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These Things We Note

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We wonder how a weather forecaster knows when to prophesy "Partly Cloudy" or Partly Sunny."

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Question for every voter is whether he wants more government or less. If he wants more and is willing to pay for it he should vote for the big government candidates; if he wants less vote that way.

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We read that political candidates in the mid-west are watching the hog price to determine trends. Wouldn't the founders of this country be surprised to learn that the price of pork determined national policy?

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It would be wonderful if Oregon had the two best football teams in American colleges, but we don't know why?

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When citizens were not concerned about inflation we had a good shot of it; when they became worried it stopped; now that they have accepted it it may never come again.

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The way to live a long time is to live.

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So far the deer season kills more deer than hunters but some years it seems that the percentage isn't large.

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If buyers followed the old admonition to buy what they need, not what they want, we suspect retail trade would suffer badly.

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"Well," said the optimistic Democrat, "this looks like a safe year to vote Republican."

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Those who expect to be looked after will vote for big government; those who expect to look out for themselves will vote against it.

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In psychiatry flight from reality is considered a bit abnormal and an evidence of unbalance; in politics, it is normal.

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There's going to be lots of peanuts to eat this winter and enough for plenty in the next baseball season.

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Whether because of fear of inflation or something else, the value of farm land continues to go up.

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Whenever you are worried about whether or not looks count, consider parsley which has stayed on the plate for years with nothing but looks.

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Some day there will be a lot of laughs about our present union activity that prevents a carpenter from touching a brick or an electrician from touching a piece of pipe. It will sound as silly as it is.

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From the list of candidates recommended by labor we judge that servility is a prime requisite.

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Saturday's football scores cause us to note that a good defense is a fine thing to have but it takes an offense to win games.

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The defense department says it will send a man into space within three years. What sort of a defense job is that?

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It seems to take the Yanks a couple of ball games before they warm up.

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Wednesday must have been initiation day at the high school, but some of the outfits didn't seem much more incongruous than usual.

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After all the talk about the new car models we find that we recognize an automobile as an automobile so we're either smarter than we thought or the changes are less momentous.

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We have permitted labor unions to operate without any legal restrictions to amount to much for so long it is no wonder the racketeers have moved in.

Sherman Bests Condon 14-0 For Second Victory

Sherman won its second game of the season by taking Condon 14 to 0 Friday afternoon on the new high school field. It was the first regular game to be played there, other games having been on the turf in Moro.

Scoring for Sherman was Kaseberg who broke away for a 35 yard gain and made his own point and Hockman who got away from the visitor's ends and went 20 yards. There was no scoring in the first half of the game although Sherman was superior in ground gaining.

Yards gained was 316 for Sherman and 105 for Condon but Condon's defense was good enough to keep Sherman away from their goal line except for the two touchdown scoring runs by Sherman backs.

Monday the Sherman reserves went to The Dalles to play the freshman from The Dalles high school and came home victorious by scoring one TD while holding the youngster outside their goal line.

Oregon Farm Income Down, National Up

Oregon's farm income dropped last year, ending up 3% below that of 1956, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSC.

Reports from the U. S. department of agriculture show that Oregon farmers received an estimated \$397 million from the sale of their products last year, Mrs. Horrell said. And while government payments, value of products used on the farm, and other "non-money" income boosted this total to \$454 million, farm income still fell short of that received by farmers in 1956.

Cost of Farming Goes Higher

At the same time, farm production expenses in the state climbed nearly \$8 million over the previous year to an estimated \$308 million in 1957.

Taking these production expenses out of the gross farm income in the state, and allowing for increased inventories on farms totaling \$1.5 million, left Oregon farmers with a net income last year of approximately \$147.5 million—down 11% from 1956. This was the lowest total net farm income in the state since 1954, Mrs. Horrell reported.

On a per-farm basis, this left each farm operator in Oregon an average net farm income of \$2684 last year, compared to \$2946 in 1956.

Current estimates of farm income in the state indicate an upturn this year, however, Mrs. Horrell said. The first seven months of this year show an increase in receipts from sales of farm products of nearly 9% over the same months in 1957. Both crop and livestock receipts are showing gains.

There's no indication yet of the direction farm production expenses are moving in the state, but based on national price tags on things used in farm operation, production costs would be up only about 3 percent.

