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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

We wonder when Americans are going to realize that there is more talk about the nation's unpreparedness when congress is making up the budget.

TTWN
Our gross national product is apparently based on price which means that when prices go up we seem to have a larger GNP. But a pound of beans at fifty cents has no more nutrition than at twenty cents. Looks like we'd better invent a better gauge.

TTWN
The country has developed as fast when interest rates were high as when they were low. Speculators do better when money is cheap; investors do better when money is high.

TTWN
We read that the Russians are going to the moon in a rocket. Good. We hope they take a full load.

TTWN
Editorial errors always surprise and appall us and why we keep on making them we do not know. Last week we cut the last leg off Shelt Burres with the nonchalance of a bridge game scorekeeper. While we are sure the venerable old stockman found it the easiest leg he ever lost we apologize for the hasty error.

TTWN
The man who saves money, or the nation that has funds to invest, are the victims when the "down-trodden" do their own job of treading but are nevertheless envious of those with character enough to save.

TTWN
Primary purpose of law is to curb violence and we certainly hope law is effective in catching the Portland dynamiters. To assume it was someone not connected with the strike is to be exceedingly naive.

TTWN
That Khrushchev can permit a family to reunite doesn't mean that he is a kindly man; it means he has too much power.

TTWN
Working women, we note, are getting older. Sure, once they start working they can't quit.

TTWN
They say there is no accurate history of whiskey (no one being able to write without research and on one being able to write after research).

TTWN
It adds to longevity to be underweight. The less weight the more longevity; so if you gradually waste away it takes a long time.

TTWN
Homesteaders in this county bought out their neighbors and paid ten per cent interest. Land was low, interest high. Later when interest was down land prices were higher.

TTWN
What gain will ensue if we make the small cars bigger and make other small cars to take their place. Except that a man might boast that when he was young his dad had a Chevrolet.

TTWN
Just when the stronger nations are talking about the economic necessity of aiding weaker nations by investing in them along comes Castro and starts taking the property of foreign investors.

TTWN
We wish some one would write a book about the styles that have gone out of favor, not just the styles but the customs, the things about which we were certain. Verily, most of what we know isn't so.

TTWN
It feels like it was almost time to plant the sweet peas.

TTWN
Scientists with a long range view are not yet certain that mankind will survive forever. A vast majority of the species that have lived on this earth are already gone, because they couldn't compete with other species or killed each other off.

Evaluation Group Visits SHS To Appraise Quality

by Patti Byars
An evaluation committee from the NASHS, Northwest Assn. of Secondary and Higher Schools, is visiting Sherman High School Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. This evaluation is in response to a request by the faculty of the school and is preparatory to the school's application into membership into the NASHS.

Joseph M. Nelson and Dale R. Skewis, secondary supervisors from the Oregon State Department of Education, are co-ordinators for the visiting committee. Eleven people are on the committee. Four are from the state department, three high school teachers, two high school principals, one from Portland State College, and one from the Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Each member of the committee has his own assignment to cover and evaluate. There are a minimum of standards to be evaluated of which one or more may be assigned to each member. A few of these standards which are to be evaluated are the conduct of the pupils, the school facilities, and the amount of equipment available. The committee will carefully evaluate these standards and many more. Results of their studies will be reported to the NASHS, which will be determined next fall.

Last fall, for 2 1/2 months, the faculty carried out their part of the evaluation—an extensive self-evaluation in all subject areas, student activity program and school plant facilities.

Muller Expands As Case Buys Harris

Muller Farm Equipment at Moro and The Dalles is expanding because the Case company has acquired the Harris Machinery company including the Harris Hillside combine.

This will give Case dealers a large range of combine sizes including three Harris from 14 1/2 to 18 1/2 foot cut and the Case line with five width cut in hillside and level land models.

Muller Equipment has added two men at The Dalles and has been busy moving into new quarters on Second street while retaining the same display lot on Madison street, and an experienced Harris man will come to assist George Moreau at Moro.

