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These Things We Note

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Wonder if there's as many fish caught as are planted in streams by the game commission, or if there's some fish naturally propagated?

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The process is strange. Youths from the country prepare themselves by education for the jobs of living in the cities. No longer there they come back to the country at every opportunity and try to manage its resources from afar.

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Synghman Rhee knows how to win elections but not how to get popular support—and the latter is most valuable.

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The weather cannot fool around much longer. The baseball season has started.

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After today governments will take their hands out of the pockets of citizens for a little while. They will still pick up the change and snitch amounts in tobacco, gasoline, drug and other sales taxes but a man with money in his pocket can rest for a month or two.

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It is a very difficult job to convince Sherman countians that great changes are coming. When we talk about a population five times as large as at present, about Wasco having 5000 residents (or maybe it will be Klondike) listeners think we have gone on the hop. But to say it briefly again: there is no place within 20 miles of ocean transportation, with railroad, water, highway and possible air transportation, with natural gas available, with sufficient land and adjacent water that does not attract industry. The almost certainty of a big missile base within 50 miles makes it more certain. Not tomorrow, but the next decade.

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When politicians promise such things as additional social security, bigger pay for everyone, federal aid for schools or highways, they are pledging money to a comparative few. If those from whom it is to be taken will vote accordingly the habit will cease.

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The people are wiser than their representatives. Walter Norblad's constituents voted against every big spending program.

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The success of criticism is the reformation achieved; not the emotional relief of the critic.

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Forcing whites to serve negroes will do nothing to help the standing of the blacks. The way for negroes to be better treated is to be better.

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We hear that we have had the last of newspaperless Mondays. They were as bad as meatless Tuesdays.

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The four and a quarter, 25 year bond issue of the federal government had a sale much less than minimum expectations. The government must learn that to borrow money it will eventually have to follow the rules demanded by lenders.

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Installment payments now account for ten percent of income. Pretty big but people get something for it. Taxes amount to twice as much and people get very little for them.

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Farmers are still leaving farms short thinking they can make more at other jobs. They probably can. The higher labor puts wages, the more farmers leave the farms, the quicker city labor will run out of food.

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The Portland newspaper strike has proven that it is possible to publish a newspaper with much less than the usual work force. Everybody connected with management knew that years ago.

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We can't help but wonder if the colored race has determined just what they are going to do with the power it is asking when it gets it.

First Pouring at John Day May Be Observed

There is a probability that there will be some observance of the pouring of the first bucket of concrete in the John Day dam. When Colonel H. B. Elder was here last month he said that it would be late May or early June before concrete would be poured. Goldendale men will meet with local citizens Friday to make preliminary plans for an observance of the event and it is understood that The Dalles Chamber of Commerce will send a bus load of members to the dam for that occasion.

It is not expected that an elaborate celebration will be planned. Such things are expensive and neither Klickitat nor Sherman counties want to spend a lot of money, although desirous of marking the event with due attention.

Sophomores Plan Talent Show

The Sherman High sophomores would like to announce that on April 22 at 8:00 p. m. at the Sherman High cafeteria, they will present their talent show, "Spring Fever". The first prize will be \$8.00 and the second prize is \$4.00. The admission is: Grade School 35c, High School 50c and Adults 75c. Anyone who has talent may enter.

Entry blanks can be gotten from the grade schools or from Marya Neal, Mary Griggs, Vee Busse or Arlean DeMoss.

Cattle Rustling Still Goes On

Either rustling has stepped up in Oregon or an unusual number of animals are playing hooky from the home grasslands.

The state department of agriculture's animal division received reports last month of 60 "strayed or stolen" animals, owned by 11 farmers and ranchers.

Largest loss by a single owner was 25 sheep and lambs from a western Oregon farm; next sizable, 17 head of beef stock from eastern Oregon.

Most of the reported losses occurred since February 1.

Farm Prices Up As Spring Opens

Farm prices showed plenty of spring zip in Oregon last month, more than making up for losses suffered during February, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

The upturn in prices received by Oregon farmers in March was enough to push the farm price index in this state to the highest point since mid-1953, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U. S. department of agriculture. All in all, Oregon farm prices rose 2 percent last month.

