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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

You can tell how old a man is by the balance between his hopes and his fears. Youth is full of hope which the process of education and living changes to fears. When a man is full of fear he can die.

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If the law recognized mental age instead of calendar age it could count the votes quicker.

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"He's what they call a perfectionist," said the man in the front seat. He gets more misery out of what he doesn't like than he gets pleasure out of what he does like."

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"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."—Macaulay.

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"I never read newspapers," said the man at the bar, "only the headlines. They are filled with news of moment. I do read editorials and columns. They are what someone thinks which will be news tomorrow or in the next generation."

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This is a great world. The government is expected to provide a park in which citizens can sleep and to keep its employees healthy.

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Down on the Deschutes before the sun had finished its long crawl down the opposite hill a lonely and lonesome doe stretched herself and arose from behind a sagebrush to start the day with a few bites of dry forage. A red headed duck flew up the river a half mile and back again, time after time, each heat as intense as the former. It looked like some sort of relay race with his neck outstretched, wings fanning in the frantic manner in which a duck flies. And when it was over the duck settled on the water and went to sleep.

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In the 100 years we have lived we have seen many fads come and go and come and stay, mostly the first.

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Canners are having fewer acres planted to vegetable crops in an effort to raise the prices. That is opposed to the American industrial theory of big production at low prices and we think it will do harm.

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TAKE TIME
Take time to live; it is one secret of success.
Take time to think; it is the source of power.
Take time to play; it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read; it is the foundation of knowledge.
Take time to laugh; it helps lift life's load.
Take time to dream; it hitches the soul to the stars.
Take time to worship; it is the highway to reverence.
Take time to pray; it helps bring Christ near and washes the dust of earth from our eyes.
—Author Unknown

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Sometimes we wonder whether this nation's Moscow exhibit really depicts America or some New Yorker's idea of it.

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Labor, especially the shipping unions, apparently feel that labor should be able to consolidate as fully as did industry before being halted. Most of the country feel that that is too far.

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Baseball might be better served if there were more small leagues and no more big leagues.

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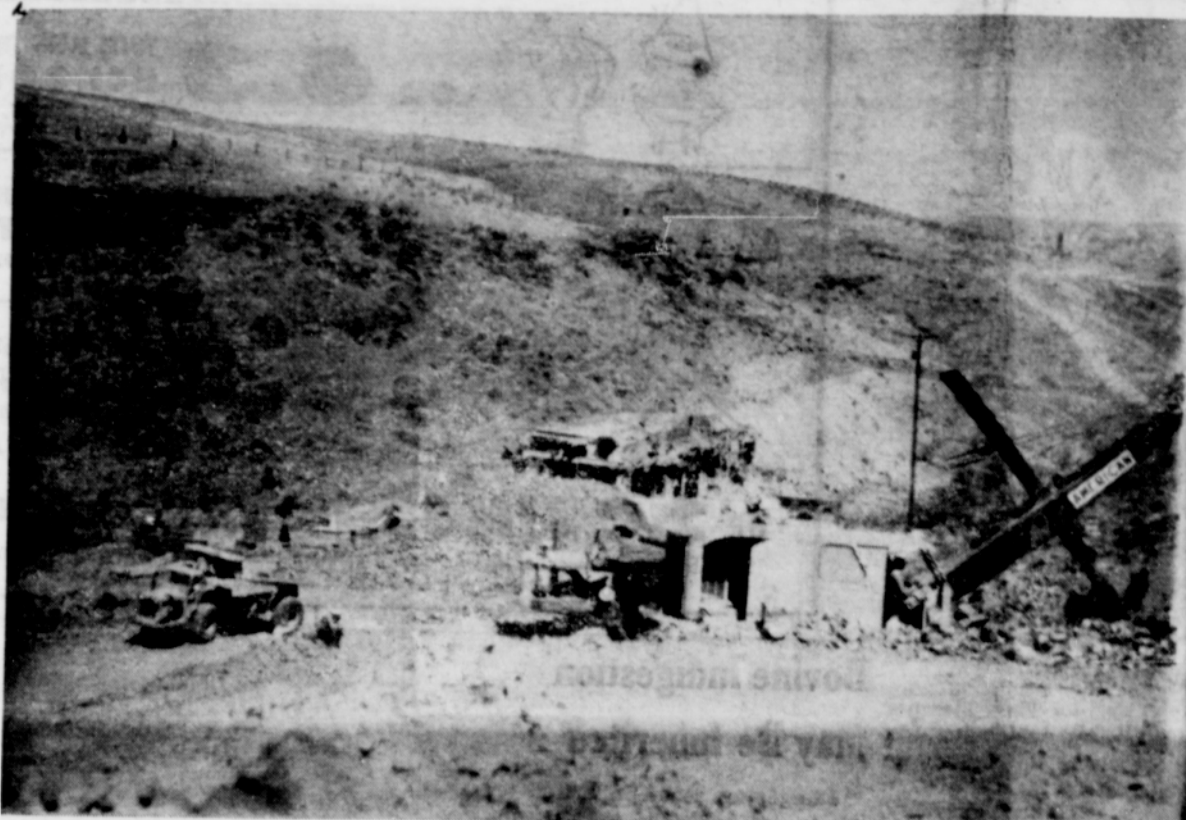
Oddly the spendthrift never has much to spend while the saver has lots to save.