Juniors Win From Dufur Rather Easily

by Gene Eakin
The Sherman High Junior Varsity which seems to have real potential but hasn't been able to come up with many wins this year, exploded against the Dufur Rangers handing them a 59-33 loss. George Miller, versatile forward, was the sparkplug of the Huskies, setting up baskets, stealing the ball and racking up 13 points. Tony Capaci, hustling guard, who hit for 10 points and Byron Bayer and Malcolm Esslinger were other Sherman stars scoring 15 and 7 points each. The Rangers were behind from the start. Only freshman Goodwyn, poised a real offensive threat for the Rangers hitting from outside for 17 points and game high scoring honors.

SHS Students Aid March of Dimes

by Peggy Alberty
The students and faculty of SHS have taken a lively interest in the March of Dimes. In the two events sponsored by Student Council \$29.35 was netted.

A volley ball game between the faculty and student council was held for the student body January 24. The clowning teachers appeared in ridiculous costumes only to be beaten by council members. Each student paid a dime to attend the contest. Similar games have been played in the last three years but this is the first time the students succeeded in whipping the faculty.

After the Sisters game and until 11 o'clock, January 30, a soe-hop was sponsored by the student council and these proceeds also were contributed to the March of Dimes. Records were used for music.

January Cold, Dry But Not The Worst On Local Record

January was cold, not that anyone missed that fact. The average maximum was 31.2 and the average minimum was 16.4 degrees to make a mean temperature of 23.8 and that was 6.3 degrees below normal so it was really cold. Colder Januaries were in 1936 with 20.4 and 1929 with 22. The highest temperatures was the last three days of the month when it was 49 and the lowest was the 13th when it was exactly zero.

But it was not the driest. It finally brought 1.03 inches of moisture a good .72 below the normal but not so dry. On February 1, 1957 we had a deficiency below the average of 4.07 inches. That was all removed by big spring rains. The crop year total for moisture is 3.16 which is 3.68 below the average so big spring rains are desired again.

But January wasn't windy there being an average of but 2.3 miles per hour which is 1.7 below normal.

Boatmen Writing Constitution First

The meeting for organization of a boat owner club held last Wednesday night was presided over by Stan Coelsch as temporary chairman. Ray Kelso acted as temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to write a constitution and after that has been approved permanent officers will be chosen. On the constitution committee are Harold Eakin, chairman, Paul Fraser, Curly DeMoss, Leonard Fields and Frank Reid.

Wasco Auxiliary Has Long Meeting

The Wasco American Legion Auxiliary unit No. 91 met Monday afternoon Feb. 1 at the Little Legion hall in Wasco. Mrs. Paul Patrick, president, called the meeting to order. Several of the officers were absent, so Mrs. Bill Huck acted as chaplain. Mrs. Leona VanGilder as first president, and Mrs. George Fox as second vice president and Mrs. Hilda Hartmann took the place of Mrs. Keith McDonald. The group gave the salute to the flag and sang a verse of the Star Spangled Banner before giving the preamble in unison. Mrs. Elva Dehler, secretary, read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Hartmann said the unit has reached 71 members and one transfer. She also said more ditty bags are needed at the Veterans' hospital. Anyone wishing to help make them can get a ditty bag pattern by contacting Mrs. Patrick. Mrs. Hartmann reported on the number of cards she had sent out to sick members. Mrs. Harland McDonald will call a meeting in February to make poppy wreaths. Mrs. Arthur Sargent who is in Florida at present, will call a meeting in March to make flowers for the wheel chair parade. A thank you for flowers sent to Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand Miller's funeral was received. Mrs. Miller was a charter member of the Wasco Legion Auxiliary.

