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These Things We Note

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If this be spring, we'll take January.

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Senators intent on starting a new public works program to cure the recession remind us of the doctors who bled George Washington to death. After he was pale as a ghost and weak from loss of blood they kept on bleeding him. Too much government has about got the country down.

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Oregon State couldn't do it after all, after so valiantly winning the chance.

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A news story says the English are importing shirts with button down collars from America. That's no way to preserve a friendship.

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An old friend was reading an ad about restoring the color of his hair and remarked that the only thing to help him would be a coat of brown paint.

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Oregon makes its candidates file too early. They have to run for a good eight months which makes the race a marathon instead of a sprint and wears both candidates and voters. Besides eliminating busy men.

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It is probable that the reason we do not have responsible government in Oregon is the failure of conservative Democrats to obtain recognition. They never get to vote for anyone they like, either screwballs in the primaries or Republicans in the general election.

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The first guided missile was a rock thrown by hand, then from a slingshot, then arrows and spears, then the Chinese invented gunpowder and the missiles became smaller and faster. Now they are bigger and faster still and we'll bet many a kid with a rock is more accurate.

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We note that several have offered to man the first moon rocket. We hope their insurance is paid up.

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We are repaying the results of the new deal assumption that government is responsible for the welfare of the people. Any government that does that is soon kaput.

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The ordinary man seems very sensitive to criticism about his artistic perception and appreciation although he may deny any interest. Look how the critics have put that Portland board to flight. Soon we may be told the painting means something.

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Certainly one of the causes of economic downturns is that some wages are so high employers will not hire, some prices are so high consumers will not buy, interest is so high investors will not borrow or so low investors will not lend. The value of the recession—and recessions have value—is to correct these things. If government steps in before the correction is made the evils go on indefinitely.

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We have read often that President Eisenhower likes steak for breakfast. It is rather an old fashioned custom and we have known but few men who liked their steak in the morning. The late Ralph Moody was one.

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This talk about the ascendancy of congress worries us not a bit. During the time of FDR the power was in the executive where it does not belong. It is much better to have the representatives of the people with the power even if they do some foolish things.

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We still believe the average citizen would derive more benefit from a tax cut for business than for himself. Business taxes pyramid, personal ones do not.

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Learning is the most interesting thing there is and a person who has found out the joy of learning will not be stopped long for any reason.

Cattlemen Elect Bardenhagen As New President

Sherman county cattlemen, 60 strong, happy over the 52 to 6 vote against the beef commission met at Grass Valley Wednesday to talk about their problems and how they themselves, might solve them.

They heard Jim Hill, Pendleton Grain Growers manager, tell that the northwest had a fine opportunity for cattlemen inasmuch as this area has ten percent of the nation's population and only one percent of the meat animals. The west isn't cow country anymore, nor sheep country, nor even hog country. He cited the facts that we need meat, that allotments will certainly end soon and that we have feed grains.

Henry Matschner said that an effort would be made to find a local resident who would serve as brand inspector for cattle on the way to Goldendale and that the price would soon have to go back to 25 cents. Ed Coles talked about the state organization and what is was doing about marketing and there was information about pelleting feed which would save freight and storage space and probably produce one and one half times as much gain.

Hans Bardenhagen was elected president, Luther Davis, vice-president and T. W. Thompson, secretary. Directors are Stuart Macnab, Floyd Rathbun, Lloyd Henrichs, Orville Ruggles and Jack Jefferies with outgoing president Bernard Martin also serving on the board.

Precinct Office Candidates File

Filing for county office ended Friday night with no changes in the list announced last week.

For precinct offices the following made their declaration: Republican Collis Moore and Mrs. Reba Hall, Moro, Mrs. Anita Hooper, Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid, Wasco, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Kent, For Democrats: John E. DeMoss, Moro, and Mrs. Gladys Zell, Wasco.

Moro Women Hear Guest Speaker

The Moro Womans' club met March 6 at the home of Mrs. Truman Strong with the president, Mrs. A. Douma in the chair.

The club collected was read and the flag salute given. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and acted upon during the business session. Due to the absence of the program chairman the president presented Mrs. W. E. Bruckert of the Wasco Womans' Study club who gave a very interesting talk on the flowers of the Bible. This was an exchange program with the Wasco club.

