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These Things We Note

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One of the nice things about being an economic prophet: you can change every week without losing face—or being any nearer correct.

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The U. S. economy is slowing down. Why shouldn't it with the government taking about forty percent of the net that would otherwise go to investment. And most of it this month.

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One thing seems certain: it was wise to start Khrushchev traveling. Keeping him isolated at home made him mean, like tying up a dog.

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The time has gone by when farmers were politically potent. By next year congressmen having a fifth of the voters on farms will be but a third of the total, says US World Report.

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This country is a good place to sell goods but a poor place to make goods so a firm that wishes to stay in business puts up a plant overseas and manufactures for less.

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Alternate weeks are warm. This is one of our warm weeks, with a bright sun making it doubly difficult to work inside.

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Lower leather prices are expected to reduce shoe prices. Why? Who wears leather shoes?

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A "liberal," as we understand it, is a politician who will trade his principals, if any, for the support of any asking group.

We would take a pledge to hunt for no rattlesnakes if rattlesnakes would not hunt for me.

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The use of tranquilizers may be all right in some cases but most of those who take them could do better with something stimulating enough to put them to work on the problems they take tranquilizers for.

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Sometimes it seems that strikes occur just as the weather becomes almost too pleasant for work.

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Making it difficult for negroes to vote causes many of them to want to vote while whites who have the vote must be urged to vote.

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It is entirely possible that the voluntary plan for health insurance now being considered since the defeat of the Forand bill will pass. It is much like any other insurance.

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If we had to make predictions we would say that the phobia for dieting was about to end. Note that some prominent women don't mind being plump.

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Our discrimination laws would be more general and maybe more fair if they just said that everyone should love everyone in the same degree.

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We have to agree with Harry Truman when he says presidential primaries are useless except as something for writers to write about. Naturally if the writers didn't write about such things there would be fewer writers.

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A scientist has discovered that animals behave like humans or the reverse whichever you like. That may be news to a generation obsessed with science but every farm boy knew it when father was a boy.

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Our daffodils had a hard time, but they are in bloom. The city blocked the sidewalk and pedestrians trampled over the plants that had so resolutely come up through the oil and gravel but the daffodils persisted and now flaunt their yellow blossoms in what could be interpreted as glee. In humans that characteristic would be called stubbornness, or bull-headedness. But it prevails.

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One warm week and one wet week alternately will make the garden grow and do no harm to wheat.

March Wet Changing Club Women Name Mrs. W R Reid Winner Dry Trend of Crop In Crafts Contest In Fourth District Year To Date

March was wet, comparatively speaking. It brought 1.58 inches of rainfall and snow fall instead of the normal .98. The most of this, the most in any one day, came on the 5th and was in the form of snow. It was .38 inch. For the crop year we have 5.76 inches, still a whopping 3.29 below the average.

Highest temperature was 74 on the 22nd and the coldest 10 on the 14th. Averages are 66 for high and 20 for low the average mean is 41.6 degrees and this year March was 0.9 degrees below that at 40.7. This 74 was the highest March temperature since 1947 and 77 degrees, checked in 1911, was the highest on record. Furthermore 10 is the lowest since 1955 and seven is the lowest. It occurred in 1945. So March was somewhat extreme.

The wind, though, was quiet being 3.7 MPH, a good 1.4 MPH below the average.

County Meeting Called For April

The Sherman Cattlemen's executive committee will meet Tuesday evening, April 12, at 8 p. m. The Sherman Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors' April meeting will be held at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, April 19. Bill Cochran, new State Soil Conservation committee assistant will attend.

The spring meeting of the Sherman County Wheat Growers is set for Thursday evening, April 28, at Wasco. The meeting will start with a 6:30 p. m. buffet banquet at the Wasco Methodist church. The general meeting at 8 p. m. will be held at the Masonic hall, Wasco. The 1960 county conservation winner will be honored during the evening as well as the 1959 county cake baking winner. A program for the evening meeting is being arranged.

