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These Things We Note

Some seem concerned over the possible—but highly improbable—eradication of barge and trucks as common carriers if the lower rail rates persist. It won't happen. And if it did when rates were raised it would be possible to replace them in a month or less. Once the railroads are taken up that transportation service and that tax resource is gone forever.

TTW. Last week end was a rather lawless one with buzzing deer by plane, stealing of killed deer, some unofficial display of fire equipment, shooting of firecrackers in the picture house. All was perhaps actionable. Maybe we can be legal for awhile now.

TTW. One fault of conservatives is their trying to out promise the "liberals." Voters are not misled by promises.

TTW. We are glad the supreme court decided the coroner business before it assumed an importance it did not deserve. But we do not think medical examiners will be any better although they do cost more.

TTW. We met the Secretary of Labor near Rufus Monday noon and found him as enthusiastic about our country as any tourist. He was interested, humble, intelligent, sincere, with every appearance of a man we could take to.

TTW. Overheard at the bar: "His ulcer is his only conscience."

TTW. The Forty and Eighter magazine has a custom of printing the names of members of the 40 and 8 who have died recently. More than nine pages of a 16 page magazine is given to that roll call, two columns to the page, six point type, Florida, New York, California, Maine, Oregon, thousands of the men of '17 going down the long, long trail, they sang about.

TTW. All the Big Five teams that played were beaten last Saturday to the great joy of nearly everyone. What price arrogance?

TTW. Certainly set wage rates do harm to superior workers. A good man has to take the same wages as a poor one although the employer would be glad to pay him more. Equality is only good for the poorer half.

TTW. They are talking about making the tobacco habit less expensive. Better be careful about that. If it were free no one would bother.

TTW. It might come as a shock to many citizens to realize how many organizations are in operation for the sole purpose of getting the government to spend money for their projects. Some will give you a good scare, some a good cry, some a flash of patriotism. But it is money they want.

TTW. Oregon labor has come out with its pre-election list of subservient candidates and we are happy to say no one we favor is on it.

TTW. That talking satellite ought to confuse Khrushchev even more than he is confused since he came across the ocean. If the competition is to be on such things we seem well ahead.

TTW. When we get wondering how the country stands on all this political argument, we go listen to some street corner conversations and find out: People pay little attention to it.

TTW. This controversy about which party is responsible for the deficits in the federal money remind us of a couple that once lived in this county. When they started to town he handled the lines and she the whip. Like has been considerate of taxpayers as a line handler but the Democrats have been very active with the whip.

TTW. One thing you can be sure of is that not one of the polls is going to be sure either man will win by enough to get its neck out.

Prizes Offered For Essays On Wheat

School children who could use a spot of cash will be interested in a contest in newspaper article writing sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Prizes are \$75 for first, \$50 for second, \$35 for third and \$15 for fourth, which should figure out around \$5 per hour for winner.

There is a choice of topics: "Advantages of Wheat in the Everyday Diet" which would appeal to the girls and "Wheat Production and Marketing in Oregon" a subject every wheat farmer's son should be boning up on. Exact rules can be obtained from the wheat league headquarters in Pendleton and the closing date is October 31. Winners will be guests at the wheat league meeting in Portland early in December.

Oh, yes, not over 1500 words. Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg is chairman for the contest in Sherman County and will help any one wishing to write.

Bonneville Building Power Line From DeMoss To Fossil To Districate Dam Power

Bonneville power administration today opened bids for construction of the first section of the 52.7 mile, 115,000 volt transmission line from the administration's DeMoss substation to Fossil, Oregon, via Condon, with an apparent low bid of \$144,297 submitted by Nichols Construction Company, Grandview, Wash. The line is divided into two schedules of 25.1 and 27.6 miles, respectively.

Contract work called for includes construction of access roads and culverts, erection of H-frame, wood pole structures, stringing of steel reinforced aluminum conductor and installation of counterpoise and the grounding system. Completion of Schedule I is called for in 220 calendar days after notice to proceed.

The new transmission facilities, scheduled for energization in June 1961 will provide power for the rapidly growing loads of the Col-

umbia Basin Electric Cooperative, the Columbia Power Cooperative, and the Wasco Electric Cooperative.

Other bids included R. C. Hughes Construction Company, Spokane, Washington, \$144,751; Lebanon Electric Company, Lebanon, Oregon, \$145,422; The Brandon Company, Vancouver, Washington, \$158,126; Witzig Construction Company, Corvallis, Oregon, \$169,184; Power Construction and Equipment Company, \$169,305; Tyee Construction Company, Mercer Island, Washington, \$197,350; and Key Construction Company, Tacoma, Washington, \$295,834.