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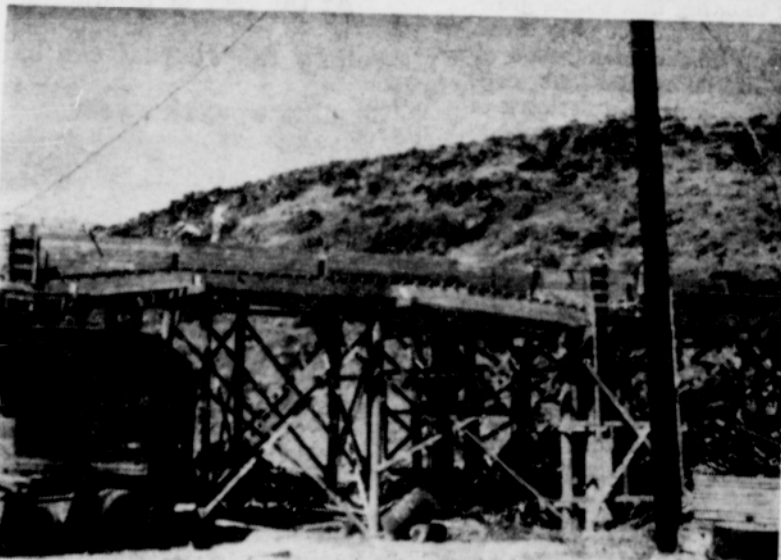
Adlai Stevenson is getting too old to be a radical or even much of a liberal, and he is successful enough not to want to change things much.

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The bill to give Oregon an allotment of John Day power is proper and it might also be proper to give Sherman county an allotment, also.



The construction of state highway 206 between Hay Canyon and Wasco entails more heavy work than natives contemplated. The shovel above is digging into the cliffs north of Bull canyon as it enters Hay Canyon and the new bridge is in the center of the picture. The top of the Hay Canyon elevator is to the right (really in Grass Valley canyon.)



The new Hay canyon bridge is going to be a high one. It is on the west side of the bottom. Mann Construction Co. of Redmond is the builder.

Field Manager For Farm Census Named

Appointment of Homer E. Rainey of 28 Pinecrest, Bend, Oregon, as a field assistant for the 1959 Census of Agriculture was announced today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Rainey will direct a force of ten crew leaders and 118 census takers in 18 counties in eastern Oregon including Sherman.

Mr. Rainey will enter on duty on August 26 and receive several days of training which will cover administrative procedures and other duties and responsibilities connected with the job. He will be responsible for recruiting the crew leaders who enter on duty October 5. The crew leaders will in turn recruit the census takers who will enter on duty Oct. 28.

County Court Cleans Calendar of Year End Business, Lets Contract

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS JULY 1, 1959

RE MINUTES: Minutes of regular meeting of June 3, 1959 and special meeting of June 15, 1959 approved as read.

RE CLAIMS: One claim disallowed against general fund, remainder ordered paid. All claims allowed against road fund and ordered paid.

RE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: County Treasurer's statement showing all fund balances as of June 30, 1959 presented and approved.

RE ROAD BALANCES: Road balances as of June 30, 1959 presented and approved.

RE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: Gasoline report for month of June, 1959, presented and approved.

RE SHERIFF'S MILEAGE: Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff to be paid \$8 per mile; and to purchase gas & tires on county contract.

RE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY: Bid of W. E. Edwards on tax foreclosed property in Moro accepted. Original Site of Moro.

Bid of J. K. McKean for 5 lots Mowry Addition in Moro accepted.

Bid of Ernest Woods for 2 lots Mowry Addition in Moro accepted.

RE BUDGET: Budget for Sherman County for year 1959-60 accepted as published.

