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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

"Some men die by shrapnel, and some come down in flames, But most men perish inch by inch, in play at little games."

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"All day across the sagebrush flat Beneath the sun of June, My sheep they loaf and feed and blat

Their never changin' tune. And then at night time when they lay

As quiet as a stone I hear the gray wolf far away: Alo-one!" he says, Alo-one!"

TTWN

(Try reading that aloud.) If a new year really brought new problems we would be in a terrible tizzy.

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Old friends may not be the best but they are the most comfortable, like old shoes.

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The end of the football season makes it appropriate to remark that winners are those who get tougher when opposed and losers get softer.

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Democrats—and we presume this means all spenders—do not favor inflation, only the things that cause it.

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Whenever we hear the argument that we must pay more to obtain better goods, better men or better services we remember the story told of a shoe dealer in Moro during World War I. A waitress in the Rutledge hostelry wanted a pair of shoes and went to the village store where she found a pair that suited her pretty well except for the price. They seemed too cheap for the quality she desired. The storekeeper, wise in the ways of women as representatives of the human race, assured her that within a week or so he would have some more goods in that would include some shoes of higher price. When she returned he sold the identical pair of shoes dutifully marked up to meet her demand. And both were very happy.

TTWN

We are very happy that there will not be Sundays in mid week for awhile. A Sunday belongs right after Saturday, not Wednesday.

TTWN

A sentence in an Oregon Journal editorial says that Churchill and FDR saved the free world. What rot. The free world was saved—if it is—by innumerable Yanks, Tommies, Poles who gave their lives and their blood to save it after Churchill and FDR failed in statesmanship because of their intolerable arrogance.

TTWN

Already there are signs that the human plant is awakening for the spring to come. It could be the warm weather but we think the faster step means more activity pretty soon.

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Stories about the ten, the seven or the four biggest news stories of the year seem to hold our attention for a very brief time. We would read one about the biggest stories of the coming year. But we wouldn't believe it.

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If you try to do too much you may fail at some of it; if you try to do too little you've already failed.

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The other day in a store in The Dalles a small Indian boy was handling some merchandise while a tall, stern woman eyed him disapproval. The boy was plainly aware but he went on with his fingering until with a brief scuffle that sounded like an owl's descent on a field mouse the youngster was marching up the aisle straight and narrow and remorseful. Indians are good disciplinarians even if they don't scream about it and that may be a reason why Indians are seldom in trouble with the law unless filled with the white man's firewater.

TTWN

Spending money is like drinking whisky; habit forming and leads to worse things.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Federal Loan Agencies Join In Annual Meeting

More than 250 farmers and their wives from Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties in Oregon and Klickitat and part of Skamania counties in Washington are expected to attend the joint annual meeting of The Dalles National Farm Loan Association and the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association at the Junior High gymnasium in The Dalles, Saturday, January 10, Thomas F. Whiteman, secretary-treasurer of the Production Credit Association said this week.

Following the retirement of Mr. Whiteman on December 31 the two associations will be operated by a joint office staff and in as much as many farmers are members of both associations the directors decided that a joint meeting would be more convenient.

Fred Knutsen, president of the Federal Land Bank and General Agent of the Twelfth Farm Credit District at Spokane will be the featured speaker at the business meeting following a dinner at noon. The Dalles National Farm Loan Association members will elect two directors to succeed W. D. Ketchum and Gordon Harper and the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association will elect one director to succeed W. R. Bailey all of whose terms expire at the time of the meeting. Nominations will be presented by a NFLA committee, consisting of Carroll Sayrs, Moro, Oregon, A. A. Underhill, The Dalles, Oregon and Delaney Schanno of The Dalles, Oregon and by a PCA committee consisting of R. W. Arens, Hood River, Oregon, Tom Haasing, Condon, Oregon, Willard Barnett, Grass Valley, Oregon, Elden Waggonblast, The Dalles, Oregon, Joe Hector, Goldendale, Washington and Gus Becks, Goodnoe Hills, Washington. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Mobergs Write Annual Letter About Selves

