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These Things We Note

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The doctor's aren't prolonging life; they are merely prolonging old age.

TTWN

Even if you don't want to work be sure and register so you can get paid whether you do or not.

TTWN

We cannot fathom the mind of a person who would rather live in a hole in the ground than die decently in the sunshine.

TTWN

There's only one model of humans. They may be painted different colors and may come in slightly different sizes but the machinery is identical.

TTWN

We hope that Mr. Church's delivery was better than his text which served only to cast doubt on the quality of his mind.

TTWN

One time in Oregon a large, overstuffed, rather sloppy candidate won an unexpected victory in a primary. He inquired of a newspaperman about what he should do. "Go get your pants pressed" was the answer. And we think of that story every time we see a picture of the overly hairy Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

TTWN

A magazine says that the election will be decided on the issue of big government; whether it should be bigger or smaller. If so, we can engage in the battle with a will.

TTWN

It seems as if we are having more difficulty with Khrushchev since his doctors told him to quit drinking.

TTWN

We read that we are having no luck getting South American nations to help discipline Cuba because so many of them think that taking our possessions would be a good idea. It was a mistake to drop the Monroe Doctrine for this nebulous Organization of American States.

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One of the advantages of buying a foreign made car is to get rid of the poor workmanship of Mr. Reuther's minions.

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Band wagons are always over crowded and are better places for shouters than thinkers.

TTWN

Church groups may realize that the dictum about populating the earth has already been accomplished and need be no longer followed.

TTWN

We thought we had made some impression on news writers in Portland and taught most of them that Morrow is a county and Moro is a town and the two are different and distinct, unrelated, non-contiguous, of different roots. The generation must have passed and another taken its place for the same error occurred this week. There are but 36 counties in Oregon and it seems that a news writer could master their names.

TTWN

Well, one exhibition of the extroverts is over.

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We may have a good crop in Sherman county if we can get it cut before it burns up.

TTWN

Congo is a new country, very new, with young leaders who are finding that they can neither discipline nor feed the people. Neither do we think the UN should do it; they'll quit rioting when they're hungry enough.

TTWN

We read that there is shortage of skilled men in almost every field. Why should there be skilled men? It is not necessary to be skilled, unions get practically as much pay for semi-skilled and if takes work to be really skilled.

TTWN

Thursday was a day for deciding whether to placate the south or labor or pick a neutral. Some time Democrats will have to decide whether to follow radical labor or conservative southerners. The two are not compatible.

Satus Road Alignment Fires Destroy Crops Quickly When Wind Helps

Helped; New Section Dedicated Monday

About a hundred citizens of Washington and a few guests from Oregon attended the opening of the new Satus pass-Satus creek sector of the Goldendale-Yakima highway Monday.

The official ribbon cutting was done by Howard Peterson, district highway official, although princesses from communities as far scattered as Ellensburg and Bend, Oregon were standing by in pretty dresses but without scissors. But each one received a piece of the ribbon as compensation for their work and appearance.

Near the south end of the four mile project at Brooks park, the crowd met to eat their own basket lunches and drink coffee made by Klickitat County commissioner Henry Miller. George Nesbit presided. Al Henry, state senator, did the introductions, and William A. Bugge, highway director for Washington, spoke. He noted the importance of Highway 97 to the transportation of the state and the coming caravan in September of an expected 1000 cars to Dawson creek.

As for the Biggs Rapids bridge, on which he was asked to comment, he said that the firm bid had been continued to late in August; that on July 20 the Washington Toll Bridge Authority would open bids for construction of a second Lake Washington bridge and that after that was done it would consider the problems of Biggs Rapids.

Mrs. Carrie E. Hays Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Carrie Effie Hays, who spent the active part of her life as a resident of Grass Valley, died in a hospital in The Dalles Sunday.

Mrs. Hays was born Carrie Clements in Des Moines, Iowa, September 25, 1864 and was nearly 96 at the time of her death. She married John Hays at Fresno, California in 1882 and moved to Grass Valley with the Clements family soon thereafter. They farmed the Hays homestead a short distance southwest of Grass Valley while Mr. Hays went freighting in the springs for cash to supplement the income. They sold out and moved to town to build a new house and start the dry business which was John Hays' occupation for the remainder of his life.

Surviving are four of five daughters Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Hattie Zehner, Mrs. Sadie Alley all of The Dalles and Mrs. Ruth Feely of Tygh Valley, five grand children, 12 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Grass Valley Baptist church of which Mrs. Hays was a member, with Rev. Maynor Reed officiating with interment in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Hays was a member of the Rebekah lodge at Grass Valley.

State Parks Popular With Campers

A wet belated spring has failed to deter the lovers of the great outdoors according to Oregon which as of May indicate a continuation of the meteoric increase in park use . . . a use which has grown from 2 million visitors in 1948 to 10,291,000 in 1959.

The first half of 1960 has seen an increase in attendance for nearly all of the state's 175 parks, according to the state parks and recreation division of the Oregon State Highway Department.

