the various committees, states May. Committee meetings next week include Marketing and Transportation February 17 at 7:30 p. m., Livestock February 21, at 1:30 p. m., Public Affairs February 20 at 1:30 p. m. All meetings will be held in the county courthouse.

MORO WOMEN MEET

The regular meeting of the Moro Woman's club was held February 6 at the home of Mrs. Anna Moore, with Mrs. A. Douma, president presiding.

This being Mrs. Moore's birthday the club gave her a gift and card which all present signed. All sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

The "Collect" was read and the "Flag Salute" given.

After a brief business session Mrs. H. M. Zell, guest speaker from Wasco, was presented. Mrs. Zell is state and national chairman of the European division of International Affairs, department of the GFWC and had attended a World Affairs conference at Washington, D. C. last October.

She spoke on World Trade and the necessity for every club woman to acquaint herself with World Affairs. Also to write our Congressman expressing our opinion on national and international problems. Thus letting our leaders know our part of public sentiment in regard to vital decisions between nations which affect us all.

There were 12 members and four guests present. Angel food cake and coffee were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. James Dyer.



Game Pattern Decides Score In Sherman's Favor

The pattern of the game was like this. When Maupin had the ball Sherman guards Norton and Kirkelle, assisted by Brown, held the ball carriers outside their range of shooting. Kaseberg and later Fox, played a corner and Wallace posted himself under the basket. When Sherman had the ball Sherman was able to work into the defense from one side and pass to Wallace, under the basket for lay-ups, a tactic that gave Wallace 17 points, high for the game.

Even after Sherman changed guards late in the game Maupin was unable to work in for many shots and Boggs, diminutive Redside, made but 7 and those from long shots at which he was good.

The emphasis on defense made the scoring low and the final was 34 to 16 for Sherman which had 11 to 1 at the quarter and Maupin made but 6 points during the half.

The Sherman JVs won by a 60 to 26 score from a similar Maupin team with Blaylock and Roysse converting shots into points regularly.

The next night Sherman took off for Sisters, accompanied by a group of followers, to try the same defense on the bigger and better Sisters' team with less favorable results. Sisters won 62 to 48 in an entirely different game. Sherman now stands 9 to 3 in the Cascade league with Sisters the only team to beat it consistently.

RSB Budget Has Many Makers

The budget for the rural school board has been made up and is published in this issue. It shows an increase over previous budgets all of which are explained therein.

Inasmuch as the board has been increased to seven the budget committee was composed of 14 members including, Leland Medler, Ronald Powell, William Jefferies, Lester Barnum, Donald Macnab, Philip O'Meara, George Fox, Charles Burnet, Ivan Blagg, Luther Davis, David Richelderfer, and Fred Dormaier. John Decker was absent.

Current Downturn Compared To Others

The current downturn in economic activity is compared with the recessions of 1948-49 and 1953-54 in the January issue of the Monthly Review published by the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco. Although the decline is proceeding at a rate roughly similar to the two post-war declines, there are significant differences in the behavior of the various sectors of the economy. Inventory liquidation is the largest single factor operating to depress statistical measures of business activity, with a drop of \$5 billion from the third to the fourth quarter of 1957; however, it may be a more favorable factor from now on than in the earlier recessions. On the other hand some observers believe the current decline in plant and equipment expenditures will continue for a longer period than in the two previous recessions. Government spending is expected to be an expansionary force in the economy of 1958—defense spending is likely to increase, and state and local government spending for education and public construction will continue to rise. In 1953-54 foreign demand was a strong supporting factor, but little lift can be expected from this area in the months ahead.



Orville Hockman Dies In Hospital

Orville L. Hockman died in the Mid-Columbia Basin Nursing Home near The Dalles Wednesday after a long illness from asthma and heart ailment. He was born at Moro April 25, 1903, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hockman. He had lived on the family farm all his life.

Surviving are his widow, Cecil, two sons, Keith and Noel, a brother, Ben of The Dalles, three half sisters, Mrs. May Belshe Nordin and Mrs. Lottie Pieper of Portland and Mrs. Mollie McLachlan of Moro.

