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These Things We Note

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The one thing we know about the new law eliminating coroners in Oregon is that it will cost more.

TTWN
A headline says that inflation has ended the nickel ice cream cone. Too much ice and too little cream helped, too.

TTWN
The notion behind a trade fair sounds like a good one. It is a real fair, a place where sellers and buyers meet for purposes of trade. It should help international relations and might even be adapted to county fairs with some thought.

TTWN
We are happy that Mr. Johannsen won over Mr. Patterson. He may be a good fighter and not a mere stooge for an overly ambitious manager.

TTWN
It looks now as if there might be a few weeks of summer. We wonder if the smart boys have made a mistake and the earth is running ahead of the seasons. The winter was like fall, spring like winter and this isn't much warmer than a good spring.

TTWN
Many persons seem more anxious to have the federal government spend money than to spend their own. We know of no good reason why the federal road program has to be completed right now.

TTWN
If you want to be popular, get one of the petitions for the initiative against the income tax rise that would make Oregon citizens pay tax on the federal tax, and go out among voters. There is a definite demand for lower taxes.

TTWN
The right to travel sounds fine, but we think no citizen has a right to go to a foreign country and expect protection unless the relations between his country and the one visited are friendly.

TTWN
Declaring a politician crazy is almost impossible. There is often a solid minority who think so in any case. Governor Long is certainly off his rocker but to decide when it happened is difficult. From the record it may well have been inherited.

TTWN
This is the time to eat lots of cheese, Tillamook cheese. Those dairymen need the support of farmers and others who do not want to be under a monopoly.

TTWN
Notes to welfare staters: If you treat people like children they may behave like children.

TTWN
The "temporary" Korean taxes have just been continued for another year. Thus temporary means forever to government tax gatherers.

TTWN
There is satisfaction in asking an informed person a question but it isn't as much fun as asking someone who thinks he knows.

TTWN
A magazine writer notes that the needs of man are air, water, food and in some climates, shelter. Also, he says man has to have variety, change or he loses interest in life. We don't know whether that is right or not but it is a relief from all the recent talk about the need for security which does not include variety.

TTWN
We'd like to know what success Governor Hatfield has in bossing his new family and how it compares with governing the state.

TTWN
The Fourth of July could be a fine day on which to eat killed for there will be lots of cars on the highways. The holiday is long, the roads good and speed should not be necessary which reduces the hazards some. But carelessness is the greatest danger.

TTWN
Now we are into July, the third quarter, the last half of what was so shortly ago, brand new 1959 and before you know it, it will be Christmas.

Road Marker Setting Starts at 9:30 On Sunday, June 12

More details of the program for setting markers along the route of The Dalles Military Road which came through Sherman county on its way from "The Dalles City on the Columbia to a point on the Snake river opposite Fort Boise" and was approved by Governor George L. Woods in June of 1869 have been released by Carroll Sayrs, president of the Sherman County Historical society, sponsor of this centennial event.

Those interested will meet in Moro at 9:30 a. m. Sunday July 12 and go to the site of the most northerly marker which will be at the north side of the Arthur Sargent place where the canyon starts through the McDermid place. The road came up the ridge between Windgate gap, this canyon and the Deschutes river.

Material for setting the posts on which the markers have been mounted will be carried in a pickup and those who wish to have a part in setting them may do so.

Maps showing the route of the road will be along on the trip for those with specific curiosities. It is possible that some visitors will come from Wasco county, where the road started. Any one interested is invited to attend the marking.

War On Weeds Never At End

War against weeds has built mushrooming agricultural chemical industries. Biggest boost came with development of 2,4-D during World War II. Its use as a "selective" weed killer set the stage for whole arsenals of chemicals.

Oregon State college agricultural chemists and agronomists test dozens of new materials each year netting two or three for commercial use. Eptam, simazin, atrazine, and diuron may soon be household names to farmers.

Entomologists are also in the thick of the battle looking for insects that restrict their diet to certain weeds, clean up the weeds, then die for lack of feed. Beetles brought into Oregon from Australia and Europe in 1944 have almost eradicated the once-troublesome St. Johnswort weed.

