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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

"So," said the philosopher, "if I have to live with a clear conscience I hope it's my own."

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When you discover that you are not perfect and quit trying to be, and that you are going to die some day and had better enjoy the world while you can, it seems like a real pleasant place.

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The time to wash windows is in the fall. In the summer that film of dirt dulls the rays of the sun very helpfully.

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Heard of a fellow who started to write a book on "The Art of Being a Big Shot". By the time he'd finished 50 pages he found it wasn't an art at all, merely a little luck.

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The farm surplus may worry the treasury but consumers can feel more secure that it is there; only might wish that it was better cared for.

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The big contest now is between hard money and soft money. Some congressmen are so fearful of re-election that they would have the federal reserve buy government bonds in order to keep interest down to help borrowers. It would increase the amount of money and be inflationary and probably wouldn't work, for when government has to buy its own bonds, investors are smart enough to leave them alone.

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Mankind has had some peculiar success symbols in his history: the most money, biggest castle, biggest harem, biggest car, tallest hat, most votes, most soldiers, most jewels. And it has all been very impressive for a generation or two until the style changed although very unsocial and entirely unchristian.

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If we could send all our children to one school we could make as much alike as nails or hairpins.

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The warm weather has finally thawed the frost out of our back, at least something ran down our backbone.

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Now we are told the steel strike is an effort on the part of business to eliminate featherbedding. If so we hope that practice is ended. There is reason for good wages and reason for good work.

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As distasteful as it may be a human has to work to live. Too much leisure kills as quickly as too many cigarettes, food or drink.

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We can't help but be intrigued by the footwear some of the women are wearing this year. We mean those flat shoes that look like rubber and the bright colored string that makes them come along with the wearer, although slapping and hesitating at every step. They are easier to wear, say the candid ones, after the toes become calloused. The old Greeks and Romans wore something like it and no doubt had a name for it; they might look well with a toga. They are, we note, one of the prices we pay for warm weather.

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There is a delightful little stopping place in western Grant county called Johnny Kirk Spring which empties a goodly stream of cold water into the warm and piddling John Day. Curiosity is aroused about Johnny Kirk and we think he is entitled to an explanatory note on one of the shade trees near his spring. Sheepherder, homesteader, cowpuncher or miner? Who was Johnny Kirk?

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Congress has passed a law to exempt payments made to Indians for Cello fishing rights from federal and state income taxes. We do not wish to comment on the law only that it is improper for the federal government to exempt anyone from a state tax. That is state business.

Days of 100° Temperature End With Clouds, Wind

Heat settled down over most of eastern Oregon at the end of last week as if determined to wipe out all complaints of cold weather in one intense week. Thursday was good and warm, Friday hot, Saturday and Sunday hotter, Monday not quite so bad for else people were getting used to it then Tuesday was good and hot and Wednesday topped the list with a 102 degrees on the thermometer at the experiment station. It had been up to 100 on two of the previous days.

Farmers went right ahead with threshing with the grain dry and hard and the straw brittle in the hot sun.

Wednesday evening a cloud drifted over from the southwest and thunder was heard from what could have been Gilliam county. But it did not cool down and Wednesday night was hot. Thursday morning the sky was filled with clouds and a cool breeze blew from the southwest. Barometers did not foretell rain and the clouds were not hail clouds, big and black and ominous so a crop flailing hail did not seem imminent.

Joe Hilderbrand Dies Of Heart Attack

Joseph Hilderbrand, a life time resident of Sherman county, suffered a fatal heart attack last Friday at his home in Lebanon.

Mr. Hilderbrand was born June 13, 1900 on a ranch near Wasco. He retired from ranch life and moved to Lebanon a few years ago when his heart condition first developed.

Survivors include the widow, Marcella; one daughter, Mrs. Howard Pratt, and two grandsons, also of Lebanon; a brother, Walter, of Sunnyside, Wn., and three sisters, Cleda Bingham of Pasadena, Calif., Vesta Matthias of Sunnyside, Wn., and Grace Medler of Wasco.

Services were held Tuesday, July 21, at the Methodist church in Lebanon.