Yaquina Bay State Park at Newport on the coast which has traditionally been the leader in day attendance, recorded 102,114 visitors during the May 1960 compared to 67,797 for that period in 1959.

This has been a week of fires and because it is very dry and was very windy almost no fire has been stopped until it burned to a field of summerfallow or a river.

Last Saturday a truck backfire started a fire on the Arthur Van Gilder place, bought from Pearl Butler McDonald, due west of the Sadie Rich home. The crew had it almost out when they ran out of chemical and it got away burning over 75 acres of wheat and 25 acres of barley on Van Gilder's, about 55 acres of wheat on Rich's and approximately half of a quarter of wheat belonging to Richelderfer.

Firemen saved the Rich buildings and a field of unripe barley stopped the fire from going north. But it jumped Highway 97 as if it were dry grass and continued into Richelderfer wheat for half a mile before hitting summer fallow. The wind was strong.

Tuesday was another day of fires. Leland Medler had a fire that burned a few acres of barley before getting into grass and running clear to the John Day down Box canyon. No great amount of tilled land was involved but loss of the grass is important.

A fire in Wasco county burned light company poles and Ernest Barnett's ranch in Eight Mile was partly burned over sending smoke over Sherman county.

Republicans Elect County Officers

Organization of the Sherman County Republican central committee was done at a regular meeting early this month resulting in the selection of Irving Hart, chairman; Mrs. Floye von Borstel, vice-chairman; Mrs. Reba Hall, secretary and Mrs. Estelle Hailey, treasurer. Ernest Woods will serve as finance chairman. Art J. Smith of Wasco is chairman for Ron Phair, candidate for congress.

Price Supports, Wheat Referendum Plans Told

The 1960 price support for wheat and barley have been set by the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee. Number one warehouse stored wheat delivered between July 19 and August 14 has been set at \$1.74 per bushel. The farm stored rate is \$1.83 per bushel. CCC loans will be available until January 31, 1961. Loans are redeemable at 3 1/2% interest until March 31, 1961. The minimum national average wheat support of \$1.77 a bushel was set last summer.

CCC Loan rate for barley warehouse delivered between July 22 to August 17 is 80¢ per bushel or \$33.34 per ton for number land 22 barley. Farm stored rate is 90¢ per bushel or \$37.50 per ton. Loans here again are available until January 31, but can be redeemed until April 30.

For further information contact Ralph Busse, office manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, County Courthouse, Moro.

Wheat Quota Referendum

The wheat quota referendum for 1961 will be held Thursday, July 21, 1960. Polling places will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. The county committee has established the following voting places: Wasco and Locust Grove communities, City Hall of Wasco; Moro community, County Courthouse, Moro; Grass Valley community, Grass Valley Grain Growers, Grass Valley; and Kent community, Grass Valley Grain Growers' Office, Kent.

Generally, any person sharing in the 1961 wheat crop, raised on 15 acres or more, is eligible to vote. "Absentee Ballots" may be obtained at the ASC office and need to be returned by 8:00 p. m. Thursday, July 21, 1960.

Farm Fact Highlights

Thanks to farmers' efforts and an economy that provides distribution and purchasing power, Americans will eat this year about as follows:

Beef — An average of 84.5 pounds per person, about three pounds more than last year.
Veal — 6 pounds per person,



Elmo Smith, candidate for U. S. Senator, looks at the camera while Mrs. Collis Moore, Republican national committeewoman, looks at Smith and Irving Hart listens.

Fire Puts Out Lights For Time

A grain fire that burned an estimated 100 acres of wheat about four miles east of Dufur Tuesday afternoon put Sherman county out of electricity that evening. Three power poles were burned necessitating a rewiring so that juice came in from Olney instead of Dufur. Wasco was in darkness 27 minutes and Moro and south for 44 minutes about 7:30 p. m.

The repair crew of the Pacific Power & Light company worked all night setting new poles and restringing wire so that service was back to normal and coming from the west again by morning.

Charles Mishler, 70, Dies of Attack

Charles Mishler, 70, died at Dinty's Station at the mouth of Spanish Hollow Wednesday morning about 2:45 a. m. from the effects of a heart attack. Mr. Mishler came into the restaurant and asked for a doctor. A waitress went out to the pay phone station to call for an ambulance and when she returned the elderly man gasped and died, according to Loy Cochran, coroner, who investigated.

Mr. Mishler lived at Hermiston where he was a rock hound and a lapidary store and shop owner. He was a veteran of World War I and had a wife at Hermiston and children in California.

Harvest Operation Moves Slowly South

Harvesting is getting along and most of the farmers north of Gordon ridge are cutting something and the elevators are running full blast as the trucks come to dump their loads. Yields are not determined as no large fields have been finished. But 40 and 45 bushels are expected over much of the north end.

The Moro Grain Grower's elevators are working at Hay Canyon, DeMoss and Moro and Erskine are ready.

About 20 new push combines are going to be used to cut the crop this year and probably nearly all of the old combines as well so harvest will be faster than usual. But it will be ten days or two weeks before cutting is general south of Nigger ridge.

