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These Things We Note

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Sherman countians who drove past the Arvid Anderson place in Fulton canyon last week end were impressed by the display of locust blooms that completely covered the huge trees in the yard at that farmstead. The trees were completely white and smelled wonderful.

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Congressmen are in some sort of trouble over spending of foreign funds obtained through shipment of American goods. They have to be spent in the country where obtained and congressmen, apparently, have been giving material aid to the project. There are all kinds of rules about such things and there will be investigations and hearings and so forth from which the ordinary citizen will learn little unless it be about some unpopular guy. It all points up the futility of making laws to make men honest. Smart operators find ways around the laws and so we make more laws until everyone is a crook. It would be much simpler to teach people honesty.

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Portland doesn't care to be the capital of the state; merely to have the offices.

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Things we'd like to hear: What Daniel Boone would say about hiding in a hole—or a bomb shelter.

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We note that many laws are the result of distrust, some suspicious little legislators think another may get an advantage.

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The "liberals" say they want to do things for the people while the conservatives are afraid of doing something to the people.

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Some cities are discovering that they are poor places to live, that people have gone to the country. It always was the best.

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Now, fifteen years after the end of World War II, is about time for economic matters to level off and it seems that is what is happening.

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The new deal and the big government that has grown from it reminds us of a family with parents who believed in giving the children everything they wanted. And the condition of the nation is like the mess such a family would make of things.

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Towns cannot grow unless someone builds buildings. If Sherman countians want their towns bigger and in position to offer more services they will have to invest in them.

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The theory of peace at any price has cost the world as many wars as any other.

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The five million dollars still owing the state from relatives of aided elders proves that relative responsibility is a relative term.

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Population changes may slow the action for a distressed area law which could do no good except to keep citizens in some place where a living could not be made without subsidy.

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It is possible the voters are very wise in picking a president of one party and a congress of another. They may not like either platform.

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We wonder if workmen strike in the defense plants in Russia and if they don't is that a reason they boast of superiority.

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Trying to cut off the top so thin there is no bottom is an error that has been marked by philosophers a long time.

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We feel sorry for people who work by the hour. They get so they think on an hourly basis as well and go clicking along ready to be turned off at the sound of a bell.

Something Happening Sheriff Cites To Maryhill Ferry; Lack of Support Rumors Mean Change Cause of Quitting

The Maryhill ferry is in new hands. A crew of young men from the Richland Tug and Barge company were aboard the ferry Saturday and said a new owner was in charge.

Later information, not entirely verified, is that the Richland company has bought in with the 97 Ferry company that was to start a ferry farther downriver and would bring bigger equipment and operate on a 24-hour basis sometime this week. Reports are that Bacon is out of the ferry business.

The presumption is that when the lower site is made ready for operation, which may be several months, the ferry will be moved to Biggs from the present Maryhill site.

Another story is that C. T. Smith, former Columbia river ferryman, had taken over the Maryhill ferry from Bacon after Bacon had dealt with the Richland Tug & Barge and that Smith was the present operator. In that case a suit will be necessary to determine ownership.

Red Cross Starting Swimming Lessons

Red Cross swimming lessons start Monday morning in The Dalles at 9:30 for Sherman county children.

Each child wishing to take lessons must have a registration card signed by their parents or guardian. Children taking lessons must have completed the first grade in school.

Information and cards are available from Mr. Knott at Kent, Doris Wilson at Grass Valley, Marie Cyphers at Moro, Mrs. Paul Patrick at Wasco, will register children of that area Saturday morning at the school house in Wasco, and A. S. Jordan or Mrs. George Fox at Rufus.

At Kent, the bus will leave the school house at 7:30 a. m. At Grass Valley, the bus will leave the school house at 8:00 a. m. At Moro, the bus will leave from downtown Moro at 8:30 a. m.

The time of departure of the bus from Wasco can be obtained from Mrs. Patrick and at Rufus, from Mr. Jordan.

Les Edwards Ends College Career

Leslie L. Edwards of Moro was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics at Willamette University's 118th annual commencement exercises held June 5.

Edwards, son of Mr. William M. Edwards of Moro High School, at Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity; Theta Delta scholastic honorary; intercollegiate Knights Service Honor; he held the Badgley Fellowship in 1957-58 and an Inland Machinery Fellowship in math and science, 1958-59.

Moro Women Meet In City Park

The Moro Woman's Club held its last meeting of the club year at the Moro Park June 2. A potluck picnic was enjoyed by ten members and their families on the pleasant surroundings.

