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These Things We Note

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Legislators are preparing a bill to prevent gasoline wars. Who do they think they're helping?

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A presidential advisor found that nations that are growing faster than the United States have a more favorable tax situation in relation to business. No expert was needed to find that out, a penny pencil was enough.

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Russians have much better eyesight than Americans. Yuri could judge the crops and grass from 180 miles.

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A short time ago higher education cost Oregon less than five million dollars a biennium; this time it will cost 20 million even after the minor cuts inflicted by the Ways & Means committee. It is better now? By Gosh, it better be.

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If the legislature had not occupied itself with daylight saving and similar twaddle it could be done by now.

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Lots of contests are entirely futile. Who won the bridge game, which team piled the most points at basketball, who was elected to minor office? None makes a difference. We feel same way about sending men into space when they would be more useful raising beans or patching shoes.

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The legislature seems in the progress of making it more difficult to refuse service to anyone unless he is white.

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Cabinet officers are becoming political errand boys.

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Oregon, we read, is on the verge of economic dissolution because it does not use daylight saving. Just think, an alarm clock would save it.

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DeGaulle and probably Adenauer seem tough enough to be rulers of a nation. Khrushchev may be. The rest of them are party heads with the proper interest for that position.

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We promise to become interested in tax reform or new tax proposals when they are not designed to get more money.

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The weather prophecy that says this area, along with many others, will have cold wet weather until mid May will make wheat growers happy although city dwellers may complain. It should be the other way around. City folks are as dependent on the success of agriculture as anyone for what they eat comes from the soil and in case of shortage they would get what the farmer didn't use.

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Seems like spring is a little late on the campus of the University of Oregon. Picketing by students is more often an evidence of spring than of discontent.

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The U. S. Senate is said to be critical of Howard Morgan because he didn't give information about a fist fight he had when a lad of 22. He is looking for confirmation as a member of the Federal Power commission. If one has to write an authentic biography before getting a federal appointment we don't think that either the salary or prestige is worth it.

TTWN

We suppose strangers can play baseball too, but a few familiar names would help make the Portland team seem like it represented the state.

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The plan most talked of for civil defense isn't defense at all. It is merely hiding in cellars. If atomic warfare was conducted near by it would make no difference whether they came out of their holes or not. So far it appears that the only defense against atomic bombs is to hit the other fellow first.



Valedictorian
Arlene Macnab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Macnab of Rufus, will be valedictorian at the Sherman High School graduation ceremonies. She has been active all through her school year and is now a member of GAA, editor of the annual, president of the honor society and Quill & Scroll and on the student council.



Salutatorian
Salutatorian will be Lana Paulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paulson of Moro who has had a busy high school career. She is a majorette, a chorus pianist, advertising manager of the annual and a member of the national honor society.

Club Hears News About Rufus Interchange

George Brooks, relocation engineer, who is in charge of building new highways and railroads around the John Day dam talked to the Sherman County Club Wednesday night and aroused so many questions that he was on his feet an hour.

Held something of the organization of the corps of engineers which is in charge of dams and relocation. He explained the projected Rufus interchange to give travelers a way to get to Rufus which will be off the new highway which starts its rise west of that town. Rufus will be north of the new highway which will hit the bluff a short distance east of Scott canyon.

Cost of relocation is often much greater than the cost of a dam and will be in the case of John Day where two railroads and two highways must be raised.

Club business included reports of committees with particular reference to the legislative committee now that the state's lawmakers are probably on their last legs.

Unemployment Down

Although not yet bright compared to a year ago, the Oregon employment picture improved perceptibly last week over four weeks ago. David H. Cameron, department commissioner announced.

Covered state unemployment stood at 36,408, a rate of 9.1 percent, compared to 11.7 percent four weeks ago and 5.5 percent a year ago.

