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These Things We Note

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Twins celebrated their 100th birthday down in Texas. One lady likes to gamble and the other likes beer. Look out, if you like either you may live to be 100 too.

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Wind obligingly cleared the clouds so the sun could shine but the air was so ventilated it wasn't warm.

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The toe-hoe has finally been invented and it should beat digging out weeds with a shoe. What happens to the other ankle will be learned.

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Whatever is needed to simplify the military set-up in the Pentagon must be done. If it should result in a dictator we'll take care of him when he starts dictating.

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Banks are loaning less money and interest rate has little to do with it. People don't want to borrow.

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Kids in Portland schools are said to wash in. And all that water to wash in.

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The buds that threatened to come out all winter are still hesitating and it may be a very late spring. Old Mother Nature can be very confusing.

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A transformer from Italy was moved to the new Bonneville substation at DeMoss Tuesday. The worker who worked on it got 55 cents an hour; in this country he would have gotten about five times that.

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There are still some who say that the cost of government will keep on going up. Most of them are so young they remember nothing but new deal tendencies. Actually there is a limit.

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A billion bushel crop of winter wheat is being forecast. It is a compliment to the productive ability of the American farmer but not to his economic ability.

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We noted a story about the teaching of camping to school children. A course in fishing would be popular about this time, too. First thing you know there won't be any fun left, only lessons about it.

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The official report shows 565 deer killed in Sherman county last fall. Half as many as the beef.

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The Cattleman's auxiliary, the Cow Belles, are again looking for the Father of the Year. Purebreds, eh.

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The president signed the highway bill and we wouldn't have cared if he had not. Some day we've got to quit channeling our traffic onto a few big roads while complaining about accidents. Furthermore there should be a cheaper way to subsidize the trucks.

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Anyhow, we suppose it is better to be a do-gooder occasionally than to always be a do-goodee.

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To every man there comes a time when he has to discipline himself or fail. If he has no training at that sort of thing he probably fails.

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The Oregonian's art critic says of the proposed Bunce mural for the Portland airport, "It conveys feelings quite appropriate to subject of air travel." Makes 'em sick, eh.

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It is startling in these political times to have a president who has nerve enough to veto the annual pork barrel bill, known as the rivers and harbors bill.

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Total value of farm land is estimated to reach \$120 billion by the end of the year, up from \$144.7 billion last year. Depression does not stop it.

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An envelope stuffer contains the information that 17 million Americans are suffering from mental disorder and require treatment. Nice boost for the head shrinkers but we suspect that anyone who thinks one in ten is crazy may have a screw loose himself.

John W. Gilman Killed In Car Wreck; 2 Hurt

John Wesley Gilman, driving his father's 1951 Buick station wagon, and hurrying to get to The Dalles in time to see a wrestling match, completely wrecked the car, killing himself and seriously injured his brother, Philip, 15 and Jack Rich, 15 on the Fulton canyon road.

As reconstructed by officers who were early at the scene, Gilman lost control of the car at the first turn below the bridge in John Fulton canyon. He was thrown into the creek bed and sustained a broken neck. The car stopped almost exactly a mile south of the junction of the Fulton canyon road and Highway 30. Philip Gilman was clear but young Rich was under it. There were not enough men present to raise the wreck until Bruce Bros. wrecker came along with the Mrs. Harry Dutton car in tow. This was dropped and the wreck raised off Rich.

Jack Rich was unconscious for many hours but is said to be doing well although suffering broken bones. Philip was cut on the face and hurt internally which will require long hospitalization. Funeral services for John Gilman were held Monday at The Dalles with interment there. He was born March 2, 1938 at Twin Falls, Idaho. He attended school at Moro graduating from high school where he was a football player. He was recently returned from service in the air force in Texas and was working for the Moro Grain Growers. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilman, two sisters, Joan and Barbara and Philip and a half sister in Colorado.

Equalization Board Has April Meeting

The county board of equalization held its April meeting Monday and Tuesday and approved the assessor's ratio of 26.7. This means that all property in the county will be assessed at 26.7 percent of its true cash value as determined by farm committees in the case of farm land and by state appraisers in the case of buildings and industrial property. Members of the board are Vernon Miller, county judge, Albert C. Kaseberg, for the budget committee and Roy Schilling, lay member.

SCHOOL BAND & CHORUS TO GIVE CONCERT

The Sherman High school band and chorus will be presented in concert at the school house Friday night, April 25 at 8 p. m., announces, Lynn Teadtke, leader.

