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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Well, that's that. Now we can settle down to work again and if we didn't want to there's those tax notices to make it very real.

T T W N

Uncle Sam might well make a resolution to treat minorities as good as minorities for a change.

T T W N

The Minnesota coach did the quickest job of taking the fat out of the heads of his team but should have done it before the second quarter. Washington backs could make yardage off the shoulders of Minnesotans in the first half, but not after.

T T W N

Somehow we are not impressed by the boasting about brains in the new administration, believing that common sense, good balance and wide experience are better background for a public official. So many smart people think they are infallible.

T T W N

Some people spend three working days a week watching TV. No need to criticize the ostrich for having his head in the sand.

T T W N

The new light cars are putting a crimp in gas tax revenues. Now they'll have to put a tax on small cars to make up for that.

T T W N

Some of the new cars look as if they were frowning.

T T W N

The teacher's union says that Oregon teachers now average \$5500 a year, and of course, feels bad because it isn't \$6,000. That isn't too much for the dedicated teachers who study every pupil and bring interest to every unsterile mind. But it is far too much for the mere time-server.

T T W N

So far it seems that Portland is having worse weather than this part of eastern Oregon. The east wind doesn't get up much speed here on the hill but after it is drawn through the Columbia river funnel it really chills.

T T W N

Congressman Al Ullman is on the Ways and Means committee which is good because it should improve his understanding of economics.

T T W N

Smelt are in the Columbia. That may be as good a sign of spring as the shadow hunting ground hog. But maybe it is too early to talk about that.

T T W N

A writer has referred to Lyndon Johnson as the owner of the finest ego in the senate. Strong competition, too.

T T W N

Now we get back to our beans, bacon and beef diet.

T T W N

In the nation we spend \$390 per year per child for schooling or \$4680 investment in a high school graduate. In Oregon we spent \$448 to bring the investment in a high school graduate to \$5376. If they earn enough to pay that much extra taxes the investment is not lost. But that is only the financial side of it; some will be better citizens.

T T W N

George Romney, boss of the Rambler plant has proposed to give a government bond as a bonus to Rambler owners if profits warrant. Sounds good. Only trouble is that owners of stock have been long on short rations.

T T W N

A rather recent development is the growth of admitted experts and the acceptance of them by the public. No public body will try to decide anything without a report by experts. Not being an expert we think it an easy job but it does require some effort: a pontifical style of writing coupled with a hail fellow well met demeanor; a source of statistics, preferably of theoretical application; an ability to generalize for no expert must be caught in a statement so definite as to be proven wrong. Outside of that about all the job demands is sufficient officials without ability to make up their minds.

County Court Makes Few Appointments

The county court spent Wednesday in session performing the functions of the office and agreed to meet again next Monday to continue the work. At that time the court will appoint a fair board member to succeed Phil O'Meara and pick the names of 500 citizens who will be the jury panel for the year.

What was done Wednesday was to reappoint Gordon Harper to the budget committee and Harland McDonald to the planning commission. The Sherman County Journal will be the official newspaper and Les Gray will be the truant officer.

No dog board was appointed, the district having been abolished and no road viewers were named because the law now requires viewers for each road to be changed.

The court paid the bills and called a day for the first meeting of 1961.

Mrs. James Brown Aids Dime Campaign

Mrs. James T. Brown will again be chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Sherman County and has already started to recruit helpers for the collection which will begin later this month. L. Doyn Price and Ray Sparks at the bank will act as treasurers for the foundation and the campaign.

Health Association Hears TB Report

At the regular monthly meeting of the Health Advisory Council Wednesday, Jan. 4, Dr. Berg reported on the tuberculosis testing program conducted in Sherman County Dec. 5 through Dec. 9.

A total of 1218 individuals or 50% of the population of Sherman County was tested. From this group there were 95 positive reactors. On the day the tests were read x-ray pictures were taken of all those who had positive reactions.

