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These Things We Note

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Every time we get interested in retirement along comes a bunch of holidays to make us glad to go back to work.

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Before we get carried away with the uses of publicity let us recall a comparison made by William James to the effect that there could be good and bad and merely popular.

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The new administration may regulate the regulatory agencies. Good. Regulate 'em out of business.

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Some towns have organizations to encourage women to talk. Ha.

TTWN

A Nevada girl has an invitation to attend the Kennedy inaugural for spending her own hard earned money to help the campaign. She sheared sheep. We can think of no more appropriate place for a sheep shearer.

TTWN

Experts are saying 1961 will be a little better. That sounds more realistic than the glorious promises made at the start of 1960. No year could live up to that.

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We doubt if many are out of work who want to work. In any event the number would be less if it wasn't for unemployment compensation and high wages that some just cannot or will not earn.

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Says the man at the bar: "When the government starts telling me what to do I wonder if it is interested in me or in keeping me alive and paying taxes."

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The Packers did almost everything better than the Eagles but pass, nevertheless lost.

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The Saturday Evening Post combined its last two issues of the year solving a problem weekly publishers have faced for years and years. Advertisers usually take a rest after Christmas and at least one issue is done for a loss.

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The defense people apparently have the very best lobby and usually get what appropriations they ask for. They have dozens of ways to scare citizens.

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"There's one thing I'd like to know about the coming administration," said the cynic, "and that's what Old Joe Kennedy has put his money in."

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The census shows that in this country there are four million college students and 2.8 million adult illiterates. Pretty close.

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Weather for the next couple of weeks is to be cold and dry and if anyone asks us that is a heck of a way to run a winter.

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We suppose now we gotta make a lot of resolutions.

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Some Asian monarch established a messenger service of which snow nor dark of night could it was said that neither rain nor halt these messengers on their appointed rounds. The postal department took over the quotation. But now we have found something to halt these messengers: holidays.

TTWN

The papers are saying the legislature has lots to do. We hope it does the things it has to do and leaves the rest.

TTWN

We note that the word editor has been so qualified that no one knows what any certain kind of editor does. Adjectives used are managing, associate, editorial page, news and several others. Basically an editor is the guy who picks the items that go into a newspaper from the chaff that comes to his desk.

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May you all have a Happy New Year by remembering the lessons you learned this year and applying them to 1961.

"How we doin'?" Question Answered By County Agent For Agricultural Sector

A two to five inch shortage of rainfall for the 1960 crop year placed Sherman County farmers in a vulnerable yield and income position. County wide grain yields dropped along with gross farm income. Spendable income was also further reduced with continued rising operating costs for equipment, materials, and services. Farmers in the southern part of the county especially felt the bite with considerably lower production, states T. W. Thompson, Sherman County Extension Agent.

Gross farm income dropped three-quarters of a million dollars this year over 1959 and was the lowest since 1955. Estimated gross farm income is \$7,750,000 for 1960. Grains as usual led the list with \$6,683,000. Wheat accounted for \$5,611,000 and barley \$1,012,000. The rest of the cash crop income was made up of sales of oats, mixed grains, rye, hay and fruits. Animal production was slightly less than last year but still exceeded one million dollars. Sales of slaughter steers, weaner calves, feeders and stockers, and cows and bulls amounted to \$909,900. Sheep and wool, swine, chickens, and eggs, and dairy production amounted to \$58,000 for cost sharing assistance of the Agricultural Conservation program and payment for soil bank land.

Wheat yields in bushels were higher than anticipated amounting to 34.5 bushels per acre. Total wheat production amounted to 3,261,000 bushels on 94,400 acres.

Average wheat yields since 1926 to date is 24.5 bushels per acre. Average yield during the past five years has been 35.6 bushels per acre. Ninety-one percent of the wheat produced was from red chaff, smut resistant club wheat, Omar. Other varieties produced were Soft Federation, Forty Fold, Burt, and Elmar. Burt proved to be the best yielding and highest test weight wheat in the southern section under the extreme drought conditions. Calculations of grain production was made from information secured from the four county cooperatives and estimates of farm storage, seed and feed.

Yields from the new barley, Alpine, were the best ever in the northern section of the county. Spring barley and oats yields were very poor in most cases. County wide barley yields were less than three-quarters of a ton per acre with some small acreages of barley not cut.

Good prices were obtained for feed cattle and hogs but definite drop in the value of weaners and feeders were noted. A slight shift can be noted in increased livestock production. This increase has been toward livestock feeding of either hogs or cattle. Several operators have tried the new nearly all concentrate feeding of cattle with good success. Equipping for larger feed lot operations is underway but as yet no one has feed more than 100 head of cattle. Continued availability of feed grains and profitable feeding prices may gradually swing more farmers to additional livestock feeding, states Thompson.

