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These Things We Note

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No matter how tough it gets we hope this depression-recession, downturn lasts long enough to stop inflation. If it is stopped before that it will be useless and we will be in for some worthless dollars before long.

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We note a tendency among farmers to vote for the party out of power. That may indicate an insatiable appetite and chronic discontent that may eventually discourage both parties.

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Politically it would be terrible, but reduction of business taxes would help the average person more than a boost in personal exemption.

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Good seeing and good hearing are largely a matter of attention. Also tasting. You might be able to tell pickles from ice cream without giving it some attention but not other things.

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It is generally admitted that Ezra Benson is a poor politician. We are not sure that politicians help themselves by pointing that out.

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It is too bad that we have to have an election when there is turmoil in the world because in an election year we so often use our voices instead of our brains.

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The battle over foreign aid may be described as a program to decide whether the next war will be fought abroad or at home.

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After all what governments must deal with is human inertia. It is doubtful if the Russians do any better than any other government with it.

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We suspect that by going gaga over missiles we are doing serious damage to the chances of informing the world of our system of government. Missiles may be necessary; so much emphasis on them may not be.

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Security is for sheep.

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The trouble with grand old opera these days is that it isn't grand, it isn't old and it isn't opera.

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Someplace, we read, an argument is going on about the value of weekly newspapers. They have them everywhere in civilizations both older and younger than ours and like everything else they will persist as long as they serve a purpose and do it well.

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People always find something to do with their spare time and many of our cleverest gadgets are made to give more time or make what we have pass quicker. It might be odd to idly while away time, which is what life is made of, as if it were some sort of enemy to be placated.

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Believing what you hear or even what you read without checking is a dangerous habit. Doubt is a valuable characteristic.

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There will apparently be plenty of candidates for governor and most of them will get beat which, we think, is a consolation in itself.

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Neighbors, being very solicitous but needing, remind the early planting editor that the colder the weather the hotter the radish.

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Even nice old dignified ladies cannot stick pins in wrestlers without being responsible for the results, so all you can do is boo the meanies.

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A college professor says school districts should be larger. Well, we are way ahead of him on that one.

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A neat subject for investigation: at what age do men quit saying that older men should retire and begin saying that age should not determine retirement age?

New Man Named As Bank Livestock Field Officer

Carl Bartlett, a cattle rancher for the past nine years, has been appointed agricultural representative for the First National Bank of Portland in the mid-Columbia area.

Bartlett will replace Lester E. (Bud) Tibbets, who has represented the bank in this area for the past four years. Tibbets has been promoted to assistant cashier and general loan officer at the bank's Nyssa branch. Bartlett will be headquartered at The Dalles.

A graduate of Oregon State college and a native of Baker, Bartlett has resided in the Nyssa area since 1949. He operated a cattle ranch there until 1953 and for the past five years has been a partner in a cattle feeding operation in the same area.

Wasco Library Board Plans Continuance

The board of the Wasco Public Library met Saturday to discuss the future of the library. President, Mrs. Vinton Watkins, stated that according to the constitution and by-laws, the board should be composed of a member from each of the local organizations to serve a one-year term. Re-organization is to be started soon, with each organization being asked to appoint a member to serve on the board for a one-year term. This new board will take office as of September 1, 1958. At the present time the board members are acting as librarians, with the library hours being from two to four on Saturday afternoon. The library, which is a public one, is located in the City Hall, and any one in the community is welcome to use it. The library board is interested in securing a librarian. Anyone interested in the job should apply to Mrs. Vinton Watkins.

Lewis & Clark Choir Draws Audience

The Lewis & Clark college choir sang for Sherman countians Saturday night in the first performance of a series in eastern Oregon, appearing at the Sherman high school auditorium with L. Stanley Glarum as director.

The program consisted of hymns and religious songs and were subdued in tone, the full power of the sixty voices being seldom released.

The choir traveled in two chartered buses and members were entertained at dinner at the church and at the home of church members over night until their departure for Pendleton early Sunday morning.

