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These Things We Note

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Candidates sometimes note the "progress" we are making under government control. Actually that may not be progress but regression.

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A magazine says both Nixon and Kennedy will bring "liberal" changes in government and that if hard times come Nixon would reduce taxes and encourage private business while Kennedy would institute more government as a cure. Of one thing we are certain: if we permit greater government hard times will come.

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The news says Fidel Castro is tired, tired mentally. That is not news.

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It seems reasonable to suppose that a main reason for the Johnson acceptance of second place on the ticket was to assure preservation of the depletion allowance for Texas oil. No wonder the "liberals" are mad (they are right in this) and no wonder the south is put out by being made second place to a tax gimmick.

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Sometimes things happen like this. Monday The Dalles paper had two stories about Harvey. One that the state tax commission had raised its property tax assessment over a previous figure by local officials; the second that Harvey's net earnings was up 17 per cent.

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It may be necessary to increase the expenditures for defense as both political parties say, but we would like to know the reasons behind it. Are defense plants getting to the end of contracts; are we about to be attacked; are we just scared and need reassurance?

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The Irish of Lake county are probably more independent than average and the members of the Order of the Antelope are certainly so. Therefore it is no wonder that a week end spent with such citizens should encourage us to think the world is a little better.

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This is certainly no time to be having a session of congress. The member interest is on politics, not on the nation and the two are too seldom synonymous.

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Whether we'd ought to cheer the opening of the new Lloyd center or not depends on what happens from now on out. If it offers competition in quality and price we will cheer; if it offers glamour at a glamorous price we will sit on our hands.

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It is perfectly normal to worry about the decline in stock prices but no more healthy change has been noted in months.

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Anchovies are reported to have created a stench on the Oregon coast. They can do that anywhere.

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When legislators voted for all appropriations and against all taxes it became a standing joke. When the people do the same it is a far better joke but on different persons.

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When politicians call for new leadership you needn't look far for the leader they mean.

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We hope that by next summer the women come up with a more attractive style of undress than this year's variety of pants.

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An actress quit a Las Vegas job because "nude chorus girls and comedians just don't mix." Well, maybe it wouldn't be a time for laughter.

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Weather prophets do not agree which is nice. We have to take the weather as it comes, but we can pick our own prophets.

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Learning what we want to learn is fun and learning what we have to learn is experience and sometimes very sad.

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There would be less need for the many economic studies if there were more studying of economics in high school.

Postoffice Moved Wednesday Night To First St. Site

Postmaster Lloyd Johnson and crew moved from the old postoffice Wednesday night, August 4, and on the morning of Thursday, August 5 started delivering mail from the new postoffice located on First street just northwest of the alley in the center of the block.

Construction of the building began last March after nearly a year of dickering with land owners and contractors. There was delay while the government and the contractor adjusted differences. There was further delay before the equipment could be stove-bolted together. But now it is finished, the building is occupied and all now required is for patrons to get used to their new box numbers and combinations and the postal employees to get used to putting the same old mail into completely new boxes in new locations.

Monday morning postoffice patrons took a short course in mechanics and memory work trying to get into their new boxes.

Ben Galloway, J. P. Decides To Resign

Ben Galloway, justice of the peace for Sherman county, has resigned his position in letters to Mark Hatfield, governor, and Vernon Miller, county judge. Effective date for his resignation, if possible is September 1.

Candidates for the office may file for it until August 28, as they may file for any office. General election will be in November.

Sheep Men Plan Ram Sale August 10

Leading sheep producers have consigned 185 top rams to the Oregon Wool Growers Ass'n. ram sale starting at 10 a. m. August 10 on the Pendleton Roundup grounds.

Si Williams, auctioneer, will sell Ramboulllets, Lincoln-Ramboulliet crossbreds, Hampshire, Corriedales, Columbias, Southdowns, Tarhees, and Suffolk according to Ken Johnson, president of Oregon Wool Growers Ass'n.

Long reputation of quality and treatment makes the Pendleton Ram Sale an important service to the sheep industry according to Johnson, and buyers are assured satisfaction. The Wool Growers Ass'n counts 1960 as the 34th annual ram sale.

Governor Going Ahead On Boardman Job

Gov. Mark Hatfield's program for multipurpose development of a tract of more than 5,000 acres of land in Morrow county was put into operation today, when the State Game Commission exercised options to acquire some 2,063 acres on the John Day dam pool and adjacent to the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park.

The Industrial Parks Committee, a non-profit Oregon corporation formed by the Department of Planning and Development in connection with land acquisition for the Space Age Industrial Park, assigned the options to the Game Commission. Options were given by the land owners, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Taylor, Walla Walla, 640 acres, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, Heppner, 1,423 acres. The land now is chiefly used for short-season grazing.