CAROLERS ENTERTAIN
Carolers went about Moro the night before Christmas in the tradition of carolers the Christian world over and serenaded citizens with Christmas songs which always sound better in the night air and when sung by young people who put their Christmas spirit in their voices.

Taxpayers May Get Help Of Tax Gathers
A. G. Erickson, district director of the Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, announced today that the period for filing 1960 Federal income tax returns will extend from January 3 to April 17, inclusive. In order to provide adequate information to taxpayers during this period, the office will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 4:45 p. m. each Monday from January 9 to April 17 inclusive, in the post office at The Dalles. It will be open January 3 instead of January 2, which is a legal holiday because New Year's Day falls on Sunday.

Oregon Banks Again Helping Farmers
L. Doyn Price, manager of the Sherman County Branch of First National Bank and County Key Banker of the Oregon Bankers Association for Sherman County, has just been informed that the outstanding service which Oregon banks have given the state's farmers, both through regular banking service and through special activities in the agricultural field, has received special recognition from the American Bankers Association.

This Agricultural Award is presented each year to the state bankers associations of those states whose banks have been of notable service to agriculture during the preceding year. This is the 31st consecutive year that Oregon's banks have received the award, indicating the continuous nature of the bank program in agriculture. Oregon is the only state in the nation to qualify for this award for so many consecutive years.

Court Pays County's Bills, Hears, Files Reports
COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 7, 1960

Minutes of regular meeting and special meetings in November read, corrected and signed by members of county court.

Claims presented against general fund—one claim disallowed, remainder ordered paid.

Claims presented against road fund—all claims allowed and ordered paid. Financial statement of Nov. 30, 1960 presented—approved and ordered filed.

Gasoline consumption for month of Nov., 1960 presented—approved and ordered filed.

Road Balance as of Nov. 30, 1960 presented—approved and ordered filed.

Narrative report of Martin Zimmerman, County Agent at Large, presented—approved and ordered filed.

Deed signed by court conveying tax foreclosed property to Nora Belles, Wasco, Oregon.

C. Morrison et al of Wasco appear before Court re: work on Wasco Airport, work to be done as soon as conveniently possible.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT IS SUE ADJOURNMENT ENSUED

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 1960

APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 1960

TERM OF COUNTY COURT CIRCUIT COURT:

John H. Newman, \$104.13

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Burroughs Corp. \$111.55; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$16.90; Postmaster, \$6.00; Wasco Pharmacy, \$2.16; C. L. Roberts, \$149.36; Lester Gray, \$72.96.

ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Burroughs Corp., \$110.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$35.55; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$6.05;

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Marie Hoskinson, \$65.00; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$13.45; Postmaster, \$10.00;

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$6.45;

COURTHOUSE:

City of Moro, \$2.75; Pacific Power & Light, \$42.48; Sherman Super Market, \$4.06; Moro Grain Growers, \$4.00; Conely Chemical & Supply, \$101.68;

DEMOSS PARK:

Pacific Power & Light, \$1.25

JUSTICE COURT:

Dunham Printing Co., \$102.15; City of Wasco, \$10.00; Darwin Vankilder, \$20.50;

ELECTIONS:

Election Board, etc., \$395.00

COUNTY AUDIT: \$187.32;

COURTHOUSE INSURANCE: \$294.62

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

T. Lester Johnson, \$105.00

PROTECTION OF RECORDS: \$22.50

ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS \$30.00

COUNTY COURT:

Vernon I. Miller, \$73.70; Lester Wilson, \$147.00

CORONER:

Loy V. Cochran, \$16.50;

MENTALLY DISEASED:

H. R. Davidson, \$15.00

JAIL:

Moro Hotel Coffee Shop, \$26.10

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Frank J. Ketter, \$11.80; J. K. McKean, \$10.20;

OFFICERS BONDS:

W. T. Balsiger, \$85.00; U. S. F. Dunlap, \$65.00;

January Session Of Court Of More Significance

Sherman County's court will meet next week, January 4 for one of the more important sessions of the year.

Reason is the appointment of many officers to serve at the will of the court. None of these are of major importance but all help in some way to keep the wheels of government moving.

There must be a dog board to determine the damage done by dogs to stock; a truant officer is a legal necessity to keep the kids in school; there must be road supervisors, although they no longer do much supervising; a member of the fair board is named each year.

Whether all these officers were originally an attempt to get the county's work done for nothing or an effort to spread the work and responsibility makes little difference now. There are such jobs and there is a law that makes them appointive by the court.

One may hope that eventually a charter form of government may be devised for small counties so that responsibility can be centered instead of diffused and this county has a committee working on such a project.

