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These Things We Note

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Good newspapers have neither friends or enemies; good editors have both.

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Republicans should be happy if the Holmes tax program is quickly passed. It isn't important and not even good.

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Politicians are usually given the privilege of saying where they think they fit in the political spectrum (radical to conservative). We think it would make as much sense to let each one say whether he is good looking or not.

TTWN

Oregon has become the state that pays the most for its education. Now what will they annoy the taxpayers about?

TTWN

The three major problems for Sherman county agriculture are: farm program, income taxes and land lords. And there isn't much anyone can do about any of them.

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To some it seems that schooling beyond the eighth grade is merely an excuse for the prolongation of adolescence or its more violent manifestations.

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If those 35,000 unemployed who were denied state checks for a day or two were really hungry we are sorry; if they merely had to postpone their rocking chair income: Ha-Ha.

TTWN

Senator Neuberger defends the practice of using federal power dam receipts to build irrigation dams that are uneconomic. It takes a lot more argument than the senator can possibly find to justify it. There is no reason why power users should pay for the dams and no reason why irrigation projects that won't pay out should be built. Not in the face of farm surpluses.

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Before long and we mean before very long it will be seen that the Dulles policy of steadily opposing Russia was the only one possible unless we desire to compromise and eventually lose.

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The REA units are lucky organizations because they borrow federal money at two per cent and the government has just issued some new bonds that will cost 4.07 per cent.

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We fail to see that Mikoyan made much of an impression in this country, although some would like to trade with Russia. Getting paid might be difficult.

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Elimination of quarterly payments of state income tax would bring in the money quicker, not make any more. Best way to make people pay in a lump sum would be to reduce the tax.

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Overheard: "You can tell by the shape of her she likes the grocer better than her dressmaker."

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Too bad that our competitive spirit gets so used up in youth that a job with security is the aim of the middle aged.

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The hassle over the appointment of the secretary of state now looks foolish to everyone, which it was, of course.

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Reactions to the action of the state superintendent in stopping payments to Crook county schools give a good indication of the political thinking of speakers. Those who think the state should force the district are welfare staters and those who think it high time some district told the state where to go are liberals.

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Bills are being introduced to do away with a number of state boards. This may be the year to do it.

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As soon as the people get used to a tax governments make it oppressive and we don't think there is an exception.

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Congress and legislatures are now meeting to decide how to spend a third of your income and mine.



MISS JULIE BOSS, State Teen Age Program (TAP) chairman, models the official "March of Dimes" dress, designed by Koret of California, for co-Chairman Gene Smith (left) and Gene Brendler Friday on Brendler's KPTV show, "HI TIME". The dress will be featured in teen fashion shows through Oregon during January—traditional March of Dimes month.

Missionary Society Announces Date and Plans For Annual World Day of Prayer

Last Wednesday afternoon the Moro Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Andrew Paulson. Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Maggie Barnum served dessert luncheon to 18 members and guests.

The business meeting was opened with prayer by the president. Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. Earl Gentry, led devotions and closed with prayer for the missionaries of the day from the Mission Year book of prayer.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. A. Douma volunteered to represent the society on the library board.

Announcements were made that this year's meeting for World Day of Prayer will be held in the Methodist church in Wasco, February 13. And that Bible Study will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p. m. except for this month, when it will be held Wednesday, January 28 at 1:30.

Mrs. Max Barzee made the report of the nominating committee. All officers were re-elected.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, as Missionary Education chairman, made a report and suggested library books which might be used to further missionary education.

The program in charge of the department of Social Education and Action, was presented by Mrs. Norman Gochnauer assisted by Mrs. Vernon Melzer and Mrs. A. Douma. The presentation "No Alternative to Peace" centered around the work of the United Nations. Several incidents were cited in which had we not had

the United Nations to intercede, we might have been at war. It is the duty of every church woman to become better informed of the work of United Nations and to assist in all possible ways to bring about a better understanding among the brotherhood of nations.

Changes Made In March of Dimes

Mrs. James Brown has found it necessary to make some changes in the chairmanships for the March of Dimes campaign in some of the communities of the county. At Wasco, Mrs. Ernest Shull will be chairman of the solicitors in that district and at Moro Mrs. Curley DeMoss will be chairman. It is expected that the collections will be made by the first of the month and the job completed.

Slick Highways Hamper Motorists

Highways in the northern part of the county were very slippery Thursday morning because of a skim of ice that froze about dawn. South of Moro there was very little ice and at Kent it was warm and balmy with no frost. Several near accidents were reported.

Generally the weather was good during the week with little cold weather although there was very little sunshine.

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Farmer's Slice of Bread Price

Every time the price of bread goes up—and that has happened at frequent intervals in recent years—a lot of people conclude that the wheat farmer must surely be getting rich at the expense of the consumer.

