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These Things We Note

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Age is the period in which man enjoys his labors more than his pleasures.

T T W N

A week or so ago we received a letter from the Oregon Centennial commission as has everyone else, no doubt. The top part of the page contained the message which was of minor importance and the lower part bore the signature and the list of persons who received copies of the letter. First on the list was Governor Holmes followed by several other names of officers of the centennial commission. We would like to have the paper concession for an outfit that made so many copies of its correspondence but we would hate to work for an outfit so suspicious of its helpers. If the governor reads his copies he is pretty busy; if he thinks it is good advertising he is mistaken. And if the commission's filing system isn't bogged down it is only a matter of time.

T T W N

If a man lives his three score and ten he lives about one and one-half percent of it a year. There is a fifth of it gone before he can really count and another fifth after he's quit counting. The percentage of life in each day is very small and it is not renewable.

T T W N

The very fact that some three-quarters of the Klamath Indians voted to sell their part of the land immediately instead of holding it for future income casts doubt on their ability to become self-sustaining citizens.

T T W N

When money is cheap there is less incentive to earn or save it. Who wants to take a risk to earn two or three percent money?

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Taxes will continue to go up as long as it is fun to spend other peoples' money—and the other people stand for it.

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Money is getting so plentiful, everyone has some of it, that it may not be the best means of judging quality among men.

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Said the old shepherd: "No need to go to a hospital and lay around. You gotta die sometime and you just as well do it when you're healthy."

T T W N

The sack has been sacked, we read—a break for the men without imaginations.

T T W N

A few years ago oldsters talked about how to get a pension and retire. Now they are talking about how to get a pension and keep on working.

T T W N

In making concessions to small business the government is making an argument for business to stay small.

T T W N

Whether we like it or not it is very sensible for the Arab nations to get together and face the world as a unit.

T T W N

Some one has devised a leather floor covering. Got to use it some place and there are no more leather soled shoes, no harness and fewer saddles.

T T W N

Inflation of the currency is one thing that has never worked.

T T W N

One of the rather good customs of this time is that of permitting men to wear their shirt tails out during hot weather. It isn't pretty but it is comfortable.

T T W N

This year, it being a political year, we will observe the old custom of attacking the attacker. If a man says the other party is impure he will himself be attacked, not his ideas but him personally, no matter how laudable his motives. No matter how good he is. In fact, if he's good he'll be accused of thinking so.

T T W N

There are not enough non-political sources from which the ordinary citizen can determine his thinking about the near east.

Harvest Satisfactory Or Better As Nearly Everyone Threshing

Harvest is finished for some farmers and not yet started for others. With lots of equipment harvest is made short and tax conditions are such that lots of equipment may be a saving.

Reports are generally good, very good except an occasional farmer who says his wheat has been hurt by something. Reason for this late showing of damage was probably the May hot spell although the hot days of June may be to blame. So far, reports of poor yields are few and will have little effect on the general good yields.

Dewey Thompson claims that his land is average and final results indicate that yields at Hay Canyon are close to average. If that be true the county will have a 48 bushel average crop. Such a yield over the entire county is almost impossible but so far almost no one has admitted harvesting less than 40 bushels per acre.

Musicians Meet To Plan Concerts

The yard of the Arthur Muller home was the scene of an informal coffee hour held Friday morning, July 11 for the co-chairmen of the campaign committee of the local Community Concert association.

Groundwork was laid for the coming campaign starting September 22.

It was announced that due to the enthusiastic response to "Vienna On Parade" and the "Deutschmeister Band" every effort is being made by the board to bring in another large company of entertainers.

Man Lodged For Inebriety Starts Fire

George Wallace Marchman, 41, was picked up by police near Biggs last week and lodged in the Sherman county jail to face a charge of being drunk in a public place. During the night he set fire to the bedding and when Sid Thompson, court house janitor, found him he had passed out from smoke. He responded to pneulator treatment and was taken to a hospital for observation. On his return he pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$300 and \$4.50 court costs, the fine being suspended because Marchman had no money and the promise of a job in California.

Shoppers Take Easy Way In Buying

Food shopping habits of today's wage-earning women show a greater demand for prepared and semi-prepared foods, more processed fruits and vegetables, and low-calorie foods.

National shopping trends, as reported by Oregon State college food marketing specialists, show the following changes.