The group discussed the Legion's birthday which is March 15. The date will be set at the next Auxiliary meeting March 7. However, the committee for the dinner was appointed. Chairman will be Mrs. Dewey Thomas, and to help here Mrs. Earl Richelderfer and Mrs. Leona Van Gilder. The Auxiliary voted to give the Legion \$10 for its birthday. They also plan to have the large flag hanging in the room, cleaned. The Youth center which the Wasco people are talking about was discussed and the Auxiliary voted to do what it could to help. Mrs. Dewey Thomas is chairman of Americanism, and she said February is their month, so she gave the Auxiliary a quiz about the United States cabinet members, read the Bill of Rights and talked on the different programs which they are doing.

The rooms were decorated in red and white colors, a red rose bouquet was on the president's table. The lace covered serving table was centered with a red carnation centerpiece in a crystal bowl. Valentine napkins were used, and the dessert further carried out the red and white theme. The hostesses were Mrs. Gordon Harper and Mrs. Clyde Fridley.

Highway Board Allots Money For Wasco-Biggs

The state highway commission set aside \$845,000 at its meeting in Salem the last of January for the grading and oiling of the section of Highway 97 between Wasco and Biggs according to the public prints.

This is in agreement with general sentiment in Sherman which has felt that this section should be built first, it being the most crooked and narrowest.

The new road will be built in Spanish Hollow near the present highway, according to Kenneth Fridley, state highway commissioner, who says that the engineers did not find the proposed road to the east satisfactory because of the grades necessary to get out of the canyon near its mouth. It is not expected that the new alignment will be so near the bottom of the hollow as is the present one, however.

Work on the section will not begin before fall as not all the engineering has been done and contracting will have to be delayed for that reason. Besides this is a very new project and must take its place in priority. When started the work will begin at the north end and a three lane highway will be built with wide enough shoulders to protect drivers from rolling rock. It is now estimated that six miles of new road will be built with the \$845,000.

YOUNG SISTERS BEAT HUSKY BABES

by Gene Eakin

The Sisters Outlaws J. V. beat the Huskies for the second time this year 43-38. John Thomas, husky Sherman center, did an excellent job of containing tall Dean Phillips, but he couldn't do as good a job against Sam Hewitt who hit for 8 points. The Outlaws led the Huskies most of the way behind the potent shooting of guard Ralph Shaw who scored 14 points. The Huskies would hit like wildfire, almost catching the Outlaws, then suddenly go cold and drop back. Bayer, Coats, and Eakin led the onslaughts scoring 9, 8, and 8 points respectively. The Huskies play the Culver Bulldogs at Culver Friday and take on the Maupin Redskins at Sherman on Saturday night.

OSC Hopes To Give Better Education

The new liberal arts degrees that will be offered at Oregon State College beginning this fall "constitute an important advancement of the academic program of the institution," President A. L. Strand believes.

The new program approved by the state board of higher education will provide a broad liberal education for students enrolled and enrich the entire campus educational offerings.

Under the program, students will take divisional majors—that is work in several related departments rather than specializing in one. Strong minor work in science will be tied in with the liberal arts program.

Divisional major degrees will be offered in the general areas of the social sciences—comprising economics, geography, history, political science, psychology and sociology; and the humanities—including architecture, art, English, journalism, landscape architecture, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion and speech.

Minors to accompany the liberal arts degrees will be open to students in specialized fields such as botany, foods and nutrition, chemistry, entomology, textiles, food processing and utilization, meteorology, geology, zoology, land resources conservation, and others or in the broad fields of biological science, general science, earth science and physical science.

"Sufficient elective credits are provided in the new curricula to allow students to qualify for teacher certificates," Dr. Strand pointed out. "This is important now but it will become more important in the future because the general trend in teacher education is toward strong liberal arts work."

Careful advance planning during the past year will permit the program to be launched in its entirety this fall, he added. Dr. Ralph Colby is dean of the newly authorized school of humanities and social sciences.

Conservation Program Made For County; Will Encourage Perennial Weed Control

The 1960 agricultural conservation program practices for Sherman county were developed last week by farmer county and community committee members, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent. Twenty-one different practices were set-up to provide federal cost-sharing assistance for Sherman county farmers in establishing soil and water conservation measures.

