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These Things We Note

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Writers as speakers are having fun with Ezra Benson because he is about at the end of his political tether. He is being blamed for nearly everything when actually he is to blame for almost nothing. With the exception of a few managerial regulations Benson has had no effect on the relationship between agriculture and government. The same silly laws are in effect as when Benson took office. Benson objects to them and so does everyone with an ounce of brains, but the politicians will not change them and farmers cannot agree on how to change them. But that isn't Benson's fault.

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The Pendleton East Oregonian copied an article from a Vancouver, B. C. columnist that will endear the writer to all who struggle at column writing. To quote: "the widely-held opinion that columnizing is a lead-pipe cinch, that in terms of energy and effort no men ever had it so good is the weightiest cross we bear." He says writing news is a lark compared to writing opinion.

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We shudder to think what Kennedy and Stevenson would give away should they get in charge of foreign affairs.

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The nation is going into an economic deep-freeze until after election which is normal if not nice. It ought to be hungry after that.

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Here's one from the old tramp printer via Graphic Arts Monthly: When a printer has both feet on the ground he can't fall far. True of everyone.

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The old Republican was in here a while ago and he said he thought it was OK for Republicans states to pay for schoolhouses and teachers in Democratic states (which is what the federal money for education is about) because when they got educated they'd be Republicans.

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An argument is brewing about how much we should spend publicly and how much privately; how much government should spend and how much the people should have left to spend for themselves. We know which one would get the most for the money.

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No one can say Eisenhower didn't give congress enough to do.

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The elders might remember the old question: "Do you love me for myself alone?" when pondering promises.

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It was hot in Moro, within four or five degrees as hot as it was in Portland and with far less bounce from buildings.

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Some of our would be prominent politicians worry about high interest rates. They want the government to set a low price on the saver's money. Savers are necessary people and deserve better treatment. If the politicians keep interest rates down and discourage savers the price of money will go up; if savers can be encouraged so they will save money there will be so much of it the interest rate will go down. That's pretty simple, but maybe not simple enough for the politicians.

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Baseball is apparently about done in Portland and despite the looks of things now we doubt if it committed suicide. Other sports are taking its place and we are glad to report that they are participating sports not spectator sports.

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When we contemplate the elections this fall, all of them not just the big one, we think the main problem of the voter is to get capable men in office. Most government trouble is caused by ignorance, not dishonesty; by officials who have no preparation or training for the job and often no knowledge of the proper function of government.



Three happy people enjoy everything about the new postoffice even the routine one of raising the flag. Postmaster Lloyd Johnson, Mrs. Elsie Jones and Mrs. Johnson all work in the postoffice and are

well pleased over the location, arrangements, lighting, boxes, scales, heating and general convenience of the new postoffice.

New Agent Hired To Kill Weeds

The Sherman County Court and the Oregon Extension Service announced the appointment this week of Martin Zimmerman as County Extension Agent. Zimmerman will be in charge of the County Weed Program assuming duties August 8.

Initiation of the program is the results of a cooperative agreement between the Court and the Extension Service for the 1960-61 budget year. The program will involve concentrated effort toward control and eradication of perennial weeds. County Agent Zimmerman will conduct the educational weed program with farm and roadside demonstrations, on the farm perennial weed eradication guidance as requested, and location, identification, marking and recording perennial weed infestation on county and private land. The program will be conducted through advice of the Sherman County Weed Council with approval of the Sherman County Court. The new agent will work in cooperation with Thomas W. Thompson, County Extension Agent.

Zimmerman is a 1953 OSC graduate in agriculture, specializing in farm crops. Since graduation he has farmed with relatives in Yamhill county. He comes to the county with his wife, Dorothy, and two children, Philip and Karthryn.

The cooperative agreement allows sufficient time to actively carry on the weed program in Sherman County. Estimates are that about nine months will be spent on the program. The winter months will be devoted to extension activities in Sherman and other Columbia Basin counties as determined by the Oregon Extension Service, Corvallis.



Ron Phair, who kept a date with farmers Thursday, August 11, at the court house. He wants to know what they think of farm legislation.

Wasco To Get New Postoffice If Federal Plans Realized

Postmaster Harold R. White was advised today by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield that during the period August 11 through August 26, 1960 the Post Office Department will advertise for bids to build and lease a new post office building for Wasco, Oregon.

