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These Things We Note

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The theory of swimming pools is that by teaching children to swim fewer will drown. Actually more drown in the process than would drown from the ignorance.

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We read that the senate may work nights. Hard lines, may put in a bill for over time. Come to think of it the overtime that officers work could be much less expensive than the under time.

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Eisenhower had some bad luck on his last trip abroad but his record is fairly good. So far, he hasn't given away China or Poland or even Berlin or East Germany.

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A Portland official gets all warmed up thinking about the days when Multnomah county had a smaller proportion of the legislators. We assume that the purpose is good government, not proportional representation and we insist that the state was better off when the upstate was in power.

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The theory about the aged seems to give them a pension so they have time and then give them free medical care so they can worry about themselves.

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Now you can rent almost anything, cars, industrial machinery, kitchen equipment. May be one way to keep it working.

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Some one has suggested a shorter campaign for president. It has been suggested before and by nearly everyone who studies the problem. Result: nothing.

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The founding fathers established a quantitative government, one in which decisions are made by the largest numbers and it works fairly well in small sections where everyone is informed. But it could stand some additions from a qualitative government in order to assure that more of the decisions were the proper ones.

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The program of giving somebody something to win friendship and support—only works as long as the gifts continue and increase. This government has won few friends by gifts overseas and little lasting support by gifts to domestic supplicants.

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Now they are talking about stopping the tax deductions for expense accounts. In other words, don't buy stock in any plush hotels.

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Karl Marx, the man who started communism, was a failure at nearly everything. And he wrote a philosophy of failure, a philosophy of getting without earning, of hating the successful.

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Getting rid of a scape goat is seldom a solution for anything but the fate of the goat.

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We have a copy of federal aid by function sent out by Oregon Tax Research. Probably two-thirds of American citizens would discard two-thirds of the items entirely.

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How this fellow Rockefeller got so smart about military affairs is a wonder. Why, to hear him tell it, he knows just what the nation needs and a lot more than experienced military men. Absolutely wonderful.

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In Portland, in the absence of adequate government, boys are wrecking city park construction before it can be built. Now there's a coming generation.

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We feel sorry for the Beavers and their management but feel more sorry for the town they represent for its lack of support.

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It would almost be worth a set of national conventions every year to insure early adjournment of congress.

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Cheap money is like anything else that's cheap; not worth much.

Not All Wheat Perfect As Final Month Starts

Some of the wheat in Sherman county is going to make a good crop barring unexpected storms. It is nearly made, is coloring normally and is almost as good as money in the bank.

Also some of the wheat in the county is in danger. If there are many hot days in succession some combine operators will have a hard time separating the thin shriveled kernels from the chaff. And some barley may be shoe pegs.

A good rain would cure all this, but a good rain is not in prospect according to prophets—not that that is conclusive.

Naturally the better land has the better wheat. North of Gordon ridge and west of Wasco the wheat looks as good as ever; south of Nigger ridge only the ridges will produce a normal crop. The south slopes and the draws are already damaged.

That doesn't mean we will not have wheat. The almost 90,000 acres permitted us may produce an average of 25 bushels with reasonably favorable weather from now until harvest.

U. S. National Bank Has Big Deposits

The United States National Bank of Portland reported deposits totaling \$779,384,873 in its June 15 report to the comptroller of the currency.

The Dalles Branch reported deposit totals of \$16,032,221.15, according to James L. Johnson, manager, and total loans and discounts of \$7,776,849.00. The Dufur Branch reported deposits totaling \$2,000,199.02, according to G. W. Hertel, manager, and total loans and discounts, for the same period, of \$520,617.05.

Bad Drivers May Have Bad Time

An immediate 30-day driver license suspension may face any driver involved in a Fourth of July holiday accident which results in death, injury or serious property damage, Governor Mark Hatfield announced Thursday. The 78-hour holiday period begins Friday at 6:00 p. m. and concludes Monday at midnight.

Hatfield said he has requested the Department of Motor Vehicles to consider such action when careful investigation gives it reason to believe a person has by operation "caused or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury to any person or serious property damage."

The governor said the key words in determining whether or not a suspension will be ordered are "incompetent, reckless or unlawful."