Bonneville Power Administration has established a material yard on Railroad Avenue above the old football field for storage of poles, wire and other material for construction of the DeMoss-Fossil line now in process of building.



So far as can be remembered he stopped at the contractor's Sherman County saw its only cabinet officer while on duty when Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell and Pete Gunnar, state chairman and Dorothea Moore, national committeewoman, are with him.

County Health Unit Plans TB Campaign

The Sherman County Health Advisory Council met for its regular session Wednesday at Beefe's. Ten members, the County Court, Mrs. Charles Burnett and Mrs. Leo Watkins, representing the Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Miss Jane Ruff, county health nurse and Frank Smith, health education consultant, Oregon State Board of Health, were present.

Mrs. Lester Wilson, presided. Discussion centered around plans for the county-wide tuberculosis testing program to be carried out in December. Committees were appointed for schools, publicity, form letters, and posters. A tentative schedule was presented to the group by Dr. Berg's office for the testing dates.

This project will be a cooperative effort between the Sherman County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. and the Health Advisory Council.

MARKET REPORT

With the opening of the deer season livestock receipts were reduced to only 150 head.

Feeder pigs sold at \$15.00 to \$15.30 a cwt. and weaners at \$7.75. Cutter and canner cows sold at \$10.00 to \$11.50 with odd utility to \$13.30. Old hard bone shells sold down to \$6.00 and \$8.00 a cwt.

Good 600 to 700 lb. feeder steers brought \$19.00 to \$20.00. Good 400 to 500 lb. feeder steers sold up to \$24.25. Around 450 lb. bull calves sold at \$23.50 a cwt. Dairy type cutter steers sold mainly at \$10.00 to \$13.00.

Good 350 to 450 lb. heifers brot \$19.50 to \$21.50. Standard 600 to 700 lbs heifers sold at \$17.00 to \$20.00. Bologna bulls brought \$19.60.

New Teachers Given Friendly Hand At Reception

Honoring the four new teachers in the high school staff and the eight returning from last year, the Booster Club arranged a varied program for last Monday evening in the high school cafeteria. Mrs. Leonard Fields emceed the program for the committee, which was headed by Mrs. Ronald Powell.

Sharon Coelsch at the organ played both early in the evening and at the close of the program. Jacques Bucholtz sang "He" and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You," which she dedicated to the teachers who "Manage to put up with us." Barbara Hampton played the accompaniment.

Ginger Laughlin and Maxine Dormaier, a sophomore and freshman from Wasco, did a tap number.

"Little Orphan Annie," a delightful reading accompanied by Lana Paulson at the piano, was presented by Mrs. Richard (Patricia) Skiles.

William Bleker, principal, in introducing the teachers and their wives, praised their diligence in working on the school evaluation program begun in the spring of '59 and now in the "Follow-up" stage. Marjorie Marvin, office secretary and district clerk, and members of the school board were also introduced.

Mrs. Charles Burnett and Mrs. William Bleker served coffee and tea at a lovely table centered by a white daisy and pink carnation arrangement flanked by pink candles.

Class rooms were opened for a tour of the school building.

HS Writers Get Trip To Eugene

Traveling to Eugene Friday for the 34th annual High School Press Conference, sponsored by the University of Oregon School of Journalism, will be six Sherman students and the publications adviser, Mrs. Lynn Hampton.

The two-day meet, October 7-8, will be packed with luncheons, speakers, sectional meetings and end with the San Jose - U of O football game, for which delegates have complimentary tickets.

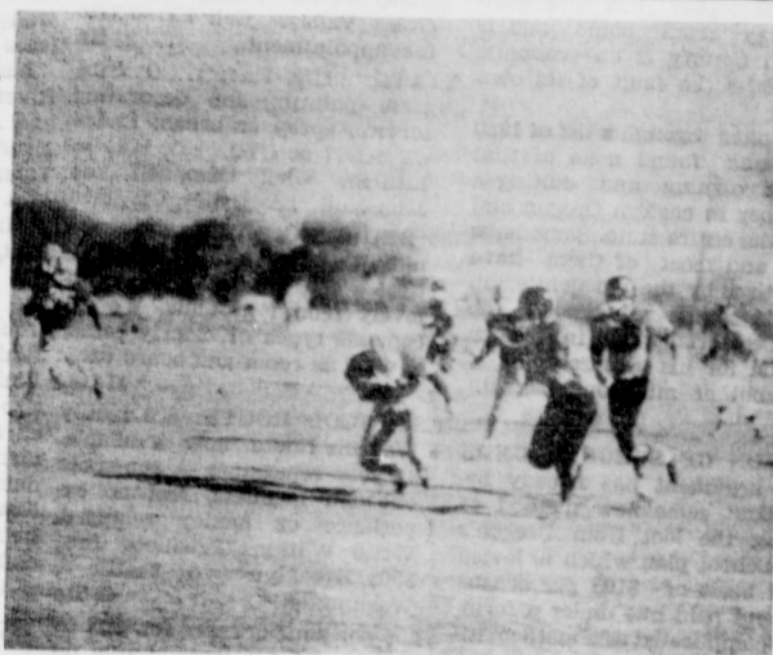
Bob Cyphers and Lana Paulson are scheduled as panelists in two of the dozen or more sectional meetings for students. Specialists in the field advise the panels which study specific problems relating to high school journalism. The program permits all students to attend three of these sectional meetings.