Specifications call for a structure containing approximately 1092 square feet of interior floor space with a 50 square foot platform and 5500 square feet for a parking and maneuvering area. The Department will enter into a five-year lease agreement. Site for the new post office will be proposed by the bidders.

Bids should be submitted to the Regional Real Estate Manager, Box 3703, Portland 8, Oregon. Further information concerning the plans may be obtained from the local postmaster.

Significant progress now is evident in the postal modernization program begun by Postmaster General Summerfield. Under the Post Office Department's unique commercial leasing program, the resources and investment funds of private enterprise are utilized to obtain needed postal buildings. More than 4200 new structures have been erected during the past five years. During 1960 construction will be accelerated with 1400 new facilities scheduled for completion and several hundred obsolete post offices modernized and expanded.

Dyon Price New Banker For County

The new manager of the Sherman County branch of First National Bank of Oregon is L. Dyon Price, a banker of wide experience with the statewide banking system.

He will succeed Robert E. Ferrell, manager of the branch in Moro for the past three years. Price has served at the bank's Ontario branch since 1953 and was assistant cashier and general loan officer at the time of his promotion to his new post here. Earlier he served as installment loan officer, and prior to that was head of the note department at Ontario.

An active participant in many Ontario civic affairs, Price is treasurer of the Salvation Army, the Malheur County Boy Scout Council, Malheur County Heart Association, a director of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the County TB & Health Association and a member of the Retail Credit Association, the Lions, Parent-Teacher Association and the Baptist church.

Crop Better Than Average Although Grown Dry

In spite of drought, of a cold spring, of sweeping fires the crop in Sherman county is going to be more than 4,000,000 bushels of wheat and barley. The precipitation was 8.56 inches, one of the lowest on record for a crop year, the distribution of moisture was bad. But the crop was very good.

That does not mean that every farmer had a good crop. There were some poor fields but poor in these fabulous days means less than 20 bushels per acre. Even around Kent where it almost didn't rain at all there were yields of nearly 30 bushels.

The crop at Wasco to date with several still cutting and the totals estimated will be better than 1,600,000 bushels of wheat and barley which is very good considering that nearly 2000 acres were lost to fire.

At Moro there is 1,160,000 bushels under a roof already and 60 to 80 thousand will come in later to exceed 1,200,000 bushels and make this year's crop one of the biggest on record.

At Grass Valley the crop will total a million bushels when it is all in which will not be for a couple of weeks yet. Barley did not yield well there this year whereas Grass Valley often gets the best barley yields and it was drier in that territory than in other places. But a million bushels is not bad.

And 4,000,000 is not bad for the county which had little more than 90,000 acres in crop.

Farmers Are Good Borrowers of Money

Farmers and ranchers in this area obtained \$670,900.00 in long-term credit from the Federal Land Bank Association of The Dalles during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1960, J. Merton Stein, manager, reported this week.

Stein said this volume of credit represents an increase of \$273,600 over fiscal 1959.

Refinancing of indebtedness, purchase of land and livestock, improvements to land and buildings and general farm operations were the major purposes for which money was borrowed, Stein said.

Mr. Stein stated that the association now owns \$153,765.00 of capital stock in the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, the institution for which it makes and services loans. Association stock is completely owned by its borrower-members.

Care About Flower Entries Urged

The superintendent of the flower division at the Sherman County Fair, Georgia Lee Powell, asks that exhibitors read the instructions in the fair book very carefully before entering flowers.

The number of blooms is specified for all entries and the judges cannot be expected to judge five blooms when three is the entry.

The same goes for stalks. The flower division has been growing and can continue to get better if attention is paid to the regulations and care taken with exhibitors.

William Roos Laid To Rest Here

William Roos died at a hospital in The Dalles after long illness that has kept him hospitalized for months. Funeral services were held from the Moro Community church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 with interment in the Moro IOOF cemetery.

Mr. Roos was born in Finland, January 2, 1879 and came to Sherman county in 1910 and this has since been his home. He farmed on the point east of Moro gradually accumulating a fine bunch of horses when they were used and later getting a ranch paid for before he retired and moved to Moro to retire. His wife preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Howard and a daughter, Mrs. Harvey Thompson, both of Moro and four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a member of the Eureka Lodge, A. F. & A. M., The Dalles chapter, Royal Arcan Masons, Columbia Commandary Knights Templar and Al Kader, Temple of the Shrine.

