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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

A plan to equalize basketball players by raising the basket is wrong. Let them lower it a few feet.

TTWN

The insulations being put on the Bonneville Power line from DeMoss to Fossil are said to be made in Japan. Is there unemployment in Japan?

TTWN

Wonder what the president means by "growth". Do we have to eat more, wear more clothes, buy more cars? Is he going to take more in taxes to speed up industry to make more stuff we wouldn't buy with our own money? Or is it just a word to use?

TTWN

This peace corps will insure a continuous flow of "ugly Americans" overseas or at least a flock of amateur meddlers.

TTWN

"Windy" eastern Oregon had a quiet little snow storm Sunday while the wind was blowing down trees across the mountains.

TTWN

Concern is expressed over disagreement in the supreme court. We agree to feel concern when there is no disagreement.

TTWN

So, we read that thousands of young people are going to be educated by the government. It isn't true. Everyone who is educated does it himself. It is a do-it-yourself job.

TTWN

We noted an ad for a newspaper man who should be fast, dynamic, dependable, accurate, imaginative, ingenious, learned, friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind and it made us feel a lot better.

TTWN

All the theorists who have been gathered together in Washington, D. C., should be able to produce a lot of theory and we suspect the nation will recognize it for that.

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Gene Fullmer got the credit for a win over Sugar Ray Robinson, but Uncle Sam was the real winner.

TTWN

If officials knew enough to let that man alone who likes to roam the wilds of Douglas county they'd save themselves trouble.

TTWN

It must be a terrible job nowadays to try to teach children economy and honesty and the value of paying debts when governments pay no attention to any of them.

TTWN

One nice thing about the peace corps is that it will take a lot of do-gooders out the country for awhile.

TTWN

Legislators are nervous over scurrilous letters some receive. Some writers can do a marvelous job removing legislative hide.

TTWN

Funny world when the U. S. senate will easily confirm a negro and oppose a segregationist. It must be spring. College students publish questionable stuff, kids run and shout and we've noted an urge to wash the office windows.

TTWN

The people do not vote taxes unless for some known good. If politicians did not vote away the people's money the people would have more.

TTWN

The theory grows that if a man can't live on his wages he ought to have more instead of the theory that if a man can't earn what he is getting he'd ought to have less. Communist doctrine is "to each according to his needs, from each according to his ability." Close.

TTWN

The house taxation committee prepared a bill to eliminate all exemptions from the income tax and before it was sent to the house for a vote it was amended to put some exemptions in. Is that funny?

School Band Will Give Concert

A free Pops type concert, something that is different for Sherman Hi music department, is in store for the parents and students March 10, at 8 p. m. at the high school cafeteria.

Dixie-land band, girls chorus, mixed chorus and special ensembles are some of the things that will be featured.

Everyone is invited.

Bob Davis Elected Republican Head

Robert G. Davis, 36, of Grants Pass is the nominee for the position of Republican state chairman selected by a committee of which Irving Hart, Sherman county chairman, was a member. Mr. Davis is a former circuit judge in Douglas county before resigning to become manager of a corporation that owns a plywood plant. His political experience includes the job of running the successful campaign of Eddie Durno last fall in which he was elected congressman from the fourth district.

Don Lewis Rewarded

Don Lewis of The Dalles will receive one of the pens used last Tuesday by Governor Mark O. Hatfield in signing HB 1011, as a token of appreciation for Mr. Lewis's service to the cause of higher education. Mr. Lewis is chairman of the Colleges for Oregon's Future committee in Wasco and Sherman counties, and was leader of the campaign there to pass the higher education bonding measure on the ballot last November.

4-H Club Week Noted

"Learn, Live, Serve through 4-H" is the theme of National 4-H Club Week, March 4-11. This week is set aside to salute 4-H members and their adult leaders over the United States, states Thomas W. Thompson, county agent.

"To make the best better" sets the standard for the many projects carried out by the 4-H club members. In Oregon over 33,000 youngsters, and 250 in Sherman County, active in the 4-H program, are growing in citizenship by learning to accept responsibility and offer services to others.

The adult volunteer 4-H leader is the key to the 4-H program. Forty-five adult leaders and many friends aid in conducting the local program. Special thanks goes to these leaders for their efforts and planning in the 4-H club activity, states the county agent.

Members in 4-H clubs carry on varied projects according to individual interests and needs to fit their farm, home, community, and family situation. They learn the "whys" as well as the "hows" of what they do.

Character development and good citizenship are the most significant goals. Every member pledges in line with the four H's. "My head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

Power Companies Merge

The Pacific Power & Light Company, Portland, and the California Oregon Power Company, Medford, have filed a formal application seeking authority to merge, Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill, announced today.

