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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

With the truck drivers on strike it will be possible to sleep better along the highways.

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My great aunt Pease, the one who was such a good cook because she never learned to read recipes, had another advantage. She couldn't read symptoms and consequently was healthy throughout a long life not knowing about any diseases except the ailments spoken of at the aid society.

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The Neuberger bill to give fish and wildlife commissions a veto over power dams is similar to one in Oregon. It isn't good policy.

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Oh, Well, the moon has been annoying us humans through many a long summer. Maybe it is our turn.

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This country would be better off if it quit worrying about Russia so much and concentrated on itself.

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Perhaps the major wonder in the Goldline disclosures is how Sherman Adams ever got friendly with such a character.

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Most of the people you meet are isolationists. All the millions of words to the contrary haven't changed them.

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Being smart isn't something you have done. It is something you do. Trying to capitalize on former smart things is a sign of not being very smart.

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John Fischer, editor of Harper's, thinks that maybe the intellectuals will be allowed to manage the country pretty soon now. With allowance for difference of opinion about what an intellectual is we think the smart ones manage the country now. That's the way to tell. The self-styled intellectuals who sit around and criticize don't run much of anything.

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The new increase in bakery workers' wages causes a two cent boost in bread prices. That is almost as much as the farmer gets.

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"Funny thing happened the other day," said the man at the bar. "Was fishing down on the river and had a good sized fish on when I happened to look around and there was a rattler behind me. Didn't want to lose the fish so spat a slug of tobacco at the rattler and moved on down stream. Pretty soon I heard a kind of friendly rattling, almost affectionate and looked around again and there was that rattler acting like he wanted more chewing tobacco. Felt obliging so shot him another blast and darned if he didn't follow me again. Got so friendly I hated to kill 'im. Set 'em up again."

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Leaders of this congress are bragging that it has had a most successful session. Politically that has been correct. It has given something to nearly every complaining group, except farmers and has made great strides toward proving that popular government should not have popular leaders.

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It's standing so a lot of citizens can stand depression better than they can prosperity; can't afford prosperity, in fact.

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Television does no good to sports. It makes a replica of them available for free and unless paid for results in loss to the teams.

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Hoof's teamsters apparently reserve to themselves the right to bargain on any basis they desire, locally if favorable and by districts if that suits them.

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The dry land isn't popular these days. Everyone wants to get into a swimming pool or a boat. For old dry landers who never saw a bathtub until they were forty and never did learn to swim this seems strange conduct indeed.



High School Board Suggests More Building

The Sherman High School Board has sent out a general letter to voters of the county stating its intention to ask for construction of four additional class rooms to the high school building.

Included in the letter is a chart showing prospective enrollment until 1960 when the total would be 217 instead of the 135 pupils who attended last year.

The letter says that the proposed addition would cost seven mills if included in one budget and one and a half mills a year for five years if financed over a longer period. One reason for the proposal is that the senior class numbers 28 and will have to be divided for effective instruction, requiring more class rooms and more teachers.

The plan is to build four new class rooms west of the present building in a wing. This was contemplated when the school was designed. It would take a part of one classroom for a hallway, the remainder being used for counseling room.

Another proposal is made in the same letter. That is for the construction of housing for teachers, the board stating that it would be possible to retain desirable teachers if better housing was provided either by the board or private capital. In any case the rentals would eventually pay for the original cost and upkeep.

Farm Bureau Hits Cost of Strikes

The mid-summer resolutions conference of the Oregon Farm Bureau finished discussion on proposed resolutions for membership study at Bend, August 1. Results of the organization's study committees showed a general scepticism for government programs involving use of tax money and proposed increases in taxes.

The committee on transportation suggested the following change in the present Farm Bureau stand on the highway use tax. "Although the matching fund program for highway construction proposed by the federal government sounds attractive, we feel that it would be inequitable to increase the gas tax or use tax to raise additional money. We feel that there is a possible source of money available if our highway department was streamlined or made more efficient."

One committee member voiced the opinion of the meeting when he said, "It doesn't seem right to ask the public to finance increased costs in highway construction while a small segment of the people are raising the price of highway construction." The referral of the small segment was directed at the construction strike now in progress in Oregon.

Naomi VanGilder Has Ankle Broken In Fall

Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder is in a hospital in The Dalles with a badly broken ankle suffered Sunday when she was taking a picture of the VanGilder cabin on the Deschutes where they were spending the weekend on a fishing trip. It was impossible for him to get her into his jeep and he had to drive to the Bob Shilling place at the top of the hill to get help which included the county ambulance and a jeep station wagon.

