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These Things We Note

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Every sufferer from the effects of a sacro-iliac strain will be sympathetic for President Kennedy. It is no fun.

TTWN
Democrats criticizing Maurice Neugerber may wish they hadn't. She's pretty tough. Critics said our lady senator was hurting the party; but not so bad as hurting the nation.

TTWN
Fathers will have a day come next Sunday and we wonder what will be the most popular gift or grant to the old man of the house. Maybe a day away from it all, maybe a chance to sleep late, maybe no nagging or nagging, maybe a few kind words which are really the best grease for the wheels of human relations.

TTWN
Pipsqueak Democrats needn't worry about Maurice. She's capable of taking care of herself.

TTWN
The cautious locust trees are now putting out leaves. That frost of last June 20 must have put a scare into them.

TTWN
Big government threatens to break up big business. Now who is going to break up big government?

TTWN
The case against the southern bus riders isn't that they are black—as most of them are—but that they are trying to start trouble which is not considered good conduct anywhere.

TTWN
Navy vessels are moored in what is referred to as Celilo lake. Inasmuch as Celilo means falling waters or something similar to that the idea of a falling water lake is highly inappropriate.

TTWN
If you want to be a radical to a leftist radical. Rightist radicals always have more trouble.

TTWN
The experience of New York and Chicago shows that it would be easy to conquer America. Just turn off the juice.

TTWN
Now that Morgan has been appointed to the Federal Power Commission the burden will be on Morgan and the administration, not on those who thought he should have been left at home.

TTWN
This country must be in pretty good shape to support so many bureaucrats, not that they eat so much but they do meddle so.

TTWN
Once in a while a person is found who talks about some government loans being repayable, but most folks are wise to that now.

TTWN
Doctors have had us jumping around looking for the causes of cholesterol, first one food then another was bad for us. Wouldn't be surprised if it didn't come from a condition instead of a food.

TTWN
That U.S. diplomat who is supposed to have given secrets away to a pretty blond forgot one of the first principles: 'Never give a blond your right name.'

TTWN
First the more thickly settled parts of the state take the power generated here and California is to get what remains, where do we get off?

TTWN
This business of sending Adlai to Paraguy to tell the boss of that country he has to have elections and all that democratic stuff like us before he can borrow money from Uncle Sam is no way to make South America think we are friends. But it must be said that if they follow our lead they'll need to borrow money.

TTWN
Why shouldn't man be in temperate, nature is.

TTWN
The greatest difference between men is not their looks, their ambition, their intelligence. It is their desire and ability to keep trying.



Alan Miller, Ron Mobley and Gene Eakin were winners for the wheat league livestock show in The Dalles.

Sherman Riders Win Top Honors At Horse Show

The Sherman Riders were point winners at the Mid-Columbia Riding club show at The Dalles last Sunday.

Winning points for the local club were Marjorie Van Gilder who won first for yearling, 3rd for suckling colt, 1st for Western Arabian Pleasure horse and 1st in the English stake class. Sharon Coelsch and Jan Muller won first for matched pairs and Sharon Coelsch won 4th for Arabian Western Pleasure horse, 5th in Junior Horsemanship, Patty Alsop took second in polebending and 9th in Junior Horsemanship.

Historians Have Pleasant Day Despite Rain

It was raining when officers of the Sherman County Historical Society awoke Sunday morning and steps were taken to move the annual picnic to the Masoric hall in Moro where it was held with the members and guests warm and dry. Marion Weatherford, well known citizen of Gilliam county, made the address of the day and pleased his audience with a talk divided into a praise of conservation which he reminded is necessary if we are to keep the land on which we exist. He told of an example in this county when Mercer, a settler at Hay Canyon, plowed a furrow to drain a swamp and started erosion that cut the land out of the bottom entirely. He talked of education and the need for self interest if it is to be successful. He said we were too generous with welfare, too lenient with labor and that taxes nowadays no longer are used exclusively to raise revenue but to regulate the economy.

Field Day June 27 Planned By Bill Hall And Station Staff

The first field day at the Sherman experimental farm at Moro since 1957 will be held Tuesday, June 27 starting at 10:30 a. m. says Bill Hall, superintendent.

It will be in commemoration of 50 years of agricultural research inasmuch as the station has been in operation since 1911. Merrill Oveson, former superintendent, will give a brief history of the station and its researchers, G. Umbarger, D. E. Stephens, and George Mitchell. Dr. G. Burton Wood, head of agricultural economics department at OSU will be the main speaker of the day on the topic of "Running, Jumping and Standing Still." Ladies of Harlandview Grange will serve lunch at noon. Inspection of the crops will be in the afternoon.

