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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Harry Truman had a political answer for an inquiry about Little Rock: "Good will and common sense should be the measure of integrating schools."

T F W N

When stocks get so high no one will buy them they will drop just like potatoes. And then the nation can forget about the stock market for awhile.

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Railroads, although hard pressed, have not accepted government loans. That would be like letting the camel's head into the tent.

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Heard a good remark the other day: "temporary baldness". Only one thing more permanent that we know of.

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Now even the supreme court is accused of empire building which in its case means taking over authority that should belong to the states.

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The new French government may be less democratic and also much less erratic.

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The bar association of Oregon is considering a tax on members so that clients who lose money because of dishonesty of a lawyer may be compensated. It is a nice gesture but we think the admission is more damaging than the promise is valuable.

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Wives are helpful souls. For instance, they never consign a husband to hell; they bring it to him.

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The nation is probably right now determining its course for the next two years. If it elects spenders and inflationists that is the kind of government we will have. Unless enough tight-wads are chosen to represent us the cost of government will keep on going up.

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Oregon is said to have had a \$150,000,000 tourist year income. Even three percent of that would not help our state finance much, nor would it have discouraged many customers. Such a sales tax would permit a lot more government of which we have a surplus already.

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An Oklahoma farmer was sued by the government for raising 43 acres of wheat and feeding it to his cattle. The judge gave the farmer the decision saying there was no constitutional amendment giving congress the right to tell a farmer what to plant. The decision is being appealed and if upheld may make great changes in agricultural programs.

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One of the oldest and most dangerous political tricks is to interfere with the police. Oregon has been able to keep its state police clean because of the moral force of Charley Pray and the staff he trained. When it is any other way we will have to eliminate the state police.

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We hope car customers find great advantage from having the price printed instead of told, but they will seem high anyway.

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So far the political campaign in Oregon has been a negative affair with one side charging the other with dire intentions. We hope it gets positive pretty soon as we'd like to know what candidates think about something else than opponents.

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We are pleased to note that government aided corporations are now calling themselves "free enterprise". It may not be accurate but it shows the right attitude.

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A government will run along pretty well without action at the top if the minor officers are good. When they are not government goes to pieces fast. Oregon's government is not going well.

TTWN

Americans like to see leaders toppled, like the Yankees. Next it may be the Braves, the leader, whoever it is.

Extension Courses Offered In Area Varied In Subject

The educational committee of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce reports that evening classes will be available in this area at different locations during the fall term. At The Dalles: Methods of Psychological Assessment. At Rufus: Language Arts and Social Science. At Hood River: History of the Pacific Northwest. These are by the Oregon system of Higher Education and those interested in the course at Rufus, may apply to Lynn Hampton, county school superintendent.

In addition the chamber committee is working on plans for a tailoring course, a small business course and a course in real estate law. Bert Keith is manager for the program and Lee Stewart is accepting registrants for the real estate course.

JP Levies Fines For Overloading

Fines levied in the justice court for Sherman county as reported by Ben H. Galloway of Wasco are for August \$300 in traffic fines and \$571 in overloading fines. For September traffic fines were \$162 and overloading fines \$641. Fees in civil cases were \$10 in September.

Sharon Belshe Tells Club About Trip

Miss Sharon Belshe told members of the Wasco Women's Study club about her trip to the United Nations as a guest of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and showed colored slides of scenery along the route through Canada to Ottawa and down through New England to New York where the party stayed four days while sight seeing and learning about the work done in the huge, tall United Nations building.

Occasion was the first meeting of the 50 year old club for the winter in the Methodist church basement to which husbands were invited. Mrs. Vinton Watkins, retiring president, installed Mrs. L. P. Haven as president, Mrs. Lloyd Royse as vice-president, Mrs. T. Lester Johnson as secretary and Mrs. Gordon Harper as treasurer. Giles French talked about the measures on the ballot Nov. 4.

Two Local Boys Attending Linfield

Rodney Rolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe, Grass Valley, Oregon and Norman Fridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, and Bob Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hastings, both of Wasco, Oregon are among more than 830 students enrolled at Linfield college, McMinnville, Oregon, for the fall semester of the 1958-59 academic year.