The annual mimeographed yearly history of the Moberg family has arrived to tell that John, now Mrs. Bill Muluris, lives at Orange, California; Susan, now Mrs. Larry Mahoney, lives and teaches at Salem; Jim is working for his Master's degree in English literature and teaching in Columbia college at Pasco, Washington; Georgia was married to Jack Marinovich, a Columbia river fisherman and lives at Clifton; Kathryn is at Fort Lawton, Okla., where her husband, Jim Christianson is in the army; Bill is home from the service and working for a music degree; Audrey is working and staying at home. Mr. Moberg is librarian at Knappa High school and Mrs. Moberg is busy keeping house. Does anyone remember "The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew?"

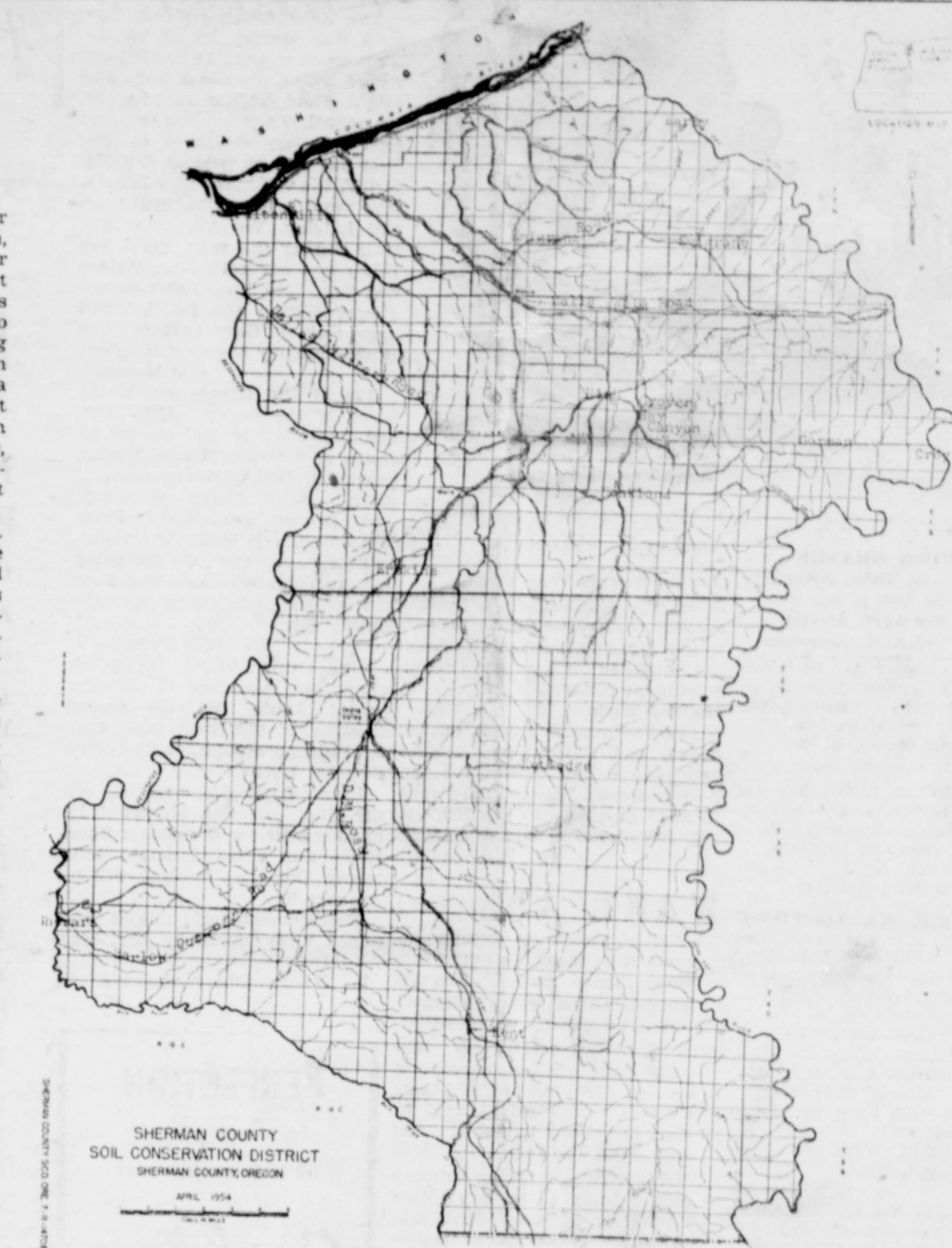
Marketing Study Shows Processes

How do farm foods move to family tables? This is one of the questions answered in a new bulletin published by the Oregon State College extension service. Titled, "What is Marketing?" the new publication points out that marketing does two things. First, it moves a product from the person who produces it to the person who uses it. And, second, it returns money through marketing channels to the producer.

This makes it possible for farmers and other producers to exchange the products they raise or manufacture for items such as clothing, furniture, or machinery produced by others. Without marketing, it would be difficult for anyone to get the items used in everyday living, it is explained.

"A glance at the people over the earth shows that producers who have good markets for exchanging their products have the high levels of living, while people who do not have markets live the subsistence type of life," the bulletin states.

What marketing is, and how it is done, is clearly explained through illustrations. Each of the nine marketing functions—selling, transportation, standards and grading, financing, market information, storage, risk-taking, processing and packaging, and buying—are described in simple language.



It seems proper to start the new year off with orientation and what beats a map for that purpose.

Rich Family Has Holiday Reunion

A family reunion was held Sunday, Dec. 28 at Covington House, Vancouver, Wn., sponsored by three sisters, Mrs. Opal (Rich) Smith, Mrs. Zetta (Rich) Carter, and Mrs. Ruby (Rich) Agee. The social room at the Covington House as well as the linen covered tables were beautifully decorated with silver holly, red candles and poinsettia, the dinner was the traditional holiday feast of turkey and ham with the trimmings, also English plum pudding with hot lemon sauce.