Scientists are now testing a beetle in Paris, France, laboratories for control of tansy ragwort weed now spread over 100,000 western Oregon acres.

Intertwined with Oregon history, weeds remain negative symbols of progress, but symbols that are slowly losing ground to 20th century science, Warren says.

Best Known Man In Oregon Retires From Extension Service After 40 Years



E. R. Jackman, one of Oregon's foremost agricultural leaders, retired June 30, after nearly 40 yrs. with OSC extension service.

As OSC extension farm crops specialist, Jackman blazed the trail for many of Oregon's major agricultural advances. He personified the "field worker" extension specialist, taking his teachings out to farm meetings and tours, visiting remote farms and crossroads throughout Oregon.

He joined Oregon extension service in 1920 and has been most closely identified with the state's grassland and wheat programs. He helped develop Oregon's multimillion dollar grass seed industry, promoted face-lifting of eastern Oregon's rangelands through sagebrush removal and seeding of grasses and grazing alfalfa, and

Wheat Crop Holding Up Well Without Rain

Wheat in Sherman county was probably greener on July 1 this year than on any similar date in the memory of this generation. It is a long time until harvest.

Rain has been short for two months and was never plentiful since early spring but the season has been cold and the west wind persistent. Although it has been years since Sherman county has grown a crop on west wind this may be the year we revert to that fortunate circumstance. It may be more difficult now that the use of fertilizer became common although that is not yet proven.

There are spots where the crop is damaged, where the leaves are brown and the kernels shriveled. To anyone who remembers the days before 1940 when such damage was a common occurrence this crop looks fine. Most of the wheat is thick and tall and still the dark green of health. With cool weather it will probably continue so, for the need for moisture grows less daily.

At this stage, in any year, the stalks dry from the root up and the heads are filled by strength from them, not from moisture obtained from the earth. A hot wind can stop the process and ruin the crop; cool weather lets it proceed and if the west winds continue and the nights are cool much of the wheat in the county may be as good as average—modern average, which is much better than the old average which, at the time of the start of federal programs, was 17 bushels. In those days we used to boast of two million bushels from our 135,000 acres.

In these times we feel set upon unless there is four million bushels from our permissible 90,000 acres. Such habits of thought are very pleasant and would only be discarded under duress and with great pain.

Work On Hwy 206 Starting This Week

Work on the last section of Highway 206 between Hay Canyon and Wasco has started with some grading and the Mann Construction company of Redmond, which has the contract for the bridges across Hay and Grass Valley canyons has the excavation work done. Wayne Jacobs is foreman of the bridge gang and expects the job to last three months.

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has been a strong advocate of pasture improvement programs throughout Oregon.

He taught common-sense farming practices with a blend of agricultural science, humor, and philosophy and with keen insight for the right crop for the right piece of land and circumstances, college leaders noted.

A skillful writer with the human interest touch, he widened his circle of influence with articles in many regional and national magazines. His understanding of Oregon—its people and its resources—underlay all his teaching of new and better ways of farming.

Dr. A. L. Strand, OSC president, says "a man like E. R. Jackman comes along at rare intervals in any organization. Jackman has made an indelible mark on Oregon agriculture. He has lifted it by the strength of his ideas and the sincerity of his purpose to something it could not have been without him."

F. L. Ballard, OSC extension service director, credits much of Jackman's leadership to an unusual ability to keep ahead of the needs of agriculture.

Early in the 1920s for example, Jackman encouraged trial plantings of crested wheatgrass that was destined to seed millions of U. S. acres in the 1930s during the wheat reduction programs. He helped put Oregon grass seed growers a decade ahead of the rest of the country with improved methods and recently set the stage for further Oregon range development with some 125 grazing alfalfa trials in eastern Oregon.

Weather Below Normal On All Counts In June

Bill Hall calls June a negative month because all the weather statistics for that month were below average. It was drier, colder, and calmer (yes) than normal. Rainfall for the month was .29 which is .47 below the average of .76 and the only rain that was noticeable came on the 5th when .20 fell. The crop moisture now stands at 10.34 for the year which is .94 below the normal for the end of June.

