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## These Things We Note

Giles L. French  
Maybe one of the reasons defense costs so much is that nearly all retired generals are hired by the companies making defense materials. And they surely know how to make an argument for more.

TTWN  
John Lewis did more than anyone else to make coal obsolete. A few of his followers are getting big wages, most of them are doing something else.

TTWN  
This will be a year long remembered by the kids who like snow whatever their age.

TTWN  
One nice thing about planning is that it is always in the future. Like a note it doesn't have to be considered now.

TTWN  
Oregon is killing exactly one person a day in traffic accidents. It is a miserable way to reduce the population.

TTWN  
The president suggests that the budget be balanced by raising the gas tax and postage. Some needed reduction would do as well.

TTWN  
Picking on the Jews is a traditional pastime but pretty cowardly inasmuch as there are so few of them.

TTWN  
A story says that Lyndon Johnson is the real leader in votes in the Democratic presidential race. That is good news.

TTWN  
There's one question that has not come up about the presidential candidates: "How do they like to travel?"

TTWN  
Snow shoveling is not recommended for men for it may cause heart attacks. Better let the women do it, they are not so susceptible.

TTWN  
Oregon license plates will bear the caption "Pacific Wonderland". The rest of the state is wonderful, too.

TTWN  
A few inches of snow made Portland as deserted as a big, expensive atomic bomb. Old Mother Nature has a way.

TTWN  
TV and radio commercials come in for a good bit of criticism but really they're no worse than the programs.

TTWN  
Joseph Wood Krutch, writing in the Saturday Review, about the Fifties, includes a paragraph that may cause thought or anger and either is preferable to mental lethargy. "Most people supposed, for example, that they were raising an ultimate question when they debated Communism vs. liberal democracy as it exists in the United States. Yet, however, important certain differences between the two systems may be and however preferable one may be to the other, the fact remains that the kinds of Good Life which each promises have a great deal in common. Both accept power, wealth, and the standard of living as the chief tangible evidence of success or failure and both accept much the same theories of human nature (the chief difference lying in the greater clarity and rigidity with which the Communists formulate them). Both tend that is to say, to assume that man is the product of society, that his nature and his condition can both be improved only through the improvement of social conditions, and that, given material welfare, men will inevitably become more intelligent, more moral, and more cultured. The dispute between them tends to become merely a dispute over the question of which system is most likely to produce the kind of society both aim at."

TTWN  
If you're still here it looks as if it might be a time for individuals instead of subservient parts of a social structure.

TTWN  
The supreme court says legislators cannot raise their own salaries. It is the people who must decide their worth.

## Boatmen To Organize At Courthouse Next Wednesday Night

The boatmen are going to organize. To do that a meeting has been called by Ray Kelso, temporary chairman, for Wednesday, January 27 at the court house at 8:00 p. m.

Asked to attend are all boat owners of whom there are over 40, and who are all interested in obtaining recreation on the waters of the John Day pool on the Columbia and John Day rivers. Those not owning boats are also invited if they have an interest in the recreation that may be available.

It is expected that the club will be patterned after the Arlington Boat club which has ten owners and 40 members. Members from that city are expected at the meeting to explain the new boat licensing law and to aid with organization.

## Remedies For Flu Given By Official

You'd better get your annual flu shots and take special care of your health during the next few weeks.

That was the advice Friday of the State Board of Health after the department's disease control experts had finished reviewing influenza reports from Oregon and the rest of the nation.

Although reported Oregon influenza increased 28.5 percent last week, from 617 to 793 cases, the disease still is "about at normal seasonal levels", according to the health board.

None of the reports so far indicate that the epidemic which has struck an estimated half-million persons in the Los Angeles area the past few days has yet moved into Oregon.

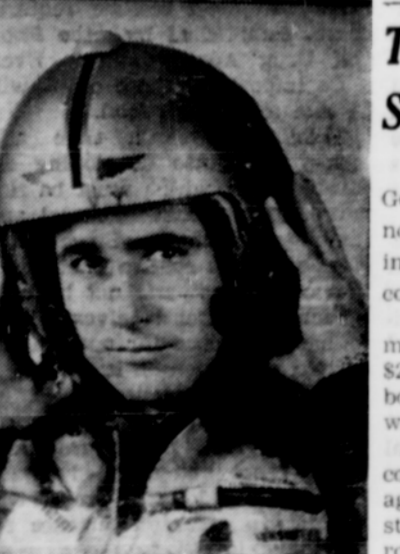
Flu shots were recommended as the best defense against the disease, and Dr. Wilcox especially urged them for the very young or old persons, pregnant women, or persons already weakened by some other illness.

