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These Things We Note

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Well well. Guess we'll grow a beard and get a job advertising whiskey or something.

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Probably the next complaint we hear about the weather is that it is too cold.

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This nation is getting farther in debt all the time and faster. Hope it eventually curbs the give-away politicians.

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If something should happen to remove Drew Pearson from the list of newspaper workers the industry would improve.

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The United States now prevents some manufacturers (drugs for instance) from setting the retail price and forces some manufacturers (autos) to do it.

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Women were smart to buy sack dresses in rather undurable goods, so they wouldn't outlast the style. Yet they could sleep in them.

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A modern is one who plans for his old age retirement and spends his retirement talking about his youth.

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We are told again that the non-smoker lives longer than the users of tobacco, especially in cigarettes. Maybe the way to use it is to chew.

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Just for kicks we'd like to see an old fashioned harvest again. We mean cutting with a header, stacking and set threshing with its long days and sifting dust and water hauled in a tank. Why any good water buck would hit a man for washing his neck with that precious stuff. The gay young blades who drive truck in their bare skin would be burned to a crisp on the hoodwound and the lithe twiddlers of levers would falter by first lunch time behind a Jackson fork.

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"Hell," said the man as he contemplated the rare steak he had ordered well done, "if I'd asked for rare they wouldn't even killed it."

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Life isn't a roller coaster nor a bowl of cherries. You have to live it every day to get much out of it. So, life is a job.

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Shades of the American revolution. Five English sailors are to be taken home for trial after throwing the bosun in the drink to cool off. Colonists objected to trial so far from the scene of the crime.

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Congress is considering a bill to limit the age of supreme court judges to 75. Many Americans have to retire at 65 or under but we have not yet reached the ease of aged disposal of some African tribes who merely throw the oldsters in the river with the crocodiles.

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Someone stole a totem pole. Maybe intending to start an old religion.

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Arrogance, or the improper use of public given authority, are two unforgivable sins in a democracy.

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Everyone is in competition, either with others or with trying to achieve perfection. When he quits he is dead although the funeral may be delayed.

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It is entirely possible that this country will have to let inflation run its course some time and take the consequences. Otherwise it may be impossible to convince the short sighted that it is disastrous.

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The price of salmon reaches its highest point, \$1.50 a pound. Other meats are high but not that high and we suspect that few will buy salmon at that price.

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The average check of \$33.75 seems as attractive as steady work work for some, or to the leaders. There's no need to worry about the welfare of striking laborers.

Two Trucks Stop With Thor Missile On Display Trip

Two air force trucks loaded with strange looking devices, stopped in Moro Thursday morning, and the men accompanying them said the long tube was a Thor missile and the cone on the other truck was the nose piece. The crew had taken the equipment from San Bernardino, Calif., to Seattle, Wn., to display to the holiday crowd and was returning when they obliged Morosites with a view.

The Thor is an intermediate missile, good for 1500 to 2000 miles and is one of the proven missiles in the defense department's list of armament.

36 Die In June

Traffic Accidents

Despite 36 traffic fatalities in June, the highest monthly total for the year, Oregon drivers made some headway in cutting down on the deaths on the highway during the first six months of 1958 when compared to the first six months of last year.

A total of 177 persons lost their lives in traffic during the first half of this year as against 202 deaths during the first half of 1957—a 12.4% decrease—the Department of Motor Vehicles' traffic safety division said today. The 1953-1957 five year average is 186.

Twelve fatalities during the 72-hour period of the last weekend in June—partially a result of speed and rain-slickened roads—raised havoc with the toll that gave indications of being one of the lowest of the year, the department said.

Persons under 14 and over 60 years of age comprised the majority of victims—eight under 14 and nine over 60.

Higher Education

Being Well Supported

A record four-and-a-half million dollars in gifts and grants was received by state-supported institutions of higher education in Oregon during the fiscal year ended June 30.

This was almost two million dollars more than was received in the previous record year of 1956-57.

Gifts and grants to the institutions have been increasing rapidly over the past three years, according to John R. Richards, Chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, and state institutions are becoming increasingly dependent upon these non-state resources, especially in their research programs.

