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These Things We Note

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Of the appointees to the state department only Chester Bowles has a record that may make him impressive during the life of the coming administration although Rusk may be alright if not too heavily tainted by memory of Dean Acheson. Adlai will have to learn something other than wise cracking to impress foreigners. His puns may not translate well. Stewart Udall for interior could be good if he remembers his Mormonism which emphasizes self reliance rather than give away.

T T W N

The new administration could be taking office when the economy is down which is a good break because there is no place to go but up.

T T W N

Cites are seldom prepared for snow although the weather men can prophesy snow there as well as any place. It is part of a general trend; we are losing our ability at survival.

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This is the last paper we will publish until the days get longer.

T T W N

Speaking of bigotry and arrogance, in what class do the people belong, who will stop public schools for three weeks to achieve ambitions?

T T W N

Changing election methods to speed up returns is asked in some quarters when it must be remembered that delay is comforting to a sizable minority.

T T W N

We could appropriately have a study of ideologies. It might show some communists who think they are capitalists and undoubtedly some capitalists in darkest Russia.

T T W N

It is comforting to read that some boxing matches are crooked. Some decisions look that way to us, too.

T T W N

No politician need pay attention to the majority as long as voters base their voting on sympathy for a minority group.

T T W N

It seems very odd that Canada should welcome trade with Cuba in the face of Cuba's theft of United States properties there.

T T W N

If you feed a man today you will be expected to feed him tomorrow; if you show him how to feed himself he is no longer a customer and may be a competitor.

T T W N

The five million men who out of work are not in a competitive position because most have unemployment compensation and belong to unions. If they were competing for jobs some of our economic ills might be partly solved.

T T W N

Appointment of McNamara as defense secretary emphasizes the part that business must play in our government. A man without the knowledge of a big organization could not understand the huge war preparation job.

T T W N

If December weather is nice it is accidental. December cannot be expected to be a month of nice weather.

T T W N

Oregon's football team will not be as accustomed to snow as will those of Penn State and may be handicapped thereby. This is a better season for hockey, basketball and skiing than football anyway.

T T W N

Bargain day in baseball players came a little before the usual January date.

T T W N

Haile Selassie may wish he had exercised more discipline when his kids were small, as has many another parent.

T T W N

How crazy can you get? Imagine a guy protesting about a religious display on government property this year.

Break Even Ends Games With Grant Union HS

Friday, Dec. 9, the Sherman Huskies made their first appearance in the Grant Union gym at John Day by losing a close game 64-59. The Projectors scored 4 points in the final minutes to overcome a Huskies lead that stretched to 15 points in the early third quarter.

The Huskies started slow by scoring 2 field goals in the first quarter to 3 by Grant. Free throws brought the total to 14 for Sherman and 13 for Grant, for Mobley and Jim Duncan each had a field goal.

At half time Sherman led 28 to 26. As a result of a fine free throw shooting average of 90%. During this second quarter Grant made 5 field goals.

With the beginning of the third quarter the Huskies showed some fine team work to run up a 15 point lead. Then Ron Mobley fouled out and the Huskies lost control of the back boards. Further grief was brought on by the loss of Don Decker. Grant began to shoot much better with Hal Williams leading the attack.

During the fourth quarter Jim Duncan was the third regular to be lost by the maximum of infractions. The reserves were shaky under the pressure of a hustling Projector attack. The Huskies shot only 23 % on 78 attempts from the floor while Grant Union fired at a 35.8%. A fine free throw line attack of 25 points kept the Huskies in the game.

Saturday night Dec. 10 the Huskies came with a fine team work effort to win 64-59. The boys said "Let's go out and start from the beginning." The result was the first free throw by Tom Coats. Sherman led after being behind 5 to 3.

The Projectors were using a harassing defense which left one Husky open for a good shot when he got the ball. Good team work resulted in good shots which built up a lead of 15 to 11 in the first quarter.

The half time lead was 31 to 22 as Don Decker fired in two goals from underneath plus two by Tom Coats. Jim Duncan and one by Gene Eakin.

Numerous fouls were committed during this game. In the third quarter Ron Mobley was handicapped by his fourth one. Tom Coats fouled out and Jim Duncan followed in the third quarter. John Duncan came in to score on two fast breaks.

During the final quarter John Thomas scored twice, John Duncan twice and Gene Eakin added three points. Paul Sather scored in the final minute.

Ron Mobley, John Fields and Don Decker controlled the backboards. This game was the best team effort of the season for the Huskies.

Shoemaker lead the Grant Union scoring with 23 points as he fired them in during the second half.