The five grade schools in the county will all receive certificates from the State Board of Health commending them for 90% or over participation in the tests. The percentages for the schools are as follows: Rufus 92%, Wasco 97%, Moro 100% Grass Valley, 95% Kent 100%. The participation at Sherman High School was 69%.

Dr. Berg felt that a 50% participation would permit a satisfactory evaluation of the incidence of tuberculosis in Sherman County. The Health Advisory Council thanks the people for their participation.

The next meeting of the Council will be February 8, 1961.

Wasco Church Hears Visiting Students

The Wasco Methodist church observed Student's Recognition day at the morning worship services on Sunday. Four of the church's many college youth assisted with the service. They were Everett Royse, Marilyn Smith, Rob Hastings and Jeanette Belshee.

Members of the Wasco Methodist church are looking forward to the visit of Bishop A. Raymond Grant, who will conduct the consecration service for the newly remodelled sanctuary Jan. 15. The service will be followed by a potluck dinner and an open house in the afternoon. The Rev. Ernie Wilson, district superintendent, will also be here at that time. The members of the WSCS will be in charge of arrangements for the dinner, and also for an afternoon tea.

Following remodeling, the Wasco Methodist church has several old wooden pews and chairs available to anyone who will come and get them.

At the monthly board meeting members of the Wasco Methodist church voted to hold an all church general clean-up day on Friday, January 13.

Brief Resume of 1960 Events Shows Change Threatening If Not Yet Achieved

Some things happened in 1960 while it is not our intent to review the news of the entire year we herewith remind readers of some things and to comment thereon if desired.

We started the year pretty dry.

Thirty Years Noted By Extension Staff

Thirty years of Extension work in Sherman County was completed during 1960. Major program emphasis was given to agricultural production, marketing, youth activities, family living, conservation, community and leadership development, and public affairs, states T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

The Sherman County Extension office activities were many and varied: Farm and Home visits, 970; office calls, 1300; telephone, 2750; new articles written, 82; radio program, 72; bulletins distributed, 3600; demonstrations conducted, 42; 217 meetings held with 5,100 total attendance and 314 meetings held by local leaders with 4,300 in attendance.

The Sherman County Extension office cooperated with individuals, organizations and agencies. The 4-H program expanded and the Extension unit program made good progress. Agents cooperated with the Sherman County Court, County Planning Commission, Rural Advisory Council, Weed Council, 4-H Leaders Association and Council, Extension Unit Council, Sherman County Fair Board, Sherman Wheat League, and Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Grange and Agricultural Committees, FFA and FHA youth groups, Sherman Branch and other state and federal experiment stations, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee Soil Conservation Service, Oregon State Game Commission, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and others.

Forty-one 4-H club leaders led 24 4-H clubs, whose total membership was 214 in the '59-60 club year. Ninety-six percent of the 214 club members completed their project work. The members carried a total of 391 projects with 92 percent project completion. Fifty-two percent of the boys and girls in grades four through high school participated in the 4-H program. Participation by club members in the County Fair was the greatest in history of the program. Numbers exhibiting in the Oregon State Fair, likewise, was the largest on record. Good representation was noted at the Oregon Wheat League Junior Livestock Show and Sale, but no exhibits were shown at the P. I. Outside of the shows the annual Livestock Judging Field Day, 4-H Summer School, 4-H Camp, and Officers' Training day were highlights of the Club year. Special emphasis was given to demonstration this year with good participation in this program in the county and state fairs.

Talk started about the John Day pool, and argument that went on and on and resulted in complete defeat of the stockmen involved.

A lot of snow fell the middle of January to help the moisture situation. The Moro garage burned up late in the month and the town still needs a garage. Sheit Burres gave \$20,000 to heart research to match alike amount for cancer.

Bids called on new post office—not the last ones. Highway board allotted money to Wasco-Biggs section (did it again this year). Farm machinery companies consolidating. Case buys Harris. Sherman County Club committees appointed by President Ketter.

