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These Things We Note

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The mayor of Portland, a former fireman and labor leader who has probably been in no more than a third of Oregon's counties recommends consolidation of them in his annual message. Make your comment on asbestos.

T T W N

Trouble is that we assumed that the "neutralist" powers that opposed colonialism had a superior set of morals. Even's have proven they had none.

T T W N

We have a problem for some giant computer: How much higher can we run defense costs and still be cheaper than letting Russia take us?

T T W N

It is our impression that President Kennedy is trying to find the middle of the road and is getting more pressure toward the left than the right and that congress will veer mostly to the right and be the dominating branch of government. Any signs of economy will be welcomed by the people.

T T W N

A week of spring is poor preparation for a chilly east wind and freezing ground, but it was fine while it lasted.

T T W N

If our colleges earn and get a reputation for breeding "liberals" and those who favor big spending by government the schools will lose in public standing and their incomes necessarily reduced. It is private business that pays taxes, not government institutions.

T T W N

The very day the weather bureau's prophesy of a warm January came to our desk it became colder.

T T W N

In Portland the newspapers are conducting the same sort of a campaign for a new stadium as they did for the Memorial Coliseum. If Portland must have a municipal stadium we hope it has enough space to be big enough and with sufficient parking space.

T T W N

Maybe it is too much to expect the same people to oppose the radical left as are set to oppose the radical right. But we think many should.

T T W N

Isn't it wonderful how much heat can be engendered over the question of water fluoridation? And how much will be spent for bomb shelters? And how little money or emotion is given to important things?

T T W N

Now we hear the suspicion that we are looking for an excuse to get out of Berlin. What a withering of resolution!

T T W N

As a method of solving economic ills money is a failure. In every case where government money is used as a palliative the problem has grown and the illness has remained permanent.

T T W N

Putting a tax on wages paid within the city of Portland would perform a very good function in that it would help decentralize the municipal complex down there by causing industry to move out side.

T T W N

There are irreverent souls who say the president doesn't really want a school aid bill anymore than the majority of the country and we hope they are right.

T T W N

We read that this administration will make a pitch for mandatory controls over agriculture, bribery now being too expensive. That's the way it usually goes.

T T W N

This is the week taxpayers send in their contributions to the defense of the country and most will be happy with that, but we think a majority will be unhappy about the contributing to the delinquency of the lazy, the travel funds of congressmen and others, the extension of government into business and especially the public relations experts who say all this is necessary to our form of government.



The promotion of Don Lamb, Pacific Power & Light Company's district office manager, to a new position in Portland and appointment of Richard J. Hazelton of Hood River to succeed Lamb as district office manager in The Dalles were announced Wednesday by Arthur M. Thrasher, PP&L district manager.

Lamb has been office manager in The Dalles since October, 1959. His new assignment in the Portland district is office supervisor for the company's distribution department.

First National Has Big Deposits

First National Bank of Oregon posted a new all-time high deposit total and a resources figure of over one billion dollars when the Sunday edition reported its December 31, 1961 statement of condition figures to the Comptroller of the Currency. It was announced today by L. Doyn Price, branch manager.

Total deposits at year-end were at a record high \$932,499,010, an increase of \$52,159,321 from the 1960 year-end high. Loans for the 57 offices decreased to \$488,423, 207 compared to the \$503,484,790 at the close of 1960. Total resources were \$1,029,242,783 compared to \$979,730,087 in 1960.

Net operating earnings after taxes in 1961 were \$6,755,683, a reduction of \$392,300 or 5.5 percent from the earnings figure a year ago. Earnings per share were \$3.73 compared with \$3.95 in 1960 after adjustment for a stock dividend paid in February, 1961. The decline in earnings reflected reduced loan demand and generally higher operating costs during the year.

The Sherman County branch of First National Bank of Oregon reported year-end deposits of \$3,090,572 and loans totalling \$836,070 according to Price. At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch date, deposits were \$3,353,596 and for December 31, 1960. On that loans were \$889,686.

