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These Things We Note

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Man wants the security of slavery more than he wants the freedom of liberty and whoever knocked his shackles off did him no favor.

T T W N

Klamath Falls has long had a newspaper dedicated to the welfare of that area. Now it has been transferred to a chain outfit that will be interested in money—profits. Klamath will notice that immediately and sadly.

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The east is still getting snow and this will certainly go down as the year of perpetual winter.

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The summit business is off again and just when we thought Khrushchev would talk himself into good humor.

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The two political parties are bidding for votes with the voters' money. Wonder how long before the voters get wise to that.

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Some bill to help ailing oldsters is called necessary because of the high and increasing cost of medical care. Arranging an easy way to pay for it will certainly increase the cost and on one, so far, has proposed a plan to reduce the cost.

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Those submariners who just completed an 84 day trip around the world without surfacing were as long without sun as Sherman countians.

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Communities that have been estimating their populations high for ten years may have to back track. Soon it will be time to analyze reasons for growth or decay.

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It is 15 years since the end of the war and about time we were getting some of our morals back.

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The Portland paper strike may bring to life an old condition, that when a man walked off a job he didn't have one.

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We can't help but wonder what people do for fun down south where there is but one political party.

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Heard something nice the other day. At the Chamber of Commerce meeting the chairman expressed regret at the coming departure of a citizen who "had not a single enemy." The ever present cynic muttered, "Must never do anything." As the chairman introduced a Mormon elder who had lived there 19 years, the cynic apologized saying the elder had nothing but friends. Good record for anyone.

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We have heretofore expressed the sentiment that being a woman would be more fun than being a queen and now Princess Margaret guesses that being married is more fun than being royalty.

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Wouldn't the insatiable urge to take more power on the part of government bureaucrats be a great asset in business; that is, if they had any business.

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The plumbers, of all people, have banned the coffee break. Seems like there should be a better way to kill time.

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In all groups from grade school to oldsters more are drinking alcohol which may merely mean more honesty about it. We don't notice that the total consumption is up.

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Some dabbler in chemical gymnastics has discovered a compound that turns water into jelly. Mebbe eat and drink at the same bite.

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John D. Jr. gave away millions of dollars perhaps because of strong criticism of rich men fifty years ago. He has done much good.

T T W N

Maybe it is better to have taxes than to have nothing to tax—as in Russia.

Sherman Wins Track Meet From Four Schools

by Walt Reed

Sherman won the League Track Meet last Saturday afternoon at the home track over contenders: Maupin, Sisters, Culver, Dufur, and LaPine. The meet was the preliminary for the district meet which will be held at Sherman next Saturday.

School records were set by Gary Thompson, Everett Royle and Walt Reed in the 220, 23.9; board jump 20' 3", and shot putt 40'. Boys who placed first, second, third or fourth will participate in the district meet. Sherman won the meet with 51 points, Maupin second with 24, Culver with 23, Sisters with 22, LaPine with 17, and Dufur with 3.

Event	1st	2nd
Mi 4:56.6 Morehouse(L) Powell(S)		
100 10.4 Fletcher (L) Thompson(S)		
200 23.9 Fletcher (L) Thompson(S)		
440 55.8 Taylor (C) Hawkins (S)		
880 2:09.1 Morehouse (L) Davis (C)		
120 yd. Hi Hurd		
17.3 Royle (S) Daniels (SIS)		
Low Hurd		
22.5 Royle (S) Daniels (SIS)		
Hi Jump		
5' 6" Camball (C) Albrecht (D)		
B' Jump		
20' 3" Royle (S) Crabtree (M)		
Discus		
125' 5 1/2 Burgett (M) Stegner (SIS)		
Javelin 144' Tyrrel (C) Wall (M)		
Shot Putt		
44' 10 1/2 Siegler (SIS) Reed (S)		
880 Relay	Sherman	Maupin

August H. Thoele

August Herman Thoele was buried in Sunrise cemetery at Wasco Monday afternoon following his death at The Dalles last Friday after a lingering illness. Mr. Thoele was born at Harboston, Missouri, April 30, 1901 and lived there until a few years ago when he came to Oregon. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Surviving are two sons, August H. Jr. and Lynn, both of Wasco, two daughters, Charlotte Genevieve Thoele of Wamic and Mrs. Sharon LaVell Bentley of The Dalles.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Mrs. Leonard Jordan returned Thursday afternoon from a four day state convention of the National League of Postmasters held in Klamath Falls this year. Classes of instruction were given by the nine regional office men attending.