Rate of covered unemployment compared to a month ago went down last week in every section of the state with the exception of the La Grande area, where the rate rose from 20.6 percent to 25.8 percent. This was the highest in the state. Lowest unemployment rate was in the Ontario area with 4.6 percent compared to 6.3 percent a month ago and 3.1 percent a year ago.

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

Wendell Balsiger left Saturday for Washington, D. C. to attend a meeting of grain growers from over the nation. He represents the north Pacific Grain Growers.

Larry Lamer Says will come home Saturday to take his degree as master mason from the local lodge which will hold a special meeting to confer it.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard Jr. a son, April 9 at The Dalles.

Mrs. Melvin Clark of Roosevelt, Wash., was in Moro Tuesday seeking information about the history of that town which is to be inundated by the waters of the John Day dam.

Mrs. John Loeken, mother of Mrs. Tillie Geiser, is here from Hot Springs, Montana to be with her daughter a week while Mrs. Geiser recuperates from a recent operation.

David Conlee was home for the weekend from OTI at Klamath Falls where he is a student.

Seems like there is quite a bit of sickness at this time around the Rufus community. Mrs. John Mathieson is still in a hospital in The Dalles, and it is not known just when she will be home. The year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brackett is undergoing some tests concerning her eyes, and it is not known at this time just what has to be done for correction.

With the wind blowing a gale here stirring up the dust around it is not a good place for hay fever sufferers to be. It has been cold and a bit of rain fell. Of course, the area can use the rain to help the crops along. Perhaps it will be warm next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hascall Sharrard and children of Heppner spent Sunday with Mrs. Sharrard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox went to Corvallis Saturday where they stayed until Monday. While there they visited their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Foote and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerding who is an uncle and aunt of Mrs. Fox's. Sunday there was a baptism, a birthday party and a family reunion at which 27 people attended. It was beautiful driving

down. The trees which have new leaves look so fresh and nice. Also the wild flowers are seen along the way. In Corvallis the rhododendrons, a tame variety are blooming in the yards and are beautiful colors.

Mr. and Mrs. Swigart who recently had the Rufus Laundermat built are having an opening May 1. There will be free gifts for the ladies, balloons for the children and refreshments for all. The Swigarts are also giving a free washing from 9 a. m. till 6 p. m. They say come and bring your wash or just to look the place over. The Laundermat is one step in the line of progress for the Rufus community and we wish the Swigarts success in their new venture as they have invested a lot of money in the business.

Johnnie Gentry is taking a two week vacation from work at the Moro Grain Growers and made a short trip to California to start it.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell found the weather too good to stay home Wednesday so drove up to Sherman County from their home in The Dalles. They drove as far south as the home of their daughter Mrs. John Reckman, but did not stay as the family has the mumps.

Susan Woods has received a contract to teach home economics next year at North High School in Bakersfield, California.

John and Etha DeMoss send word that they are heading north and will be Moro again soon.

A benefit card party, sponsored by the Estril and Home Endowment committees of Annie Fulton chapter, OES, was held in the Masonic hall April 21. The hall was decorated with spring flowers in shades of yellow and white. Twelve tables of orange, canasta or pinocle were in play during the afternoon, with guests coming from The Dalles, Moro, Hood River and Rufus, as well as from Wasco, Mrs. Elton Medler, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand, Mrs. Don McDermid, Mrs. Richard Skiles, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and Mrs. Gordon Harper, all members of the two committees, served a dessert luncheon of molded ice cream in flower shapes, dainty

