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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

This administration would like to stop the income tax deduction for dividends which was made to encourage the savers. As hard as it is to save in these days a little encouragement might be retained.

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Other signs of spring notwithstanding the frogs just began to croak this week.

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At the annual meeting of the Pendleton Grain Growers the main prize was tickets to the Round-Up. Pendleton is so proud of itself that it makes others proud as well. It is one Oregon community still able to carry on a community effort without asking or receiving government help and you'd ought to take off your hat when you go through the place.

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For one who feels that there is no need for federal aid to education the argument over whether to include private schools as well as public has little meaning. But we are certain it will do much to give the nation another cause for disruption that it does not need.

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A newspaper says the Kennedy cabinet is working hard. That's good, hope its for the right things.

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To those folks who think there's nothing to the Fourth of July but firecrackers we suggest a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

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A newspaper has a headline that says a certain editor gives his community a voice. Every editor does. That's what he is for.

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Good Lord. Now they're talking about a boom. Can't we have something in between boom and bust?

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Mr. Kennedy took care of Mr. Eisenhower's surplus pretty quick. Now he is after ours.

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Somehow this Laos crisis seems a paper battle.

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Two sparrows fought a battle to the finish on the main street Wednesday paying no attention to the watchers. Which won we couldn't tell; they had on the same colored tights.

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Some young folks think getting into a college is about as hard as staying after they get there.

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The more bills the legislature defeats the better it looks. It's the bills you vote for that get you in trouble.

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They are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Astoria by John Jacob Astor who was beaten out by a bunch of Scotchmen. We hope the Astor who is coming from London will like the country.

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Sometime ago we suggested that government arrange it so that no one would have to work, grow no crops, make no machinery. How would we live? On unemployment comp. of course. We still like the idea. Some one has an idea that could amend ours. Folks, he says, will use their leisure to work at something they like until eventually they will produce so much in leisure time there will be no need of working during work time.

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Criticism of the John Birch society is on methods. Almost no one is for the things the society is against. Its principal target is communism which everyone is against even those who are enjoying the results of communistic practices. It could be against taxes and get almost as much as sent.

TTWN

Youth cannot vote, says the Oregon legislature, neither can they buy liquor without an identification card. There's other things.

About New Feed Grain Regulation, For Barley

Most Oregon farmers will qualify automatically for price supports on their 1961 barley, oats, and rye under the new emergency feed grain act just passed by Congress. But there's one big exception, reports Jeans Terjeson, Pendleton, chairman of the Oregon State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

Farmers who grew any amount of corn or grain sorghum in 1959 or 1960, or who plan to grow corn or grain sorghum in 1961, are the exception, Terjeson said. These farmers will have to meet acreage reduction provisions of the new act to be eligible for price supports on their 1961 feed grain crops.

Farmers who grew or will grow corn for silage or green fodder are affected as much by the new act as those who produce corn for grain.

It now appears that farmers who didn't grow corn or grain sorghum the past two years, and don't grow these crops this year, can plant and harvest as much feed grain as they like and still take part in price supports. Terjeson emphasized.

Detailed information on how the new program will affect corn and grain sorghum growers in Oregon will be available soon. Farmers who have questions should contact their county ASC office, or county extension agent.

The emergency feed grain program was set up to enable the government to make some headway this year toward stemming the flow of feed grains, and give time to develop more satisfactory permanent farm legislation, according to U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

The new program is also aimed at stabilizing feed grain supplies so homemakers can be assured of fair and stable prices for meat, poultry and dairy products, Freeman said. It is also hoped the program will ultimately reduce feed grain program costs to taxpayers by about \$500 million.



Joyce Vaughn of Pacific Telephone Northwest tests the musical tones of the newly introduced Bell Chime. A switch on the chime allows a choice of three different signals for incoming calls: chimes, soft bell, or loud bell.

Interest Rate Drops On Land Bank Loans

The interest rate on new land bank loans has been reduced to 5 1/2 percent, J. Merton Stein, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of The Dalles, reported this week. The reduction became effective April 1.

Stein said that borrowers with 6 percent loans already on the books of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane also will benefit from the reduction. The bank, for which The Dalles association makes and services loans, is advising its 6 percent borrowers that, until further notice, the 5 1/2 percent rate will be applied to their loans commencing April 1. "This voluntary interest rate reduction on outstanding loans represents an interesting savings at the rate of \$325,000 annually to 4,500 farmers and ranchers with 6 percent loans in Idaho, Mon-

ter, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, the territory served by the Spokane bank," said Stein.

Health Advisers Meet

The Sherman County Health Advisory Council met Wednesday at Beefe's for lunch and business. Dr. Berg, Miss Jane Ruff and the county court were present. Mrs. Lester Wilson presided.

