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These Things We Note

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We assume that the pleasure of taking an extra holiday comes from the mad boy complex of doing something despite conscience.

T T W N

Isn't it a queer world when it makes more difference who smokes a certain brand or wears it than the quality of the goods?

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If, as seems likely, the thinking of this nation is turning sane again after thirty years, we feel sorry for the "liberals" who have been following the false gods of spending and lending for fanciful things.

T T W N

When workers get over the holiday they will go back to work. The excuse of a strike sounds better than laziness.

T T W N

A man on the streets of The Dalles a hundred years ago would not have seen an ankle. Nowdays he seldom sees a skirt.

T T W N

The American army in Berlin has banned shorts. Tish, Tish. We'll bet it wasn't by a vote of GIs.

T T W N

As a liver of a life Ernest Hemingway was something of a bungler but he knew what to do with words.

T T W N

Will some country Jake figure out what rural people are going to get from the new housing bill—not law?

T T W N

No one seems to understand the need for the multiplying roster of advisers who surround Kennedy. Sometimes it looks as if he hires a new bunch whenever the old one disagrees with him.

T T W N

How long will it be before some one advocates nudism to improve posture?

T T W N

Possibly the greatest concern about the present administration is not whether it will be this or that but whether it will be the last one or not. There really is not much point in having another; the money will be all spent.

T T W N

Legislators are now picking the men they want to succeed them in case of death, the result of a bit of arrogant fancy perpetrated on the state during the latest legislative imbroglio. Picking successors to legislative posts is the prerogative of the county courts involved and the electorate. Letting a representative of the people pick his own successor is a sign of mild insanity in our kind of government.

T T W N

This matter of huge public debt is merely this generation taking advantage of its children.

T T W N

Sometimes Russia seems to talk and bluster about big matters while stealing something smaller.

T T W N

We want to note that pouring money into a country with immature economics may help keep it that way. There is no good reason for Peru, for instance, to become modern if it can borrow easy money for being backward.

T T W N

Some writers have been bemoaning the loss of the old-fashioned Fourth of July and the absence of firecrackers in particular. For us we do not think that firecrackers were indicative of the old Fourth. What made it was the getting together of people whose means of transportation prevented much visiting except on a summer holiday. They were more conscious of the glories of the nation a couple of generations ago—and properly so.

T T W N

The theory of some writers about America, including the president, is that this nation was started with revolutionary ideas about the relation of the individual to his government. That is true, but nothing remains revolutionary forever.



Russell Belshe (right), Sherman county rancher, describes specially constructed cab on one of tractors used on his ranch to William R. Morrish of Portland (left) and Ron Rew of Pendleton, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Little Leaguers Near End of Schedule

In the little league in this area with two games left to play the Wasco, Tygh Valley and Mt. Hood teams are tied for first place with a 7 to 3 record due to a defeat of Tygh Valley by Wasco Wednesday night by a score of 12 to 3. Richelderfer and O'Meara were the battery for Wasco and Cox and Cady for Tygh Valley.

Mt. Hood defeated Moro Wednesday night by a 4 to 2 score.

Sunday Wasco beat Dufur 7 to 4 with Jensen and Richelderfer the battery for Wasco and Engels and O'Brien working for Dufur.

Beef Research Extensive Matter

The summary of reports presented at the third annual beef cattle field day at Oregon State is now available, a copy can be secured from your extension office.

Beef cattle research by the OSU agricultural experiment station covers a wide variety of projects and involves a considerable number of scientists in several departments and branch stations. Most of the basic or semi-basic research is conducted at the Corvallis station where laboratories, library and personnel from cooperating departments are available. Except for some basic work at the Squaw Butte station, most work at branch stations would fall in the category of applied research.

Branch stations were established because of the wide variety of soil, climate, feed, parasite and disease conditions found in Oregon. However, it is obvious the experiment station cannot establish research centers in all of the distinct environment areas of the state. To partially meet this need demonstrations in cooperation with producers have been conducted and may be expanded as the need arises.

Road Below Sherar Being Dug Out

Lower Deschutes anglers will soon have free-wheeling access all the way from highway 216 near Sherar's bridge as far north as the twin tunnels, a distance of some six miles.

Phil Schneider, state game commissioner, said the commission recently let a contract to the Cody Logging company at Tygh Valley to complete the northerly extension as far as the tunnels.

Schneider said that from this point the road is barricaded by cliffs, a partly filled tunnel, and huge mounds of rock. This blockade presents a project for future extension.

The present work will consist mainly of roadbed improvement, by-passes on the upper sides of two short trestles, three culvert installations, and the spanning of a narrow draw with precast concrete planks. Schneider said the road should be available for travel about mid-July.

Eighty percent of all home accidental deaths due to falls in 1960 occurred to persons 65 or older.