Mrs. W. Roy Belshee presided at the business session which followed the lunch. A report was made of the food sale held recently to finance the scholarship awarded this year to Darlene Gochner, upon her graduation from Sherman High School.

The matter of a community building was discussed. Mrs. Howard Conlee moved that the Woman's Club is in agreement with the proposed location for a new Moro Legion Community Hall in the City Park and will cooperate in financing the project. Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. Eugene Amidon seconded the motion which was carried without opposition.

The amount of ten dollars was donated as a campship to Camp Easter Seal, which is run for the rehabilitation of crippled children and adults.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton gave some high lights of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs' convention held at the Portland Sheraton Hotel in May.

The present officers were declared installed to continue for another year. Mrs. Belshee named committees to have charge of the clubs activities and planning of the year book.

County Children Win Places at Stock Show of Wheat League

Sherman county came in second in several contests at the Wheat League stock show in The Dalles this week but failed to win grand championships in any of the classes.

In 4-H exhibits there were 18 children. Virgil Fields had first place heavy Hereford and reserve champion. On Angus Doug Medler was first and third, and had the champion Angus and a special award from the Angus association. John Fields had reserve champion in the FFA class.

MANY SHEEP WINNERS

In sheep Kenny Thompson was first and champion for white faces and first in medium weight black face market lamb and also reserve champion. Dolores Belshee took first for 80-89 pound lamb, Ann Hall second and Dorlores Belshee second for heavier lambs. Fred Hall, Joe Thomas were other winners in the sheep division although not at the top.

In swine Kenny Blagg was first in Yorkshire and reserve champion. Danny Rolfe, Nick Hall, Clifford Brown, Curt Blagg, Nancy Crews, Alice Kaseberg, Terry Kaseberg, Sheri Rolfe were all winners in the swine division.

Mike Todd, FFA, was first and second for white faced lambs and the chapter herd was second. In 4-H Sherman county was first in placing for the pen of five. Auctions were held Wednesday for sale of animals to butchers.

ITEM	Recommended	Passed
Sheriff's Salary	\$ 5500.00	\$ 4800.00
Deputy Sheriff's Salary	4500.00	4200.00
Incidental	1500.00	1500.00
Car & Special	2600.00	2600.00
Radio System	1550.00	
Travel	1800.00	1200.00
Tax Machine	500.00	500.00
Tax Deputy	3600.00	
Civil Defense	500.00	
Phone	360.00	
TOTALS	\$ 22,410.00	\$ 15,210.00

The special in the car is a frame to protect the driver from some one who may be in the back seat.

Widows, Children Of W. W. II Men May Get Pensions

Widows and children of deceased veterans of World War II and Korea may be eligible for pensions under a new federal law that takes effect on July 1, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the state veterans' department, said the new pension act removes the previous requirement that such veterans must have had service-connected disabilities at the time of their deaths in order for the unmarried widows and children to receive pensions.

"The only bar now," according to McCarty, "is income. If the unmarried widow with no children has an annual income of less than \$1800 she may receive pension. If she has one or more children, her income limitation is \$3000."

McCarty pointed out that the children of a deceased veteran may receive pension even if the mother has remarried and the children have been adopted by the new father.

Gladys Stone, Once Wasco Girl, Teaching Band Music To Indiana School Children

The Journal and Courier of Lafayette, Indiana in April contained a magazine story about Gladys Wright, a band instructor at Otterbein, who is a member of the 450 member American Band Directors' association, strictly a masculine group except for two women.

The reason Sherman countians should be interested is that Gladys Wright was born Gladys Stone and attended school in Wasco when she was a small girl. In fact, it was while at Wasco and a pupil under Mrs. Ethel Van Gilder, that she was given a five dollar clarinet and a year's piano lessons from a well wisher.

When she first went to Otterbein six years ago she applied as G. Wright because women band leaders are so uncommon as to be unpopular. Since then the school



The first concrete ran slowly out of the opening gates of the bucket and the workmen waited until it dropped. The air hose, being held by the man on the top, connects with the gates. Pressing the button to drop the concrete was Mrs. Paul Giannola, wife of the batch plant operator, for four ton buckets.

Historical Society Picnicking Sunday

The program for the Sherman County Historical Society picnic to be held next Sunday at DeMoss Springs park northeast of Moro has not been completed because some numbers were found unavailable.