RE COUNTY AGENT: Certificate of appropriation of funds for year 1959-60 for County Agents of Sherman County, signed.

RE PLANNING CONFERENCE PUBLICATION: Printing to be done at later date and paid from 1959-60 budget.

RE STOCK PILE: McNary-Maupin Transmission line—Permission granted to county for site on right of way.

RE ASC RENT: Court renews lease for one year, July 1, 1959-June 30, 1960, for two offices of ASC.

RE VACATION OF CERTAIN ROADS: Court signs resolution vacating certain county roads in Road Dist. No. 1, portions of streets and alleys in Rufus and certain streets in Grant.

RE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT: Court signs agreement with State Tax Commission for merchandise and industrial checks.

RE GAS & OIL BIDS: Shell Oil Co. successful bidder for gas and oil.

COURT ADJOURNED TO JULY 2, 1959.

JULY 2, 1959 MEETING
RE TIRE BIDS: Tire bids discussed—no definite action taken. More information to be obtained.

RE TRANSFER OF FUNDS: County Treasurer to transfer \$750.00 from ambulance fund to "Ambulance Sinking Fund."

RE BOND: District Attorney to obtain opinion from Attorney General re account of Sherman County & Sheriff's bond.

RE COMMITTEES: County Court appoints committees in various parts of the county to make a study of SCS classifications of soils and recommend to different committees the various soils classification upon which they determine the various values to be placed.

RE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Road Supervisor instructed to water and blade certain gravel roads before harvest. All main gravel roads to be graded.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE 1959 APPROVED JULY 1, 1959 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

CIRCUIT COURT:
John H. Newman, \$88.56 - Cir.

Weather Comfortable

The weather for the past week has been of the pleasant variety compared to the previous week. There has been wind and the mornings have been cool for July mornings.



A smoky view of the DeMoss fire Monday noon. The Wasco fire truck had just passed spraying water from two hoses to dim the fire along the north side of its path. George Macnab was shoveling dirt on remaining blazes. The fire was burning thru the pasture land and creating a mass of lens-clouding smoke.

Crop Is Much Better Than Early Estimates Stated

We seriously underestimated the Sherman county wheat crop. So did nearly everyone else.

Reports, and we are sure they are accurate, tell of whole fields making 48 to 52 bushels per acre. And of good quality wheat. That is a tremendous crop.

The barley crop was good in weight but of rather poor quality in many cases but it is sold by weight in these strange times. The average may be but little less than a ton per acre.

Some Not Average

In the extreme north end of the county there are some poor crops on a comparative basis and it is yet too early to know about the crop farther south but it looks about as good as it did in the central part of the county, land considered and it will probably do very well. A few farmers there who started early warn that the crop will be fine.

The county has about 90,000 acres in wheat and probably 30,000 to 40,000 acres in barley. It is entirely possible that the wheat will average 40 bushels to the acre and if so it will be the second time the entire county has produced such a marvelous crop.

Sherman Countians, Ex. and Present To Picnic August 9

The annual picnic for Sherman countians and ex-Sherman countians will be held at Laurelhurst park, Portland on Sunday, August 9 at one o'clock according to Ruth Sparling. Coffee and punch will be furnished by the society that gives the picnics.

As usual Sherman countians are invited to attend and meet friends who have moved to the city. A good crowd is usually present and a lot of visiting gets done before dark.

Pulpit Supplied For August Announced

Rev. Goodenberger is taking the month of August off and his place in the pulpit will be filled by guest speakers during that time. Next Sunday Rev. Alton J. Goodenberger, Rev. Goodenberger's son of Powell, Wyoming, will be here and there will be a family reunion Thursday and Friday when son John comes up from Portland.

August 9 Rev. William C. Shane of Portland will be the speaker. He is from the Hollywood church. August 16 Russel Belshee will fill the pulpit and August 23 Rev. Earl P. Cochran of Pendleton will come to give the Sunday sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodenberger expect to do some traveling about Oregon including a trip to Crater lake and the Shakespearean plays at Ashland with their daughter.

Steve Burnet Second In FFA Contest

Steve Burnet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnet, has won second place in the better farming contest in the Blue Mountain district of the Future Farmers of America. Judging was done early this month and required several days as judges visited the farms of contestants and examined their operations.

Virgil Brandt of the Wy'east chapter was first place winner.

Steve won by his half interest in 30 Angus cows and calves, two bulls and by feeding out 12 head of steers. He also displayed good knowledge of his operation, kept adequate records and his farming program was adjusted to the farm land available.