During 1957-58, the institutions received \$4,115,629.75 in the form of grants, \$276,208.94 for scholarships, and \$180,720.64 in cash and equipment gifts. Largest total amounts were received by Oregon State college, \$2,022,438.88; the University of Oregon Medical School, \$1,567,879.89; and the University of Oregon, \$861,617.

Kenneth Hart At

Training Camp

Kenneth Roger Hart, husband of Mrs. Nancy Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hart, who reside in Moro, Oregon, is presently attending the sixth United States army reserve officers training camp being conducted at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Kenneth is one of the 1300 cadets representing 36 colleges and universities throughout the western states, with American students from 12 foreign countries and including the territories of Alaska and Hawaii.

PP&L Boys Make

Good Safety Record

Employees of Pacific Power & Light Company have achieved a safety-at-work record during the first six months of 1958 which further reduces an injury frequency rate that recently won national recognition. It was reported Wednesday by the company's district manager.

The company-wide record for the past year was awarded an "Injury Frequency Reduction Award" by the Edison Electric Institute, a national trade association of the electric service industry. The citation noted a reduction of time-loss injuries to a low of 2.27 for each million man-hours of time worked, the manager reported, a drop of 84.6 per cent below the average for the preceding three-year period.

County Fair Will Be Different; Acts Hired

The county fair will be different this year. How much different is being decided at each meeting of the board. Right now it looks as if there will be no horse races at all. This is because the Saturday night program will be at night and horse racing at night would be pretty difficult without additional expense for lighting. The horse owners cannot be expected to come for one day meet and that pretty much eliminates horse racing for the 1958 fair.

Between the events Saturday night Johnny Walker will be hired to furnish four acts and a band. The acts will be given both Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and Johnny Walker will also play for the fair dance which may be Friday night or Saturday night after the show whenever that ends. Contract for Walker is for \$1500.

John Rolfe, chairman, found that Mr. Sanderson has had seven horses at the fair grounds since March 1 and requested that he be billed at the rate of \$2 per horse per month.

A dance will be given at the Wasco Legion hall the night of July 19, the fair board furnishing tickets and charging \$1.50 per person.

Man Escapes When Plane Overtakes

Charles McKay of Corvallis, flying up to visit Joe Heater, hit the electric line at the Coelch airport Saturday afternoon and turned his light plane neatly bottom side up at the east end of the field. He was not seriously injured and the plane can be repaired.

Mrs. Helyer On Board

Mrs. Robert Helyer has been appointed to membership of the Sherman County Welfare committee succeeding Mrs. Collins Moore. Mrs. Helyer is a Democrat.

County Agent Tells What He Saw at Summer School

Western regional extension summer school at Colorado State university, Fort Collins, Colorado is an educational and inspirational event for county agents. I returned last weekend after the three week event. Association with county agents from most all states in the Union, a look at the agriculture in the area, and actual class work by some of the most talented instructors in the United States make up an experience for which all county agents would benefit.

Two-hundred ninety were in attendance. Forty-two states, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and 18 foreign countries were represented. The agent from Alaska gave us a very convincing sales talk on statehood and was overjoyed with passage in congress. The main problem seems to be lack of home rule available at the present time. Civil courts, justices of the peace, juvenile action and correctional institutions are not available. Opportunities in agriculture are tremendous with excellent production of such crops as strawberries, lettuce and peas.

A visit to Weld county was a very interesting experience. Weld county is located in northeastern Colorado in the highly productive irrigated valley of the South Platte River watershed. It's 2,563,000 acres includes 375,000 irrigated acres of agricultural and vegetable crops. This combined with 300,000 cattle, 250,000 sheep and 26,000 dairy cattle place it first in Colorado in agricultural wealth and among the top agricultural areas in the United States. The 100,000 acres of alfalfa, 50,000 acres pinto beans, and 50,000 acres of sugar beets rank high nationally. Besides these crops several thousand acres of wheat, corn and other small grains, potatoes and vegetables crops are grown. There are 4087 farms with over 3,000 under irrigation. The growing season is 138 days, elevation 4,663 feet and annual precipitation between 12 and 15 inches.