The merger in which Pacific will be the surviving corporation, was approved by the stockholders a few weeks ago, Hill said, adding that the case would be given a date for public hearing.

Hill said, "Negotiations are now underway to secure expert outside consultants who will testify in behalf of the public at the hearing."

Under the terms of the merger agreement Pacific will succeed to all rights and properties held to Copco and will assume responsibility for \$74,000,000 in First Mortgage Bonds and \$9,000,000 in unsecured promissory notes.

The agreement also calls for one to one exchange of preferred stock and a 12 shares of PP&L common stock for each share of Copco common stock.



Summer is not far off and already Oregon's crippled children and young adults are thinking of sessions at Camp Easter Seal on the Oregon Coast, the state's only summer camp especially designed for the physically handicapped. Bruce Whitaker, camp director, is shown in a typical camp activity, teaching a youngster from Eugene how to play croquet.

Moro TV Club Levies Assessment

The Moro TV club met Wednesday night at the court house and voted to approve the action of the budget committee of Jack Cushman, G. Douma and Clyde Gillmor which asked for a special levy of \$16 on each of the more than 80 members who are on the cable. With this money it is planned to improve the picture from the channels now received and to pay the North Sherman TV Co. the requested \$1.50 per channel per person per year asked.

Farmers Tell About Feed Grain Intent

Farmers came into town this week to tell the ASC committee how much feed grain they would raise this year. Such a bit of information has been off again, on again for ten days or more with the government trying to decide whether to include oats and barley with corn and sorghum in the feed grain program. Now the information has been gathered. This administration is trying to reduce the cost of storing the billions of bushels of feed grain, just as did the last one. The plan being considered may not do that or it may.

Bank Debts Drop In Mid-Columbia

Bank debts for the upper Columbia River including Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler counties dropped by 7.5 per cent in January 1961, as compared to December 1960, and dropped by 2.4 per cent a year ago.

Debits for January 1961, totaled \$30,127,630; for December 1960, the total was \$32,587,415; and for January 1960, the total amounted to \$30,856,357.

Oregon with 221 banks reporting, had a decrease in bank debts in January 1961, of 10.0 per cent compared with December 1960, and a decrease of 6.3 per cent from January 1960. Total debts for Oregon in January 1961, came to \$1,956,322,712; December 1960, totaled \$2,172,795,540; and January, a year ago, reached \$2,086,971,359.

Traffic Deaths Down In February

Twenty-five Oregon traffic deaths in February, one less than February 1960, ran the official state total for the year to 61. More than a third of those killed last month were 60 or older.

These figures were released today by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles which pointed out that 10 of the fatalities were residents of Portland or Salem. The others hailed from 15 communities around the state.

Among driving errors listed on police reports of the fatal accidents were running a stop sign, non-attention to driving, violation of the basic rule and jaywalking. Seven pedestrians were killed in February.

Sale of Equipment Not Exciting

A fair sized crowd, consisting mostly of farmers, gathered at the fair grounds Tuesday to watch a sale of farm machinery and household equipment, cars, trucks, and other assorted used machinery. Watch is what most of them did although some items caused spirited bidding.

Generally the equipment offered did not appeal to the people present and a good part of it was returned to consignors who had put a minimum price on it for the sale.

But it was a sale and it brought out a good crowd who were curious about prices and speculative about what they could do with the goods offered.

Veterans Making Loans Again

The Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans to 1079 veterans in February in the amount of \$11,892,950, for the highest month in the department's history. H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today. This was more than half the loans granted all last year, when 2185 veterans borrowed \$22,989,150 during the department's short-money period.

Most of last month's loans were granted after February 21, when the department received the proceeds of a \$30,000,000 bond sale held in January. The month's activity eliminated the backlog of those applicants who had been waiting for loan funds. The current list of 1452 applications on file on January 31 will be closed as fast as the veterans are ready for their loan funds, or at the rate of about \$1,000,000 a week.

The department's increased loan activity is the result of passage by the voters last November of the war veterans' bonding and loan amendment, which makes another \$135,000,000 available for veterans' loans.

Dividends Always Taxable By Feds

Dividends received by taxpayers during 1960 must be reported on Federal income tax returns, A. G. Erickson, district director of the Internal Revenue service for the State of Oregon, said today.

He explained: "If you own stock in a corporation, the payments you receive out of the company's earnings and profits are called dividends and must be reported in your tax return."

"You must report those dividends credited to your account as well as those which you actually receive."

"You also must report the dividends on your stock which is held in the name of your broker."

"Your distributable share of dividends from partnership, estates and trusts must also be reported."

Hearing on Rate Reduction Set For April 18

Five Northwest railroads filed written arguments with the Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday maintaining that their freight rate reductions on grain traffic made last fall were vital to the region's economy.