A law that has been on the books for some time but which has never been rigidly enforced "with concerted action" permits this action by the department without hearing and without receiving a record of conviction of the individual. (ORS 482.450)

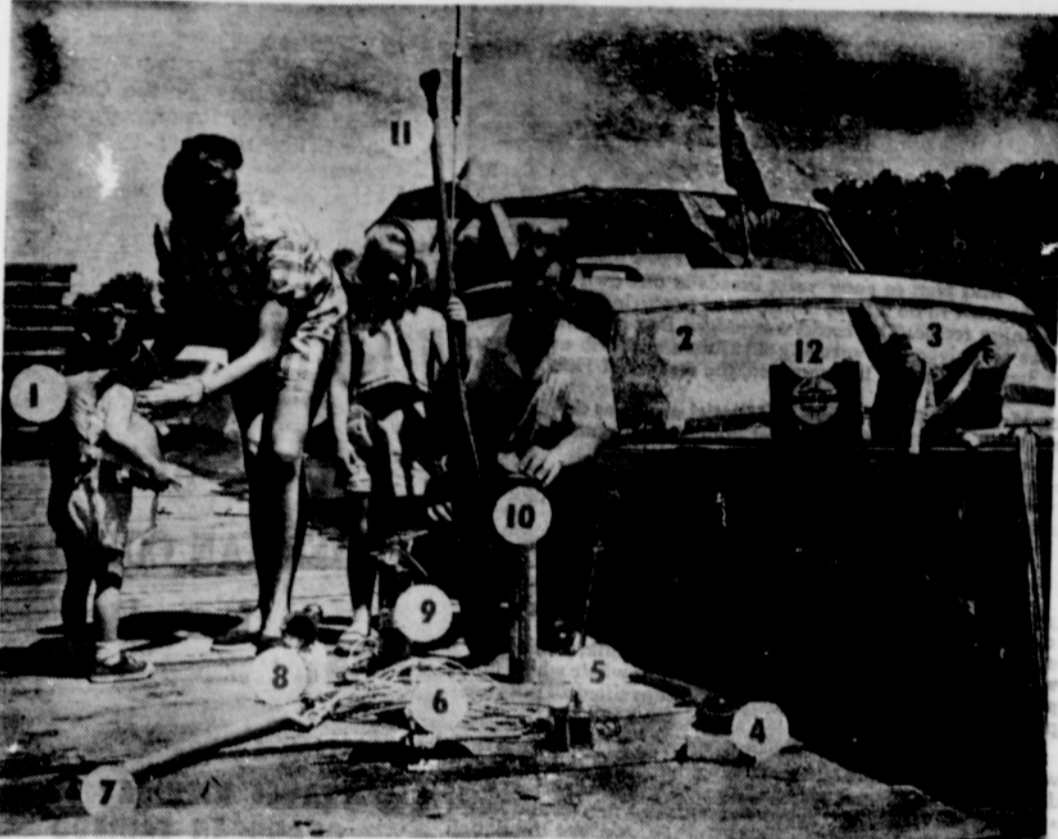
A suspension will be ordered only on the basis of police investigations which clearly indicate the circumstances of holiday accidents. To implement the program, state, city and county law enforcement agencies have been requested by the governor to submit copies of investigation reports of injury or property damage accidents which they believe the department should examine. Normally, police agencies forward fatal accident investigations to the department.

The governor said the unusual measure is warranted due to the critical hazards present during the holiday period. Last year, eight persons died and 139 were injured in Oregon traffic during the celebration period.

Hatfield said he has requested total mobilization of all law enforcement agencies—state, city and county—to patrol streets and highways. State police will again have officers approximately every 15 miles apart on the state's major highways as was done over Memorial day weekend.

The two-pronged holiday enforcement program, the Governor said, was planned in cooperation with representatives of enforcement officials and citizen support groups for traffic safety.

