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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Daylight saving time results in the loss of at least one hour for merchants indulging in the luxury. There really isn't much going on the first hour and if the store is closed an hour earlier there is some loss there.

T T W N
This nation is still trying to build its prestige with money without learning that the only thing you can settle with money is the grocery bill.

T T W N
We hope the next administration (and were it here) extols something old. We'd like "old reliable" better than "new frontier".

T T W N
Some officials say that low interest rates help business which may be partly true but interest rates are not a controlling factor. This country did most of its developing with high rates.

T T W N
There are several indications that business isn't doing so good.

T T W N
Original settlers looked at the land with a different view than do moderns. Descriptions were by creeks, ridges and hollows, not by road or direction. A man lived at the head of Hay creek, where Smith canyon runs into Buck Hollow, not on the second road to the right from a certain school house. Grandpa, therefore, was better informed about the geography because he kept the natural land marks in his mind.

T T W N
The Tenino, Washington Independent is quoted as saying: "If you want your father to take care of you that's Paternalism. If you want your mother to take care of you, that's Maternalism. If you want Uncle Sam to take care of you, that's Socialism. If you want your comrades to take care of you, that's Communism."

T T W N
If you want to take care of yourself, that's Americanism.

T T W N
The fine for throwing any lighted material on any forest land, private road or public highway is \$500 or six months in jail or both.

T T W N
Oddly half of those dying last Fourth of July were no more than ten miles from home.

T T W N
Congress used to pass additional social security benefits before elections. This year it passes them anytime.

T T W N
Isn't this a heck of a time to have a moon struck president?

T T W N
While Americans are thinking about the Declaration of Independence this week they'd better take a look at the constitution which is having a few troubles of its own.

T T W N
Democrats in some quarters are upset in fear that Hatfield may be looking at the presidency. So what. There is an old saying that a cat may look at a king. Any man can want to be president—and lots of them do.

T T W N
Life until 21 or so is pretty well protected and after 65 it is a sealed package. Some political party might look to the ones in the 44 years between.

T T W N
A nation with a fifty percent tax rate is concerned about a five percent interest rate. Haw. Haw.

N A L L
Job of congress these late June days is to continue all the temporary taxes.

T T W N
The new president of OSU seems to think the function of legislators is to furnish the money and let the "educators" teach.

T T W N
A socialist or a "liberal" is one who is anxious to trade my money for his political welfare.

T T W N
If you want a future you'll have to take care of the present. It applies to holiday driving.



GENE M. LEAR

Gene M. Lear, a native Oregonian and long-time agricultural leader, will assume official duties as new associate director of Oregon State University cooperative service on July 1.

In his new assignment, Lear will work with F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture for the university, in directing the statewide extension program in agriculture, home economics, and 4-H club work.

Lear has been an OSU extension staff member for 23 years. He was county agricultural agent in Deschutes, Wasco, Union, and Umatilla counties and in recent years has been a district extension supervisor in both Western and Eastern Oregon.

Each Oregon county is served by county agricultural, home economics, and 4-H club agents who are off-campus staff members of the OSU school of agriculture.

Lear, 46, was born in Canada, graduated from Oregon State in 1938, and received a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University in 1951.

MORO WIN GAME
Moro won a ball game in the little league Wednesday night taking Maupin 6 to 5. Mike Alsop did the pitching and fanned ten Maupin boys besides getting a home run. The Moro team has been strengthened and now has won its first game.

Bank Directors Meet In The Dalles, Dine Customer Group

The First National Bank has a policy of holding one meeting of the board of directors in a town outside of Portland and this year that town was The Dalles and the day was Tuesday June 27. The board came by bus stopping at Hood River for lunch. They viewed the Stadelman Fruit company operation and the Harvey plant after a brief meeting.

That evening they were hosts to business men and customers in the area and newspapermen at dinner at the country club and after preliminary remarks by George Stadelman, a member of the board, and Ralph Vose, president of the bank, C. B. Stephenson, chairman of the board introduced 20 of the directors who had made the trip.

Guests from Sherman County were Irving Hart, Luther Davis, Alex Brander, Paulen Kaseberg, L. E. Kaseberg, Floyd Root, Vernon Miller.

Grain Growers Invite Friends; Entertain Them

The Moro Grain Growers entertained their share holders and guests Saturday at the Sherman High School and held the annual meeting the same day, an event that brought members from far away with other land owners in the process. Ted Thompson and Dean Pinkerton were re-elected to the board of directors, no plan for cloud seeding was approved and the by-laws were changed to suit new conditions.

At noon members and guests marched around to gather a buffet lunch served by Lloyd Johnson and helpers which satisfied the inner man and even the inner growing boy.