Farm Welding and Farm Law Classes Available In Night School At Sherman

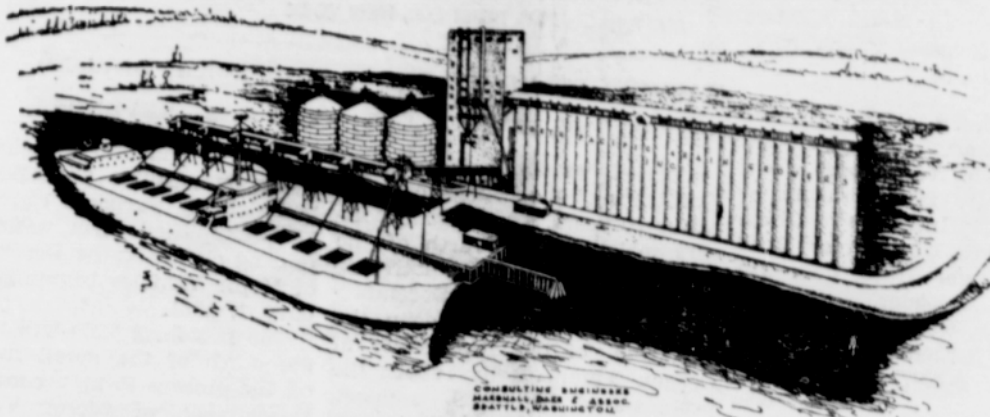
Adult classes in farm welding and farm law are planned to begin in January at Sherman High School. Classes are tentative pending state approval of funds for a portion of the expenses, announced Wm. Bleker, principal.

Two classes in welding have just been completed. Twenty farmers received instruction from Richard Peters, head welder at The Dalles Dam. Similar classes are planned for Monday and Tuesday nights, beginning January 9. Enrollment is limited to ten each night by the equipment and type of instruction. Those already pre-registered will be given first chance. Fee for the welding class is \$27.50.

A farm law course is planned to begin at the same time. Minimum enrollment is set at twenty. Roger Dick of Dick & Dick, The Dalles, is helping Marvin Robertson, Vo-Ag instructor, plan the course, contact and find competent lawyers to teach the class sessions. The class will consist of ten meetings with one hour for lecture and one hour for questions each night. The best available talent will be invited to teach each class session.

One lively session on investments and insurance is planned

HUGE NEW GRAIN ELEVATOR FOR NORTH PACIFIC GRAIN GROWERS



A 3,326,000 bushel grain elevator and loading dock, one of the largest on the Columbia River, will be built at Port of Kalama, Washington and leased to North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc. Construction contract has been awarded to Max J. Kuney Company and E. R. Haynes Company of Spokane. W. A. Richards, North Pacific manager, described the approximately \$6 million installation as the most modern on the Pacific Coast. It will be ready for operation by fall, 1961.

Big, Modern Elevator Being Built To Handle North Pacific Wheat At Kalama

A \$3.9 million dollar contract for construction of a 3,326,000 bushel grain elevator and loading dock for North Pacific Grain Growers at the Port of Kalama on the Columbia was awarded this week to Max J. Kuney Co. and E. R. Haynes Co. of Spokane. Previous engineer estimates were as high as \$4.5 million. The site of the new NPGG facility is 2 1/2 miles south of the town of Kalama, Washington.

W. A. Richards, general manager of NPGG, stated that, "We believe this will be the most modern grain terminal in the West."

The Port of Kalama received the bids and has arranged for construction of the big terminal on a 30-acre port-owned tract.

The Port will lease the new facility for a period of 30 years to the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., at a rental figure sufficient to amortize the project. It is expected to be ready for operation by October, 1961.

It will bring NPGG's total storage capacity for all its facilities in the Pacific Northwest to 11,800,000 bushels. It will add 25 to 30 men in regular employment in the Kalama area and will bring in many more workers for ship loading, barge unloading and similar activities.

The plant will consist of 138 concrete storage bins, 146 feet high and capable of holding a total of 2,396,580 bushels; a head house standing 245 feet high, holding 204,000 bushels; 3 steel tanks holding a total of 930,000 bushels, and a 750 foot long dock with a loading gallery. Barges will be berthed on the shore side of the dock, which will be built far enough out into the river to admit barges between it and the shore.

The loading gallery will be equipped with seven spouts so large ships, larger than any which now carry grain, can be loaded without shifting positions to get under the spouts. This will

greatly speed up loading operations.

The head house will be equipped with four sets of scales, one for weighing barge loads, one for rail cars or trucks and two for weighing grain moved by ships. Rail cars will be spotted and unloaded in seven minutes.

Sherman High Now, Member School Assn.