Guy Andrews Dies

Wednesday; Funeral Due Tomorrow

Guy C. Andrews, 80, who had spent 77 of those years in Sherman County died in a hospital in The Dalles after an illness of several weeks.

He was born August 10, 1880 at Dixon, California and came to what is now Sherman County in 1883 where his parents took up the land on which he has lived since. For years Guy Andrews was Ball-catcher Andrews and so called himself as he was the almost perpetual backstop for the Wasco ball club—and a good one. In later years, he umpired and brooked no disputes about his decisions.

Surviving are his widow, Emma of Wasco, two sons, Phil of Portland and Chester of Banks.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at one o'clock from Smith-Callaway chapel in The Dalles. Mrs. Fred Erickson will read the Christian Science service. The Dalles Elks, of which he was a member, will conduct committal services at Sunrise cemetery at Wasco.

delity & Guaranty Co., \$17.50;

WEED CONTROL:

Moro Lumber & Fuel, \$2.75;

EMERGENCY FUND:

LeRoy Belshee, \$29.10;

ROAD FUND:

Dunlap, \$471.66; Bayer, \$361.13;

Morehouse, \$316.80; Gosson \$363.17; Johnson, \$322.13; Griggs, \$367.37; First Nat. Bank, \$268.00;

Bankers Life & Casualty, \$46.80;

State Tax Comm., \$54.30; Social Security, \$122.64;

STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCI.

Annual Fee, \$7.50;

GAS & OIL:

Chuck's Chevron Ser., \$2.20;

Shell Oil Co., \$175.23;

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:

Moro Lumber & Fuel, \$552.65;

Woodbury & Co., \$897.83; Arlington Sand & Gravel, \$330.00

REPAIRS:

Industrial Motor Parts, \$13.70;

O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$2.30;

Cushman Equip. \$320.83;

Miller Motors, \$4.60; Auto Electric Supply, \$23.45; Stone Machinery Co., \$62.97.

WEED CONTROL:

Krishell Laboratories; \$506.00

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Woodbury & Co., \$89.20; Waster Equip. Co., \$7.75; Dunham Printing Co., \$14.75; Smith Auto Parts, \$19.50; Auto Electric Supply, \$67.70;

TIRES & TUBES:

Cushman Equipment, \$13.74;

GRADER & BLADES:

Stone Machinery, \$648.55;

MISCELLANEOUS:

Union Pacific R. R. Co., \$2.50;

Pacific Power & Light, \$11.55;

Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$9.75; K. A. Dunlap, \$65.00;

Volume 1, Number 1, Wasco Observer Photostat Tells Hopes of Area In 1888

Through the courtesy of Art Smith of Wasco a photostat copy of Volume 1 Number 1 of the Wasco Observer, the first newspaper printed in Sherman County is in this office temporarily. Publishers were A. B. McMillin and C. J. Bright and the date was November 2, 1888.

The publishers set forth their hopes in an editorial asking for support and, of greater interest, they printed a story about Wasco which includes much early history although not much that is not generally known to this generation.

The same story had a prophecy of the future which said that we had enough rain and that the previous year, a dry one, we had produced from 25 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre. The writer said the area represented was 250 miles south from the Columbia and 300 miles east and west making 75,000 square miles and only one-fourth tilled. Allowing 160 acres for each man this country could accommodate 225,000 people.

Moderns will realize that somewhere between his exaggeration and his prophecy the writer slipped, for nothing like that has happened.

The story ended with a list of what Wasco, then in Wasco County, had which includes, good schools, two churches, butcher shop, boot and shoe shop, two wagon making shops, two black-

smith shops, an undertaking establishment, a large feed and sale yard, a large hotel, a drug store and book store, two large general merchandise stores, water works, brass band, daily stage line and last but not least a newspaper.

Wasco, needed, according to the story a barber, a tinner, a jeweler, a flouring mill, a harnessmaker, a livery stable, an express office a railroad. All of which Wasco got within a few years and most of which have since departed.

The paper had good advertising among the Dalles and local stores among the latter being E. G. Tozier, blacksmith, G. Leucht, shoemaker, J. B. Hoss, carpenter, McKenzie & Somers, blacksmiths, Joe Marsh, druggist, W. M. Barnett, general store and postoffice.

A list of prices shows wheat at \$1.40, eggs 25 cents a dozen, lumber, rough \$10.00 per M; beans 4 1/4c; coffee 17c, chickens \$2.50 a dozen; cheese 14c; beets and cabbage \$1.00 a sack, potatoes 40c a sack, lettuce 10c per dozen.

A reader may well wonder if 1888 wasn't the heyday of the wheat grower for a bushel of the stuff would buy more eatables than possible now. And for the taxpayer: Wasco County spent \$32,485.51 the previous year.