Funeral services will be held Friday at two o'clock in the afternoon from the Moro Community Presbyterian church with Rev. E. C. Gooenberger officiating, and in charge of Smith-Callaway. Interment will be in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

AA To Conduct Mental Health Meet

Mrs. Lucy Mullins, president of the Mental Health organization, Mid-Columbia chapter announces: A speaker from Alcoholics Anonymous will be the featured speaker off the February 18 meeting of Mid-Columbia chapter of Mental Health, in the basement of the PP&L building in The Dalles at 8 p. m.

Mrs. John T. Johnson Buried Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Cornelia H. Johnson, of Wasco, who died in a hospital at Medford last Thursday were held Monday from the church of which she was a long time member with Rev. Richard E. Bruner officiating. The Eastern Star was in charge of graveside services at Sunrise cemetery. Conger-Morris of Medford were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Old Hadley, Mass., on October 2, 1875. On January 27, 1903 in Bement, Illinois she married John T. Johnson. Immediately following their marriage they returned to his home at Wasco where he had lived since 1884 with his parents, the late John H. and Catherine Johnson.

She was a member of the Methodist church and the Eastern Star of Wasco and the musician for both for many years. Her husband preceded her in death December of 1956.

Surviving are four children John T. of Medford, F. Harland of Twin Falls, Idaho, Mrs. T. W. Proudfoot, Los Angeles, Mrs. V. L. Larson, Spokane; seven grandchildren; one great grand daughter and a sister, Mrs. A. A. Boggs of Toronto, Canada. A son Paulien preceded her in death.

Rain, Rain, No Longer News But Nice Nevertheless

It rained 60 inch Tuesday night, keeping it up all night and into the morning. Creeks were flooded, some fields washed and everything made good and wet.

This latest rain gives the county .95 inch in February as compared to 1.24 on the average for that month. For the crop year we are ahead of the normal, much different than 1957 when the country was dry until spring before the rains came.

Great Decisions Pamphlets Obtainable

Donald Bryant of the state department of higher education, the extension part, was here last week talking to citizens about the Great Decisions program. It is a part of the Foreign Policy association's work to help Americans become better acquainted with the problems we face in foreign affairs.

There are eight discussion topics and material on them may be obtained from Mrs. J. W. Coons or the Journal office. They are suitable for any group. Topic for the first week is "Can we do business with Russia?" Others are about other parts of the world. It is not the purpose of the program to form opinions, but to give information and collect the votes of those who hear the programs and find out what the people think.

Clubs Meet At Wasco For Cards

Tillicums met at the home of Mrs. Vern VanGilder with Rena Sheppard, Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Mrs. John Roysse as guests. Decorations were carried out in a Valentine motif. Mrs. Sheppard won the high prize for guests and Mrs. Harry VanGilder won high for the club, with Mrs. Paul Patrick winning second high and Mrs. John Robinson low. Others present were Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. L. L. Funk, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. L. E. Dehler, Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Emma Shearer.

Tuesday bridge club met last week at the home of Mrs. Hugh White with Mrs. Truman Strong as guest. Mrs. F. L. Watkins won the high prize and Mrs. Strong guest prize. Others present for the dessert luncheon and afternoon of cards were Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Augusta Huckin, Mrs. L. P. Haven and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Mrs. Rena Sheppard recently were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Reid at the Knife and Fork club in The Dalles.

Mrs. Paul Patrick won high prize last week when the Canasta club met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Sargent with Mrs. Carl Tuggle as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bish and Betsy attended Dad's weekend recently at Corvallis.



A big semi is a helpless looking thing lying on its side, resembling a wounded elephant but much less dangerous. Curt Smith, one of the men who escaped injury, guards the truck while awaiting the wrecker.

Braking on Wet Pavement Wrecks Truck

George Nichols was driving his semi and trailer north on Highway 97 last Thursday night when, just below Moro, he applied his tractor brakes quickly on a turn and the big trailer whipped around him and pulled him off the road. The truck

caught fire but Nichols and his relief driver, Curt Smith, climbed out to safety. The Moro fire truck came down and put out the fire and the next day, after making his report, Nichols had the truck pulled onto the road and away for repair.