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These Things We Note

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We would like to have been the first to say that while the sagebrush is not very good for lumber it makes the best cup of coffee in the world.

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Tax reform is getting confused with a tax cut. The two are always in opposition because government's purpose in reforming taxes is to raise them, not cut them.

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Bigger spending is held (by some) to be the key to better economic conditions when actually the country's trouble comes from too much spending.

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The baby crop is getting smaller each year so maybe that bit of hysteria will be over, about population explosion, more building for more people, etc.

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It must be said of Marilyn Monroe that she had the ambition to arise from sordid surroundings, aided, it is true, by physical charms more than by mental ability. But she did try and should be given credit.

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A recent list of new African countries is appalling. Many are smaller than Oregon with no educated citizens, no political training, no economic standing. They multiply because of competition between Russia and the US and most of them have a vote in the United Nations. Furthermore, this country is subsidizing them with millions and getting no appreciation.

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There is no assurance there will ever be a common market, that England will join or that European economy can continue in its present boom with or without the common market. It is still speculation.

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An Indian, visiting wheat farms in eastern Oregon, was impressed by the size of the farms and the efficiency of the operations but most impressed by the fact that farm owners get out into the fields themselves and perform the jobs of production.

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The magazines and the commentators are saying that the nation is in no position for further social or economic experiments, that we do not have the money. It's worth being busted for.

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Really if Senator Morse would accept the role of court jester, he would do better at it than in trying to be the savior of the nation at which he so often appears as a jester.

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It is easy to read that business is fairly good. It isn't very good except for those selling sustenance items—and it is going to get worse.

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While we are worrying about monopolies let's take a look at the monopolies the government has. It has a monopoly on tax collection, on regulation of business, on road building, almost a monopoly on schooling of the young. We'll think of some more in a day or two, like water, maybe.

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The government, we read, will eventually have to take away some of the farmer's liberty or his price. Inasmuch as the free market price is now better we suggest that be the one removed.

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Pretty pitiful when an employer has to go to the federal government for permission to fire some men.

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Who made it any of the state's business how much bread we can raise?

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Attendance figures indicate that this will be the last year for the coast baseball league. The majors have outsmarted themselves this time.

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The northwest won a temporary victory over California when the power bill passed the senate. But "democracy" may take it away.

Fair Plans Made Dates Sept. 13-16 Fixed For Show

The Sherman County Fair is going to be held September 13 to 16 and it will have several points of difference from previous fairs, but enough of similarity to be recognized.

There will be two rodeo performances by the Howard Johnson rodeo outfit and both will be afternoon shows, Saturday and Sunday. There will be a dance Saturday evening at which Sheldon Brooks will again play. Kokel, the clown, will perform.

There will be an amusement company to furnish rides for the little ones and the Rufus Grange will feed the hungry. Tommy Grant of Eugene who has rebuilt an old 1913 Case car, once the property of Slim Helyer, will bring it to the fair along with his license exhibit.

There will be more, the annual livestock auction, the 4-H and FFA exhibits, the open class shows, machinery exhibits and they will be announced in due time.

Queen Contest Rules Announced

There's going to be a queen contest to choose a royal ruler for the Sherman County Fair with the gentlemen sponsoring the event again.

Rules for the contest are that any girl in Sherman county may compete in the contest who meets the following requirements:

1. Age: 15 to 21, unmarried.
2. Resident of Sherman county for six months prior to the fair.
3. Former queens may become princesses, not queen.
4. Judges of the contest will all be from other counties and they will be a secret. Judging will be on:
 - 1. Horsemanship 50 points
 - 2. Personality 20 points
 - 3. Neatness of personal costume 15 points
 - 4. Neatness of western equipment 15 points

All contestants will be responsible for their own expenses.

Contest will be held Saturday afternoon September 15. Queen and her court will make three appearances.

Applications will be available at the Sherman county extension office. Entry must be in September 12 by 6:00 p. m.

Ernie Woods To Aid Bob Chandler

Ernest Woods, of Moro, today was named Sherman county chairman by the Chandler for Congress committee.

