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These Things We Note

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The oddest thing about economies is that nations with a competitive economy that is successful, should change it for a dictated economy, that is never successful. Maybe it is because not all can be equally successful.

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When Oregon's two biggest political parties get through writing platforms each candidate can, as usual, decide what he wants to stand for in his campaign.

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We'd almost give up looking at the women in shorts if the men would quit wearing them.

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The reason teenage boys wear such big shoes is because their feet are big. They don't look awkward on purpose.

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We must say that the compromise on the King-Anderson bill sounds worse than the original.

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Justice Black of the nation's supreme court wrote an article saying that the first amendment meant just what it said, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." He said that libel laws were of doubtful legality; the same philosophy determined the decision on prayer in public schools.

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Governors naturally are opposed to Secretary of Defense McNamara's proposal for reduction of the national guard, but it will be done soon, we'll bet, because it costs more than it is worth.

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Unless the kids now in the little leagues can rescue baseball it is a lost sport except for the very, very professional teams.

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Whether Kennedy's social success comes from his actions or his wife's, it is a success. Now if he could do half as well at economics.

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We'll bet the Democrats wish they had got along without Billie Sol's \$100,000. But Estes made it pay.

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Prepaid medicare makes it possible for many families to pay their medical bills; makes it possible for them to be sick and even advantageous if ahead of the insurance company; makes it possible for doctors to get their money; makes higher charges feasible. Sometimes it is a good thing.

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If someone doesn't find a way to photograph rodeo princesses without hats we're going to lose our horse sense.

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Next holiday is almost two months away. Close enough.

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Tax cuts are already made. Kennedy assured that in his action about steel. If stock owners take their losses, they will pay far less taxes.

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It isn't so much that Kennedy has defied business, but that he has defied realism.

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Somewhere we read that dress designers over in Europe had been trying to suppress women's curves, but that the women had won out and their curves were going to be evident from now on. We are sure that is propaganda for something.

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The new tariff bill that passed the house is a complicated measure that may have far-reaching results, not many of them good. It gives subsidies to industry and laborers who are hurt by tariff changes. Now that could be something.

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Unfortunately, perhaps, most of the harangue about the supreme court decision about school prayer comes from persons who might profit from it.

Wasco Red Dead From Fall To Curb On Trip To Yakima

Wasco Red, a well known character around Sherman county for years, died at Yakima Thursday evening shortly after striking his head on a curb. He was reported to be scuffling with Justin H. Berry, 35, with whom he had gone to Yakima from The Dalles.

Wasco Red's name was Elmer R. Browning, his age 64. He worked here for many persons, on farms and at making gardens at which he was adept. He did not care for steady work.

No relatives have been found and Red has said that he has not seen them in years.

Berry was held by Yakima authorities, but police there said there was no battle between them, no blows struck in anger, although Berry was held on a manslaughter charge.

Contract Let On Railroad Bridge

Congressman Al Ulmer called this office last Thursday to announce that the U. S. Engineers had informed him that Pacific Concrete and O. T. Jordan Jr. of Portland had been apparent winners of the job of constructing a bridge across the John Day river for relocation of the Union Pacific railroad.

The bid was the best of 12 and was for \$2,363,333 and included the bridge itself and some grading and filling adjacent thereto. No date for completion was noted.

FREIGHT RATE CHANGE ASKED BY OFFICIALS

Oregon's Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill, and James F. Short, director of the State Department of Agriculture, Friday, in a letter to M. F. Edbrooke, chairman of the Railroad's Transcontinental Freight Bureau, Chicago, announced their joint support of the American National Cattleman's Assn. request for an 11% reduction in both eastbound and westbound carload rates on all livestock except hogs.

Railroad rates on live hogs, moving westbound, were reduced by a similar amount sometime ago after petitions were filed with TCFB by state and private agencies.

They told the TCFB that a west bound reduction in rates would be of substantial benefit to local packers, livestock commission firms and stockyards, while an eastbound reduction would broaden markets for Oregon producers of feeder and stocker livestock.