Committee named to write charter for county, (still writing and will get help from county organization); Sherman wins local tournament, (lost all at Baker), school budgets show wide difference. Bid let on new Cottonwood bridge. Buildings torn down to start postoffice construction.

County Court offers aid to new veterans' memorial at courthouse. Hall and Belshee, local conservation men (later won state honor). Sherman won district track meet.

Maurine Neuberger talks at historical picnic. Grain Growers entertain.

Elmo Smith speaker at Republican picnic. Big Rufus fire burns thousands of acres. Fire burns in Spanish Hollow.

Crop raised on west wind as good as average, July hot and dry and August started with rain. New postoffice opened for business. Railroad asks freight rate cut on wheat. Fair brings fine exhibits.

Valuations down, millage up is tax prospect. Veterans of WWI meet in reunion. Moro gets new fire truck. Six counties buy survey.

Sherman wins football title for this half of district. County votes more than 90 per cent. Fridley talks to Sherman County Club about highway prospects. Grain men announce new, big elevator for co-op wheat. The Dalles port officers come to say plans include entire area.

1961 MEAT WILL COST ABOUT SAME

Oregon livestock and retail meat prices for 1961 are likely to average close to 1960 levels, reports an Oregon State College agricultural economist.

Local cattle prices are expected to slip a little from last year's average, hog prices should average slightly higher, and lamb is likely to hold near the 1960 average, believes Stephen C. Marks, OSC extension economist.

Food buyers can look to a good supply of all red meats—165 pounds per capita, only two pounds below the 1956 record—with little price change.

Increasing national beef production is putting pressure on cattle prices but any decline will probably be too slight to be felt at retail meat counters, at least during the first half of 1961, Marks said.

December Cold Month; Moisture Condition Better

If the breaking of records was the aim of weather recording the year 1960 would have been a pretty fair success. It was the most quiet year as far as wind was concerned since the government began keeping records at Moro back in 1911. During December the total wind was 1517 miles for an average of 2.0 miles per hour for the month and that was 1.9 MPH below normal. On the 19th there was 137 miles of wind. Lowest year before was 1950 with 2.2 MPH.

And December was cold the monthly mean being 29.5 degrees a good 4.1 degrees below normal. The average minimum was 23.4 and the average maximum was 35.6. Highest temperature was 49 on the third and 14 was the lowest. This was the coldest December since 1944 when the average was 28.8 degrees. It has been steadily cold but with no extreme cold.

Total moisture for December was 1.02 inches and that is .72 below the average. The crop year total is 4.18 inches or .91 below normal. At the beginning of 1960 we were 2.96 short of normal.

PORTLANDERS TO SPEND EASTERN OREGON ESTATE

A charitable trust conceived nearly 20 years ago by J. G. Edwards, wealthy central Oregon sheep baron, will become a reality early next year when the first distributions of cash from the funds are made by the First National Bank of Oregon.

Edwards died in 1945, leaving a substantial estate in trust for the care of his bedridden wife, Elizabeth, who was much younger than he. Mrs. Edwards died one year ago after an illness of many years.

The trust fund, which is invested principally in stocks and bonds, is valued in excess of \$800,000 according to Stetson B. Harman, vice president and senior trustee officer.

As trustee for the fund, the bank is empowered to use its discretion in the distribution of the money, but the First National board chose to appoint an advisory committee of community leaders to offer specific recommendations on disposition of the trust.

Named to the advisory committee were Harold Wendel, president, Lipman Wolfe Co.; G. E. Cannon, president, Standard Insurance Co.; Rudie Wilhelm Jr., vice president and general manager, Wilhelm Co.; Mrs. Joseph A. Minott, housewife; James H. Polhemus, retired chairman of Portland General Electric Co.; and Edward P. Staum, retired Crown-Zellerbach executive.

Home Extension Leader Lists Fourteen Accomplishments of Groups In Past Year

Eight Home Extension Units operated during the year. Over 250 county women participated in this program in various educational family living programs.

The tailoring work shop, beef cookery, know your county services, and family business and the law programs were of special importance.