Dalmor Schedules John Deere Day

What used to be called a tractor school but what is now a day of entertainment well larded with talks about and information on all kinds of farm machinery—of a stated brand—will be held next Thursday at the Dalmor Equipment company store in Moro with the films being shown in the Sherman Theater next door.

Feature of the show is a tractor cut in half to reveal the inside workings of this machine of controlled explosions. Refreshments will be served.

Oregon Veterans Borrow Money

A new record was set last year in the Oregon veterans' farm and home loan program when 5944 loans were granted in the amount of \$62,959,550. H. C. Saalfeld, director of the state department of Veterans' Affairs, reported today. This was nearly \$10 millions more than in 1959, the previous high year, and was almost \$40 millions over 1960 when the veterans' department was short of loan funds.

In Sherman county last year one veteran borrowed \$10,000. Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have been granted to 37,400 veterans in the amount of \$294,493,924 for farm and home acquisition. Of this amount 15 Sherman countians have borrowed \$96,325, lowest in the state.

Snow Pack Good In Mid-Columbia For Start of Year

The outlook for irrigation water supplies in the Hood River Wasco county area in 1962, at this early winter date, is very satisfactory with mountain snow cover already surpassing average January 1st accumulations, according to a report released today by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and State Engineer, State of Oregon.

Water content of the mountain snow cover at Phlox Point and Still Creek Snow Courses, on the southwest slope of Mt. Hood, already exceeds the 15 year average (1943-57) figure for January 1st by about 15 percent.

Seven snow courses in this region have a snow cover already 188 percent of last year and still collecting snow.

Above normal fall and early winter rains in Wasco and eastern Hood River counties have improved soil moisture conditions in the lower elevations in these areas. Soils in upper areas have not been "recharged" as much because recent heavy rains have been caught and held in the snow pack. At Phlox Point rain was observed to have penetrated 100 inches of snow forming a two-inch layer of slush at the ground surface.

Statewide the early winter outlook for 1962 irrigation water supplies ranges from a pessimistic situation in the southern tier of counties, Malheur, Harney, Lake and eastern Klamath, to adequate water supplies in most of the rest of the state. Although the mountain snowpack is normal or better, the pessimism arises from lack of moisture in the soil mantle and especially from extremely short storage water supplies for many southeastern areas.

U. S. National Bank Makes Big Increase

U. S. National Bank of Portland has reached all-time call date highs in both deposits and total resources, according to figures released to the comptroller of currency as of December 30, 1961.

Deposits were up more than \$81 million and now total \$906,711,716 compared with \$825,373,259 recorded on December 31, 1960. Loans increased in excess of \$34 million and now stand at \$427,073,452.

At The Dalles Branch, James L. Johnson, manager, recorded deposits of \$17,174,567.59, and loans and discounts of \$7,725,567.51. G. W. Hertel, manager of the Dufur Branch, U. S. National Bank, reported total deposits at December 31, 1961 of \$2,191,066.31, and loans and discounts of \$490,005.64.

Total resources for the U. S. National system, with its 81 banking offices throughout the state, were \$1,002,086,875 compared with \$919,964,676 on December 31, 1960. The December 1961 call marks the first in the history of U. S. National on which the bank's total resources have exceeded \$1 billion.

MARKET REPORT

Livestock totaled 386 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2 hogs, 180-230 lbs. sold at \$16.50 to \$17.60. Feeder hogs brought \$14.00 to \$16.00 a cwt. Sows brought \$14.50 down to \$12.20. Weaner pigs brought \$6.00 a head.

Good whiteface steer calves 350 to 450 lbs. \$26.00 to \$28.10. Common kinds from \$18.25 to \$24.10. 450 to 550 steers \$23.00 to \$25.25; 550 to 750 lb. steers \$21.60 to \$24.40.

Good whiteface heifer calves 350 to 450 lbs. \$23.00 to \$25.30. Common kinds down to \$22.40. 450 to 550 lb. calves mostly \$20.00 to \$23.80 with dairy types down to \$17.10. 550 to 750 lb. heifers \$17.80 to \$23.30. One lot 788 lb. heifers at \$21.40.

