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These Things We Note

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Town loungers have discovered the corners of the new tile post-office are an excellent place to scratch the back.

TTWN
We probably will never wind up a fiscal year with a surplus as long as congress is in session at the end of it.

TTWN
We think of ourselves as a very enlightened nation. Yet look at things we do: we pay laborers by the hour instead of by their accomplishment, we switch from preference for big cars to preference for little cars in two years time, we try to become educated without mental effort.

TTWN
Don't it beat the deuce how much we can complain about hot weather and how we miss it when it turns cold?

TTWN
Gee, it's great to be young and think and do so many foolish things and not be held liable or accountable.

TTWN
Perhaps the biggest news is that we are getting over the emotional result of World War II which means more stability. And about time.

TTWN
So far there's much more talk than accomplishment from the short term congress. We can live with the talk.

TTWN

If you're not very efficient and have been unsuccessful the chances are you think society is poorly organized and you may want to correct it by becoming a radical. If not quite so bad you may become a liberal. When there is enough of you, you can tap the public till for a temporary relief, but it won't help long unless you improve yourself.

TTWN
Wonder how long we are going to let ourselves be worried by prophesy. It never turns out so bad or so good so is always disappointing.

TTWN

Apparently congress is going to do few, if any, of the extreme things leaders said were to be done. Perhaps they found out the people do not need or want free medical care for the aged, higher minimum wages or federal school aid as much as lobbyists for them said.

TTWN
Jack Kennedy, writing in LIFE, wonders how we have lost our way. Well, we don't know, Jack. How did you?

TTWN

The newest tax proposal by Clarence Barton shows that his development is coming along normally, but somewhat slow. He is now for an income tax cut and a cigarette tax, but the proposal to raise money by prepayment of income tax by self employed is good for but one year and is a sure sign of tax immaturity.

TTWN
A man has saved 515 pounds of string. Great feat, even worse than government's saving of surplus crops. They have value.

TTWN

The big doings at the old Forestry building may attract visitors to it. It is probably the most impressive sight in all Portland and no one should miss it. You won't believe it until you do.

TTWN

The late C. C. Chapman used to say that he liked men who voted their prejudices, for if they had been well-raised, they probably had a good and dependable set of prejudices. They were the product of generations and therefore better than his thinking which had neither age nor adequate philosophy to guide it.

TTWN

Selling of bonds and letting of contract for construction of the Biggs Rapids bridge is a successful end of a long battle and should make every Sherman countian happy. The bridge will finally be where it should be.



Ray Kelso, Pacific Power representative in Sherman County for the past six years, has taken a post in the company's Corvallis District, according to Art Thrasher, District Manager for the company. "Corvallis is one of the fastest growing areas served by the company, and offers excellent opportunities for advancement," Thrasher said in commenting on the move.

The Kelso family spent part of last week in Corvallis, but did not find a place to live at that time. They returned to Moro Friday evening and Mrs. Kelso and their three girls will remain here for a short time until new living quarters can be found in Corvallis.

Kelso has served as volunteer fire chief in Moro, and has been active in the Sherman County Club and the Sherman County Rod and Gun Club.

Lyle Maidment, formerly of Condon but now living in The Dalles, will temporarily replace Ray Kelso pending appointment of a successor, Thrasher said.

Darlene Gochnauer Gets UP Scholarship

Fifteen outstanding Oregon 4-H club members are \$200 closer to a college education as winners of scholarships awarded by the Union Pacific Railroad.

A total of \$3,000 or more is awarded annually to deserving 4-H club members from each Oregon county served by the railroad.

Scholarships specify that the youths study agriculture or home economics at OSC, with special provision for those interested in forestry and nursing.

Darlene Gochnauer is the winner from Sherman County.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert and Victor Johnson left Thursday for Silverton on business and to visit her mother, Mrs. Louis Matye and Mr. Matye.