The Sherman Homemakers festival will be held Saturday, April 30. County Extension unit members are presently preparing a program for this event. The Sherman 4-H Leaders Assn. April meeting has been set for April 27 at county courthouse, Moro. Wasco leaders are in charge of the program.

Foliage spraying for control of cheatgrass and rye along fence rows and around buildings can be made at this time. Several farmers have used this method in the past three years.

Suggested formula for trial is as follows: 5 pounds of Dalapon, 2 pounds of Amitrol, one pound of 2,4-D, and some type of spreader sticker. This material should be applied to one acre. Mixture with water is thus according to the method of application. When spraying from boom nozzles at least 25 gallons of water per acre should be used with the above materials. If spraying with hand nozzles, mixture could be made up with 100 to 150 gallons of water.

Grain Dealers Date Annual Meeting

Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association will hold its 39th annual convention at the Davenport Hotel June 8 and 9. H. L. Powell, Lewiston, Idaho, announced today.

Powell, who is president of the Association, said the convention would be one of the most important in the association's history in view of recent developments in the grain trade. The association, which has more than 230 dealer members in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, and many more associate members in those states, has as its object the advancement, protection and development of the common interests of those engaged in the warehousing, processing and merchandising activities.

Recently the trade has been under fire on the political front because of the high cost of storing grain surpluses accumulated as a result of farm support legislation. Some of the business of the convention is expected to be devoted to overcoming erroneous impressions created with the general public as a result of attempts to make it appear that grain dealers are reaping excessive profits from storing surplus grains.

Mrs. Carl W. Tuggle of Wasco, State and Fourth District Chairman of Crafts of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, has just announced the winner in the third annual Fashion-Sewing Contest, sponsored by the General Federation and Vogue Pattern Service, in cooperation with the Woman's Club Service Bureau of New York City.

After the fashion show held in Pendleton during which club members modeled their own costumes, Mrs. W. R. Reid of the Wasco club was named first-place winner, with Mrs. Charles Gillette of the Pendleton club runner-up. Mrs. Reid's winning outfit was cut from a Vogue Couturier pattern, resulting in a three piece dress suit of Eisenhower blue soft wool fabric. The suit jacket was lined with the same blue flowered print silk as that of the blouse. Attention was called to the new dropped neckline at the blouse back when the smart boxy jacket was removed. Versatility and high style, as well as fine workmanship made this the District Four winner.

All contestants were required to make and model an outfit which they considered to be the "Ideal Costume for the Clubwoman's Wardrobe." The winning entry was selected on the basis of adaptability for various club occasions, over-all fashion effect, becomingness to wearer and workmanship.

Wasco Women Go To Club Convention

Several members of the Wasco Women's Study club attended the district convention of the Federated clubs, held in Pendleton, March 31. Among those from the Wasco club were Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mrs. Martin Pshigoda, Mrs. Vernon Root, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. W. A. Reid, Mrs. Lloyd Royse, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton of Moro and Mrs. W. A. Burnap of Powell Butte. Mrs. Zell, a member of the General Federation International Affairs department, installed the new district officers. Mrs. Burnap is the new Wasco club district president, replacing former president, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton. Another district officer of the mid-Columbia area is Mrs. Robert Laursen of The Dalles, recording secretary. The Pendleton club was hostess at a luncheon, and also at a tea that followed the afternoon session, which was to honor the new officers.

Health Council Meets

The Sherman County Health Council met Wednesday noon for its regular monthly luncheon and business session. Eleven members were present, as well as Dr. E. E. Berg, Mr. Irv Reiersen and Mrs. Metra Lee of the Wasco-Sherman Health department.

Discussion was held regarding further polio clinics in the county. The date of the next series of polio clinics has not been determined. It was reported that every one in the county has had an opportunity during the last year to avail themselves of this service. It was suggested that those who received their first shot in February should see their private physician for completion of the series, as no immediate public clinic is planned.

It was announced that pre-school examination clinics for those entering kindergarten or first grade, and high school, will be held later this spring. Reports showed that funds were received from the Sherman County Tuberculosis and Health Association for the expenses incurred during the mailing of the letters regarding tetanus shots to the citizens of the county.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on May 4 with an interesting session planned by Mrs. Lester Wilson, chairman.