Returns from the 600 letters sent out by the heart fund committee directed by Mrs. Harry Hooper of Grass Valley totaled \$777 up to last week with some money still coming in to headquarters. This is more than twice the amount collected in 1957.

County Agent Reports on County's Agriculture

Jean Ross and Tom Higley, older 4-H members, will be delegates to a statewide 4-H conference on state government, March 7 and 8, at Salem. Called "Know Your State Government" the two-day meeting has been planned to offer older 4-H club members a chance to learn more about state government. The two Sherman county delegates are seniors in Sherman High and long time 4-H club members. Delegates are outstanding 4-H members, 16 years old or older, with records of accomplishment in projects, church, school and community activities. The two will also be considered for 4-H Club Congress. It is the highest honor that could be paid a 4-H boy or girl. Four winners are selected in each state for this event which is held each year in June at Washington, D. C.

Semen testing of bulls is a sound livestock management practice. Veterinarians in The Dalles and Redmond now have equipment for this type service on the farm. The test is relatively inexpensive compared to value received. A check of 100 bulls in Colorado found 10% of them infertile. Semen testing is beneficial to all sizes of producers, but probably most to a one bull cow herd.

The Western Wheat Quality Laboratory, Pullman, Wn., tested 32,000 samples of grain during 1957 in the continual problem of maintaining and improving quality.

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Sherman Goes To District Playoff After Victory

Sherman won the game it had to win to go to the district "B" tournament this week at Arlington. It won from Culver by a substantial 47 to 32 on the local floor after the second team lost 41 to 38. The second string had been weakened by the promotion of some members to the first squad.

It was a good night for Butch Kirkelle who seemed to surprise himself every time one of his outside shots hit the basket, which they did for a total of 13 points and high for the team and game. Lanky and Limber Dave Wallace connected for 12 points from his position under the basket. Kaseberg made 7, Norton 5, Fox 2, Hockman 4 and two new members of the team, Roysse and Helyer made a pair each.

For Culver Carlson made 12 and Ron Osborn, a fast, ball handling forward, made 7.

Sherman ended the season with 12 won and five lost and were able to win from all teams of the league except Sisters which is again on the way to the state championship.

Sherman Countians Will Dine March 16

The Sherman County Ladies is a group of ex-Sherman countians living in Portland whose loyalty to Sherman county is so great that they meet regularly to talk about the good old days. Each March they have a public dinner to which they invite their husbands and any Sherman countians of residence who wish to attend and they often have a high old time with singing and speech-making.

This year the dinner will be at the Mallory Hotel on March 16 and Mrs. Ethel Searcy, Mrs. Jennie Damon and Mrs. Vi Race are taking reservations which they would like to have by March 13. As a place to meet old friends it is hard to beat.

Filing For Office About Ended

Filing for nominations in the May primary will close Friday evening at five o'clock. Up to Thursday morning the following had filed: Charley Kuypers, incumbent and Fred Dornier, both Democrats for commissioner, Fritz Watkins, Republican, for commissioner. For sheriff: George Geiser, incumbent, Democrat; Loy Cochran and Jerry Wilson, both Republicans. For treasurer, Naomi Van Gilder, incumbent, Democrat.

It was learned Thursday that L. P. Haven, Wasco farmer, and welfare board member, will file for county commissioner on the Republican ticket bringing the candidates to four, evenly divided between the two parties.

The samples tested were primarily for wheat breeders relative to quality of various lines or varieties. Seventy-five percent were rejected as unsatisfactory and were discarded. This then eliminated an early stage many lines that in past years would have been continued until the seed increase was sufficient for testing. The Wheat Quality Lab. is a USDA program. The Oregon Wheat Growers league helped initiate this program which is now paying off to farmers in terms of quicker release of improved varieties.

Use of a soil moisture and nitrate testing questionnaire was mailed to all Sherman county farmers recently. Fertilizer dealers, County Wheat league, Land Use Planning committee, and college people are interested in the response to this questionnaire. We hope you will help by replying. Please return the copies to the county agent's office. Your response will indicate the interest pro or con and help guide the development of local facilities if deemed feasible.