The ACP is setup to help achieve additional conservation on land now in agricultural production. Costs are shared with a farmer or rancher who has satisfactorily performed any of these practices. Prior approval must be obtained from the County ASC committee office before initiation of an ACP practice program on the farm. Assistance for most practices is 50% of the cost of establishment.

Perennial weed control was adopted as a special conservation practice for the county. Weeds included are: Morning Glory, White Top, Russian Knapweed and Canada Thistle.

Initial application of stubble mulch is being considered for the 1960 ACP program handbook. Recommendations for the program will be drawn up by W. E. Hall, T. W. Thompson and Ralph Busse for acceptance by the County ASC committee. The practice will cover only the year of initiation of stubble mulch program and will be limited to areas where straw is a problem in handling.

Eighty percent assistance on establishment of Strip-Cropping is being requested by the County committee through the State ASC office. Request for increase payment is being entered to assist in stimulating the establishment of strip-cropping. The Sherman County Soil Conservation district supervisors have set as a goal increased acreage in strip-cropping and asked the committee to assist in this program by further cost-sharing assistance, Thompson states.

A list of practices to be available during 1960 are: establishment of permanent cover in a long time crop rotation, and short-time rotations, contour and field strip cropping, rangeland seeding, brush control on range, development of wells for livestock, development of springs and seeps; erosion, stockwater, and irrigation dams; pipelines for livestock water; permanent cross fencing; sod waterways; diversion ditches

Seniors Interested In Senior Weeknd

by Florene Crews

Five Sherman High seniors attended the University of Oregon and Oregon State January 29 and 30 for Senior Weeknd.

Nancy Wilson, Marilyn Smith University of Oregon. They toured and Margaret Brown attended the ed the campus and library as well as attending lectures. The U. of O. Senior Weeknd began Saturday afternoon and lasted through the evening.

Darlene Goehauer and Jim Thomas visited O.S.C. Senior Weeknd beginning Friday morning and lasting through Sunday. High school seniors were kept busy with classes, banquets, and tours of the campus.

High school seniors, numbering about 2500, interested in going to one of the two colleges caught glimpses of the academic as well as the social side of college life.

Sherman Huskies Continue To Win

Sherman's basketball team won their eighth straight game of the season Friday night, as they trounced the Dufur Rangers 81 to 45 on Dufur's home floor.

The Huskies led at the end of the first quarter 18 to 8 and continued to pull away each quarter by scores of 43 to 20 at half time, 64 to 28 at third quarter and, with the reserves playing the last quarter scored 17 points to Dufur's 19. All of Sherman's varsity played in the game.

Sherman now leads the Deschutes League with a 5-0 record.

Sherman
Blaylock 12
Royse 9
Duncan, Jim 5
Kaseberg 18
Helyer 10
Duncan, John 10

Dufur
Underhill 5
Tibrecht 6
Taylor 13
Namlie 19
Parsons 2
Widener 1

Bids Called On New Postoffice Design at Moro

The Post Office Department will again seek competitive bids for a new post office building at Moro, Oregon, according to word received today by Postmaster Lloyd R. Johnson from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Bids will be solicited during the period February 4 through 15 for a ten-year lease with 2-five-year renewal options, based on the use of an assignable land option on First Street between Scott and Main Streets, now held by the government.

The area specified for the new facility will contain approximately 1800 square feet of inside floor space with a 120 square foot platform, and 3130 square feet for a parking and maneuvering area. Further information concerning the bids may be obtained from the Regional Real Estate Office, Box 3,003, Portland 8, Oregon.

The new building will be constructed according to Post Office Department specifications and rented to the Department under a long term lease. Under this unique program the resources and investment funds of private enterprise are utilized to obtain needed postal buildings. More than 3,000 new structures have been erected during the past five years. Moreover, due to Congressional approval of the Postal Modernization program, construction during 1960 will be greatly accelerated with 1400 new facilities scheduled for completion and several hundred obsolete post offices modernized and expanded.