Rolfe and Fridley are both senior business ad. majors. Hastings is a sophomore PE major.

Deer Hunters Ready For Annual Vacation

The deer hunting season opens Saturday and parties are being made up of local citizens and visitors to go after the deer before he hears guns and gets away. A few years ago there were no deer in Sherman county and now the game commission estimates the deer population in the hundreds, a figure that ninnies hope to reduce by Saturday night.

Livestock Theft Fund Running Behind

How can an adequate livestock theft control program be maintained on the amount of money now available to enforce it? This question will be put to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association at its annual meeting at Redmond in November on the direction of the state department of agriculture's livestock advisory committee.

At a recent advisory committee meeting, department officials pointed out that receipts anticipated from the present brand inspection fee of 25 cents per head will not meet the estimated expenditures of \$535,000 for the 1959-61 biennium. Since 1950 the average number of cattle inspected each year is 705,625 and the program is presently operating in the red.

Voters Approve SHS Addition 232 to 178

Voters of Sherman county gave their approval of the projected addition to Sherman high school when 410 went to the polls Wednesday, October 1, to vote 232 for the addition and 178 against.

The vote by districts was Kent: 16 yes, 29 no; Grass Valley 48 yes, 13 no; Moro 95 yes, 32 no; Wasco 52 yes, 61 no; Rufus 21 yes, 43 no.

Plans for the new wing which will extend from the Northernmost classroom west from the present building have been made by Annand, Boone & Lei in a contemplated addition when the original plans were made.

The levy will be on the 1959 tax roll to be paid in November of that year although it is hoped a way can be found to have the building completed by that time.

Wasco News

Andy Engberg has just returned from spending two weeks visiting his daughter at Spokane.

Mrs. Floyd Haines and Mrs. Leo Watkins are driving to Kansas to visit friends and relatives of Mrs. Haines. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

A surprise coffee hour was given by the Rebekahs last Friday in honor of Mrs. Virgil Brock as a farewell gesture. Those present were Lena Brock, Jean Winegar and Patty Sue, Flossie Haines, Jennie Hearing, Selma Watkins, Donna Lane and Sidney, Virginia Peck, Allan, Debbie, and Stevie, and Virginia Melzer. From Moro were Etha and Vada DeMoss, Molly McLaughlin and Maggie Barnum.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family.

The first meeting of the Tuesday Study Club will be Oct. 7 at the home of Mrs. Ernest Shull with Mrs. Faye Boice as co-hostess. Mrs. Pinkerton of Moro will be present to install the new officers.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock have been her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hunt of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brock and family left Monday for their new home in Colfax, Wn. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winegar going along to help move the furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox of The Dalles are in town with their trailer for a week while Mr. Maddox works at the Wasco Market in the absence of Frank Reifschneider.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard were Mrs. Etta Moffet and her sister Mrs. Eleanor Gore, former Wasco residents.

Mrs. Vieda Van Gaasbeck is spending the winter in Hood River with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee.

Other visitors recently of Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard have been Miss Nancy Wallen of Vancouver, fiancée of Joe Drinkard Jr., and also Mr. and Mrs. Tom Audrey of Halsey who stopped on their way home from a tour of the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Everett of Bend, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk.

At the last meeting of the Rebekahs the members made plans and practiced drills in preparation for the visit of the state president of the Rebekahs, Edna Oster of Molalla, Oct. 27. Reports were made on the tickets sold up to date for the clothes hamper.

There will be a district convention in Grass Valley Oct. 29. Mrs. Leo Watkins installed Sam Brock as RSVG and Flossie Haines as chaplain. Lena Brock received the draw prize, Leo Watkins the penny prize. Dime cakes were served by Grace Medler and Flossie Haines. Those receiving dimes to serve next month were Virginia Peck and Jean Winegar. Present for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss, Grace Medler, Edith Brock, Donna Lane, Jennie Hearing, Virginia Peck, Jean Winegar, Mrs. Irlene Kirkwood, Charlie Sisco and Mrs. Grover Long.

"Lepto" Causing Cattlemen To Vaccinate Herds In Central Part of County

The disease outbreak east of Moro has been identified as Leptospirosis, a communicable disease affecting animals and man. The disease "known in short as Lepto" is Leptospirosis caused by an organism called Leptospira pomona.