Hill and Short told the TCFB that the continuous decline in rates on fresh meats and packing house products from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast without commensurate reductions in rates in livestock has been a major factor in the substantial decline in Pacific Coast livestock slaughtering.

Hill said, "Our local packers have been forced to reduce operations and some have ceased business." The decline has reduced local market outlets for livestock producers, he explained.

"Feed Price Difference Hurting Oregon" Thomas

Price differences between feed barley in the Northwest and corn and milo in the Midwest reached an all time high this spring with serious economic implications for the Pacific Northwest if the large difference continues over a period of time.

This is one of the points made by M. D. Thomas, OSU extension agricultural economist, in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook just published and now available.

Facts and explanations about the grain price gap problem—its nature, implications and alternatives—are being developed by OSU economists in response to industry requests. Statements are expected to be available in July, Thomas said.

Currently, he points out, all indications are that administrative action under provisions of present farm legislation will be needed if the problem is to be relieved in the coming season. Such action seems likely to hinge largely on the continuing efforts of persons interested in the economic development of Oregon, the Pacific Northwest and U. S., he said.

The price gaps have grown rapidly since 1955, reaching new highs this spring. Continuing over-

Byron Bayer In Serious Accident Sunday Night

Byron Bayer, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer, was seriously injured Sunday night about a mile and a half south of Moro when he hit a yearling colt belonging to J. K. McKean on the left front corner of his 1957 Plymouth car.

The colt was dismembered, the head and neck coming through the windshield to pin young Bayer while the car rolled over off the highway and onto the railroad right of way. He suffered a concussion and had not regained consciousness by Thursday morning. His face and hands were cut by windshield glass.

The young man, just finished his junior year at Sherman High School where he is a prominent athlete, playing football, basketball and running the half mile, was returning home after the picture show in Moro.

The colt, of well bred light stock, had gotten out onto the highway in some unknown way. It was headed west at the time of the accident and the car was going south.

George Reed went to the scene and called the ambulance crew of John Buck and deputy sheriff John Cain who extricated the boy from the wreckage and took him to a hospital in The Dalles.

Oregon Highway Traffic Increases

Traffic on Oregon's Interstate highways increased nearly 11 per cent in May of 1962 over May of last year, according to figures from 14 traffic recorders of the Oregon State Highway Department.

Part of the increases may be attributed to the drawing power of the World's Fair at Seattle. Exceptionally high increases were recorded on Interstate 80N, Interstate 5, US 99, and US 30. General increases were also noted on US 20 and US 97. Decreases were detected on US 26 and US 397.

The composite change for the year, a comparison of the first five months of 1962 with those same months of 1961, shows a 5.2 per cent increase for all rural routes. Urban traffic was up 3.3 per cent.

Many Pastors Serve Moro Church In 75 Years of Its History; Gearhart to Speak

After twelve years of ministering to the spiritual welfare of Sherman countyans Rev. Morrison moved to Albany and Silas C. Elder came to take up his work. He was followed by an evangelist, A. Jack Adams, who had held services here during the terms of both Morrison and Elder. As did his predecessors, he walked to Monkland for services. His ministry, with one break lastea from 1905 until 1916, well before the advent of successful automobiles.

Robert K. Moseley came from Virginia for a short time in 1912 to fill in between Adam's terms.

Charles D. Parrott was here in 1929 and 1930 and Rev. Allan A. McTae in 1932 and 1933 and it was during his term that the Methodist church disbanded to form the Community church as now known.

Turning to youth, the church chose Lawrence H. Michelmore, still a student, who put an emphasis on youth the church has not forgotten. He stayed four years to start a ministry that has taken him to several places in the northwest. Then came James D. Moberg, with a family of seven, that is still remembered around Moro whose citizens have watched their development as they graduate from colleges and go to teaching.

Bill Gearhart came as another part of the youth movement until he moved on to Ojai, California to become pastor. Al Solomon came up from California to be pastor for a few years and blend some country living with his city background. He was followed by Rev. Ernest C. Goodenberger, from Montana, with a long background of preaching in western surroundings, who is pastor today.

Cake Baking Rules Made for OWGL

Chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers League Wheat Utilization committee, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Moro, has released rules and scoring procedures for the annual Cake Baking contest.

