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These Things We Note

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Criticism from foreign nations about the slowness of American justice should remember the Eichmann trial. Or is that a propaganda stunt?

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If we are to judge by the terms of the strike settlement it is the men who lost. Not only in wages but in freedom. The union will come closer to deciding who will work.

TTWN

The United States used to have firms exporting wheat whose salesmen kept the grain moving to all parts of the world. AT A PROFIT. Now we pay 'em to take it.

TTWN

We have committees to study all our economic ills that we didn't used to have. Question: Do the committees cause our ills or do the ills cause the committees?

TTWN

Can't say as the east Germans should be blamed much for closing the border into west Berlin. They were losing all their good people and could not change the reasons for their leaving on account of Russia. Any east German who hasn't moved west by now—after 15 years—isn't exactly burning with democratic fever.

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It is said that Kennedy is turning to the more practical men around him which is fine if he can find any.

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It appears that if we go to war over Berlin we will have to do it without allies.

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Oregon now has a tax court. It has been suggested that we have a labor court. How many more? Laws to bring all problems into regular courts could stop this specialization that may not be good government.

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Nobody is going to get rich picking huckleberries this year but anyone can get plenty of exercise and doctors say that is more valuable.

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It doesn't make any difference what paper or magazine one reads the evidence of economic decay from too much governmental supervision is there.

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Pretty soon now it will really rain, the stubble will give out the smell of fall, the bed covers will be picked out of the corner, the furnace will start and Lo, it will be fall—and almost welcome.

TTWN

They buried Howard Turner at Madras this week. He was 82 and if a man was ever the father of a county Howard Turner was of Jefferson. He ran a newspaper at Metolius and a bank at Madras, right through the depression and open every day but Sunday in one of the poorest production areas in the state. He did a good share of the work toward getting the irrigation for the county and then helped get its history written. He found time to serve in the legislature. We hope they can produce another.

TTWN

The latest Russian space flier said he could land his ship anywhere but still he came down in a parachute. Clever, these Russians.

TTWN

Credit the mayor of Ione with a streak of independence. He said his town could look after itself after a little flood.

TTWN

It is about time social security began picking up the load of welfare as it was supposed to do. But wanta bet it never does.

TTWN

We suspect it will take more than a cup of coffee on a sidewalk to make a Paris out of Portland.

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This hot spell isn't going to quit suddenly, just wear out, or so it looks.

School Registration Includes Football

Next Tuesday registration for the coming year at Sherman High will begin with hours from 9 to 12 in the forenoon and one to 4:30 in the afternoon. The next day the football examinations will be held at 1:30 p. m. and on August 24 football practice will begin.

On the 25th there will be registrations again on the same hourly schedule as Tuesday. On the 28th freshman registration will begin at 9 a. m. and others can register between 11 and 12 with three upper classes registering in the afternoon.

New teachers will report August 31 at 9:00 in the morning and the next day, September 1 all teachers will be on duty at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to do the things necessary before school starts, Monday, September 5.

Research Funds Constantly Sought

Many wheat industry groups in the Pacific Northwest have been seeking federal research grants to accelerate research on stripe rust strains affecting wheat oats and barley and their control. Information available indicates that the senate has voted to appropriate \$150,000 towards this work. In addition the senate has voted to appropriate \$80,000 to step-up research on wheat breeding and quality studies. House committee action is now needed to confirm the availability of these funds.

Clean Seed Good Idea Says Expert

An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure when it comes to the purchasing of clean quality seed free from weed contamination, according to Martin J. Zimmerman, county extension agent. Control of rye and morning glory is costly once these weeds are established in your fields.

Ranchers should make certain supplies of seed are free from noxious and other bothersome weeds. This can be assured only through careful attention and co-operation of growers, warehousemen and ranchers.

Ranchers anticipating need for seed should contact suppliers now to ensure adequate supplies of clean quality seed where needed.

Milt Zell Buried Monday In The Dalles

Charles Milton Zell was buried in The Dalles Monday following his death in Portland Friday.

Milt Zell was born in Prineville January 29, 1877 to an old Crook county family. He was acquainted in Sherman county when a young man and from 1920 to 1946 when he was owner of a funeral home in The Dalles and in that capacity gave aid and comfort to hundreds of local families in time of distress. He was kindly and considerate.

