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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

A former Nebraskan, now elevated in the public prints by politics, says Nebraska's schools are backward. Maybe they are. Trouble is Nebraskans have kept school control at home and do not favor federal intervention.

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As usual we get ready for hot weather the week after the peak is passed and run around half frozen as it cools off.

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We suspect that the wives of construction workers may break the strike which their husbands permitted by giving too much authority to union leaders. Hungry wives have many arguments.

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There's a new book out about the Renaissance which was the movement for a new civilization after the long dark ages. Think it should be very well read because we're acting a lot like we did before the other dark ages.

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We'll hear a lot about the firing of the jailer who let men escape. Firing a man for failure to do his job isn't done anymore, it seems.

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There is no sense in New York farmer Smith going around boasting about buying a Cadillac with the money obtained by not raising grain; he's not the first to do that.

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We ran across the old philosopher as he was solemnly pulling a barely protesting chub out of the water. He sat down with a plump on the sand as his legs bent to their limit and let him drop the last four inches and, as he pried the hook out of the mouth of the unmoving chub the old philosopher remarked, "There's people like these. No spirit. Don't resist nothin', race, religion, communism, nothin'; swallow anything that looks edible whether it's got a hook in it not. Damn trash. The rivers and country is getting full of such."

TTWN

We are often amazed at the ability of politicians and political writers to keep the interest in such things going between elections. In fact, we wonder if the people would vote at all if these folks didn't overdo during elections.

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The land of Sherman county, we are sure, will be farmed for many years to come or that part of it not given over to industry. What it will grow or what kind of people will be doing it is another matter entirely.

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Klamath is having a beef stew dinner put on by those dedicated to the increased use of beef. Fine most beef stews are put on by those dedicated to the consumption of potatoes. Well, that might work in Klamath.

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There was a picture of a football player in the papers this week and one morning it was chilly. Do you suppose it is almost fall?

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As we understand it the objective of the founders of this country was to establish a government under which men could be free. Presently, the objective seems to be a government that can exact the maximum of money. Thus government is the enemy of the people.

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While this nation was talking big to Russia little Cuba steals our commercial planes. What a mess.

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The polsters having determined that seven out of ten Americans favored a strong stand on Berlin the president joined the ranks of the saved by declaring such a policy. It also gives the administration a chance to raise taxes.

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The board of higher education and some of the press may think that the criticism over the purchase of a \$62,500 house for the new president of the school is over. But we doubt it.



WHY COWBOYS YELL— — — — **WHOPEE !!** Smiling beauties from Prineville rangelands are added attractions at Crooked River Roundup slated for action-packed opening Friday night, August 11, with shows Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Princesses Bobbi Collins, Queen Molly Houston and Princess Patty Collins also are hosting the Elks All-Star football game Saturday night August 12, matching eastern and central Oregon boys.

Moro Womens Club Meets At Olsens

The Moro Woman's Club gathered for a specially called mid-summer meeting on July 20, at the home of the president, Mrs. Rudolph Olsen. The hostess served 2 o'clock dessert, and iced tea all during the afternoon.

Business included the adoption of some changes in the club's constitution and by-laws; a study of the proposed floor-plan for a Legion community hall, with some suggestions recommended for the kitchen area; a decision to request stop-light signals at the intersection of Highway 97 and First street, in Moro.

Mrs. Olsen named for chairman of community affairs, Mrs. W. Roy Belshee; safety chairman Mrs. John DeMoss; press reporter, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton. Plans an projects for the coming club-year were discussed. A gift was presented to Mrs. Roy Belshee in appreciation of her benefits in appreciation of the past two years. The members enjoyed Mrs. Olsen's pleasant, air-conditioned home and gracious hospitality.

George L. Barnett Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for George Lawrence Barnett were held in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.