Cantata Billed

The Moro Community church will again present an Easter cantata, the date being Good Friday, April 15 of which Mrs. Velma McKean is director. Title is "Seven Last Words" which has solo parts to be sung by Doris Pearson, Myrna King, Allan Pinkerton, Russ-parasites, various census methods, hunting pressures, recreational values, and other factors.

Mrs. Reid will receive a subscription to the Vogue Magazine and a high-fashion pattern and is scheduled to compete in the State Federation judging in Portland late in April. Prizes at the state level consist of cash awards of \$100 and \$25 to the first and second place winners.

Ladies showing at the Pendleton convention were Mrs. William Essary and Mrs. Charles Gillette of Pendleton; Mrs. W. A. Burnap, residing at Powell Butte and a member of the Wasco club; Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg and Mrs. W. R. Reid of Wasco.

Agricultural Poisons All Have Labels

The printed labels attached to every package of pesticide chemicals are very important to each user. These labels are to inform the user of what the product in the package consists, for the control or prevention of what pest or pests the product is effective, on what crops it should be used, when and how to apply, how dangerous it is and how to protect oneself and others in the use of the product, and what to do if accidents do occur in its use.

One speaker at the annual National Safety Council meeting in Chicago last fall stated "thousands of man hours go into the preparation of any pesticide label making them possibly the most expensive pieces of literature in the world." These labels have been prepared for the one purpose of insuring the correct and safe usage of the material. Before a pesticide chemical can be offered for sale its proposed label must be submitted to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, where its composition, directions for use, toxicity and antidotes are all carefully studied to be certain that they are correct and comply with all laws and regulations.

In the case of a new pesticide, several years of research and field testing are necessary before an application for registration will be accepted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Data as to its effectiveness as a pesticide, the pests it will control, the crops on which it can be safely used, the amount of material to be used, the amount of residue remaining on the crop at harvest time, precautions necessary for its safe usage, and, if necessary, its antidote must be submitted with the application for registration.

Provided this data is sufficient the U. S. Department of Agriculture will issue a certificate of usefulness to the Food & Drug Administration. The latter's scientists will study this data and if, in their opinion, they show it to be safe, they will issue a residue tolerance. This is the amount of product, usually in terms of parts per million, remaining on the crop at harvest that is considered to be non-injurious to the user of the crop. Then and only then will a registration be issued, and thereby a permit to offer the product for sale acknowledged.

Now They're Belling Mule Deer To See Where They Roam

Nimrods hunting mule deer bucks in the Silver lake backwoods country of Lake county this fall who hear the tinkling serenade of "Silver Bells" need have no fear they are having hallucinations or that the mysterious musical ringing in their ears is the result of too much strong caffeine "coffee" of the night before. In fact it might pay them well to follow the tinkling notes to their source, for the Pied Piper in this case might well be a trophy buck.

The bell-ringing deer in the Silver lake area are a part of a comprehensive study by the game commission of deer movements and migrations, which in itself is part of a long range research project on deer herd management.

The entire project which began almost a year ago includes the study of deer foods, range utilization, seasonal distributions, reproductive rates, diseases and parasites, various census methods, hunting pressures, recreational values, and other factors.

New Memorial For Veterans Gets County Aid

A delegation from the three American Legion posts met with the county court Wednesday morning to request aid from the county in erecting a new memorial for the veterans of the county. In their later deliberations the court agreed to assist.

The argument ran thus: the present memorial board containing the names of the men who served in World War II was erected in 1945 and was not intended as a permanent memorial at any time. It is wooden and in need of repainting if to be retained. A memorial that would be inclusive of all veterans is needed.

The veterans recommended a planter type memorial 12 x 2 feet with a four foot by two foot rock for the dedicatory words. The cost will be \$475 of which the posts had agreed to pay \$50 each. The county court agreed to pay \$325.

Work will begin immediately according to an agreement veterans have with a monument company and will be finished in time for dedication on Memorial day.