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Federal and State Governments Pay Most of Welfare

The welfare budget for this county will total \$32,000 of which \$12,407 will be paid by the federal government, \$13,764 by the state and \$5,899 by the county. The county's part of old age assistance is 13.8, of aid to dependent children 14.1, aid to permanently disabled 14.7 with its part of medical assistance much higher.

Total for old age assistance is estimated at \$13,400, aid to children \$6000 and for permanently disabled \$1800. The budget has been sent in for approval by the state which, with federal assistance, provides all costs of administration.

Park Improvement Grange Project

Harlandview Grange decided at its meeting Monday night to do a good turn and help improve DeMoss Memorial park. It will offer to cooperate with the county, the historical society and the Rufus Grange in a plan to paint the buildings at the park, rebuild the fence, install or repair play ground equipment and generally make the park more usable.

Rufus Grange will decide on its participation at its meeting this week. It was felt that expenditure of labor would be as helpful as expenditure of money and that good public works were a part of the grange policy.

PP&L Makes Some Management Changes

Pacific Power & Light company announced Thursday the formation of a new division grouping the company's service districts in Oregon east of the Cascade mountains and the appointment of Thomas M. Keenan, now district manager at Pendleton, as an assistant general manager with responsibility for the division.

"Grouping of the five districts of eastern and central Oregon into a new division reflects the growth of this important area of Oregon and the communities which are served by Pacific Power," George T. Bragg, vice-president and general manager of PP&L, reported.

A veteran PP&L employee, Keenan has been district manager at Pendleton since 1953, and has been assigned in districts of eastern Oregon and Washington most of the years since he joined the company in 1922. Bragg said that in addition to the local area, the division will embrace others of The Dalles district, and those of Pendleton, Enterprise, Hood River, Madras, Prineville, Redmond and Bend.

Bragg announced the promotion of Robert H. Love, lineman-agent at Condon since 1953, to be local manager of the company in Prineville. He will succeed Eldon Dienna, the manager there since 1954, who will be the new district manager in Pendleton.

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The quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wheat Commission will be held March 14, Pacific Power & Light Bldg., The Dalles. The commission has had a long standing policy of holding meetings throughout the state to have various people become acquainted with their program and observe the group in action. An illustrated report on market development work in the Far East will be given immediately after lunch.

The Oregon extension service is again cooperating on holding a series of highway spray meetings throughout the state. Other groups involved in these meetings are the State Highway department, State Agriculture department and county courts and their road departments. A meeting for this area will be held in The Dalles, March 10, Council Chambers, City Hall, starting at 9:45 a. m. Farmers are welcome, but the discussion will apply mainly to weed control on non-crop land.

Farmers with loans on wheat or barley still have time to redeem these loans if the price is right. Wheat loans can be redeemed up to March 31 and barley up to April 30.

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Biggs Bridge Boosted by Bond Expert Report

Probability that the Biggs Rapids bridge will be built was assured Monday in a meeting of Klickitat county, Washington and Sherman county, Oregon, officials with the Washington Toll bridge authority officials in Olympia. Judge Vernon Miller and B. H. Roberson represented Sherman county.

The United Press reported that Paul Spear, Chicago bond dealer, said that an issue of 37 year bonds totaling \$3,075,000 would be needed and at an interest rate of 5 1/2% would cost \$3,120,000 in interest.

At the end of the discussion W. A. Bugge, director of highways for Washington, started proceedings to obtain a permit from the U. S. Engineers for a construction permit and detailed an engineer to start planning for soundings at the site.

A new design is planned for the bridge, one that will be lower than the one previously planned which will entail shorter approaches. The state of Washington has agreed to build the approach on the north end of the bridge and the state of Oregon has so far failed to agree to help. Cost of the Oregon approach was estimated at \$136,000.

Bids may be opened sometime this fall if plans go ahead without interruption.