Fortieth Reunion of 34 Men Who Entrained For Camp Lewis and World War I Being Arranged by Theodore Johnston, Group Leader, For September 7 at Moro Church

On September 5, 1918 a group of 34 men left Moro for Camp Lewis and service in World War I. On September 7, 1958 survivors of the group are being urged to meet again in Moro for a reunion.

Theodore Johnston, who was in charge of the original group, has made a year long project out of arranging the reunion.

The 34 men were not well acquainted when inducted and many saw each other but a few times. Therefore there is no one individual who knows all of the men well enough to identify them in the picture. Mr. Johnston, would welcome information about them. There is one factor to be considered: there were three Palmdale men who had temporary residence in the county included in the picture, Henry M., A. M., and James P.

Mr. Johnston had all the men sign their names in his little account book that he carried and which he has kept. His list includes Tom Bayless, leader from Kent, Giles French, leader from Grass Valley, Bryan Van Gilder, leader from Wasco, Herman Nichols, Earl Richelderfer, Ernest Willard Smith, Theodore von Borstel, Rinehart Wassenmiller, Arthur Lee Holt, Oliver E. Schade-witz, W. C. Thompson, Alex Jackson, H. C. Thompson, O. R. Hulise, J. J. Thompson, R. J. Bruckert, Arthur H. Zobel, R. H. Evans, Frank A. Forbes, Norman H.

Social Security Income Not Large

Old-age, survivors and disability insurance benefits totaling \$91,584, a year are being paid to some 115 beneficiaries in Sherman county, according to Carl Redman, field representative of the Social Security Administration.

This is an increase in amount in 1957 of approximately 151 per cent over 1956.

"There were several reasons for the increase in number and amount of benefits over last year," Redman said. One was the payment of benefits to people who were brought under the law for the first time in recent years - self-employed farmers, for example. Other reasons for the increase were the reduction in the retirement age to 62 for women and the starting in July 1957 of disability insurance benefits to disabled people 50 or over. Disability insurance benefits totaled 1217 for the entire state, with a monthly total of \$83,900.

The table below shows the number and amount of each type of benefit being paid in Sherman county:

Bene. Group	No.	Pay't
Retired Workers	74	\$ 5,968
Wife or Husband	24	1,024
Widow or Widower	6	250
Children	8	298

For the entire State of Oregon, social security payments at the end of 1957 were being paid to 135,503 beneficiaries at the rate of \$7,568,800 per month.

Improvement Being Made In Fifth Street

The state highway department and the city of Moro are collaborating on an improvement at the junction of Highway 97 and Fifth street. Another grating catch basin will be put in on the lower side of the street to drain run-off water from both sides of the street. A new water main was laid to the Don King residence and the street will be graveled and improved.

Judge Attends Meeting

Judge Vernon Miller and Commissioner Charles Kuypers were in Portland to attend the meeting of county officials on a national basis.

Smith, Arthur Sanders, John Sherrer, Henry Peters, Vernon L. Agee, Earl T. Hall, T. H. Epperson, Stacy McPherson, Tracy Hines, Lester Kuke, Guy Hoskinson, the three Palmdale men and Mr. Johnston.

The local paper carried a list of names somewhat different but that was because several changes were made at the last moment. Smaller groups had been sent during the summer but the local draft board, C. L. Poley, Kenneth McPherson and J. C. McKean, had delayed the induction of as many as possible so they could finish harvest. Many of the boys in the above picture had been threshing a few days before.

Nearly all of the men still living have been contacted by Mr. Johnston and most of them will make an effort to attend the dinner which will be held at the Moro Community church, Sunday, September 7. Pictures of the reuniting men will be taken and a short program given, a part of which will include singing some of the songs in the little army song book that was issued to soldiers in World War I. If residents near the church hear the lulling strains of "Good Morning Mr. Zip-Zip-Zip" or the somber tones of "There's a Long Long Trail" they will know that there are some old soldiers who have neither died nor faded away.

Stock Haulers Asked To Help Law

The state department of agriculture is contacting all "for hire livestock carriers" in the state urging their full cooperation with brand inspection activity and laws.

The department is furnishing carriers with a complete list of all Oregon brand inspectors so they may know who is the closest brand inspector when they load livestock for large out-of-state shipments.

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The carrier's situation will be materially improved, according to Henry A. Matschner, supervising livestock officer, if they will themselves make it a point to help advise shippers of the inspection requirements.