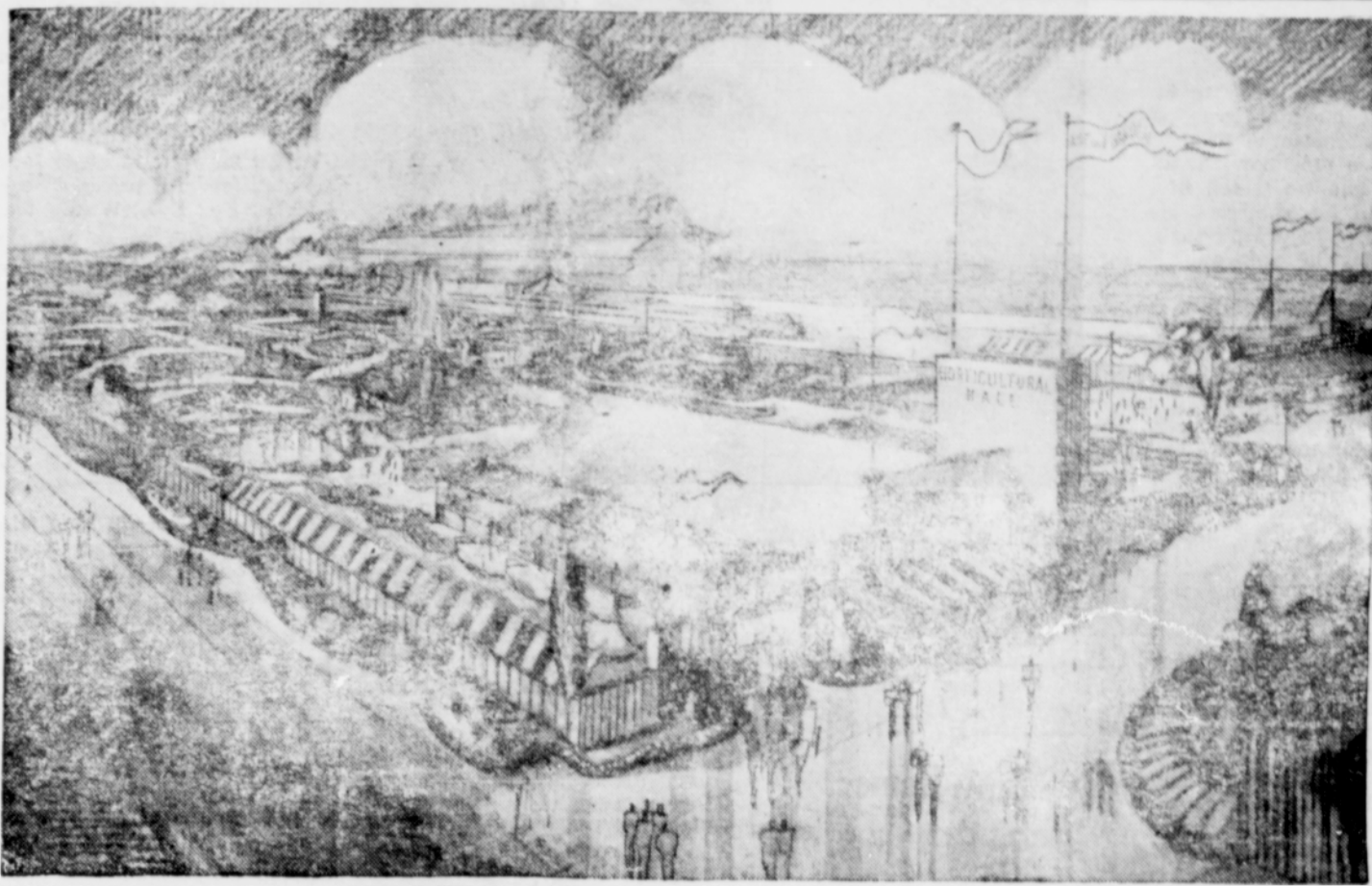
There were 13 members and one guest present and all enjoyed angel food cake and coffee served by the hostess and Mrs. F.D. Flatt, who was co-hostess. The next meeting is April 3 with Mrs. E. Amick as program chairman.

Cancer Society Gets Ready For Drive

Mrs. Loy Cochran, co-chairman of the Moro area of the American Cancer society accompanied Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Sherman county chairman to Bend, Wednesday and attended a luncheon meeting of the society which included delegates from Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Harney and Lake and Sherman counties.

Mrs. Virginia Kletzer, state commander of the Oregon division and Jim Nibley, Portland, state crusade chairman, were the principal speakers. Mrs. Kletzer emphasized that a remarkable gain of 32% has been forged in cancer cure in the past decade, an additional gain of 38,000 lives per year in America. She commended the Sherman county delegates on their high percentage per capita of funds raised by the volunteer workers and said that as soon as the cancer cure was accomplished that the yearly fund raising campaign would cease.