Sig Unander and Wife To Visit Monday

Gubernatorial candidate Sig Unander and wife will be in The Dalles next Monday and will spend the day drinking coffee at several homes in that city where entirely informal gatherings will be held, according to Mrs. Allen Tom, who will help welcome friends during the day.

From ten until eleven in the morning they will be at Floyd Cook's at 105 W. Scenic Drive and right after noon at Harland Griffith's at 2000 W. Scenic Drive. From two until three they will be at the REA building and the next hour at Bert Keith's at 704 Court St.

In the circuit court room at eight o'clock a panel discussion will be held on state government and Mr. Unander, state treasurer, will answer any questions put to him about his thinking on matters on government policy. Every one is welcome at any of these meetings, the idea being to meet people and get information about attitudes toward state policy.

Big Steer Makes 974 Pounds of Beef

Kenny Crews at Grass Valley was ready to compete with the big steers pictured in Portland papers when he recently butchered a steer for Curtis Neal that weighed 974 pounds dressed. It was a four year old and had been allowed to grow because he had a fine spread of horns that will be made into a hat rack.

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JUNIOR LADIES MEET

An Oriental atmosphere prevailed Tuesday evening during the meeting of the Junior Ladies club at the home of Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger. Co-hostess was Mrs. Marion Wilhite. Junior hosts were little Donnie and Shirley Wilhite, who, dressed in Oriental costume, greeted the ladies at the door.

President Mrs. Vernon Melzer presided over the business meeting. Reports were made by committees for the Silver Tea which is fast approaching. Motion was made to set the time for the tea from two to five on March 18 and an invitation is extended to all in the community.

The club also moved to sponsor the Future Nurses of America, an organization to stimulate interest in a nursing career for young women.

Chinese refreshments were served by the hostesses from a table attractively set with Oriental dishes and chopsticks. Rev. Goodenberger gave a lesson on the use of chopsticks and the ladies thoroughly enjoyed the fun of learning to eat with them. There were 21 members present. The Silver Tea will take the place of the next regular meeting in two weeks.

February A Little Warm and Very Wet To Break Records

Several climatic records were threatened and one broken at the Sherman branch experiment station in February of 1958. The average temperature for the month was 42.3° which topped the previous record of 41.0° of 1926. Weather records have been kept at this station in Moro, Oregon since 1911.

The maximum temperature in February 61° on the 21st and 23rd and is the highest temperature in February since 61° in 1950. The record is 68° in 1932. The minimum since the record of 28° was set in 1925. Only 7 days in February had temperatures of 32° or less.

This was the second wettest February since 1911 with 2.70 inches of rainfall. The record of 3.38 inches fell in 1940. The total rainfall for the crop year, since Sept. 1, is 10.02 inches, or 2.00 inches above normal. This is not an exceptionally high amount. Farmers concerned with leaching of nitrates in the soil should remember that in the crop year of 1955-56 the rainfall on March 1 was 4.02 inches above normal. Leaching did occur that year.

Small Snow Stops Perfect Winter

What seemed to be a reasonably safe record fell Wednesday morning when a brief snow or hail fell for a few minutes to make the ground white. The thermometer stood at 35 degrees so the white stuff remained but a short time. But is was enough to spoil a snowless winter, perhaps the only one Sherman county ever came near achieving.

March has been colder than February or January in the first sample and that is what the cynics said would happen almost every day when the rain was falling or the sun was shining during what should have been the winter months.

New Tractor Drive Shown At Show

Muller Farm Equipment company showed pictures of the performance of the new Case Terra-matic drive tracklayer last Friday at its Moro store and demonstrated the new drive in the lot out back.

The new drive is said to be similar to an automatic drive on a car being controlled by small levers that move easily to change directions and track speeds. The drive has been made for several years and was recently bought by Case for its new tracklayer.

Other farm equipment was displayed and other tractors were on show during the day and representatives of the Case company and Muller's in The Dalles answered questions.

