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These Things We Note

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The writer drove to Baker Monday, primarily to talk on the lecturer's program at the state grange convention being held in that city this week. But secondarily it was the trip.

Busting off across country on modern roads does not give much opportunity for sight seeing at modern speeds but it does give time for impressions.

On the long straight stretches of eastern Oregon roads the truck drivers roll 'em up to 60 and 65 and there are lots of them roaring along. The ease of throwing materials on a truck destined for distant places must be partly responsible for our transportation.

Old cars travel as fast as new ones and sound as quiet. Except for the fresh paint there doesn't seem to be much difference in cars of recent vintage and maybe the people are right in their refusal to continue to trade in for a new model. Cars are probably more durable than their owner's satisfaction with them.

A man in a service station at Baker had a brilliant red beard, complete with well twirled moustache. We rather like this centennial beardedness; it gives us something with which to distinguish persons. Faces are much more alike when smooth shaven.

A highway sign: "You have a moral responsibility for safe driving." Well, so morals is with us again; have barely heard the word in recent times. Hope it has a nice revival. The idea of doing things that you ought to do as opposed to doing things you want to do entails morals. We could use some of that.

A highway was originally a road and a road was originally a pathway from one place to another and was merely an adjunct to them. Highways have grown out of hand and are still growing; they have become an entity by themselves. They guide the traveler across the country where engineers find the going good, not where scenery is best; they miss the small towns and are getting ready to miss the bigger ones. The problems of access prevent most citizens from doing business beside them. Highways are terribly unsocial, but they are a great help to the long distance trucking industry. They have, however, entirely outgrown their original purpose and have come to be a sort of a dragon devouring millions of dollars and wasting acres and acres of once good land.

The adventure of driving over the Blue Mountains from Pendleton to LaGrande is being reduced to an experience little more exciting than driving out to the farm on Sunday. The huffing and puffing the little Model Ts performed to get up to Boiling Point is not necessary as the road goes around Cabbage hill instead of up and over it. The scenery is not so exciting but still adequate for the time permitted. The better part of the old road remains but right of way is being cleared to change that. Just east of Meacham a new road has been built to connect at the railroad overpass east of Kamela eliminating a crooked stretch. Highway engineers are like Mu Mus, always doing away with curves.

The wheat is late, the cattle thin and the grass slow. Warm weather would help the grass, time will improve the cattle and if it gets hot the wheat will be ruined.

The grange is a social organization with little local cohesion as to agricultural policies but a great deal of social life. They are more independent politically than is often assumed.

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Gun fights, we read, will be an hourly feature on the streets of the centennial frontier village. Western fiction seems to have taken over western history.

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One man's propaganda is brain washing and another is necessary information. The grange's Elmer McClure finds it so. And we still think that rushing to Uncle for things we can do ourselves is evidence of a serious national weakness.



ICE DANCERS—The International Ice Capades will be among the entertainment highlights of the Oregon Centennial Exposition, which opens a 100-day run at Portland June 10. The first performance of the Ice Capades will be June 12. One of 20 acts including 125 performers will be by precision skating team pictured above.

Wheat League Show Attracts Young Feeders

The Oregon Wheat Growers league junior livestock show starts next Monday, June 8. Sherman county will be represented by 4-H club members and entries from the Sherman High FFA chapter, states Agent Tommy Thompson.

The 4-H entries include 16 hogs, 9 sheep, and 5 beef exhibited by 16 4-H'ers: Doug Bish, Terry Kaseberg, Delores Belshee, Doug Medler, Joe Thomas, Virgil Fields, Mary Ann Haven, Alice Kaseberg, Doug Reid, all of Wasco; Michael Kenny, Ann Hall, Kenneth Thompson, Moro; Clifford Brown and Danny Rolfe, Grass Valley; and Erin and Jimmy Wilson, Kent.

Entries will move into the Seuffer building Sunday. Judging contests for participants will be held Monday with 4-H during the morning and FFA in the afternoon. All Sherman 4-H members whether exhibitors or not are eligible to compete in the livestock judging contest as an individual or team.

Judging of livestock classes takes place Tuesday with showmanship Wednesday morning. Sheep and swine will be sold Wednesday afternoon and beef Wednesday evening, June 10. Sherman countyans are encouraged to attend and support their participants.