Good bull calves \$24.00 to \$27.25. Mixed breeds down to \$18.25. Whiteface cows and calves \$19.00 to \$22.75. Dairy types at \$17.50 a pair.

Standard young cows \$15.30 to \$16.60, utility from \$13.50 to \$15.25 and cutter and canner from \$12.00 to \$13.50.



Judge Peter Gunnar filed his declaration of candidacy today with the Secretary of State to succeed himself as the Judge of the Oregon Tax Court, the first of its kind in the nation.

The office of Tax Court Judge is filled by state wide election in the primary and Judge Gunnar's name will appear upon the non-partisan judicial ballot throughout the state.

Also announced today was the formation of a "Committee to retain Tax Judge Peter Gunnar," headed by Orval Thompson, of Albany, and Wendell Wyatt, of Astoria, as state wide co-chairmen. Stuart H. Compton will serve as state wide treasurer of the committee.

Church To See Film

The science film, "Time and Eternity" will be shown at the Wasco Church of Christ this Sunday evening January 14 at 7:00 p. m. We urge all parents to come and bring their children to see this informative movie. Russell Belshee of Moro has kindly arranged to show this 44 minute picture.

Book Tells of Taxes

Published by the Internal Revenue Service, the 1962 editions of Your Federal Income Tax and Tax Guide for Small Business will soon be available from the Portland field office of the Department of Commerce, 520 SW Morrison.

Tax Guide for Small Business (40 cents a copy), for use in filing the 1961 income tax returns, excise tax returns, and other returns for 1962, consists of 144 pages of explanations and answers to most of the tax problems of the small business man. This booklet answers the Federal tax questions of Corporations, Partnerships, and Sole proprietors. It explains in plain language the tax results from buying a business, starting a business, operating a business, and the sale and other disposition of a business.

McAllister To Run

Chief Justice Wm. M. McAllister of the Supreme Court of Oregon announced today that he would be candidate for re-election to another term on the court. Justice McAllister is a native Oregonian, having been born in Portland in 1905. He attended elementary school in Portland and Gresham and graduated from Gresham High School in 1923. In 1928 he graduated from the Willamette University College of Law and was admitted to the bar of Oregon in the same year and to the bar of Washington a year later.

Justice McAllister was elected by the Supreme Court as its Chief Justice for a term of two years beginning January 1, 1959. He was re-elected Chief Justice by the court for a second term commencing January 1, 1961.

When Justice McAllister assumed the office of Chief Justice January 1, 1959, the docket of the Supreme Court was badly congested and there was a delay of about two years in the hearing of cases. During his administration the backlog of cases has been disposed of and the docket of the court is now completely current.

Justice McAllister served in the legislature as a representative of Jackson county from 1937 to 1941 and was speaker of the house in 1943-44. He also served as a senator from Jackson county in the 1949 session of the legislature.

During World War II, Justice McAllister served from 1943 to 1945 as a Major in the Judge Advocate General's department, principally as a military government officer in the European theater of operations.

Huskies Win Two As Squad Gets Rid of Illness

Friday night the Hustling Huskies traveled to Maupin to win from the Reddies 67 to 54 in a non league game. The first quarter found the Huskies leading 12 to 9 on some very fine shooting by Jack Kellogg who collected eight of the total points. In the second quarter the scoring was picked by Bish, Maynard and George Miller. Kellogg was suffering from too many fouls during this quarter and was held out until the start of the last quarter. The Reddies gained a point as they were behind only 23 to 25 at half time as Lease was the only one of them to score more than once from the field.

The third quarter found the Reddies leading 44 to 42 as Lease broke away for four field goals. Tom Coats paced the Huskies with three free throws and a field goal.

The fourth quarter Huskies came to life to score 25 points to 10 against the Maupin press. Doolin lead scores during this surge with three field goals and two free throws. Gene Eakin scored 9 points and lead the Huskies in rebounding as they dominated the back boards. One of the better points of this game was the even scoring of eight players for the Huskies.