Movie films were shown depicting the hard work of volunteer workers and Mrs. von Borstel was called upon to explain the personal contact method used successfully by the workers in Sherman county.



International Garden of Tomorrow, June 10-September 17, 1959, is tomorrow, planned as feature of shown in preliminary artists Oregon's Centennial Exposition sketch. Initial plans call for garden and International Trade Fair, den to feature latest developments in plant material from all over world. Garden might remain as permanent tourist attraction adjacent to Pacific International exposition building after centennial is over.

FFA Chapter Sending Thoele, Mobley To Bend To Receive Charter From State

By Reporter Jerry Miller

Delegates to the annual state convention of the Future Farmers of America to be held March 19-22 were chosen at the meeting of the Sherman county FFA chapter. Lynn Thoele president and Ron Mobley, a freshman, were elected. Alternates Jim Duncan and Doug McKay will also attend with John Duncan and Marvin Robertson, chapter advisers.

Of main interest to Sherman county will be the presentation of an official charter in the Oregon association of Future Farmers. This will bring the number of chapters to 90 with over 3700 members. Plans are to present the charter during the award program Friday evening, March 21 at 8:00 p. m. All interested parents and friends of the Sherman county future farmers are urged to attend. Arrangements to attend the banquet that evening at 6:30 preceding the award program, may be made through Mr. Robertson at Sherman High.

To qualify for a charter the chapter members have written a constitution, elected officers, planned the year's activities in a "program of work" and prepared a chapter budget. At least 80% of the boys in vocational agriculture must pay FFA dues and participate in chapter activities to qualify for the charter. Sherman has all 32 boys in both vo-ag and F. F. A.

Other highlights of the state convention will include the state

public speaking with five finalists from throughout the state, the finals of the parliamentary contest with McEwen of Athena representing our area, awarding of State Farmer degrees to 72 of the 3700 members and the choosing of state winners in the soil management, safety, farm mechanics and rural electrification contests.

One boy will be singled out as the "Star Farmer of Oregon", the most coveted honor in the association.

The convention will close with the installation of 1958-59 officers.

The Sherman chapter extends an invitation to all the county to attend a part of the convention in the Bend high school next week.

WHEAT MOVEMENT SLOW

Wheat movement both in and out of Oregon dropped during February to totals lower than those recorded last month and totals on record for February, 1957. February wheat exports this year were just over 2.6 million bushels, according to the monthly report of T. Ralph Harry, grain division chief for the state department of agriculture.

February export of barley was nearly 205,000 bushels which compares with 312,000 bushels in January. Incoming barley shipments at Portland were 413,568 bushels, down substantially from the 1.6 million bushels inspected last month.

SHERMAN LOSES IN FIRST GAME AT ARLINGTON

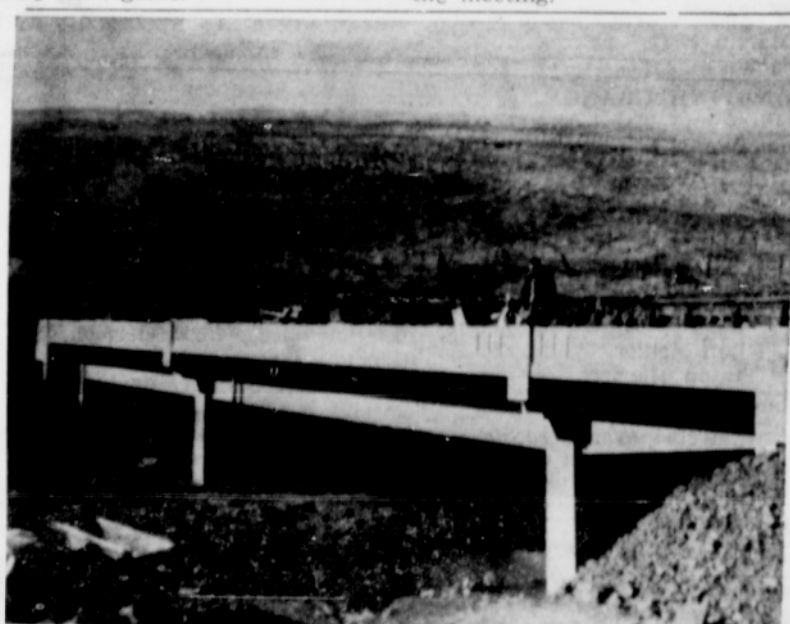
The boys from Sherman High who worked so diligently to get a place in the District 6 tournament held at Arlington last week had little luck, succumbing to Cascade Locks in the first round by a score of 53 to 42. Cascade Locks went on to the finals to be defeated by Sisters which is in the 'B' tournament at Pendleton this week with its chances rated as good to take first place in the state. Fox was high point man with ten, Wallace had nine and Kaseberg eight in the scoring of the final game.