Honor Roll Has One Perfect Student In Recent Grade Period

The honor roll at Sherman High School for the second six weeks of the second semester is as follows: Robert Cyphers, 4.00; Phyllis Lutje, 3.95; Ardino Todd, 3.92; Lana Paulson, Janet Thompson, 3.83; Gene Eakin, Betty Reckmann, 3.79; Patricia Alsop, Many Neal, Lowell Smith, Karen Tsubota, 3.71; Malcolm Eslinger, Arlene Macnab, Ron Moile, 3.67; Alice Kaseberg, Darlene Miller, 3.63; Beverly Lutje, 3.54; Jacques Bucholtz, Rosalee Eslinger, Mary Griggs, Carol Hoyer, 3.50. Honorable mention goes to Allison Walker, 3.46; Barbara Hampton, Diana Henrichs, 3.42; Patty Byars, Virginia Todd, Kay Whipple, 3.38; Kenny Blagg, Ann Hall, Gary Irzyk, 3.33; Katherine Reckman, 3.29; Bill Smith, John Thomas, 3.25; Lois Payne, 3.21; Mona Eakin, 3.17; Barbara Fridley, 3.11; Nancy Crews, Lee Kaseberg, Bill Rayon, 3.08; Erin Wilson, 3.00.

First National Tells Of Condition

A second successive record high spring bank call deposit total was revealed by First National Bank of Oregon when the statewide bank reported its April 12, 1961 statement of condition figures to the comptroller of the currency. Deposits of \$866,423,020 were reported, which topped the previous spring mark by \$30 million, set on March 15, 1960. Loans for the 87 First National offices amounted to \$483,112,949, an increase of \$2 million over a year ago.

The Sherman County branch of First National reported April 12 deposits of \$73,103,772 and loans totalling \$776,332, according to L. Doyn Price, manager of the local branch.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for the March 15, 1960 call for bank statements. On that date, deposits were \$3,143,426 and loans were \$777,549.

Wheat Growers Plan Meeting

Report on progress of national farm legislation and marketing of Oregon wheat will be highlights of the spring meeting of the Sherman Wheat Growers Association Friday evening, May 5, 100F hall, Grass Valley. Marvin Thomas, president, has announced.

Charles Burnet, 1961 County Conservation winner, will be honored during the evening after a 6:30 banquet. Recognition of the 1961 winner will be made by Dalmor Equipment through Herb Johanson, manager. Others to be honored at the banquet are Mrs. Marie Hattrup, 1960 County cake baking winner, Mrs. Ted von Borstel, 1960 State cake baking winner and Kathleen Schreiber, Maupin, 1960 high school wheat league essay contest winner.

Allen Tom, vice-president, OWGL, will report on status of current farm legislation dealing with wheat and feed grains. Tom, along with Floyd Root, chairman, Western Wheat Associates, recently returned from Washington, D. C. after testifying for wheat legislation. Root will also appear on the program to review activities of the Western Wheat Associates in a joint marketing group composed of representatives of the wheat leagues and commissions in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, Thomas indicates.

School Elections Peaceable; No Battles In Sight

Annual school dist. election will be held in each of the Sherman County Elementary Schools next Monday, afternoon, May 1, from 2 until 8 p. m. Petitions have been filed for the following candidates for director and their names will appear on the ballot.

School Candidates:
Fay Brackett, George Jensen, Richard Skiles, Allan Pinkerton, Malcolm Eslinger, Ted Carlson, Wasco, Moro, G. V. Kent, Sherman County High School, Dean Pinkerton, Rural School Dist. (County at Large), Virgil Archer (Zone 3, Moro), Rufus, Zone 1, No candidate has filed.

The elementary school district holds the election for both the County High School District and the Rural School District so that voters will receive three ballots, elementary, high school, and rural district.

In case of the County High School, the director is nominated from the district zone (Zone 3, Moro) but is elected by the county at large. In case of the Rural District, the director at large is elected by the county at large, but the directors from the zone (Zone 1, Rufus, and Zone 3, Moro) are nominated and elected in the zone.

In addition to the election of directors, Kent and Grass Valley School Districts will hold an election to exceed the six-percent limitation. Moro, Wasco and the County High School District have previously voted bases and need not hold such elections.