Box Score: Sherman: Kellogg 11; Bayer 4; Miller 6; Maynard 10; Eakin 9; Coats 8; Doolin 12; and Bish 7.

Maupin: Miller 4; Woodside 8; Hull 12; Lease 14; Peetz 16.

Huskies Take Condon

Saturday night the Sherman Huskies were at home for the Condon Blue Devils in a non league game that the locals won in the fourth quarter 45 to 36. During the first few minutes of the game the "Hustling Huskies" passed and shot the best of any game until they built up a lead then finished out 16 to 15 at the quarter end.

During the second quarter the Blue Devils were able to tie the score at 21 just before the half. The Huskies had a scoring drought with only one field goal by Miller.

During the third quarter the Huskies were able to build up a 33 to 29 lead as five players took part in the balanced attack. During this game fouls took the toll of three Sherman players as Kellogg and Maynard were the first two to leave. Bayer managed to pick up the maximum of infractions during the fourth quarter.

Much of the fourth quarter was spent at the free throw line as Doolin made five out of six attempts from the charity line. Gene Eakin again lead the Huskies with a total of 13 rebounds with help from Maynard and Bish in this department. Again the scoring was well divided among the eight Huskies who saw action in the game. Low lead the Condon scoring with eight points.

Box Score: Sherman: Kellogg 10; Bayer 2; Maynard 5; Miller 4; Eakin 3; Coats 8; Doolin 5; and Bish 8.

Condon: Logan 7; Jamison 2; Brooks 1; Greenfield 7; Ashenfeller 3; Massey 4; Low 8 and Moffit 4.

State Ag Group Aiding Bangs Battle

To further the state's brucellosis eradication program, the State Department of Agriculture has earmarked funds for testing of eligible dairy and beef cattle at all auction yards.

The test may be requested by the seller, the buyer or the auction yard. "In any case—the department picks up the tab," said J. W. Southworth, assistant director, in charge of livestock industries.

"Eligible" cattle are defined as all dairy or beef stock which have not been tested within a 30-day period previous to sale, or are vaccinated less than 30 months of age.

"We hope this program will encourage more testing of cattle at auction yards," Southworth stated. "It will also give greater assurance that cattle moving out of auction yards are free of Bang's disease."

County Agent Tells 1961 Activities of Extension Office

Sherman county extension agent's office activities were many and varied during the past year. Programs were conducted in adult and youth work for men and women and boys and girls. T. W. Thompson, chairman, reports.

The years end gives us an opportunity to review past year's activities and look to jobs and goals in the year ahead. An annual narrative and statistical report has been prepared relative to the extension program, Thompson states. The report includes goals and projections for the coming year. Sherman countians are welcome to inspect the report with copies in the clerks and extension offices.

Summary of the over-all work includes: Farm and Home visits 1300, office calls 1400, telephone calls 2800, news articles written 112, 75 radio broadcasts, 4003 bulletins distributed, 250 meetings held with a total attendance of 7000 and 274 meetings held by local leaders with an attendance of 6000.

Fifty adults and nineteen junior leaders led 29 4-H clubs with 234 4-H members. These members carried 399 projects with an 85 percent completion. Fifty percent of Sherman county boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 carried 4-H projects. Seven Home Extension units with 200 members carried on educational programs during the year.

The extension agent and office cooperated with many organizations and agencies. Programs were conducted with farmers, homemakers, and boys and girls in agricultural production and weed control, marketing and utilization, conservation, development and use of natural resources, management on the farm and in the home, family living, youth development, leadership development, community development and public affairs.

Library Adding New Books Rapidly

Following is a list of new books added to the library this past week:

The children's books include: Brumby, the White Stallion, by Mary Patchett; Love Came Laughing, by Emile Loring; Blue Smoke by Dorothy Yoons; Black Fawn, by Jim Kjelgaard; The Plaid Cow, by Emma Brock and The Glorious Conspiracy, by Joanne Williamson.