Surviving him are a son, Hildred, a farmer west of Wasco, a grandson Arthur Milton and nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Baptist church and an Odd-Fellow of long standing, members of that lodge having charges of his services.

Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 132 head and were less than previous weeks due to the big feeder sale this week of August 19. Prices were 50 cents to \$1.00 higher on both cattle and hogs.

U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs brought \$19.75 to \$20.00 and No. 3 hogs were down to \$19.00.

Heavy steers 900 to 1150 lbs brought \$19.50 to \$20.20 with 450 to 550 lb. good steer calves at \$24.00 to \$24.75.

Common and Holstein heifers 450 to 550 lbs. sold at \$17.00 to \$20.00 and good kinds to \$22.50. Good 800 to 900 lb. two year old heifers brought \$18.00 to \$20.00. Dairy heifers sold down to \$16.00.

Canner and cutter cows brought \$10.80 to \$12.75 with utility \$14.50 and young standard cows up to \$19.00. A few cows with calves at sides, calves under 300 lbs., brought \$208.00 a pair. Good Bologna bulls \$19.25 to \$20.90.

Good beef breed and Holstein baby calves \$15.00 to \$30.00 and light dairy breeds down to \$2.50 a head.

Valuations Up And Equalized Between Classes

After many years the state tax commission has achieved a goal of property tax equalization and, with few exceptions, the utility ratio in Oregon will be the same as the ratio used for other property. The ratio for both in Sherman County is 25 percent of true cash value.

Utility valuations have been received from the tax commission which sets them. Pacific Power & Light has a taxable valuation of \$126,526, and the Union Pacific has \$583,016 while Pacific Telephone NW has \$209,411.

These are the biggest utilities in this county. Among the smaller ones are the Pacific Gas Transmission line which is in process of building a line from Canada to California running through the south end of Sherman County which is valued at \$21,250. The Rufus water district is valued at \$2500.

Total utility valuation will be \$985,323 unless errors are discovered in the figures. Assessor Balzer is now dividing this valuation into the taxing districts so he can compute the millage for taxpayers. The total valuation of the county will be somewhat larger this year.

Charley Wallace Hit By Speeding Car

Charley Wallace is in a hospital in The Dalles with some broken ribs and probably a punctured lung due to a collision between the jeep he was driving on the star route and a car driven by a woman driving from Portland to Kinzua. She suffered a broken leg.

Mr. Wallace was pulling on to the paved road from farther out or the point when he was hit. Dorothy DeMarsh of Portland was driving the car. Barring complications Mr. Wallace will be out of the hospital in a short time.

Melon Season On In Oregon

Oregon homemakers can take advantage of bountiful supplies of locally grown melons now coming to market by freezing some for later use, advises an Oregon State consumer marketing specialist.

Chilled, refreshing melons are most popular as a warm weather treat—iced and sliced, cut into cubes or balls as an addition to fruit salads or fruit cups, or topped with mint ice for dessert.

Watermelons, cantaloupes, Crenshaw, Honeydews, Casabas, and Persian melons all may be successfully frozen. Packages of commercially frozen melon balls usually include several kinds of melon for variety in flavor and color.

For home freezing, select firm-fleshed, well colored, ripe melons, cut in half, remove seeds and peel. Cut the melon into cubes or balls the size of large marbles using a spoon-scoop sold for this purpose.

Pack into freezer containers and cover with cold syrup made from 1 cup sugar to 2 cups water. Leave enough headspace for expansion in freezing— $\frac{1}{4}$ inch for a pint container with a wide-mouth opening and 1 inch for a quart container. Freeze at zero degrees F. or below and keep stored at zero.

Boost your family's intake of Vitamin C while it's cheap and available in many locally grown foods. Some of these, including cantaloupe, green and red peppers and fresh garden greens, are listed in a new circular available from OSU.

Ascorbic acid—Vitamin C—is one nutrient that should be in each day's food supply, say home economists who authored the bulletin. It can't be stored by eating a lot of vitamin-rich foods one day for use the next.

Westerners are known to be low in the vitamin, according to nutrition surveys. A third of the men and boys in the West had low levels of ascorbic acid in their blood.