George Barnett was born in Missouri, December 26, 1896 and came to Sherman county with his parents when a small boy living first near Kent where his father farmed. He married Lola Schadewitz, who survives, and was the father of three sons, Melvin of Roseburg, Carl and Ernest of Maupin and one daughter, Mrs. John Palmer of Antelope. Surviving also are three brothers, Earl of Parkdale and Roy and Ernest of The Dalles and eight grandchildren.

Market Report

Livestock receipts were 148 head with over 100 head of cattle U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs \$19.50 to \$19.70. Feeder hogs around 100 lbs. \$17.00 to \$20.00 and weaners \$12.50 to \$13.50 a head.

Feeder lambs \$10.25 to \$11.25 a cwt. Medium 525 to 650 lb. steers brought \$20.00 to \$22.25. Cross bred dairy and beef types \$17.00 to \$20.00 and Holsteins \$15.00 to \$17.00. Light dairy steers down to \$13.00.

Mixed dairy and beef cross bred heifers 500 to 700 lbs. \$16.00 to \$18.00 with medium beef breeds to \$20.00. Dairy heifers \$13.00 to \$16.00.

Canner and cutter cows were in good demand at \$11.00 to \$13.25 with utility to \$15.00 and standard to \$17.00. Old shelly cows down to \$8.00. Cows with calves at sides \$160.00 to \$170.00 a pair.

Bologna bulls around 1100 lbs. \$17.00 to \$18.20.

Dairy type calves \$15.00 to \$17.00 and beef breeds to \$22.00. Fat calves up to \$24.50. Baby calves, Holsteins \$24.00 to \$31.00 a head.

Veterans of '18 Again To Meet To Eat, Talk

World War I veterans are going to meet again on August 27 at the Odd-Fellows hall in Moro for dinner, a program and a lot of visiting. This will be the fifth reunion since Theodore Johnston latched the idea of getting the group (which he headed) together that went September 4, 1918 for a 40th anniversary. The meeting was so enjoyable it was expanded to include all Sherman county veterans of the first World War.

First the veterans outgrew the church, last year it crowded the capacity of the hotel dining room and has been moved to the Odd-Fellows hall as Theodore expects over a hundred. Veterans and their wives or mothers or daughters come and they must have a good time for the next year they are back again, often traveling hundreds of miles for a look at a once familiar face and the sound of a remembered voice.

Reservations are being handled by Theodore Johnston, Moro, who will be glad to send an announcement and invitation to any World War I veteran who left Sherman county if addresses are supplied.

Hunters Must Hurry To Get Extra Tags

Oregon hunters are reminded they have only about two weeks in which to submit applications for the controlled and permit deer hunts. Applications for the various controlled deer seasons are due in the game commission's office by 5 p.m. August 1, while applications for unit deer permits are due 5 p.m. August 8.

Drawing for controlled season tags in oversubscribed areas is scheduled for 10 a.m. August 8 and the drawing for unit permits is scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 15. Controlled season applications may be obtained at all license agencies. A fee of \$6.00 must be remitted with the application. It will be refunded if the applicant is not successful in drawing a controlled season tag in the area applied for.



Charley Harding is going to retire. Next Tuesday he will not have to go to work and he can stay home out on Humphrey road and think about how he started banking by sweeping out a little bank in LaGrande, about the Rainbow division in World War I, about the big depression when he tramped the streets and fields of Sherman county trying to arrange things so farmers could stay in business without much money, about managing the first branch bank in Oregon at The Dalles.

Folks in Sherman county like Charley Harding even if his bank did get much of the blame for making loans tough to get by deciding to quit lending to the little banks that borrowed from Portland at six percent and loaned to farmers at ten. Charley was a pleasant guy who laughed easily, talked soothingly, ate and drank with them and could dig up a hundred if the tank was clear out of gasoline or the wife had to go to a hospital.

The United States National bank will be different without him, sitting on the front row of the vice-presidents in the big office in Portland. But, then, you couldn't expect anyone to go on forever.