Mrs. Jim Brown and Mrs. Ralph Rust were in Portland Friday on business stopping in The Dalles enroute home to visit Mrs. Joann Rust and Mrs. Gordon Lenley at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Maxfield of Kent are the parents of a daughter born August 9 at the Redmond hospital. The baby was named Maxine Marie and weighed six pounds and five and one-fourth ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield of Kent and Leo Berg of Appleton, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield and Don Maxfield went to Redmond Saturday and brought Mrs. Maxfield and infant daughter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald were in Portland Sunday to attend a silver wedding anniversary of one of Mrs. McDonald's school girl friends. All of the wedding party of long ago were able to be present.

The Home Ec club met August 11 at the home of Mrs. George Fox. Mrs. Dolph Baker acted as co-hostess and served the dessert luncheon consisting of angel cake with soft ice cream and pineapple and iced tea and coffee. Present for the day were besides hostesses Mrs. George Drinkard, Mrs. Trace Fields, Mrs. Will Huck, Ms. Roland Johnson, Mrs. Millard Leigh, Mrs. Joe Morris and daughters, Leeanne and Lael, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Otto Petersen, Mrs. Bert Swigart, Mrs. Atlee Wilson, and Mrs. Luther Steward.

Mrs. Grace Medler called the business meeting to order by saluting the flag and giving the pledge of allegiance. The main topic was the food booth at the

Assessments Done By Assessor, Tax Totals Next

The assessments have been made for Sherman county preparatory to the tax figuring to be done for 1960 tax time next November. There is a reduction in total valuation in the county for this year which will raise the millage if the same amounts have been asked for by taxing units.

Land in cities is valued at \$47,950 compared to \$52,640 last year. Land outside cities is valued at \$5,509,120 compared to \$6,056,640. Improvements inside towns is valued at \$458,970 compared to \$558,550; improvements outside towns are valued at \$852,690 compared to \$1,043,450. Totals are \$6,868,730 for 1960 and \$7,711,280 for 1959. All real property is assessed at lower figures.

Of merchandise there is \$101,970, slightly down, of furniture and fixtures there is \$20,670, slightly up, farm machinery \$529,270, up from \$480,290; of other machinery there is \$15,830 slightly up. There are more cattle, worth less; more horses, worth more; two-thirds the poultry worth half as much. Total of personal property is \$893,640 and total for locally owned property is \$7,762,370 from which must be taken the exemptions of \$167,580.

The utility valuation is \$805,457 and here most of the valuations are higher than last year. Electric companies are valued at \$564,998 instead of \$500,787 (this does not include REA which pays 2% to the state and is not on the tax roll). Railroads are valued at \$2,421,906 instead of \$2,352,192, and telephone companies are valued at \$750,928 instead of \$704,948. Minor ones have changed little.

County Club Will Honor Bob Ferrell

The Sherman County Club will sponsor a dinner in honor of departing banker Bob Ferrell at Beefo's the evening of August 29, according to Frank Ketter, president. Mr. Ferrell is immediate past president of the club and is leaving for Enterprise and the club wishes to give everyone a chance to bid him an official goodbye. It is therefore sponsoring the no-host dinner which will be preceded by a short cocktail party.

This week, Mrs. Harland McDonald will again take care of the buying of the food and Mrs. Roland Johnson will solicit the help to run the stand. If any g-gance member at Rufus can help and hasn't been contacted, please call Mrs. Johnson. Quite a few are away at this time on vacation and there aren't too many that can help. It is hoped that a good sum can be made to pay on the Rufus lab debt.

The members voted to save the Gold Bond Stamps for the group plan and to get chairs for the hall. Now that the new hall is finished new chairs are needed very much.

The September meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Otto Petersen to help. Grace Medler won the drawing. It was a cold and windy and also dirty weekend. It seemed good to have it a little cold after being hot for so long. The ground is so dry that a little breeze starts the dust in the air. (It's good for hay fever sufferers.)

It is reported that Mrs. Fay Brackett is in a hospital at Goldendale, Wn. for observation.

Services are being held in the basement of the Wasco Methodist church during the remodeling that is being done in the sanctuary. Guest speaker last Sunday during the absence of the regular pastor, was Milt VanZanten of the Oregon Council on Alcohol Problems. Mr. VanZanten presented the most interesting talk on this great issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton had as Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and children Maurice and Janie.