Leptospirosis usually attacks the kidneys and is most frequently spread from animal to animal through contact with infected urine. Cattle have been shown to shed the organism in the urine for at least 3 months and rodents, throughout their lifetime. Abortifetuses and milk from acutely infected animals may be sources of infection.

Leptospira enter the body of animals and human being through abrasions in the skin or through mucous membranes.

Symptoms of Lepto

Normally Leptospira enter the blood stream, causing fever and loss of appetite. By the end of the first week, they may pass from the blood stream and attack the kidneys; and the disease organisms then may be present in the urine for several months. The other organs of the body, principally the liver, jaundice is a frequent symptom. When the organisms leave the blood stream, the temperature drops and does not usually rise again even though the Leptospira remain in the affected organs.

Seeding Time Makes Worry For Farmers

The problem of when to seed is a serious one this year when little rain has fallen and that in rather a spotted fashion. Some men have gone ahead and seeded their entire acreage, others have started and stopped, some have not started. But as October draws on more will be at it.

With deep furrow drills seeding in the dust is safer because the seed can be put down to moisture if it is within four or five inches of top. But if it is dry the moisture depth may vary to make the stand very spotted. There is also the danger of weeds if wheat is sown in dry ground without a chance to kill them. The problem emphasizes the worries of those who produce the nation's food.

Moro Women Will Have Open Meeting

The Moro Women's club is having an open meeting, with the public invited at the Moro church dining room Friday, October 3, at 8:00 p. m. The speaker will be Miss Sharon Belshe, telling of her trip to the United Nations, illustrated with colored slides. The teachers and school staff are special guests.

Weather Warm For Early October

The weather has remained warm and dry for the past two weeks to the frustration of farmers. It has also caused some worry for deer hunters who think a little rain helps. Prophecy of some experts is that October will be warmer and drier than usual in this part of the west and that frost may be expected this next weekend about October 20.

Oregon Still Has Big Wheat Export

Seventeen cargoes of grain were exported from Oregon terminals during August as compared with 13 cargoes during July. The harvest season also brought increases in the number of sample inspections and inspections on trucks hauling direct from Willamette valley points to Portland terminals, state department of agriculture grain inspectors noted.

More than 3800 sample inspections were made in August against 2912 in July. Truck inspections in the same months increased to 1,126,295 bushels from 827,060 bushels.

The total tonnage of incoming grain at Portland remained about the same in August as in July; however, more wheat and less barley arrived in the 11.1 million bushels received in August.

More than 550,000 bushels of incoming wheat were inspected at Astoria, and approximately 106,000 were checked at Pendleton.

The Merrill grain inspection office, closed during July, re-opened in August due to the barley harvest in that area and reported 87 track inspections, 63 sample inspections and 261 out inspections.

When it occurs, discoloration of the urine with blood may vary from pink to very red or almost black. Anemia may occur as the result of loss of blood.

Abortions may occur at any stage of pregnancy but are more usual in the last one-third. Full-term calves may be born dead or weak.

When Leptospirosis becomes chronic, it may result in the stunting of young animals, reduced milk production, unthriftiness and general debility.

Clinical symptoms of Leptospirosis, when the kidneys are affected, may resemble "red water" and anaplasmosis. When the udder and milk production are affected the disease resembles mastitis; and when abortions occur it frequently resembles brucellosis. When the disease becomes chronic in a herd it may be confused with such conditions as primary malnutrition, nutritional deficiencies, parasitisms and various infectious diseases.

All symptoms are not necessarily present in a single case of Leptospirosis.

Control of Lepto

Vaccination holds the greatest promise as a means of controlling the disease by building up immune animal populations. Two to four weeks are required for immunity to develop following vaccination. The newer vaccine presently available lasts from 12 to 14 months. Vaccination not only gives a protection and control of disease, but reduces the possibility of abortion which is the most serious loss from the disease.

Farmers may secure vaccine through any Drug House or Veterinary and do their own work. Vaccine runs around 40 cents per head. When vaccinating all stock, cow, bulls, heifers and steers, should be injected.