It was lovely weather here last week, and the start of this week it is nice also. The prospects of a wheat crop is good, but more moisture will be needed to make it.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains of Portland came up to spend the weekend with Mrs. Bains' parents Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields. Other members of the Fields' family were here to spend Mother's day at the Fields' home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reckmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen and family and Patty and Roger Knott spent Sunday at Warm Springs.

Mrs. Alfred Kock entertained members of her bridge club at her home in Moro Tuesday afternoon with additional guests including Mrs. Loy Cochran, Mrs. Henry Barnum, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs and Mrs. Leta Eslinger of Moro, Mrs. Bill Pausch, Mrs. Harry Hooper and Mrs. Kenneth Hatrup of Grange Valley. A salad luncheon preceded the afternoon of bridge at four tables. Mrs. Hooper held high, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap second high and Mrs. Sayrs low. Mrs. Barnum won the traveling prize. Other members present were Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Mrs. D. L. Reynolds and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Recently Mrs. Harland McDonald and Mrs. Keith McDonald attended a banquet in Portland, honoring volunteer workers of the VA hospital for meritorious service. The banquet was provided by the Multnomah County Council of the American Legion. April 26 Mrs. Keith McDonald received a certificate of award for completing 100 hours of volunteer hospital work at the VA hospital in Portland.

Mrs. Vern Dutton entertained a group of boys at dinner Friday in honor of the birthday of her son, Doug. Guests were Dick Manab, Maurice Root, David Richelderfer, Greg O'Meara, Phillip Jones, Sandy Spender, David Welk, Bruce Lane, Eddie Winnett, Albert Dormaier, Allan Finnegan, Michael Foss and Doug's brother, Don.

Overnight guests of Mrs. Hugh White last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Proudfoot of Portland. While Mr. Proudfoot was busy with Masonic duties, Mrs. White entertained a few ladies at bridge. Present were Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Floyd Root, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, Mrs. Idah Everett, Mrs. Estelle Hailley, and the honor guest Mrs. Proudfoot, who won guest prize for the evening. Mrs. VanGilder took high honors.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Watkins Mother's day were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Judy and Donnie.

Mother's day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skiles and children were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Skiles of Portland.

Mr. Millard Leigh and George Fox made the forms Monday for the concrete steps for the Rufus Grange hall. Tuesday the following men came to help with the work of making and pouring concrete, that is besides Leigh and Fox, Robert Davis, Sam Brock, Harland McDonald and Otto Petersen. After this is done the gravel can be spread around so the weeds will not be a fire hazard to the hall during the summer. Trace Fields donated the gravel and came with his bulldozer last weekend to smooth the ground around the hall.

There will be a no-host luncheon meeting of the local chapter of American Red Cross, May 19, at 12:10 noon at Moro Hotel. Chapter Red Cross business will be discussed. Cost \$1.25. All Sherman county people interested in Red Cross should attend. Please notify Lynn Hampton by Monday, May 16, so arrangements may be made.

Members of the Wasco unit of the American Legion Auxiliary hosted a 9:00 o'clock coffee hour in honor of Mrs. Delphine George of Eugene, department president; Coleen Goger of The Dalles, president of District 5 and Mrs. Keith McDonald of Wasco, department civil defense chairman. Mrs. Paul Patrick, president of the Wasco unit, presented Mrs. George, who gave an informal talk on the work being done by the Auxiliary members. Mrs. Goger also spoke briefly. Members of Auxiliary units at Grass Valley and Moro were present for the morning affair.