June One of Hottest On Record; Little Drier Than Normal

June was hot and dry, just as the prophets prophesied. But then there are enough prophets that some are always correct.

It did rain .85 inch which isn't so bad and not nearly so much below normal as its moisture in the southeast part of the state. It was but .05 below the normal of .90. Crop year rainfall is now 13.40 and that is 1.93 above normal.

It was 102 degrees on the 16th and 17th and the lowest temperature was 39 which is better than the 30 that befell us last year. We usually get a high of 93 and a low of 37. This makes our normal monthly mean 61.3 degrees and this year it was 66.2 a strong 4.9 above normal. It was the warmest June since 1926 when the mean was 67. In 1918 the mean was 66.5 degrees.

June was calm, a total of 2923 miles being recorded for an average of 4.1 MPH which is 2.0 MPH from normal. Evaporation was more than normal.

Bank Debits Up In Mid-Columbia

Bank debits for the Upper Columbia River including Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties increased by 21.4 per cent in May 1961 as compared to April 1961 and decreased by 3.6 per cent a year ago.

Debits for May 1961 totaled 25,775,297 for April 1961 the total was 21,229,838, and for May 1960 the total amounted to 26,737,861.

Oregon with 230 banks reporting had an increase in bank debits in May 1961 of 10.2 per cent compared with April 1961, and an increase of 3.9 per cent over May 1960.

More Travel On Oregon Roads

A May increase of 5.5% in Oregon rural highway traffic over May of 1960 was indicated by 84 rural traffic recorders of the Oregon State Highway Department. Five recorders reflecting urban traffic trends revealed an increase of 1.8% between the same two months.

Composite traffic counts for the first five months of this year show a statewide increase of 7.1% over the same period of last year.

Even greater increases were shown on the traveled section of the Interstate Highway System. Traffic counts on these roads show a May increase of 9.4 per cent over May of 1960, and a five month composite increase of 12.3 per cent.

Increases were generally revealed on routes US 20, US 97, US 99, and the southern part of US 101. Decreases were indicated on US 30 east of La Grande, and the northern section of US 101.

Conservationists Tell How It Is Done and With What Tools

The conservation practices which won the 1960 Oregon Conservation Man of the Year Award for Russell Belshe and Mac Hall of Sherman County were explained in detail and observed at close-hand during the Oregon Wheat Growers League Conservation Field Day.

Wheat growers from throughout Central and Eastern Oregon, as well as a number of interested laymen from the western part of the state, gathered at the 1900 acre Hall and Belshe wheat ranch in Hay Canyon east of Moro to observe the conservation practices for which the Oregon Wheat Growers League awarded last year's conservation trophy.

At the annual Conservation Field day, wheat ranchers and other observers spent the morning inspecting the many pieces of modified farm machinery on the Hall and Belshe ranch and touring the grain storage facilities.

The Field Day concluded with a tour of the ranch to point out the various conservation practices underway at the Hall and Belshe ranch. These include early seeding, modified cross-slope seeding leading into established waterways or pasture, stubble mulch, grass and grain waterways, proper use of nitrogen, brush and weed control and pasture improvement.

An individual's chances of being killed from an automobile accident is six times greater if thrown from a vehicle.

Status of Farm Bill Constantly Changing Says County Agent In Legislative Summary

Senate and House Agriculture committees are still undecided over either short or long time farm legislation. Both the House and Senate Agriculture committees last week struck out the major provision of Title I of the Cochrane-Freeman omnibus farm bill (H.R. 6400 and S. 1643).

In its original form, Title I of the bill would have given the Secretary of Agriculture authority to undertake production adjustment programs without passing through Congress although subject to Congressional veto and farmer referendum.

Status of 1962 wheat and barley acreage is uncertain at this time. Ralph Busse has received Sherman County's 1962 wheat acreage under the present program, but has not received authority for processing this into farm wheat allotments. Present law provides that final vote be held in marketing quotas by July 25. It further provides that allotments shall be available fifteen days before this date or July 10. Immediate passage of new legislation or a Congressional delay in the normal wheat marketing vote is thus necessary if any new changes in a wheat program for 1962 are to be made.

Apparently there is no chance for the bushel management program advocated in Oregon for House amendment proposes a 10 percent mandatory cut of presently allotted wheat acres with a support of \$2.00 per bushel and a 50-50 percent land retirement payment.

Senator Ellender has introduced a bill calling for a five year program to cut acreage 20 percent in 1962 and 25 percent the next four years. Price support for the first year would be 80 per cent of parity and decline progressively to 65 per cent in the fourth and fifth year. A rental payment equal to one-third of the three-year average would be paid in kind on the 20 percent acre diversion, but none the following year.

The National Wheat Growers Assn. is opposed to this legislation, which they estimate will reduce income by 25 per cent to wheat growers.