This will be the first concert since the purchase of new uniforms and the 20 members of the band and 23 members of the chorus will be brightly bedecked for the occasion. Smaller ensembles will perform and the entire program will be varied enough to appeal to all listeners.

Court Considers Road Matters; Pays Current Bills; Approves Election

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGULAR TERM APRIL 2, 1958

RE CLAIMS: All claims allowed as presented against General Fund and General Road Fund.

RE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Statement presented showing all fund balances as of March 31, 1958—statement examined, approved and ordered filed.

RE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: Road Supervisor presents court with report gasoline consumption for month of March, 1958—report examined, ordered filed.

RE ROAD BALANCES: Clerk presents court with road balances as of March 31, 1958—statement examined, approved and ordered filed.

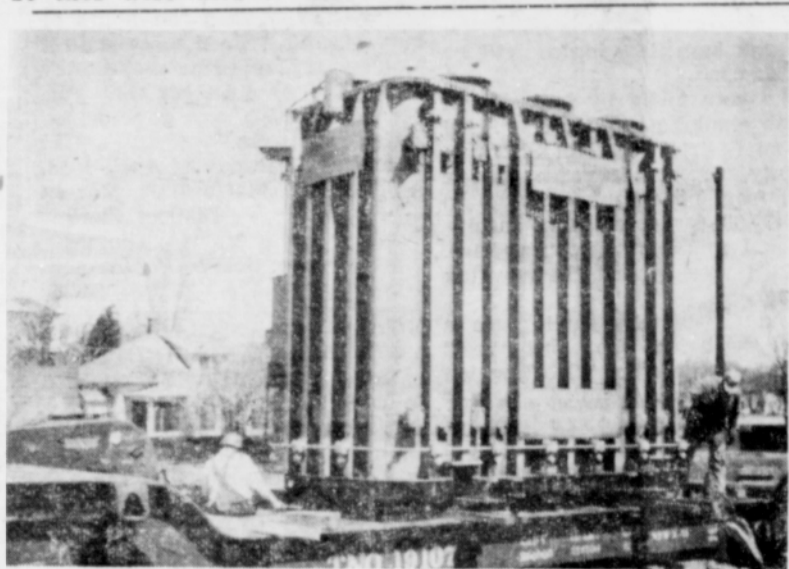
RE ROAD ABANDONMENTS: F. Paulson, representative from Corps of Engineers appears before court and presents deeds and resolution re: abandonment of certain roads in Northern section of Sherman County.

RE ROAD IMPROVEMENT: I. Dams et al appear before court asks for improvement of county road in her vicinity. Work to be done as soon as possible. H. Melzer thanked court for work done on base line road—asks for culvert to be installed in horse-shoe bend.

RE LIEN NOTICE: Court instructs Clerk to write a warrant on general fund in amount of \$27.85 to Rodriguez & Stewart, Madras, Ore.—money due them which has been turned into



A 400 horsepower tractor and transformer to its destination. 24 tires were used to tow the Here it is on First street.



The BPA crew gently slides car onto the transport as if with the transformer off the railroad eggs.

Italian Transformer Moved To DeMoss

Bonneville Power administration moved a huge 52 ton transformer from the railroad yards to the new substation at DeMoss Tuesday after a crew of experienced workmen had rolled it off the car and onto a big transport. The total weight of load and transport was estimated at 91 tons for road use purposes which made it necessary to use country roads. A grader widened and flattened the curve dropping into DeMoss canyon. The transport had a 400 horsepower diesel motor and 24 wheels to carry the load.

The transformer was made in Italy and will be used to reduce the voltage from the 115,000 that comes in over the base line power line to the 69,000 that will be delivered to the Pacific Power & Light company and the REA who will be responsible for further reduction. When shipped the transformer was filled with nitrogen to prevent rust and corrosion of the interior parts in shipping. This will be removed and nearly a carload of oil will be put in the transformer when in use. Radiators will be hooked on to it to keep it cool until its total weight will be nearly 80 tons. The crew slid the machine off

the car and to the transport on rollers with as much care as if it were fragile, turned around and went up First street to McCoy street while the highway crew blocked traffic and citizens watched curiously.

Art Bibby Dies While Talking Walk

Arthur Bibby, well known resident of Sherman county, died while apparently on a walk along 14th street in The Dalles Wednesday forenoon probably from a heart attack.

Mr. Bibby was born on the family farm west of Kent November 20, 1901 and lived in the county until a few years ago when he moved to Portland. Recently he had been selling real estate. In his youth he was a boxer, fighting in local and Portland arenas.