Wheat League Meeting

Bill Todd, president, Sherman Wheat Growers association has announced a meeting of the executive committee, Monday, October 13, 8:00 p. m., County Courthouse, Moro. Plans for the fall meeting of the county association and Sherman county's part as the host for the annual state meeting December 4-6, Portland, will be made.

Perennial Weeds

Serious Farm Problem

Control of perennial weeds, such as wild morning glory, will receive top billing at next month's Oregon Weed conference.

The seventh annual meeting will be held November 12 and 13 in the Sacajawea hotel in La Grande. Larry Rowse, General Electric company, Portland, is chairman. Use of new chemicals and improved weed-control methods will be reported at the conference.

Wild morning glory has become an especially troublesome problem, particularly in the Columbia Basin, says Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist. The morning glory is found across the state however, he pointed out, with more than 300,000 acres of Oregon farmland now infested with the weed.

Other perennial weeds that will receive critical study at the conference include Canada Thistle, Russian Knapweed, whitetop, nutgrass and quackgrass.

New chemicals to be discussed at the conference include TBA, PBA, Eptam and 2,4-DB, Warren said. Representatives of the Dupont, Stauffer and Chipman chemical companies will be on hand at the meeting to help explain use of these new products.

Latest information on ways to control weeds in cereal crops will be discussed by Russell McKenyon, feed department, Pendleton Grain Growers; Dean Swan, agronomist at Pendleton branch experiment station; and Virgil Freed, OSC agricultural chemist. The panel will be moderated by Victor W. Johnson, Umatilla county extension agent.

Control of weeds on rangelands will also receive attention at the meeting, with a report by Don Hyder, range conservationist at the Squaw Butte-Harney branch experiment station, scheduled to open the second day of the conference. There will also be a session on industrial weed control, and a report on the state department of agriculture's part in weed control.

The group will hold its business meeting the afternoon of November 12.

Sherman's Part of Highway Funds \$5574 For Quarter

Sherman county will receive \$5,574.16 from the state highway fund for the third quarter of 1958. This is 217.44 percent of the total distributed to counties. Counties receive 19 percent of the highway funds and this sum is growing, the present distribution being \$2,563,467.99 or about \$280,000 greater than for the third quarter of 1957.

The fund is distributed on the basis of the number of motor vehicles registered in the county although consideration is given for state cars and others not based in any county.

Moro Library Has Most Books Donated

The report of the Moro Public library has been made by Mrs. William Hall, librarian. It shows 1190 books for adults and 435 for children a gain of 118 adult books and 68 children's books during the year.

During the year 562 books of fiction were loaned to adults and 772 to children and 87 books of non-fiction were loaned to adults and 12 to children making a total of 1433 books loaned during the year ending June 30, 1958.

Receipts were \$545.46 of which \$50 came from the city. Donated were \$418.50 worth of books. Trustees are Mrs. Orlow Martin, president, Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Lamer Sayers and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Cattle First, Wheat Second In Oregon

Cattle and wheat continued as Oregon's first and second farm income producers in 1957, with dairying and pears in third and fourth place, according to Robert J. Steward, state director of agriculture.

This information is contained in the first USDA report giving a detailed breakdown of Oregon's farm gate receipt last year. The new figures give a revised look at the total 1957 farm income, now placed at \$397,372,000. This is lower than the preliminary figures released earlier this year.

Farmers' cash receipts on the four top commodities in 1957 were cattle and calves, \$63.4 million; wheat, \$49.6 million; dairying, 47 million; and pears, \$20.7 million.

Steward points out these are gross income figures, not net income. He also says the same report shows Oregon gross income per farm gained \$98 in 1957—from \$8157 to \$8255. But net income declined \$173—from \$2830 in 1956 to \$2657 in 1957.

Farm Wages Higher In Oregon Now

Oregon farm workers receive the second highest farm wage rates in the U. S. topped only by Washington, according to an Oregon State college extension economist.

Average hourly wage rate paid farm laborers recently in Oregon was \$1.12 an hour compared with \$1.20 in Washington and \$1.06 in California. Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts followed the three highest Pacific Coast states.