WHEAT GROWERS MEETING

The Oregon Wheat Growers league will hold a regional meeting at the PP&L building in The Dalles Friday, March 4, starting at 9:30 in the morning. A luncheon will be served at noon.

Purpose of the meeting, states R. B. Taylor, administrator, is to acquaint members and all wheat growers with the problem and policies of the wheat commission which was established ten years ago to conduct research into marketing of grain and into better production methods.

Paulen Kaseberg, chairman of the commission, will preside at the meeting.



Ben Reisdig, foreman for Floyd Grubb Construction company of Salem takes a last look at the concrete bridge across Grass Valley canyon. Concrete was poured in January. False work has been removed and channel deepened making the job complete.

Dam Construction Drawing Interest As Water Seems Available

Plans for permanent sod water ways are being planned by additional Sherman county farmers this spring. Farmers planning waterways are John Shipley, Don and Jim Earl, Bill Todd, Carl Tuggle and Tad McCoy. Sod waterways have proven their value to dispose of excess water without causing ditch erosion.

Hundreds of miles of sod waterways are still needed in the county. Each farmer should consider places where waterways will fit on his farm. Some farmers complain that waterways will require operations around the seedings. History has shown this will happen on many draws without waterways. Attention now will allow crossing with certain types of equipment and more in the future as hydraulic systems are put into use on the farm.

The ACP program provides federal-cost sharing in shaping, fertilizing and seeding sod waterways. Applications for those interested in this program can be made through the ASC office, Moro. Engineering assistance is provided through the Soil Conservation service for filling and shaping waterway projects.

Preliminary plans for dams in the county are being made by Fred Cox, Ronald Powell, Joe Heater, Ted Kelly and Frank Ketter. Harry Stark and John Buether are considering construction of irrigation reservoirs. Engineering work is being provided by the SCS on these projects. Henry Grabenhorst indicated the

Stark project looks to be the best prospect for an irrigation reservoir in the county.

Soil samples were taken on the Mike Murtha irrigated pasture land along the John Day in Sherman county last week. Samples will be analyzed at the soils testing laboratory, OSC, to assist in determining fertilizer needs. Mike has 67 acres in improved permanent pasture—Ladino Clover, Alta Fescue and Orchard Grass were used in the seeding to make an excellent pasture. Mr. Murtha indicates the pasture provides excellent summer grazing, releases the range and keeps the cattle gaining in the late summer.

The Oregon Fair's association are holding a spring workshop at La Grande, March 28 and 29. The workshop is for county fair managers, county fair division superintendents, fair board members and others interested in promoting better fairs in Oregon.

The Fish and Wildlife service each year prepares poison grain for rodent control. The bait materials are prepared for farmers and other users. If sufficient numbers of farmers are interested in securing rodent baits, we can place an order through the Pocatello, Idaho, plant of the service, for distribution in Sherman county. Small lots of poison baits are carried by the Hughes Feed Store in The Dalles. Bait materials are available in 10, 25, and 50 pound bags and run somewhere between \$15 to \$23 per hundred weight for baits.

Mother Nature has not allowed exacting research trials to deter-

were estimated at two hundred forty-seven million dollars. Wheat was way ahead with over fifty six million dollars, hay was second with thirty-two million, and pears and barley tied for third with twenty million. Other leading crops are potatoes, fourteen million; snap beans, eleven million; strawberries, seven million, and oats, seven million.

Three 4-H Livestock Field days have been planned by the animal husbandry department, OSC, for this spring at Corvallis. The 4-H members, leaders and parents are invited. The field day program will include tours of the dairy and livestock barns, selection and judging of animals, fitting and showing, demonstrations, and livestock management practices. The 4-H horsemanship and horse showmanship demonstrations will be presented also. Field day dates remaining are March 15 and April 19. The programs will start at 9:30 a. m. and continue until about 3:30 p. m.