Guests from Vale last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark White were Mrs. White's sister,

Biggs Rapids Bridge Bonds Sold By Toll Bridge Authority

The Washington Toll Bridge Authority sold \$3,500,000 in bonds Tuesday to a combination of investment firms in Chicago for \$3,298,750, taking a discount of \$201,250 or 5 3/4 % on the total.

Bonds are for the construction of the Biggs Rapids bridge which will span the Columbia river from a spot near Biggs, Oregon to a connection with the Washington section of Federal Highway 97. A contract for construction has already been accepted for \$2,409,163 from Paul Jarvis Inc., of Seattle. It was made earlier this year and extended until August 29, but has been accepted. Work will begin immediately and the bridge will be finished by 1962 if estimates are realized.

Bidding for the bonds was Shearson, Hammill & Co., and Crutten, Podesta & Co., both of Chicago. Bonds will run for 48 years, eight months and if allowed to run full course the interest cost will be \$9,569,583, but they can be paid off earlier at a premium and it is expected that the toll of a dollar per car will make that possible.

BEST BOAR EXHIBITED

Shown at the Sherman County Fair August 18-21 will be the Grand Champion Berkshire Boar of the 1959 Pacific International Livestock Exposition. The Berk is now owned and will be shown by Don Cox of Grass Valley.

Also to be shown in Open Class Swine will be a Berkshire gilt owned by Paulette Willis. This gilt is a full sister to the grand champion of the 1958 Oregon State Fair.

DISEASE LOSS

L. B. Lorin, plant pathologist, OSC, through county survey has compiled estimates of dollar loss to Oregon farmers. The grand total of 25 1/2 million dollars is estimated as loss resulting from plant diseases in Oregon's crops. The loss covers cereal crops, grass and legume seeds, hay and pasture, tree fruits, nut crops, cane and bush berries, strawberries, vegetables, and specialty crops.

Greatest known loss in Sherman County for the '59 crop was root rots. The 1959 estimates were \$10,000 loss due to the Columbia Basin rootrot. Again this year rootrots have caused reduced yields on some farms. Other known diseases causing loss in our county are: Yellow Dwarf virus, leaf and stem rust and smut of wheat and barley.

Mrs. Wilma Elfering with her five young daughters, Carla, Judy, Lois, Becky and Ellen. Saturday the group drove to Portland and stayed overnight with Mark's uncle, D. C. White, before proceeding on to Cannon Beach, where they spent Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ziesing and son Ronnie joined the group in Portland, and went to the coast with the Whites and their guests. Tuesday the Whites took their guests from Vale on a trip to the Maryhill Museum via the ferry. Mrs. Elfering and the girls returned to Vale Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse spent last weekend with their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hockley at Eugene. They returned to Wasco on Monday.

Officers and committee members of Wasco Methodist WSCS met at the church Thursday to plan the meetings for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winegar and daughters returned Sunday from a two weeks vacation on the Oregon coast. The Winegars went first to Tillamook, where they spent a couple of days visiting friends. From Tillamook they proceeded down the coast to Coos Bay, where they were guests of Mrs. Winegar's sister, Mrs. Neil Haga and family. From there they drove to a camping spot owned by Weyerhaeuser on the Millicoma river, and spent about a week camping. They reported the weather fine and the girls enjoyed the swimming and water play very much.

According to reports, the condition of Mrs. Floyd Rathbun has improved since she was taken to the hospital recently. She had been suffering for some time from a virus infection.

Railroad Asks Freight Cut On Wheat Shipments

A general reduction in railroad freight rates for moving grain from interior Pacific Northwest points to coast terminals will be filed Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C. and is expected to become effective September 30, 1960.

The new rates, under study for a year, will keep an estimated \$7 million in the pockets of grain growers who are traditionally paid the coast terminal price less the published railroad freight rate for their crop.

The rates will cover all principal shipping points in Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho and western Montana.

The reductions are being made in an attempt to meet unregulated truck-barge competition which has tripled its tonnages since 1957 and has penetrated up to 200 miles beyond river points, according to Harold J. Turner of the Oregon Railroad Association.

"Many railroad branch lines, such as the Grass Valley in Sherman county and the Condon line in Gilliam county, exist today only because of grain traffic," Turner said. "If railroads don't meet competition by lowering grain rates, they will continue to lose this vital traffic and will be forced to abandon many branch lines."