Bond Sales Go Well In Sherman

Seventeen counties in Oregon showed increases in Savings Bond sales last month compared to June, 1958, according to a report received here today.

State-wide sales in June amounted to \$2,264,958 compared to a total of \$2,438,170 a year ago. E and H Bond sales in this county last month amounted to \$11,086 compared to \$4,081 in June of 1958.

While the report indicated that sales in Multnomah county eased off slightly in dollar volume, they were almost doubled in two of Oregon's other large counties, Clatsop and Klamath. Even greater percentage increases were reported in Curry, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman and Wallowa counties.

Bonneville Sending Power To Valley

Bonneville power administration today opened bids for clearing right of way on Schedule III, a 21.3 mile section of the Big Eddy-McLaughlin 345,000 volt transmission line, with an apparent low bid of \$134,430 submitted by J. M. Purcell Construction Company, Salem, Oregon.

The clearing schedule calls for a secured right of way varying from 300 feet to approximately 475 feet as part of the 80-mile transmission line to be constructed from the administration's Big Eddy substation near The Dalles, to Portland General Electric's McLaughlin substation near Oregon City, to relieve heavy power loads on existing transmission facilities supplying the Portland-Salem area.

NORMAN FRIDLEY TO ATTEND OREGON

Norman Fridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley is in the 30 percent of the 1959 graduating class at Linfield college, planning additional work beyond the bachelor's degree.

Fridley will enroll in business administration at the graduate school of the University of Oregon.

Oregon's Foremost Citizen Succumbs



DOUGLAS MCKAY

MRS. CAUTHERS IS 92

Mrs. Leona Cauters was 92 years old Wednesday, a day she spent watching television and trying to keep cool just as she did the day before. After all the 92nd birthday is of less importance than the 18th and causes much less worry than did the 40th when some folks think they turn the corner and head downhill. Mrs. Cauters was born in Missouri and has lived in Sherman county for more than 70 years.

BAPTISTS OBTAIN SPEAKERS

Baptists announce special speakers Sunday, July 26, at the Grass Valley church. Bud Fritts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fritts, who with his family, is visiting his parents, will be bringing the morning message. Mr. Fritts now makes his home in Virginia.

At the evening service, Miss Helen Carlson, Christian education instructor at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, will be speaking and showing missionary pictures. The pictures will be some she took on a worldwide trip. Miss Carlson is in Grass Valley this week teaching and directing the daily Vacation Bible school. The evening service begins at 7:00 p. m.

Highway Killing Goes On Apace

Oregon's mileage death rate hit a high for the year in May when 6.6 people met death in each 100 million miles traveled.

The rate, computed by the Department of Motor Vehicles from reports of gasoline sold and miles driven, compares with a 3.6 for the same month last year.

The department said three of the first five months of 1959 have had death rates above the annual rate of 5.9 established last year. While the death rate figure for the month was bad enough in the eyes of safety officials, injuries also continued to show an increase. About 49 injuries per day during the month brought the injury figure for the year to 6,877.

Travel during the month was estimated at 646,212,007 miles, considerably below May travel in 1958.

Centennial Still Has All of Exhibits

With the cessation of wholesale buying at the International Trade Fair, the exhibits continue as one of the most popular attractions at the Oregon Centennial Exposition and will remain until the close of the Exposition on September 17, according to Anthony Brandenthaler, Centennial commission chairman.

Twenty-two nations, largest number to participate in any similar event in this country, have spread their wares and example of their varied cultures in settings that reflect ecologically-interesting parts of the world.

Many nations are displaying examples of their handicrafts and industries never before seen here. Exhibits contain everything from rare wines and textiles to ceramics and glassware. At some displays, visitors may purchase items or order them from exhibitors.

Countries taking part in the history-making Trade Fair, in addition to Okinawa, include: Morocco, Austria, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Sweden, The Philippines, Ghana, Japan, Finland, Norway, Hong Kong, Korea, Israel, India, Republic of China, and a collective exhibit of six European nations—Italy, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands.

Wagon Train Not Expected To Stop In Sherman

According to plans made Wednesday and explained at a meeting in The Dalles Thursday noon which was attended by centennial officials of this area, the wagon train, now in Oregon, will camp the night of August 6 at Hook, a railroad whistling post a few miles east of the John Day River on Highway 30.