The Young Oregonians came up from Portland by bus to give a program of varied acts that used to be vaudeville. There was music and tumbling and tap dancing and a little girl danced the hula to Hawaiian Hands, another twirled a baton so lively one might have thought she was trying to get warm, which she wasn't.

A boy had a couple of comedy routines which he did amusingly and another boy mystified with magic some of the old tricks and some of the new with silk handkerchiefs appearing and disappearing at the actors will and the spectators delight. Two girls rode unicycles with a balance almost as mystifying.

It was a good show, the audience enjoyed it and the kids enjoyed it and there was understanding between them.

WEATHER COOL.
Weather prophesies made by experts are in general agreement that the next few weeks are to be hot. Whatever the faith in experts it is certain that the weather man has been generous this week with some very cool days. Wheat is ripening beautifully and is healthy, otherwise it would not have the sheen it has.

Sheriff Warns About Boating Danger

Sheriff C. L. Roberts urges Sherman County residents to observe "National Safe Boating Week" which is July 2 to 8.

The sheriff lists the following safe boating practices which help insure an enjoyable accident-free day on the water:

DON'T OVERLOAD. Remember seats do not indicate capacity. **DON'T STAND UP IN A SMALL, OPEN BOAT.** If you must stand, or change seats, keep to the center with both hands on gunwales, keep low.

NEVER make a sharp turn at high speed. **KEEP WATCH** for rocks, logs or other obstructions, as well as for other boats, swimmers and water skiers.

WATCH THE WEATHER. In rough water, keep low in the boat and head into the waves.

Your Money Went That 'way This Month

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 7, 1961

Minutes of regular meeting of May 3, 1961, special meetings of May 15, May 29, and May 31, 1961 read, approved and signed. Claims allowed as presented against general fund and road fund and ordered paid.

Monthly financial statement of County Treasurer showing all fund balances as of May 31, 1961 presented, approved and filed.

Re: Gas and Oil bids—County to advertise for bids for gas and oil with school districts. Notice to be published June 16 & 23, 1961. Re: Road Improvement—Bridge at W. H. Andrews place to be moved down stream.

Sheriff Roberts authorized to attend Tax School June 6, 7, 1961. Re: Vacation of a portion of an alley in Block 20, Town of Rufus, Sherman County, Oregon. Objection to said vacation heard. Hearing postponed to July 5, 1961 term of court.

Re: Audit of Sherman County books for 1960-61. State Auditing Department to be notified to do said auditing.

COURT ADJOURNED.

COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 22, 1961

Certified list of warrants outstanding presented to court. Court authorizes publication of said warrants to be presented for payments.

Re: Road Improvement: Request of Mayor VanGilder for gravel on streets in Moro granted. Re: F.A.S. program. Representative of Highway Commission present to aid court in setting up a road program for 1961-62 using F.A.S. Funds, F.A.S. No. 666 and F.A.S. No. 668, Kent Area, to be improved.

Mr. Edwards, construction engineer, of Highway Commission, explains relocation of highway in Biggs and Rufus area. No definite action.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAIN-

ST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MAY, 1961 APPROVED JUNE 7, 1961 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

ELECTIONS:
Sherman County Journal, \$19.00; Kilham Stationary & Printing; \$12.90; Moro Postoffice; \$15.00; Election Clerks, rent and janitor; \$255.58.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
Pacific Telephone: \$22.05; C. L. Roberts, \$3.75; Craig Office Supply; \$41.06; Kilham Stationary & Printing; \$5.30; C. L. Gray; \$84.40; C. L. Roberts; \$130.56; Robert L. Davis; \$4.24; Barbara L. Roberts, \$13.12.

CLERK'S OFFICE:
Pacific Telephone: \$9.25; Craig Office Supply; \$3.30.

TREASURER'S OFFICE:
Pacific Telephone: \$5.75

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
Oregon Association of Assessors: \$25.00; Pacific Telephone \$5.75; Kilham Stationary & Printing; \$9.00.

COUNTY PRINTING:
Sherman County Journal; \$19.11

WASCO - SHERMAN COUNTY HEALTH UNIT: \$6,000.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: T. Lester Johnson \$15.00

PROTECTION OF RECORDS:
Recordak Corporation: \$91.20

WEED CONTROL:
Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$10.21

COURT HOUSE:
Pacific Power & Light Co., \$53.70; Ranch & Home Store; \$3.75; Conley Chemical & Supply Co., \$35.58; Dale's Richfield; \$1.00; Douma's Grocery; \$4.91; City of Moro; \$2.75; Shell Oil Company; \$177.66.

COUNTY COURT:
Lester Wilson \$60.00; L. E. Kaseberg; \$68.00; Beefo's \$7.00; Vernon I. Miller; \$9.00

JUSTICE COURT:
Pacific Telephone: \$35; City of Wasco; \$10.00

MENTALLY DISEASED:
Mental Health Association of Oregon; \$1.30

DEMOS PARK:

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.25; Ranch & Home Store, \$3.78; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$79.42.