Those of the family able to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanGilder and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Rich and children, Mrs. Emma Shearer, and Earl Fields, all of Wasco; Walter Barnes, Renton, Wn., Mrs. T. L. Fields, Rufus, Mrs. Sadie Rich, Hubbard, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Goldendale, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rich and children of Pilot Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCoy and children of Petaluma, California, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Fields and children of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fields and seven children, Mrs. Ruby Agee, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Agee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Agee, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains, Mrs. Frank Kelly, Mrs. Jessie Tobias, all of Portland; Mrs. Zetta Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Orum, Vancouver, Washington.

New Man Hired By Wheat League

The appointment of Andrew J. Ward Jr., Dufur, as assistant secretary of the Oregon Wheat Growers League was announced today by President Frank Tuggs, Adams rancher. Ward, who has been doing graduate work in agriculture at Oregon State college, will assume his post with the league offices in Pendleton January 2.

Ward fills the vacancy created this fall when Jim Hutchinson became Far East marketing director for the league in Japan.

The new assistant secretary was born and reared in Wasco county near Dufur, where his parents now reside. He attended Dufur schools and was active in 4-H club work. He received his degree in agriculture from Oregon State college in 1957, after which he pursued graduate study at Iowa State college for a year before returning this fall to OSC.

County Agent Reports On Farms

County and community ASC farmer committee members and representatives of the Soil Conservation District developed the 1959 ACP program last week. Weed control was unanimously included in next years program. Federal cost sharing for use of trashy fallow or stubble mulch farming was discussed, but was not included. Practices other than weed control are centered around dams, sod waterways, rangeland seedings and brush control.

