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These Things We Note

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Benjamin Franklin.

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We are quite sure that the more aid is given to alcoholics (the modern name for drunks) the more of them there will be.

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Now the supreme court says they can't pray in school. And gosh, how they need it.

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Up in Canada the nation is in financial difficulties and is going to reduce expenses. Pretty darn old-fashioned, but it will work.

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As we recollect the history of aid to elders goes something like this: Dr. Townsend scared the daylight out of politicians in the early thirties with his \$200 per month idea for oldsters about the time workers were being taxed for their old-age benefits (if they lived) and social security was supposed to care for old folks. It sounded OK to the younger people who objected to taking care of grandpa. Now the government is trying to pass a bill to hospitalize old folks out of social security funds. We just guess the young folks could take care of grandpa cheaper themselves.

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To Mr. Beck: Heck, Dave, don't worry about it. You'll get food and exercise.

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Wouldn't it be odd if politicians found out there were more savers than borrowers?

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What's in a name? There's no ham in hamburger.

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When there are so many cars you can't drive any place we'll have to do something else. That may not be far off.

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We remember it being said along in 1930 that the stock market had nothing to do with business in general. We remember that it was not said in 1962 and 1933.

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"Well," said the man at the bar, "let's light up a cigarette and die a little."

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If any agency is to have to tell the elderly what they have to do as to hospitalization it should be the government. But why does it have to be according to some rule or law, not based on individual need?

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Maybe every man with a title or a degree should wear a uniform. Now what do you suggest for a PhD?

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Congress is getting smart. It voted abolition and reduction of some transportation taxes. We commend. Keep it up.

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Remember rodeo before it was organized and how exciting it was.

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If TV advertising reflects the things people worry about they must fear stinking, natural lips, fuzzy hair, rough hands. Maybe the problems of the world are not so pressing after all.

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Really, now. There are plenty of places and times to pray with out doing it in school. Praying, we were taught, was something personal, not something that had to be done in public or before a crowd.

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The old time Democrats in congress are having quite a time defeating the proposals of the wild frontier, but they are getting the job done in pretty fair fashion. We wish them the best of luck.

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Government seems dedicated to crop reduction by acreage or bushels. Crop reduction by price is also feasible and would hurt big farmers less.

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A wisecracker says there is no chance of the government being overthrown; there's too much of it, according to the Wall St. Journal.

Grain Growers Have Party At Annual Meeting

The Moro Grain Growers are used to a rather spectacular annual meeting, one that brings the members out to pass on the affairs of that wheatmen's co-operative. This year was no exception.

The business meeting was held in the forenoon of last Saturday and was not exciting. Board members, Lloyd Henrichs, Irving Hart and Joe Heater, had their terms extended by re-election and the financial statement of Manager Balsiger was accepted. It showed total assets of \$943,488.54 balanced by property valued at \$895,854.31 in possession of the co-op and the next biggest item, \$47,643.40 in a reserve fund to be allocated to members. Liabilities amounted to a mere \$8974.13 mostly in accrued expenses.

A buffet luncheon was served by Beefo to members and their invited guests who dined on an assortment of meats from turkey to ham and meat balls, an assortment of salads and flavored with condiments of many kinds.

Then the Journal Juniors, full of good county food along with their youthful spirits performed for the farmers and their guests, with Larry McClung as master of ceremonies. Tap dancers balanced and sprung, a boy singer vocalized, a puppeteer made his black lighted animals dance about the stage in many positions, gymnasts, baton twirlers, plain and lighted by fire, unicycle riders, all to the music of a youthful orchestra helped make the time pass in amusement. All was performed by a happy and enthusiastic band of youngsters under the sponsorship of the Oregon Journal.

Bank Income Up In Mid-Columbia

Bank debits for the Upper Columbia River including Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler counties, increased in May, 1962, compared to May, 1961. Debits for May 1962 totaled \$27,853,559. For April, 1962, the total was \$26,440,111, and for May 1961, the total was \$25,775,297.

Oregon with 239 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debits in May, 1962, of 6.6 per cent compared with April, 1962, and an increase of 6.0 per cent compared with May, 1961.

