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These Things We Note

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The wicked flee-eth—and sometimes so do the wise.

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One industry that is reaping material gain from the race for complete security is the insurance industry.

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It is common to blame the ills of age to having too good a time, yet age catches up with everyone whether they enjoy living or not.

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When Americans learn to analyze their problems and not try to settle all of them by an application of a money poultice they will make progress. Our foreign affairs, our educational system, our social security all suffer from too much money and too little thought.

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Oregonians may now quit criticizing southerners and start looking for those who burned the home of a Portland negro.

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The human frame is pretty durable. We spend twice as much for activity that is supposed to tear down the body as we do for medical care that is supposed to build it up.

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The question as to whether the president should engage in personal visits as an aid to diplomacy is not the question at all. The problem is to deal with other nations successfully and if visits help they are OK, if not helpful try another approach.

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The summer season has reached the "is it hot enough for you" stake, which is a question that might more appropriately be directed to a biscuit.

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Weakness at the top is causing a lot of trouble in the world, top of governments, leaders of races, heads of families. All would get along better if tougher.

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Wonder what sort of recreation folks will be following in the next decade to replace the present fads of swimming and boating.

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Once in a while you see a man who thinks the old rule about letting the buyer beware has been repealed. But he is very young and very naive.

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Some old correspondence indicates that 50 years ago farmers thought the Eastern Oregon Land company was hard to get along with. But it could be argued with. Nowadays the boss brooks no arguments.

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Down in The Dalles George Lindsay, a newspaperman, became a postmaster which is in no wise a promotion, but we guess the hours are better.

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The Oregon dunes park seems doomed for this session. Well, the government could interest itself in something more important than the voters' recreation.

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Christianity appeals to the spirit of mankind and communism appeals to the stomach.

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July is happily a vacation month but politicians will go right on working anyway.

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There is a four cent United States stamp inscribed: "Fear to do ill, and you need fear Nought else." What a negative approach.

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Some wise man, perhaps George Bernard Shaw, said hell was a place where there was no work to do and after three days of little work we are inclined to agree.

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There is no longer any need for banning testing of atomic weapons in this country. Russia has blown the arms conference sky high and has probably been testing steadily anyhow. And this country should make its decisions on the basis of its own welfare.



Elmo Smith

Elmo Smith Chief Speaker At Political Picnic

Ex-Governor Elmo Smith will be the main speaker at a political rally and public picnic to be held at DeMoss Springs park next Sunday, July 10. Start will be at 1:30 p. m.

Smith became governor on the death of Governor Paul Patterson, he having been president of the senate during that previous legislative term. He is a native of Colorado who finished school in Idaho and became a publisher of a newspaper in Ontario. He left that to become a flier in World War II and since then has acquired possession of the Blue Mountain Eagle at John Day, the Pioneer at Madras and the Democrat Herald at Albany, the latter a daily. Smith is vigorous, masculine, active and will fly his own plane to Sherman county for the meeting.

Others who will be present are George Stadelman, candidate for state senator, who lives in The Dalles and Paulsen Kaseberg, candidate for the lower house of the state legislature.

Sending regrets was Howard Belton who tried to fit this meeting into his schedule but could not. Ron Phair, candidate for congress, will be represented at the picnic and Howell Appling, secretary of state has been invited and may attend.

Lowell Paget, new national committeeman for Oregon, Mrs. Mrs. Collis Moore, national committeewoman, are expected and Peter Gunnar may accompany Smith in his plane.

Irving Hart is chairman of the picnic committee and has made arrangements for it. Everyone who would like to meet his officials and the candidates who may become officials is invited.

Reba Goss Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Goss, Moro, and Rodney Rolfe, son of the late John M. Rolfe, Grass Valley, are among the 80 students named to the spring semester honor roll for Linfield college, McMinnville, according to Dr. E. A. Whitman, college registrar.

In order to achieve honor roll standing at Linfield, a student must earn at least 3.5 for the preceding semester. Fourteen students received 4.0 averages, indicating perfect "A" work.

Mrs. Powell and Rolfe are both 1960 graduates of Linfield with degrees in business administration. Both were active in campus affairs.

Grass Valley Canyon Bridge Contracted

A bid of \$23,869 was successful in getting a contract to build a new bridge across Grass Valley canyon at the Lone Rock road crossing about two miles south of Moro. The state highway commission let the bid using state funds allotted to counties.

The bridge will be downstream from the existing bridge and will run across the creek bed at an angle. On the west side the footings will be downstream several yards from the present bridge and on the east side only a short distance. The road will thereby be straightened.

County Agent Tells Allotment Plans of Government

Official notices of farm allotments for the 1961 wheat crop are being mailed to farmers this week by the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee under direction of office manager, Ralph Busse. Acreage for '61 will be up for Sherman County farmers a few percentage points.

Reduction in 1959 was 35.9% while figures for 1961 indicate a reduction of 33.2% which is 2.7% less cut. County wheat acreage allotment received was 93,423 in '59 and 97,131 for the '61 crop year. The farm allotments are based primarily on past wheat production history; the slight increase for Sherman farmers is due to this history.

Doose Smut On Wheat
A serious flare-up of loose smut in Burt wheat has been noted in the Willamette Valley this year. Loose smut is present in this area and has been noted on Burt wheat as well as various barleys and oats. The disease has never proven to be of any significance in Sherman County. Growers using Burt wheat, however, should make sure their seed is clean of this smut and save only seed free from loose smut infestation.

Seed treatment with present chemical materials is not effective against loose smut since the organism is carried inside the kernel rather than on the outside or in the soil as in the common smut we are most acquainted with in this county.