During the past 15 to 20 years, families have been eating less fresh, and more frozen and processed fruits. Frozen concentrated juice sales have increased greatly.

The trend has also been toward more processed vegetables and somewhat fewer fresh vegetables. However, many fresh vegetables are convenience foods because they are trimmed, washed and packaged, the economists note. Many are available year around.

Wage-earning homemakers are likely to shop either for processed vegetables that require little cooking or heating, or for vegetables suited to quick salads. They want time and worksaving foods that can be served in a jiffy—soon after the woman returns from work.

Shoppers are also more health and weight conscious, and choose items considered low in calories.

The OSC specialists report that one in three persons employed now is a woman. In January, about 21,000,000 women were employed outside the home compared to only 12,000,000 in 1940. In about this same period, processing of vegetables increased from a third to a half the total supply of fruits and vegetables, particularly frozen ones. Because of their higher earnings, shoppers are able to pay for convenience and out of season foods, they point out.

Loan Price Not Fully Determined; May Raise Later

The local ASC office has been advised that recent rail freight reductions were not available when CCC determined the county loan rates for the 1958 wheat, barley and rye. These rail freight reductions are causing serious inequities between the amount realized under price support for grain stored at terminal as compared to grain stored in country warehouses or on the farm.

The last change in rail freight rates used in setting price support rates was the March 1958, general increase of 3 percent. Since March several decreases in rail freight rates have been approved and other decreases are scheduled for hearings in the near future. It is indicated that CCC will not change the present published county loan rates. However, on all loan wheat, barley or rye taken over by CCC at a country point, the producer will receive a payment which reflects the difference between the freight rate used in setting the county loan rate, and the county average of any reduced rail freight made on or before maturity date for the loan. The amount of payment will be the county freight reduction times the bushels taken over by CCC. The ASC office will make this payment to the producer. The exact amount of the freight reduction for Sherman county is not known at this time.

Shelby New Man On Wheat Commission

Walter Shelby of Albany, has been appointed as a member of the Oregon Wheat commission succeeding W. J. (Bill) Enschede of Hillsboro who has served since the organization of the commission. Shelby is a graduate of Albany college and had some graduate work at the University of Oregon. He taught school seven years and started farming in 1941. He is a granger, a former school board member and chairman of his soil conservation district.

Savings Bonds Sales Up In County

State savings bonds sales for the first six months of 1958 totaled \$18,627,368 as compared with \$18,686,104 for the same period a year ago. Sales for the month of June amounted to \$4081.

County sales for the six-month period were \$54,071, the chairman continued, comparing this with \$34,713 for the first six months of last year.

United States saving bonds have never been more important than now. Every buyer of a bond helps provide strengthened resources for himself and for his country which are needed now more than ever before.

C. A. Nish Buried

C. A. Nish passed away at his home in Cannon Beach July 8, 1958. Services were held at Cannon Beach July 11, 1958 with vault entombment at Riverview Abbey at Portland. Charles was born in Benton county December 29, 1886, ten miles southwest of Corvallis on his grand father's (C. W. Thompson) farm. At the age of 5 years, he with his parents and little sister, Lilah, moved to what was then Wasco county. His father, Alec Nish, bought the Alec Varger sheep ranch, now owned by Claude Thompson.

He attended Benke Walker Business college. Also had the "Old Monkland Store". April 12, 1911 he was married to Hazel Mersinger at Moro. Charles had large ranch holdings in Gilliam county and was an active worker in the co-ops. He was also past president of Oregon Wheat league and active in soil conservation. At the time of his death he was an active member of the Presbyterian church at Cannon Beach. He has made his home in Cannon Beach since 1941 where he owned cabins. The last few years he spent his winters in Los Angeles, California.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, son Dr. Vance McNish of Portland, daughter, Mrs. Robert Hamson of Los Angeles and two grandchildren. He was an uncle of Mrs. Russell Belashee and Mac Hall.

Oregonians Proving Slow at Being Born, Getting Married, Dying; Population Grows

The state board of health Friday released provisional figures indicating Oregon had the lowest birth rate and the second lowest marriage rate in the nation last year.

Studies by the agency's vital statistics section also showed Oregon had more deaths during 1957 than any year in its history, and the lowest divorce rate in the last 20 years.