How would you like to see twice as many cattle as in Sherman county on 120 acres of ground. The Monfort feed lots,

Political Parties Elect Officers At Organization Meeting

The Sherman county Republican Central committee held its organization meeting late in June and elected officers for the coming biennium. Chosen were W. R. Reid, chairman, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, vice chairman, Mrs. Mac Hall, secretary, Mrs. B. E. Halley, treasurer, W. R. Reid will handle the finance chairman job in addition to his other duties.

Democrats of Sherman county met for the biennial organization meeting late in June and elected Gwen Ross, county chairman, John E. (Curly) DeMoss, vice chairman and Mrs. J. T. Brown, secretary. An effort is being made to fill all the positions before the next meeting.

NEW PLASTIC MAY IMPROVE PAVEMENT

A new safety pavement, made of plastic, was demonstrated recently on the heavily traveled San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

It resists skidding even when it is wet. And it stops cars in one-half to three-quarters of the distance required by cars stopping on concrete.

The material is a plastic adhesive. It is called Guardkote Paving Resin by its developer, Shell Chemical Corporation. It is poured on a conventional road surface—either concrete or asphalt—and covered with grit as it begins to harden. The result is a thin, sand-like coating stuck firmly to the road.

In a demonstration of the material's adhesive strength, a Shell engineer glued a steel plug to the road with Guardkote and tried to pull it loose with a jack. The concrete broke first. A slug of it came loose, still bonded to the steel plug.

Thomas G. Nock who heads the project for Shell Chemical said that the initial use of the material would probably be at toll booths and on dangerous grades and curves where traffic has worn road surfaces smooth and made them slick with oil.

The skid-proofing surface will stand up under heavy traffic and it resists acids, de-icing chemicals, oil and other chemicals that erode concrete.

Grain Growers Enter Export Field; CCC Out

The grain marketing associations are going into the export trade. Announcement of the formation of the Producers Export company was made today in Portland by W. W. Richards, manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers and a director of the new organization.

There are 19 big farm co-operatives in the company which was organized to handle foreign trade in wheat, corn, soybean, oats, rye, barley and grain sorghums. Since July 1 the Commodity Credit is unable to export direct and this new group will perform that service.

The regional associations have storage in excess of 215 million bushels and together with locals have storage for over a billion bushels. Most of it is in the form of steel and concrete elevators. More than a million farmers market their grain through the co-ops.

The new company will have capital of five million dollars which has been guaranteed by the 19 regional grain growers associations. Head office will be in New York and a staff is being recruited to man the office.

Sarah Addington Buried At Dufur

Sarah Addington died at her home at Dufur July 4 at the age of 66. Funeral services were held from the Christian church there Monday afternoon with interment at the Dufur cemetery.

Mrs. Addington was born at Joplin, Missouri, July 20, 1891 and came to Rufus when a girl of 11. In 1909 she was married to John G. Addington and they lived at Rufus until 1943 when they moved to Dufur.

Surviving are her widower, three daughters, Mrs. Arnold Brady, Dufur, Mrs. Donald Macnab, Rufus, and Mrs. J. J. Herin, Prineville, a sister, Mrs. Herman Brackett, Rufus, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Steve Burnet Gets Place In FFA Contest For Dis.

Steven Burnet placed fifth in the better farming contest conducted by the FFA chapters in the Blue Mountain district recently. First was Mike Kortge of The Dalles who is a partner with his father in wheat and cattle operations.

Judges commented that the caliber of the entrants was very high. All showed a knowledge of technical agriculture and nearly all showed a weakness in record keeping.

Suggestions are that FFA boys who enter this contest borrow more from banks and less from fathers in order to gain actual commercial experience.

Cattlemen Plan

Booth At Fair

The Oregon Cattlemen's association has contracted for six spaces to present a king-size exhibit at the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair at Portland next summer, announces Ray W. Smith, director of exhibits for the exposition.

The exhibit will tell the story of the livestock industry and the value of meat in the diet to millions of persons expected to visit the 11-acre exhibition building during the exposition, which opens June 10 and ends September 17, 1959.