However, the speaker for the occasion, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, has given assurance that she will be here. Saturday night she will be in Bend, after returning from a trip to Washington that morning. She will drive to Moro from Bend Sunday forenoon.

Because many who attend the picnic like to attend church the committee has said that the tables will not be made ready for serving food until one o'clock so church goers may have time to get there.

The business meeting is expected to have something of interest to Sherman countians because of a peculiar clause in the by-laws which provides for a report on community betterment. The by-law writers felt that it was not only important that the county had been a good place to live but that it continue to be.

Work Day Scheduled

There will be a work day at the Sherman County Fair grounds June 15 which is next Wednesday and fair supporters are invited to come and help. The fair board will serve lunch to the workers who will put in a gate and fence, build a concrete loading ramp, paint the new rest rooms, replace ties around the arena where necessary.

The Sherman County Cattleman has sent the winner a ten dollar certificate for beef and the sponsoring club a five dollar prize.

Mr. Knott is caring for his family alone since the death of his wife last fall, is active in many local clubs, and teaches music at school in addition to regular duties and is generally a very well respected member of the community.

Be Careful of Pipe

Never up-end aluminum sprinkler pipe near a power line, Rav Kelson, local Pacific Power & Light Company representative, has again reminded farm irrigation users.

Because aluminum is a conductor of electricity, contact between one of these long lengths of pipe and a power line can result in serious electric shock, the manager pointed out.

If it is necessary to up-end sprinkler pipe to shake out trash or debris, always look overhead first, and make sure you are standing well away from power lines, he cautioned.

The same precautions should be taken when installing television antennas and when moving cranes, derricks and other tall mobile equipment.

John Day Dam Officially Started At Building Up

The first four yards of concrete dropped slowly from the bottom of the newly painted bucket into the form at John Day dam last Saturday, June 4, and the job of building up after months of digging down to bedrock began.

An estimate is that four million yards of dirt have been moved to get down to bedrock in the area behind the north short cofferdam where the first construction started. Huge 34 yard trucks were being loaded with rock and dirt for transportation to the railroad grade of the SP&S that will be raised to get above the new dam, men with power hoses were washing the exposed rocks until they were as clean as a kitchen floor.

The men who had prepared the approximately 20 x 20 foot square forms had made them well and fit the bottom boards to the rocks so carefully, not a bit of concrete could get out. There was rock drainage provided at the bottom of the form which was about five feet deep.

When the first concrete was dropped workmen threw their vibrators in it to smooth it out and in process covered the gilded and plugged pipe bearing a scroll telling the day and occasion for the information of some future excavator who may by accident or design dismantle Section SD South of John Day on the Columbia.

Silting Basin First

The concrete first poured is a part of the silting basin, and will never be very high. The spillway is up river from it. When water comes over the spillway it will be turned up by the concrete poured Saturday. The top foot and a half in this section will be made with 8 1/2 sacks of cement per yard and will wear a long time even with the pounding of tons of river water.

About 200 Present

All along the area where rocks and dirt were removed structural steel about 1 1/2 inch in diameter was being cemented into the floor to help anchor the concrete. Additional steel is welded onto these curved stubs. After three days the forms can be removed and after 14 days of curing another section can be poured alongside the first. It takes about two hours to pour one such form as spectators saw done.

The work went on as usual and the 200 visitors seemed to bother not at all except to take the time of men posted to direct cars to the scene of the pouring.

Work Explained

There was no program as such although through George Cline's speaking equipment Col. Paul Symbol introduced men in charge of the dam building and Col. Hugh B. Elder, in charge, informed spectators about what they had seen. He explained that after they had crossed the deep cut which was being used by the SP&S as a main line they had seen: the aggregate stockpiles where four sizes of rock are always available to the batch plant superintendent at the press of a button; they had seen the screening plant and carrier structures; the long belt that carries the sand from the barge landing at the screen, the coffer dam.

John Day Biggest

The John Day dam will be 5900 feet long, will have a pool elevation of 265 feet above sea level. There will be 20 spillway bays immediately above the area where the first concrete was poured and where the big whirley crane was already set up to operate. When finally done the dam will produce over 3,000,000 kilowatts, the biggest on the river.

Although the day was pleasantly warm comparatively few came out to see the pouring. The temporary fence above the area was lined with men and women with cameras and some brought their children so that fifty or sixty years from now when there is discussion of what to do about silting of this dam they will be able to recall the scene of this first construction start and perhaps retain a picture to prove it.