MISCELLANEOUS:
First National Bank: \$333.20; Oregon State Tax Commission; \$66.70; Social Security; \$184.52.

ROAD FUND:
WAGES:
Dunlap \$455.41; Bayer; \$375.19; Morehouse \$329.28; Gosson; \$417.32; Johnson; \$342.32; Griggs; \$387.05; Gunnels; \$368.29; Watkins, \$104.76; Bankers Life & Casualty Co., \$46.80; First National Bank \$351.40; State Tax Commission; \$70.50; Social Security; \$203.23.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Pacific Power & Light Co., \$12.54; City of Moro; \$1.75; Pacific Telephone; \$10.00; Stone Machinery Co., \$2.53;

INSURANCE:
W. T. Balsiger Insurance Co., \$130.21.

REPAIRS:
The Dalles Iron Works; \$35.06; Cushman Equipment Co., \$105.03; Ace Equipment Sales Inc., \$53.70; Smith Auto Parts Co.; \$22.23; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co.; \$6.78; Miller Motors; \$32.52; O'Meara Supply & Implement; \$2,140.96.

WEED CONTROL:
Moro Grain Growers; \$47.70; Dale's Richfield; \$2.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co.; \$8.94;

GAS & OIL:
Moro Grain Growers; \$27.00; Sherman Coop Grain Growers; \$1.20; Standard Oil Co., \$95.32; Shell Oil Co., \$634.13.

GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Auto Electric Supply Co., \$73.15; Sherman Co-op Grain Growers; \$16.20.

BRIDGES & CULVERTS
Tygh Valley Sand & Gravel; \$90.00

MARKET REPORT
U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs sold mainly steady at \$17.75 to \$18.60.

Light yearling steers 500 to 600 lbs. brought \$22.50 to \$24.00. Light steers calves sold up to \$27.00. Medium and common steers sold mainly at \$17.50 to \$22.00. A few low good fed steers and grass fat steers sold at \$21.00 to \$23.10 on weights from 700 to 850 lbs.

Queen For A Fair Being Sought; Try-Outs In August

There is going to be a queen contest to determine the girl who will reign over the Sherman County Fair, September 14-15-16-17.

Applicants are available at the county agent's office and Sherman County girls between the ages of 15 and 20 are eligible to apply. This must be done before August 1 and only Sherman County girls may apply.

Then on August 27 there will be a try-out at the fair grounds when the queen and her court of three princesses will be chosen on the basis of riding ability, personal appearance, personality and intelligence. Just to keep the competition in those bounds all girls will appear in jeans and a white shirt for the try-out.

For the fair the queen and her court will obtain their own costumes and may procure them alike or to suit themselves. It is their responsibility. Each will receive an engraved belt buckle as a reward.

The committee in charge of the contest is Leonard Fields, John Hilderbrand and Mrs. Bill Rolfs, a girls who was winner in the netted queen contest the county ever had.

Station's 50th Year Is Noted By Program and Tour of Experiments

With farmers in attendance from all over the mid-Columbia wheat belt the fiftieth anniversary field day at the Sherman Branch Experimental farm program was held on the lawn near the superintendent's home. Bill Hall welcomed the visitors and stated the purposes of the program.

Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton station, reviewed the history of the station which was started in 1911 when, after passage of a law authorizing a dry land station, land was bought by Sherman county for \$9680 and leased to the state. H. J. C. Umberger was the first man in charge and soon gave way to David E. Stephens who remained until 1938 steadily and quietly aiding in the improvement of wheats and tillage methods, always willing to go to school house or grange hall to talk about station work. Merrill Oveson succeeded him for ten years and

George Mitchell stayed for five until William Hall took charge. Many new wheats have been developed here and the tillage methods of fifty years have had a first try-out on the Sherman station.

Dr. J. W. Hendrix of Washington State College at Pullman, talked about stripe rust, a subject every farmer found most interesting. The northwest had it back in 1937 when it disappeared to appear again in 1959 when it affected some fields. In 1960 it was worse and in 1961 it has done damage estimated by Dr. Hendrix at \$15,000,000.

Climate Responsible

Reasons given for this by the speaker are 1) the prevalence of Omar wheat, a susceptible variety over about two-thirds of the wheat area. This is a good thing marketwise, but encourages disease. 2) the possibility of a new race (Bill Hall says variety) of stripe rust that may attack more wheats and more virulently than the old, 3) climate which has brought two successive wet falls and easy winters. Stripe rust thrives on temperatures not much below freezing and not over 65 degrees. Here as at Pullman, January, February and March were as much as eight degrees above normal and April and May were cooler keeping the temperature ideal for development of rust spores.