Mid-September estimates show prices on things farmers sell advancing faster than on things they buy—resulting in an improved price-cost relationship for farm products, Mrs. Horrell pointed out.

Trapper Catches Many Predators

Joseph P. Hammond, federal-state hunter in Sherman county, killed 23 predatory animals here during a twelve-week period, June 1 to August 23.

This figure includes five bobcats, seven badgers and 11 porcupines.

Hammond also reported two sheep killed by bobcats during April, May and June. These livestock losses are only those discovered by Hammond in his routine operations; they do not fully picture total losses suffered by stockmen through predators in Sherman county.

These figures come from a joint report issued by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Department of Agriculture.

Registration Drops Here For November Election; No Interest

Registration for the November election is lower than it was in 1956 when there were several campaigns that interested voters more than does this lackadaisical one.

At the close of registration there were 653 Republicans and 584 Democrats which is a loss of 54 by the Republicans and 69 for the Democrats since 1956, a trend that is expected to show all over the state.

City Streets and Alley Improved

Work on the city streets has gone apace this week with trucks hauling big base rock on to the streets to be improved. Finer rock and an oil coat will top off the job probably next week.

The city has already done away with the need for culverts by cutting the pavement on streets running with the hill to permit run-off water to go over the paving instead of trying to make it go through a culvert. This has caused much comment and quite a few bumps. When the job is finished, the city officials promise that the bumps will be milder.

In addition to streets the alleys in Blocks 1 and 2 have been graded and rocked so they will not retain water to make mud holes. It is the hope of the council that delivery trucks will use the alleys instead of parking on the streets.

Helser is doing the work and the state has furnished the money.

Wasco Auxiliary Starts Meetings

The American Legion Auxiliary was called to order Monday afternoon by President Mildred McDonald and the flag salute and preamble were given. Chaplain, pro-tem, Catherine Thomas gave the prayer. Phyllis McClary, district 5 president, was present and gave a talk. Mrs. McDonald asked for suggestions to create interest, attendance, and enthusiasm and this was followed by a discussion terminating in a credit system to be set up for attendance, which will be explained in the Auxiliary newspaper which is printed for this unit.

Golden Wedding For A. S. Johnsons Coming

A golden wedding reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Johnson will be held at the Moro Community Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon, October 18, between the hours of two and five with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lamer Sayrs and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hailey as hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in the old Barnum house in Moro, October 18, 1908, it then being the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson, an uncle of the bride and father of Curt Johnson. He was running a warehouse for W.W.M. Co., in Kent at the time.

Friends of the couple through their fifty years residence in Sherman county are invited to come and greet them at this fiftieth wedding anniversary.

First National Puts Out Statement

Total deposits of \$800,948,941 and loans amounting to \$405,219,945 were recorded September 24 at the 78 offices of First National bank of Oregon, it was revealed by C. B. Stephenson, bank president, following a call for statements of condition by the controller of the currency.

They represent an increase of \$10,588,194 in deposits and a decrease of \$5,361,377 in loans since the October 11, 1957 bank call, Stephenson said.

Figures released by the Sherman county branch of First National show that on September 24, 1958, deposits at the branch were \$2,648,528 and loans were \$499,291, according to R. E. Ferrell, manager.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for a year ago. On that date, deposits were \$2,521,817 and loans totaled \$431,945.

Tree Planting Urged For Soil Bank Patrons

Oregon farmers planning to put land into the Soil Bank's 1959 conservation reserve are advised to consider tree plantings for profitable, long-range conservation.

Douglas fir, pine or other commercial trees planted on marginal cropland can increase land value rapidly and provide an excellent investment in the nation's future timber needs, says Charles Ross, OSC farm forestry specialist.

Current estimates point to a 25 to 40 percent increase in timber demands by 1975. Trees planted now under the Soil Bank program can be harvested when they reach small sawlog size and return a per-acre income comparable to that from much of Oregon's cropland, Ross explains.

The conservation reserve program pays up to 70 percent of the cost of getting tree seedlings planted on cropland, according to Arnold Bodtker, administrative officer of the agricultural stabilization and conservation state committee.

In addition, farmers receive yearly rental payments averaging \$16 an acre in Oregon but varying according to value of the land. The contracts run for 10 years.