The Game Commission in turn will resell portions of the two tracts to agencies concerned in multiple-purpose development of the land for recreation, wildlife propagation and industrial use.

Agencies working with the Department of Planning and Development in carrying out the program to achieve highest and best use of the area include the Game Commission, the Port of Morrow county, the Corps of Engineers, the State Parks Division and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Some 3,000 acres of land already in public ownership also is included in the program. The area will have some 15 miles of frontage on the John Day pool, which will create a shallow bay extending to within a mile or so of the present community of Irrigon.

The program calls for industrial development on the lower or western end, with recreation and wildlife uses on other portions.

Crop Literally Raised On West Wind, Little Rain

by Bill Hall

This grain crop was produced on 18.93 inches of rainfall, 10.37 inches occurred on the summer fallow between Sept. 1, 1958 and Aug. 31, 1959, 8.56 fell during the crop year of 1959-60. Only two other crops since 1912 have had this low an amount. The crops of 1930 and 1931 had totals of 15.85 and 17.26 inches.

Crops have been produced on a total of 19 to 20 inches of rainfall five times, 1945, 1940, 1935, 1934 and 1925. The county average yields for these crops were from 13.2 bushels per acre to 21.7. The crops with the most rainfall have had from 27 to 30 inches. The largest amount being 29.95 in 1943 and 29.73 in 1916. Other crops with more than 27 inches of rainfall have all been recent: 1949, 1951, 1953, 1954 and 1957. County average yields for these years were from 30.2 to 35.6.

The average yield for this year is still undetermined but it appears that yields are better than rainfall would indicate. Thus again Sherman county has produced a crop on a west wind.

Rain Makers Plan Meeting August 15

There will be a meeting of Tri-County Weather Research at the office of the Grass Valley Grain Growers Monday night, August 15 at eight o'clock according to George Wilson who says the purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and discussion and approval of a program for rain making for the south end of Sherman county.

This is an open meeting and everyone is asked to come.

This and That About Farming, How Done Better and With What and a Bit of Why

Dry-type air cleaners for farm tractors proved less effective than standard oil-bath cleaners in field tests conducted by the University of Illinois engineering department. However, using a dry-type cleaner ahead of the oil-bath cleaner reduces the latter's dust load and less frequent servicing is needed, according to M. G. Huber, OSC, extension agricultural engineer.

Russian Knapweed

James Fulton reports eradication of Russian Knapweed on his land farmed by Hildred Zell. TBA one of the Benzoic acids was used last fall during application on morning glory in the area. Similar rates of TBA are required for Knapweed as for morning glory, the recommended being 10 gallons or 20 pounds per acre. Benzbor is also recommended as a fall sterilant. The latter is granular material that is applied dry in the fall at the rate of one to one and one-half pounds per square rod. Knapweed is one of our worst perennial weeds and attention for eradication needs to be given by all farmers, public utilities and public property.

Analysis of feed and forage

The Agricultural Chemistry department, OSC, is equipped on a fee basis to analyze feed & forage samples for Oregon farmers. The laboratory is set up mainly to conduct analytical work for research and extension activities but farmer work can be done especially when it is desired to determine feeding value and development.

Seed Certification

The Oregon Seed Certification program is set up to maintain identity and quality of Oregon seeds. High economical yields of suitable adapted crop varieties that meet the demands of consumers have their origin in certain seed or plants produced under this certification procedure. The development and increase of new seeds makes it possible to distribute varieties rapidly to Oregon growers. The responsibility for conducting the seed certification program in Oregon is placed

Ron Phair Coming For Farmer Meeting At Court House

Ron Phair, Republican candidate for congress from this district, will meet with farmers at the court house, Thursday evening, August 11 at eight o'clock to talk about the farm program for that party in the present campaign.

Mr. Phair, Klamath Falls farmer and business man, was in Chicago where party conferences about agriculture were held. He asks farmers and their wives to attend this meeting which is one of a series because from just such meetings held all over the nation, will come the Republican farm program for the future.

As for Phair, he "is coming to listen, not to talk." Talking is to be the role of farmers.

World War I Vets To Meet Sept. 4

For two years there has been a reunion of the surviving members of the group that left Sherman county September 4, 1918 for Camp Lewis and the first World War.

The survivors are not many and are getting fewer.

Therefore, this year, on September 4, at the Moro Hotel the group will be expanded because Theodore Johnston, chairman of the group has sent invitations to all surviving veterans of Sherman county whose addresses he has been able to learn.