In the delegation asking the court's aid were Harry Hooper, Mark Bird, Frank von Borstel, George Macnab, David Richeliefer, Giles French, Darwin Van Gilder.

Pinkertons Visit Clubs In Eastern Counties

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton returned Sunday evening from a quick trip through eastern and central Oregon. On the previous Thursday, Mrs. Pinkerton presided at the annual convention of the Fourth District, Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, held in Pendleton. Friday, they drove to Ontario. While passing through LaGrande, they explored the campus of Eastern Oregon College of Education, finding it quite impressive. Saturday, Mrs. Pinkerton attended the convention of the Fifth District, OFWC, held at Vale. Driving back through Burns, John Day and Mitchell, they stopped to see the Grant County Historical Museum at Canyon City, which houses a comprehensive display of articles of interest and value. The cabin of Joaquin Miller is nearby the museum.

Rebekahs Visit

Several members of Marian Rebekah lodge drove to Grass Valley March 30 to attend the potluck dinner and meeting there when the Grass Valley lodge honored Ruth Vose, assembly president. Going from Wasco in time for dinner were Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mrs. Leona Van Gilder and Mrs. Elva Dehler. Mr. Leo Watkins, Charles Sissel, Floyd Haines and Mrs. Vernon Melzer went later for the meeting.

Oregon Gets More Industry Interested

Another industrial expansion project for Oregon as a result of the recent Oregon economic development meetings in New York and Chicago was announced this week by Governor Hatfield.

Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corp. has informed the governor of a planned \$100,000 addition to the firm's distribution plant in Portland.

Governor Hatfield also predicted the firm's increased interest in Oregon would lead to establishment of a new production facility in the state. He said that Paul E. Kluttig, Phelps Dodge manager, would be in Oregon in June to discuss his company's long-range plans for this area.

This brings to four the number of industrial expansion projects associated with the development tour so far. Previously announced were Borden Chemical Co., \$1,000,000 dry adhesives plant and product development laboratory at Springfield; Cargill Grain Co., expansion of grain handling and loading facilities at The Dalles to include provision for loading ocean-going vessels when deep-draft navigation is assured; and Louis Dreyfus Corp., considering plans to establish headquarters facilities in Portland for all Pacific operations in its world-wide export-import business.

Decorate Cake, Paint Textiles, Anyone? Resume of Jobs Shows Much Ado About Everything

Sherman county homemakers will take part in free workshops for fancy cake decorating and textile painting during the Home-maker show sponsored by the Sherman Coop Grain Growers and the Grange women, announced Mrs. R. M. Johnson. These will be held at the Rufus Grange hall May 5 and 6 at 9 a. m.

Progressive lessons will be given in both crafts during the two hour alternating sessions by Inez of California, making it advisable to start with the first lesson.

Supplies, such as scissors, wax paper, newspaper and batch of special frosting, etc., need to be brought from home, so those who wish to take the classes are asked to register early and get the list needed.

New techniques in textile painting will be shown as well as brand new patterns. The climax of the lessons will be painting dew foam flowers and decorating plastic tote bags.

There is no charge for the instruction and the Homemaker shows are open to the public. Everyone interested is welcome, you don't have to be a coop or a grange lady. She advises the class members to bring sack lunches. Coffee will be furnished by the local grange.

The Homemaker shows are organized by the Homemaker department of the regional Pacific Cooperatives, with which the local Cooperative is a member.

Registration can be made by phoning or writing Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Wasco, Box 295, GI 2-5457.

Time For Income Tax About Over

It's later than you think! There are only seven days left to file your Federal income tax return for 1959.

That's the friendly reminder from A. G. Erickson, district director of Internal Revenue for Oregon, who said:

"I should like to remind the people in Oregon who have not yet filed their tax returns of the services we can provide to help them get their returns in before the April 15 deadline."

Prosser Clark Heads Belton Campaign

Prosser E. Clark, Oregon livestock authority and partner in Benson-BoDine and Clark, Portland livestock commission firm, has been named state chairman of the Belton for State Treasurer committee.

He will head the organization's efforts to nominate Howard C. Belton of Canby on the Republican ticket for state treasurer, in the May 20 primary election.