The smutted spikes of grain emerge from the boot earlier than healthy ones, release spores which are wind-borne over the field and lodge in the susceptible wheat

Harvest Starts On Both Wheat And Barley

Harvest has started in Sherman County and by Wednesday four outfits were bringing grain to elevators of the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers. Dick Yocum and George Fox were cutting wheat and Chet Coats and Clem Welk were on barley. All these farms are near the Columbia river and grain matures there earlier than on higher ground.

The cold spring caused many farmers to believe that harvest would be much later this year than usual but during June the crop caught up and the warm days of the past week made it ready.

No one would estimate the probable yields because not enough had been cut to come to a conclusion, but there was optimism in the attitudes.

Appearance of the crops in the northern part of the county has been good in recent weeks and a good crop is generally expected over that entire area.

G. V Grain Growers Elect Davis Again

The annual meeting of the Grass Valley Grain Growers was held in the office Saturday, June 25 at 2 o'clock. Luther Davis was re-elected president and Wallace May was re-elected vice-president for two year terms.

The members voted in the rain program beginning Sept. 1, 1960 for a 10-month period. Members also voted to build additional storage when the board found it necessary. Financial report for the past year was the best in the history of the organization.

County Joins Group For Industrial Plans

Sherman County Judge Vernon Miller attended a meeting in Arlington Tuesday with representatives of the five other counties of the mid-Columbia area forming a regional agency for planning of industrial progress.

The group is at present interested in preparing a budget which means finding out how much money it can obtain. It is expected that the federal government will match funds raised in the counties. Port districts are helping in most counties.

The Sherman county budget provides for \$400 for this agency which is much the smallest sum provided by any county.

Fourth Quietly Noted At Many Places By Sherman Countians

Sherman countians spent the Fourth of July weekend in a manner that left them safe so it presumably was sane. Many of them stayed at home which is regarded as a safe place, although the young might not think a home holiday would be entirely sane. Some went to mountains at cabins they own on streams where lines could be wetted pleasantly if not profitably; some picnicked at Bear Springs where there was a goodly crowd; a few went to the Deschutes where fish proclaimed their own day of liberty; some attended celebrations and rodeos in central Oregon and some were in The Dalles where visiting firemen were welcomed with streams of water and fire works.

No place provided a real old fashioned Fourth of July with crashing anvils at dawn, pink lemonade, red, white and blue bunting, a Liberty car adorned with the prettiest dames in the community, a parade, and a patriotic speech from the court house steps, making the eagle scream with joy over being the emblem of such a fine country. Such things are as obsolete as the whiskers and stove pipe hats the men wore who attended them.

Fourth of July's have changed along with our concept of government which is no longer an ideal to be defended to the death but a cow to be milked.

Satus Pass Road Section Dedication

A new section of the Satus pass road will be dedicated next Monday morning, July 11, at 11:30 a. m. with William Bugge, director of highways for Washington as main speaker. Participants in the ceremony will have lunch at Brooks park and the committee will furnish coffee.

This is a new section of the road between Goldendale and Yakima and the Yakima delegations are bringing their city queens to grade the affair. Site of the ribbon cutting is about 16 miles north of Goldendale.

The Klickitat county committee cordially invites those interested in betterment of Highway 97 to attend the ceremony, bring their lunch and meet their Washington neighbors.

Mid-Col. Bank Deposits Down

Bank debits for the upper Columbia river including Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties by 4.8 per cent in May 1960 as compared to April, 1960 and by 5.4 per cent a year ago.

Debits for May, 1960 totaled 26,737,961; and for May, 1959 the total amounted to 25,369,156.

Two Attend Army Summer Camp

Cadet Roy P. Cyphers, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Cyphers, Moro, Oregon, and Cadet Gordon D. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bacon of Rufus, are receiving six weeks of training at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps summer camp at Fort Lewis, Wash. The training is scheduled to be concluded July 29.

Rufus Recieves Annual Singing From Firebrands

Fire burned over between 10 and 12 square miles south and east of Rufus last Friday afternoon. It apparently started in Rufus and burned up Scott canyon and down to Highway 30. Up Scott it jumped the paved road between Girking and Scott canyons and burned to the crest of the hill as far as Bruce Millard's where it was stopped at a road west of his buildings. Some barley on the Elizabeth Kuypers' place was burned.

Along the highway the fire raced out of control in the high west wind until it reached Helm canyon and went up to Frank Reid's place being turned aside by his lawn. A small field of barley was burned, but the east-west road made it possible to halt the fire there.

It made the turn into the John Day and went up that river to Box canyon, a distance of about five miles taking the grass from the river to the top of the hill.

Seriously damaged was the Charles Kuypers' place where partly cut fields of hay were burned and all the grass on the place destroyed. Both the Reid and Kuypers' cattle were in feed lots Sunday.

Firemen from Wasco, The Dalles and Arlington came to help and neighbors turned out. On level farm land where machinery and trucks could be moved they prevented the fire from burning much wheat. The barley fields are apparently destroyed without being entirely burned. Fire went through the barley and singed it.

No estimate has been announced of the damage done but it will run into thousands of dollars even though little standing wheat was burned.

Floyd Root Named Wheat Commissioner

Floyd Root, Wasco farmer and former president of the Oregon Wheat league and the national grain growers, was appointed to a place on the Oregon Wheat commission by Governor Mark Hatfield this week. He will take the place vacated by Paulsen Kaseberg who resigned because he is a candidate for the Oregon legislature.

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Governor Hatfield and Secretary Appling look at the new flag with its field of blue and white dotted with 50 stars in honor of the July 4th official admission of Hawaii to statehood.