Cold Hurts Rust

How much damage can be ascribed to rust will not be known because there is also a lot of foot rot, some yellow dwarf and some aphids in wheat that will also curtail the crop, said Dr. Hendrix.

As to prophesy: a cold winter would halt the disease; there is no evidence that seed is infected; Europeans feed rusted wheat without damage to stock.

If a wheat plant be kept stripped of leaves it will mature about 75 percent of a full crop and it is probable that rusted wheat will do as well.

Dr. Wood Tells of Asia

Dr. Burton Wood talked after lunch was served by the women of Harlandview Grange and visiting was done by the men in the crowd, telling of his trip to southeast Asia. If we are to save that area from Communism, he said we will have to speed up our educational methods about democracy. Many of the uneducated millions in poverty ridden areas bordering the communist nations see no alternative other than communism. No more than ten years are left to us to combat communist doctrines was the opinion of the speaker. Wood praised wheat growers for their interest in the diet of Asians and for teaching them how to cook and eat wheat. It is a paratrical way to keep communism away in the speaker's opinion.

Station visitors next toured the experimental plots to see some of the interesting things growing there. The dwarf, or Shortie wheat was found to be not much of either this year for it is nearly as tall as the Omar next to it, although Bill Hall explained that the Omar would be a foot higher and the Shortie about three inches. But it looks like a good wheat with good heads, some beards and a fine stand. It may be released this fall if final milling tests show that it will qualify.

Chemical Fallow Interests

The chemical fallow plots show land tilled by moldboard, by sweeps and not tilled at all. Different amounts of fertilizer are used on all three. Chemicals can be used to prevent weeds as efficiently as tillage and Hall intimates that sometimes tillage produces weeds. Many farmers looking at this experiment wondered what farming was coming to when the spreading of a few pounds of chemical could obviate hours of plowing, rodding, spring tothing. Would it be a bigger change than that from horse farming to the present?



On the right is a crop infested with cheat grass; on the left is chemical fallow by which process weeds are killed without cultivation. The Sherman station is among others trying to find a way to raise wheat without tillage.

FFA Says Resting Prevents Accidents

A "break" in morning and afternoon work hours is as important to farmers as it is city workers. As a matter of fact, these breaks in work routine can prove especially important because they reduce the possibility of accidents, deaths, and injuries. Not only that, but they can improve working efficiency.

Recent accident studies indicate that the highest percentage of work accidents occur during the late morning and mid-afternoon hours. The Sherman FFA chapter recommends that when working with a tractor you should stop long enough to get off the tractor and walk around the machine with which you are working. If possible, turn the tractor off for a few minutes.

Farm wives can help, too, by packing a mid-morning and a mid-afternoon snack and taking it to the field. They serve as a reminder to their husbands that the time has come for a few minutes off from the routine of field work.

There is another angle to the work break idea, too. This time provides mothers with an excellent opportunity to take children to the field to watch their father operate the machines they find so fascinating. This is the safe way of satisfying the children's curiosity and makes a much anticipated event in the daily life of the youngster. Work breaks pay off in safety and pleasure. Why not make them a regular part of your schedule?

—Sherman FFA chapter

Three Most Wanted Weeds Picked

County surveys show that Oregon's three most serious perennial weeds are Canada Thistle, Wild Morning Glory and Quackgrass, according to Martin J. Zimmerman, county extension agent. Each of these weeds has the distinction of being the number 1 villain in different sections of the state.

Morning Glory is the worst in the Columbia Basin. Quackgrass is the chief weed in Klamath County and in many vegetable producing areas. Canada Thistle is the top contender in range counties and the Willamette Valley. All three weeds can be controlled by persistent use of proper sprays and tillage.

Morning Glory can be effectively controlled by a new chemical called benzoic acid. Trade names for these chemicals are Trysbel, Benzac and Zobar. These chemicals kill Morning Glory through soil action. Benzoic acid can be applied anytime during the growing season in eastern Oregon. County extension agents have the recommended rates for control. This chemical will eradicate Morning Glory but cost makes it questionable on field size infestations.

Canada Thistle is best controlled by so-called amitrole sprays, commonly called Aminotriazol or weedazol. The recommended rate is eight pounds per acre. Thistle should be sprayed before blossom, best control is obtained if the patches haven't been cultivated.

For Quackgrass, dry plowing to expose roots to wind and sun is the most effective treatment. Several chemicals, dalapon, amitrole and soil sterilants are also effective.

Perennial weeds require careful application of herbicides. Often several applications will be required for eradication.

This price was established in an order filed in Salem this week under the new producer milk stabilization law upon which the state department of agriculture

MILK PRICE SET

Dairymen selling class 1 milk to processors and distributors in this area will receive \$5.80 per hundredweight of 4 percent milk, on and after June 16. This area price broke to \$4.85 in April from \$5.97.