The ICC will hold a meeting on the grain rate battle in Portland April 18 for rebuttal testimony and cross examination, with unregulated truck and barge interests on one side and the railroads and wheat growers on the other.

The rate cuts which the railroads estimated would save Northwest growers \$7,000,000 a year in freight costs, were permitted to go into effect last September 30 by the ICC pending an investigation.

Ford K. Edwards, transportation consultant and economist of Washington, D. C., pointed out in his statement that grain accounts for 19 per cent of the railroad tonnage in the Northwest and is second only to lumber.

With rigid fixed costs for taxes and maintenance, Edwards contended that volume railroad grain traffic is necessary for the continued operation of branch line trackage where nearly all the grain traffic originates.

His statistical tables showed that barge and truck lines, free to cut below railroad rates at any time, have expanded from hauling 24 per cent of the grain in 1955 to a high of nearly 48 per cent during the first half of 1960.

Dean Eastman, Northern Pacific vice-president, and Carl W. Evers, Union Pacific traffic manager, argued that if this "alarming diversion" of grain traffic is continued the railroads undoubtedly will be forced to abandon many branch lines and agencies. They pointed out that railroads have a large investment in the Northwest in facilities and industrial development. In the event of such abandonment, loss of payroll and taxes to local communities could be substantial.

Frank P. Aughnagay, manager of Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association, an organization of growers, millers and processors, said the freight rate savings made by the grain growers "will be of benefit to the economy of the Pacific Northwest."

Aughnagay said that other farmers in eastern Oregon and Washington depend on railroad branch lines to a large extent to move their products to market.

Great Northern, Milwaukee Road, Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroads and 13 other organizations made up of grain growers, processors and dealers also filed statements on behalf of the rate reduction.

Truck and barge line operators have until April 3 to file their arguments with the ICC.

Man From Afghan To Speak Monday

Rev. Jack Ringer, founder and director of the Afghan Border Crusade, will speak in the Grass Valley Baptist church Monday night March 13 at 7:30.

The Crusade is an interdenominational and international Missionary Fellowship and Faith Mission seeking to evangelize the Pathans of the Northwest Frontier of West Pakistan. It also endeavors to reach the Afghans and tribespeople who cross the border from Afghanistan where to preach Christ is forbidden.

Rev. Ringer has committed himself to reach the STILL FAST CLOSED MUZLIM land of Afghanistan, where no missionaries are permitted to work, forbidden by Muzlim law, under penalty of death, to preach Christ within its borders.

His commitment to this purpose significantly marks him out to be the unique and outstanding leader he is, respected by the nationals of Pakistan; held in high esteem by all who know him including missionaries of other societies to whom he lends himself and his wide experience as they work together on the North West Frontier of India.

Rev. Ringer is a man of stature; standing over six feet in height, weighing 200 pounds; speaks English, Urdu, and Pushto, and has been on the mission field for twenty-one years.

Women Talk About Community Hall Location at Meeting

The members of the Moro Woman's Club gathered at the attractive home of Mrs. R. N. Olsen March 2. The hostess served dessert at 1:30 to the ladies who had braved the snow flurries to make the trip.

Mrs. Roy Beishee presided at the business meeting. Regarding the community hall project, the members expressed themselves as interested in any location in, or near, the Moro City Park for the building.

A free-will offering was taken to be sent to CARE specifically to help the people of the Latin-American countries.

Plans were made to present a scholarship to a graduating senior from Sherman High School. The program was given by Mrs. A. Douma, education chairman for the club. Her topic was "The Netherlands". She gave a most interesting coverage of the courageous little nation - its history, people, business, social life, commerce. She showed a few colored slides taken while she and Mr. Douma visited there recently, also showing articles brought home from Holland.

The spring convention of the Fourth District, OFWC, will take place in Milton-Freewater on March 24. All club members are invited to attend.

More Fertilizer Sold Last Year

Fertilizer tonnage sold in Oregon in 1960 topped the total sold in 1959 and was the highest in the last 9 years, according to report from the State Department of Agriculture.

Compilations made from inspection fee reports show a total sale of 197,250 tons in 1960 as compared to 186,194 in 1959. Sale of agricultural minerals was also ahead in 1960, at 14,547 tons sold compared to 9,538 for 1959. However, sale of agricultural limes went way down with a report of 48,557 tons sold last year and 81,595 the previous year.

Sales for 1960 hit their peak for fertilizer in the second quarter of the year when almost half of the total tonnage was sold. Sale of minerals hit its peak in the first quarter when half the total tonnage was sold.

During the final quarter from October to December, totals included 18,584 tons of fertilizer, 1,616 tons of agricultural minerals and 8,137 tons of lime.

City Traffic Grows Faster Than Rural

Urban traffic on Oregon highways during 1960 increased 4.1 per cent over 1959 totals and rural traffic was up 1.5 per cent, according to figures compiled from the state highway department's traffic recorders at some 85 locations throughout the state.