Two Killed When Car and Truck Collide at Shaniko

Danny Martin, 16, and Sandra Wilson, 14, were killed in a collision between a car driven by Doug Reid, 16, and a truck driven by Charles McIntyre, 34, of Chowchilla, California about noon Sunday, June 11.

The young people were on the way to Antelope and were making the left hand turn off Highway 97 to the road that goes to that town when the accident occurred. The highway was slick with rain.

The truck was unable to stop and plowed into the car shoving it a reported 59 feet. Martin was killed almost instantly and Miss Wilson died within a short time, not being alive when the ambulance reached Redmond. Reid was not seriously injured being cut and bruised. He remained in the hospital until Tuesday.

Danny Martin has lived for several years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin of Grass Valley and attended school at Grass Valley and Sherman High School before going to Portland for last winter's schooling. He was a big boy and popular with his fellow schoolmates.

Sandra Wilson was the daughter of Mrs. Doris Wilson of Grass Valley and Jerry Wilson of Kent. She was a freshman last year at Sherman High School and besides leaving her parents had a younger brother and sister.

Douglas Gordon Reid is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Reid of Rufus and a junior in Sherman High School. He has a brother, David at Willamette university. Funeral services for Danny Martin and Sandra Wilson were held at separate ceremonies from the Grass Valley Baptist church Wednesday with interment at Kent cemetery for the Wilson girl.

Friends Congratulate Alva Eakins' Sunday

About ninety relatives and friends from Grass Valley, Moro, Kent, Dufur, The Dalles, Sandy, Condon and Madras attended the reception held for Mr. and Mrs. Alva Eakin of Weiser, Idaho at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley Sunday between 2 and 5, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mrs. Henry Jaeger of Moro arranged and set the table that was covered with a white linen cloth and held the four tiered cake decorated with pink and white roses and silver leaves. It was cut and served by Mrs. John Reckmann and Mrs. Andy Reckman of Sandy, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Dick Reckman and Mrs. Vernon Eakin poured and Mrs. Eakin served the punch. Assisting about the rooms were Betty Jean Reckmann, Kelly Reckman of Sandy, Peggy and Katherine Reckman, Carol Eakin of Weiser, Idaho, had charge of the guest book.

Bob Belshes' Get Belated Charivari

Bob and Bertha Belshes of Moro, were charivari for their 25th wedding anniversary, a real old fashioned kind, with horns tooting, tin cans, and gun shots. Thirty-five friends arrived after being sure the Belshes' had retired long enough to be asleep. Their son, having a key to the house, gained entry before the Belshes could get out of bed. An enjoyable evening was spent in merry-making. Refreshments were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rathbun, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belshes, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, these four couples being the instigators of the affair. Bob and Bertha wish to thank everyone taking part they thought it a grand idea.

Grass Valley Woman In Editors Post

Mrs. Frances Mathews, daughter of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, has been named women's editor of The Ranger, a weekly newspaper distributed to families at Fort Lewis, Washington. She will work in the information section of the Public Information Division. Prior to entering Federal Service, Mrs. Mathews had been assistant new editor on the Renton Chronicle, office manager of the Southwest Seattle Shopping Guide and editorial assistant in the Department of Curriculum, Seattle Public Schools. She holds a B. A. degree in Journalism from the University of Washington.

Merger of Power Companies Okayed

Public Utility commissioner John C. Hill Tuesday approved the pending merger of the Pacific Power and Light company with the California Oregon Power company.

Under the terms of the merger agreement Pacific will succeed to all rights and properties held by Copco and will assume responsibility for \$74,000,000 in first in unsecured promissory notes, mortgage bonds and \$9,000,000. The agreement also calls for a one to one exchange of preferred stock and 1.2 shares of PP&L common stock for each share of Copco common stock.

The construction of high voltage power lines between Pacific's and Copco's distribution areas, interconnecting the two separate systems which have different peak load periods, will partially account for the gross power savings which engineers estimate will range from \$580,000 in 1961 to \$2,000,028 in 1965. These estimates are based on the combined utilization of resources and facilities of both companies.

Pacific owns and operates 17 hydroelectric plants, 10 steam electric plants and five diesel electric plants which produce 51 percent of energy requirements.

Copco, operating in southern Oregon since 1920, does 79 percent of its business in this state. It owns and operates 21 hydroelectric plants having a total installed capacity of 367,263 kilowatts.

PLASTIC FILM GETS HOT; EARTH COOL

Black plastic film absorbs much radiant energy but conducts little of the resultant heat downward because of the insulating air between the plastic and the soil and therefore the soil beneath remains cool. The black plastic film itself becomes hot.

Grain Prices Up a Little; New Dwarf Wheat Ready

The annual American Society of Range Management, Pacific Northwest section is holding its annual Range Youth Camp July 31 through August 5 at the Malheur Game Refuge, Burns, Oregon. The camp site will be the famous old (P) ranch headquarters. The camp has been developed and exists for boys 14 through 17 to give them intensive instruction on range management. We would like to have participation from Sherman County at this camp.