Livestock Research Held Helpful by County Agent

Research directed toward livestock and livestock-product improvement is a large part of the total research effort of the Oregon agricultural experiment station. When we classify Oregon's land resources it is apparent this is as it should be. Only 8% (5.3 million acres) of the land resources are classified as crop land while 42% (25.5 million acres) are range and pasture land. We know that crop land supplies feed for livestock; but grass is the only agricultural crop, excluding forests, that can be grown on the 25 million acres of range and pasture land. Livestock is the only method of harvesting this crop.

Oregon has many different growing conditions. Thus we have found it necessary to establish branch experiment stations in various parts of the state to conduct specific research on area problems.

The John Jacob Astor branch experiment station at Astoria has dealt with forage production for dairy and beef cattle as well as livestock nutrition problems for many years.

The Eastern Oregon branch station at Union is the oldest branch station conducting livestock research. Feeding, management, and livestock breeding research to help solve problems of the higher rainfall range livestock areas of Eastern Oregon are assigned this station.

Milton-Freewater. Livestock experiments have been conducted during the past 5 years through an arrangement quite different from a branch station. Livestock feeders, building their operations around pea vine silage, requested

Historical Markers Purchased To Inform About Location of The Dalles Military Road

The Sherman County Historical society has bought and received twelve signs with which to mark the route of The Dalles Military road through the county. The signs bear the inscription:

THE DALLES MILITARY ROAD 1869

When posts are prepared and official permission given the signs will be placed at places where the old military road crossed state and county roads. Not all of these spots have been determined. The road ran from the Gordon place a short distance above the mouth of the Deschutes to a point on Gordon ridge where the western-most county road crosses. From there it bore southwesterly to near Erskine, which was called Mud Springs, thence across Nigger ridge to Grass Valley canyon at Kock's and up the canyon past the town and southward to Finnegan, which was called Haystack (because there was) and from there southeast to near Kent and

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN

Donald E. Kohlmeier, teacher at Rufus Consolidated School, Rufus, Oregon, has been awarded a scholarship to attend a summer workshop in Economic Education. The workshop is sponsored by Portland Summer Session, state system of higher education, and the Oregon Council on economic education, June 22 to July 17.

research to help answer questions in this new Umatilla county enterprise. Livestock specialists from the college with the cooperation of the local county extension agent, plan the experiments.

Malheur branch station. Livestock research near Ontario specializes on feed lot problems and includes carcass evaluations. Feeder cattle for the experiments are furnished by the Squaw Butte-Harney range station.

Squaw Butte-Harney branch station, located near Burns, is operated cooperatively by the agricultural research service of USDA and the Oregon agricultural experiment station. Cattle are wintered on wild meadow hay and summered on the low-rainfall sagebrush high-desert range. The station has a section of wild-flood land where meadow improvement and winter feeding and nutrition experiments are conducted.

The livestock research programs at the branch stations and the research at the central station are planned as a coordinated state program. Research specialists at the central station and those at the branch stations review the total program together and adjust from year to year to keep their research effective and efficient.

At the central station, special problems of the industry can be taken to other research departments. Problems of mechanization, feed handling and storage, and animal shelters are directed to our agricultural engineers. Problems on control of insects affecting animals are directed to our entomologists. Examples here include determining insects that spread anaplasmosis, and control

of the Mackin place (probably again for water) and up the canyon to a spot near the county line. The historical society will appreciate the aid and cooperation of persons and groups interested in the project or in studying the location of the many trails that make the county distinctive. Carroll Sayrs is president and in charge of the erection of the signs.

About The County

Carol A. Burnet of Moro will receive her bachelor's degree in education at the 90th annual commencement exercises at Oregon State college June 8. Miss Burnet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnet of Moro.

Norman Fridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Wasco, was among 130 students receiving degrees at annual commencement at Linfield college, McMinnville, May 31. Fridley received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Mrs. Bob Brishine and Mrs. Henry Grabenhorst are counting acres in the soil conservation office to provide information about acreages of land in the several ownerships in the county for the assessor.

Ralphie Burnett returned from Canada and stopped to see Jack Noonan Monday night. He found he could not import a used car to Canada.

of cattle grub.

Our veterinary research staff is a particularly important member of our team doing research on livestock problems. One of the outstanding payoffs for animal research appears to be near completion. A research team including a veterinarian, and agricultural chemist, and a livestock nutritionist appear to be well on their way to proving that a selenium deficiency is the cause of white muscle disease in calves and lambs and that this disease can be corrected by adding a trace amount of this element.