One shot gives protection to most older children and adults, although the health officer recommended a second shot three to four months after the first. The immunity does not carry over from one year to another, and the shots do not become effective until 10-14 days after vaccination.

## Quota For Bond Sales Set For 1960

The treasury department would like to have Sherman counties buy a few more bonds during 1960, not an outrageous request, either, considering the quota set for this county.

In 1957 we bought \$70,924; in 1958 we bought \$114,773; in 1959 \$96,667. For 1960 the government would like to have us buy \$100,000. And that we could do easily enough and profitably enough, too, when it is considered that the interest rate is 3 3/4% and bonds are cashable at any moment the bank is open.



Qualified as a carrier pilot during the first week in December, by making two "touch and go," and six arrested landings aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Antietam in the Gulf of Mexico, was Navy Lt. (jg) James B. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Roberson of Moro.

Craig H. Rollins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Byrne of Rufus, Oregon is scheduled to graduate from recruit training January 15 at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

## Deepest Snow In Ten Years Makes Farmers Happy

On top of all the snow that has fallen at irregular intervals since the first of the year another five or six inches fell Monday night and Tuesday to cover the ground to an estimated 12 or 14 inches. Along the ridges and west of fields in summerfallow it drifted so that school busses could not run. Schools were closed.

It was not a wet snow, temperatures being in the twenties by day and slightly above ten by night, but there will be some moisture to add to the half inch the first snows produced. The prophecy is for more although none materialized Wednesday.

It has been ten years since a similar snow storm and that was in February 1950. There was 11 inches in January 1954.

Highway travel has been curtailed although the big trucks still boom along and persons having something of importance to do manage to get from here to there with a moderate amount of difficulty. Highway 30 was closed below Cascade Locks Tuesday afternoon by drifts and flying snow that made vision impossible.

Total moisture for the month is .95 at the station and the normal is 1.71.

## Grain Exports Up From Portland

A substantial increase in grain exports moving out of Oregon ports was recorded in 1959 over 1958, according to the calendar year report of the state department of agriculture's grain inspectors.

Last year, 59.8 million bushels of grain moved overseas from Portland and Astoria. This compares with 45.5 million bushels bushels in 1958. Bulk of the movement was out of Portland, into number of states funnelled for overseas shipment.

Another increase reported for last year is a 32 percent boost in large movement of grain into Portland, reflecting transportation developments on the Columbia river. In 1959, 13.1 million bushels of the 86.4 million bushels of grain unloaded at Portland came in by river barge; corresponding 1958 figures were 9.9 and 93.8 million bushels.

Conversely, grain movement into Portland by auto truck dropped in 1959 to 10.3 million bushels from 13.6 million bushels in 1958. Also showing a decline were total grain inspections—excluding export—at Portland, Pendleton and Astoria. The combined figure was 83.1 million bushels in 1959 which compares with 101.8 million bushels the previous year. One reason for the decline was the reduced shipments from points east of the Rocky mountains.

## SCHOOLS START AGAIN

School started again Thursday morning although not all school busses could make their rounds.

## Telephone Company Maintains Microwave Station On Top of Gordon Ridge

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It's Pacific Telephone's Moro microwave radio relay station, a \$200,000 installation that speeds both long distance calls and network television on their way.

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## Sherman County Club Will Honor ASC Office Tuesday Night

The January meeting of the Sherman County club will be held at the Masonic hall at 7:00 p. m., the 26th, states Bob Ferrell, president.

Feature of the meeting will be the presentation of an award to the Sherman county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office and members of that board for 1959. Coming for that event will be Jens Terjesen and Dan Verhagen, members of the state board.

In addition there will be reports by club committees including the recreation committee, now engaged in a rather lively debate over uses of the John Day pool; the agricultural committee and the nomination committee on whose report an election of officers will be held.

Any citizen of the county is welcome to attend the meetings of the Sherman County club which is an organization interested in and devoted to the welfare of Sherman county.

## Kent Extension Unit Studies Nursing

Twelve members of the Kent Home Extension unit braved the winter weather to attend the unit meeting held at the Legion hall in Kent January 12. The business meeting was held during the morning followed by a buffet luncheon at noon.

Marguerite Decker and Phoebe McKay were the project leaders for the lesson on Home Nursing. This was a very interesting lesson and also a very educational one as nearly every housewife and mother experiences the role of nurse at some time in her life. The group learned about the proper way to care for a patient at home and many helpful hints were given for simple homemade devices which would add to a patient's comfort.