Entrants in the contest this year must make an Applesauce cake. Women of wheat growing counties are eligible to participate. They must be more than 21 years of age or married women to be eligible.

Fruits and nuts are not to be used and cakes may not be frosted. Cakes may be baked in loaf or tube pan, not large layer or sheet cake pans.

Contestants are reminded a recipe card must be attached and cakes must be exhibited and judged at a county fair in any of Oregon's nine wheat growing counties. Winner in county fair competition will be paid premiums from the Oregon Wheat Growers league office. County premiums are: 1st—\$5.00; 2nd—\$3.00; and 3rd—\$2.00.

First place county winners will be eligible to enter the state bake-off, scheduled at the annual convention of the OWGL, scheduled November 26, 27 and 28, in Portland. State top award will receive \$100.00. If a county winner cannot compete at the state convention, the second place winner may represent that county. A rotating trophy, in addition to the \$100.00 top premium, will go to the state winner.

Cakes will be judged for:

1. Outside appearance: shape, size and color and crust.
2. Inside appearance: color, grain and texture.
3. Flavor.

Rain Almost Missed Us In June; Cold Weather Prevails

The rainmaker almost missed us completely in June and except for a dreary little drizzle on June 2 there wasn't any at all. Inasmuch as the normal is .90 the drop was large percentage-wise. But farmers will not be too unhappy about that for the rust was stopped with the dry weather.

For the crop year to July 1 the total was 8.47 and that is 3.02 less than normal. In 1955 there was but 8.17 and back in 1939 there was 7.41 and there have been five other years when the rainfall was less for the first ten months of the crop year.

And June was cold, with a 31 degree night on the 4th, the first time it has been that cold in June since 1917. It was down to 32 once a few years ago, however. The average maximum was 74, the average minimum was 45 for a mean of 59.7 down 1.6 from the normal. Wind was less according to the record by 1.7 miles per hour but not many will believe that and the evaporation was 9.67 inches up 1.35 from normal.

How would you like the job of catching and hog-rassling a 60-pound calf elk?

It may sound like a lot of fun, but Harold Sturgis, district game biologist in the south coast district, says that this job is also fraught with the danger of numerous slashes, cuts, bruises, and abrasions caused by the well-placed kicks and frantic struggles of a stout wild critter.

Sturgis should know. He was in on the tagging of a total of 20 calf elk which were captured in the Millicoma country of Coos county. These youngsters were eartagged with colored plastic streamer tags and then released to scramble back to their mothers.

Several Coquille sportsmen assisted Sturgis during the project, and game commission fishery biologist, Ron McDivitt, and stream improvement, Bob Guymon, donated their weekend time to the calf catching.

The first calf was eartagged on June 2 and the last on June 16. By that time the youngsters of this year's calf crop had grown to where they could easily out-battle or outdistance their would-be captors. Eleven of the tagged youngsters were males and 9 were females.

The purpose of the tagging program is to study the range and distribution of coastal elk. This study has been under way for a number of years, although the calves tagged this year represent the greatest number tagged during a single spring season. Each year during past hunting seasons, a few of the previously tagged animals have been taken by hunters. Since the location of each tagged animal is carefully recorded, the tag number tells a story of the animal's movements.

Records indicate that the coastal elk is a homesteader, seldom wandering far from its place of birth. Of all the previously tagged animals taken by hunters during the years, the farthest movement from the tagging point has been about two and one-half miles. Most animals tend to remain close to home, seldom wandering much more than a mile from where they are born.

Sturgis says it's no easy job to round up a newborn calf, and after the little fellow is over two weeks old it's almost impossible. Manpower pays off. It takes at least three men to surround a 60-pound calf when he decides to get up and run. At least two men are required to hold and tag the critter after it is caught, and it's a three-man job with the larger ones.

Another man should be available to divert the attention of the mother if she decides to stay and watch the show. Unlike deer, cow elk are quite belligerent when their youngsters are being molested. Some will retire to the brush and timber but most will remain at the scene barking furiously. With neck hackles raised, she will stomp, lunge, and make other threatening gestures.