Mastitis in dairy cows is an important research problem a veterinarian and a dairy research specialist are studying. Leptospirosis and other diseases are being investigated, too.

The animal diagnostic laboratory, operated by our veterinary department under an agreement with the State department of agriculture, is an important part of Oregon's animal disease control program.

Range management research is conducted by research workers in both our farm crops and dairy and animal husbandry department. The agronomists have developed and tested many of the forage crops now in common use on Oregon farms and ranches.

Agricultural economists contribute greatly to livestock production research by screening new ideas in livestock management, feed production, range improvement, and other phases of livestock operations to determine whether or not they are profitable. Will a new idea bring greater profit? That's the question we expect our economists to answer.

Russell Hudson To Speak To Historical Group

The program for the annual picnic meeting of the Sherman County Historical society to be held at DeMoss Springs park, June 14 has been made by President Carroll Sayrs.

Feature of the occasion will be a talk by Russell Hudson of The Dalles, former state representative and descendant of a family long identified with Wasco and Sherman counties and the transportation in an early era.

Rev. Ernest Goodenberger will give the invocation, the business of the society transacted, a quartet from Wasco will sing and the marker committee will report on the erection of signs marking the route of The Dalles Military road and the state highway department's plan to mark the Oregon Trail. Betterment will be discussed by that committee.

Theodore Johnston will report on the scholarship to be given in the name of the society to a high school graduate and which Eva Kirkelle received this year. New officers will be elected and Tom Fraser will sing "Sweet Oregon" prior to adjournment.

Women will wear their centennial dresses.

Grain Warehouses Must Be Licensed

Effective July 1 all grain warehouses licensed by the state department of agriculture must fully insure the market value of grower grain deposits. The insurance must be against loss by fire, lightning, inherent explosion, windstorm, cyclone or tornado.

The only exception, and it applies to individual deposits, is grain for which the depositor waives the insurance requirement. Any person who does not wish his grain insured by the warehouse must notify the warehouse operator in writing to that effect.

This is a new provision in the 1959 amendments to the Oregon public grain warehouse act. Evidence of insurance coverage must be approved by and filed with the department at the time the annual license is renewed on July 1. The insurance requirement is in addition to bonding feature which has been in effect for some time.

If a warehouse license has expired or been revoked or if the full amount of bond has not been filed and approved and no insurance received, the 1959 act stipulates that the warehouse must post this sign: "This is Not a Licensed or Bonded Grain Warehouse". The sign is to remain in place for at least a year.

Another change effective July 1 gives the department the right to inspect any licensed warehouse to determine if it should be licensed. A second 1959 act relating to grain modernized the Oregon law on storage of grain as a basis of farm credit.

Information about both 1959 laws may be obtained from the state department of agriculture's division of grain inspection, 606 S. E. Ninth Avenue, Portland. J. E. Wallin is warehouse supervisor in charge of enforcement of the warehouse laws.

Wire Worms May Menace Wheat

The Great Basin wireworm has caused more damage this spring than for a number of years to winter wheat. North and northeast from Wasco as usual seems to be most affected. The heavy damage has occurred probably due to late wheat and the cold backward spring. Damage most years is not severe enough to consider chemical control. This year several fields have been damaged to an extent some type control would have been justified.

R. W. Every, extension entomology specialist, OSC, and your Sherman county agent, have inspected several fields to determine damage and extent of damage during two surveys the last month. During past years trial chemical control plots were established, but insufficient conclusion was drawn since there was no difference in yield between treated and untreated plots.

The Pee Wee baseball team is sporting new uniforms bought by Stan Coelsch from the Service Motor company which closed recently and had a sale of equipment.

May Dry, Cold, Not News; Sad Condition

The weather is dry. In May the weather man looked the other way and as a consequence no more than half an inch of rain fell on the Sherman county wheat fields whereas we are used to .83. That would not be so bad but for the crop year the total is 10.05 inches and that is 4.7 below the normal. Only wet day in May was the 17th when it rained .31 inch.

The temperature did its best to recompense for the deficiency of moisture. It stayed cold and was, in fact, miserable. The mean temperature was 50.5 degrees which is 4.5 degrees below the normal for May. Hottest day was the 13th, coldest night the 3rd and the last frost was on the 16th which is a little late inasmuch as the average is May 8. Frost has been experienced as late as June 10 in 1933 so gardeners should withhold the cheering.