Farm Bureau Chief Hails Bill Defeat

Wiley Clowers, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, said today the defeat of the administration farm bill was the best thing that has happened for farmers this year. He said the proposed bill would have put farmers under the direct control of the Secretary of Agriculture and could have made them pawns of the political controllers.

The fact that the House of Representatives recognized the seriousness of the proposed legislation and crossed party lines to defeat the bill was proof of the dangers inherent in the proposals, he stated.

Clowers said the way should now be clear to consider the Farm Bureau proposal for voluntarily retiring excess acres and at the same time returning the right to farm to those in agriculture.

Under the Farm Bureau proposal, land retirement would be on a voluntary basis with farmers retiring acreages as a pre-requisite for obtaining price supports. However, those who did not wish to receive supports could sell their product at market price without interference from the government.

The Farm Bureau plan would eliminate compulsory quotas and allotments but would keep them available for those who wished to utilize them after retiring set amounts of crop land.

The Farm Bureau plan has not received backing from the administration since it would eventually eliminate many government jobs and return agriculture to its basic role as leader in the field of independent enterprise.

Clowers pointed out the fight to return agriculture to the farmers was not yet won since more pressure will undoubtedly be put on Congress to adopt some version of the defeated farm bill.



Back row left to right: Donald Dutton, Alice Kaseberg, Carolyn Eakin, Loren Macnab, Fred Hall, Michael Eslinger, Joe Thomas, Kenneth Thompson, Danny Rolfe, county representative. Middle row: Ray Coelsch, Velma Jane Baker, Ann Hall, Gertrude Buether, Adul Chaperone, T. W. Thompson, county agent. Bottom row: Teresa Bardehagen, Patricia Thompson, Melva Alberty, Linda Hockett, Barbara Medler, Katherine Reckman, county representative.

Range Youth Camp Scheduled August 6

The Oregon Range Youth Camp under direction of American Range Society of Oregon will be held at Lake Creek Guard station in Grant county August 6-11. U. S. Forest service is considering this location as a permanent site.

T. W. Thompson reports that the range camp is presently restricted to four boys between 14 and 17 in each county. The aim is to acquaint these boys in maintaining and using wisely our vast natural resources of range, forest, wildlife and soils.

In 1961, 48 boys from 15 Oregon counties attended camp at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney county. Fred Hall, Moro, attended this camp last year.

Only boys interested in the program should contact the county agent by the later part of July.

Zimmerman Says Time To Kill Weed

Russian Knapweed should be treated now for best results, reminds Martin J. Zimmerman, county agent. Twenty pounds of 2-4-D Amine applied yearly in the bud at early bloom stage has proven to be very effective to control and eradicate this weed.

Thorough foliage coverage is essential. Add a wetting agent to the spray mixture. Re-treatment will be necessary yearly until infestation is eliminated.

Summer Reading Being Planned

The Moro Library board wishes to announce that a summer reading is being planned for younger grade school children. Miss Lana Paulson will have charge of the program, which will begin about July 11.

Old Time Fourth of July Attractive to Grandpa

Next Wednesday the nation will celebrate the 166th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with probably as little fanfare as any of the previous ones have been observed. It is mid-week and there will be but a short vacation in which to mark the date.

To pass the nation's birthday in so cursory a fashion would have grieved grandpa immeasurably. Grandpa used to stand at salute whenever a musician broke into Star Spangled Banner, even if it was on the new-fangled radio; he permitted no slur on his patriotism, either of commission or omission. Why, some of the old veterans wore their uniform until the blue was black.

That body of men celebrated the Fourth of July. By dawn there was the sound of anvils being fired, by breakfast time the flags were out on the streets or hanging from the porches and gathered on the village square to line up for the parade. They marched, maybe because the riding was not easy, but maybe because they were proud to march with old soldiers of their day and their war.

There was a program with the band out to make martial music and every hamlet had a band—just as well as without a post-

Farm Problems Are Government and Taxes Says Assistant Director of Agriculture

Two overwhelming problems—the property tax burden and the national agricultural program primarily as it applies to price supports—are striking at the heart of prosperity and efficiency of agriculture in Oregon.

This is the opinion that J. W. Southworth, assistant director of the state department of agriculture, expressed to the Agriculture Conference of the Oregon Bankers Association in Redmond June 21.