TAX LEVY EQUAL

The Rural School District law provides that the Rural School District shall levy a uniform tax in the county which will provide a tax offset amounting to approximately one half of the levy for operational purposes of all of the school districts in the county, and for the expenses of the Rural School District including the County School Superintendent's office. The offset is apportioned by law upon the basis of the ratio of the total Average Daily Membership of each district bears to local Average Daily Membership of County. This amounts to a total of \$201,740.89, of which \$131,668.88 is inside the Base, and \$70,072.01 is outside the Base and must be voted by the voters 'n excess of the six-percent limitation if the full tax offset is to be available to the districts.

The following table shows the offset available to each of the Sherman County School Districts. Column "B" shows the amount available if the 6 per cent election fails.

District	Column A	Column B
Rufus, 3	\$31,641.10	\$19,582.42
Wasco, 7	37,171.72	23,005.26
Kent, 9	8,409.92	5,204.83
Moro, 17	30,872.55	13,496.83
G. V., 23	21,808.08	33,395.58
SHS	53,960.32	33,395.58

It should be kept in mind that the offset amounts listed in Column "A" and Column "B" above do not represent additional moneys to school districts, but are what the term implies—offsets. The Rural School District certifies the amounts to the Assessor, who then reduces each of the school district levies by the amounts certified.

U. S. National Bank Makes Gains

U. S. National Bank of Portland has noted substantial gains in both loans and deposits since the comparable call date in March 1960, according to figures released to the comptroller of currency as of April 12, 1961.

Deposits were up more than \$21 million and now total \$814,951,807 compared with \$793,840,231 recorded a year ago. Loans increased in excess of \$11 million and now stand at \$411,055,818.

The Dalles Branch of the U. S. National recorded deposits of \$15,992,309.75, and loans and discounts of \$7,510,096.95, according to James L. Johnson, manager. Deposits for the Dufus Branch were reported at \$2,062,490.78, and loans and discounts at \$518,931.19 by Manager G. W. Hertel.

FFA Honors Three At Annual Parent Banquet, Program

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mobley and Jack Cushman were presented honorary chapter farmer degrees at the Sherman FFA chapter's third annual parent and son banquet held at the high school on April 21.

Ron Mobley, chapter president, was presented the chapter star farmer award. This award is presented by the National Future Farmer Foundation to the outstanding chapter member and is based on farming programs, leadership activities, and records. Ron's project consists of 20 head of sheep, 5 head of cattle, and 70 acres of crop and range land. Ron has held office in the chapter for the past three years. He was secretary for one year and has been president for the past two years. Other foundation awards winners were Allen Miller, soil and water management and livestock farming; Malcolm Eslinger, public speaking; Joel Neal, crop farming; Robt. Powell, farm mechanics; and Doug Medler, star green hand and farm safety.

Bill Blatchford, vice president of the Oregon association, was the featured speaker. Bill spoke on the foundation awards and on the opportunities of members to receive them.

The new slate of officers for the 1961-1962 school year was installed at this time: Robert Powell, president; Pat Jefferies, vice-president; Doug Reid, secretary; Gene Eakin, treasurer; Doug Medler, reporter; and Don Mobley, sentinel.

The banquet was closed by a slave auction of members who were privately bought by closed bids.

Old Wasco Pioneers Will Show Pictures

The Wasco County Pioneer association is meeting May 5 at The Dalles that being its usual time for the gathering of those who were residents of Wasco County fifty years ago. That reaches to the top of the Rocky Mountains.

The pioneers will dine on salmon at 11:30 a. m. that day amid the babel of old friends reunited to review times of long ago. It is always a happy occasion, happy to watch, happy to participate in.

The association has what is probably the best pictures of this area ever assembled and these are displayed on the walls of the armory for everyone to see. They are wonderful and anyone with any interest in the history of this area should see them.

Guests are welcome so one need not advertise his age by attending.

Farmers View New Chemical Fallow

Forty Sherman County farmers, extension, research, and chemical representatives reviewed research demonstrations and farm applications of chemical fallow for the control of cheatgrass and rye and other annual weeds Tuesday, April 25.