Power Off; Power Company Explains

Pacific Power & Light customers in the Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, and Kent areas were without electric service last Saturday afternoon as transmission lines shed heavy loads of ice in the Erskine area, according to Art Thrasher, company district manager.

The first interruptions to power supply occurred shortly before 2 p. m., when warm air currents started to melt heavy ice loads from the lines. This "shedding" process results in one line flipping into another, causing short-circuits. These short-circuits cause automatic oil switches to open; these switches will remain open, after a series of operations, until the cause is located and corrected, Thrasher said.

Power supply was restored to all sections shortly before 4:00 p. m. through the efforts of crews working west from Moro, and east from Dufur.

Oregon Officials Expect Industry

Oregon's economy is off to a good start toward achieving the dynamic growth forecast for the 1960's, the Oregon Department of Planning and Development said in a report to Governor Mark O. Hatfield summarizing the past year's activities.

The department, noting that nonagricultural employment increased by 12 per cent in the past decade, said gains of 23.4 percent—or nearly double the previous growth rate—can be forecast for the next 10 years on the basis of trends now under way in the economy.

Even that rate can be increased by programs instituted to influence both the rate and nature of economic expansion in the state, the department said.

A total of 93 new manufacturing plants and plant expansions were recorded in the state during 1960, creating a total of 5700 new jobs. This will result in about twice that number of jobs in service industries.

Some of this gain was obscured during the final months of the year by effects on the state's big lumber and plywood industry of decline in home building nationally, and by the general slowdown in the nation's growth rate.

Industrial expansion during the year included 25 plants by new Oregon companies. 55 new plants and expansions by existing Oregon firms, and 13 new plants by outside companies. In addition, the department has active "prospect files" on 140 companies which are interested in Oregon.

The report continued: "We are not in the business of signing up new smokestacks for Oregon. Our function is to conceive and carry out programs which will result in expansion of all phases of our economy, including agriculture, tourism, recreation, service industries and manufacturing industries."

Biggs Service Station Burned In Morning Fire

The Biggs service station and tavern was completely destroyed by fire just before daylight Monday morning and Mr. and Mrs. Art Macheel, proprietors, lost most of their personal possessions.

The Macheels, who have operated the business for the past several years on lease from Sammie Tsubota, were awakened by a strange smell which caused Mrs. Macheel to get up to see about it. She couldn't turn on the light and discovered that a part of the place was already destroyed. They escaped with only a few things hastily grabbed.

The Wasco volunteer fire department, represented by Henry Richelderfer, chief, Harold Engberg, Gene Rothery, Pat Macnab, Al Dormaier, Jerry Barnett, Dave Miller, Bob Nisbet and Lloyd Gosson came down in the fire truck but were too late and were handicapped by the lack of water. The building was wood and burned quickly.

No serious damage was done to the motel units nearby although sparks lit on them during the fire.

The Macheels had been hosts to their daughter and family of Salem over the holiday but they had gone home. No reason for the fire has been found.

The business at Biggs was operated for many years by Herb Willard, now retired, who followed his father, the one time dispenser of sandwiches and coffee to railroad travelers who waited for trains at the connection between the Columbia Southern and the Union Pacific (OWR&N).

More People Travel In Oregon In 1960

Oregon highway traffic showed a statewide increase of 2 percent in October, 1960, over October, 1959, according to figures compiled from the state highway department's 82 rural counters.

During the same period, the department's five urban counters indicated a 3 per cent increase in city traffic over last year's.

Hourly counter reports showed heaviest traffic between the hours of four and five p. m. The largest daily figure for October was recorded on Sunday the 2nd, the day following the opening of deer hunting season.

Oregon gasoline consumption during September of 1960 was down 5.25 percent, as compared with the same period in 1959, in spite of a rural traffic increase of 6 percent for the same month.

NAM Thinks Oregon May Grow Slow

Will Oregon's business britches be big enough in the current decade? The National Association of Manufacturers points to a possible current slack.

Oregon's business base isn't destined to expand apace with a goods-and-services hungry population, an NAM study indicates.

Some 8,000 new businesses will bring Oregon's 1970 total to about 65,000 firms. This 14 per cent will be slightly under the 1950-60 increase, when the total grew from 48,400 to 57,000.

The 65,000 firms will be supplying goods and services to a total Oregon population grown to 2,153,000, including 6,000 military personnel, the NAM estimates.

At the current decade's end, 676,300 Oregon household units will be dependent upon the state's butcher, baker candlestick maker set. Many of the same firms also will be suppliers for persons and businesses in other states and foreign countries.

This circumstance, the NAM says, will accentuate the fact that a business growth of 14 per