Last week a notice of the allocation available in the county for the ACP program was received. Of the \$2,100,000 distributed in the state Sherman county's share is \$32,015. The Soil Conservation Service again, as for the past few years, will take a portion of this for the assistance they provide for engineering service. The county ASC committee again is expected to sign over 5% or \$1,600 to the SCS in this county from funds allocated for farmer payment.

Fair Time

Sherman County Fair dates of August 27-30 announced last week are more than satisfactory with plans for 4-H and school activities. Fair dates prior to the first of September allow selection of winners in all divisions prior to the Oregon State Fair. For the past four years a pre-fair judging program has been conducted for certain 4-H activities so they could compete at State Fair. Dates planned for next year will cut down on exhibiting and get the job done in one operation.

School officials are more than pleased with these dates. Lynn Hampton, county school superintendent, indicates it certainly will be more convenient in that schools will not have to start and then stop for fair. Scheduling of football has been a problem as to conflict with 4-H activities and now FFA at the Fair. The earlier date will miss this problem. Football practice may conflict, but we hope the local coach will assist in reducing this conflict to a minimum.

Livestock Feeding News

Hay and grain wafers, unheard of a few years back, are now making feed industry news at Hermiston. Here the Pendleton Grain Growers Controlled, Federated Livestock Corp., has obtained consistently good results in feeding this space age feed to three

lots of yearling beef cattle. The three lots, which posted gains ranging from 2.84 to 3.10 pounds a day, were fed according to the following schedule: For 12 days they were self-fed wafers consisting of 75 per cent alfalfa hay and 25 per cent grain-concentrate mixture. Wafers of one-half hay and one-half mix were fed another 12 days while 25 per cent hay and 75 per cent mix wafers were fed the remainder of the period. The good gain figures mean a great more when it is pointed out that the alfalfa hay used in all three tests was of poor quality analyzing only 9 per cent protein. All feed consumed by the cattle on trial was weighed and no additional roughage was fed. Wafers were available to the cattle at all times. Ben Kilgore, Federated Livestock manager, and Don Leeper, cattle herdsman, point out the use of complete ration wafers for finishing cattle has great promise as a means of increasing rate of gain and decreasing necessary labor and equipment. R. M. Kenyon, Pendleton Grain Growers feed and seed division manager, says his company considers wafer feeding trial results "very encouraging" but that the three lots finished are not sufficient to provide conclusive data or to permit extravagant claims of reducing feeding costs.

Demand For Livestock Products

"The future will see a 'huge' demand for livestock products in the three Pacific Coast States." This was the prediction made by U. S. under-secretary of agriculture, True D. Morse, in an address at the stockmen's short course at Washington State college the 2nd week of December. Paul Fraser, Moro and your Sherman county agent attended this course along with about 300 others interested in livestock production.

True Morse former chairman of Coarse Agriculture Service, spoke on "Animal Agriculture is Vital to a Stronger America." His predictions along with others about the demand for livestock products should reflect materially in the production, finishing of all types of livestock in the PNW.

An additional increase of 40 per cent in population by 1975 for the three coast states is predicted. Presently the Pacific Northwest ships in 75 per cent of pork required and great percentages of

1958 Had News, Mostly About Rain--Very Good

Jan. 3.—Wheat league president, Jack Smith, praises action of railroads for reducing rate on grain in Northwest. George Wilcox' celebrate 40 married years. Mrs. M. B. Taylor dies in Portland.

Jan. 10.—David Richelderfer heads ASC committee for county. Court names annual appointees.

Jan. 17.—Superintendent Lynn Hampton explains the new school law, now in effect. Leona Sather buried.

Jan. 24.—Bill Todd named JC farmer of the year. FFA speaking contest announced.

Jan. 31.—Marion Weatherford announces for congress. Grass Valley canyon bridge built on concrete in mid-winter, weather mild. Health association buys pneumonia.

Feb. 7.—District FFA contests held at Sherman High for first time. Rufus school robbed.