Vitamin C contributes to hearty appetites, healthy gums, strong bones and teeth and is a bodyguard against damage to heart muscles, and changes in bones, teeth and gums.

Northwest Grain Dealers Head Says Farm Bill No Help Here

Clifford E. Simmons, Rockford, Wash., president of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association, today took issue with the Kennedy administration's omnibus farm bill as it affects the Pacific wheat picture.

A major provision of the bill, signed earlier this week by President Kennedy, is a mandatory 10 percent reduction in wheat acreage. At the signing President Kennedy said that the new farm bill "is designed to improve farm income, expand the market for agricultural products, reduce our stocks of grain and wheat, and relieve our taxpayers of carrying some of the costs of carrying those stocks."

Simmons, who manages Rockford Grain Growers, Inc., a farmer-owned cooperative grain merchandising firm, viewed the bill on the basis of President Kennedy's four point in this way:

"1. To improve farm income in the Pacific Northwest our farmers have to take another 10 percent cut in their wheat acreage which has already been cut about a third. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman says the government will make support loans at \$2 a bushel next year if the farmers vote Aug. 24 to approve marketing quotas (a quota is the amount of wheat a farmer can produce on his allotment.)

In view of the fact that the cost price of wheat in the Pacific Northwest is already \$2.08 this \$2 loan rate doesn't mean anything.

"2. The President says the bill will expand the market for agricultural products. Pacific Northwest wheat production has difficulty keeping up with the market now. In 1960-61 crop year, 114.2 million bushels of white wheat—the kind grown in the Pacific Northwest—was shipped from Pacific Northwest ports. The government is so hard pressed to meet its foreign marketing commitments for white wheat that it has attempted to persuade foreign buyers to accept red wheat shipped from gulf ports as a substitute. (White wheat is preferred in the Orient and Southeast Asia—it is the pastry wheat used in our domestic cake mixes at home.)

The real wheat surplus in this country is in red wheat—bread wheat. Durum—the wheat used for spaghetti and macaroni—is completely exempted from the provisions because of the short supply. It is the export demand for white wheat, of course, which has increased the price to 20 cents above the loan rate.

"3. The new bill, says the President, 'will reduce our stocks of grains and wheat.' Aside from taking wheat out of the category of grains, this statement needs some examination in the light of our Pacific Northwest conditions. The 5-year average 'stocks of

Farm Bureau Not For More Agents

The Oregon Farm Bureau Board of Directors voted Thursday to oppose the establishment of an additional county agent for Malheur county at this time. The Board of Directors, meeting in Salem, acted on a recommendation from the Malheur county Farm Bureau stating an additional county agent is not required at this time.

County agricultural agents are hired on a cooperative basis between Oregon State university and the county court. While a budget has been allowed in the county for a second agent, it was explained the money does not have to be spent and may revert to the county.

Antelope Country Dry This Year

Antelope hunters heading for southeast Oregon for the five-day season, August 19 through 23, may not find their quarry in places normally frequented by these big game animals.

This is the word from Vic Mason, regional supervisor at Burns for the game commission, who reports that many water holes in Lake, Harney, and lower Malheur counties are bone dry, some for the first time in a dozen years. The water situation in this country is extremely critical, according to Mason, much to the detriment of both game and fish.

Farm Meeting On Price Vote Set Next Tuesday

A farm meeting will be held Tuesday night, August 22 at the court house for an explanation and discussion of the new farm bill and the election to be held August 24 to determine the price schedule on 1962 wheat.

Dan Verhagen, farmer fieldman of ASC, and Manning Becker, extension farm management specialist OSU, will assist Tommy Thompson and Ralph Busse with the explanations and lead the discussions. All participated in the regional meeting at Pendleton Wednesday when the new program was explained to ASC committeemen.

Shorty Wheat Test Not Too Good

A commercial scale milling test was run on the semi-dwarf variety CI-13448 at the Helix Milling Company at Helix, August 8. Brevor was also milled at the same time.

Flour yield on the semi-dwarf was 72.58% with Brevor running 69%. Millers claim they like a yield of about 75% and anything under 70% is unacceptable.

The flour millers are making recommendations to the experiment station and a tri-state decision will be made August 18. Reports are that about 8,000 bushels are available for distribution in the three states this fall if release is made as expected.