Several major agriculture programs were conducted during the past year alone or in cooperation with others. Fourteen of the most important projects, as examples of activities, are cited below:

(1) Promoted use of adoptable grain varieties, securing supplies, inspecting fields for seed, and assisting in distribution.

(2) Intensified educational program on perennial weed control and or eradication in cooperation with the County Court, Sherman Weed Council, and the County ASC Committee.

(3) Conducted experimental and demonstration trials on crop land cheat grass, fence row cheat and rye, and various perennial weed eradication.

(4) Cooperated in recertification of county for Bang's and TB and assisted in coordinating private veterinarian calls in county.

(5) Conducted winter livestock production and management short course in cooperation with Sherman Cattleman's Association.

(6) Assisted farm operators in

County Judge Miller Makes Comment On Farm Safety Week

In order to co-operate with the Sherman chapter Future Farmers of America and its safety chapter chairman, Douglas Medler which is sponsoring and promoting a week for farm safety, Vernon I. Miller, Sherman County Judge, proclaim the second week in January, January 5 to 11, as Safe Farm Power Use week.

While farm machinery is not being used in the fields at this time of year some of it is being repaired in shops on farms and as many accidents can occur there as in the field. There is an additional danger from fire from over heated shop stoves, not always safe themselves. And while machinery is being repaired and made ready for the field is an excellent time to install safety devices to make it safer during the working season.

Therefore, as county judge, I urge recognition of this safety week by all who are concerned with the repair and operation of farm machinery.

Vernon I. Miller

New Officials Sworn At Moro Council

New city councilmen were sworn in Tuesday night and discussions were started on several plans about which no decisions were made for the record. Darwin VanGilder took the oath as mayor and Lela French, Ralph Busse, Andy Paulson, the latter two re-elected, took oaths as councilmen. Ernest Woods another new councilman was absent. Clarence Huls and Dale Harrison are the holdover councilmen.

Kay Bevans To Go To Turkey as IFYE

Overseas assignments for Oregon's four International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates were announced this week by Oregon State College Extension Service.

Kay Bevans, Rufus, will travel to Turkey; Dale Martin, Long Creek, to Greece; Jean Penrose, Tigard, Israel; and Louis Pratt, Nyssa, to Columbia.

They will spend about six months in each of their host countries, living with families in various agricultural areas. Generally, this is during the warmer part of the year when agricultural activity is at its peak, says Cal Monroe, acting state 4-H leader at Oregon State College.

The trips are financed by Oregon Bankers Associations, 4-H youngsters who raise money by baby sitting and other fund raising activities, and the state 4-H Foundation.

Jack E. Graves Killed By Truck On Pole Job

Jack Eldon Graves of The Dalles, a worker on the power line being constructed for Bonneville Power by Nichols and company, was killed instantly Thursday morning, December 29 when a pick-up truck ran over him.

Graves was holding on to a rope being used as a stay rope. The truck had been parked with motor running on the hill above him. The truck started down hill and Graves could not or did not dodge it. It hit him in front and knocked him down to the rocky hillside and ran over him. The report is that nearly every bone in his body was broken.

The accident occurred on the point just north of Cottonwood canyon where the line is going down on its way from DeMoss to Fossil. The hill is covered with big rocks and work progresses slowly because of the steepness of the ground.

Graves was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 14, 1903, was a veteran of World War II and is survived by his widow, Mildred. He had lived in The Dalles but a few months.

Interment was made in Portland.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 126 head on the New Year's eve sale with U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs clearing \$18.00 to \$19.00. Good feeder pigs around 100 lbs. brought \$17.50 to \$19.00 with heavier weights down to \$15.00. Butcher sows sold at \$12.50 to \$16.30.

Feeder lambs sold at \$11.00 to \$11.50 and fats at \$14.00 to \$14.50. Cutter and canner cows sold at \$11.00 to \$14.00 with old shelly kinds down to \$8.00. Light bologna bulls brought \$16.50 to \$18.00 with good bulls lacking.