Oregon's tax structure, Southworth said, places an almost overwhelming property tax burden upon agriculture because Oregon farmers are producing for a national market in competition with farmers throughout the nation. He pointed out Oregon agriculture pays more property tax in terms of percentages of tax per \$100 of value and net gross farm income than does agriculture in California, Washington, Idaho or the average of the United States.

With an annual \$400 million basic agriculture production in Oregon, he sees the big question as: "Are we going to continue this man-made tax burden upon it or will we make it possible for Oregon agriculture to compete effectively with that of neighboring states and throughout the nation?"

Southworth told the bankers he believes the solution lies in removing the tax load for education from property, though he would leave a tax on property for vital services like police, fire, county roads, for the health and prosperity of agriculture, he would levy the major tax costs against income and some additional, source, the most typical of which is the sales tax.

Of the second major problem, the national agricultural support price program, Southworth said this program was not designed to aid the diversified agricultural situation which exists in Oregon.

He urged instead a program that will speak to the social-economic problem of the marginal, subsistence farmer "regardless of what or where he is producing" without burdening all agriculture with production restrictions and market controls.

For Oregon's diverse agriculture, Southworth sees merit in the suggestions that a farm lease or farm retirement program will help solve the marginal operators' problem. This would afford an alternative to production and would free those who can produce for the competitive market to do so with all the vigor, knowledge and efficiency at their disposal.

He sees merit in this approach because: (1) it's voluntary with the individual deciding whether to get in or get out; (2) it would permit the market to move freely as the easiest and most efficient way to set prices; (3) it increases the general agricultural efficiency by permitting the efficient operator to go full-steam ahead; and (4) it takes care of the person unable to operate in a competitive system.

Southworth told the bankers that "while these are agricultural problems, they are also problems of the importance of which bankers comprehend and understand and can help in solutions through promoting understanding through the business community."

He said he drew heavily for technical information upon the work of Dr. Grant Blanch, OSU; this shows Oregon agriculture is adversely affected by the tax structure.

Maybe he enjoys himself better, certainly if he thought an old fashioned Fourth of July would interest him, he would revive the day.

But he doesn't get the shot of patriotism grandpa did. He isn't told that he is the world's finest example of a man whose ancestors fought unto the death so he could be free from foreign or domestic kings; that he could vote for his government more freely than any one in the world; that he had an inalienable right to express himself on any topic; that he owed allegiance to no man but to the government of his ancestor's creation.

Old fashioned. Sure. All the virtues are old fashioned—and all the sins. But it didn't hurt to be reminded of the glories of virtue, patriotism, honesty, bravery, integrity, self-reliance, freedom.

Moro Women's Club Decides To Retire From Active Life

June 21 members of the Moro Women's Club and their husbands and families enjoyed a bountiful pot-luck luncheon at the Community hall.

A business meeting was held afterwards in the little club-room, Mrs. Inez Thompson, presiding. The room was attractive with the new carpet and curtains purchased by the club with the \$50.00 prize money received from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

It was reported that the \$100 scholarship to a Sherman High senior from Moro, had been presented by the club to George Miller.

The recently organized Sherman County Scholarship Association was explained by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton. The club decided to discontinue giving their scholarship and to join with and assist the county association.

New officers were installed by Mrs. Ethel Strong, past president of the Moro club: President, Mrs. Inez Thompson; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Belshee; secretary, Mrs. Marry Pinkerton; treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Amidon; directors, Mrs. Louis Sather, and Mrs. Rudolph Olsen (absent).

A decision was made to consider the club's community project completed with the building of the Legion Community hall, that having been their main concern since the selling of the old club house in 1956.

The club decided to "rest on its laurels" and become relatively inactive, meeting upon call of the president. The club was organized September 12, 1922. Mrs. Lottie Lee being the first president; joined the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs October 23, 1927; purchased the old Elsworth Hotel building in 1937, and remodeled it to become a club-house, a community meeting place, and location of the Public Library for many years.

Reguations Same As To Cutting Surplus

The county ASCA reports some misunderstanding and misinformation by Sherman county farmers on use of diverted acres, states T. W. Thompson, county agent. The administrative order for use of diverted acres has been established and is similar in all counties.