Sherman Riders Plan Spring Activities

The Sherman County Riders met at the home of their president, Curly DeMoss, Monday evening, Feb. 24. The MCSCA (Mid-Columbia Saddle Club Assn.) has given this club, the opportunity to hold the major horse show, which is put on annually, the second Sunday in June. The public is invited to watch but only members of the MCSCA are entitled to enter the events. Committees were appointed and various plans discussed, that the show will be well organized and successful.

Raffle tickets are being sold by the members of this club @ 50c a ticket. The chances of winning are great as three electric appliances will be given away, instead of just one! The first lucky number will receive an electric skillet; the second an electric shaver; the third an electric perculator. The date of the drawing is to be at the Major Horse Show June 8 at the Sherman county fairgrounds. The lucky number winners are not required to be present to receive their appliances.

Scheduled the first weekend of May, there is to be a rodeo at Arlington. The Rodeo Assn., has invited the saddle clubs of the MCSCA area to submit a candidate from their respective club, who will vie with other candidates, for the honored crown of Queen of the May Rodeo. The high school girls will be judged on performance, personality, well groomed horses with neat riding equipment. Shirley Watkins was nominated to represent the Sherman County Riders club.

Planning Groups Make Reports, Find No Debate

All the recommendations of the planning committee groups were adopted without argument—all six of them. And that was the most surprising thing about the final meeting of the program that began last October and has caused many meetings throughout the winter. It means that the committees did an excellent job of appraising the thought of the citizens or that no argumentative persons were present.

Joe Heater, as chairman of the weed committee recommended a weed council to develop a program, direct a county weed supervisor, inventory the county's weeds, work with the county court and county agent. It asked the complete eradication of noxious weeds along fences and in roadways by use of soil sterilants and told of benzoic acid as a successful weed killer.

Don Thompson, chairman, reported for the land use and production group, asking for a soils man at the station, soil testing facilities, more attention to erosion, grass and alfalfa rotations on ground that would otherwise be used for barley. Cost of production is up 39 per cent in the past ten years, made up of a 63 per cent raise in capital investment, 114 per cent boost in taxes and 122 per cent in labor.

Sixty nine per cent of the county's land is farmed by tenants, he said. A government program that did not penalize soil conservation, that put crops into use instead of storage, that allowed farmer freedom, was asked.

Mrs. Dewey Thomas reported for the home and community committee, the women's group and recommended better sewage disposal, county zoning, more first aid training, a youth building at the fair grounds, more rest space at the fair, summer time recreation for youth, a permanent scholarship fund for ambitious county youth, greater use of library facilities.

More Hogs Asked

Bernard Martin, chairman of the livestock group, said that the 1957 barley crop was worth \$1,600,000 as grain and would have been worth \$4,000,000 if fed to stock, that a livestock economy is eventually necessary to maintain fertility, hog production should be increased, doubted the value of contract cattle feeding, wanted purchase of cheap protein, would like to have a resident veterinarian, recommended sage brush spraying.

Elton Medler, of marketing and transportation committee, asked export market strengthening, river improvement, terminal facilities along the Columbia at The Dalles, maintenance of quality. A special road committee suggested a paving program but said it could not be completed until 2000 without additional funds, that farmers could help speed good roads by working themselves, that an engineer-surveyor was needed, asked a cessation on road machinery purchase.

Kenneth Fridley reported for public affairs recommending a county planning commission and investigation of a port commission as a possibility. County needs better teacher housing, industrial sites that will need the support of the federal government to obtain, study of the Columbia River Development corporation. Recommended also was activation of the Sherman County club, aid to the Maryhill bridge, a county manager or paid county judge.

Clifford Smith, of the extension service, reviewed the reports. It was announced that an effort would be made to have them printed and distributed to the public.

Sherman Health Club To Get Information

The Sherman County Health Council held its monthly meeting Feb. 26 in the Moro Community church basement. The noon luncheon was served by the Women's Missionary society to 16 members and two invited guests. Reports were given by the various committees and the possibility of obtaining polio vaccine for adults of Sherman county was discussed.

A committee was appointed to make a condensed summary of the services of the Sherman-Wasco Health department. These reports will be mailed to every family residing in Sherman county.