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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Without trying to vindicate the electric companies for cooperating in setting prices on contracts we would call attention to the fact that all the labor used in making the goods was priced through a similar agreement. And with government sanction and aid.

T T W N

Old time loggers who wore calks were barried from floored houses but women wearing calks on their heels go everywhere.

T T W N

We feel somewhat happy over the competition between the U. S. and Russian space flights. It's even more harmless than checkers although the cost is not comparable.

T T W N

The effort to make everyone respected and accepted anyplace and anytime as long as they are black cannot possibly succeed.

T T W N

This country started out to save the world with dollars after World War II and now it is in over its depth which took a long time but was inevitable. It would like to have some of the nations it helped put some dollars into the pot to help nations still in need of machinery and other aid. It may get a dime or two. What we hope is that this country will learn the futility of depending on money as a cure all.

T T W N

What's the use of saving money? Time you've saved enough to do any good the value is down until it isn't worth spending

T T W N

While the government is cracking down on tax loopholes we'll bet it will by pass the big one: the depletion allowance for oil. Lyndon Johnson is in office to protect that one.

T T W N

Our huge food supply is dangerous to the whole country, not just farmers. Without it the welfare staters could not operate. Chinese and Russians are both hungry.

T T W N

At the egghead's convention: "If you know what you think you're uninformed."

T T W N

An old timer hasn't a chance with all those do-gooders using him as an excuse to grab public money or salary.

T T W N

The secretary of agriculture is prepared to lend money to any farmer for this year's production. That prolongs the misery.

T T W N

Having campaigned on the theory that the country was going to hell this administration now has to prove it.

T T W N

Reapportionment proposals are so far just as bad as they could be which may be the intent. Combining a small county with a large one is to disfranchise residents of the small county. May be a constitutional amendment will give the people an opportunity to correct the present iniquity

T T W N

Legislators with nothing much to do sometimes get into trouble and generate some funny ideas. There's the perennial about doing away with trading stamps which is an economic issue, not a political one. Taxing them—that's political.

T T W N

When we get all the political machinery necessary to treat all the millions who have passed 65, and the doctors and the nurses and the hospitals and ambulances and other impedimentia it will be positively unpatriotic to be well —and probably a law against it.

T T W N

Despite the warm weather for the past month it can get chilly and there could be winter yet.

T T W N

We are surprised at the number of people who say they can't visualize. Maybe that's the reason for TV.

Russian Visitor Will Show Pictures, Talk To County Club

The Sherman County Club's next meeting will be February 22 at the Masonic hall in Moro. Members will gather at Beefo's at six thirty and dinner will be served at 7:30, according to Irving Hart, program chairman.

Speaker will be Ralph Crum of Ione who made a trip to Russia last summer and took pictures while there. He considers it his duty to show them and spends about three nights out of each week doing just that.

Rufus School Gets $63,960 Federal Aid

Telegrams from Wayne Morse and Al Ullman last week came came just too late for publication. Both told of a grant to the Rufus school district for $63,960 for construction of an addition to the Rufus School. They read "Department of Health, Education and Welfare has just informed me that $63,960 in federal funds have been reserved for Sherman County School District No. 3 for addition to school."

This is the result of a request made some time ago by the Rufus directors for aid in school construction and in instruction. The request was for a larger sum but this is of material help. The grant for teaching is still in process. Pupils at Rufus elementary school increased from 85 to 185 in the past year.

Weed Meeting Dated

The second annual weed meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. Thursday, February 23, Courthouse, Moro. The session has been planned by the Sherman Weed Council in cooperation with extension agents.

Past year activities, plans for the coming year, and new chemicals available will be reported on during the session. Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, will attend and participate. Vernon Miller, county judge, will discuss the county's weed programs.

Safety Program Starts

A new 4-H gun safety project is now available for boys and girls 11 years or older. The projects objectives are to teach safe use of firearms, preventing hunting accidents, create an interest in wildlife conservation, develop shooting skills and interest in one of the most enjoyable uses of leisure time. The program has been developed in cooperation with the Oregon Game Commission and the National Riflemen's Association.

One club is organized in the Rufus area. Others are planned for the Wasco and Moro communities. Additional leaders are needed to handle the program over the county. The project follows the Hunter Safety program of the Oregon Game Commission. Certified instructors are required to teach marksmanship and handle the certification of the club members.

Present indications are that in the very near future young people will need to pass the Hunter Safety program before obtaining hunting licenses. This program is designed to fill his need.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 217 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2 butcher hogs 180-230 lbs brought $18.50 to $19.20 with lighter weights and grades down to $17.00. Feeders sold at $17.00 to $19.00 a cwt. Weaners were $9.00 to $12.00 a head.