Dr. Berg stated that health examinations for pre-school and 8th grade children will be held in May at the various grade schools. The matter of civil defense for the county was discussed. More definite plans will be made at the May meeting.

Favorable reports were heard concerning the first-aid classes given at Kent grade school by Miss Ruff. The same class will be given soon at Grass Valley and Moro grade schools. Request for this course must come from the grade school principal.

March Ends With Two Inches of Rain

March finally brought an even two inches of rainfall and ended the fourth wettest March since record keeping began, a long way from the 3.33 of 1957. Normal for March is .98. March also brought the heaviest snow of the winter, a total of three inches.

The crop year total at the end of March was 10.43 and that is 1.40 above the normal. Testing for soil moisture has been going on and the top soil contains as much as 17 percent moisture and the stubble is wet as the crop land usually is.

The highest temperature was 64 degrees on the 29th and the lowest was 27 on the 4th, a narrower range than usual for March usually has 66 degrees and 20 degrees. But the monthly mean was 43.1 and that is 1.5 warmer than normal. The wind averaged but 4 miles an hour.

Republicans Rally

Republicans Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hart, county chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Giles French and Mrs. Collis Moore drove to Hood River Saturday night to attend an award dinner honoring precinct committee men and women of three counties held at Wy'east High School. The new state chairman, Bob Davis, spoke saying that each Republican should preach the philosophy of the party every day and at every opportunity. Retired chairman Peter Gunnar reported on recent history of the party in Oregon.

Boat License Due

The new 1961 annual boat license, which is orange colored, is commencing to appear on boats throughout the state. The State Marine Board reports that since the first of this year 10,000 licenses have been issued. The board expects to issue 35,000 more licenses before the boating season gets under way.

Application forms were mailed to boat owners with their last year's licenses. License fees are \$3.00 for boats 12 feet in length but less than 16 feet; \$5.00 for boats 20 feet in length plus \$1.00 per foot for each additional foot or fraction of a foot.

Mrs. James Woods Buried Saturday

Mrs. James Woods died at the family home in Portland last week and was buried Saturday from the Little Chapel of the Chimes with interment in Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods had just flown in from a trip south and had gone to bed early. In the morning his sister, Julia, called and wanted to talk to Mrs. Woods and Jim couldn't awaken her. She had died in her sleep. Surviving are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Jean Stone and one grand daughter, Sylvia.

FARM VALUES STOP CLIMB

Farmland values in Oregon leveled off last fall, ending the steady upward climb of the past five years, reports Mrs. Horrell, extension agricultural economist.

In November, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) placed the index on Oregon's farmlands, with improvements, at 160 percent of the 1947-49 average. Mrs. Horrell said. This was the same as the July 1960 index, but nearly 3 percent above November 1959.

During the last half of 1960, farmland values in 41 states either held practically unchanged or rose just a little. Decreases of 2 percent or more showed up in the other nine states, mostly in the central part of the country.

Land-value reporters generally agreed that the market for farmland was weaker last fall than a year earlier, the ARS report noted. Fewer farms changed hands, demand was slower, and prospective buyers seemed more inclined to resist prices being asked.

The ARS attributed the general leveling of farmland values to a readjustment in the usual relationship between farmland values and farm income. In Oregon, Mrs. Horrell noted that farmland value per acre increased nearly 60 percent from 1950 to 1959, while taxes levied on farm real estate rose 40 percent and realized net income from farming dropped 15 percent.

Rod & Gun Club's Annual Meeting Billed For April 12

The Sherman County Rod and Gun club will hold its annual meeting at the court room in the court house at 8:00 p. m. the evening of Wednesday, April 12.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and discuss the condition of the fishing road and the damage done by high water last winter when some cabins were washed away. Other pertinent matters affecting club business will also be discussed.

Volleyball Teams To Show Abilities

The local women's volleyball team played The Dalles team at the Civic Auditorium in The Dalles Monday evening. The Moro team won the set with scores of 21-13, 21-7 and 21-17.

These two teams along with Goldendale and Lyle will play in the Jamboree next Wednesday evening, April 12, at 7:30 p. m., at the Sherman High School gym.

The Jamboree sponsored by the Moro Fire Department is to raise funds for the Little League baseball team. Admission is by donation or tickets are available from Little League players or Moro Firemen.

PP&L Gains In Past Year

Customers of Pacific Power & Light Company continued during 1960 to increase the amounts of electricity they used in their homes, farms and businesses, according to the annual report issued to stockholders Wednesday covering the firm's 50th anniversary year.

Use of electricity in the homes of 234,479 residential customers reached a new high level at an average total of 8,198 kilowatt-hours an increase of 425 kilowatt-hours over the annual household use the year previous.