Deteriorating economic conditions and the fact that Oregon's population is "somewhat older than the national average" was blamed in part for the state's low birth rate last year. Statisticians also speculated that a trend toward weddings among teenagers during the past few years may be responsible for at least part of the low 1957 marriage rate, by removing from the eligible list many of the young people who would normally have been expected to wed last year. They also emphasized that a primary reason for the low birth and marriage rates is the smaller number of eligible persons resulting from low birth rates during the depression years of 1930's.

The state health board study showed 37,828 children were born to Oregon residents last year for a rate of 21.8 births per thousand population, the smallest number

Auditors Here To Inspect Books

Lyle H. Montgomery, Jerry Youngblood and Neal Fisher, from the Division of Audits of the Secretary of State's office in Salem, arrived Monday to begin the audit of the records of the various school clerks records and reports. It is expected that the auditors will complete the field work with the district's books in two or three weeks with the audit available during the last of August or the first of September.

Old Ideas Wrong About Tomatoes

Ripen tomatoes at cool room temperatures. They'll have better flavor, texture and color. Zelma Reigle, OSC food marketing specialist says the old-time practice of ripening tomatoes on sunny window sills does more harm than good. Heat turns tomatoes yellow.

For best color, flaxor and texture, and vitamin value—tomatoes should be ripened at room temperature or a little below, between 60 and 75 degrees, she recommends.

To ripen, tomatoes should be mature, grown to their full size and just ready to turn color. Good quality mature green tomatoes or partially ripened tomatoes are better buys than red tomatoes that are overripe, soft or bruised, according to Miss Reigle.

Once ripe, tomatoes keep better in the refrigerator. If ripened in the refrigerator, they become pale, watery, soft and lack flavor. Never wrap tomatoes with paper to keep them dark.

Mice, Smut, Something Prevents Paradise on Earth

Field mouse infestation on Sherman county crop and range land was re-surveyed last week with John Dietrich, Fish and Wildlife Service, Rodent Division, Bend. None of the locations visited would indicate any serious loss in crops or forage. Only possible damage that could occur this year would be to irrigated lands and yards. Mice are heavy along many of the roads and on range land, but are not doing any appreciable damage. Mice are feeding on some down grain.

Farmers or home owners who have a build-up might like to bait with poison grain. Ten pound bait packages are available thru the county agent. The field mouse damage can be identified by numerous colonies of holes about one to two inches in diameter scattered at random over an area. Runways cut into the vegetation pass from hole to hole in a colony. Marked damage to top vegetation by ground cutting can be noticed under heavy infestation.

Gopher Control
Traps are an effective method in the control of pocket gophers. This method can be used successfully by home owners or on small acreages of farm land. Poisoned carrots is the best method on a field-size pocket gopher infestation. Keeping gophers to a minimum by constant trapping is

easier than late attention to the problem. Now is the time for winter wheat growers to be thinking about the selection and treatment of seed wheat that will be planted this fall. Smut has been one of our major problems but with the new resistant varieties and seed treatment with hexachlorobenzene the smut loss in the Pacific Northwest has dropped from 34 per cent in 1955 to 27 per cent in 1956 to 16 per cent in 1957. This smut problem is eternally with us. Here are the steps we recommend to keep it under control: 1. Select good clean seed wheat, free from mixtures and from smut-free fields. Plant tagged certified seed if you can get it. 2. Plant smut resistant varieties. If you don't know what those are, check with your county extension agent for the one best suited to your particular area. 3. Thoroughly clean your seed. 4. Thoroughly and completely treat your winter wheat seed with H.C.B. There are a number of different brand names. Use at least one ounce of 40 percent hexachlorobenzene on each bushel of wheat. 5. Dye is now added to the fungicide so we'd suggest that farmers require a treatment that leaves a visible mark on the seeds. Thorough coverage of every ker-



When Floyd Lane goes fishing he doesn't go after trout, nor even the much larger steelhead. He goes after sturgeon and the first of this month brought home 117 pounds of fish all in one chunk.

The fish shown measured six feet, the biggest possible because the fish commission says that or under three feet must be thrown back.

Lane was assisted in landing the sturgeon by Sam Alberty of Grass Valley and Enos Armstrong visiting here from Santa Maria, California who were needed to help Lane stay on the bank and land the fish. Site of his fishing is at the mouth of the Deschutes river.