Mrs. Patrick presented gifts to the department president and the district 5 president. Mrs. McDonald presented a personal gift to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, who will leave the last of the month for Italy to visit her son.

Mrs. Kenneth Crews and Nancy and Mrs. Curly Eichler and Carolyn were in The Dalles Wednesday for medical attention for the girls.

Paulen Kaseberg left Sunday for Spokane, where he attended a meeting of the Washington state Wheat Commission on Monday.

SWIMMING LESSONS

The tentative date for Red Cross swimming lessons at The Dalles, has been set for June 13 through June 24.

There is an urgent need for people who can swim, to help with the children at the swimming lessons. Mothers or high school students who can swim are asked to take a special class, which will be held in The Dalles at the civic auditorium, starting Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p. m. This class will be held three evenings prior to the start of swimming lessons.

Also, now is the time for each community to appoint someone to take charge of signing up the children for the lessons and arrange transportation.

When a community chairman has been appointed or volunteers to take over this phase of the program, please notify Clair Balzer, the County Water Safety Chairman, and necessary material and other information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

Cascade College's Acappella Choir Here Friday Night

Rated one of the finest Acappella College Choirs on the West Coast, Cascade College, Portland, will present a thrilling evening of music geared to teens at the Mid-Columbia Youth for Christ rally, Friday, May 13, in the Moro Grade School gymnasium at 8:00 p. m.

The choir is made up of 41 students from 15 demoninations, 6 states and 1 foreign country. The concert repertoire of the choir runs the whole gamut of sacred music from the great classics of the 16th century to the newest gospel songs of the 20th century.

The program presented at YFC will feature the type and style of music appealing to teenagers. The college male quartet will also present a series of numbers on the program.

Professor Ray E. Robinson, the director of choral activities at Cascade College, has recently come to the college from Indiana. In addition to his activities at the college he is musical director of Portland Youth for Christ and the YFC television program "Teen-A-Rama."

Teachers To Be Honored

Teachers in the Moro district who have served education for 10 years will be honored May 18, 8 p. m. at the Masonic hall. The public is invited to join with Masons in recognizing these citizens who are devoting their lives to younger generations.

Seven teachers in high and grade school with 140 teaching years will be presented with the Masonic Teachers Award for long time service. Wayne Foster of the Hood River school system will be the principal speaker.

Lynn Hampton and Miss Mary Brackett, finishing their 27th and 25th years, respectively, have been the longest in education. Mrs. B. H. Hoberson and Marguerite Christianson are completing their 19th and 20th and Mrs. Lynn Hampton her 17th year. Mrs. Frances Jeffries and Ordie Hoye are completing their 16th year.

Historical Society Plans Picnic For Sunday, June 12

The Sherman County Historical Society picnic will be held at DeMoss Springs park June 12, the second Sunday in the month. Wallace May and Theodore Johnston will make up the program as aides to President Carroll Sayrs, he having appointed them to that position at a meeting of the directors of the society last Thursday evening at the Moro Hotel.

Committees were appointed confirming the call to labor of those who have done the work in previous years. Don Martin, Harry Pinkerton and Helen Bruckert were named to the nominating committee with the duties that evolve to that office.

Those interested in the history of the county will gather at the park before noon and at that hour food will be placed on the tables and members and visitors will engage in mankind's most consistently enjoyable occupation.