The amount of the residential increase is more than double the average annual sales to homes served in 1910, the year the company was founded, according to the local district manager for the company, A. M. Thrasher.

All residential, rural, commercial and industrial customers in PP&L's service areas in five Northwest states used 4,773,258,000 kilowatt-hours, an increase of eight per cent over the prior year. PP&L gained 2,336 such customers in 1960.

'Boardman Deal OK'

"Legislative approval of the Boeing deal for the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park of 100,000 acres will be a good thing for Morrow County," said Representative Frank M. Weatherford of Olex.

Both houses of the Legislature have now approved two bills—one to enable the state to sign the Boeing lease and the other to provide a \$900,000 appropriation, \$400,000 would be spent to move the bombing range south into Lake County by an exchange of lands. Another \$400,000 would be given to the Navy to compensate for the difference in values between the two sites, and \$100,000 would be spent for appraisals, engineering studies and the like. It is hoped that the lease might be signed by next December.

Representative Weatherford said that the action of the Legislature, taken after consultation with Boeing officials and local people, will assure slow and orderly development of the area. It is expected that Boeing will use the industrial park for development of the Dynosaur and Bomarc missiles, and that initially crews of 125 to 200 men will be continuously employed, commuting to the launching pads from Umatilla and Boardman. Ultimately Boeing may employ as many as 2000 persons at the Boardman project.

Arrangements with Boeing will permit the company to sublease part of the area to auxiliary manufacturers of defense materials or other defense work under federal contracts.

Boeing will pay the state a rental of \$60,000 per annum for the land, with the 80-year lease to be renegotiated every ten years. Property taxes payable to the county will come out of the rental money.

Write About Wheat; Win A Prize From OWG

The Oregon Wheat Growers League has announced its second annual writing competition for Oregon high school students, with four cash prizes again planned for top winners.

The contest will be open to students in grades 9 through 12. The article, limited to a maximum of 1,500 words, must be written either on "Advantages of Wheat in the Everyday Diet" or "Production and Marketing of Oregon Wheat," according to Ron Rev, OWGL president.

Awards of merit will be given to the top 25 contestants. The state winner will be the guest of the OWGL at its annual state meeting Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Pendleton. Winning articles will also be published.

Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg is in charge of the project for Sherman County.

Cherry Growers Boosting Industry

The Dalles-The Cherry Industry, which brings to this area an annual gross income of \$3 million will be saluted here Sunday.

The Cherry Sweetheart dinner Sunday afternoon officially opens the second annual Cherry Festival, April 9-June 17.

The cherry industry in Wasco County represents approximately 20 percent of the nation's total cherry production.

Sponsored by the Chenoweth Grange, the public dinner will be served at The Dalles Junior High from 1 to 2:30 p. m. and from 4 to 5 p. m. Sunday.

The Cherry Sweetheart coronation is scheduled for 3 p. m. Last year's sweetheart, Sharon Parman of Maupin, will be present for the ceremony. Candidates for 1961 Cherry Sweetheart are Judy Miner, The Dalles; Addie Lou Root, Mosier; Donna Lee Miller, Dufur; and Linda Lou Morris, Maupin.

Grass Valley Dogs Must Be Vaccinated

Dr. Milton Skov will be in Grass Valley, April 13 to vaccinate pets and dog owners of Grass Valley are required to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies, states Mrs. Don Smith, acting recorder. Cost will be \$3.50 for large dogs and this vaccination is permanent; for small dogs and cats the cost will be \$2.50 and will last one year.

Pets will be vaccinated at the city fire hall between the hours of one to five.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 241 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs again followed the downturn in price and sold at \$17.50 to \$18.40 a cwt. Feeder hogs around 75 lbs. brought \$19.00 a head and weaners \$12.50.

Good 450 to 550 lb. feeder steers brought \$23.50 to \$26.85 with light steer calves up to \$28.00. Common steers 500 to 700 lbs. \$20.00 to \$23.00. Holsteins, 400 to 500 lbs. \$19.00 to \$22.00 and around 300 lbs. to \$26.00 a cwt. Several fed steers grading good sold at \$23.50 to \$24.10.

Several lots of cows with calves at sides sold at \$172.50 on light crossbreeds to \$227.50 on young whiteface cows with calves at sides. Stock cows brought \$167.50 to \$185.00 a head.

W. A. Spencers Wed 50 Years Sunday

Fifty years of married life will be celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spencer Sunday, April 9 at an open house from 2 to 5 p. m. in the community room of the civic auditorium in The Dalles.