Men Awarded Pins For Long Service

Three State Highway Department employees in the Moro area received service award pins July 11 for long service to the department. Mr. J. S. Sawyer made the presentations.

The octagon shaped award pin bears a replica of the Highway Department emblem in red and white. Each pin is inscribed with the number of years service for which it is given. Pins for 10 to 20 years service are silver, and those for 20 to 30 years gold filled. Solid gold pins are awarded for over 30 years service.

Local men receiving awards are: Clyde Gillmor, 35 years service; Darwin Van Gilder, 20 years service; Glen Virtue, 15 years.

Patients Recovering

Our ill are doing better. Christy, who has spent most of the spring in bed with a damaged heart, was in town last week and looking good. Ivan Kirkelle, whose ulcers finally got him down, is out of the hospital and staying with his daughter, Evelyn Ziegler in The Dalles until well enough to be completely divorced from the doctors.

Lots Purchased

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas have bought the lots advertised by Tabert Pruitt a few weeks ago with the idea in mind that just maybe a trailer court would be a nice venture for Moro what with the John Day dam and constant construction of one sort or another.

Machinery Fertilizer, Make Farming Easier, More Profitable

Use of more machinery and fertilizer and less manpower and horsepower is helping the state's farmers hold the line against rising costs, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Although last year's farm output was a third larger than in 1940, it was produced on the same acreage of cropland by fewer farmworkers and on fewer but larger farms, Mrs. Horrell noted. Farmers have learned more about how to use commercial fertilizers in recent years, she pointed out, and these fertilizers have become cheaper in relation to land and other costs of production. Fertilizer costs have gone up only about 6 per cent in the last ten years. Land values have risen about 40 percent, and other production costs have gone up from 20 to 25 percent.

During the same period, new machines have been developed and old machines improved, eliminating the need for many horses and farm laborers, Mrs. Horrell noted. Wage rates paid farm workers have increased 30 per cent in the last ten years, but costs of operating farm machinery have gone up only about half that much. As a result, use of tractors and other machines has nearly tripled, while use of hired labor on farms has been on the downturn.

Savings from increased use of fertilizer and machinery have helped farmers meet the cost-price squeeze of the last few years, Mrs. Horrell said. Pricewise, most commodities grown in Oregon still average well below the level set by Congress as a "fair" exchange rate between prices received by farmers for the products they sell, and prices paid by farmers for the goods and service they must buy, she emphasized.

(Average for U. S. in 1957)	
Farmer gets	10.9 cents
Assembling milk	1.2 cents
Processing	4.3 cents
Retailing, home deliv'y	5.6 cents
Other expenses	1.2 cents
Profit before income tax	1.0 cents
Total cost	24.2 cents

Grass Fire Burns Up Fulton Canyon On High Wind

A grass and stubble fire blackened the grassland from a mile east of the Deschutes river to near the Arvid Anderson home at the head of Fulton canyon Friday night.

It started on the Clarence Spencer place late in the afternoon when sparks from a hard pulling tractor ignited the stubble. The machinery was stuck at the time but was saved. About four acres of wheat was burned some barley stubble and nearly 1000 acres of grass belonging to Spencers, Elsie Fulton and Arvid Anderson.

The fire did not cross the Columbia river highway nor the Fulton canyon highway due to hard work on the part of volunteers and the Wasco fire department which responded to the call for help.

The Fulton canyon fire was one of a series that endangered mid-Columbia areas over the week end. A warehouse was burned at The Dalles and a grass fire burned over a wide stretch of country across the river at Maryhill. There was a high wind.

Monday Frank Reid lost a truck by fire. His son, David, was hauling wheat from the field when flames came into the cab. He tried to put out the fire with an extinguisher but it was too far advanced. The truck and load of wheat were destroyed along with a small patch of standing grain.

Gloria Coming Home From France

Capt. and Mrs. Robert M. Cockburn (nee Gloria Douma) and son, Timothy, sailed July 12 from Bremerhaven, Germany, on the army transport "Butner" and will dock in New York the 21st.

He will be discharged from service at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., after serving two years on Uncle Sam in France.

They expect to take in a few sights in New York, also Washington, D. C. and drive west stopping in Indianapolis, Chicago and Rochester to visit friends. Then continue over the northern route through the Dakotas and via Yellowstone to Oregon. Here he hopes to begin civilian life again as a physician in the near future.

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