Marked rural increases were recorded on routes US 99, US 101, and on US 30 west of the Boardman junction. Notable urban changes were the 5,000 car daily increase on Portland's Banfield Freeway and a 5,000 car daily decrease across the new Interstate Bridge between Portland and Vancouver.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 346 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs were steady to strong at \$18.70 to \$19.70. No. 3's and heavy and lighter weights sold down to \$16.50. Sows were in good demand at \$15.00 to \$16.00. Feeder hogs brought \$16.00 to \$18.00 a cwt. and weaner pigs \$10.00 to \$15.50 a head.

Medium to good stocker steers under 400 lbs. brought \$27.50 to \$28.75. Good 450 to 550 lb. stocker steers brought \$25.00 to \$26.75. With one choice lot 485 lbs. at \$28.50 a cwt. Good and choice 600 to 700 lb. steers sold at \$24.75 to \$26.50 with one choice lot, 603 lbs. at \$27.50. Good 700 to 800 lb. steers sold at \$23.50 to \$25.00 with medium and common grades down to \$21.50.

Good, 400 to 500 lb. heifers sold at \$22.50 to \$24.75 with one lot 490 lbs. at \$24.10. Medium to lot 490 lbs. sold down to \$18.00 and light dairy breeds \$16.00.

Good beef breed baby calves sold up to \$40.00. Holsteins \$17.00 to \$25.00 and light dairy breeds down to \$6.00 by the head.

Time of Absence Of News Comes With Plowing

We are now entering a period of time peculiar to Sherman County and similar agricultural areas when nothing happens—farmers are going into the plowing season and that is what they will think about and that is what their wives had better think about because that is what is going on.

Concern about field work is probably growing less intense as farmers change practices. It is perfectly safe to let a tractor stand idle a day or two if the weather is bad or there is something else to do; it wasn't safe when teams were used.

The habit started in the old days when a man kept just enough feed to get his work done and in such circumstances he didn't stop for bad weather. He kept his mind strictly on his business. It is much the same yet; nothing will happen for about a month.

Really, a lot will be going on. The county will be getting ready for another crop, preparing the ground for it, fertilizing for the growing crop, doing all the seasonal things that go to produce wheat. And the production of wheat is what this county does best, would do exclusively were it not for government meddling, and the thing for which it has established a reputation.

So while nothing will be going on, of a public nature there will be plenty a doing of an agricultural nature.

Max Barzee New Legion Adjutant

Max Barzee was elected adjutant of Chris Schultz post, American Legion at a meeting held Wednesday night to serve the remainder of the year and B. H. Roberson, Ted Thompson and Don King were appointed as a committee to meet with the Woman's club to decide what shall be done about a community building.

Rebekahs Give Play

The play "Grandma's last Chance" presented by members of the Rebekah lodge in the grade school auditorium Saturday night was well attended. It started with a night-club band by six city girls including Leah, played by Joan Peters, Helen by Juanita McClain, Cora by Elaine Alley, Jane by Barbara Cantrall, Gracie by Joan Kock and Sue by Lynn Schmidt, under the chaffing of Sue, had been stranded in a country farm house somewhere between Chicago and Omaha, without means of transportation or funds. They were honest girls with the exception of not-too-bright Gracie and always left a piece of jewelry to guarantee payment when the Omaha return should come in.

They were in luck kind Helga Hansen, played by Georgia Stradley, her city-loving 70-year old mother, Granny Hansen, played by Josephine Parkhurst, and her daughter, Anna Hansen played by Helen Bayer, made them welcome indefinitely. Jane in trying to elope accidentally ran over the Hansen's mortgage paying pig. Gracie ran away with Anna's only visible marriage hope and Glady's Vernon, the band's booking agent, played by Ruby Brinkert, arrived with the news the Omaha engagement was canceled. And there was worse to come! A crowd-shooting noney neighbor, Jennie Shoemaker, played by Ethel Sargent, nearly shot Cora by mistake; a sheriff was on their trail for their unpaid bills, the end seemed reached.

Then a wonderful discovery was made of the comedy talent of Lucy Shoemaker, played by Blanche Riggs and of Granny's fiddling skill, which Anna's mail-order marriage left her free to indulge. The "sophisticated" city-slicker band recruited two new members to fill the vacancies and became a knock-out hill-billy outfit renewed Omaha billing-AND Granny's lifetime city-longing was assured.

Between acts little Helen Bayer sang two Hawaiian numbers, and the primary singing group sang two numbers, and Mrs. Orville Ruggles played the piano. The play was directed by Mrs. Bill Bowden and Mrs. Ed Sullivan who were presented with gifts by Norma Ketter.