Other books of interest are Inglis Fletcher's Cormorant's Brood, this is a historical novel of North Carolina in about 1925; My Friends The Miss Boyds, by Jane Duncan, a tale of six silly, frivolous old maids in Scotland in the early 1900's and Joy Adamson's Living Free, a story of Elsa and the first year of the life of her three lion cubs.

Aliens Must Register

District director Alfred J. Urbano of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that the annual alien address report program usually causes a sharp rise in the number of applications for naturalization.

The law requires all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, to report their address each January. Throughout the United States, almost thirty percent more applications for naturalization are received during the months of January, February and March than are received during other months. Mr. Urbano attributes this sudden rise to the Alien Address Report Program.

OPS Increases Service

Oregon Physicians' Service, the Blue Shield medical-hospital plan sponsored by Oregon doctors, surpassed all Blue Shield plans in the United States and Canada in percentage growth of membership during the third quarter of 1961.

Membership in OPS-Blue Shield increased 8.45 per cent in the three month period, according to a report issued by the National Association of Blue Shield plans. There are 69 Blue Shield plans, enrolling 25 per cent of the total U. S. population and nearly 15 per cent of the total Canadian population.

County Court Fills Positions At Start of Year

The first year meeting of the Sherman county court has less to decide than it had a few years ago, but still there was enough this year to keep the judge and commissioners and clerk, at the court house until well past supper time.

A large part of the time was taken with picking the names of 500 potential jurors—a bit of legal foolishness that the League of Oregon Counties might well take to the Oregon legislature—which took a long time. Fifty jurors have not been called in this county in modern times.

Wallace May was renamed to the county budget board for another three year term but the court did not find a successor to Hans Bardenhagen as fair board member. Mr. Bardenhagen not wanting to continue.

However, Rev. Larry Eddings of Wasco was re-appointed as juvenile counsellor and attendance officer, a post that was once known as truant officer.

Lloyd Gosson was named as road supervisor, a job that is filled each year. The Sherman County Journal was made the official county newspaper. Bills were paid and the county is officially off into 1962 business and running even with the calendar.

Highway Building Going on Steadily

Thousands of tons of concrete, steel and timbers were used to span canyons, rivers and highways during 1961, making the past 12 months one of the greatest bridge-building years in the history of the Oregon State Highway Department.

During the year, 144 structures of all types and sizes were contracted at a cost of approximately \$16,756,500. This compares with the previous year when there were more contracts, 208, but they amounted to less total value, \$13,291,800.

Bridges completed in 1961 include several outstanding examples of State Highway Department work. These are the four-lane bridge over the Willamette River at Judkins Point near Eugene on the Interstate 5 route and the Thomas Creek Bridge on the Oregon Coast Highway in Curry County. The Thomas Creek structure is 350 feet high, making it the tallest structure in Oregon. Also completed were the dual structures over the Rogue River at Homestead on the Pacific Highway in Jackson County.

Several of Oregon's most elaborate bridges-to-be were initiated in 1961. These include the start of the \$24,000,000 Astoria-Megler Bridge that will link Oregon and Washington, and the first letting of contracts on the \$10,801,000 Marquam Bridge over the Willamette River in Portland and the \$2,433,000 John Day River Bridge on the relocated Columbia River Highway. The Astoria Bridge was authorized by the last State Legislature.

Tax Payments Due By Next Monday

Farmers who receive at least two-thirds of their gross income from farming have until Monday, January 15, 1962 to file their estimated Federal income tax returns for the year 1961, unless they plan to file their final return on or before February 15. A. G. Erickson, district director of Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, reminded taxpayers today.

If you file an estimate of your tax by January 15, you will, of course have to file your return and pay any balance by April 15, 1962.

Farmers who have any questions on this subject may get a copy of the official publication, "Farmer's Tax Guide," by calling your local Internal Revenue office.

Mr. Erickson urged farmers to file their income tax return early. This will enable us to process your return and millions of others with less expense to you and your fellow taxpayers.

If farmers need any help with their returns, they should telephone their local Internal Revenue office.