## FINAL DATE FOR CCC LOANS

Farmers are reminded by the local ASC office that February 1 is the last day that they can obtain CCC loans or purchase agreements on their 1959 crop grains. Loan papers will be accepted by the bank for disbursement up to February 15.

## Census Bureau Gets Ready To Count

Establishment of a district office for the 1960 Census of Population and Housing at 1101 Wall Street in Bend was announced by Director Guy E. Rainboth of the Census Bureau's regional office at Seattle, Washington.

Homer E. Rainey of Bend will be supervisor of the district office. He will direct a force of 21 crew leaders and 256 census takers in the following counties: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler.

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## Sherman Takes Fifth; Maupin Defeated Easily

by Terry Kaseberg  
Sherman extended their winning streak to five games and have undisputed first place in the Deschutes League with a three win, and no loss record as they defeated the Maupin Resides 65 to 54 on Maupin's home floor.

The Huskies were in command throughout the whole game except when Maupin took a two point lead midway in the second period only to lose it and never came within four points thereafter.

Both teams hit over 50% of their shots from the field and both hit around 65% from the charity line, but Sherman out-rebounded Maupin with Everett Royle snagging 13 rebounds for the Huskies.

Sherman lost their center, Everett Royle midway in the third quarter, and Maupin's high scoring guard, Art Crabtree, in the closing minutes in the fourth quarter. This was the first time the Huskies have lost a player on personal fouls this season.

## SHERMAN WINS FROM CULVER

by Bob Cyphers  
The Sherman Huskies thrilled another crowd by defeating the Culver Bulldogs 60 to 49.

Terry Kaseberg and Larry Helyer starred for the Huskies with 21 points and 16 points respectively. Bill Burke was the high man for the Bulldogs with 19 points.

## Score by Quarters

Sherman	13	28	46	60
Culver	9	23	36	49

## JV'S SPLIT WEEKEND

The Sherman JV's beat the Culver JV team 45 to 42 in an exciting overtime game. Gene Eakin was the star of the win making a shot from the center line with two seconds left tying it up.

The JV's were defeated by Maupin 64 to 60. Woodside had 22 for Maupin. Thomas had 21 for Sherman. The Sherman Frosh defeated Maupin Frosh 37 to 31.

## Thousands Lose Right To Drive Cars

If you were convicted of violating an Oregon traffic law last year, you had plenty of company. In fact, you were one of 181,405 drivers to be convicted.

The 1959 conviction figure was the highest ever recorded in the state, the Department of Motor Vehicles report disclosed. In 1958, 160,193 convictions were reported.

The report showed that 2,500 drivers were convicted of driving while intoxicated during the year. This figure compared with 3,179 convictions on this charge in 1958. All such convictions result in mandatory suspension of the driver's license for a specified period, depending on whether it is a first, or subsequent conviction.

## Heart Association Fights Fever

A broad scale attack on rheumatic fever under the guidance of three Oregon organizations has been launched through a program of providing low-cost penicillin. Mrs. Anita Hooper, Grass Valley, Sherman County Heart Fund chairman, announced.

The low-cost penicillin will be provided to persons who have had rheumatic fever to prevent further attacks of the disease, only on prescription from the patient's personal physician, Dr. Bussman said. It is designed to provide medication for patients unable to pay regular retail prices.

Chairman Hooper pointed out that the low-cost penicillin program was made possible by the generous response of the public to the Heart Fund appeal for support. The 1960 campaign will open February 1 and continue through the month.

## State Insists Card Form Be Used For Income Tax Return

Oregon's punch card income tax form is to be used by all persons reporting personal income regardless of its source, the State Tax Commission emphasized today.

The commission reports that since the filing season officially opened January 1 it has been contacted by a number of taxpayers who mistakenly believed there was still a long form to fill out.

The card-type Form 40, replacing the previous four-page form, was adopted principally for two reasons: (1) it makes reporting easier and (2) it enables the commission to use electronic equipment and new techniques, thus reducing costs.

The commission points out, however, that information other than that called for by the new form must be provided by taxpayers grossing \$5,000 or more from a business or farm, and by persons reporting capital gains.

The commission stresses the fact that the worksheet for Form 40 has been prepared solely for the convenience of the taxpayer who needs to make a more detailed compilation. The worksheet is intended as a means of organizing information to simplify the transfer of key items to the Form 40 card.

The worksheet does not have to be used, but if it is, the taxpayer should keep it with his records and not mail it with his return. If additional information is needed by the commission, a field auditor can check the work sheet or other records from which Form 40 is prepared.