The night of the 7th the train will camp at the Deschutes River and on the west side, camping on the east side not being acceptable to the owner of the land. The train will arrive in The Dalles the 8th and stay until August 10 when it will be loaded on barges for the down-river trip, just as the wagon trains of 110 years ago floated down the Columbia.

Mike Haggerty, centennial and wagon train handy man, made the stopping schedule from Pendleton to The Dalles and is careful to explain that it may be changed by Wagonmaster Tex Serpa at any time and also that the schedule of the route from Vale to Pendleton may be changed which would change the more western part.

Sherman county will have no primary duties of entertainment but will be ready to assist Wasco or Gilliam county if requested.

Fair Premiums Upped By Special Prize

Home baked breads and rolls—traditionally the test of a good cook—will be in the spotlight at the Sherman County Fair on August 28-30.

There, local women will compete for Best-of-Show Yeast Baking Award offered by Standard Brands Incorporated, makers of Fleischmann's Yeast. Any yeast-raised bread, sweet bread or roll—in any class—is eligible for the award of \$10.

These baked products, done beforehand by the contestants, will be judged according to a carefully prepared point system, with emphasis on flavor, shape, color, crust and crumb. Contestants may enter yeast baking done from original or favorite recipes. The winning product will be chosen by the fair judges.

Farm Census To Start In October

Oregon farmers, along with farmers in every other state, will have an opportunity to help set the record straight this fall when the nation's 17th Census of Agriculture gets under way, reports Marion Thomas, OSC extension agricultural economist.

The farm count, scheduled to start in October, will mark the beginning of the most complete inventory of farming, housing and population ever made. It will provide current facts on what appears to have been one of the greatest periods of change in American history.

The last Census of Population and Housing was taken in 1950, while a partial Census of Agriculture was taken in 1954. Since then, statisticians have been trying to trace the great changes taking place. They have worked with incomplete information and are anxious for results of the census. This data will help statisticians "true up" their estimates and will supply information of great interest to everyone concerned with America's growth and stability, Thomas says.

D. C. Mumford, OSC agricultural economist, stressed the importance of the farm census to each farmer. As farms become larger, the individual farm becomes more important to the total farming picture. This makes it desirable for each farmer to know what others are doing before he makes his own decisions for the future.

Since statistics obtained from the farm census are only as true as each farmer's records, the economists urged Oregon farmers to keep accurate records. This will enable them to answer farm census questions easily and intelligently.

Simple records of production, sales and major farm expenses during the year will be helpful. Census enumerators will ask a variety of questions relating to three general areas: a count of farm resources, a record of farm products produced and sold in 1959, and other farming activities during the year.

Weeds Imported In Many Ways, From Many Places To Plague Oregon Farmers

Old sea captains putting in on the Oregon coast weren't entirely blameless. Neither were the Russians nor the Turks.

They all had a hand in compounding Oregon's \$5 million yearly headache—a rough estimate by experts on what weeds will cost the state this year.

Oregon started out with a fairly clean slate in its first days of farming, nearly a half-century ahead of statehood. It was grass country, forests, and scrubby trees.

Weeds came with progress, with commerce and people. Weed seed came in ships, on covered wagons, stuck to the hair of animals, and lodged in the cuffs of trousers. Most of the weed seed is traced to other countries because the United States was forced to look back to the Old World for most of its crop seed.

We bought Turkestan alfalfa seed from the Near East just before World War I, and received the menacing Russian knapweed seed in the same shipment. Today, Oregon has some 10,000 acres infested with the weed, mostly east of the Cascades, says Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist.

Gorse, the yellow-orange blossomed ornamental-turned-weed was brought to the Oregon coast by sea captains before 1900 and used as hedge plants.

Taller than a man, thorny, and vigorous, gorse has invaded some 25,000 acres of coastal lands and is gaining ground. Early records indicate it first grew in the coast town of Bandon. By the middle 1930's, gorse had spread through and around the town. Its highly flammable, oily branches provided fuel for the fire that destroyed

Beef Quality Liked By Most Buyers

What families look for in buying beef may be told in a survey of 6,000 food shoppers conducted by Oregon State college. The survey is part of a four-year study on consumer beef preferences.