Health Association Plans Conference

The Sherman County Health Advisory Council held its regular monthly meeting at Beefe's restaurant on February 3. Mrs. Lester Wilson presided.

Reports were given of the well-child conferences and the Polio clinics which have taken place in the county.

Plans were made to hold a well-child pre-school conference at Wasco February 12, from 10:00 to 12 noon. Mrs. Don McDermid chairman. Children may be brought from the Moro and Rufus communities as well. It is suggested that appointments be made with Mrs. McDermid.

Plans were made to inform the public on the advisability of tetanus shots for adults, or booster shots for those who have formerly been immunized.

The council suggests the wisdom of getting flu shots from one's personal physician.

County Ramblin's

County Agricultural Agent

One of the machinery companies has recently published an excellent booklet on keeping your soil on the farm. It is titled "Run for Cover with Stubblemulch Farming". Included are the seven steps for stubble mulch farming in heavy residue suggested by Ted Horning of the Pendleton branch experimental station.

(1) Use a straw spreader on combine to scatter residue uniformly over field.

(2) Leave stubble standing over winter unless weeds are a problem. Standing stubble gives greater erosion protection and tends to hold snow. If fall tillage is necessary, use sweeps at shallow depth—4 to 5 inches—to cut weed roots.

(3) Stubble bust ahead of spring tillage, or sweep and follow with a skew treader. Wide sweeps have fewer shanks to cause plugging. Duckfoot blades, spaced at 12 in. give more surface cultivation for control of small weeds, volunteer grain and cheat grass.

(4) Follow first spring tillage immediately with skew treader or center drive rod weeder to close soil pores, save moisture, and start cheat control.

(5) If mulch is still too long and fluffy or if cheat is a problem, skew tread again after about 7 days of drying weather.

(6) Rod weed for rest of summer only as necessary to control weeds, going only deep enough to keep rods submerged. Rod weeding does not have to be done at any regular intervals. Excessive working of the soil tends to destroy the residue cover, pulverizes the surface soil, lets moisture escape, and nullifies the benefits of mulching.

(7) Seed with 14-inch-spaced 5 deep furrow drill with wide shovels on moderate slopes. Seed with 13 semi-drill disk with 10 to 12-inch spacing on steeper slopes.

It should be emphasized that there is not just one best way to

Oregon Conference on Pesticides

A statewide conference will be held Feb. 11 on the Oregon State college campus to discuss pesticide use. The meeting is sponsored jointly by the state department of agriculture and the school of agriculture of OSC.

Purpose is not to make recommendation, but to tell why we use agricultural chemicals; tell how chemicals are tested by industry and public agencies; tell how regulations are enforced by Federal and State agencies; tell how pesticides can be used without affecting public health.

Any producer of those in the commercial field are welcome.

Noxious Weeds

There are 108 "Noxious Weeds" of the United States, listed. Twenty-three are prohibited in all Oregon certified seed. There are 17 additional ones that are listed as objectionable in Oregon certified seed.

Diana Henrichs Gets 4-H Clothing Prize

Diana, daughter of the Lloyd Henrichs', Moro, has been selected as the Sherman county delegate to the Oregon 4-H conference Salem, Feb. 4-6, states T. W. Thompson, county agent. Selection was made last week by the county 4-H Leaders Assn. Award committee and the extension agents.

Theme of the the conference is "Know Your State Government." Delegates have an excellent opportunity to study state government in cooperation with elected and appointed state officials. Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, will be keynote speaker. Other officials participating are: Secretary of State, Treasurer, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Delegates from all Oregon counties will participate in the conference. Selection of county representatives is based on 4-H achievement and leadership, community participation and scholarship. Four young people will be selected as delegates to the 1960 National 4-H club conference in June at Washington, D. C.

Fifteen 4-H club projects in seven years have been completed by Diana. She has been a Junior 4-H leader two years and won state recognition in 1959 as champion in the Oregon State Fair Dress Revue. Diana ranks high scholastically in her Sherman High junior class and is active in school affairs and church activities.