These average wage rate figures compiled by the U. S. department of agriculture include all types of wages whether paid on a monthly, weekly, hourly or daily basis. If a house, garden produce, or board and room are included in the farm wage, it is also totaled in the over-all or composite rate.

Oregon kept pace with the average 1 1/2 percent net increase in wage rates reported during the past year for the entire country and also approached Washington's wage level. While Washington rates remained almost the same, Oregon's increased almost 2 cents an hour. California wage rates went up about 1 1/4 percent while the entire Pacific Coast region increased less than 1 percent.

While farm wage rates increased for most of the country, they decreased in the midwest and the southern section—Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee—reports reveal.

Little work is being done for reports for a few days: World Series.

Youth Leaders Get Praise and Pins at Dinnes

The party in honor of 4-H club leaders was held at the Sherman high school last Thursday night with the Pacific Power & Light company as host and sponsor. Cecil Root of the company staff at Albany came to give one of his friendly talks about youth work. Elmer Lierman of the U. S. National bank presented awards to leaders present.

Paulen Kaseberg, as president of the 4-H leaders association presided and kept the program moving along. Ray Kelso, local agent, welcomed the guests and Gwen Ross responded for the leaders. County extension leaders, Tommy Thompson and Carol Armstrong made awards to young leaders.

There was a large group of first year leaders showing increasing interest. They were Mesdames J. E. Alley, Chester Coats, Harold Engberg, Robert Ferrell, Joe Hammond, Will Huck, Grover Long, L. G. Pearson, Ronald Powell, Clarence Spencer, Harry Stark B. E. Todd, I. Tsubota, Lloyd Henrichs, Jim McDonald and Arlen Peters.

Second year leaders were Mrs. Morris Burnett, Bob Martin and Mrs. Philip O'Meara.

Third year leaders were Doug Alley, Leroy Belshe, Mrs. Max Brown, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, Mrs. Harley McKay, Orville Ruggles, Steve Stivers, Marvin Thomas, F. L. Watkins and Mrs. Watkins.

Fourth year: Mrs. Don Macnab and Mrs. M. E. Miller.

Fifth year: Mrs. Earl Gentry, Paulen Kaseberg and Mrs. Blaine Miller.

Sixth year: Howard Ross. Eighth year: Leonard Fields, Mrs. Paul Fraser and Mrs. Howard Ross.

Ninth year: Mrs. Orlow Martin. Eleventh year: Mrs. Estel Hartley.

Junior leaders recognized were Florene Crews, Don Decker, Diana Henrichs, Terry Kaseberg, Ronnie Mobley and Shirley Watkins, for first year; Ronda Fraser and Nancy Wilson for second year; Sherrille Fraser and Wilma Gentry for third year and Mavis Miller and Joan Ross for fourth year.

Coyotes Worst of Animal Predators

Coyotes, accounted for 60 percent of all the predatory animals taken in Oregon during the last fiscal year, M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the state department of agriculture's division of animal industry, and Melvin E. Smith, district U. S. Fish and Wildlife agent, report.

They point out that the fiscal year report of the Fish and Wildlife service and cooperating state agencies shows 7951 predators were killed including 4838 coyotes, 2830 bobcats, 281 bears and two mountain lions.

In addition to these predators a secondary group of wild animals totaling 5598 were taken by cooperative hunters working in 35 counties. This group included 627 foxes, 1329 badgers, 547 skunks, 1225 raccoons and 1870 porcupines.

About 12 percent of the total predators were taken in Malheur county. At the other end of the scale only two animals—both bears—were killed in Polk county.

Smith's animal summary points out that the coyote continues to be the most troublesome predator in the state and ranges from the Pacific coast through the Cascades to the Wallowa and Blue mountains.

He adds that increasing human population and the coyote's ability to adapt to man's way of life makes control increasingly difficult.

Like the coyote, the bobcat ranges throughout the state. This animal was responsible for the loss of a considerable number of lambs in both eastern and western Oregon last year. Hunters trapped 500 more bobcats than the year earlier.

The poultry population in the Willamette valley is the greatest prey of the introduced red fox. The 627 foxes taken compares with 492 the previous year.

Judge E. H. Howell was here Wednesday to hold a hearing in the case of a hospital against H. O. Dugger who had a leg injured while there.