The Sherman Soil Conservation District has agreed to sponsor a scholarship for one boy to attend this event. Anyone interested should contact the Sherman County Extension Agent, Moro.

Shade for Steers
Research work in some states indicates steers on feed in dry lot will gain a quarter to one-third pound more per day if shade is available during summer months. Any shade device should be at least eight feet off the ground so air can circulate and keep cattle cool.

1961 Grain Prices
Minimum county basic support rate for wheat and barley for Sherman County has been announced. The Portland terminal loan rate for 1961 crop barley is \$48.75 a ton or \$5.83 higher than the 1960 loan rate. Sherman County on the farm loan rate, barley \$43.75 a ton or \$1.05 per bushel. This is up \$6.25 over last year. Commercial warehouse storage loan rate will be \$39.59 per ton. Eligible barley for loan must grade number 4 or better and test weight of not less than 40 lbs. per bushel.

Sherman County 1961 crop oat support rate will be \$42.50 per ton, this compares to \$34.38 for 1960. There is no terminal loan rate for oats. The minimum county basic support rate for wheat has been set at \$1.85. This is up 2 cents over last year, the terminal rate in Portland will remain at \$1.99 similar to 1960 crop. Loan may be secured for wheat down through grades number 5 due to test weight only. Test weight for number 5 grain needs to be 51 pounds or more per bushel. The 1961 wheat loan rate is based on the minimum national average support price, which has been increased 1c per bushel to a \$1.79 per bushel to reflect 75% of the estimate July 1st parity price. The minimum reflects 75% wheat parity price for May.

Semi-Dwarf Wheat

Release of the new semi-dwarf wheat this fall hinges on its milling performance. A full scale milling test will be conducted following harvest. The wheat under test last year proved to be slightly better in milling quality than Rex or Brevor. Joint action between Washington, Idaho and Oregon will be necessary before release is approved. The Pendleton station has thirty acres and the Sherman station five. If the variety is approved distribution will be done on application and committee allocation basis. Farmers interested will need to make application on forms available at your County Extension office.

Here are a few facts about the grain. Highest yielding variety at the Sherman station, semi-dwarf in height, dwarf will run 25 to 35 inches while Omar will run 30 to 45 inches, no lodging occurs but more tillers are produced, produces 75 to 80% more heads, measured straw weight at Pendleton is surprising, 2.72 tons for the dwarf and 2.38 tons for Omar, more tonnage under the dwarf, heading date is slightly earlier and comparable to Burt in threshing.

Stripe rust resistance definitely is important at this time. The variety to date has shown slightly more resistance than Omar but less than Golden and Brevor. The greatest disadvantage to the variety is the ability to emerge under trying seed bed conditions. Plants will not emerge or have difficulty when seeded too deep since the sprout is also dwarfed. The variety has good prospects and we will wait anxiously for a fall milling test.

Allocations of Oregon's share will be done by a local county committee. Amount available will be uncertain but probably will run 150 to 200 bushels for Sherman County.

Chester Searcy Dies Of Heart Attack

Funeral services for Chester A. Searcy were held Thursday at 11 a. m. in Beaverton following his sudden death from an apparent heart attack Monday.

Mr. Searcy was the fourth son of the late Tom Searcy and his widow, Lena Searcy and was born in Sherman county about 60 years ago. He farmed the home place for a few years, moved to an irrigated place near Redmond and has lived near Beaverton recently. Surviving are his mother, Lena Searcy of Hillsboro, his widow, Hazel Ruth, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Peggy Jones, and a son, Robert, brothers Seral of Portland, John of Hillsboro, Owen of Salem and Morris of Portland, two sisters Mrs. Nina Pinkerton of Moro and Mrs. Helen Ruggles of Heppner and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Searcy was a member of the First Baptist church of Beaverton and was a member of the Beaverton Grange. He was a member of the Beaverton Elks lodge and was a member of the Beaverton Masonic lodge.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Friday at the Beaverton funeral home.

House Warming Draws Big Crowd Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshes received guests at an open house celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and the completion of their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Belshes were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belshes, Sharon Belshes, Mr. and Mrs. John E. DeMoss, Mrs. Floyd Rathbun and Lynn Rathbun. Janice DeMoss and Susie Rathbun were in charge of the guest book, signed by 80 guests. A lace covered serving table was centered by a bouquet of a dozen red roses and a white and silver cake forming a "25", flanked by silver candles. Flowers for the occasion were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Elnor Helyer, Mrs. Alice Lavendar and Miss Myrtle Helyer, all of The Dalles.