Guest speaker at Friday night's banquet will be George Fenneman, announcer for the Grocho Marx TV show "You Bet Your Life." He admits his experience as newspaper journalist is nil but hopes to shed some light on the radio and TV angle of it.

Booster Mothers Plan Program

The Booster Mothers are planning a silver tea with a 4-H style show as an entertainment feature at the Sherman High School cafeteria Saturday, October 22, between two and four o'clock. The teenage winners at the recent fair will be featured and the show will include sewn and knitted costumes.

Newly elected officers of the club are Mrs. T. Lester Johnson, president, Mrs. John Foss, vice-president, and Mrs. Ordie Hoyer, secretary-treasurer.



Middleton packs the ball in the cut him down but not before he made a gain. Lakeview's Bruce Hopkins (16) and Ron Mobley (35) are about to get into the play.

J. E. Norton Dead From Long Illness

James Emmet Norton (J. E.) died Tuesday after a long illness caused by cancer. He has been an important financial and business factor in the south end of Sherman County for nearly 40 years being store keeper, postmaster, and farm owner.

Mr. Norton was born at Blodgett, Oregon, July 29, 1891, served in World War I and came to Sherman County where he worked at the experiment station and the court house until he bought the store at Kent in 1921 and moved to that town as a permanent and influential resident. With the decline of the store business he went into farming and at his death owned many hundred acres of land.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred of Kent; daughters: Alta Shanahan of Redwood City, Calif., Carol Putman of Seattle, Wash., Geraldine Tatum of Kent; sons: Ross of Redwood City, Calif., Wiley at Oregon State at Corvallis; one brother, Warren Norton, a hale and hearty 90 who lives at Kent and Airlie.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p. m. Friday, October 7 at Spencer & Libby's in The Dalles with interment in the Kent cemetery.

RAIN COMES

Rain fell during the night between Wednesday and Thursday, not the first of the crop year but the first that might mean an end to the long drought, enough to make seeding less of a risk and get the 1961 crop on its way. It rained until one o'clock Thursday morning.

Nitrogen Secrets Sought

Oregon State College soils scientists hope to throw more light on the complex behavior of nitrogen in the many soil types of the Pacific Northwest and eventually get even more efficiency from nitrogen than is now possible on some soils.

It is estimated that proper application of nitrogen will return about \$3 for each \$1 spent on fertilizer through more efficient crop production. However, the efficiency of nitrogen uptake by plants varies greatly depending upon soil type.

An important key to more efficiency on some soils is better understanding of so-called ammonium and ammonia nitrogen fixation in soils. This type of fixation is currently under study by J. Lowell Young, Agricultural Research Service chemist and professor in the OSC soils department.

Young is heading an intensive laboratory study of 17 representative soils in Oregon and Washington with emphasis on the nitrogen fixing abilities of both clay minerals and soil organic matter.

The research project, now in its third year, is being aided by \$2500 yearly grants from Phillips Petroleum Company. M. E. Harward, OSC soils chemist, is assisting with the study of clay minerals.

It has long been thought that nearly 100 percent of the soil nitrogen is held in combination with organic materials, Young stated. However, present studies indicate that some soil strata may hold a large percent of their nitrogen in mineral form as fixed ammonium. Also, many soil strata appear able to fix large additional quantities of nitrogen.

State Budget For Secretary Down

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. announced today that the budget he has prepared for submission to the next legislature would call for at least a quarter of a million dollar reduction in the money necessary for carrying on the present functions of his office.

He indicated that improved administrative standards had made the reduction possible and that "despite rising costs and a heavier work load we expect to do at least as well in the next two years."

Appling said that the reduction in costs proves that under professional administration government does not have to cost as much as it does in order to be both progressive and effective. The savings, he said, had been made "without impairing a single essential service."