Good, round 400 lb. steer calves brought $27.25 to $28.10 with 500 to 550 lb. weights to $27.10. Good feeder steers 700 to 900 lbs. $22.00 to $24.00. Medium kinds down to $19.50. Holstein steers 775 to 925 lbs. $17.50 to $18.75, lighter weights up to $20.00. Good and choice heifers $21.50 to $24.50, medium $16.50 to $21.00.

Utility cows $13.00 to $14.50, cutters and canners $10.00 to $13.00. A few medium stock cows $145.00 to $170.00 a head. Light bologna bulls $17.75 to $18.25.

A large supply of baby calves sold for less than a week previous; however, good beef breeds sold up to $45.00 a head, Holsteins $20.00 to $30.00 and light dairy breeds down to a low of $1.50 a head.

Mobley (42) has just made a basket and is starting down court to defend: Fields (20) has the same idea. Sintay (41) for Grant is tossing the ball to a Grant guard to throw in while Bliss (43) and Grant star Williams (31) stand. Ability to get started had an effect on Sherman's easy win.

The juniors ganged up under the baskets pretty thick at times and often Johnson (11) could outreach the others. Bish (7) and Bayer (8) were responsible for the basket and Kellogg (12) is getting back onto the court.

State Highway Men Are Good Drivers

The annual list of awards to state highway employers for continuous safe driving is out and it shows that on the Moro crew Clyde Gillmor has driven safely for 9 years, Glenn Virtue for 11, William Brady for one, D. B. Goss for 3, John Mitchell for 3 and Lloyd Wooderson for 8.

At Rufus Ray Brown has driven safely for 11 years, Luther Steward for 5, Paul Blackburne for 4, Edwin Blubaugh for 3, Winston Roberts for 5 and Theodore Kimmet for 2.

May Broun Lewin Gets Veterans Award

May Broun Lewin, who was simply May Broun when she lived in Moro, was presented a national award recently for her hospital work with World War I veterans at the quarterly meeting held recently in Salem. Mrs. Lewin takes packages of gifts and cigarettes to three hospitals in Oregon and one in Vancouver and also visits the wives of disabled veterans. She is now making up Christmas packages at her home in Oceanlake.

Cub Scouts Celebrate 51st Anniversary With Program at Kent Friday Night

The Cubscout Blue and Gold pack meeting held in the Kent School auditorium Friday evening Feb. 10, celebrating the 51st anniversary of the Boy Scouts was well attended. The stage was decorated with blue and gold paper in a V-shape as a background for the table that held a bust of a Cubscout. Travis Chevallier, district Scout executive of The Dalles conducted the meeting. The flag salute was led by John Johnson, Den Chief of Den 1; group singing of the "Star Spangled Banner"; a novel song and dance by Linda Sargent, "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini"; Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and Mrs. Arden Peters, leaders of the Brownies in cluding Patty Crews, Julie Schilling, Helen Eakin, Christine Cantrall, Rita and Margaret Hammond, Leta Ann Eslinger, Connie Ketter, Linda Sargent and Geraldine Todd, the girls sang their Brownie song; accordion solos by Alan Helyer; Den 1 sang a song and put on a tumbling act; presentation of awards by Harold Owens Cubmaster and Mr. Chevallier as follows; Den 1, Robert Owens one silver arrow; Neal Schilling, Phillip Ruggles, Freddie Buether, Gordon Smith, Johnny Sargent, wolf badges, one gold and one silver arrow; John Johnson was called up at this time and presented with his Den Chief cord; Den 2 Bobby King, Ricky Cantrall and Robin Olds one silver arrow; Den 3 Freddie Rolfe and Scott Todd a bear badge one gold and two silver arrows, Robbie Brander two silver arrows, Gary Brinkert and Carsten von Borstel four silver arrows; Den 4, Byron Carlson a bear badge and one gold arrow, Terry Stark and Roger Knott one silver arrow, Denner's stripes, two year pin, webelos badge and a graduation certificate, Jimmy Wilson, one silver arrow, Denner's stripes, three year pin, webelos badge and graduation certificate; Webelos Den 1 Harold Owens two silver arrows, Denner's stripes, three year pin, webelos badge and graduation certificate, Jimmy Payne one silver arrow, Denner's stripes, three year pin, webelos badge and graduation certificate and Steve Rolfe three year pin, Denner's stripes, webelos badge and a graduation certificate Mr. Chevallier introduced Don Lamb of The Dalles, chairman of Celilo Falls district of Boy Scouts who gave a brief talk and read a poem; novelty song and dance "Five Foot Two" by Carolyn Johnson; then Mrs. Frank von Borstel showed some of her slides and movies taken on her trip to Europe.