Farm Prices In Oregon Up; Nation's Down

Oregon farm prices edged up slightly in May in contrast to national farm prices which slipped a little, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSU.

May saw farm prices in the state regaining some, but not all, of the losses suffered in April. Last month's gain also boosted Oregon farm prices to a level slightly higher than a year earlier. Higher farm prices on chicken, butterfat, lamb, wool, rye, and fruit in the state were responsible for the slight upward trend in average farm prices, Mrs. Horrell found. However, farmers took a cut in prices on such major products as eggs, broilers, turkeys, milk, hogs, cattle, wheat, hay, and potatoes.

Nationally, farm prices continued their downward trend started last February. A one percent drop in May left the national price index about two percent below that of a year earlier. Higher prices on cantaloupes, corn, oranges, and apples were only able to cushion the fall of average prices on meat animals, dairy products, poultry, and eggs.

Meanwhile, prices paid by farmers for production and living held steady for the fourth consecutive month, at an all-time high. Production items averaged a little lower, family living items were a little higher, and wage rates, interest, and taxes remained about the same, Mrs. Horrell said.

Lower prices on feeder livestock prices tumbled sharply to the lowest point during a month of May since 1957. With prices received by the nation's farmers down a little, and prices paid by them holding steady, farm purchasing power fell off a little. The ratio of prices received to prices paid dropped to 78 in May—down one point since April, down two points for the year, and the lowest since February 1960, said Mrs. Horrell.

Newspapermen Meeting In The Dalles Today

Clyde E. Moffitt, publisher of the Fort Collins Coloradoan, will be the principal speaker for the 74th annual meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn. at The Dalles, June 16 and 17.

Other guest speakers for the two-day meeting include Norman B. Ronning and Harold O. Brevig, Portland certified public accountants; Roy Vernstrom, Vernstrom Robertson Leasing Corp., Portland; Charles L. Nicholson, newspaper consultant, Yakima; Thomas S. Pridemore, vice-president, U. S. National Bank of Portland; R. C. Hampton, Westores, Inc., The Dalles; Roy D. Craft, Skamania County Pioneer, Stevenson, Wash.; and Gene Alfred, director of public relations, Harvey Aluminum Co.

Oregon newspapermen on the program include: Giles French, Sherman County Journal, Moro; Dwight Hinshaw, Burns Times-Herald; Lee C. Bollinger, Baker Democrat-Herald; Walt Taylor, Gresham Outlook; William Sweetland, Klamath Falls Herald and News; Robert Bull, The Dalles Chronicle; Ralph Rose, Silverton Appeal-Tribune; and George Lindsay, The Dalles Optimist. A golf tournament is scheduled for Friday afternoon and on Saturday afternoon the newspapermen will tour the Harvey Aluminum Company's plant. President Arthur L. Lowe, Corvallis Gazette-Times, general manager, will preside at the sessions and present the "President's Award" for outstanding service.

Tom Fraser In Car Accident; Fatal

Thomas H. Fraser, 67, died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Friday morning about two o'clock from the result of a stroke suffered the evening before. He had been involved in an auto accident on Highway 26 in which his car was badly damaged and a family from Tillamook, named Johns, were also injured. Mr. Fraser has had a weak heart for several years and the shock was too much for it.

He was born December 4, 1893 and was married in 1914 after attending Oregon Agricultural college. Surviving are his widow, Irene, of Portland, three sons, Gordon, of New York City, Thomas of Pendleton and Paul of Moro and a daughter, Mrs. Warren H. Cress of Portland and a sister, Christie Fraser of Portland.

Mr. Fraser was a son of a pioneer settler of Sherman county and he had farmed the land his father homesteaded for many years until his retirement. He was a well known singer and was a regular part of the programs of the Sherman County Historical Society with his rendition of "Sweet Oregon". He was a horseman and drove a six horse hitch at the PI and in local and Washington state fairs. He raised excellent stock.

Funeral services were held in Portland Tuesday at one o'clock and many Sherman countians drove down to attend.

MARKET REPORT

Total receipts were 205, U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs sold 50 cents lower at \$17.25 to \$18.00. No. 3's and heavy hogs down to \$16.50. Feeder hogs and weaners were in good demand at \$16.00 to \$17.50 a cwt. on feeders and \$7.25 to \$16.00 a head on weaners. Sows \$10.25 to \$14.25.

Good and choice fat lambs brought \$14.00 to \$15.00 and feeder lambs \$11.00 to \$12.00 a cwt.

Medium to good light calves brought \$23.00 to \$24.60 as singles. One consignment of 15 good feeders around 600 lbs. brot \$24.00. Medium steers mainly \$20.00 to \$22.50. Common steers down to \$18.00. One consignment of 9 medium heifers 538 lbs. brought \$20.70. Common heifers down to \$17.00.