Missionary To Talk At Wasco Church

Miss Edna Holder, a missionary in India for many years, will be the guest speaker on Sunday at the Wasco Methodist church. Following the morning service, there will be a potluck dinner at 12:30, and in the afternoon Miss Holder will show slides of her work in India. All who wish are cordially invited to come and enjoy all or any part of this interesting program.

Whether fixation is good or bad from a practical standpoint depends upon many circumstances requiring further study, the scientists explained. Fixation is "good" from the long-term view of providing a storehouse of soil nutrients for future use. It might appear less desirable in considering returns for only the first year following fertilizer application, Young added.

Ability of soil to fix ammonia nitrogen not only varies greatly among soil types but also between soil strata within a given type, according to OSC findings.

Fixing ability of minerals in surface soils may vary from an insignificant amount up to 400 to 500 pounds of nitrogen per acre. Variations are also great in some clay subsoils where more mineral fixation is generally found. The amount of fixation by the soil organic fraction is also being studied.

Long-range aims of the OSC researchers are to relate nitrogen-fixation capacities of soil to specific clay minerals and types of soil organic matter. Results from this and related basic research on soil nitrogen problems could serve as a guide in predicting nitrogen behavior in similar soils throughout the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French have bought the house next to them known to different generations as the Parry house, the Hastings house, the Shoemaker house.

Loren Cochran and son, Norman, came up from Portland last weekend to find a deer on Sherman County's breaks.

Pictures of the men of World War I who met September 4 are available at the Journal office.

Sherman Defeats Lakeview 27-6 By Heaks-up Play

Sherman's big line, as big as any middle line in the state, awoke Saturday in its game against Lakeview with the result an easy win for the local boys from the much bigger school to the south. Score 27-6.

Lakeview's Tom Goss kicked off, a short kick that was returned to the Sherman 44 where Fields made nine, Thompson ran to the Lakeview 40, Middleton made two and a pass Thompson to Mobley worked for a few yards, Fields went to the 29 yards line and then Sherman scored the first of four touchdowns without ever relinquishing the ball.

Lake view could not gain and punted and Sherman gained too little to keep the ball, so John Duncan punted to the Lakeview 45. Jim Clinton, a fast backfield tried his right end and was shoved out of bounds by Fields and passes didn't work. After several exchanges Lakeview tried the only play that worked all afternoon for long yardage. An end when tackled passed to Dennis Barry who was in the clear and ran for a touchdown which was called back because the ball had gone ahead instead of back.

Sherman's second touchdown came after Fields passed to Thompson on Lakeview's 37-yard line. Middleton ran to the 15, Fields lost four and on the next play Thompson scored on a long run. PAT was made and the half ended 13 to 0.

Lakeview came out after the intermission and made two first downs before losing the ball when Middleton intercepted a pass. Thompson made a first down, Fields three, Middleton five and Fields ran through the line for another score. After the quarter Thompson got away down the east sidelines hotly pursued. He cut back to the west corner and as he neared it stuck out his arm to fend off an opponent who grabbed his arm and threw him to the turf a yard from the goal and then fell on him to put the slim Thompson out of the game for the day. Duncan scored on a quarterback sneak.

Lakeview scored on the same lateral play that had been called back in the first half with Jim Clinton carrying the ball. No one could catch him, the Sherman backfield being filled with subs of less speed than the regulars.

Sherman did a much better job of playing football; the line moved, the ends blocked, making it possible to defeat a team probably superior to the one that defeated it the week before.

Bank Debits Down

Bank debits for the Upper Columbia River including Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties decreased by 3.4 per cent in August 1960 as compared to July 1960 and decreased by 4.0 percent a year ago.

Debits for August, 1960, totaled 28,722,353; for July 1960 the total was 29,721,224; and for August 1959 the total amounted to 29,909,184.

New County Agent Hired By County

Janet Olsen, Poulsbo, Wash., has been appointed county extension agent for Sherman County, T. W. Thompson, chairman, Sherman County extension office has announced. The appointment takes effect October 3.

The new agent will be responsible for 4-H club activities and the adult extension programs in the county. Equal division of time is to be given to each program, states Thompson. Miss Olsen will work with the Extension Units in carrying out the years program. Work in the 4-H program will include organization of 4-H clubs, leader training, program planning, and conducting various county-wide 4-H events, in cooperation with the 4-H Leader's Assn.

Miss Olsen is a recent graduate in Home Economics from WSU. A six year 4-H member, she comes from an active 4-H family. She replaces Carol Armstrong who resigned in July. She will arrive in Sherman County October 13 after a ten day training session in 4-H and Home Extension activities at OSC, reports County Agent Thompson.