GERTRUDE BROWN BURIED

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Brown were held in Portland Tuesday, July 18, with interment in a cemetery there. Mrs. Brown was a native of Sherman County being the eldest daughter of Wm. Henrichs and his wife Henrietta Medler Henrichs. She had lived in Portland for many years.

Yields Around Moro Proportionately Better Than Wasco's Explanation of Crop Drop Made By Scientist

Harvest goes quietly on. There is no boasting. No one is getting as much wheat as he wanted or expected, although some crops are reliably reported to be in excess of 40 bushels per acre which is much better than earlier returns and is big enough to be profitable any year.

A combination of hot weather and rust will probably be blamed for the reduction in yield and the percentage that each is responsible for the cut in bushelage will vary from farmer to farmer and from field to field. And this is probably right and proper.

In the north end of the county where rust struck first and where wheat was farther along the loss is greatest, crops being cut a good half of recent years normal in most cases. No field is reported to have made more than 30 bushels and most returns are from 22 to 28 bushels.

Around Moro the thinner land suffered most making 14 to 18 bushels. Yields in the twenties are most common although the Erskine country is doing much better than that, running nearer 40 bushels. Not enough returns are in from the south end to justify an estimate.

Bank Debits Up In This Region

Bank debits for the Upper Columbia River including Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler counties increased by 13.7 per cent in June 1961 as compared to May 1961 and increased by 2.9 per cent a year ago.

Debits for June 1961 totaled \$29,310,515 for May 1961 the total was \$25,775,297, and for June 1960 the total amounted to \$28,477,998.

Oregon with 230 banks reporting had a decrease in bank debits in June 1961 of 1.6 per cent compared with May 1961 and an increase of 2.7 per cent over June 1960. Total debits for Oregon in June 1961 came to \$2,132,023,188, for May 1961 the total was \$2,165,023,454 and for June, a year ago, the total was \$2,075,032,097.

Rust Rating	Variety	Yields 1960	1961	Percent Reduction
Resistant	Kharkof	28.8	23.8	17
Mod. Resist.	C.I.13448 (Shorty)	46.8	37.4	20
	Orfed	38.7	28.8	26
	Burt	38.8	28.0	28
Mod suscept.	Omar	44.0	31.3	29
Suscept.	Rio-Rex-Athena x Orfed	39.0	25.6	34

Board of Health Makes Request

To avoid delays in service, the state board of health today asked parents to send full information and the necessary fee when requesting birth certificates for their children for school admission purposes.

Marian Martin, state registrar, said abstract copies may be obtained for a fee of \$1.00 from the state board of health for any child born in Oregon. Photocopies of the entire certificate cost \$2.00 each. An abstract copy of a birth registration is adequate for school admission.

Requests for Oregon certificates should include the fee, full name of the child, names of both parents, and place and date of birth. Orders should be sent to the Vital Statistics Section, Oregon State Board of Health, P. O. Box 231, Portland 7, Oregon.

U. S. National Bank Gaining Steadily

U. S. National Bank of Portland reported deposits totaling \$826,818,561 in its June 30 report to the comptroller of the currency—an increase of more than \$47 million since the comparable call date one year ago.

The Dalles Branch of U. S. National recorded deposits of \$16,053,256.90 according to James L. Johnson, manager of The Dalles Branch. The Dufur Branch of U. S. National recorded deposits of \$1,945,317.16, according to G. W. Hertel, manager.

Total loans and discounts for U. S. National's statewide system stood at \$399,863,658 as of June 30, with The Dalles Branch reporting \$7,839,324, and The Dufur Branch reporting \$572,026, in that category.

by W. E. Hall
"The trucks are lining up in the field rather than at the elevator this year." This was an observation of one elevator manager and is typical of conditions throughout the Columbia Basin. Reports in Sherman and Wasco Counties indicate areas with yields 50 per cent below what was harvested two years ago.