BOATERS DOZEN FOR SAFETY



THIS OREGON FAMILY IS OBSERVING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK (July 3-9) BY CHECKING SAFETY EQUIPMENT. PROPER EQUIPMENT ADDS TO THE ENJOYMENT AFLOAT AND SHOULD INCLUDE: Nos. 1, 2 and 3—LIFESAVING DEVICES FOR ALL HANDS; 4—COMPASS; 5—PROPER RUNNING LIGHTS; 6—ANCHOR AND LINE; 7—BILGE PUMP; 8—HORN OR WHISTLE; 9—FIRE EXTINGUISHER; 10—SAFETY FLARES; 11—PADDLE; 12—FIRST AID KIT.

Freshman Year May Be In High School

Colleges and universities of Oregon are laying the ground work for a program that will eventually place the freshman year of college work in the high schools of the state.

Educators of this state believe that such a program is possible and a \$43,783 grant from the Education (established by the Ford Foundation) supports their belief.

It is believed advanced placement will aid high schools as well as colleges, and it will give the brighter student the opportunity of passing more swiftly to advanced studies. However, for the program to be successful there must be: Qualified teachers in the high schools who can give college level instruction; time for advanced placement teachers to prepare for more advanced work; awillingness on the part of administration and community to make special provision for the gifted student; and consultation between colleges and high schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Porter and two sons and a nephew from Tacoma, Wash., have been guests of Mrs. Porter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee for the past week. They were all dinner guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Cochran.

Reasons For Declared Unconstitutionality Of Washington Wheat Commission Given

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is making a close study of the June 7 opinion of Judge George H. Freese of the Washington Superior Court at Walla Walla which held the Washington agricultural enabling act to be unconstitutional. The litigation concerned action against the Washington Wheat Commission.

The Oregon Department has been informed that the decision of the superior court, which compares with the circuit court in Oregon, will be appealed to the Washington supreme court.

The opinion is of interest to agricultural leaders and farmers here because some of the language of the Washington act parallels that of the Oregon commodity commission enabling act. Under the Washington act, passed in 1955, commodity commissions or self-help farmer and grower programs are established.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has alerted the legislative interim committee studying agricultural marketing agencies in Oregon to the Washington lower court's opinion and the probability of appeal. If appealed, Oregon officials are guessing, the decision might come during the legislative session at Salem, if not before.

The Washington judge, in declaring the act unconstitutional held that: 1. the assessment or levy of the commission is a second tax on property; 2. the depositing and handling of money collected was not paid into the state treasury as the constitution provides; 3. the act unlawfully delegates legislative power; 4. the act deals with two subject matters which are not properly expressed in the title (creation of commissions and delegation of judicial powers to the director of agriculture); 5. the act grants corporate power to the commodity commission, 6. as administered, it excludes from the tax wheat producers of less than 500 bushels; 7. it provides for special privileges and immunities for members of the commission; 8. it is contrary to the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture at Salem has a limited number of copies of the opinion available for interested parties.

Mrs. Gladys Zell will be chairman in Sherman county for Monroe Sweetland, Democrat, in his effort to become secretary of state.

County Agent Finds Topics of Agricultural Interest

Action by the House of Representatives last week seems to indicate there will not be any federal legislation to change the wheat program for 1961. Continuation of the same program is quite sure. This calls for wheat farmers to vote in a referendum July 21 to decide whether marketing quotas will apply for the 1961 crop.

Under quotas, the law provides for wheat price support at a level between 75 and 90% of parity, for producers complying with their allotments. Current estimates indicate a 1961 wheat price at 75% of parity about 3 cents per bushel less than in 1960. Prior to the referendum farmers will be mailed their wheat acreage allotments by the county ASC office.

Farm Imports
The U. S. imported \$4.1 billion worth of farm products in 1959, while exports of farm products were valued at \$3.9 billion. The 6% rise in imports between 1958 and 1959 reverses the downward trend evident since 1951.

German Alfalfa
Trial plots to determine method of eradication for German Alfalfa or Devil's Show String weed were applied last week on the Hildred Zell ranch. This weed occurs in fields and waste land adjacent to the Columbia river area and has proven difficult to handle either by spray or cultivation. Six different materials were applied in the trial including: MCPA; 2,4-D TP; 2,4,5 T; Amitrol T; 2,4-D acid; and TBA a form of the Benzic acids used on morning glory.

Materials were applied at various rates in combination with water as a carrier and a commercial detergent.