In this capacity he will be responsible for coordinating the various activities of the campaign for this county.

Bob Chandler indicated today that he planned a vigorous and active campaign throughout the Sherman county area.

July Drv; No Rain At All; Also Cold Which Wasn't Noted

July of this year was another rainless month, one of the twenty that have occurred since 1910. The usual July rainfall is .18 inch. The crop year rainfall at the end of July was 8.47 a big 3.20 below the normal.

Highest temperature was 98 on the 23rd and 24th and the lowest 37 on the 3rd. We can expect 100 in July and it is usually no colder than 42 so July was a cold month. July 42 so July was a cold month, 12 degrees colder than average in state of the talk about heat a few weeks ago. July high temperature has always been in the 90s, 91 being the lowest and that in 1957. Also we most often have our hottest weather in July. Coldest July was back in 1916 when it rained most of the month. The average mean was 62.3 in that year compared to 67.5 for 1962.

July was not a windy month with 4.8 miles per hour as an average but it was windier than any July since 1957. It did seem windy, though.

Emma Sherar Dies At Advanced Age

Mrs. Emma Sherar, widow of the late Andy Sherar, died at a hospital in The Dalles Sunday at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Emma Hull Sherar was born in Springfield, Illinois, June 30, 1877 and came to Sherman county when a small girl about 1882. She lived here until she moved to The Dalles.

She was a member of the Wasco Christian church and the Neighbors of Woodcraft. Survivors are a son, Max Williams of Wasco and a brother, Charles Hull of Chico, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Smith Callaway chapel in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock with interment in Sunrise cemetery at Wasco.

Much More Traffic On Oregon Roads

Rural traffic on Oregon's Interstate highways increased more than 22 per cent in June of 1962 as compared to June of the previous year, according to figures released by the Oregon State Highway Department.

Rural traffic past 75 counters rose nearly 8 per cent on the non-interstate highways over the same period. Traffic counts were up 17.5 per cent on the urban interstate routes, but were down 0.3 per cent on non-interstate urban routes.

The World's Fair in Seattle is probably a major factor in the abnormally high increases. Exceptionally high increases were noted on all interstate highway recorders.

Substantial increases were shown on routes US 97 and US 101.

Rain Puts Farmer In Leisure Class For Ten Days

Harvesting stopped suddenly last Thursday night, August 2, "when a little rain fell over most of the county to give farmers and their crews some unexpected and undesired rest. Most of them obligingly laid off for the remainder of the week.

That was not enough to satisfy the weather man who persisted in sending rain until 3.33 inch had fallen at the station to prevent any threshing except for a little barley on a few ranches Monday. Monday night about half an inch fell over the county, more in some places, particularly south of Nigger ridge. At the station .46 was recorded by early morning.

The skies remain cloudy but weather prophets say there should be clearing weather by the end of the week. The air has stayed damp and there has been no wind so the wheat has retained the moisture that fell on it.

We have had August rains of equal volume. Back in 1953 there was .88 inch of rain and in 1918 .90 and farmers with long memories are recalling those days. No farmer has recalled the wet year of 1894 when it rained during heading time so that grain went into the stacks wet. It kept right on raining and the wheat sprouted in the stacks. When it was threshed it sprouted in the sacks and much of the crop was worthless and unsalable at any price. But the next year wheat grew all over wherever a wheat kernel or head had been dropped it grew and farmers got even with nature.

New County Agent Coming Sept. 10

Margaret Reil, Carson City, Nevada, has been appointed Sherman County extension agent in 4-H and home economics, effective September 1, announces T. W. Thompson, county agent. Miss Reil will replace Mrs. Janet Walker who resigned June 1.

The new agent attended University of California at Davis and is a graduate of University of Nevada. She taught home economics in the Stockton unified school, Stockton, California. She is a past recipient of the National Danford Scholarship in Leadership and comes highly recommended from the Stockton school system and University home economics department.

Miss Reil will be in charge of the overall county 4-H program, private leadership for the 4-H home ec. and miscellaneous projects, and conduct the adult extension program. She will work in cooperation with other county agents and 4-H and extension specialists at Oregon State University, Corvallis, states Thompson.