The weather is cool and evaporation from a free water surface has been 8.59 inches, a good half inch less than normal for June. The average wind was 4.5 miles per hour which is but two-thirds the average. This June's 4.5 MPH is 2.2 MPH below normal blowing in her eyes won't mal and many a woman with believe that.

Highest temperature was 92 on the 19th and it is normal to have 93 in June. Lowest temperature was 36 on the 10th and normal is 37. The average maximum was 74.3 and the average minimum was 47.8 for a mean of 61.0, just .4 below the normal.

War Veterans Have Chance For Farms

War veterans are offered priority in the purchase of 31 full-time farm units in the Columbia Basin irrigation project in Washington. Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, reported today.

Veterans' applications must be filed by July 23 in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata, Wash., to be considered in the public drawing for the farms. Application forms are available in Oregon from county service officers or the state veterans' department in Salem or Portland.

The farm units are located about 30 mi. Northwest of Pasco. They range in size from 77 to 140 irrigable acres and in price generally from \$1560 to nearly \$8000.

To qualify, veterans must have had farming experience, and they must have assets worth either \$5500 or \$8500, depending upon the type of farm unit they apply for.

Cattle Prices To Stay High Now

Cattle prices are likely to stay relatively high, but hog and lamb prices probably will dip as the year progresses, forecasts Marion D. Thomas, OSC extension agricultural economist.

Pasture and range conditions are not as good as a year ago, but moisture shortage in some parts of the West doesn't seem serious enough to force price-depressing cattle on the market, he reports.

Marketing of cattle off grass will pick up some during the fall, but are likely to remain a smaller than usual part of the total beef supply, Thomas believes. Meanwhile, the supply of fed beef is expected to stay relatively large, keeping the price spread narrower than usual between the lower and higher grades of beef.

Strong and rising consumer demand will give firm support to beef prices through the summer, but Thomas says he doubts if feeder cattle prices will show the upward trend of the past two years. Higher prices for hay, poorer pastures, and large supply and lower prices of pork and poultry all are against a further rise. Probably the best cow prices of the current cycle already have been seen. Cow slaughter has been reduced further this year as herds are built up.

After a moderate seasonal rise this summer, hog prices are expected to take another dip this fall. Hog-feed price ratios have been favorable enough to cause a further expansion in pig crops. This will boost the supply of pork this fall and next spring still more. By next spring, prices probably will be low enough to discourage some producers. Throughout the period, prices on the Pacific Coast should stay among the highest in the nation, but will rise and fall with prices in the Midwest.

Lamb prices probably will work lower much of the time during the second half of the year, Thomas says. Slaughter prices should hold close to last year's level, but feeder buyers may be more cautious after last winter's disappointing market.



Dancers Vivian Smith, Lynn Davis, Irene Young and Sharon Hillen do a Highland Fling while band manager Phil White, looks on as dour as any Scotchman.



The Eugene Highlanders had a peculiar way of reaching their posts about the platform. They marched through, over and around until in place, Phil White was manager, Hector Smith, pipe major, Holly Hill, acting pipe major, Don McGinnis, pipe major from Clan Macleay, Paul Furnace, Clan Macleay piper, Pete Blood, piper, Bill Wierman, piper, Ivan Spicer, 65 year old drummer, who twirled his sticks, Kenny Morehouse, bass drummer.

More Injured Than Live Here

More than 5300 people—twice the population of Sherman county—were injured in automobile accidents in Oregon during the first one-third of this year, the department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

That's almost 300 more injuries than were recorded for the same January through April time period in 1958.

More than 1000 persons were carried from the scene of motor vehicle accidents, suffered bleeding wounds or had a limb distorted. Close to 2500 injuries were in the "painful movement" category such as bruises, abrasions, swelling or limping.

Another 1859 people blacked out momentarily or complained of pain without visible sign of injury.

March had the highest number of injuries for the 4-month period. It recorded 1412 injuries.

CLANCY JEAN NAMED

The Oregon Wheat Commission, in a special meeting held at The Dalles June 29, appointed Clancy Jean, Pendleton, as its new Administrator. It was announced by Paulen Kaseberg, commission chairman and Wasco rancher. The appointment is effective July 1.

