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These Things We Note

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In a private company those persons are stockholders who want to be and who invest; in a public company everyone is a member whether he wants to be or not. The private company pays taxes and dividends; the public one neither.

T T W N

New evidence causes some to doubt whether or not man evolved from apes. To others the key word is evolved.

T T W N

We think it is very generous for the people to let legislators spend so much of their money. Also foolish.

T T W N

One of the reasons why small business is in need of government aid is that so few small businessmen are able to be both employee and boss. Bossing yourself isn't easy, requiring a stronger hand than bossing others. But no business can get along without a boss to see that something is done and no excuses permitted.

T T W N

We would like to have been watching George Brown (boss of COPE when the governor told the labor convention that he (Holmes) was not a puppet of the unions.

T T W N

Soviet women won the track meet recently over Americans. Maybe we should compete on some more womanly basis.

T T W N

When Teddy Roosevelt argued for living dangerously all a man had to do to qualify was shoot a cougar. Now he has to drive the modern highways.

T T W N

It is very likely that the theory of integration in schools was discredited when negroes failed to support the party that advocated it. The decision of the supreme court was more political than legal but if not supported at the polls by those most concerned will not long continue.

T T W N

It may be assumed that the Arabs will continue to sell oil to the west. That's the only place they could sell it and get paid.

T T W N

As soon as the hot spell is broken we begin to wonder when the cold spell will end.

T T W N

Is it possible that citizens have formed a sort of vigilante group to counter-attack the labor gangsters in Detroit? If so, they're rough.

T T W N

The proposal to make labor contribute to unemployment compensation as well as business has its points. Not all of them are good points, however.

T T W N

Oscar, the pioneer statue atop the capitol at Salem, is getting a new coat of gold. Appropriate, what?

T T W N

At an eastern college steps are being taken to bring boys closer to girls. That isn't the way we heard it the last time.

T T W N

It is easy to see that argument over whether, and if so where and when, to hold a summit conference may be more exciting than the arguments at the conference.

T T W N

It isn't that the Oregon song is new nor that not many knew it. The interest comes from the fact that certain politicians just heard of it.

T T W N

If the price of coffee goes down low enough it will probably tend to put a halt to the coffee break. Who wants to stop to drink something cheap?

T T W N

Did you ever see anything leave so suddenly as did the depression? Just something to take it off the front pages and if was gone like last night's ghost.

T T W N

The Pacific Coast conference is busted anyway with so many withdrawals. There will undoubtedly be another one and we hope it will be amateur and not professional. The Rams and 49ers have that field well covered.

CCC Will Boost Rate Before End of Loan Settlement

Producers who have their wheat or barley under a CCC loan will receive the benefit of the recently announced rail freight reduction. According to the local ASC office a settlement payment will be made on wheat and barley taken over by CCC at country points. This payment will be 2 cents per bushel for barley and 3 cents per bushel for wheat. It is expected that payment will be made by the local ASC office after maturity date of the loans in the spring.

Warehousemen Have New Regulations

Regulations governing the operation, licensing and maintenance of bonded public warehouses in Oregon were put into effect July 25 by the state department of agriculture.

The final order modifies the department's original proposals on marking and identification of grain and storage facilities, maintenance of quality and quantity of grain and maintenance of grounds and physical plant.

The new regulations require that storage facilities must be adequate to protect commodities from the elements, rodents, birds and injurious vermin. Windows and other openings used for ventilation must be permanently screened.

Warehouse interiors must be kept free of all rodents and birds and reasonably free of dust and live infestations of injurious insects. Breeding places for rodents—wood, old machinery, garbage and other debris—must be eliminated from warehouse grounds.

New Weed Killers May Be Effective

Two new weed killers tested by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station look like the answer for control of wild morning glory—Oregon's most troublesome perennial weed pest.

Both chemicals belong to the chloro-benzoic acid family and are now on the market. W. R. Furtick, OSC agronomist, reports up to 90 to 100 per cent morning glory control with either trichloro benzoic acid (TBA) or polychloro benzoic acid (PBA).

Most spraying for weed control will be on small patches of morning glory even out in the Columbia Basin wheat country where the weed is a major problem, says Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist.

One-half pint of the chemical mixed with two to four quarts of water is recommended for spraying one square rod—and area 16½ feet square. The cost: about 60 cents. A recommended mixture for spraying patches totaling one acre in area is 10 gallons of the chemical to 40 to 80 gallons of water. TBA and PBA now sell for about \$10 a gallon.

Cost of treatment is comparable to other commonly-used soil sterilizing methods. Big advantage of the new materials is that soil does not remain sterile as long after treatment as it does with other sterilants such as sodium chlorate.

Soil sterilized with sodium chlorate may cause loss of cropping for 3 to 10 years depending upon soil moisture, Warren reports. TBA or PBA sterilize the soil for about one year. Grains and corn are more tolerant to the chemical residue than are other crops.