The House Agriculture committee will meet July 11 and the Senate will meet July 5 to consider further action on wheat and feed grain programs. Best estimates are that the 1961 Emergency Feed Grain bill will be extended another year, and the barley bill will be included for acreage cuts and land retirement payments. Action on wheat is uncertain, but should be known by this time next week.

Fourth of July Quiet Day For Sherman County

The Fourth of July in Sherman County was another day in which the sun arose on schedule and shown throughout the day hand-capped by a few white and fleecy clouds. It was a warm day for the men and a skirtless day for the women. In the afternoon the wind came up bringing clouds and that night it rained, not in response to the lightning and thunder as a summer storm, but quietly, softly as a requiem for hopes of a rainless harvest in some parts of the county there was over half an inch.

Not many local citizens were or hand to view this masterpiece of nature, most of them having gone down to the Columbia river to dash about at the end of a string in the wake of a speeding motorboat, or to Camp Sherman or other shady spots where desultory conversations and intermittent naps made the day pass slowly, leisurely, uselessly.

A few, caught by the exigencies of dire necessity, performed their usual tasks of preparing food, pumping gas or working summerfallow. Locally there was no program; no one made a speech, no one sang a song, no fireworks were destroyed to imitate either a Roman or an American holiday.

Presumably everyone did the things he or she wanted to do and whether they liked it or not depended on their dispositions, not on their occupations.

State Fair Plans Set

Sherman County participants to the 1961 Oregon State Fair in 4-H Horses and Home Economics demonstrations were selected last week at separate functions reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Joy von Borstel, Grass Valley was selected as Sherman County representative in the individual Home Ec demonstration. Joy presented a junior demonstration on "Self Fabric Belt." Younger sister Cathy, 12, won out as alternate with a demonstration on "Salad Secrets."

Mary Girod, county agent, Condon, served as judge. Girls from all over the county vied for county demonstration honors.

Three young lasses beat out the boys and found themselves State Fair delegates in the 4-H Horsemanship and Showmanship contests. Winners were Paulette Willis, Grass Valley, senior division; Sharon Coelsch, Moro, intermediate; and Randy Lemley, Grass Valley, junior division. These girls came out on top in combined judging in the halter and saddle classes: Loleta Sullivan, Paulette Willis and Ann Hall with Sharon Coelsch as alternate. They will represent Sherman County in the 4-H Horse Judging contest. Loleta was top 4-H judge with a perfect score.

Clifford Conrad, superintendent of State Fair, Salem, served as 4-H horse judge. The 4-H members from the Hi-Yu Horse Club and the How-D Horse Club participated. Champions will be selected during Sherman County Fair in September.

Placings in the various 4-H Showmanship and Horsemanship contests were as follows: Showmanship, seniors: Floyd Rathbun, 1st; Ann Hall, 2nd; Paulette Willis, 3rd. Horsemanship, seniors: Paulette Willis, 1st; Ann Hall, 2nd; Floyd Rathbun, 3rd.

Showmanship, intermediates: Sharon Coelsch, 1st; Pat Alsop, 2nd; Bonnie Jefferies, 3rd; Sally Bibby, 4th; Nancy Crews, 5th; Fred Hall, 6th; John DeMoss, 7th; Loleta Sullivan, 8th.

Horsemanship, intermediates: Sharon Coelsch, 1st; Pat Alsop, 2nd; Nancy Crews, 3rd; John DeMoss, 4th; Bonnie Jefferies, 5th; Fred Hall, 6th; Loleta Sullivan, 7th; Sally Bibby, 8th.

Showmanship, juniors: Randy Lemley, 1st; Brent VanGilder, 2nd.

Horsemanship, juniors: Randy Lemley, 1st; Brent VanGilder 2nd. Showmanship, sub-juniors: Leo Coelsch, 1st; Ormand Hilderbrand, 2nd; Krista Mobley, 3rd; Paulette Patnode, 4th; Gary Brinkert, 5th; Jill Nogle, 6th.

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City Water Bills May Be Paid At City Hall Now

Payment of city water bills may be made at the city hall each morning between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 from the third to the tenth of each month. Loy Cochran, maintenance man and now water collector, will be there to receive payment.

For those who pay by check and prefer it, payment may be made by check addressed to Loy Cochran, Water Department, Moro.

Ron and Betty Win

Ron Mobley and Betty Reckmann have been awarded the two May Barnum scholarships of \$250 each for work done at Sherman High School. Awards were given for outstanding achievement during the high school career and were not announced at the time of commencement.

Sherman Lodge Has 50th Anniversary

Approximately 80 people attended the dinner held in the IOOF hall Friday evening June 30 served at 6:30 by Mrs. Jack Adams and Juanita McClain, honoring the Golden Anniversary of Sherman Lodge No. 143 AF & AM. The tables were decorated with lovely arrangements of yellow and gold chrysanthemums, baby breath and fern. The head table held a centerpiece of yellow and gold mums, yellow glads, baby breath and fern.