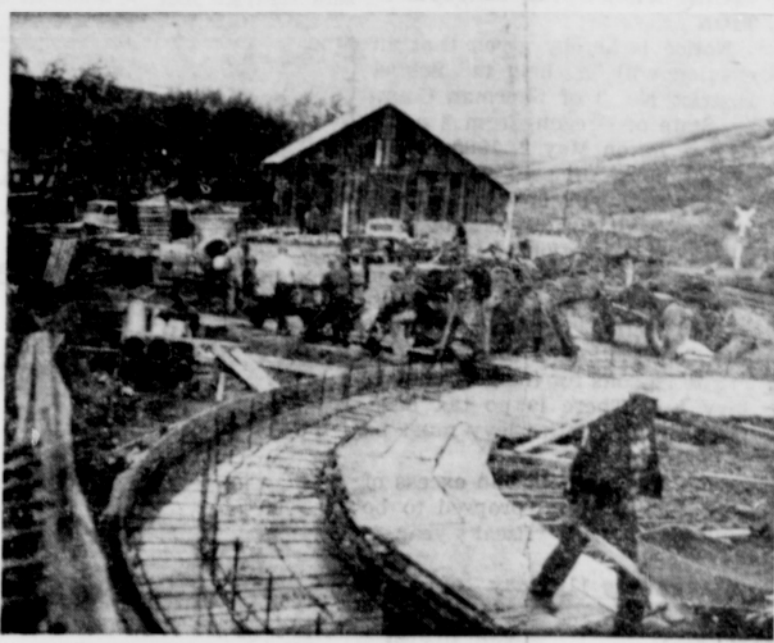
Livestock prices accounted for the biggest share of this rise, ending up 3 percent above February of this year. Prices paid for crops moved up a little. As a result, Oregon farm prices stand just a shade above March, 1959.

Nationally, prices received by farmers moved up even more sharply than in Oregon, largely due to even greater strength in meat-animal markets, Mrs. Horrell noted. Livestock prices moved up 5 per cent, crop prices edged up 1 per cent, and the combined index of all national farm prices gained 3 per cent over a month ago.

But while national farm prices now stand at the highest level since last July, they are still nearly 2 per cent lower than a year ago, Mrs. Horrell said.

Cost of things farmers use for both farm operation and living expenses gained one-third of a percent in March, and now stand 1 per cent higher than a year ago. But with prices received by farmers up 3 per cent, and prices paid by farmers up only 1 per cent, farm product purchasing power improved during the month ending March 15, Mrs. Horrell pointed out.

The parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—stood at 80 on March 15, This was up 2 points over the previous month, but still 2 points below a year earlier.



Tile Laying Starts On New Postoffice Building in Moro

Work on the new postoffice building has made slow progress this week. Footings were poured Sunday and Virgil McVicker and crew left for Garabaldi where he is building a similar postoffice. Early in the week the tile setters arrived but had no tile. It came Thursday morning and laying started on what is expected to be a five day job.

If work can be performed on schedule the building will be ready for occupancy early in May.

YELLOW LINE ENDED ON OREGON CENTER STRIPE

The yellow center line so familiar to Oregon highway users will soon disappear as state highway traffic line crews get their 1960 painting season underway, according to an announcement made here today by W. C. Williams, state highway engineer.

The dashed center line, dashed lane lines, and solid edge stripes will be painted white this year conforming to the national standards set by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. All other markings, though, will remain yellow, Williams said.

Moro Auxiliary Gives Flag To Girl Scouts

The Auxiliary of Chris Schultz post, American Legion, met Friday afternoon at the home of Katie Wooderson. Ten members were in attendance. The highlight of the program was the presentation of a flag by Mrs. Theodore Johnston to the five members of Girl Scouts under leadership of Mrs. Ray Kelso and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap. Miss Judy Kelso accepted the flag in behalf of the Girl Scouts, and invited the members of Auxiliary to attend a flag ceremony to be presented at their next meeting April 14 at the church.

After completion of the business, refreshments were served to all present.

Five members, Mrs. Darwin VanGilder, Mrs. Havie Brishine, Mrs. Edna Freeman, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan and Mrs. Theodore Johnston, went to The Dalles Saturday to attend the luncheon given there for the National President Mrs. Vava Gray.

Ron Phair Plans Active Campaign

Ron Phair, Klamath Falls, Republican candidate for Congress in the Second District, said in Bend Saturday (April 9) that he "will campaign in every county and corner of Oregon between now and November."

Phair spoke at a meeting of his campaign committee.

"I look on the coming campaign as a tense and crucial period in the history of this state, the nation and the second district," Phair said.

"Oregon has a bright future and those who seek high office are duty bound to spell out in detail those things they feel should be accomplished for the good of the state."

Phair said that "as a resident and taxpayer in the second district I am concerned primarily with those things which directly affect the people of this area."

School Aid Group Announce Meeting

Residents of Sherman county have been invited to a joint meeting of the Sherman-Wasco "Colleges for Oregon's Future, 1960-1970," committees at The Dalles Friday night, April 15, according to Don G. Lewis, The Dalles, chairman of the Wasco county committee.

The critical needs facing higher education in Oregon during the next ten years will be outlined during the evening by a team of representatives of the State System of Higher Education.

Invitations to the meeting, which is set for 7:30 p. m. in the Wasco county courthouse extension conference room, have been issued to leaders of both Sherman and Wasco counties, Lewis said. In addition, the meeting is open to all persons interested in higher education in Oregon, Lewis said.



Recruiting a labor force large enough to pour 140 yards of concrete in one day required enlistment of a number of young farmers who helped the regular crew of the Moro Grain Growers pour the 55 foot base for the new storage bin at DeMoss. Two mixers

were kept busy at full capacity, eight men pushed wheelbarrows. The circle was about three feet thick and 55 feet in diameter and filled with strengthening steel. Later the center will be poured. It will be a slab of about six inches in depth.