With their wives they will gather for dinner and for the sort of conversation old soldiers engage in, the sort of reminiscence enjoyed by those who shared a common danger and fought for a national cause. World War I was a crusade, World War II was a job. And that is the reason there is greater cohesion between the veterans of the first one.

July Was Everything Said About It; And In Spades At That

There was no rain in July, not any. And that puts us another .18 inch behind for the year for a total of 3.11 below normal, and a total of but 8.56 for the crop year, now with less than a month to go.

This is the lowest crop year rainfall since 1947 when 8.35 occurred. The very lowest was 1939 with 7.67. There have been but six drier years since 1911.

For temperature we had a 101 on the 17th and a 42 on the 2nd. For an average we can expect 100 for tops and 42 for bottoms. The average maximum was 89.7 and the average minimum was 56.1 for a mean of 72.9 a whopping 4.2 above normal. This was the hottest July since 1941.

It was not windy, being 4.5 MPH less than average. Total evaporation was 13.79 inches a 2.67 more than average.

Harry O. Kunsman Buried Tuesday

Harry Olan Kunsman, 73, died quietly in bed at the Cannon Beach home of Mr. and Mrs. Free Crews Friday night and funeral services were held from the Moro Community Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Larry Eddings of Wasco officiating.

Mr. Kunsman was born at Edon, Ohio September 10, 1886 and came to Oregon when a child, his parents settling at Falls City where they lived until coming to Sherman county in 1898. They had a farm southwest of Grass Valley until moving to Moro about 1900 where he has lived for the past 60 years. Until retirement he was partner with John Foss in the Moro garage, had been member of the school board, was for 20 years a city councilman, a member of the Woodmen of the World, and The Dalles Elks.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Marvin, a grandson, Gregory Marvin; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Landingham, Sheridan, Calif.; two brothers, Irving of Vancouver, Wash.; Roy of The Dalles. Interment was in the Rose cemetery.

State Goes To Automatic Equipment

Conversion to punched cards in preparation for full-scale electronic data processing at the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles will soon make it possible to remind Oregon car owners to renew license plates 30 days prior to expiration.

The new service will be launched on registrations due to expire at the end of October 1960 with reminders going in the mail in mid-September, according to Vern L. Hill, department director.

Under the new system the renewal notice will be a two-part form which the owner will receive in the mail. One portion, when validated, will be retained as the new registration card. The other is a punched card application which will be entered in the files at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

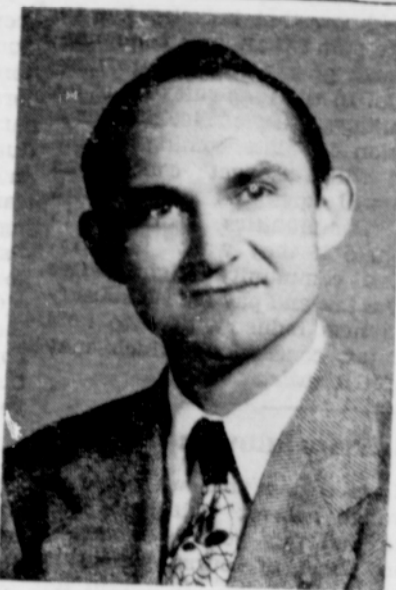
When taken to a department field office with payment, the registration card will be validated and given to the applicant immediately for display in the vehicle. This procedure will eliminate need for temporary permits.

Renewal may also be handled by mail with processing expected to take about a week.

Utilization of the punched card form, Hill said, will save processing time in updating files and figuring the money due counties of registration, and will produce the renewal notice for the following year.

It is anticipated that about 70 per cent of registration business will be handled in the new manner. Manual processing probably will be necessary on about 30 per cent of the registrations due to new addresses, mislaid reminder cards, and cars being sold after the cards are mailed.

Hill added that the department is conducting a statewide survey of 1,000 Oregon car owners to determine how many people will renew at field offices.



To Enterprise

Robert E. Ferrell, who has been manager of the Sherman County branch, First National bank for nearly three years, has been transferred to the Enterprise branch in Walla Walla county and will leave shortly for his new location. The transfer came about when Vern Hendershott, Pendleton manager resigned to go back to Montana and R. D. McCurdy of the Enterprise branch was moved to Pendleton.

Ferrell is a native of Sherman county, a graduate of the University of Oregon, a banker who has worked in The Dalles, Condon, Heppner and Moro and is now twice the size of the local one.

While he has been in Sherman county Mr. Ferrell has been active in public affairs, has been treasurer of several of the money gathering funds and served a year as president of the Sherman County Club of which he is still a director.