Ross says Oregon forest nurseries have a good supply of seedlings to meet expected demands for Soil Bank plantings this year in contrast to a year ago when the demand ran ahead of supplies.

Advice on farm forest improvement projects and state and federal programs that offer aid to tree planters can be obtained from local county extension agents, says the specialist.

Technical advice on planting methods, species of trees to plant, and forest management is available from forester and soil conservation service technicians.

Dugger Wins Case In Circuit Court

Judge E. H. Howell made his decision in the case of B. L. Daly (an assignee) vs. H. O. Dugger in favor of the defendant, Mr. Dugger and empowered him to collect his costs in the case. It started when Mr. Dugger was a patient in the Mid-Columbia hospital with a broken leg. In removing the cast his leg was injured and the case grew out of payment for additional hospitalization, which he will now not have to pay for.

County Agent Thompson Has Advice and Admonition

Hormone Inplants On Cattle

Wyoming University researchers work on hormones on cattle substantiates research work done in Oregon. Both have shown hormones are one key to better beef gains, both on the range and in the feedlot.

From the time steers went on grass through fattening in the feedlot, current research work shows that: (1) Steers implanted with hormones only once—while on grass—gained more weight than steers never given hormones. (2) Steers implanted twice—on grass and in the feedlot—gained more weight during the entire period than steers implanted only once—on grass. (4) Use of hormones caused no undesirable changes in body conformation or other adverse side effects.

Spayed and Open Heifers

To spay heifers or not is a question that sometimes generates lively discussion when two or more cattlemen get together. In favor of spaying some point to the slight premium that spayed heifers command over open heifers on some markets; under certain range conditions, only spaying can guarantee open heifers.

Against spaying is the cost of the operation and complaints by packers and chain stores of injured loins in spayed heifers. Such injuries, they claim cause difficulty in aging carcasses uniformly.

Animal scientists have found little difference between open and spayed heifers in ability to gain in the feedlot. Spayed heifers gained 1.79 pounds a day during a 199-day trial; open heifers gained 1.96 pounds.

They found only small differences between open and spayed heifers in dressing percentage, carcass measurements and muscle and fat. They found no loin damage from spaying.

Soil & Water Research Hearings

4-H Clubs Growing In Number and Scope Of Activity All Over Oregon

Membership in Oregon 4-H clubs went over the 30,000 mark last year pushing enrollments to the highest in club history. A total of 31,026 youngsters, including 1,413 new members were enrolled, according to the state 4-H office at OSC.

Washington, Lane, Malheur, Linn and Marion counties showed greatest gains in membership. More than 500 club members were added to the Marion county program as a result of merger with the former City of Salem club program.

Girls continue to outnumber boys 2 to 1 in Oregon clubs. A total of 20,267 girls and 10,759 boys enrolled in 44,589 projects in agriculture, home economics, creative arts, and related fields.

Clothing, foods and food preservation were most popular projects among girls with 10,078 in clothing projects and 8,000 in food and foods preservation. Projects popular with both boys and girls are livestock, health, crafts and horticulture. Projects that increased most in popularity were child care with a 47 percent enrollment increase, and knitting, marketing, and photography.

Legion Conference Due Sunday On TD

District five conference of The American Legion and Legoin Auxiliary will be held in The Dalles Sunday, Oct. 12. Dinner at 6:00 p. m. at the Legion club. Meeting at 2:00 p. m. at the PP&L Co. building directly across from the Legion club. Department officers of both groups will be present, in addition to district and post commanders and adjutants, finance and service officers.

George E. Johnson, area five chairman, will preside at the opening session. Robert W. Veatch, commanders of The Dalles post, will have charge of details.

Brief talks by department commander George O. Nelson, adjutant Joe McDonald and department president, Gertrude Dickie will be followed by seminars arranged by district commander, Jack Lipson, post officers and service officers.

All members of the Legion and auxiliary are invited to attend and hear the proposed plans for the year covering membership, child welfare, rehabilitation, community service and other projects.

New project materials and added interest from urban and suburban youngsters in 4-H clubs have made these projects more popular.

Oregon follows the rest of the country on interest and enrollment in clothing, cookery, livestock and health, but leads in horticulture.