Clean Seed Needs
The Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers are putting its new seed warehouse into operation this harvest. Tentative plans call for selection of fields in the area that will be as free as possible from other varieties, other grains, and diseases such as smut. Fields with perennial weeds will not be eligible and attempts will be made to eliminate any fields with rye.

Indications are that seed needs will be 40-50,000 bushels of Omar, 15,000 bushels of Flynn and 25,000 bushels of Alpine. Farmers in the area who have clean fields of these varieties and would be interested in furnishing seed for the plant are asked to notify a director in their area or the Coop Manager Paul Patrick. Fields inspection will be made by the Sherman County Agent or a Seed Certification Specialist in accompaniment with a Coop director to assist in getting the program going.

Consideration is being given by the Coop director to pay an incentive for producing quality seed as specified for fields that can pass Oregon Seed Certification. Field inspection standards. Farmers interested in this program as producers or purchasers of seed from this concern should indicate their interest to the Board.

Death For Pigs
Taken from the Pendleton Record, June 16, Pentachlorophenol, or Creosote may be extremely toxic to pigs, especially young pigs, according to experimental work conducted at The North Dakota experiment station.

Brushed on material that is not properly dried, can enter through the skin of young pigs and be particularly harmful. Treated wood other than posts should be avoided in the construction of hog shelters. If posts are used, it is best that they be round because it is difficult for hogs to get started chewing on round posts. Square or rectangular posts that were treated showed evidence where pigs chewed along the edges.

New Bulletins
If you are a resident of Oregon, here are some of the recent bulletins that are available free on request at your county extension agent's office:

Extension Bulletin 792: "Managing Oregon Trout Ponds"
Extension Circular 567: "Oregon Tree Quiz Key"
Extension Circular 662: "Growing Cantaloupes in Oregon"
Pacific Northwest Bulletin 36: "Today's Soaps and Detergents"

This pamphlet discusses types, uses, advantages, identification and selection of soaps and detergents.

Swine Station
There are now 25 pens of four pigs each at the swine evaluation station located at the Umatilla branch experiment station at Hermiston. Growers started to send their pigs in on April 15, and the last pen-let came in on May 22.

Weather Neither Helpful Nor Hurtful For Past Week

The weather hasn't been bad, neither too hot nor too cool for most things, dry.

No growing crop has been injured directly by the weather for the past week; neither has any crop been helped by the weather. There has been no rain to spike up the short moisture under the growing crop; there has been no east wind to take extra moisture out of the ground and dissipate in the air.

Hugh Shull Buried In Rose City

Hugh Shull, once probably the best known farmer in Sherman county and an organizer of men, horses and machinery into effective crews died at the home of a daughter at Dayville Saturday and funeral services were held at Portland Wednesday with vault interment at Rose City cemetery.

Mr. Shull was born December 12, 1874 at Eagle Creek, Oregon and came to Sherman county in the early years of this century where he immediately became associated with big farming methods of the time. He operated land for EOL and WWM at Kent and later east of Moro. He was always a big thresherman.

Surviving are his widow, Grace, a son Ted in Roseburg, two daughters, Mrs. Velma Thibert at Hampton Buttes and Mrs. Doris Mathes at Dayville, four grand children and five great grand children.

Wasco OES Chapter Holds Installation

New officers for the 1960-61 OES chapter were installed for Annie Fulton chapter at Wasco June 24. The installation, open to the public, was conducted by Lawrence and Marguerite Kaseberg, past patron and matron, as installing officers. They were assisted by Ethel VanGilder, installing chaplain; Gladys Zell, installing marshal; Nina Pinkerton, installing organist; Mabel White, assistant installing marshal.

Officers installed were Gladys Belshee, worthy matron; Leroy Belshee, worthy patron; Bobbie Root, asso. matron; Floyd Root, asso. patron; Gladys Zell, secretary; Marjory Shull, treasurer; Pauline Broughton, conductress; Adeline McDonald, asso. conductress; Marguerite Kaseberg, chaplain; Beth Reid, marshal; Estelle Hailey, organist; Patricia Skiles, Adah; Oweitus McDermid, Ruth; Beverly Hilderbrand, Esther; Nadine Medler, Martha; Gwen Gosson, Electa; Grace Medler, Warder; Bill Broughton, sentinel.