Rust or heat? Which is responsible for the low yields? Fields appear to have fewer heads. The heads have fewer and smaller kernels than normal. This could be the result of either rust or heat. The kernels in most cases appear plump. Test weights are good. This is not typical of either rust or heat.

Undoubtedly the reduction in yield is a combination of the two factors. Temperatures of over 100 in June are sure to have had an effect on the crop. How then can we decide how much of a reduction the rust caused and is it serious enough to warrant changing varieties?

On the Sherman Branch Experiment Station a comparison of yields of resistant and susceptible varieties indicate a reduction in yield from last year with the greatest reduction with the susceptible varieties.

Unfortunately Golden and Brevor were not included in this experiment. Kharkof (Turkey Red) was the most rust resistant variety included. In 1961 it yielded 23.8 as compared to 28.8 bushels in 1960. Its yield reduction is 17% and probably due mainly to heat. The moderately resistant varieties: C. I. 13448 "Shorty", Orfed and Burt yielded 37.4; 28.8 and 28.0 bushels respectively this year. They were reduced in yield an additional 10% supposedly by rust. Omar, a moderately susceptible variety, yielded 21.3 this year and 44.0 bushels in 1960. It was reduced in yield 29% or 12% more than Kharkof. The most susceptible variety, Rio-Rex-Athena x Orfed was reduced 34% in yield, having yielded 25.6 this year as compared to 39.0 bushels in 1960.

If the previous assumptions are correct, less than half the yield reduction this year is due to rust. Even with the rust, Omar was higher yielding than Burt, Orfed and other more resistant varieties. The only higher yielding variety than Omar was the "shorty" variety, C. I. 13448. Previous experiments have indicated Golden and Brevor to be 20 to 25% lower yielding than Omar. Thus it does not appear advisable to change to such a lower yielding variety on the chance of another rust epidemic. With the release of the "shorty" wheat expected this fall, improved resistance will be available in the near future.

Census Percentages Show fewer Earners

In Oregon in 1950 60.9 per cent of the population was between 18 and 64 which is generally the working age. Of the remainder 30.4 were under 18 and 8.7 were over 65.

In 1960 an even 54 percent were of the working age, 10.4 are over 65 and 35.7 are under 18. That 5.3 percent of the 1,768,687 or 93,730 is in school or about to be and should be educated and there is 6.9 percent or about 100,000 fewer persons of working age to pay the bill.

And of the oldsters there are 1.7 percent more and some of them may be drawing money for inability or mere age.

Sherman county is similar to the state, there being 36.8 per cent under 18, 5.4 percent of working age and 9.2 percent of aged in 1960 compared to 30.7 percent below 18, 60.2 workers and 9.1 oldsters in 1950. We do not accumulate oldsters very fast as they move away and not all are drawing money. The economy would be easier if more were working.

County Court Proceedings

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING JULY 5, 1961

Minutes of meetings of June 7, 1961 read, corrected and signed by Court.

Claims allowed as presented against road fund, ordered paid. One claim disallowed as presented against general fund, balance allowed and ordered paid.

Monthly financial statement of county treasurer showing all fund balances as of June 30, 1961 presented—examined, approved, and ordered filed.

Gasoline consumption for month of June presented—examined, approved and ordered filed.

Road balances for month of June, 1961 presented—examined, approved and ordered filed.

Bids received for pick-ups for road department and weed department—T pickup and 1/2T pickup purchased from Michael, Inc., Madras, Oregon.

Swenson et al, County and City Relations Division, State Highway Department appear before court and present agreement re: re-location of highway 80N, Biggs-Rufus area. Agreement not satisfactory to court.

Budget for Sherman County for year 1961-62 adopted. No one appearing to object. Total budget in amount of \$154,280.00.

Hearing on vacation of alley in block 20 Town of Rufus—Vacation petition denied—No alleys or streets to be closed south of Highway at present time in Rufus, Oregon.

Court signs Certificates of Appropriation of Funds for extension agents.