Jean fills the vacancy created by Richard K. Baum's resignation to become executive vice-president of Western Wheat Associates-USA, a newly formed regional organization of wheat commissions and grower associations from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Wheat Associates is assuming responsibility for all foreign wheat market development work previously initiated and carried on by individual state organizations. The new organization will soon open offices in the American Bank Building in Portland.

For the past year Jean served as executive vice-president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Prior to this he was manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce agricultural department. No selection has been made yet as to Jean's successor according to Frank Tubbs, Adams, league president.

CHURCH WANTS CLOTHES

The clothing gathering drive for the purposes of the church world service will conclude next week when the goods will be packed for shipment, says Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger. Any clothing in good condition is suitable as long as it can be used. This includes suits, coats, dresses, shoes, layettes.

Rodeo and Other Entertainment Attracts Crowd

The Sherman County Centennial Rodeo, the first attempt by the fair board to run two entertainments in a year, was handicapped to some extent by cold weather Friday night, drew well Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Entertainment features of the show were the visit of the Indian princesses from Pendleton's coming Indian encampment later this month on Friday night and the music of the Eugene Highlanders, a group of 16 men and women in kilts and caps, who played at any time and made friends with everybody during their two days in town.

The Highlanders put on most of the show Sunday in point of time for their two acts, including the music of pipe and drum and the dances of the four girls with the party, were longer than the total rodeo time. Cost of the Highlanders was \$180.

Of rodeo there was 82 seconds of bareback riding, 167.3 seconds of calf roping, 109 seconds of saddle bronc riding and 98.6 seconds of steer wrestling for a total of 356.9 seconds or slightly under six minutes. Not counted was the bull play at the end. Cost of the rodeo has not been computed but is expected to be between \$4500 and \$5000.

Rodeo events went off in good time with horses and calves coming out of the chutes in good order without delays. The roping calves were small and fast, the bulldozing steers lean and tough. There was a goodly percentage of bucking horses with speed and mean-ness although most of them were ridden. Daryl Hobdy, a rodeo actor from Texas, captured a share of the prize money to the chagrin and anger of actors from the Northwest.

Between events Dodo Earls and Munk Pierce entertained with acts and also fought the bulls. Earls has a liking for animals and animals must like him for he had a constant stream of them in his acts. Harley Tucker furnished the bucking stock and cattle; Bob Chambers of Pendleton was the announcer.

Buffalo were introduced to the crowd as rodeo performers and they were an attractive gimmick for publicity purposes, but as rodeo material they were too small to throw the well trained riders. Their most effective weapon was kicking the feet of riders.

ASC Work Popular

Nearly one-fourth of Sherman county's farmers joined hands with the government last year to carry out needed conservation practices on their farms. The annual report from the local county agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) office shows that on 65 farms in the county soil or water conservation practices were carried out under agricultural conservation program (ACP) in 1958.

Under the ACP, a farmer and the government share the cost of needed conservation work, the report pointed out. Last year, Sherman county farmers put up over \$20,000 in carrying out approved conservation practices on around 93,000 acres.

Uncle Sam then matched these payments to help farmers conserve valuable croplands, grazing areas, and agricultural water for use by future generations. A total of 13 different conservation practices were used by Sherman county farmers under the 1958 ACP, the report indicated. Practices most popular with local farmers last year included weed control, installing dams and wells for livestock for grazing control, field strip cropping and building erosion dams.

ACP assistance is made available to farmers to help them carry out conservation practices they wouldn't be able to carry out themselves. In most cases, the farmer and the government each pay about half the cost—with the government's share an indication of the interest of all the nation's people in protecting and conserving our farm and ranch lands to insure future supplies of agricultural products.

Every farmer with a conservation problem is eligible to apply for ACP aid. More information on the program is available at the Sherman county ASC office in Moro.

Making Shirts Now Popular Activity

Helps in sewing cool summer sport shirts, both long and short sleeve styles, are given in a reprint of a popular OSC bulletin, now available through county extension offices.

Construction details are shown in 55 illustrations ranging all the way from pattern layout to finishing touches on collars, cuffs and shirt fronts.

More than 90,000 copies of "Making Shirts for the Men of the Family" have been distributed to persons in 24 states. Single copies are free on request to Oregon residents from county extension offices or the OSC bulletin clerk.