Sherman High School has been admitted to full membership in the Northwest Association for Secondary and High Schools which includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Hawaii.

Schools achieving membership must be accredited and be passed upon by a reviewing committee, such as the one that spent a week here last spring investigating the local school.

Churches To Hold Christmas Programs

The Christmas program of the Community Presbyterian church will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30, Dec. 18. The program is by the children of the Sunday school and the young folks of Westminster Fellowship and is an annual affair.

The Christmas program of the Church of Christ at Wasco will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 and will be followed by a fellowship period in the church social rooms. After that a group will go about town singing carols.

Chemical Fallow Draws Interest

Many farmers in Sherman county have shown interest in controlling cheatgrass and other annual plants with a newly approved chemical "winter fallow" program according to Martin Zimmerman, county extension agent. This program consists of the use of two herbicide materials 2 lbs. of 50% Amitrol and 2 lbs. active material of 2,4-D ester, with 10 gallons of water per acre. The spraying should be done only after a maximum number of cheatgrass seedlings have germinated, generally December 15 to January 15. This material is applied to stubble ground only and cannot be applied to growing wheat. Much of the interest shown about this program has been toward use on heavily infested cheatgrass areas and ground subject to blowing.

The chemicals will eliminate all germinated annual plants until approximately May 15 to June 1. This delay is needed for early tillage until growth reappears. This program can eliminate one or more tillage operations in addition to reducing cheatgrass problems. Cost of the materials is approximately \$6.50 per acre.

A program designed for cheat grass and rye control in fence rows, roads, and waste land is the application of 5 lbs. of 80% Atrazine and 2 lbs. of 50% Amitrol with 10 gallons of water. This practice will eliminate all annual plants for a period of about 12 months. The best time for application is from January 15 to March 15. This program cannot be used on cropland.

Farm Prices Up, Farm Costs Up, No change In Status

Oregon farm prices moved up a little last month and now stand 4 percent above a year ago and at the highest level since mid-1953, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

Higher prices on turkeys, wool, potatoes, hay, alfalfa and red clover seed, and food grains led the way to a one percent farm-price increase in November, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U. S. Dep't. of Agriculture. These more than offset lower prices received by the state's farmers for chickens, milk, most meat animals, corn, barley, and alsike clover, she said.

National farm prices also went up a little last month, but the increase averaged less than a fraction of one percent, Mrs. Horrell found. Higher egg, beef cattle, tomato, milk, and potato prices were only partially offset by a sharp drop in corn prices, along with more moderate drops in prices received by farmers for cotton, oranges, and hogs.

With this slight rise, national farm prices also averaged 4 percent above a year ago, and with one point of the 1960 high reached last April.

Meanwhile, prices paid by farmers for things used in farm operation held steady, at a level about 2 percent below last April's record high, Mrs. Horrell added. Higher prices paid by farmers for feeder and replacement livestock, as well as used automobiles and trucks, exactly offset lower prices on feed and farm supplies. Interest, taxes, and wage rates held unchanged.

However, prices paid for farm-family living items crept up a trifle and now equal the record high first reached in November 1959, Mrs. Horrell reported. Higher prices on food, clothing, and used automobiles more than offset lower prices on household furnishings, she said.

Rent It or Own It; When and Why

When does it pay a farmer to own special farm machinery—and when is it more profitable to hire custom work?

A recent study by Oregon State College agricultural experiment station examines the "break even" point for various methods of equipment-use to help farmers complete in the highly-mechanized, high-capital investment trends of today's agriculture.

Frank Conklin, OSC extension farm management specialist, and Emory Castle, agricultural economist, developed charts and tables to guide farmers in figuring most economical machinery costs for various conditions.

Alternatives discussed include ownership of equipment, rental, custom work, or pooling equipment costs with neighbors. Details of the study are reported in the current issue of "Oregon's Agricultural Progress" quarterly publication of the OSC experiment station.

Oregon residents may obtain free copies of the publication from local county extension agents or by writing the OSC Bulletin Clerk, Corvallis.

Highway Commission Puts Sherman Road Jobs On Program

The state highway commission at its meeting the first of this week decided on a program for highway construction in the next year that will affect Sherman county's highway. It will continue the rebuilding of the Sherman Highway that is now past schedule.

On the list is the grading and paving of nine miles between Wasco and Moro at an estimated cost of \$835,000. Also there is a continuation of work on the Biggs-Wasco section of the highway of 9.4 miles at a cost estimated at \$670,000.

It is not known when these jobs will be let or finished, but the commission has long said that this highway would be completed by the time the Biggs Rapids bridge was done and that is expected to be in the spring of 1962.