Feb. 14.—Soil Conservation district arranges annual meeting. Rains fall to soak ground. Orville Hockman dies in hospital.

Feb. 21.—Fair board gives annual dinner for helpers. Planning conference billed at SHS.

Feb. 28.—Cattlemen arrange speaking list for convention. Harold Eakin and Earl Gentry buy prize winning bull.

March 7.—Fishermen planning years pleasure. Hans Bardenhagen elected head of cattlemen.

March 14.—Planning board suggests a court, to handle problems. Day dam, Grass Valley, on fellows.

March 21.—ASC has some money for conservation work on farms. FFA boys attend convention at Bend. Art Bucholtz buried.

April 4.—Ken Fridley named to State Highway commission. Freight rate cut goes into effect. Rain halts farm work.

April 11.—Election called to pass on county budget. Mrs. Lida Ragsdale buried in Moro cemetery.

April 18.—Ken Fridley named conservation man of the year. Missionary society sends Mrs.

Goodenberger as delegate to assembly of Presbyterian women.

April 25.—Wheat growers holding spring meeting in Wasco. John Gilman killed in auto wreck. Art Bibby dies from heart attack.

May 2.—Kay Kirkelle named valedictorian. Sherrie Fraser stays on top of honor roll with perfect score. Wheat league committees report.

May 9.—Election coming but no one excited. Voters approve school budgets. More rain, still coming.

May 16.—Sherman places third in district track meet. Equalization board hears complaints, finds everything fine.

May 23.—DeMoss park work done by volunteer committees. County budget beaten. Election follows trend.

May 30.—Budget committee reduces budget to conform with voter wishes. Mrs. Lila Bull dies at home. SCS tour arranged.

June 6.—Historical society picnic ready for show. John Foss buried here. Horsemen to show at fair grounds.

June 13.—Sig Unander speaker at historical society. Barge men protest first plan for Biggs Rapids bridge. Jean Ross wins sheep honors at wheat league show.

June 20.—Farmers asked to vote on wheat quotas. First barley in elevator to start early harvest. Marshall Jeffries dead from heart attack.

June 27.—Weather hot and wet, delaying harvest. Quotas again voted by farmers. Ernest Houston buried. Esta May Powell dies Sunday. Moro Grain Growers re-elect directors.

Cattlemen Mull Request For Aid

A request from Beef, Incorporated, for \$1,000 toward financing livestock exhibit booth at Oregon's 100th anniversary celebration was received. The executive committee decided to take the request under advisement. Donations from local producers for this program will be accepted through Leonard Fields or T. W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer. The finance committee for the state-wide program is J. H. Tippetts, Enterprise.

The livestock committee recommendations made during the Sherman County Planning conference the spring of 1958 were reviewed. Securing a portable scale for county use, availability of pelleted feeds through the Moro Grain Growers, initiation of grub trials were some of the points recommended that have been accomplished. The group recommended that a special planning and information meeting for farmers interested in swine production be planned by the county extension agent. The need for stressing the addition of protein to most of our local feeds was also pointed out as a project of importance.



The golden wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell was held in the basement room of the Congregational church in The Dalles where 250 friends and relatives of the couple visited during the afternoon of Sunday, December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Powell were married in Moro and lived most of their lives here until retiring to The Dalles after the war.

Daughters, Mrs. W. T. Balsiger (Norma), Mrs. C. O. Burnet (Althea), Mrs. John Reckmann (Jean) Mrs. Lyle Woods (Pat) and Mrs. Wayne Thompson (Betty) and son, Ronald were hosts and numerous friends and relatives cut the four tiered wedding cake and poured the coffee and punch. Mrs. J. K. McKean and Mrs. Ronald Powell sang several numbers accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. But most of the afternoon was spent visiting as old friends from far away met to enjoy a period of reminiscence about the events that occurred in the 50 years of marriage being celebrated.

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