Surviving are his widow, Velma of Portland, a daughter, Mrs. Gary Alden of Eugene, a son, Stephen of San Francisco, a sister, Mrs. Lee Woolwine of The Dalles, three brothers, Mike of California, Luke of Heppner, Joe of Grass Valley. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from Spencer & Libby's at The Dalles with interment following in the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley.

Wheat Growers To Meet Monday Night at Wasco

The Sherman Wheat Growers league spring meeting will be held Monday evening April 28, Wasco. All wheat growers and business people are invited states Bill E. Todd, president.

"Trade Relations between Japan and United States" will be the topic of Noburo Imajo, Japanese Consul, Portland, during the general meeting starting at 8:00 p. m., Masonic hall. Wheat growers are actively interested in grain purchases for Japan and other far east countries, states Todd. Mr. Imajo has worked with the Oregon Wheat league and the U. S. department of agriculture in use of Pacific Northwest wheat in Japan. A documentary film by the Wheat league on "Market Development Activity in Japan" will be shown.

Kenneth Fridley, Wasco, 1958 Sherman County Conservation winner, will be honored at a public banquet at 6:30 p. m., Methodist church prior to the general meeting. Selection of Mr. Fridley was made by a local Wheat league committee. Allan Pinkerton, committee chairman, will review Fridley's farming practices that placed him winner. Jack Whitman, Pendleton or Clifford Holdman, Moro, Empire Machinery company, will present the county award to the winner. Farmers or business people planning to attend the banquet are asked to notify the Sherman county agent office, Moro for reservations.

Floyd Root, Wasco, president, National Wheat Growers association may return from Washington, D. C., in time to present results of Congressional hearing April 23-25 on wheat legislation. Mr. Root accompanied other officers to Washington to the hearings.

Robert Taylor, administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission, will review commission activities in transportation, industrial wheat use, market development, etc.

Committee reports by local chairmen will be presented as follows: Domestic Wheat Utilization, Mrs. George Wilson, Kent; Federal Agricultural Programs, Paul Fraser, Moro; Youth Activities, Marvin Thomas, Wasco; Taxation and Legislation, Leland Medler, Rufus; Marketing and Transportation, Ted Thompson, Moro and Production and Land Use, Allan Pinkerton, Moro.

Advisory Committee Hears Officer Talk

Sherman Health Adv. Council met at Beefe's Wednesday, April 23. Mrs. June Kuder, deputy registrar and secretary-clerk of Wasco-Sherman Health Dept., explained her duties and responsibilities. Plans were discussed for a future public clinic, to be sponsored by the council, for Salk polio immunizations for Sherman county residents. Further information will appear later.

Spring Festival Said Good For Man or Woman Who Attends

April 30 marks the date of the Sherman County Spring Festival. The event, open to the public, will take place in the Wasco grade school gymnasium, with the program beginning at 1:30 p. m., states Carol Armstrong, agent. Ted Tidwell of Dufur is the main speaker for the Festival. Mr. Tidwell recently returned from India, where he was a participant in the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Also included on the program is a style show to be presented by the Home Extension unit members that took part in the Better Dress Workshop this past winter. Nan Wilson, Kent, is chairman of the style show.

Other committees and their chairmen are: General chairman and Mistress of Ceremonies, Beth Reid, Rufus; Hospitality, Charlotte Barnett, Grass Valley; Program, Catherine Thomas, Wasco; Refreshments, Sharon Thompson, Moro; Decorations, Tillie Geiser, Moro; Printing, Katie Wooderson, Moro.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR COMING SUNDAY

The Westminster Bell Choir of Portland, directed by Bruce P. Eckman, will give a program at the church service, Community Presbyterian church April 27 at 11 o'clock.

English hand bells are played by sixteen boys of 10 to 14 years of age in this unique organization. Dressed in green and gold cassock robes, the boys play music especially arranged for hand bell ringing.

The bells used are imported from the Whitechapel Bell foundry in London. They are made with great precision to assure true tonal quality.

Organized in 1953 by Dr. John E. Ransom at Westminster Presbyterian church, this Bell Choir is one of few such groups in the country.

Following the church service (12:30) there will be a family dinner (potluck). A special program of interest to all is being planned.

PRESCHOOL CLINIC SCHEDULED IN MAY

A clinic for children entering kindergarten, the first and 9th grades, this fall will be held at Grass Valley Wednesday, May 14 and at Wasco Friday, May 23 at 1:30 p. m. by the Wasco-Sherman Health department. Parents of children attending these clinics are asked to complete the "parents side" of the Oregon Pupil Medical Record beforehand so necessary information on the immunization status of the child as well as other necessary information is ready when the child is examined. These record blanks may be secured at each school or at the Health Dept. at 510 Court St. The Dalles.