The home agent has a 4-H background. Her mother is a home ec. and long time 4-H leader. Miss Reil will arrive in Sherman county, September 10, after orientation at Corvallis.

Storage Surplus In Northwest For First Time Since War; White Wheat In Demand

Harvest is well underway on Pacific Northwest grain crops and a situation has developed that makes 1962 different from other years in the last decade.

"We're not surprised," Merrill D. Sather, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Assn. said today, "but in the Pacific Northwest we have a surplus of storage space."

Sather explained that in the decade of the 50's grain dealers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho built new and replaced decrepit storage facilities at an unusual pace in order to keep up with the growing production of grains in the region.

"New higher yielding varieties, more use of fertilizer, and better management practices all contributed to bigger crops," Sather said.

"Acreage control programs of the Federal government imposed in the last half of the decade did very little to stem the tide. Increased exports encouraged by programs such as that carried on in the Far East by Western Wheat

Associates did help in recent years, but big crops at harvest time and a longer marketing period meant more storage had to be provided by the grain dealers."

Sather said the country elevators of the region now have about 195,000,000 bushels of storage capacity; terminals have 105,000,000 and on farm storage accounts for more than 80,000,000.

On July 1 there was 30,062,000 bushels of wheat in storage, the lowest carryover since 1952 and only a third of the average of the previous five years.

"Actually only 2,651,000 bushels was in interior mills and country elevators," Sather said. "That's about the same amount of wheat grown in Franklin county, Washington, or Sherman county, Oregon, or Nezperce county, Idaho, in 1961."

Production was down in the Pacific Northwest last year—even lower than was anticipated by the acreage cutbacks. Adverse growing weather and stem rust took a heavy toll in 1961 and there was a carryover 35 per cent below average on July 1, 1961.

"But this year's crop looks good in most areas. We'll probably better the 88,000,000 bushel crop predicted in the last crop report."

"Grain dealers aren't complaining; about these conditions," Sather pointed out.

"As a matter of fact dealers see some hope, in the Pacific Northwest at least, that with increasing demands abroad for high quality soft white wheats they may finally be out of the strictly storage business and back to their traditional occupation of trading grain."

Alden Dyer Buried Here Tuesday

Funeral services for James Alden Dyer were held from the Smith Callaway chapel in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock following his death from apparent suicide Saturday evening at the home of his mother in Moro.

In company with Dick Page he had been in The Dalles planning to open a dance studio. Shortly after their return Dyer went to his basement bedroom and Page heard a shot and found him dead with a wound in his breast made by a soft nosed bullet from a 30.06 rifle, according to investigating authorities.

Mr. Dyer was born at Prineville May 15, 1904. He was a professional dancer having graduated from the Ernest Belcher school in Los Angeles and dancing with the Fanchon Marco ballet group before teaching dancing in Bellingham, Salem, Seattle and LaGrande. His professional name was Niles Navarre. He was a veteran of World War II and veterans were his pall bearers.

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Portland, A. F. & A. M. in LaGrande and Chris Schultz Post, Moro.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Zella Dyer and a sister, Mary O. Coons of Moro. Interment was in the Moro cemetery.

Danger of Burning Cigarettes Serious

Oregon state police have been alerted to keep an eagle eye out for cigarette flippers, the keep Oregon Green Association has been advised.

In a letter to all state police stations, H. G. Maison, superintendent, says this is the critical season for forest fires. He also cited a section from the state law: "No one shall, at any time, throw away any lighted tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, matches or other lighted material, on any forest land, private road, public highway or railroad right of way within this state."

Superintendent Maison advised Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of Keep Oregon Green Association, that he was admonishing all members of the state police force to be especially watchful during the remainder of the summer when the danger is extreme.

Wiesendanger pointed out that the legislature at its last session raised the penalty for throwing lighted material to \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for up to six months upon conviction.

Governor Comes To Call; Gets Royal Welcome

Governor Mark Hatfield, accompanied by his wife and his campaign manager paid a visit to Sherman county Tuesday and received what he termed a royal reception from a rainy day crowd that filled the new Legion hall in Moro.