County Fair Promises Enjoyment, Information For Sherman Countians

The entertainment side of the fair has the same similarity as does the exhibit side. Both are what is expected at a fair, what must be produced.

Harley Tucker's rodeo string will present the show Saturday evening under the lights and Sunday afternoon under the sun. Take your choice or see both for purposes of comparison. This is the foremost rodeo outfit in the northwest and it may be broken up because Mr. Tucker died earlier this year and his widow may not care to continue in so precarious a game.

It is an RCA approved show which means that there will be saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping and bulldogging. Tucker has as fine a bunch of bucking horses as has ever been gathered together. He takes them to all the big shows because the big shows want the best. Because there are no nearby big shows next week we will see them here at the fairgrounds.

It's a good show. Monte Brooks, musician, story teller, master of ceremonies, showman, is coming again after an absence of many years. He will have a band and acts of all kinds to entertain the crowd at both shows Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The arena will be filled with horses, local horses and horses from distant places. There will be a parade of livestock and other delightful and perhaps curious sights to see.

And it is next week, August 18-19-20-21, and it is worth the time and the price.

Terry Kaseberg On East Grid Team

Terry Kaseberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaseberg, will play in the Shrine East-West football game for B schools at Pendleton August 20. Terry, who was selected as an alternate player when the teams were picked last February, received his call Sunday to report for a two week practice session at LaGrande. He left at once to attend a banquet held for the players Sunday evening in LaGrande.

SS Pays 154 In Sherman County

At the end of 1959 as Federal social security was starting its 25th year, old-age survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits were being paid in Sherman county to 154 persons at the rate of \$11,495 a month, according to Carl Redman, resident representative of The Dalles social security resident station.

Nationally about 13% million persons were receiving old-age survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits at the end of 1959 at an annual rate of more than \$10 billion. At the close of 1940—first year in which monthly benefits were payable—beneficiaries throughout the nation totaled 200,000. Almost half a million disabled-worker beneficiaries and their dependents receiving benefits at a yearly rate of over \$400 million are included in the figures for 1959.

Payments to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits averaged \$69 a month nationally at the end of last December; to a retired couple, both of whom were receiving benefits, the average payment was \$121. The average for a widow with two young children was \$169.

As social security celebrates its Silver Anniversary (the original Act was signed into law on August 14, 1935) about 74 million working people are in covered employment or self-employment in the course of a year. They are building old-age, survivors, and disability protection for themselves, their dependents, and their survivors under the social security law.

The social security office in The Dalles is now located at 208 E. 4th Street, and is opened every Wednesday from 8:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Former Resident Will Show Skill At Rair

Mrs. Eunice Moran, who was born in Sherman county as Eunice Bucholtz, will be at the Sherman fair this year with a display of pottery, a hobby she has followed for ten years.

She explains, "The potter's wheel was probably the first machine ever invented. We know it existed 4000 years ago and it appeared among Europeans some where between the bronze and the iron age and came into prominence about the time Homer was writing the Iliad."

It is still used. Wet clay is thrown on a wheel that is turned by hand, foot or motor as the clay is molded. It is then dried and baked or fired which is a complicated process requiring many hours at high temperatures. Then it is a bowl or a vase or if a handle has been put on it, a cup.

For decorated pottery a second firing is needed after the pot has been glazed with some of a wide variety of materials. That is the way pottery is made, almost all of it, from the beginning pieces made by hobbyists to the big name decorative pottery you see on displays.

Mrs. Moran will show her wares at the fair where she will be Thursday and Friday.

Lost Check Has Wet Experience

A contribution sent to the American Bible Society by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent was returned to them last week with an unusual explanation. The contribution, in the form of a check, was dated July 6, 1959. Last month, just a year later, a longshoreman spotted a suitcase floating in the Hudson River off a New York pier. The suitcase was filled with empty envelopes and envelopes containing checks made out to the American Bible Society, CARE, and other charity organizations. According to the explanation sent to the Sargents, some of the mail, which has been tied in bundles, contained checks still legible, and were forwarded to their destination. The N. Y. postal authorities, who are investigating the case, surmised the empty envelopes had contained cash, and because of the condition of other contents in the suitcase, judged it had not been in the water long. However, the checks all carried dates between July and December of 1959. The Sargent check, being nearly illegible was returned to them for replacement.