Clark is secretary of the Portland Livestock Exchange, and a member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He was born and raised in Portland, and is a graduate of Oregon State college.

Umatilla Tops In Crop Insurance

Umatilla county led Oregon in 1959 in value of federal crop insurance coverage of wheat with a total of \$2,019,518, according to the annual summaries just released by C. F. Lawson, FCIC Northwest director.

Acreage of wheat insured in Umatilla county totaled 59,702, Lawson said. This is a net figure (all-interests coverage), he added. Second in wheat coverage was Morrow county, with 55,010 net acreage insured for a total of \$1,202,681. However, in the gross acreage covered, representing the total acreage on which some interest (owner or tenant) in the wheat crop is insured, Morrow led with 81,196 acres as compared to a gross acreage for Umatilla county of 76,531.

Lawson reported that Linn county chalked up the highest indemnity total—\$25,415, for a loss ratio of 359 per cent—as a result of the dwarf yellow virus which hit both wheat and barley. There were 129 claims paid in Linn under the FCIC program last year.

Largest single claim was \$3,862 paid to a Sherman county farmer whose crops were blighted by insects, excessive cold and drought.

There are many things going on in Sherman county, things being done by the federal government, the state government and the county government. Private citizens are concerned with farming, a matter of considerable importance to them and the nation.

Maryhill Ferry

A few days ago the Maryhill ferry stopped running. Immediate cause was a fault found in a loading ramp and suspension of the license by the coast guard. The fault was corrected this week and the ferry resumed operation Wednesday.

Meanwhile the highway commission had erected a sign at the Criterion junction, southwest of Shaniko announcing suspension of ferry service which local service station men protested violently.

New Ferry

The new ferry to run across the Columbia a little above Biggs is not expected to operate before a couple of weeks. Access roads are being completed and ramps built as fast as possible.

Paving Job

The highway commission will let a contract for a short paving job south of Moro this month. It will run from the culvert just north of McKean's to a point a little south of the railroad overpass. Work will be done before harvest.

Grass Valley-Kent Sector

Highway 97

The O'Neill Construction company is getting along well with rebuilding the south half of the Grass Valley-Kent part of Highway 97. The grading is pretty well done as far as the heavy work is concerned. A big cut is being made in the hill between Peter's corner and Finnegan canyon and the material used to make a 20 foot fill across Finnegan. Crusher equipment will be put up next week and preliminary surfacing started.

John Day Dam

First concrete will be poured on the John Day job sometime late in May or early in June which will mark the end of the excavation period on the north bank section of the dam and the beginning of the real construction of the ship channel, the fish ladder and the overflow section.

Leonard's Bridge Again

A delegation talked to the county court Wednesday about moving the Cottonwood bridge across the John Day to a site near that of the original Leonard's bridge, now called McDonald's Ferry. The original road was located there and for years it was the only crossing regularly used across the John Day between Gilham and Sherman counties. The east bound road runs up Rock creek to Olex.

Cancer Campaign Program Announced

According to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Sherman county chairman, the American Cancer Society will sponsor a new film, "Inside Mago" which will be shown during the regular show at the Sherman theatre in Moro from April 22 to 25, by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley and Everett Cantrall.

The annual cancer fund raising and educational campaign began April 1. The present list of volunteer workers is as follows: Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county vice-ch., Mrs. Earl Gentry of Moro area, assisted by Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. Glenn Virtue, Mrs. Roscoe Moore, and Mrs. W. E. Nichols; Mrs. Keith McDonald, chairman of the Wasco area and Mrs. W. H. McDonald, co-chairman of the Rufus area, assisted by Mrs. Floyd Root, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Paul Patrick, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley and others whose names will be announced later; Mrs. Edna Kee, chairman of the Grass Valley area assisted by Mrs. Frank Ketter, Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Alfred Payne, Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Benny Payne; and Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Rieken Wilson of the Kent area.

Last year \$1504.00, including memorials given during the year was contributed. The goal this year is \$1500. The slogan is again "Fight cancer with a checkup and a check."