First stop for his party was at the Grass Valley elevator where two truck loads of barley were awaiting his watchful eye as the grain ran into the hopper. He looked over the weighing machinery and listened to a description of the process of taking in grain for storage in the big wheat belt of the Columbia basin.

At Moro the committee to Welcome the Governor, of which Mrs. Floye von Borstel was chairman, had arrangements changed to meet in the hall instead of the park as planned. The place was full of Sherman countians and the tables full of Sherman county food of the filling kind.

Irving Hart, Republican county chairman, was master of ceremonies after Mrs. von Borstel had thanked her committee, and introduced county commissioner Luther Davis for a brief official welcome to the governor and his lady. The cub scouts gave the pledge to the flag, Mrs. John Cain and Miss Jacque Bucholtz sang, accompanied by Miss Sharon Colesch. Hart introduced Mrs. Collis Moore, who introduced the governor.

He paid his respects to the men from this county who are serving on state boards: Kenneth Fridley, Paulen Kaseberg and Floyd Root, then went on to tell of the work being done in Sherman county by the federal government and the state, coupled with the intimation that all these changes may well bring increased population and eventually material change to the county's economy. He said that a contract would be let on another section of Highway 97 in Spanish Hollow above Mud Hollow and between Moro and Wasco yet this year.

After the meeting the governor and his party and as many others as wished went to the experimental station for a short tour over the grounds in a school bus, before going north by way of the Gordon Ridge road from where he could see the wheat fields of the north end of the county, the Washington hills and get a peek at the swift Deschutes flowing between its high hills.

New Man Hired To Help Railroads

New assistant manager of Oregon Railroad Association is Ted L. Hughes, former Oregon resident who has spent the past five years in Seattle, it was announced this week by Luman G. Miller, ORA manager.

Employed by the Union Pacific since 1955, Hughes worked in Portland and Medford before assignment in 1957 as traffic agent in Seattle. Prior to 1955 he was a telegraph operator with the Southern Pacific in Oswego, Ore.

ORA's new assistant manager holds the rank of captain in the U. S. Army Reserve with which he has been affiliated since separation from active duty in 1954. A native of Seattle, Hughes has attended Portland State College and University of Washington, and is graduate of Seattle Railroad school.

Contracts Made For John Day Dam

Contract for building the coffer dam on the Sherman county side of the Columbia river for the John Day dam will be let to Montag, Halvorson & McLaughlin of Portland who were contractors on most of the work on the Washington side of the river.

Next job is the construction of a cofferdam to reach from the Oregon shore to the present spillway and cleaning out the rock and sand or other loose material that might be inside it in order to make a solid foundation for the power house section of the dam. The low bid was \$9,861,086. Work of building bridges across the John Day river and the new roadbeds for the railroad and highway along the Columbia has already been contracted or soon will be.



A group of Grass Valleyites met at the Moro park Sunday at best of the class of 1942, which was the last class to graduate from Grass Valley High School before it joined with Moro. As there were not many in that class the committee invited all former Grass Valley High School pupils and some came from as far back as 1911. Also present was Ray Jewel, last high school principal, (row going to Klamath Falls). They ate and talked the whole sunny afternoon for some came from long ways away, like Grangeville, Idaho and Grants Pass. By their school day names they lined up as follows, front row, Phyllis Dickson, Emma Jean Eakin, Ruby Fairchild, Jeanette Huhman, Dorothy Ball, Frieda Bueher, Grace Zevely, Roy Ho-

gue; second row: Dorothy Fairchild, Ellen Eakin, Isabella Fortner, Don Martin, Janet Wilcox, Lela Barnum, Orville Ruggles, Frances Fairchild, Cora Bayer, Ray Jewel, Ellen Cox, Boyce Blaylock, Claud Bayer, Roy Forman, Ralph Balzer, Marcus Eslinger. Also present were Duane Lemley, Juanita Boyce, Eileen Hogue, Gordon Lemley, who didn't get in this particular picture.