As they shopped, consumers were asked to view certain beef cuts and rate them on a nine-point scale ranging from "like extremely" to "do not like." Their ratings are now being weighed against scientific tests and cooking performance.

Trained taste panels rated these same cuts on firmness, tenderness and general eating quality. Last year, Mrs. Lois Sather, food technologist, cooked and served 240 of these cuts to college taste panels.

Shoppers in six cities judged sirloin and round steak, pot roasts and standing rib roast. To provide uniform samples, 3-D color pictures were used instead of fresh cuts. Shoppers were surveyed in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls and Medford.

An earlier college survey indicates that consumers generally prefer bright cherry red lean, white fat, a moderate amount of marbling, minimum of bone and external fat and the larger beef cuts. The latest college survey, which will be analyzed by late fall, will more sharply define consumer preferences on certain cuts.



Wally Hunter, Republican party writer, and W. R. Reid, Wasco, look over the shoulders of Mrs. Collis Moore, national committee woman, and Peter Gunnar, state chairman, during the party picnic held at the Moro park July 12. Precinct committeemen and women attended as well as other party workers including Mrs. Howard Conlee, longtime county chairman.

Harvest Gets Off To Good Start; Respectable Yield

Harvest is on. Farmers who have not started are going through the final preparation for that job.

The announced yields are surprisingly good with barley making all the way from three quarters of a ton to well over a ton. That is a good crop. But it is not good barley. Test weights are not much above 40 pounds which means that the kernels are shriveled.

Not much wheat has been cut and it has suffered from the same malady and will not be a big crop although there will be a satisfactory number of bushels from most fields. Harvesters report that on one side of a field the grain will spout out like a flood and the other side of the field the wheat stream may dwindle to a trickle.

There are not really enough acres cut to make an estimate very valuable and the problems of guessing are always many and hazardous.

Nevertheless a crop of three million bushels seems a fair guess and that will be a good crop according to long range standards. It will be above thirty bushels per acre which is a liveable crop if you don't live too high.

Wheat Commission Shows Old Milling Methods At Show

The Oregon Wheat Commission's display at the centennial Exposition, depicting the old and the new method of milling Oregon wheat since 1859, is not only interesting to adults but to children as well. The feature of the exhibit is a huge waterwheel and a stone burr mill commonly called a grist mill which was universally used in the days of yore. Two animated characters, moved by mechanical equipment, show a man and his horse, the latter loaded with bags of grain, preparing to "take off" on a long trek to California.

According to Andrew J. Ward Jr., assistant secretary of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, who is in charge of the booth, the wheat commission was set up by the legislature at the request of the wheat growers to provide funds to study and endeavor to solve the problems in the wheat industry.

At the present time, marketing is the major problem of wheat and this is where a lot of the commission's interest has been placed. First market development was undertaken in Japan. Since this was a ready market that had dollar funds available to buy grain from the U. S., the problem has been to change a rice-eating people over to a wheat-eating people.

W. A. Nisbet Hosts To Son and Wife

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gosson were hosts Sunday at an informal family gathering honoring the former's son and his recent bride, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. (Bud) Nisbet of Portland. The younger Mrs. Nisbet was the former Carlene Williams.

The affair, held at the Gosson home, featured a table centered arrangement of pink and white gladioli and shasta daisies, from which refreshments of cake, punch and coffee were served to the 46 person present. The beautifully decorated cake also carried out the pink and white color scheme.

Those present aside from the guests of honor were Mrs. Nisbet's mother, Mrs. Rowland Falk of Bremerton, Wn., Miss Marcia Tucker, a cousin from Dayton, Wn., her grandmother, Mrs. Maud Tucker and her sister, Mrs. Chas. Wallace, both of Wasco.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. Giberson of Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Douthitt and two children and H. V. Douthitt of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Nisbet and four children of Redmond; Mr. and Mrs. John Hilderbrand and three children, Jim White, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbet and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nisbet and their three youngest children, all from Wasco.