TAB gave a better and faster kill of morning glory than did PBA in OSC tests. But Furtick says this advantage may be offset by the fact that PBA doesn't sterilize the soil quite as much. He suggests growers might try both materials to see which works best for them.

Chloro benzoic acids kill when absorbed directly by the plant or through the soil. Tests indicate, however, that weed control is best when most of the chemical comes in contact with the soil.

Treatments can be made any time under eastern Oregon conditions. Warren says mid-summer and early fall treatments look excellent. In western Oregon, treatment should be before Sept. 1.

The chemical does not kill ungerminated seed. Seedlings appearing after the chemical has leached from the soil should be controlled with 2,4-D or by cultivation, the specialist says.

North Sherman TV Ready To Start Construction

Notice that the Federal Commission had approved the application of the North Sherman TV Co-op was received last Thursday from Senator Richard Neuberger. The farmers of the north end of Sherman county have been working on an improved way to obtain more adequate TV reception for several months and have decided that the best way was to form a cooperative. This was done early in the summer with officers similar to those of the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers.

What is contemplated is a translator to be placed on a high hill in Klickitat county, Washington to reflect programs from Portland stations sending on channels 6, 8 and 12.

The Klickitat county PUD is now making an estimate of the cost to put power at the translator site. When the agreement is made the translator will be installed by Video Utility of Seattle which has done the engineering for the manufacturing firm in the east.

How far the benefit from the translator will reach is not known until tried. The central and southern parts of Sherman county may get benefit from it or may not. Neither is it known when the job will be completed, but it is expected to be in time for winter programs.

Highway Marking Being Planned

J. S. Sawyer, resident highway engineer at The Dalles, is interested in finding the exact route of the 1840s through Sherman county and has been working on that project this week.

Mr. Sawyer has obtained blue prints showing the route of the emigrants and will use it to establish markers when markers are approved by the highway commission and the geographic board which must pass on them. Plans to put a marker near Richelderfer's where the Old Oregon Trail crosses the highway were delayed because the commission said a change in location was probable. It still is.

Increased interest by the highway commission in marking historical sites is pleasing to the historically minded and is especially appropriate because of the centennial of 1959.

More Money, Less Profit

Higher prices and lower incomes continue to squeeze the buying power of the consumer's dollar, according to an agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Elvera Horrell says it now takes \$1.03 to buy what \$1 would buy a year ago. At the same time, incomes have slipped some what lower than they were at mid-1957. Higher retail prices, that have inched up to the highest point on record this June, combined with these lower incomes, have put a double pinch on the consumers purse strings.

Although recent reports show that incomes are on the upswing, per capita spendable income is still not quite up to what it was last year at this time, the economist notes.

It cost the consumer more to buy all major living items, and on most she has to pay an all-time high. Food increased the most, clothing increased the least.

According to Mrs. Horrell it now takes a little more than \$1.04 to buy the same amount of food that \$1 would buy a year ago; slightly more than \$1.04 for a 1957 dollar's worth of medical care and reading and recreation; about \$1.03 for personal care; nearly \$1.03 for transportation; and almost \$1.02 for housing.

To estimate the change in retail prices of things used in every day living, a sampling is made on selected items. Retail prices cover the entire range of family buying including as many as 2,000 different products or services. From among these, 300 of the more important ones are selected for price sampling.

The sampling includes more than 80 foods, clothing of all kinds, rent, home ownership costs, public transportation, automobiles and their operating costs, reading and recreation, personal care, medical care and others. Both services and commodities are included in the sample.

Band Statements Show Upturn In Mid-Columbia Area

A slight upturn in business in Oregon was evidenced in the bank debit reports for June. A total of \$1,660,602,574 was tallied by the 167 reporting banks and branches. This was up over the previous month by 0.9 per cent and up over June of 1957 by 3.2 per cent.

Bank debits, which represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms, are generally regarded as good activity. The University of Oregon's bureau of business research collects the debits monthly from banks of the state.

In the upper Columbia river counties of Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, and Wheeler, the nine reporting banks had a total of \$25,795,304 in debits. This was up over May, 1958, by 3.9 per cent and up over June, 1957 by 3.1 per cent.

Centennial Sells 30 percent Space

Thirty percent of the available exhibit space at Oregon's 1959 Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair has been contracted or reserved by local, national and international exhibitors, reports Floyd Maxwell, managing director of the exposition.

Total revenue the centennial commission will receive from rental of the space so far reserved is approximately a quarter of a million dollars. Eighty one firms and 25 foreign nations have already reserved exhibition or international trade fair space.

Maxwell expressed confidence that the show would be a complete sellout.