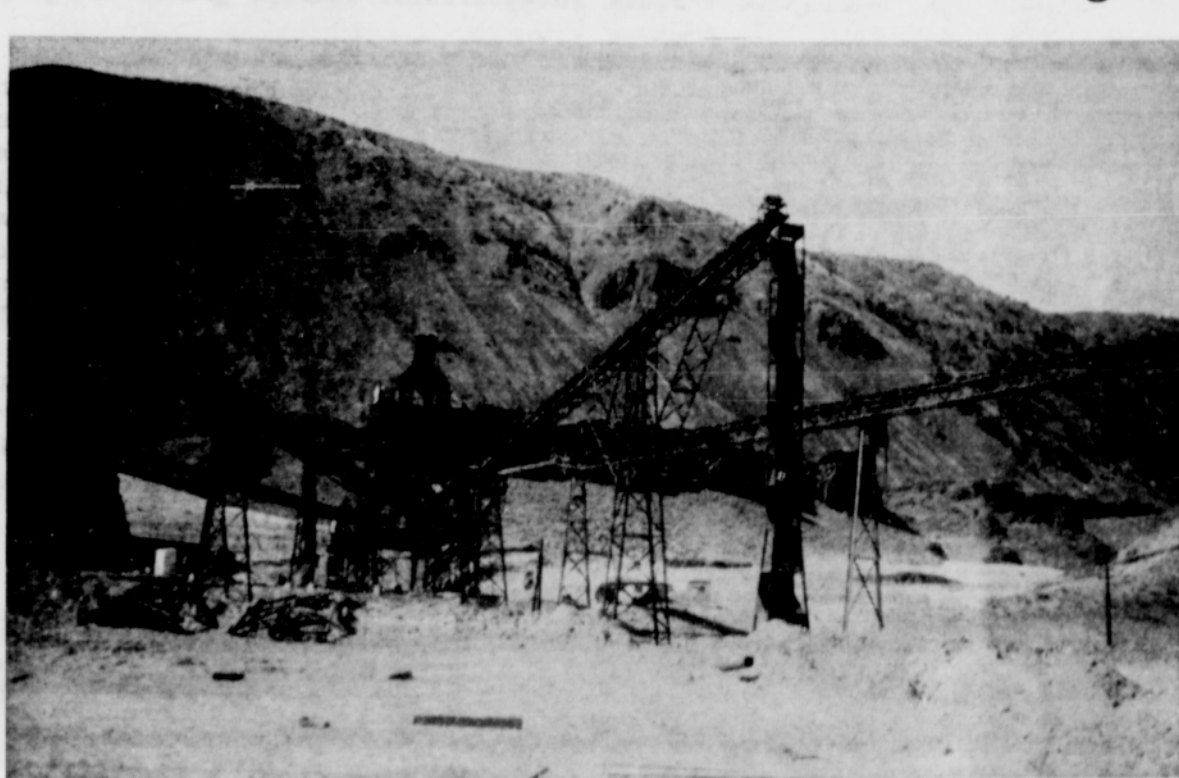
The program will feature local singers and musicians, include some time for society business and provide place for a speaker from outside the county. That is the official program. The unofficial one will be visiting by old friends who will meet again.

Former Resident Chosen

Mrs. Frances Leehan who was selected as Catholic mother of the year in Portland last week is a native Sherman countian having been born to Frank and Emma Van Patten June 29, 1897 on a homestead northeast of Wasco. Mrs. Alex Macnab of The Dalles is a sister as is Mrs. Rachel Porter of Hermiston. She went to the Brock school for three years before moving to Portland where she has since lived.

Mrs. Leehan is the mother of 13 children, seven in religious work, and is the grandmother of nine. She is the aunt of Don, Bill, Tom, Pete, Pat and George Macnab and of Mrs. Leland Medler, all Sherman countians.

John Day Dam Almost Ready To Start Growing on Diet of Concrete



Around these funnels at the end of the overhead conveyors will be piled crushed rock of varying sizes. Underground is a conveyor that will take material to mixing the push-button process that will plant. Along the hill is a field of make concrete to build the final river gravel that will go into the structure on the big stem of the John Day dam. This is a part of Columbia.

new shape and molding it together with cement. At John Day begin the job of reducing a hill-

They don't build them with shovels. The biggest construction machinery ever built is operating at the John Day dam where, on the Washington side of the Columbia, the hills are being rearranged to suit the demands of U. S. Engineers who designed the big structure now almost ready to start going up after long preliminary of going down.