Regrowth was noted to be reoccurring in some chemical winter fallow applications. This program is designed to destroy winter germinated plants such as cheatgrass and rye. Nearly 2,000 acres have been treated in this manner in Sherman County.

Research continues on a full chemical fallow program. This program is designed to control annual plants throughout the normal fallow period up to seeding time. Results look promising on this program and approval of this practice is being sought.

Some of Sherman County's 100 or more miles of fence rows treated to control cheatgrass and rye were observed on the tour. Excellent results have been obtained from this program. Results can be seen on Melzer Bros., Pete Welk, Clarence Morrison, L. E. Kaseberg, Allen Tom, Gordon Harper, Willard Harper, Pat Wallace, Stuart Macnab, and Elton Medler ranches.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

The executive committee of the Sherman County Historical Society has been called to a meeting to be held Monday, May 1, at 8 o'clock at the Moro Hotel by Mrs. Nellie Fields, president. Plans for the June picnic will be made.

Court States Position On Road Levy Proposal

The Sherman county court is in agreement about the proposed continuing levy it has decided to ask voters to pass on May 12. The court, with Judge Miller as principal spokesman, said that groups and individual citizens come before it asking for road improvement leading to paving of heaviest used market roads and wondering why it is not being done.

The court answers 'that the money is not available, the road budget being \$9,936.23 for the current year and that needed for maintenance and for whatever road construction can be done with the funds not used to keep the roads in shape.

The continuing levy is the court's way of finding out whether a majority of the citizens of the county want some paved roads or not.

Levy Not Enough

The total levy of \$250,000 in five years is not big enough to do a complete job. The Grass Valley-Rutledge road cost \$61,000 for grading and oiling and farmers hauled the gravel. It is approximately six miles long and is considered a very good job of financing as well as road building. On the Monkland road of 5.04 miles the cost was \$108,000 including the new bridge over Grass Valley canyon. Roads cost money. Court members are not magicians who can get road work done without funds.

In addition to the regularly budgeted funds which are mostly used for maintenance the county gets around \$36,000 from Federal Aid to secondary roads. For this year such funds will total \$34,000 as \$2,000 has already been used on the Lonerock road bridge across Grass Valley canyon.

Some Contracting Probable

The cost of paving roads varies with the cost of grading. In the south end where land is level and drainage is no problem it is less than in the steeper north end. In Hay canyon, a project being urgently pushed, the cost would be heavy because of expensive grading.

COST VARIES

The court thinks it would contract some of the work and would have to contract the paving part of it. It considers its own equipment suitable for much of the grading inasmuch as it has good dirt moving machinery. Its crushing equipment is small for a big job. Ability to do the grading cuts down the total cost to a considerable extent.

The court has no set pattern for the improvement that would come from the paving of county roads but in the words of Miller would "spread equitably as practical over the county." He called attention to the fact that there is no exact division of areas. The county planning council has asked for additional funds for paving because paved roads save much of the heavy expense of truck hauling, saves on tires, breakdowns and repairs.

Valuation To Raise

The county valuation this year is \$5,500,000 and is being arbitrarily increased by a quarter so next year will be \$10,525,000. The \$50,000 would require about 4.7 mills to finance.

It is not the intention of the court to make a campaign for the additional funds. It merely wants to state the case for the levy and the reasons for giving the voters a chance to vote on it. But the court is very certain that if the county wants paved roads it will have to pay for them—and perhaps pay for them whether it gets them or not.

Graduate Nurses Meeting Monday

Mrs. Christie Corbett, RN, representing Oregon Nurses Association, will be the featured speaker for the regular monthly graduate nurse meeting Monday May 1 at 8 p. m. to be held in the assembly room of the courthouse annex.

Mrs. Corbett was one of the featured speakers for the six state regional meeting held in the memorial coliseum in March.