Wasco News

by Pauline Broughton

Miss Sharon Laughlin is here from New York where she has been for two years studying voice. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laughlin and they are taking her around her native state: to the Crooked River Roundup at Prineville and to see her grandmother and down to the coast to see the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne were recent dinner guests of Mrs. Sally Wright. The Paynes were enroute to Fort Rock, where both will teach this year, with a load of household goods.

Maurice Root spent from Wednesday until Sunday of last week visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickard, at Athena. Maurice flew to Athena with Warren Wilkinson, an Agri-Chem executive.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root have received word that their son William (Bill) who has been living at Corvallis, has taken a position as food technician with the Gerber Baby Foods company at Fremont, California. Bill, his wife Jill and daughter, Kristi, left Tuesday for the California city, where they have purchased a home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker of The Dalles, spent Sunday in Portland, where they visited the zoo and other places of interest.

Mrs. Bill Broughton was pleasantly surprised last Thursday, when Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jay Wynn and two sons, of Riverton, Iowa, dropped in for a brief visit. The Iowa family, old friends of the Broughtons, were enroute to Portland to visit Mrs. Wynn's mother, Bill, who was away from home working near Madras, missed seeing his old neighbors.

Donna Jean Gunnels of Moro spent Saturday night and Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton. Donna Jean's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunnels, went to Montana to attend the funeral of Mr. Gunnel's step-father.

Mrs. Leona VanGilder and her granddaughter, Donna Jean Gunnels, were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton. Mrs. VanGilder left Saturday for Antelope where she was a guest of her son Glen VanGilder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byars of Wasco announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Patricia Jean to Don Slawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Slawson of Goldendale which will be on August 25 at the Wasco Methodist church. Miss Byars graduated from Sherman High School last May and Mr. Slawson finished Goldendale High School in 1957 and since then has attended Yakima junior college before starting to work for Layman Lumber Co., in Goldendale.

Weather Changes Slowly; Rainfall Light, Useless

The weather has been hot since the middle of June when 102 degrees helped the wheat toward half a crop. Day after day it has been consistently hot, above 90 all the time and often above 100 degrees. For this country that is a long hot spell. Nights were generally cool and one who finds the air and the grass refreshing.

Once about ten days ago clouds came over the mountains and enough rain fell to lay the dust. Monday night the same thing happened, the last time to the accompaniment of some lightning and the resultant growls from the heavens. Lightning started fires over the county, one near DeMoss which went out before the fire department could find it, one near the head of Rattlesnake canyon that brought the neighbors a running.

This week there has been more air stirring and some clouds screen the sun much of the time. But it is still overly warm.

Harvest is over for nearly everyone and the yield is about 60 percent of normal on the average. Some had one of their best crops, some the worst. Farmers and their families are driving out of the county for a few days at the beach or in the mountains but they return quickly for there is work to do.

Wasco-Biggs Part OF 97 Closed

The section of Highway 97 between Wasco and Biggs was closed this week to through traffic on account of construction work by C. R. O'Neill & Co., who is building the approaches and over passes to connect the highway with the Biggs Rapids bridge and will also continue up Spanish Hollow to the mouth of Mud Hollow. The order closing this section of road was given before the strike became effective but was held up until work began.

Traffic will move up Fulton Canyon if coming west or by the Rufus-Wasco road if coming from the east. The road will not be open until the work is completed which will be late this fall.

Price Election Set For August 24

Wheat producers eligible to vote in the 1962 wheat marketing quota referendum to be held August 24 may cast their ballots at any one of the polling places in Sherman County, according to Delmer Smith, chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Growers eligible to vote in the referendum are those who produced more than 13.5 acres of wheat in any one of the years 1959, 1960, or 1961.

The results of the referendum will determine the kind of federal price payment that will be in effect for next year's crop. For this reason, every wheat producer should make his wishes known by casting his ballot at his local polling place, the chairman declared. Polling places will remain unchanged. Absentee voting is permissible.



Miss Arlene L. Thomsen, has been appointed evening chief operator in Pacific Northwest Bell's The Dalles traffic department. C. P. Horn, local manager, said this week. Miss Thomsen replaces Mrs. Vada Wilson who retired this summer.