The exhibit was overwhelmingly approved at the cattlemen's convention, held at Ontario, in May. The Cow Belles, women's auxiliary to the association, will join in sponsoring the exhibit.

The convention also voted to ask the national livestock and meat board to join in telling the story of beef cattle to visitors at the centennial exposition. Mrs. Joe Oliver of John Day and Mrs. Kent Magruder of Clatskanie were delegated to confer with the national board.

Route 30 Lost

To Oregonians

A change in an interstate highway route designation which places Oregon on a major transcontinental interstate highway extending from Portland to the east coast has been adopted by the Route Numbering Committee of the American Society of State Highway Officials, State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams announced today.

Original plans for the nationwide freeway system being developed under the Federal Aid Highway Act provided that Highway US 30 would become Interstate Route 82 from Portland to near Salt Lake City, where it connected with Interstate Route 80.

Under the new designation Interstate Route 80 will divide at Echo Junction, Utah, 40 miles northeast of Salt Lake City and become Interstate Route 80N to Portland. The southerly terminus will be San Francisco.

East from Salt Lake, Interstate Highway 80 extends through Cheyenne, Omaha, Cleveland and Pittsburgh; then splits again with a northern terminus at Elizabeth, N. J., and a southerly terminus at Philadelphia.

Assessment and Utility Ratios Set By State Tax Commission; Drop Continues

Utility property in Multnomah county will be assessed this year at a ratio of 117% of true cash value, according to C. W. Chambers, Tax Commission chairman. This ratio, approved today by the Oregon State Tax Commission, is 17% above the 100% assessment ratio posted by the Multnomah county assessor in April.

The assessor's ratio applies to property assessed by his office, while the 117% announced by the Tax Commission will apply to companies classified as utilities and assessed by the valuation division of the Tax Commission.

The statewide policy of using assigned ratios uniformly 17% above the posted ratios is in line with a resolution adopted by the Oregon House of Representatives and the policies set by the State Board of Equalization in 1957. This will accomplish an eventual equalization between utility properties and other classes of locally assessed property in the year 1961. The use of 117% takes into consideration the gradual reduction from 120% used in 1957, as well as the adjustment made this

Wheat Making Big Yields As Cutting Starts

The harvest is good.

Although few farmers were impressed with barley yields, the crop being shattered, being down, being shriveled or just not very good. A very few good barley yields were reported, not many.

But the wheat is different. Nearly everyone says his crop is fine and many are calling grain insurance offices to raise their earlier estimates. It is yet too early to tell what the average will be and even too early to tell what any individual field will make but farmers can tell whether it is good or bad by the way the wheat runs into the bin and the number of truck loads hauled in a day.

There will be lots of 50 bushel wheat in the north end of the county and nearly that much around Moro. The south end crop may be smaller but will still be a fine yield if reports from the few cutting there are accurate. There are a few poor crops all over unexplainable.

The acreage is so low, with government regulations, that the crop can hardly exceed the 4,500,000 bushel produced before. Inasmuch as there is less than 90,000 acres it would require a 40 bushel yield to produce 3,500,000 bushels total crop. And that is entirely possible.

After the rainy spell around the first of the month the weather has turned warm and cutting conditions are excellent. Nearly everyone will be cutting next week.

Willard Bear Gets PhD At U. of O.

Willard Bear, son in law of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller, and known to many in Sherman county through his work in the schools, received his doctor's degree from the University of Oregon at the graduation exercises in June.

Dr. Bear is director of Secondary Education for the State of Oregon. He has just returned from St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended the National Association of Student Councils, of which he is national chairman of the advisory committee.

Beverly McKinney, daughter of lone and Bill McKinney, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, also attended the convention as a delegate from District No. 3 and North Salem High where she will be vice president of the student body for the coming year.

Charley Nish Dead

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Charles Nish at his summer home at Cannon Beach. Mr. Nish was born in Sherman county about 70 years ago, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nish. Surviving are his widow, Hazel, a son, Vance of Portland and a daughter, Marjory of Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held in Portland Friday.