Emil A. Maurer

Emil Maurer, 67, was buried in Prineville Tuesday afternoon following his death in a hospital there last Friday after three weeks illness because of a heart attack. His home was at Clarno where he was owner of one of the largest sheep and cattle outfits in this area. He was a native of Switzerland.

Cost of Production Goes Up Fast

Cost of producing farm products, highest in history last year, shows no signs of slackening its climb, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSC. As a result, the cost-price squeeze has tightened its grip on farmers in Oregon and over the nation.

Farm production expenses have risen steadily the last six years, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U. S. department of agriculture. And, these expenses seem likely to continue upward this year.

Farmers may spend a little less for livestock and feed, and even total wages paid hired labor may be kept down by using less help. But no let down is looked for in prices of goods made by industry, and interest payments and property taxes are likely to be up sharply, Mrs. Horrell said.

Meanwhile, farmers in Oregon are getting about the same amount of money from sales of their products as last year, Mrs. Horrell also found. The state's farmers have received less from sales of livestock and livestock products so far this year, but more from sales of crops.

Nationally, receipts from sales of farm products the first half of this year were down one percent from a year earlier. Prices are generally lower, Mrs. Horrell said, but marketings to date have been year earlier while prices paid by farmers were a little higher. This price-cost squeeze forced the parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received to prices paid by farmers—down 2 points below a year ago but still higher than at the start of this year.

Income-wise, farm people also slid behind last year, in contrast to incomes of off-farm people which picked up. At an average of \$965 for each farm person, the net per-farm-person income was down 7 percent from 1958. The average income of the nonfarm person, at \$2216 in 1959, was more than double that of the farm person.

Rain Halts Job Of Cutting; Now Well Along

It rained Tuesday evening, the lightning shivered between the sky and the horizon and the thunder crashed in rolling roars as if announcing that the hot spell is over and summer will be soon at an end.

Harvesting stopped as of six o'clock Tuesday evening when the rain followed the wind and the first flash of lightning that set several fires about the county which the rain soon put out. Wednesday was cloudy and warm and windy enough to dry the grain so harvesting could begin again except where additional rainfall came.

Most stories about this harvest have a favorable tone as reports of 45 to 50 bushel and above come from the area north of Gordon ridge. Between that and Nigger ridge there is often 40 bushel and sometimes 45 in the usual field and on south to Finnegan the crops were good, wheat making 30 to 35 bushels. The extreme south end of the county will average between 20 and 25 bushels if preliminary reports prove true. The total will be well over 3,000,000 bushel despite the losses from fires and the rather poor crop of barley in the south end. Oddly it is usually the south end that can raise barley. This year the north end raised up to 3000 pounds per acre of Alpine while many in the south end got half that much Flynn.

In another week most farmers will be speaking of the 1960 harvest in the past tense.

Cake Bakers Attention To Prizes Offered

On Page 27 of the 1960 Fair Book, Class 73 tells how to enter a cake in the wheat league contest, winners of which go to the state wheat league convention and bake a cake for a bigger prize and a bigger audience.

The rules are complete enough for anyone says Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, chairman for Sherman county of the wheat utilization committee. And the method of judging is also stated.

Cake to be baked this year is a chocolate chiffon cake so if you see a husband or father walking around, fat and contented, with dark crumbs on his lips you will know that wife or daughter is practicing to become a champion cake baker and that all is well at his house.

Cancer Drive Has Many Helpers

The annual American Cancer Society's fund-raising campaign was again very successful in Sherman county.

Among the volunteer workers who gave much time and effort to make this campaign so successful were: Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county vice-chairman; Mrs. Earl Gentry and Mrs. Glenn Virtue, co-chairman of the Moro area, assisted by Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. Roscoe Moore, Mrs. W. E. Nichols, Mrs. Mel Parker, Mrs. Harold Melzer and Miss Nadine Griggs; Mrs. Mildred McDonald, chairman of Wasco area and Mrs. W. H. McDonald, co-chairman of the Rufus area, assisted by Mrs. Floyd Root, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Paul Patrick, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand, Mrs. Leona Van Gilder, Mrs. Frank Reid, Mrs. Kenneth Spagle, Mrs. Jean Brown and Mrs. Ragny Swigart; Mrs. Eben Kee, chairman of the Grass Valley area, assisted by Mrs. Frank Ketter, Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Alfred Payne, Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Benny Payne; and Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Richard Wilson of the Kent area.

According to the final report by Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman, an educational film was shown at the Sherman county theatre by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley and Everett Cantrill and the financial report showed that \$1,612.50, including Memorials, was so generously contributed by the people of Sherman county. This sum will greatly assist the state and nation in the necessary service, education and research program for the purpose of eventually conquering the dread disease of cancer.