FLYER INJURED WHEN GUY WIRE HIT

Howard Huxley, flying a dusting plane for Farmer's Air Force Service of Redmond was seriously injured shortly before noon Friday when he flew into a guy wire he did not see on the Kenneth Martin farm east and north of Kent.

He suffered a badly fractured nose, 12 breaks to an ankle, three cracked ribs and multiple head and face lacerations. He has been a flyer for nine years. Kenneth Martin witnessed the accident. Huxley is reported to be doing well in The Dalles hospital.

FEDERATED WOMEN HAVE CONVENTION

The convention of the Fourth district, OFWC, was called to order by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton of Moro, at the Wasco Methodist church, April 2. Wasco was chosen to help the Study club celebrate its 50th birthday. The Tuesday club was joint hostess and served coffee and rolls following registration.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bruner. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rollo Woods of Fossil and the National Anthem was led by Mrs. Walter Moore. Mrs. Vinton Watkins, president of Wasco Woman's club, welcomed the guests. Mrs. James Beamer of Weston gave the response.

Fourth district officers were presented and reports given. Seventeen clubs were represented. Mrs. H. M. Zell presented distinguished guests, Mrs. George Rossmann, president of the Oregon Federation, Mesdames Ace McIntyre, Ernest Hall, past presidents, Marion T. Weatherford, George T. Shane, Carl Johnson and others.

New Valuations Sent Homeowners To Tell of Raise

Many taxpayers received cards from the assessor last week giving notice that valuations on buildings had been increased. The form of the card was such that taxpayers had to do some arithmetic before arriving at their true cash valuation which some did not do.

The situation arose in this way: Sherman county decided to have a complete reappraisal made of all property. Committees of farmers were organized to appraise farm land, a plan that resulted in what seems very well equalized valuation of farm lands. Four zones were established according to estimated quality and productiveness. Land in classes II, III and IV are farm land. Class V is poor tilled land and Classes VI, VII and VIII are untitled land.

The very best land was valued at \$135 per acre ranging down to \$15 for the very poorest. Average for land that is tilled under the farm program is probably between \$80 and \$90. As a means of equalizing valuations from one farm to another the system appears successful.

Last winter the state sent appraisers into the county to put a value on buildings. Many farm buildings were revalued and all town residences. The cards told of the changes made.

Concern is felt because valuations of city property appear higher in relation to true cash value than does farm land. There is a ready market for farm land at prices considerably above the values set last year by the committee whereas the market for city property is a very erratic one.

For those who want to protest the method is set out in the law, Section 309.100 which says that the owners of any property may petition the board of equalization for reduction and equalization. Each petition shall, 1) be made in writing, 2) state the facts and grounds upon which the petition is made, 3) be verified by the oath of the petitioner or his attorney, 4) be filed with the board not later than the end of the first week of the board of equalization is in session.

This year the board of equalization meets May 12 and the end of the first week will be May 19. If the board does not act, petitioners can go to the circuit court and supreme court.

FFA Now Has Charter To Work

Sherman chapter, FFA, held its charter night last Saturday and although the attendance was small, the program was fast-moving and entertaining. Lynn Thoele, outgoing president, officiated.

Arnold Miller introduced guests, Doug McKay told of the work done, Jim Fox reported about finances and Jim Duncan and Ron Mobley told about the state convention. Larry Middleton reported on the beef chain and Jerry Miller gave awards to some of those who had been helpful to the chapter in its first year.

A colored picture depicted FFA work and Adin Hester, past state president from Canby, talked about the work of the FFA and presented the charter to Lynn Thoele, president, when it was granted. Officers were installed and the new officers closed the meeting after which the boys served coffee and cookies.

Kent Unit HE Elects Officers

The Kent Home Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Stark, April 10. Twelve members were present and visitors included Mrs. Nell Swick, Mrs. Jane Young, Mrs. Betty Owens and Mrs. Anna Barnett. The subject for the day was "Ready Mixes" and project leaders, Marguerite Decker and Dorothy Stark demonstrated with the mixes during the morning.

At noon a buffet luncheon was served included all the things the leaders had prepared during the morning demonstration.

After lunch the business meeting was held and election of officers for the coming year was held. Elected were Juanita Ruggles, chairman, Frances Bardenhagen, vice-chairman and Dorothy Stark secretary. These officers will be installed at the Homemakers Festival in Wasco April 30.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Nan Wilson's home May 8 and the demonstration will be on making corsages. This will be the last meeting until fall.