According to a study just released by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. department of agriculture, the price of bread has gone up from an average of 13.9 cents in 1948 to 18.8

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Handlers, Processors	1.2c	1.4c
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Sherman County Club Meeting Called For January 30

A meeting of the Sherman County Club will be held at the county court house at 8:00 p. m. January 30, a Friday.

Purpose of the meeting is to hold an election of officers and start the club toward a period of activity in contrast to recent lethargy.

Problems of the John Day dam, highway problems, centennial matters and other general civic affairs are the proper concern of the club and the citizens who are members.

Every Sherman countian is invited to attend.

Sherman Huskies Defeat Maupin

The Sherman Huskies subdued the Maupin Redskins by a score of 59-52, in a close, hard-fought basketball encounter January 16. The contest was played before a partisan throng of Sherman rooters on the Huskies' home floor.

Play on the part of both teams was spotty during the first half, but the second stanza developed into a well-played contest with the score knotted on several occasions. Terry Kaseberg slipped the ball through the hoop to the tune of 30 points, high for the game; this total represents a new high in Husky scoring. For the Redskins, Wendy McDaniel garnered 18 points, for a fine evening's work. McDaniel, on several occasions, broke up sloppy Sherman passes and converted them to scores. The Husky defense was not particularly effective, nor was their passing against the Maupin zone. However, they did manage to muster the more potent scoring attack and thereby wind up victorious in the first league game of the brand new casaba campaign. The two teams clash once again February 6 on the Redskins' home court, in what should be another hotly contested and interesting ball game.

Employment Record Must Be Delivered

Employers and employees in the Oregon district of the Internal Revenue Service were reminded today by Ralph C. Granquist, district director, of the importance of the W-2 withholding certificate in the proper filing of 1958 Federal income tax returns. Employers, he points out, are obligated by law to furnish copies of this form to their employees. In turn, must attach the copy of the W-2 to their Form 1040 or 1040-A when filing.

Mr. Granquist urged employees to prepare their returns as soon as they receive their withholding certificates and to file them as soon as possible thereafter.

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New Schedule of Mail Departure Started Monday

A new time for departure of mail started Monday. It will give an additional two hours to post-office patrons. The mail truck will leave Antelope about two hours later than has been the case.

Mail from Sherman county will leave The Dalles by truck for Portland at 7:00 p. m. where it will arrive in time for delivery the next morning in the city and also in 13 adjacent counties.

Departure time at Moro will be 4:30 p. m. instead of the 2:30 p. m. time that has been the rule in recent years. Saturday hour departure will be 12:00 noon.

Major change that has taken place is the movement of mail by truck instead of by train.

Wheat Agreement Conference Starting

Floyd Root, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers from Wasco, Oregon, left New York on Wednesday for Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the United States delegation that will negotiate for renewal of the fourth International Wheat Agreement.

The current agreement covers the three-year period from August 1, 1956, through July 31, 1959. The six major wheat exporting countries and forty-two importing countries are now parties to the treaty. By the time this agreement expires, the world's principal wheat importing and exporting countries will have rounded out ten years of experience in stabilizing the international wheat trade.

Representatives of fifty nations are expected to be present in Geneva when the conference is called to order on January 25. Marvin McLain, assistant secretary of agriculture, is heading the U. S. delegation which includes officials from several departments of the U. S. government and representatives from U. S. grain producers, exporters, and flour millers.

The purchase guarantees of the forty-two signers to the current agreement amount to 295 million bushels per crop year; thus, the importing countries together account for almost a third of the world trade which totals approximately a billion bushels.

Root plans to stop in Rotterdam, Holland, on January 23 to visit the office of the Great Plains Wheat Market Development Association. This organization is a regional corporation recently formed by the wheat commissions of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

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SCS Economists Studying Land Use And Crops Here

Carroll Dwyer and William Coffield are here from the Portland office of soil conservation to make an economic survey of costs of various crops grown under methods recommended by the soil conservation service. When costs and yields are known the farmer will be better able to determine what kind of soil conservation practices he can best use.

The two men are economists attached to the SCS and are working in Sherman county a part of the brief time allotted this district for this kind of work. They will remain until the end of the week.

Junior Ladies Hold Annual Election

New officers of the Junior Ladies club were installed Tuesday evening in an impressive candlelighting ceremony at the home of Mrs. Vernon Melzer. Mrs. Melzer, outgoing president, was installing officer and was assisted by Mrs. Ted Thompson. Officers installed were: Mrs. Glenn Virtue, president; Mrs. Robert Ferrell, vice-president; Mrs. Virgil Archer, secretary; Mrs. Bob Axtell, treasurer.

Following the installation, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Virtue. Mrs. Ted Thompson gave devotions. Many topics of interest to the club for the new year were discussed and acted upon. It was decided to have a silver tea on March 17. Again this year, as in the past, the proceeds will go toward purchasing something for the church.