Seated at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belton of Salem, worshipful grand master of Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Proudfoot of Portland, grand secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Clausen, district deputy of Dufur; Dr. M. B. Taylor of Portland, a charter member and first master of Sherman lodge, which he helped institute; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brander, master of Sherman lodge. Mr. Brander introduced the visiting guests, Mr. Belton, Mr. Proudfoot and Mr. Clausen, who responded with brief talks. Harold Eakin gave the history of Sherman lodge. Mr. Belton presented 25 year pins to Dr. Taylor, J. W. Blagg, John Bayliss of Ashland, George Wilcox of The Dalles, Harold Eakin, Leo Clark of Portland, D. L. Reynolds, Don Clodfelter, Ed Piercy of Portland, Roy Feely of The Dalles, Wallace May and Eugene Knott of Kent.

Lower Freight Rates Will Help Farmers

When the wheat harvest gets under way this month, Northwest growers can count on another season of freight rate savings, said Carl W. Evers, UP traffic manager.

No decision is expected from the Interstate Commerce commission until late this year in the grain rate controversy between the railroads and the barges, Evers said. The railroads estimated last fall when they reduced their grain rates to be competitive with the unregulated barges and trucks that Northwest growers would save \$7,000,000 on their freight bills.

The ICC, which refused barge demands for an outright suspension of the rates, concluded a second hearing in Portland last week. ICC Examiner Edward L. Boissere announced a third hearing will be held soon in Washington, D. C., to consider a railroad cost study that was admitted as evidence at the end of last week's hearing despite objections by barge attorneys.

Evers said the cost study by Ford K. Edwards, Washington, D. C., traffic consultant, shows that the railroads' new grain rates are compensatory.

"This study disproves barge claims that the railroads reduced their rates below cost to put the barges out of business," Evers said.

"Wheat growers should also know that Lew S. Russell Jr. vice president and general manager of Tidewater Barge Lines, testified at last week's hearing that barge rate would be increased if the ICC ordered withdrawal of the railroads' new grain rates. The growers would thus lose their present saving in freight rates."

Another significant railroad exhibit at the hearing showed that the Albany barge line was offering preferential rates to selected shippers, Evers said.

Harvest Starts On Barley With Fair Yields

Grain is being cut in Sherman County several having started on winter barley right after the first of the month. Even at Monksland, where the fast moving Thompsons hold forth, barley is being threshed.

First reports are not so optimistic as some of the heads snapped off in the recent winds, but from appearances the barley should be better in the north end than usual. Alpine and other winter barleys are the ones being cut. They came through the winter in good shape and have given rise to hopes of a good crop for once.

It will be a couple weeks before the results of the rust damage will be known for wheat harvest will not start in earnest until then. Fields that suffered most from rust look good since the grain turned color but the heads may be less well filled than they would have been or have some defect that cuts down the yield.

Without knowing the extent of the damage or whether or not there is material damage estimators are badly handicapped in foretelling the size of the crop. As for us, we will be surprised if the crop is less than 3,500,000 bushels. With favorable weather and no disease it could have reached 4,500,000.

Moro Firemen Think Fire Season On

City of Moro firemen have decided that the fire season should be declared and that no burning should be allowed. That is since the fire at the dump rd nearly got away and burned a field of barley Wednesday. Firemen will watch while residents burn around their burning barrels but do not care for any more such experiences. There are several places in town where the grass is dry and thick on the ground that could stand some preventative burning.



Andrew Morrow, Jefferson County wheat and cattle rancher has been named as newest member of the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Governor Hatfield named Morrow to the position vacated by the resignation of Morris Wilson of Condon whose term expired June 30.

Morrow, immediate past president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, with his brother operates an 11,000-acre wheat and cattle ranch outside of Madras. The 49-year-old rancher has been active over the years in a number of farm and grower organizations.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 126 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2 butcher hogs sold steady at \$17.75 to \$18.50. Sows \$9.25 to \$13.80. Feeder hogs \$14.00 to \$18.00 a cwt.

Good 600 to 700 lb. feeder steers brought \$21.00 to \$23.00 with heavies up to 1100 lb. grass steers \$19.00 to \$21.20. Common and medium steers \$18.00 to \$20.00.

Good 550 to 700 lb. heifers \$19.00 to \$21.00 with mediums down to \$16.00 and light dairy types \$14.00. Heifer calves up to \$23.50.

Cows sold strong at \$12.00 to \$14.75 on cutters and canners, commercial and standards \$15.00 to \$16.70.

Light Bologna bulls \$19.75 to \$20.75.

Baby calves sold at \$20.00 to \$35.00 a head on dairy and Holsteins.