Diverted acres or conservation use acres may not have a cash crop removed from the field. This means knocked down grain cannot be used for silage, hay, seed, or grain, the office reports.

Diverted acres may be plowed, disced, mowed or swathed. Diverted acres may not be raked or baled or in any way bunched together.

Farmers with questions on disposition or use of diverted acres should contact the ASCA's office, county courthouse, Moro.

Wasco OES Has New Officers

Annie Fulton chapter, OES No. 124 of Wasco will hold open installation of officers at the Masonic hall in Wasco Saturday, June 30 at 8 p. m. (standard time). The following officers will be inducted:

Adeline McDonald, WM; Harland McDonald, WP; Astrid Tuggles, Assoc. Matron; Carl Tuggle, Assoc. Patron; Gladys Zell, secretary; Marjory Shull, treasurer; Beth Reid, conductress; Alice Gachnauer, assoc. conductress; Gladys Belshee, chaplain; Bobbie Root, marshal; Roberta Root, organist; Darlene Gachnauer, Adah; Nadine Medler, Ruth; Betty Byars, Esther; Beverly Hilderbrand, Martha; Patricia Skiles, Electa; Glenie Harper, warder; Frank Reid, sentinel.

Cost Survey Made Of Local Farms

Nine farms in Sherman county cooperated in a cost production trend survey last week. The survey was conducted by Edgar B. Hurd, agriculture economist, U.S. DA, Wash., D. C. Data collected is used as a guide for developing farm programs, knowing trends in production costs and changes in machinery use. Similar data is collected each five years by the same crew.

State Tax Board Reverses Move To Cut Farm Tax

The state tax commission, in an opinion signed by Charles H. Mack, chairman, ordered the Sherman County assessor, R. D. Page, to disregard the motion made and passed by the Sherman County Board of Equalization on May 29, 1962, "reducing all improvements on farms 50 percent of original appraised value in lieu of 20 percent now in effect".

The board made the ruling to encourage owners of farms to improve and repair their property. There was no formal order.

The commission's order referred to the law which placed the burden of equalizing taxes on boards of equalization and on the state tax commission to see that equalization is observed.

Its order reads, "Now, therefore, the State Tax Commission, having found that the county Board of Equalization of Sherman County exceeded its legal powers in passing its motion of May 29, 1962 to provide for a blanket reduction of improvements on farms to 50 percent of the original appraised value and has failed to implement its motion by a formal order, concludes that the said act of the board is null and void."

The assessor was ordered to wholly disregard the motion.

This action by the State Tax commission puts assessment of farm improvements back to the valuation in effect before May 29.

Poison for Sheep Ticks

Dieldrin, which comes in a 1 1/2% dust and can be used as it comes, is the most effective material at present for controlling sheep ticks. An ounce per head will take care of most sheep. All sheep in the flock should be treated including replacement ewe lambs. Slaughter lambs shouldn't be treated within 90 days of slaughter.

Bunch the sheep in small groups of 25 to 50 and give them a thorough dusting. A dusting device, as used in the garden, or a rather porous sack will dispense adequate amounts of dust. It is absolutely necessary to get dust all over the sheep.



One of eastern Oregon's best known wheat growers, Raphael (Ruff) Raymond, operator of a 3000-acre ranch near Helix, has been appointed to the Oregon Wheat Commission by Governor Mark Hatfield.

The 55-year old Raymond, a past president of the OWGL has long been active in county, state and national agricultural activities.

Raymond is a past president of the Helix chamber of commerce, past member of the Helix school board, past president of the Helix Farm Bureau, a director of the Happy Canyon (Pendleton Round-up); director Pendleton National Farm Loan council. He is a Mason, Shriner, Knight of Pythias, Elk, and attends the Presbyterian church.

His county, state and national posts include presidency of the Umatilla County Pioneers association; president, Umatilla County Cattlemen's association; member Umatilla county Development Association; president, Oregon Shorthorn Breeders; Blue Mountain council, Boy Scouts of America; director, Oregon Cattlemen's association; member of the Oregon House of Representatives and a member of the Fiscal and Taxation committees.

He was recommended by the OWGL to succeed Ken Smouse of Ione on the Oregon Wheat Commission when Smouse indicated he did not desire another five-year term on the commission.