Weed spraying in wheat or barley can be done with 2,4-D amine, isopropyl, butyl or low volatile esters at three-fourths to one one-half pounds per acre depending upon stage of weed growth. Under most conditions at least three fourth per acre (nearly 2 pints or 3.34 pound per gallon isopropyl ester) has been required to get satisfactory control. Amine materials are safer to use, but are not as effective on large hard to kill weeds.

Oregon crop values for 1957

mine weed control under given size of wheat and at certain temperatures. Results available in general indicate decreasing weed control spraying just before or just after hard freeze. Spraying when temperatures are down to 10 degrees have given marked difference in control. Temperatures in the twenties have not been as effective as higher, but have been good.

Cheatgrass or rye control with annual sprays has good possibilities. At present this type spraying should be confined to fence or for around buildings. Definite recommendations have not been set but some farmers might like to try one or more of these type sprays this year. Dalapon and ATZ (Amino Triazole) are the best bet at present.

Dick Yocum had excellent results with 10 pounds of Dalapon per acre last year on rye along fence rows. Delmer Smith had good success on cheatgrass. Our trial plots with Dalapon have looked good at a 10 pound or higher rate. Research results have pointed out the possibility of ATZ. Spraying should be done before April 1st and prior to jointing or heading of the plants. Suggested trial rates are: 10 pounds per acre of Dalapon or 8 pounds per acre of ATZ or 1 pound of ATZ with 5 pounds of Dalapon. A minimum of 20 to 30 gallons of water should be used. A spreader sticker should be beneficial. Two points of 2,4-D with any of the above would also be helpful.

Fishermen Plan Year At Annual Business Meeting

Members of the Sherman Rod and Gun club met Monday night at the court house and with the usual informality and dispatch transacted the year's business, cracked a few jokes and departed into the chilly night.

By the process of a simple motion the twenty members present reelected all the officers: Joe Bibby, president, T. Lester Johnson, secretary, Kendrick Dunlap, Geo. Helms, Bill Buether, John Buether, Collis Moore, Keith Gleason and Pat Macnab, directors.

The group, after some debate, agreed to send keys to the gates to the state police and to the game supervisor of this district, who is expected to have an interest in the chuckers living along the hills. Fishermen jested about the inability to break the law regarding fish limits, thus showing no fear of the police.

The club voted to pay Webb \$50 for access to the upper road, give \$10 to Red Hat day, donate \$20 for a 4-H club scholarship again. A letter from Penny Higley, recipient of the the 1957 award, told of her enjoyment of the summer school.

Collis Moore was named to attend a hearing before the state interim committee in The Dalles April 7 to talk about game laws.

Dues will again be \$10. Sherman countians are eligible and at the rate of payment Monday, more may join this year.

Kite Flying Needs Caution These Days

March winds mean it's kite-flying time, and time for all parents to caution their children to stay away from electric power lines while flying kites.

The following safety rules for all kite flyers have been suggested by Pacific Power & Light company's local manager, Ray Kelso: 1. Always fly your kite in an open field or playground, well away from power lines and poles.

2. Use only dry cord for kite line.

3. Never use wet string or metal threads for kite line. These are conductors of electricity and can bring about a serious shock from accidental contact with overhead wires.

4. If your kite lodges in a power line or in a tree near power wires, leave it there. Don't try to take it down. Skilled power linemen never take chances with live wires—neither should you.

Farm Prices Up Except In Oregon Says Economic Expert

Oregon farm prices dropped during February in contrast to national farm prices which continued their upward trend and now stand at the highest level since 1954, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Farm prices in the state lost some of their January gains, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the US department of agriculture, and now stand about one-half of one percent below January a year ago. Lower prices on eggs, wholesale milk, wool, wheat, corn and hay led the downward trend.

Nationally, the farm price average rose 2 percent during the month ending February 15, with meat animals, oranges, fresh-market snap beans, and potatoes leading the trend. National farm prices rose nearly 8 percent during the last 12 months, Mrs. Horrell said, and now stand at the highest level since May, 1954.

Parity Index Up

At the same time, the parity index—the government's measure of prices paid by farmers, including interest, taxes and wages—also moved to a new all-time high of 3 percent over a year ago. Prices paid by farmers or family living items, boosted by higher food prices, also moved up slightly in February to an all-time high of 2 percent above a year earlier. However, with prices received by the nation's farmers advancing faster than the prices they pay, the purchasing power of farm products took a turn for the better. The ratio between prices received and prices paid moved to 83, one point above January of this year and 3 points above February, 1957.