Man and Woman Pairs

An unusual item in the roster of officers is the fact that there are three teams of husband and wife among them.

Interspersed throughout the ceremony were vocal solos by Emmalyn Wilson, sister of the worthy patron, and musical numbers by the two daughters of the worthy matron and patron. Jeanette Belshee accompanied Mrs. Wilson in her numbers and also rendered a piano solo, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Young Delores Belshee sang two numbers, "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and "The Second Star To The Right."

Colorful addendums were presented by both the 1959-60 officers and the 1960-61 officers.

Flowers Abound
Flower arrangements of white iris, carnations, chrysanthemums, and mock orange, intermingled with green foliage, carried out the green and white color scheme selected by the worthy matron for the year, as she honors the star points of Martha and Esther. Glennie Harper, Hilda Hartmann, Catherine Bish and Astrid Tuggle were in charge of the decorations for the evening. The refreshment committee, under Alice Gochbauer as chairman, served dainty cookies, mints, nuts and coffee and tea from tables set in the form of a cross and covered with green and white cloths. Lime punch, atop which floated a white blossom, was served from the punch bowl. Imogene Belshee and Emmalyn Wilson poured the tea and coffee.

Sherman County Club Sees Big Game Pictures

Sherman County Club members viewed the big game and mountain scenery pictures taken by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dodson of The Dalles Tuesday night as an afterlude to their meeting. Pictures were varied. Deer hesitantly walked before the camera, carp writhed on an arrow, antelope bounded across a Wyoming landscape as the machine whirred and members sat motionless.

The meeting began at eight which was late enough to insure cool temperatures as a rule. The rule was broken.

Reports of committees gave the information that the six county group had listened to a representative of Ebasco services to learn of a proposal to hire that company to make an industrial survey of the area from Hood River to Umatilla counties in an effort to attract industry. Decision has not been made.

President Frank Ketter invited interested members to attend the next meeting of the charter committee which has the job of writing a constitution for the county.

B. H. Roberson asked that the appropriation for the Caribou Trail Association be increased which was done after some argument. Club members were brought up to date on the status of the Biggs Rapids bridge.

Next meeting will be in September.

John M. Stevenson Dies At Glenwood

Funeral services were held at White Salmon Saturday morning for John N. Stevenson, former resident of Sherman county who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Claud Eaton at Glenwood, where he had lived for 27 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson farmed east of Klondike for some 30 years during which time he became well acquainted here. He was born at Fremont, Iowa February 20, 1880 and came west to California in 1897 to marry Vada Atkinson at Selma in that state in 1901. They came to Sherman county in 1908.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Marion McKee of Portland and eight grand children; two brothers, I. W. of Selma, Calif., and Lee of Fresno and a sister, Mrs. Ida Thomas of Fresno.

Interment was in The Dalles cemetery.

Oiling Crew Coats Pavement To DeMoss

A state oiling crew moved in Wednesday and started work putting a seal coat on the highway between Moro and the top of DeMoss hill which required that traffic be stopped in Moro. All afternoon there was a string of cars parked on Main street waiting and looking and occasionally visiting with talkative natives.

Local Bank Makes Business Gain

Loans have reached an all-time high mark at First National Bank of Oregon, it was revealed when the bank submitted its June 15, 1960 statement of condition figures in response to a call by the comptroller of the currency.

Loans and discounts of \$507,107,549 were reported, which topped the previous mark of \$488,958,106 set on December 31, 1959. The current figure represents an increase of \$44,172,102 over the June 10, 1959 bank call and it is up \$26,790,626 since the early spring call, which reflects a continuing heavy demand for bank credit.

Deposits at the bank's 82 offices throughout the state were reported at \$833,014,742 down slightly from last June's \$840,804,145. The current figure is down \$3,493,802 from the March call figure.

The Sherman county branch of First National reported June 15 deposits of \$2,871,633 and loans totaling \$934,553, according to R. E. Ferrell, manager.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for the June 10, 1959 bank call. On that date deposits were \$2,713,716 and loans amounted to \$758,836.