Besides responding enthusiastically to invitations to exhibit, Oregon businessmen have given tens of thousands of man hours of time serving on various centennial committees, commission members report. It is estimated that more than 2,500 of Oregon's top businessmen are serving in some capacity for the centennial.

At the same time efforts to gain commitments for all remaining space have been accelerated with the enlarging of the centennial exhibit sales staff and the expansion of sales offices in the centennial's Jackson Tower headquarters in Portland.

Jimmie Roberson is home again after having taken the examination for optometry in California and will remain here for a few weeks while his parents have a vacation.

New Map Made Of Sherman County

The State Highway department, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, has completed a revision of the general highway and transportation series maps of Wasco and Sherman counties as of 1957, according to an announcement by the department.

The series shows all range, township and section lines of the counties and all drainage features as well as all features of transportation and major electrical transmission lines. Also included on the maps are the types of road surfaces in rural areas and houses, industries and other culture along the highways.

The maps are available from the Highway Departments Traffic Engineering Division in Salem at a cost of 75 cents a sheet for the one-inch to a mile scale, or 25 cents a sheet for the half-inch scale. The complete Wasco county set consists of five sheets, three base and two enlargement sheets, while the Sherman set has two base sheets and one enlargement.

PT&T Grows In Eighty Years

Pacific Telephone celebrated its 80th birthday in Oregon Saturday, August 2, by placing a \$1,300,000 microwave relay system in service.

The new system increases the number of long distance circuits between Klamath Falls, Medford and other points in Oregon.

"This new method of transmitting telephone calls through the air is a far cry from the day, 80 years ago, when telephones were first put into use in Oregon. The first exchange was established in 1878 at Portland with a total of 32 customers," according to Pacific Manager Cal Horn.

In Moro, Horn said, the first exchange was established in 1898 with a total of nine telephones. Now Pacific Telephone serves some 235 telephones here.

Utility Commissioner Notes Rate Reduction

Howard Morgan, public utility commissioner, in a letter sent to farm organizations notes reduction in railroad freight shipment from the midwest and east to the Pacific coast. He says, "Since there is a large movement of farm machinery from the midwest and east to the Pacific coast, these reductions will amount to substantial savings to farmers in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, providing the freight rate reductions are passed on to the purchaser of farm machinery through lower prices."

Examples cited in the letter are from \$1159.20 to \$894.00 or a reduction of 23 percent and on a 34,000 pound car from \$1387.20 to \$981.00 or 29 percent.

Of Weeds and Bulls and CCC Wheat and Other Farmer Things

Red Bluff Bull Sale

The eighteenth Red Bluff sale is scheduled for early February. Rules and regulations of the sale do not require fertility test of bulls this year. The management encourages testing and indicates assignors may find it to their advantage financially to have bulls so tested. Placement of bulls will be the basis of judging and grading. Buyers at Red Bluff sale have opposed dropping the grading system and management has satisfied their desire.

CCC Owned Wheat

Hard Red Winter wheat produced in the Great Plains area is the villain in the wheat surplus picture. CCC holdings as of June 30, 1958, broken down by classes points out this picture.

White wheat stocks equal only 3.71% of total CCC holdings. Hard Red Winter wheat stocks equal 72%. These figures are significant when compared to normal production by classes in the U. S. White wheat averages about 10% and Red wheat about 45-50% of annual production.

Total CCC stocks as of June 30 were 828 million bushels. Class break down in bushels were as follows: Hard Winter 596 million, Hard Spring 174 million, Soft Winter 4 million, White 31 million, Durum 16 million and other 2.5 million.

The white wheat area in past years was always jumped on as the surplus villain. The shoe is on the other foot now. Hard work by producers is necessary to maintain this position.

Morning Glory Trial Plots

Numerous Sherman county

Game Commission Changes Rules On Doe Hunting

The game commission has made a change in the license system for antlerless deer, which is way of saying does. It is called the UNIT hunt instead of controlled hunt. Districts have been established and the prospective hunter applies for a license in the district where he wants to hunt. Applications are available at places where licenses are sold. They must be filed before August 18.

Applications will be held until a drawing date and the winners will be notified on their success or failure. If a hunter fails to get a permit for one area he can apply for another one later.

About The County

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Burkes, he a one-time resident of Sherman county, stopped here briefly Saturday while on their way to The Dalles to visit his cousin, Bud Harris. The Burkes now live at Coos Bay where she is a superintendent of schools.

The Paul Cyphers family took the weekend off leaving Mary Mersinger and Wanda Dunlap to take care of the store. They went to Camp Sherman where Cyphers from The Dalles met Cyphers from Medford for a family reunion and outing.

Howard Conlee was taken to a hospital in The Dalles Sunday with an upset stomach and remained there for a series of tests to determine the cause.

Paul Goddard, the football player who was on the all-state squad, and broke his ankle, is a son of the former Gayle Amidon and the late Paul Goddard.