Hostesses for the golden wedding observance will be the Spencer's daughter in law, Mrs. Arthur Spencer and their daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Shamp, Mrs. Gene Miles, Mrs. Idabell McNutt and Mrs. Ruth Baker.

Mrs. Elva Dehler will have charge of the money tree.

The Spencers moved to Sherman County in 1915, where Mr. Spencer operated a barber shop for 26 years. In 1941 they moved to The Dalles where they have resided ever since.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert had as guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Otis Grey and family of Garden Grove, Calif. She is a niece of Mrs. Brinkert. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Alley.

The Grass Valley Home Extension unit will meet Tuesday evening April 11 at the Baptist church at 8 p. m. Janet Olsen, home extension agent, will give the lesson on "Care and Uses of Small Appliances."

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty and son of Moro and Sheri Rolfe were dinner guests Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins of Portland came Friday and spent Easter weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family. Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel and family had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pausch of Bend spent Saturday afternoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pausch. Bill Pausch spent several days in a hospital in The Dalles last week with a slight concussion and a cut on his nose that required several stitches. He had been treating wheat and was overcome by the fumes and fell causing the accident. Mrs. Alfred Kock took Mr. and Mrs. Pausch to The Dalles Monday where Mr. Pausch had the stitches removed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Baizer drove to Portland Friday and spent the Easter weekend at the home of their son Ralph Balzer and family. Sunday they all took a drive to Woodland, Wash., to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Simila and family. Other guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Simpson of Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kenny and family of Portland and Mrs. Lois Finn and son, Loren of La Grande and Mrs. Jessie Donell of Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pausch and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kock and family had dinner Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock in Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Neal and family went to Hood River Easter Sunday and spent the dayplace which he bought recently.

with his family. Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Don Smith, Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mrs. John Rust and Mrs. Claus Barndahagen were hostesses at a shower held at the home of Mrs. Rolfe Wednesday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert, who lost everything in a fire that destroyed their home recently. They received many lovely and useful gifts. Cake, tea and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, attended an award banquet for the Republican precinct committee men and women of Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties at the Wy'east High school Saturday evening. The von Borstels brought Mrs. Collis Moore to her home in Moro.

Your correspondent had a letter and Easter card from Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mills who have moved away to Warren, Oregon, but who lived for a number of years north of Wasco farming in that area. The letter is as follows: "First of all I want you to know how much I enjoy your column in the paper. As I read it, I always feel a bit closer to my friends in Sherman County. Billy and I are living on a ten acre tract out from Scappoose and enjoying our retirement—if you can call it that. We still get up early and work all day and are happy to be able to do it. We raise our own meat, just enough hens for our eggs, but we have an enormous garden." She says she belongs to a home extension unit which she enjoys, and that the extra work this year has been lamp shades, upholstery and in April they will begin the Mosaic work. They belong to the Chapman Grange which is only a short distance from their place. Billy and Albert Mills wish all a pleasant and happy 1961. (This letter should reward the papers which are trying to do a good job in their areas.)

A baseball game was held here Friday afternoon between Grass Valley and Kent with Grass Valley winning the game.

Allen Tom was in town Monday to file his deed to the Dingle

The Rufus PTA met at Rufus school cafeteria Monday night with Chairman Morris Burnett in charge. Mrs. Morris Burnett acted as secretary for her husband. He said the group elects a new chairman at the May meeting. Roy Gayman, principal of the Rufus school said the Tether balls and equipment isn't ready yet for the children to play with. It was announced there will be a science and art display April 11 between 7:30 and 9 p. m. This is in a form of open house and all are invited to see the children's work. A pantomime by the 7th and 8th grades will be put on at Rufus school April 6 with teacher Don Kohlmeier in charge. This will be open to interested persons.

The decorating committee for the Rufus dance wants to decorate Friday so the children will play outside that day. The chairman appointed to act as hostesses for the May meeting Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Howard Steward and Jack Burnett.

Don Kohlmeier showed an interesting film on the living conditions in Alaska. After the film the hostesses who were the teachers at Rufus Mr. and Mrs. Gayman, Lyla Hayes, Don Kohlmeier and Mrs. Robinson, served dessert and coffee to all.

Mrs. Millard Leigh the Rufus Home Ec chairman wants to announce that the home specialist, Bernice Straun will be the Moro Home Extension Festival speaker April 29.

Also the women of Sherman County are invited to visit the Wasco County Festival which will be April 8 at the Junior High School and lunch will be served at noon for \$1.35 a plate.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonaid went to Portland where they spent Easter with Mrs. McDonaid's brother and family the Charles Pearsons and other relatives living in Portland.

Easter was just about the nicest day of the year—and that was appropriate—the sun shining most of the day and warming the earth. Frost covered the roofs mornings after Easter.