Examples of the proposed reductions per 100 pounds from representative Oregon points to Portland-Vancouver are: The Dalles 11 1/2 c down to 8 1/2; Moro 17c to 14c; Pendleton 26c to 18c; La Grande 34c to 26 1/2 c.

At Kent the reduction will be 4 cents a hundred, at Wasco 3 cents, at Biggs 3 1/2 cents and at Rufus 4 1/2 cents.

Livestock Markets

Sale Steady
Salable receipts included about 1,900 cattle, 250 calves, 950 hogs and 1,750 sheep.

Choice with some Prime 85-110 lb. woolled spring lambs sold at 17.00-17.50 with a couple of lots at 18.00 and most shorn lambs brought 16.75-17.00. Good and Choice feeders sold at 14.00-15.00, a few range feeders 15.50. Ewes sold at 2.25-4.50.

U. S. No. 1 and 2 butcher hogs 195-230 lbs. brought 19.75 to mostly 20.00, a few No. 2 and 3 lots 19.00-19.50, sows 285-500 lbs. 14.00-17.00.

Four loads and a few truck lots of Choice fed steers sold at 26.50-27.00 with Good 24.00-26.00. Good heifers 22.50-24.00, Utility cows 14.00-15.00, few young cows 16.25. Good and Choice vealers 23.00-26.00, a few 27.00. Good and Choice 500-600 lb. stock steers 23.00, 525 lb. stock heifers 21.00, Medium and Good stock calves 20.00-23.00.

At The Dalles livestock receipts totaled 235 head. Bidding was active as hogs sold strong to 20c higher and cattle strong compared to a week previous.

Examinations Needed By School Kids

With Labor Day just around the corner, there's very little time left for children entering Oregon schools the first time this fall to obtain medical and dental examinations and the copy of a birth certificate which many school districts require for admission.

Parents living in these districts who do not have a spare copy of their children's birth certificates may obtain them by writing to the Vital Statistics Section, State Board of Health, P. O. Box 231, Portland 7, Oregon. If a photostatic copy of the certificate itself is wanted, a check or money order for \$2.00 should accompany the request. A birth registration card, which lists essential information, may be obtained for a fee of \$1.00.

In either case, the request should include the full name of the child and the parents, date and place of birth. If the child was born in another state, the request should be sent directly to the department of public health of that state.

Although these requests normally are filled the same day they are received, the department sometimes falls a bit behind early in September because thousands of parents wait until just before school opens to request the certificates.

Postoffice Dedication Set For August 28 Adjacent To Office

Dedication ceremonies for the new postoffice in Moro will be held at one o'clock, Sunday, August 28. A platform will be erected near the north side of the building and the crowd seated on the Rasmussen lawn. Postmaster Lloyd Johnson estimates that the program will take an hour or a little more.

Speaker for the occasion will be Donald Acton, field service officer for the postoffice department and Sharon Coelsch will play an electric organ for music. There will be talks by the mayor or some remarks about postoffices in Sherman county in early days and a history of the Moro postmasters. A flag that has flown over the postoffice department in Washington will be raised during the program.

Much For Women To See Saturday A. M.

Special attractions during Saturday afternoon of the Sherman County Fair will be the 4-H Style Revue and 4-H and FFA Auction Sale. The Style Revue is scheduled for 2:00 p. m. in front of the grandstand and the auction sale in front of the sheep and swine barn starting at 3:30 p. m.

"Soda Shop Styles is the theme of the annual public 4-H Dress Revue. Nearly eighty 4-H clothing and knitting members with from two to nine years of experience will model their garments. Mrs. Jack Cushman will present the commentary during the revue. The planning committee has consisted of Darlene Gochnauer, Karen Macnab, Alice Kaseberg, Diana Henrichs, Nancy McKeane, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg. Style Revue judging will be done Saturday morning by Mrs. Riddell Lage and Mrs. Jane Aylsworth, Hood River county.

Award presentation for 4-H and FFA will follow the Style Revue at 2:45 p. m. Representatives of the Sherman 4-H Leaders, Cattleman's Association, Fair Board, FFA Chapter and County Extension, have cooperated in designating and soliciting special awards.