To service 4-H clubs, 5,061 adults volunteered to be club leaders. In addition, 1,200 older club members enrolled in the junior leader project to help beginning club members.

Camp, fairs, 4-H summer school and preparation of exhibits for public events were among main statewide 4-H activities during the year. A total of 1627 4-Hers attended summer camps, 1,947 were at the OSC 4-H summer school and more than 1,600 took part in state fair contests. Many more participated in county-wide activities such as tours, county fairs, and special programs.

Offering help and training in subject matter, organization and youth development to 4-H club leaders is a major objective of the state 4-H program for 1958-59, says Burton Hutton, state 4-H extension leader.

Only about half of all leaders re-enlist their services after their first year and about 40 percent of all leaders are beginners. Development of projects and programs to attract older club members will also be emphasized, Hutton says. Nearly 80 percent of all club members complete a year's work, but dropouts increase as youngsters reach junior high age. Average age of members is 12 years, although they may join clubs when they are 9.

Junior Ladies Start Fall Work

The Junior Ladies club met for its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. William Hall with 17 ladies in attendance. President Mrs. Vernon Melzer presided over the meeting which opened with devotions by Mrs. Keith Thompson.

The program for the evening was a talk illustrated with slides given by Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger on her recent trip to Purdue University to the International Quadrennial meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Organization.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostesses Mrs. Mac Hall and Mrs. Virgil Archer.

Deer Hunters Lucky; Lockers Full of Game

Deer hunters have had better luck this year than usual to judge from the carcasses that have been brought into cooling plants within the county.

Stories also are to the effect that nearly everyone, native and visitor, have had good success at hunting this year.

It is a distinct contrast to a few years ago when the sight of a deer in Sherman county was good for a story in the newspaper and children grew to adulthood without ever seeing one unless on a trip. There was opposition to opening the deer season in Sherman county because it was felt that there were few deer here and their preservation would add something to the county.

Reports from the game commission are often surprising in their census figures for now the county has thousands of deer and nearly everyone with a good gun and steady nerve succeeds in bagging one early in the hunting season.

Farmers are aware of the danger to stock and many places are closed to hunters unless known to the land owner. This, however, does not always deter hunters. So far there have been no reports of stock killed but there will be some before the season closes unless something unusual happens.

Missionaries Meet And Hear Report

The Moro Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Gene Amidon Wednesday afternoon with 26 women present. Mrs. Ted Thompson and Mrs. Vernon Melzer served dessert luncheon at 1:30 p. m. Eight ladies from Gateway Presbyterian church in The Dalles attended as visitors.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Earl Gentry. Routine business was conducted by the president, Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger. It was voted to increase gifts to missions by ten percent, making the budget for 1959 \$260.00 besides the gifts to mission sewing and the clothing drive to Church World Service.

The program was ably presented by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton who gave a report on the mission study of the year "The Middle East." She dealt with "The Political Situation" and the "Position of Women." This study will be continued in our November meeting.

Legislative Candidate Visits In County

Orville Cutsforth of Lexington, Republican candidate for the legislature from the 22nd district, spent last Thursday in Sherman county telling listeners what he would like to do if elected. These include a larger share of the state road money for this district, a problem that has been a district concern for years; a broader tax base for schools, a balanced state budget, a matter that would appeal to a wheat and cattle grower who made his business a success years ago.

U. S. National Bank Makes Steady Gain

Figures just released by the U. S. National bank of Portland show a deposit total of \$782,155,706 as of September 24. This is an increase of 38 million dollars over the October 11, 1957, report. The Dalles branch reported deposits of \$16,998,731.82, according to James L. Johnson, manager of The Dalles branch, and Gerhard Hertel, manager of the Dufur branch, reported \$2,147,134.76.

Loans and discounts for the home-owned statewide banking system increased more than 14 million dollars in the same period. U. S. National now shows a loans and discounts total of \$352,457,659.

Total loans and discounts for The Dalles branch stood at \$5,514,521.67, and for Dufur branch \$227,581.39, as of September 24, according to the statement of the managers.

Reflecting the growth of the state it serves, U. S. National also showed an increase in total resources as compared with the comparable call a year ago. Total resources for the 66 banking offices are now \$863,892,991—an increase of better than 41 million dollars.