Trucks that carry 34 yards of sand or rock go hurtling down the road to carry material to the new SP&S grade being raised above the new waterline and a six yard shovel fills the behemoths as neatly and quickly as a small boy filling a toy truck with a tablespoon.

Building a dam, we judge from a quick inspection trip with Colonel H. B. Elder, resident engineer, is a process of rearranging the material in the area into a

side of river gravel to crushed rock of suitable sizes, a basin is being dug to land barges loaded with sand from the Gilliam county side of the John Day river. Both will be moved by belts to the plant where they will be mixed with cement and water to make the mix for the dam.

The moving belts will be operated by a man by push buttons and the concrete material will be measured or weighed to assure just the kind of concrete the engineers want. There is no guessing about it at all.

The hole behind the coffer dams is about 50 feet below the level of the river and will go down a few feet more before the pouring begins. The position of the fishway is marked and rocks are being shaped on which to pour it; wagon hammers are rattling a noisy tune amid a cloud of dust as the deep hole for the ship channel is being dug and the piles of rock and sand are starting to build up against the time for concrete pouring.

The small coffer dam where the pouring will start is to be the location of the northside fish way and the ship channel and a part of the spillway. It will be built to half its destined height before the work moves to the south side of the river to build the power house and south fish way while the water runs over the half constructed north section now starting.

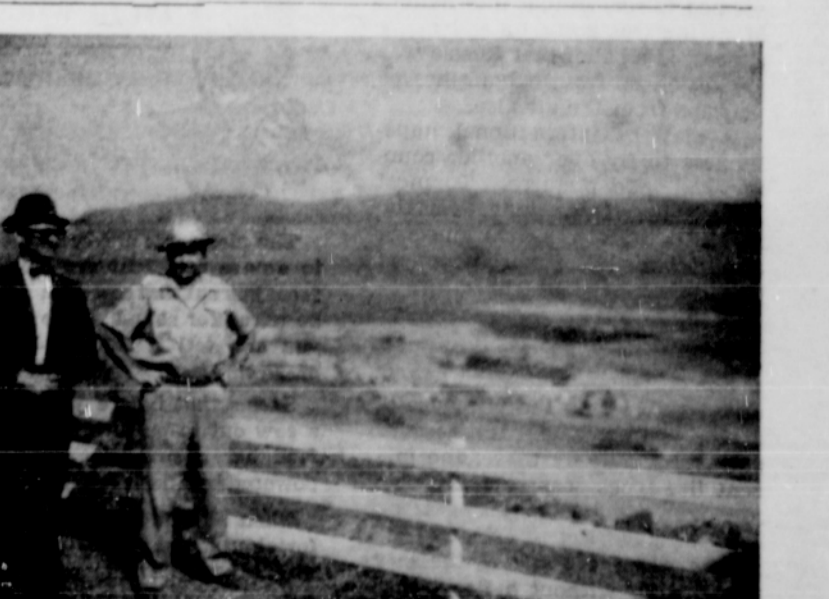
Then the final phase of the dam will connect the two which will be sometime in 1967.

A contract will be let this summer for removal of the dirt from the hillside where the dam will be attached to the Sherman county base. A temporary highway and railroad will be built and the new locations for both made high up on the hills above the water which will be 160 feet above the present level.

Parties may visit the dam. There is a view point where anyone can stand and watch the activity going on below. And it will be worth his time for such structures are not built everywhere.



This is the six yard shovel of the 34 yard trucks. Cost of equipment in this picture is over \$400,000.



Banker Bob Ferrell and Engineer Hugh Elder at lookout point from which the entire process of dam building can be seen. To left is dim view of coffer dam.

Looking down into the excavation behind the cofferdam where the first concrete will be poured. Water running from holes in cofferdam plates seeps through the river which is 50 feet higher. It is pumped out by pump shown in picture.