One hundred head of beef, sheep and swine will be sold at 3:30 p. m., Saturday afternoon, August 20, by Sherman 4-H and FFA members. The sale is sponsored and conducted by the Sherman Cattleman's Association with Howard Ross, auction committee chairman. Animals may be bought for slaughter or resale. Slaughter service is available through Kenney's Market, Grass Valley and resale animals are sold by the Cattleman's Association at the Union Stock Yards, Portland.

Si. Williams, Pendleton, will serve as auctioneer. For those desiring to purchase animals and are unable to attend, bids may be made through the auction sale committee.

New Nurse Hired

Jane Ruff, a graduate of the University of Oregon in public health has been appointed Wasco-Sherman county health nurse and has assumed her duties.

Ron Phair Listens While Voters Express Opinions About Farm Programs

Ron Phair, candidate for congress, met with Sherman countians last Thursday night at the court house in an effort to find out what farmers were thinking about farm programs. The meeting was one of a series being held by Republicans over the nation on which to base a new farm bill.

Frank Reid, as congressional chairman, opened the meeting with an introduction and Mr. Phair explained that after the convention he had sat in on a meeting to plan for a farm bill and that he was gathering farmer impressions. One idea expressed there was that industry was paid for their losses from over production, which was also a war measure.

Reid declared the meeting open and Gail Holzapfel started it off by declaring for a two price system with the price set and paid by government without the folio derol of a loan.

Paulen Kaseberg said that agriculture was in politics and the

County Fair Gets Sunshiny Start And Big Exhibits

Wednesday was entering day at the Sherman County Fair and all day women clerks performed the paper work necessary to keeping the multitude of records straight while over at youth headquarters extension service personnel made out entry blanks for children with livestock.

In the clean barns, pine-scented with new sawdust, calves were led and pushed by excited owners to whom the surroundings were as strange as to the much more lethargic calves. These plush surroundings will be the final ones for most of these calves for Saturday afternoon they will be led from them to the 4-H and FFA sale to fulfill their ultimate destiny as steaks for hungry humans.

The arena has been tilled and dampened, putting an end progressively to the weeds and the dust; the fence has been sprayed white, new posts have been set in the chutes so that protesting bucking horses and always angry Brahma bulls will not escape.

The place looks ready to receive the old who come to see the changes of fifty years and to visit with contemporaries and the young who come to be impressed with things as they are in preparation for their own nostalgic sentiments fifty years hence.

Thursday judges paraded the aisles testing bread and cake, preserves and jellies, looking at seams, appraising pictures to determine who should go proudly home with a blue ribbon and who should determine to do better next year. Other judges judged canning and sewing and watched demonstrations for excited but well contained girls.

Out in the arena youngsters led their steers out into the bright sunshine and posed them for judges to appraise while others herded independent porkers into positions for judges to see.

Friday there will be a long day of judging and demonstrations and Saturday there will be a 4-H dress revue for girls of all ages and the sale of livestock in the afternoon before the rodeo that evening under the lights. A dance at Grass Valley will end the night.

Sunday afternoon there will be the usual livestock parade and the final performance of the rodeo. Monte Brooks will make the music and bring the acts.

One feature no one will want to miss will be the exhibition of 11 paintings by Allie Ruggles who has been painting Sherman county scenes for years. Dick Page will display batik work and some silk screen paintings.

Registration Dated

Registration at Sherman High School and book sale will be held August 30 and 31 according to Superintendent Bill Bleker. However, registration can be arranged for other times by appointment. Regular classes will start September 6, the Tuesday after Labor day, Monday, when high school will officially open. The office will be closed August 22 to 26.

Clarence Morrison noted his reasons for farmer loss in World War I and Pat Kaseberg said the first acreage reduction was 18 percent and now it was nearly 40 which proved that acreage reduction didn't work and that big farmers were losing out inasmuch as the limit is 55 million acres just as it was. He thought farmers would be better off without a program.

Mr. Phair, who was accompanied by Ron Bayes, a young college professor from LaGrande, promised to take the ideas to the headquarters for a hearing.