COURT ADJOURNED. CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE 1961 APPROVED JULY 5, 1961 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

\$28.50; Pacific Telephone, \$27.80; George F. Cake Co., \$40.45; Craig Office Supply \$69.05; Dunham Printing Co., \$236.76; C. L. Roberts \$7.75; C. L. Gray \$105.20; C. L. Roberts, \$123.12.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$7.80; Recordak Corp., \$209.50; TREASURER'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$5.75; Morrell's Business Machines \$20.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$3.43

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Pacific Telephone \$10.65; Morrell's Business Machines, \$20.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$13.35;

COUNTY PRINTING: Sherman County Journal \$177.32

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: T. Lester Johnson \$60.50

ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS: Shepard's Citations \$40.00; American Law Book \$100.00; Bancroft-Whitney Co., \$102.50; West Publishing Co., \$354.00.

COURTHOUSE: Moro Postmaster \$4.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$45.66; Conley Chemical & Supply Co., \$177.30; Glenn Wallace \$59.74; City of Moro \$3.50; Moro Grain Growers Association \$1.00;

CIRCUIT COURT: John H. Newman \$15.50

COUNTY COURT: Lester Wilson \$30.00; L. E. Kaseberg \$27.20

JUSTICE COURT: Pacific Telephone \$1.15; Portland Stamp & Seal Co., \$5.90; Crag Office Supply Co., \$19.18; City of Wasco \$10.00 Darwin Van Gilder \$4.55.

PREMIUM ON OFFICERS BOND: T. Lester Johnson \$17.50

WEED CONTROL: Agri. Chem. Inc., \$30.00; Miller Products Co., \$363.75; Weed Control Service, Inc., \$10.35; Wilbur-Ellis Co., \$1070.00

DEMOSSE PARK: Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.25; J. W. Gilman \$82.80; Ranch & Home Store \$5.16; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$1.28

EMERGENCY FUND: Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$13.44; Motorola C & E, Inc. \$2227.00; Wheeler's \$73.55.

MISCELLANEOUS: First National Bank \$319.10; State Tax Commission, \$64.00; Public Employes Retirement Bd.-Social Security \$86.32; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$31.06.

ROAD FUND: WAGES: Lloyd Gosson \$419.98; Frank Bayer, \$346.80; Jerrold Morehouse \$351.24; Earl Johnson \$340.00; Joe Griggs \$366.67; Lee Gunnels, \$373.55; Bankers Life & Casualty \$46.80; First National Bank \$286.00; State Tax Commission \$54.50; Social Security \$160.38; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$226.36.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pacific Power & Light Co., \$19.28; City of Moro \$1.75; Pacific Telephone \$9.75; K. A. Dunlap \$1.65; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$38.68; Smith Auto Parts, \$3.42; Moro Postmaster \$10.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$12.83; W. R. Reid & Son \$7.36; Flatt's Truck Service \$60.82.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: J. H. Baxter & Co., \$36.65; Wasco Equipment \$68.33; Moro Grain Growers Association \$346.15

REPAIRS: Auto Electric Supply Co., \$143.18; Ace Equipment Sales, Inc., \$32.15; Stone Machinery Co., \$1459.05; C. W. S. Grinding & Machine \$68.15; Smith Auto Parts \$28.66; Ranch & Home Store \$3.42; The Dalles Iron Works, \$47.25; Cushman Equipment Co., \$14.73; O'Meara Supply & Implement Co., \$503.04.

GAS & OIL: Standard Oil Co., \$179.13; Shell Oil Co., \$209.83;

BRIDGES & CULVERTS: Woodbury Co., \$333.12; Tumalo Lumber Co., \$92.55.

TIRES & TUBES: Cushman Equip. Co., \$312.56

ROAD MACHINERY: H. S. Michael, Inc., \$4673.26

INSURANCE: W. T. Balsiger Insurance Agency, \$1,500.00