Bank Debits Down In Mid-Columbia

Bank debits for the upper Columbia river including Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties, decreased by 1.3 percent in October 1960 as compared to September 1960 and decreased by 7.2 per cent a year ago.

Debits for October 1960 totaled \$31,232,218; for September 1960 the total was \$31,634,183; and for October 1959 the total amounted to \$33,639,209.

Oregon, with 202 banks reporting, had a decrease in bank debits in October 1960 of 0.7 per cent compared with September 1960 and a decrease of 4.8 per cent over October 1959. Total debits for Oregon in October 1960 came to \$2,065,647,625; September 1960 totaled \$2,081,625,666; and October, a year ago, reached \$2,169,467,721.

Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. Bank debits are considered good indicators of current business activity. Each month the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Oregon collects data on bank debits from Oregon banks and branches.



4-H Children To Help Raise Funds

by Janet D. Olsen

In the approaching holiday season of giving and receiving, 4-H club members across the state will be contributing one night's baby sitting to the IFYE program to send four Oregon youth abroad. IFYE is the International Farm Youth Exchange which sends our youth abroad to live in foreign homes, and bring foreign youth to our homes.

This year Oregon has four IFYE candidates, and we must raise \$1,000 for each to go abroad. To raise this money, many 4-H members across the state will contribute the proceeds from one evening's babysitting during the holiday season to the program.

The program is being backed by the College Campus 4-H Club. The 1961 delegates are Kay Bevans of Sherman County, Dale Martin of Grant County, Jean Penrose of Washington County, and Louis Pratt of Malheur County.



The Dalles Port Commission Due At Club Meeting

Members of The Dalles Port commission will be guests of the Sherman County Club next Monday night, according to Max Barzee, program chairman.

The recent election put three new members on the five man board of the port commission and a program for building that will meet the wishes of voters in the district is expected.

How does this affect Sherman County? If The Dalles succeeds in building a port from which this area can ship its wheat, apples and other products and receive goods from all over the world (especially alumina) within 40 miles from the center of Sherman County it will be very important to Sherman County. It is another possible development of which there are many.

Coming are Paul Kortge, chairman, Elton Eby, new member, R. C. Hampton, long a member, Dave Larson and Paul Vogt, newly elected members. Kortge is expected to make the major address of the evening. If he does not come Dolf Kimsey, port manager, will talk. The group will answer questions about plans for channel development and for promoting shipments in and out to make a port pay.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p. m. with a party at Beefe's as a sort of get-together before dinner is served in the Masonic hall. Wives are invited to accompany their husbands, an special invitation for this meeting.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 247 head. Hog receipts were down and U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 butcher hogs sold about 20 cents lower, bringing \$18.40 to \$19.10. Good feeder hogs cleared at \$15.00 to \$17.00 a cwt. A small supply of weaners brought \$6.25 to \$6.50 a head. Heavy sows brought \$10.00 to \$13.00 with good light sows up to \$15.00.

Cows sold strong again at \$13.50 to \$15.50 on utility cows and up to \$17.50 on young standard cows.

One lot of 18 head 900 lbs. horned steers cleared \$22.00. Good and choice 300-500 lb. steer calves brought \$25.00 to \$26.00 with medium grades \$23.00 to \$24.50. Common steer calves sold at \$19.00 to \$22.00.

Good and choice feeder heifers, 500 lbs. brought \$22.60. Good 350 lb heifers \$23.00 and medium 300 lb heifers \$20.60. Medium to good single heifers brought \$19.00 to \$23.00.

IT'S BLEAK DECEMBER

Weather has been cold and usually cloudy although the sun comes out occasionally in its feebleness. Nights have been frosty and the east wind has blown most of the time although not very strong. It is typical winter weather, not too bad, certainly not too good.

Christmas Trees Need More Water

Best assurance for enjoying a fresh, fragrant Christmas tree—as a fireproof as possible—is to buy it fresh and keep it watered, says Charles Ross, Oregon State College extension forester.

Tests show that no known chemical solution is as effective as natural moisture in putting fire resistance into a tree.

When buying a tree, rub your hand over the branches to see if needles feel moist. Shake the tree—if needles drop off, the tree may be too old and dry to absorb water.

Fresh Christmas trees kept in doors at normal room temperature have been known to "drink" as much as two quarts of water daily, Ross reports.

Just before putting the tree in water, cut an inch off the butt end, slantwise, to open pores for drawing up water. You can also open up more water-absorbing tissue by removing narrow vertical strips of bark at three or four points around the base of the tree.

Be sure to replenish the water-container stand as needed, reminds Ross, since the most fragrant and safest tree is one that is giving off moisture.