Tetz Speaks At Commencement Here

Commencement exercises for the seniors of Sherman High school were held last Friday in the school gymnasium when Henry Tetz of Monmouth was the speaker. He said that graduations were typical of America in that they were social and family gatherings commemorating another step taken by members of the family or community and were indicative of the interest Americans take in each other.

Sherrie Fraser was valedictorian and compared the American and Russian systems of education. Eva Kirkelle was salutatorian. The school chorus sang. Rev. Goodenberger gave the invocation and benediction, school board chairman, Leland Medler, presented the diplomas after William Bleker had presented the class, certified to their qualifications and presented the numerous awards to individual members.



Betty Bothwell



Nancy Wilson

Miss Betty Bothwell and Miss Nancy Lee Wilson of Kent have been chosen by the Kent Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State which will be held for a week beginning June 15 at Willamette University in Salem.

Miss Bothwell, daughter of Mrs. Luther Davis will be sponsored by the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge and Miss Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, by the Kent Auxiliary unit.

In addition to high scholastic rating at Sherman high school, the girls have been majorettes and taken part in the drill team. Both are members of GAA and have also been active in 4-H work. Nancy is secretary of the National Honor Society for the coming year and Betty is Student Band director.

Mrs. Frank Sayrs is the unit Girls State chairman.

Oiling Job On Grass Valley-Rutledge Road

At the Wednesday meeting of the county court the agreement with the state highway department was signed for the oiling of the Grass Valley-Rutledge road. The contract has been called for the June meeting of the highway commission.

Estimated cost is slightly in excess of \$70,000. Rock is now being put on the road and farmers are doing much of the hauling especially of the fine rock and officials think the job will be ready for oiling by the end of the month and if the contractors hurry the road maybe done by harvest.

Condon To Get Centennial Play

"NO TIME FOR SARGEANTS," one of the biggest comedy hits of Broadway theatrical history, will be presented in Condon on June 16, 8:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium for one performance only. This production, recently produced by the Portland Civic Theater to packed audiences and rave reviews, is being sponsored as part of the Oregon Centennial celebration.

A guileless southern plowboy inducted into the air force almost wrecks that revered institution, but provides the audience of NO TIME FOR SARGEANTS with an evening full of hilarity and hi-jinx. Tickets for the production are available from The Sherman County Journal.

Another Size For Bread Loaf Decried

Consumers will become acquainted with a third standard bread loaf after August 5 when amendments to the Oregon bakery law become effective. This will be the standard extra large loaf weighing between 1 pound 14 ounces and 2 pounds 2 ounces.

The other two bread loaves and their weight range: standard, at least 15 ounces and not over 17 ounces; standard large, at least 1 pound 6 1/2 ounces and not over 1 pound 9 1/2 ounces.

The law on bread pan sizes was repealed, but the department may regulate pan sizes. In so doing it must take into consideration, among other things, (1) measures to protect the consumer from deception in shape, sizes, contents or value of loaves of bread and (2) sizes reasonably necessary to insure continued fair trade practices in bread baking.

Memorial Day Finds Many Returning

Memorial day is always a homecoming day in Sherman county, which has watched the departure of so many families and which welcomes the descendants back once a year to decorate the graves of those who were buried here perhaps a full generation or more ago. They visit over the task and perhaps never see each other between Memorial days.

Here this year was Edna Melzer whose daughter Priscilla's baby was christened in the local church Sunday thus observing rites for two generations of Thompsons, Melzers and Belshees. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barzee were up from The Dalles Saturday morning, all of their parents being in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Mollie McLachlan and her sister, Mrs. Lottie Lee Pieper, and the other Robinson girl, Mrs. May Belshe Nordin were all here for the graduation ceremony and Memorial day.

Willard Wilcox and wife made their annual trip to the Grass Valley cemetery from San Francisco coming from Prineville with his brother, Delbert and wife, John MacInnes and wife (Betty Boyer) came down from Redmond as did Mrs. John Buether sr. and daughter. The Guy Moores were over from Goldendale with their son and Elva Baker came from Vancouver. Marion and Betty Crews with son and almost brand new daughter were present from Stevenson, Wn. Marie Wilcox and son in law Maynard Nelson drove over from Salem leaving George and daughter, Janet, home because George was not very well.