Women Attend Mental Health Meet

Mrs. Lloyd Royce, Wasco, and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Moro, attended the luncheon meeting Tuesday of the mid-Columbia chapter of the Mental Health Assn. of Oregon, held at The Dalles Hotel. Guests speakers were Frank B. Strange, Ph. D., executive director of the Oregon Assn. and located in Portland; and Dr. Arthur A. Byrns of New York, fund-raising consultant of the National Assn. Present also were press and radio personnel, representatives of the Ministerial Assn. and the medical organization, and the administrator of the mid-Columbia Home at The Dalles, Mrs. B. B. Williams, of the local chapter presided at the meeting.

Emphasis was placed on "Operation Friendship"—visiting the Mid-Columbia Home—especially during May. Open House will be held Sunday afternoon May 1, 1960. Much good can come to the patients through contact with friendly, interested people.

There is a need for increased membership in the Oregon Mental Health Assn. \$1 buys membership, \$2 includes annual subscription to the monthly newsletter, an informative publication and helping to make each member "an informed member."

Funds are needed, as the Oregon Mental Health Assn. is supported entirely by contributions. It was suggested that interested groups make a study of the work and purposes of the association and might give "benefits" to raise money for contributions. The address of the Mental Health Assn. of Oregon is 427 SW 11th Ave., Portland 5, Oregon, whose slogan is "friendliness can help conquer mental illness."

Jean Ross Now Nurse Trainee

Jean Ann Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Ross of Moro, will be among 34 student nurses enrolled in the University of Oregon School of Nursing to receive caps at a candlelight ceremony Friday, April 22, at 8 p. m. in the University of Oregon Medical School Library auditorium. Miss Ross is a graduate of Sherman High School and attended Oregon State College.

The class entered in March and will be graduated in December, 1962. Capping is symbolic of the student's progress from pre-nursing curriculum to clinical courses. This was up 2 points over the previous month, but still 2 points below a year earlier.



County Courts Meet Here For Spring Conference

County courts of this district of the Association of Oregon counties met in Moro Thursday, April 14 for their spring meeting. Coming from Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties the officers discussed the new insurance plan devised by league officials for all county employees including elected officials.

Also coming in for some discussion was the charter amendment plan that some of the counties are investigating, including Sherman.

Kenneth Tollenauer, secretary of the association, led the discussions and will coordinate them into the results of similar talks held in the other five districts to make a report to the annual convention held later in the year.

The court members had lunch at the Moro church with the Missionary society serving the meal.

Church Cantata Due April 15, at Church

A musical setting for the poem "A Ballad of Trees and the Master" for piano-organ sets the mood for the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois, which is to be presented at the Moro Community Church on Good Friday, April 15, at 8:00 p. m.

This cantata, from the first word "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" through the seventh, "It is finished," is of dramatic, compelling interest and reflects the composer's ability as a writer for the theatre and opera as well as for the church. Dubois (1837-1924) was one of France's most famous composers and organists and the "Seven Last Words" composed in 1887 has been growing in world popularity each year.

The 28 voice choir under the direction of Velma McKean uses as soloists Doris Pearson, Myrna King, Russell Belshee, Mac Hall, Allan Pinkerton and Frank Sayrs. All are invited. No offering will be received.

Wasco PTA Elects Officers For Year

The Wasco Grade School PTA met April 7. During the short business meeting the following officers were elected: Vernon Root, president; Mrs. Vernon Melzer, vice-president; Mrs. Evelyn Moody, secretary, and Mrs. Robert Nisbet, treasurer. Other business consisted of gaining authorization to purchase enough trees to fill in the vacancies in the tree project at the school yard.

Rev. Larry Eddings, Mrs. Durward Kaseberg, Mrs. Irene Rhinehart, Mrs. Robert Nisbet, and Mrs. Tom Moore, volunteered to set the tables for the community potluck honoring the 8th grade students and their parents on May 6. At the program which followed the business meeting, Mrs. Coats and her 4-H group gave a demonstration on making a salad. This was followed by several numbers presented by the grade school band, after which refreshments were served by the 7th grade mothers.

Moro Woman's Club Goes To The Dalles

The Moro Woman's Club met April 7 at the home of Mrs. Floyd Platt in The Dalles. Dessert was served at 1:30. Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. Eugene Amidon assisted the hostess.

Mrs. Platt presented the guest speaker, Miss Nina Nikolouzou, American field service exchange student from Greece and a senior at The Dalles High School. She spoke of her native land with great charm and intelligence, telling of the history, culture, religion and economics of Greece. Colored slides illustrated her talk.

Following the program, Mrs. Roy Belshee presided at a business session. A decision was made to again offer a \$100.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of Sherman High School. Plans were made to hold a food sale to raise funds; also, it was decided to give a series of "coffees" toward financing the scholarship.