Bennie Irzyk of Los Angeles has been here during harvest helping his brother, Tex and taking his vacation from work in the southern city.

Mrs. Bella Clothier of Seattle and former resident and correspondent for this paper from Wasco writes that she was a recent visitor in our state and found it rather warm.

The county court in its August meeting Wednesday paid the bills and met with the welfare committee and spent a part of the day looking for roads to end an uneventful session. The rock crusher site for Barney Helzer who will surface the Monkland road is being changed.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss came from Hansville, Wn., Wednesday to do a little more work around the home place before leaving for Arizona and a winter in the sun.

Forty Bushel Crop Makes Record For Production

The Sherman county wheat crop will average 40 bushels per acre it now appears with the crop nearly all in and that will be by far the biggest crop the county has ever harvested on a bushels per acre basis.

A few years ago (say 30) the county was happy to advertise that it sometimes raised 20 bushels per acre. When the federal government made its appraisal of yields for the first farm program of the present series the average yield was between 17 and 18 bushels.

In those days the county grew between 130,000 and 136,000 acres of wheat per year. This year the total acreage permitted was a little over 92,000 and it is estimated that the actual acreage was about 90,000. There was an additional 40,000 in barley. The other 5 to 6,000 acres has been put in grass or alfalfa.

Warehoused this year has been 1,231,843 bushels of wheat by the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers at Wasco and around 4,000 more are expected before the final bushel is in. At Moro the crop will be about 901,000 bushels of wheat. At Grasa Valley receipts were 797,765 bushels of wheat last Saturday night and it is expected there will be 900,000 before the crop is all in.

Warehoused now is 2,930,608 bushels of wheat in public elevators. The Eakin elevator holds 80,000 bushels. It has been customary to estimate the farm storage at 500,000 bushels which is probably low as some new farm elevators has been built in recent years. This does not include the seed and feed kept by every farmer for next year's crop.

Total crop will therefore total more than 3,600,000 bushels of wheat and beat the fabulous 40 bushels per acre no one ever thought we would reach.

As for barley, at Wasco there is 472,159 bushels, at Moro 386,000 and at Grass Valley 240,440 with 60,000 more expected. That means a crop of 1,150,000 bushels of barley on 40,000 acres which is not much over three-quarters of a ton per acre, not a big yield.

Keith Mobley on Roll

Keith A. Mobley of Kent is listed on the spring term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college.

To be eligible for honor roll listing, students must make at least a 3.5 grade average for the term. A points representing straight-A.

Mobley is majoring in education at OSC.

farmers are using or planning to use the new chloro benzoic acid morning glory control material. Although quick use being made of the material by farmers much research and demonstration work is needed.

Summer fallow morning glory research trials have been established on the Lamer Sayers and Macnab ranch (Bill and Don). These experimental plots will further test the effectiveness of both of the chloro benzoic acids (TBA and PBA). The trials include applications at different rates and dates. Date applications were made in early June on bare ground and the middle of July on heavy growth. Additional applications are planned this week and the later part of August.

A trials in stubble following harvest was made during mid-July on the Dewey Thomas ranch. Applications were TBA at 10, 20 and 40 pounds; and PBA at 10, 20 and 40 pounds per acre.

These experimental plots were established by Dean Swan, Pendleton branch experiment station. Additional demonstration plots in cooperation with various farmers are planned by the county agent in August.

Soil Physical Measurements

The good earth has many habits and characteristics unknown to man. Research work uncovers many of these factors and explains why others happen. Contributions by research about our local soils are always welcome. One method to secure additional research is by graduate research projects. Bill Wright, junior soil scientist, working with the Sherman station has started a soils project.

The project will evaluate various soil physical measurements to determine apparent differences between summer fallow preparation methods—moldboard plowing sweep and discing. Some of the physical measures to be explored are crusting strength, infiltration (air-water penetration ratio), cementing agents and organic matter ratio. Mr. Wright will use this as the project for his master's thesis.

1959 Conservation Reserve

The greatly liberalized Conservation Reserve will soon be announced in detail. It will be of interest and value to many farmers.

Major changes in the 1959 Conservation Reserve from the program in effect for contracts beginning this year are:

1. An increase in the national average annual payment for Conservation Reserve land to \$13.50 per acre from the previous national average rate of \$10. Sherman county rate though not announced to date will probably be near \$16.50 from a previous figure of \$13.
2. Additional incentives, including a payment of 10 per cent above normal rates, for farmers to put all eligible land on their farms in the program for at least five years.
3. A priority system for accepting Conservation Reserve contracts applications.
4. A regional meeting will be held in Pendleton, August 19 for ASC, County Agents, and SCS people to acquaint them with details of the 1959 program. Following this meeting details of the program will be available to farmers thru the county ASC office.