## M. M. Powell Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Marlon M. (Bud) Powell were held at the Moro Community church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with the Rev. Ernest Goodenberger officiating.

Mr. Powell died in a hospital in The Dalles Saturday morning from injuries suffered Tuesday at his home in Moro from a gun shot wound. He was born at Moro September 12, 1910 and attended school in Portland graduating from Grant High in that city before attending the University of Oregon.

His adult life was spent as a farmer in Sherman county where he was operator of two ranches at the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow, Georgia; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Clark of Hood River and Miss Judith Elizabeth Powell of Portland; his father Charlie L. Powell of Moro; a sister, Mrs. Mel Gooden of Portland; a step-daughter, Mrs. Sidney Macfarlane of Portland.

## Education Study Set By Bureau

The Oregon Farm Bureau has called an education conference to be held in Salem, Feb. 1-2 to study the many aspects of the Oregon education system.

The conference will be chaired by John Hounsell, past State Senator and member of the education interim committee. Designated as a conference-workshop, the two-day meet will focus attention on four areas of education: 1. Are schools preparing our young people for the challenges of the future? 2. How can we get the most education from our tax dollar? 3. Who should control and influence education? How can the cost of needed education be equitably financed?

The conference will be divided into eight workshops in order to give participants an opportunity to take an active part in the program. The workshop areas have been titled as follows: 1. What kind of education? 2. Education in what? 3. School units, how big? 4. Education - what to teach? 5. Education - who pays how much? 6. Education - who controls and influences? 7. Teachers as keys in quality education. 8. Education - what's new and good?

While no recommendations are expected to come from the conference, it is hoped the two day affair will provide vital information for conferees to use in local study groups at home.

## Soil Conservation Meeting Cut By Snow Competition

The soil conservation boys got an assist from nature Tuesday which pleased the farmers but made execution of the program somewhat difficult.

Although the crowd was smaller than expected all speakers managed to get there on time, Merrill Oveson and John Schwendiman coming from Pendleton in the new snow.

Mr. Schwendiman, of the SCS station at Pullman, Wn., told about the grasses suitable for soil conservation work in this area. Newest one is Nordan, a variety of crested wheat grass developed in North Dakota. It is a more palatable grass than the original. An old grass, discovered here, Sherman Big Blue, is still one of the best and is being increased for seed purposes in the northwest.

## Grass Described

Another is Siberian wheat grass and another yet is Pubescent wheat grass, familiar to local farmers as the grass used to seed waterways. Mr. Schwendiman said it was also called Topak, which is a Nez Perce word meaning "dryland creeping wheat grass with hair on it." Whitmar, really the big bunchgrass familiar to Sherman countians, is another dependable grass for the northwest.

Harold Winegar told of the work being done in this county by the state game commission to improve habitat for game birds. This includes nesting places, guzzlers, cover of different kinds of shrubs well scattered over most of the county.

Leo Mayers gave a progress report on the soil survey being written for Sherman county. It is now in its final stages having been written and through the hands of most of the editors who must pass on it before it is finally published.

## Need For Soil Stated

Merrill Oveson whose topic was "Our Soil and Our Future" said that without soil there could be no future. He cited the fate of former civilizations that have fallen because of loss of soil fertility and loss of places in the comparatively new United States where crops had to be changed because of the wearing out of the soil through erosion. Even in the northwest erosion is taking the soil.

The population explosion, as it is presently called, is putting more pressure on owners of soil and if we really have 230,000,000 people by 1975 we will certainly be on shorter rations than we are now. It is estimated that we have 3 1/2 acres for every human in this day and that at least 2% acres are absolutely necessary. On top of that we are taking some two million acres of land each year for roads and dwellings.

We already have 50 million acres useless from erosion, another 50 million acres badly eroded and are losing four billion tons of good soil by erosion each year.

These figures, said Mr. Oveson, show the terrible seriousness of soil conservation because the products of soil are what we eat and no substitute has been found for them.

## W. F. Knowland To Speak To Publishers

William F. Knowland, associate publisher of the Oakland, (Calif.) Tribune, and former United States senator from California, heads up the program for the 41st annual Oregon Press Conference, to be held on this campus February 19 and 20.

Knowland will give the annual Eric W. Allen Memorial Lecture on Feb. 19.

Chairman of the conference this year will be Giles French, editor and publisher of the Sherman County Journal of Moro.

Listed as speakers for the two-day meeting, which is jointly sponsored by the University of Oregon school of journalism and the ONPA, are Martin Schmitt, curator of special collections in the university library; Dean Harry Alpert of the university's graduate school; and William E. Bade, manager of the Oregon Tax Research in Portland.