It was soon learned—painfully—that when a calf is caught, it is sound treatment to hold the youngster's mouth shut to prevent loud squealing, a call of distress that invariably brings the mother on the run.

At the moment, relatively low feed grain prices in the Midwest are enticing people to make new investments in livestock production and marketing facilities which could be jeopardized when regional grain prices readjust, he warns.

The large grain price gaps reflect many factors in which federal programs now loom large, he continues. Production-adjustment, export assistance and domestic sales programs have combined with other economic forces to push Midwest feed grain prices below price support levels, while in the Northwest barley prices have been pulled above supports.

These conditions distort market relationships, he points out, and leave Northwest poultry and livestock feeders at a "serious disadvantage" because Midwest poultry and livestock will exchange for much more feed grain at market prices than in the Northwest. At 1961 support prices, the amounts would have been nearly equal.

During the past winter, special sales of government owned milo in this area partially relieved the problems, he said.

Moro Church Planning Many Visitors Sunday

The Community Presbyterian Church is expecting many guests and friends from distant places for its jubilee celebration this Sunday, June 8.

As previously announced, former pastor, William W. Gearhart, will be the guest speaker at the morning service, his topic being, "God's Unfailing Purpose". A double quartet, Myrna King, Darlene Harrison, Genevieve Powell, Edna Paulson, Russell Belshee, Allan Pinkerton, Mae Hall and Frank Sayrs, will furnish the special music for both morning and afternoon programs with Helen Sayrs at the organ and Norma Barzee, pianist.

Following the fellowship dinner there will be an informal meeting at 2:00 p. m. in the sanctuary moderated by Harry Pinkerton. At this meeting Mrs. Dorothea Moore will relate important happenings about persons in the life of the church. Harry Pinkerton will call on some friends to help him in a "bit of reminiscing".

An attractive history of the church in booklet form, prepared by Mr. Pinkerton, church historian, will be given out at the close of the afternoon session.

Want To Rope An Elk? Some Do

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Fewer Dying On Oregon Highways

Oregon's traffic death toll for the first six months of 1962 is down almost 19% over a similar period for last year, according to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Through the end of June, 189 traffic fatalities were recorded this year, as opposed to 232 in 1961. The month-by-month toll for the current year shows 32 persons died in January; 29 in February; 31 in March; 27 in April; 35 in May; and 35 in June.

During the three month period of April to June, 1962, not a single pedestrian death was recorded in the state.

May Have To Pay On Domestic Help

A. G. Erickson, director of Internal Revenue for Oregon today had a word of tax advice for housewives and other employers of domestic workers - don't overlook possible liability for social security taxes.

If you pay a household worker \$50 or more in any calendar quarter, you and the employee become subject to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, Mr. Erickson said. This tax finances retirement payments and other benefits to workers qualifying.

The tax for this year is 3 1/8 percent for the employer and 3 1/8 percent for the employee, or a total of 6 1/2 percent of the wages paid. The employer is required to report and pay the combined tax quarterly.

Form 942 accompanied by payment of the tax for the quarter ended June 30, 1962 should be filed with the District Director by July 31, 1962.

Robert Powell Wins Place For Farming

Robert Powell, the former FFA president of Sherman chapter won first place in the Better Farming contest. Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell of Moro.

Robert competed against 11 other chapters in the state. Robert's FFA project was 83 head of black Angus cattle, 80 Suffolk ewes and lambs, 60 hogs, 53 acres of wheat, and 110 acres of summer fallow.

Robert also won chapter Star Farmer, District Star Farmer, State Farmer Degree and State Star Livestock Farmer.

In Farm Mechanics he has built corrals, hog feeders, dams, double decked truck, and overhauled combines.

The contest was based on: 1. Use of home opportunities. 2. How program fits home farm. 3. Knowledge of technical agriculture. 4. Records of projects. 5. Evidence that he has profited from vocational agriculture.

The judges for the contest were E. Lierman of the U. S. National Bank and Wes Griley of Pendleton Grain Growers.

In this same contest last year Allen Miller placed second. Reporter, Dick Grabenhorst