Mrs. Virtue appointed Mrs. Andy Paulson as program chairman for the year. Mrs. Keith Thompson, devotions chairman and Mrs. Virgil Archer as news reporter again this year.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served by the hostesses to the 18 ladies present. The next meeting will be the annual Valentine party and will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Ferrell February 3.

Oregon Farm Prices Hold Steady

Oregon farm prices held steady during the month ending December 15 in contrast to national farm prices which dropped two percent during the same period, reports, Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Increases in prices paid the state's farmers for their cattle, calves, turkeys, feed grains, hay, and potatoes offset downturns in sheep, lambs, wool and wheat. Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U. S. department of agriculture. Prices of most major farm products in the state were generally unchanged. As a result, Oregon farm prices ended the year two percent above December 1957.

Across the nation, average farm prices sagged as lower price tags showed up on cotton, citrus fruits, tomatoes, hogs, eggs and milk. However, upturns in prices on corn and tobacco held the drop to only two percent for the month and national farm prices at the of 1958 closed one per cent above those of 1957, with both livestock and crop prices averaging higher.

Prices on the goods and services farmers buy held their record high levels during December, Mrs. Horrell said, averaging the same as the month before. Compared with a year earlier, however, increases showed up all along the line—in prices of living items, production items, interest, taxes, and wage rates. These increases left the parity index—the measure of prices of goods and services that farmers buy—a full three per cent above the close of 1957.

The recent lower farm prices over the nation, coupled with unchanged record-high costs, put the squeeze on the purchasing power of farm products. As a result, the parity ratio—the government yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—dropped to 80 in December, down one point from the month and one point below December 1957.

This was the lowest parity ratio since February, 1957, Mrs. Horrell added.

UP Farm Car Brings Program Of Soil Saving

"The land is the basis of all wealth" said E. R. Jackman to those who gathered to hear the soil conservation program and see the pictures shown at the Union Pacific educational car Tuesday afternoon.

"In the three Pacific coast states the division of population is exactly the same as the division of farm income. It is the same all over," continued Jackman who said that he annoyed city chambers of commerce by telling them that they produced nothing and only existed by handling the product of the farms.

The reason this nation is so wealthy is that ten percent of the people on the farms are so efficient that the 90 per cent can be fed by their endeavor. In poor nations where 90 per cent of the citizens are on farms there is no one to make the gadgetry of civilization, said Mr. Jackman. Congress has learned that all wealth comes from the soil and that is why it is willing to appropriate money to help preserve it. But it remains the problem of every land owner and every farmer and nothing will save the soil but the man who is on it.

John Dennison, although hampered with a sore throat, told of the loss of soil since settlement of the Columbia Basin back in 1870, pointing out that it is about half gone now. Thinner soil holds less water and is therefore less productive. Grasses are best soil holders, although legumes, strip cropping, stubble mulches are all helpful.

Henry Grabenhorst showed pictures of the annual conservation tour held at behest of the Wasco Woman's club. Pictures showed use of stubble mulch, strip cropping, stock ponds and wind breaks all of which are good conservation practices, he said.

Paulen Kaseberg told of the economics of his experiment with strip cropping on the Locust Grove place and said that he was going to expand it soon. He has grass and wheat in alternate strips that can be seen from the road.

Cal Crandall, UP agent, explained the reason for the car and Don Thompson told the recommendations of the planning conference relating to land use. John Shipkey, chairman, conducted the annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District at the close of the program.

Herman Oliver On First Bank Board

Herman Oliver, well known citizen and stockman of John Day, was added to the directorate of the First National Bank at the annual stockholders meeting held in Portland Tuesday. Tom Sandoz, Astoria fish packer, was also put on the board of the bank.

Dividends of \$3,520,000 were paid during the past year on the 1,600,000 shares of stock outstanding. C. B. Stephenson, president, said that 82 per cent of the 2780 stockholders were Oregonians.

Oliver is recognized as leader of the state's cattle industry, is president of the Grant County bank at John Day, served 23 years on the state board of higher education and three years on the highway commission.

Van Gogh Pictures At Portland Museum

One of the most valuable art collections ever assembled will arrive in Portland Wednesday, January 21, by plane from Los Angeles. The 155 paintings, drawings and watercolors by the famous Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh will be transported on two United Airlines and will be accompanied by H. J. Siliakus of the Stedelijk (Hayd-lik) Museum in Amsterdam.

At the airport to transfer the collection—valued at nine million dollars—to the Portland Art Museum will be Loomis armored trucks. The exhibition will be on view at the Museum from Jan. 28 through March 1. This large and comprehensive collection of works by van Gogh will be seen only on the West Coast. The paintings will be flown from Portland to Seattle where the showing will open March 7, and from there the paintings will be returned to Amsterdam.