Work of the Cubscouts handicraft was on display in a room down stairs. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria where the table held a large decorated cake, furnished by the American Legion Auxiliary, along with several other cakes that were served with ice cream furnished by the Mayflower Company and coffee and punch. All the Den Mothers, the Cubmaster and Mr. Chevallier were given hats made by Den 4 of Kent.

Grant Union No Match For Local Teams on Court

Sherman teams had another good week end, this time against Grant Union with the seniors and juniors both winning two games from the visitors.

The Junior game was an almost too easy win with the local boys piling up a 15 to 4 score at the end of the first quarter and 25 to 7 by the end of the half although new players were sent in for the second quarter. With the first string in again at the start of the second half Sherman made 18 to 5 for Grant Union which could make the score reasonable only in the final quarter when it made 8 to 10 for Sherman. The final score was 53 to 20. Greg Jackson with five was high for Grant.

Byron Bayer had a good night and sank 12 points, Kellogg had 9, Bish 7, Johnson 6, and Parker 6, Kelly had 5, Decker 4 and Fields and Byrd 2 each.

The senior game started off much the same with the first quarter score being 16 to 5. Grant did better in the second quarter which ended 30 to 17. Third quarter score was 45 to 26 and the final 62 to 44. Grant did not threaten except in short spurts.

John Duncan started the game on the bench as usual for he is a substitute for his brother, Jim. But Jim,who was guarding Williams, Grant's good scorer accumulated four fouls and John went in in the second quarter and had one of his best nights, ending the game with 20 points. Mobley had 16, Fields 7, Decker and Eakin 4. Jim Duncan 6, and Thomas 2 and Stradley 1.

May Be Cheaper To Rent Equipment

Since most special farm equipment comes high these days, wise farmers — before buying — compare cost of rental or custom work with cost of ownership.

A form has been worked out by OSC to help farmers figure which machinery they should own, and which is cheaper to hire.

In some cases, farmers may find it economical to sell machines they already have and make other arrangements for getting the work done, note Emery Castle, OSC agricultural economist and Frank Conklin, extension farm management specialist. In a Jefferson county study, they found at least one-third of farm operators who owned certain farm machines were over-invested.

A circular which contains the fill-it-out-yourself form is free on request to Oregon residents. Copies are available from local agents or from OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis. Ask for "Farm Machinery Own or Hire."

With charts and examples, the circular explains how farmers can figure for themselves whether to buy, rent, share with someone else, or hire the work done.

IFYE Youth Will Tell of Life In Italy As It Appeared To American Student

Sherman County residents will have an opportunity to see and hear an account of an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Italy, reports Janet D. Olsen, county agent. Ron Anderegg, from Vernonia in Columbia County, will be speaking to schools, the Harlandview Grange, and the 4-H Leaders Assn. on Feb. 20 and 21 when he visits Sherman County.

Ron spent four months living with Italian farm families of various income levels. Before going overseas, Ron was an art student at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. He felt his art ability helped him overcome language barriers for "visual art is an international language . . ."

Ron spent some time with 4H workers, similar to 4-H clubs, seeing firsthand government land reform programs. These included the break-up of larger estates for redistribution among landless peasants.

Ron was a 4-H member for 10 years with dairy projects and junior leadership. Since 1951, 34 youth from Oregon have taken part in the IFYE program.

Schedule for talks in Sherman County is as follows: Sherman

RON ANDEREGG

High School Monday, Feb. 20 at 9:00 a. m. Also Monday the 20th he will be at the Moro Grade School at 10:45, Kent Grade School 1:30 p. m. and Harlandview Grange at 8:00p. m. Tuesday Feb. 21, he will speak to the Wasco Grade School at 9:15 a. m., Rufus Grade School at 10:45, a. m. Grass Valley Grade School at 1:30 p. m. and 4-H Leaders at 8 p. m.

Boat Club Elects Harold Eakin New Commodore

Harold Eakin was elected commodore of the Sherman Boat Club at its meeting at the court house Wednesday night of last week. Irving Hart was chosen vice commander and Connie Cushman, secretary. Members of the board are Curly DeMoss, chairman of program and attendance; Frank Reid, chairman of membership; Les Gray, chairman of water safety and Stan Coelsch past commodore.

Winners of the pennant contest received their awards with first prize going to Sheryl Gordh, second to Kay Higley and third to Doug Reid. The club officially thanked all entrants.