Medium steers around 700 lbs. sold at \$17.50 to \$21.00 and medium steer calves around 400 lbs at \$24.70.

Light dairy bred baby calves sold higher at \$11.00 to \$15.00 and up to \$23.00 on Holsteins by the head.

Shower Planned For Biggs Fire Victims

A miscellaneous shower will be held for Clara and Art Macheel Thursday, January 12 at 2 p. m. at the Wasco Methodist church basement. No invitations will be sent. Everyone invited. Hostesses are Mrs. Lewis Hastings, Mrs. Robert Nisbet, Mrs. Al Dormaier, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet and Mrs. Gordon Harper.

Pacific Telephone Will Spend Money

Pacific Telephone Northwest has programmed a \$23.9 million outlay to expand and improve telephone service in Oregon during 1961. F. M. Mitchell, the company's vice president and general manager, announced Thursday (December 22).

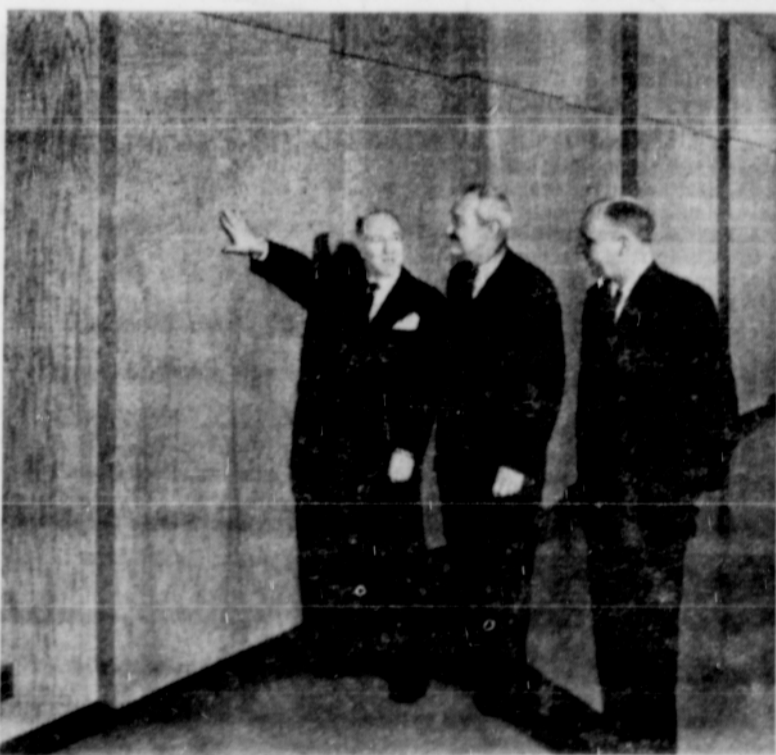
"This expenditure of almost \$24 million is certainly the essential soundness of Oregon's economy and in the future growth prospects of the state," Mitchell said.

Reporting on 1960, Mitchell said the number of telephones served by his company in the state increased by 22,942 to a total of 576,169. The number of long distance calls went up about 6.6 per cent during the year, he added.

In the Dalles 304 phones were added to the total in service during the year, according to Manager C. P. Horn. There are now 6,763 phones in The Dalles exchange.

Looking ahead, Mitchell listed bringing Direct Distance Dialing to some 160,000 Portland phones with Atlantic, CApitol and BELmont in May, 1961 as one of the Company's biggest projects during the coming year. DDD will be extended to the rest of Portland and nearby suburban communities in 1962.

Completion of manual to dial conversions at Florence and at Arlington in 1961 will bring dial service to 99 per cent of the company's telephones in Oregon, he said.



Completion is being rushed on left) J. L. Buckley, vice president of Georgia-Pacific Corp., which furnished the factory-finished American Oak plywood paneling that lines the big room; Thaddeus B. Bruno, vice chairman of the exposition and recreation commission, and Gale Livingstone, commission vice chairman.