Stamp Issued For Soil Conservation

The Sherman County Soil Conservation district is one of more than 2800 throughout the country being honored by the issuance of a commemorative four cent stamp by the post office department, says John Shipley, chairman.



The stamp will be issued August 26 at Rapid City, South Dakota, at the annual meeting of the Soil Conservation society of America and will be on sale at local postoffices the following day. The stamp, in three colors, shows a modern conservative farm.

The Sherman County Soil Conservation district was organized by local farmers January 10, 1950 and now has 179 cooperators with 59 having conservation plans. The district is governed by a board consisting of John Shipley, Moro, John Hilderbrand, and Albert Kaseberg, Wasco, Wallace May, Grass Valley, Luther Davis, Kent. Technical assistance is provided by the Soil Conservation service. H. C. Grabenhorst is in charge. Other SCS men working with the district include, Leo Mayers, scientist, Phillip Coombs, engineer.

Some of the accomplishments are: Grass-Legume rotations 3933 A; stubble mulch 32,000 A; strip cropping 1770 A; permanent seedings 2122 A; brush control 8300 A; rotation and deferred grazing 53,000 A; windbreak planting 28 A; wildlife area improvement 605 A; ponds 102 A; ditch construction 6 miles; reservoirs 8; sprinkler irrigation systems 19; waterways (permanent sod) 128 A.

The soil conservation stamp is a salute to progress in our own district as well as in other districts across the country.

Fire Destroys Field of Grain In High Wind

The wind was blowing a gale from the west Monday about 11:00 o'clock when some traveler tossed a cigarette out of the window of his vehicle along the highway near the top of DeMoss grade on the Sherman Highway.

In an hour nearly 100 acres of wheat and barley had been burned along with half that much grass, trucks and tractors and 200 men had been at work trying to stop the fire and wheat harvest had stopped on scores of adjoining farms while natives were busy stopping the result of a visitor's carelessness.

The fire swished down a little valley where the Elmar stood tall and rich in color and crossed to the grass land to the east. Meanwhile men armed with shovels or trucks and hoses beat out the fire as it spread north and south. The fire soon swept on to a field of arley, destroyed that and went to the railroad track in Barnum canyon where it was stopped on a rocky hillside by the work of section hands and others.

To the north, more than a mile away from its start, it was stopped before it could get to another wheat field which would have let it burn on to Klondike or perhaps the John Day river. Such a fire can only be stopped in low wheat, big grass or big wheat gives a fire too much fuel and flames fly twenty feet into the air and jump yards ahead.

Curly and John DeMoss were the owners of the land and crops burned. Some insurance was held on the crop, about 35 bushels per acre. The wheat would have made more.

Wagon Train May Make New Schedule

No one seems to know when the wagon train is going to reach these parts, nor is anyone certain where it will camp. Latest information is that it will stop at Biggs the night before it reaches The Dalles. It is perhaps safe to conclude that this wagon train, like those 120 years ago, could not tell just where they would be at any time in the future. If it camps at Hook it will probably spend the next night at Deschutes; if it camps at Blalock it will be at Biggs the next night, or such is the latest guess.

School Superintendent Distributes Money

The \$595.56, covering Sherman county's share of the State Irreducible School fund has just been received, and apportionment has been made to the various school districts as follows:

Dist.	Census	\$84 ea.	Total Amt.
3	88	.84	\$ 73.92
7	189	.84	158.76
9J	67	.84	56.28
17	217	.84	182.28
23	148	.84	124.32
Total	709	.84	\$ 595.56

Skunk Busy In Chicken Yard

Varmints in the chicken yard have caused no end of grief for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton this summer. A skunk broke in and killed eight chicks one night early in the season. Next evening Bill saw Mr. Skunk returning for another meal and grabbed his gun. When he realized the skunk was upwind from the house, he attempted to turn him, but to no avail—he got rid of the skunk—but not his smell! Last week Bill caught a skunk in a trap set for rats, but, remembering his early mistake, he tried something different. Filling a barrel with water he found a long pole and lifted the skunk, trap and all, into the water to drown—result: the odor wasn't QUITE as strong. Saturday his traps got a weasel, and with the chickens rapidly approaching the "eat-in" stage the Broughtons heaved sighs of relief. Monday morning Mrs. B. discovered, after Bill had left for work, that something had cleaned out about 18 of her young chickens. Figuring that whatever it was would return for the remainder she left the .22 by the back door. Hearing a disturbance later on, she snatched up the gun and ran for the chicken yard. The result? One large but mighty dead badger! They have decided to eat the rest of the almost fryers before they too disappear.