Auditors Here To Peruse School Books

Lyle H. Montgomery, George Renner, Neal Fisher, and Donald Thomas, auditing team from the Secretary of State's office in Salem, arrived Monday, July 11, to begin the annual audit of the records and accounts of the various Sherman County School Districts. They are expected to complete the audit in a couple of weeks. Mr. Montgomery, expects to leave the end of the week, with Mr. Renner in charge.

The school law requires that all school district and school lunch accounts be audited each year. Payment for the audit is made from the County School fund for the elementary districts, and from the tax account for the County High School District. Each district is billed for the time needed for the district audit.



Charming a mole out of a hole was a feat of Frank Reid at the Republican picnic at DeMoss Sunday, a sprig of parsley and a spear of Johnson grass was the bait used. Democrats may say one would have to be blind as a mole to wander into a Republican picnic and Republicans counter that even a mole has confidence in Republicans.

More Veterans Get More Money

Oregon veterans' farm and home loans set a new fiscal year record in the year just closed, with 4365 veterans borrowing \$45,066,950. The previous high year was 1958-59 with 4149 loans amounting to \$42,084,350.

The new record was established according to H. S. Saafield, director of the State Department of Veterans' Affairs, in spite of the fact that loans dropped about half in the last six months because of a current shortage of loan funds. Loans averaged 480 a month in the last six months of 1959, then dropped to 247 a month when the department ran out of authority to issue more bonds to obtain needed loan funds.

Saafield said this shortage will continue indefinitely unless voters approve Measure No. 13, the "War Veterans' Bonding and Loan Amendment," on the general election ballot next November. This measure would authorize the department to issue another \$104 million in loan bonds, which are repaid from loan receipts.

About 1300 veterans are on the department's waiting list for loan closing funds, and the most recent applicants have been informed they must wait until a year from next October for their loan proceeds because of the money shortage. Loans are limited to the amount of money received in veterans' monthly loan repayments, after funds are withheld for operating expenses and the payment of principal and interest on bonds outstanding, and annual property tax payments.

Candidates State Beliefs To Group At Party Picnic

Republicans, flavored by a few Democrats, listened to political philosophy and dined on the luscious fare of Sherman county cooks at a picnic at DeMoss Springs Sunday.

Elmo Smith, once upon a time state senator and governor and now a candidate for the U. S. senate, was the main speaker and he made a very vigorous and outspoken statement about what he thought about government—there is too much of it and it is too expensive. Mr. Smith's remarks fit his record. As state senator he was an active proponent of reform in highway legislation and can be credited with the ton-mile law. He was active about other things, too, because he is naturally active. He thinks Oregon should get more from the federal government, more industrial plants, more defense installations and thinks lethargy is the reason for our short-ages. Mr. Smith is not lethargic.

He was introduced by Mrs. Collis Moore, national committeewoman for Oregon.

The meeting started when Irving Hart called the group to attention and introduced Frank Reid, precinct committeeman of Rufus who introduced Paulen Kaseberg, candidate for the legislature who said he would work for lower, or at least more equitable taxes, for more highway safety and for industry in the mid-Columbia area and said it convincingly.

George Stadelman, candidate for state senator from Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties said he would work diligently for election because he thought he was equipped to do a better job for the area involved than has been done recently.

Ron Bayes of Milton-Freewater, and a teacher at Eastern Oregon college at La Grande appeared for Ron Phair, candidate for congress, and said that the sound and conservative principles of Mr. Phair should appeal to all voters interested in sound government.

A word was spoken for Howell Appling, candidate for secretary of state and Howard Belton, candidate for state treasurer.

Employment High In Oregon Now

Employment in Oregon was the highest it has ever been in the State's history in mid-June, the Department of Employment announced today. A total of 830,900 Oregonians were employed, an increase of 61,500 from the previous month and 22,800 higher than in last June. The prior all-time employment peak was in August 1956 when 726,800 people had jobs.

The huge number of new jobs were mostly on farms with the strawberry harvest demanding the largest work-force. Other major activities were sugar beet cultivation, the pea harvest, haying, and various other crop cultivation. The strawberry harvest, after a cold wet spring, was finally in full swing by mid-June with some extremely welcome warm weather.

Employment gains were made in non-agricultural wage and salary jobs but not on the scale of the farm job increase. Manufacturing gained 7,500 from May and non-manufacturing about the same. The largest increases were in food processing, construction, wood products, trade and service. These followed the customary seasonal pattern of the State. Compared to last year manufacturing jobs were down by 5,000. The plywood and veneer plants needed 1,400 fewer workers in June than last year, while logging and sawmills were down by 2,800 jobs. These and other scattered year-to-year losses were more than offset by other industries so that non-farm employment had an overall gain of 8,400.

Court Postpones August Meeting

The county court met last week and approved the budget as printed, paid the bills as presented and decided that all members were going to be busy for more than a month so postponed the August meeting for a full week, until August 10.