Committees reported on activities. Curly DeMoss talked about buying pennants, Frank Reid on Oregon boating laws and legislation and also introduced Cotton Light of Jensen's Marina and Tom Watkins of Mark's Marina who showed two films about boating.

The secretary is accepting membership fees of $10 for 1961 which will include a club pennant and membership card.

Rufus Grange Has Social Evening

The Rufus Grange held another card party at their hall on Saturday night with eight tables playing pinochle. The high score winners were Roy Gayman and Mrs. Bert Swigart, while low prizes were awarded to Clyde Thompson and Mrs. Ann Kraut. The next card party will be Feb. 25 at 8 p. m. The women of the Grange served refreshments.

The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have their birthday dinner at the little Legion hall in Wasco on March 19 at 1:15 p. m. This will be a pot luck dinner.

The Home Ec. unit will meet Feb. 23 with Mrs. George Fox. Cohostesses will be Mrs. Mabel Thornburg and Mrs. Joe Morris.

Fred Harrison has sold his house in Rufus and he and Mrs. Harrison have bought a home in the Redmond area together with 80 acres of land which will keep them busy.

Mrs. Lee Welch who spent several weeks visiting her folks in the Los Angeles area is in Rufus again where her husband works in construction.

Oregon Receives More Interest On Investments

State Treasurer Howard C. Belton today advised the Department of Finance and Administration and Joint Ways and Means Committee that interest earnings to the General Fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1961 will exceed $8,500,000. Belton stated that this is a quarter of a million more than was shown in the biennial budget submitted to the legislature and $5,000,000 more than estimated two years ago.

February Already One of Wettest On Station Book

by Bill Hall

Rain has been making news through out Oregon this past week. Sherman County is no exception. The storm from Wednesday morning to Saturday night brought a total of 2.12 inches of rain measured at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station. This may seem small compared to the 5 and 6 inch totals received in the Willamette Valley, but for Sherman County it constitutes a near record rainfall for February.

Total rainfall for February thus far is 3.00 inches, the second wettest February since records were started in 1910. The wettest was in 1940 when 3.38 inches fell. With this early start, we may still set a record this year.

The recent storm brought 1.14 inches rain on Friday. Rainfall of over an inch in a 24-hour period does not occur often in Sherman County. The last previous occurrence was on June 10, 1956 when 1,21 inches fell. Records show that over an inch in 24 hours has been experienced at this station only 17 times since 1910. Two of them occurred in September of 1911 on the 5th and 9th. Someone may recall if there was any erosion or not with these two heavy rainfalls within a week.

The greatest amount to fall in a 24-hour period was 2.25 inches on November 20, 1921. This came as 12 inches of snow. D. E. Stephens in the annual report of the station notes that in the spring the stubble was wet to a depth of over 5 feet instead of the usual 3 feet.

Total rainfall for the crop year since September 1 is now 8.14 inches. This is 1.30 inches above normal rainfall to the first of March. We have overcome the deficit existing on the first of February, but it is impossible to know how much went into the soil and how much was lost through run off.

Many Farmers Spend Dividends from FLBA

Three hundred fifty farmers and ranchers in this area are sharing in dividends declared by two farm credit institutions in The Dalles.

Stockholder-members of the Federal Land Bank Association of The Dalles and "A" stockholders of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association will receive checks totaling $5,709.45, representing earnings on their capital stock investment in the association, J. Merton Stein, manager, announced this week.

Stein said the land bank association's dividend was made possible by a 4 percent, $465,728 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, for which The Dalles association makes and services loans. The local association and 62 similar FLBA's in the four northwest states own all of the bank's $11,643,200 of capital stock. The bank has paid $4,393,113 in dividends since 1944.

The dividend to be paid PCA "A" stockholders represents a return on stock which former borrowers and others have left with the association as an investment, which helps materially in capitalizing the association. Without a dividend they would receive no further benefit; therefore, the Board of Directors felt that they were entitled to a 3 percent dividend on this money.

GRANGE NEWS

by Laura Sather

Our next Grange meeting will be a social meeting preceded by our usual potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by a short meeting. Our lecturer and her helpers have planned an interesting evening.

Harlandview Grange wishes to invite the public to our social night Feb. 20 at 8:30 p. m. Our guest speaker will be Ron Anderess an exchange student. This will be a worthwhile meeting.

Our Grange will exemplify the 1st and 2nd degree to several candidates at our first meeting in March at Harlandview hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather attended Pomona Grange at Rufus Saturday. Very good dinner and program in spite of bad roads.