He pointed out that in the past few years the department has expanded its inspection services throughout the state to the point where it is now able to offer on-the-ranch brand inspection for all large shipments going outside of Oregon.

Various livestock groups and associations have urged the department to refuse to issue brand inspection on loaded livestock or between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Matschner advised the carriers.

Hundred Year Farms Found Numerous

The Oregon Historical Society and State Department of Agriculture, co-sponsors, today released the names of 332 verified claimants for Oregon's first Century Farm honors. The list represents 210 farms settled by their ancestors 100 or more years ago.

The present-day owners either live on and farm the land, or manage the farm operations.

Fourteen counties are represented in the claims, all of which were certified by the respective county judges. Marion county produced the oldest farm (1842) and the most applicants, 67. Linn county was not far behind with 55 century farmers and Yamhill was third with 26.

Only one county east of the Cascades is represented—Wasco with three century farms.

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many divisions after a short stay in the Depot Brigade. Some went with the 8th division to France, some ended up in southern California, some in chemical warfare or signal corp work.

Known dead are Tom Bayless, Bryan Van Gilder, Buddy Holt, W. C. Thompson, H. C. Thompson, Art Zobel, Arthur Sanders, Henry Peters, T. H. Epperson. Readers who know the names of members of the group and their addresses will aid the reunion by telling Mr. Johnston of their knowledge or leaving the information at the Journal office.

Three Cases of Polio Discovered In State

With three polio cases reported in Oregon the past week, the State Board of Health also reports their laboratory has isolated samples of Type I polio virus. This virus is the most virulent of the three polio viruses. The evidence of its presence in Oregon means that unimmunized persons risk a serious paralytic form of polio.

The three most recently reported cases include a non-paralytic polio in a previously vaccinated child and paralytic polio in two adults, one of whom had received a single dose of vaccine, the other being unimmunized. A total of 15 cases of poliomyelitis has been reported to date this year. The local health office stresses that the peak of the polio season has not yet arrived.

Sale of Fertilizers Down For Year

Fertilizer sales in Oregon during the first six months of 1958 are running slightly behind the record-breaking 1957 figures. Lime sales are up.

J. D. Patterson, state chemist, said on June 30 this year 132,511 tons of fertilizer had been sold in the state. At the same time in 1957 138,926 tons had been sold. These figures include both simplex and mixes.

Figures taken from inspection fee reports made to the department also show sales of agricultural limes increased about 10,000 tons over last year's June 30 total. Six-month sales in 1958 were 27,700 tons.

A smaller quantity of agricultural minerals—including soil sulfur, borax and gypsum—was sold in 1958. This year 11,233 tons were sold by June 30; last year the figure was 13,091 tons.

Ken Zachary's Mother Buried Monday

Mrs. Grace Pack died in a hospital in The Dalles last Friday at the age of 75. She was a life long resident of Wasco county. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Zachary of Moro and two daughters, Mrs. Bill Martin of The Dalles and Mrs. Paul Farnsworth of Salem, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Round-Up Queen and Her Court

Judy Lazinka, Pendleton, queen of the 1958 Pendleton Round-Up, is shown with her royal court. From left are Jan Beamer, Heppner; Marcia Bull, Portland; Queen Judy; Kay Smutz, La Grande; and Loretta Anderson, Prosser. The annual Western classic will be September 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1958.



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County Valuation Up On Tax Roll For Next Year

The valuation of property in Sherman county is higher than last year despite a reduction in utility valuations made by the state tax commission in accordance with the reappraisal program which tends to lower utility valuations. Utilities formerly paid no state excise tax and now do so with a resultant decrease in their property taxes.

Total valuation for the coming tax year will be \$10,183,626 which is an increase of \$266,933 over the \$9,916,693 of the 1957-58 year. Personal property will be lower, down to \$1,050,100 instead of \$1,088,720. Real property will be higher \$7,972,770 instead of \$7,509,860. And utility property will be \$1,160,755 instead of \$1,317,113.

With the exception of car companies which pay taxes for use of the railroad track the utility valuations are: Pacific Power & Light \$151,621, Wasco Electric \$9,696, (the REA pays 2 percent on its gross.) Oregon Trunk \$6,681, Union Pacific, \$746,019, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph \$214,177, Biglow Telephone \$1,344, J. E. Norton, Kent water, \$144, Rufus water, \$1,600.

Pending appeals may delay final computation on the levy and may change the assessment figures inasmuch as the appeals were taken over the discrepancy between the valuation placed on buildings and on land.

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