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These Things We Note

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If you'd like to be let in on a secret there isn't going to be any tax cut in 1963, either.

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This man he says: whenever you start trying to make things easy for any animal, including man, you ain't doin' him no favor.

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A good many of our troubles could have been averted if no one had been taught to read.

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These Russians have started the orbits to end all orbits—or we hope so anyway. But a fairly quiet place for a vacation.

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The number and percentage of actual producers in this country is growing smaller. Too much of the population is getting fed and clothed by taking in each others washing, the service businesses.

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"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.

Princes and lords may flourish or may fade—
A breath can make them, as a breath has made;

Put a bold peasant, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied."

This Oliver Goldsmith wrote of England when its independent farmers were being recruited for the factories of the beginning industrial revolution.

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This business over thalidomide makes us happy that we can work or read ourselves to sleep. Taking pills is indicative of a poor way of living anyway.

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The Russians we read cannot afford single family homes. We can't either, but we do.

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Why go to all the trouble to candle eggs? Anyone can tell whether they're good or not by just breaking them.

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Americans work and sweat and pay taxes so foreigners can rest and relax and get aid assistance. But it is the Americans who are best off.

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If we could repeal the laws against the employment of minors we could repeal some of the laws about juvenile delinquency.

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So far no politician has come forth with the theory that people should save enough to take care of themselves in old age. Reason is that no politician would say such a thing. It would take a leader.

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It seems safe to assume that both Russia and the US are going to continue to experiment with atomic bombs and that talk of agreement otherwise is for the benefit of the scared.

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Looking at the hairdos in pictures and ads makes us hope that the next president's wife is bald-headed.

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The talk about a 35 hour week raises the point that perhaps work should be judged by some other measuring stick. It is our opinion that most labor could perform all it does now in somewhat less than 35 hours.

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If you're not satisfied with the direction you're going, why hurry?

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Right after newspapers hereabouts announced that the Russian astronauts were going to be down in space they decided to come down. Just like a Russian.

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Unearned money is one of the greatest psychological handicaps. There's a lot of it.

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Lowell Stockman was big in more ways than physical and he typified eastern Oregon in the congress in proper fashion.

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The decision to postpone a tax cut was easy. It couldn't have been passed, would be useless without cutting expenses and no one could ever decide who would get the cut.

Returns to Johnston Indicate Veterans Will Return Again

Theodore Johnston reports that he expects 75 or more at the annual veterans' reunion and dinner to be held at the new American Legion hall in Moro, August 26, dinner to be served at one o'clock but visiting to start whenever two veterans of 1918 get together.

This will be the fifth such reunion, started by Mr. Johnston, who was leader of the group that left September 4, 1918 for Camp Lewis, and expanded to include World War I veterans of the county.

Elk Hunters Must Move Quickly

Oregon elk hunters are reminded by the game commission that they have only about two weeks to file applications for the permit elk hunts. Closing date for submitting applications is 5 p. m., August 29. The public drawing is scheduled for 10 a. m., September 7.

Applications for the elk permit hunts may be obtained at license dealers with the purchase of the general season elk tag. This application contains the same serial number as the tag and becomes a unit permit when validated by the commission. The individual may file application for only one elk permit. Successful applicants for antlerless permits last year are not eligible to apply this year.

As announced earlier, no general elk season will be held in Clatsop, Wilson, and Trask units on the north coast, and in the Douglas and Siuslaw units in southern Oregon. Bull elk hunts in these units will be on a permit basis only, and hunters must possess an elk permit for that unit and an unused elk tag.

Any hunter who applies for, but does not receive, an elk permit in units where no general season will be held is eligible for a refund by presenting his elk tag to the game commission. Applications for refund will not be accepted after September 27, 1962.

Cancer Fund Gets Over \$1400 In 1962

by Flove von Borstel, Chr.

Due to the generosity of the Sherman county people and the persistence and hard work of the volunteer workers, \$1414.00 including memorials has been contributed so far this year, during the cancer fund campaign. There may be a few more donations before the fiscal year ends August 31st. These funds are used by the American Cancer Society for research, service and education.

Among those who helped during the 1962 campaign are the following: Mrs. H. M. Zell, district director, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman, Mrs. Leta Esslinger, county vice-chairman; Mrs. Earl Gentry, chairman of the Moro area, assisted by Mrs. Orlow Martin, Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. Gladdis Bucholtz, Mrs. Frank Sayrs and Mrs. Glenn Virtue, chairman of the city area assisted by Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, Mrs. Ben Ward, Mrs. Wm. Brady, Mrs. Harold Melzer, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Lillian Platt, Mrs. Dale Harrison, and Mrs. Mel Parker; Mrs. John Foss, chairman of the Wasco area, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Weedman, Mrs. Kenneth Dimmick, Mrs. Richard Skiles, Mrs. Don McDermitt, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mrs. Keith McDougal, Mrs. Floyd Root, Mrs. Charles Wallace and Mrs. Marvin Thomas; Mrs. H. M. McDonald, chairman of the Rufus area, assisted by Mrs. Robert Byrle, Mrs. Wm. Myers, Mrs. Bert Swigart, Mrs. Otto Petersen, Mrs. Harold Corwin and Mrs. Kenneth Spagie; Mrs. Eben Kee, chairman of the Crass Valley area, assisted by Mrs. Art Schilling, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. Benny Payne, Mrs. James Earl and Mrs. Wm. Pausch; and Mrs. Robert Helyer, Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. Robert Tatum, and Miss Gertrude Buehler of the Kent area.

We appreciate the contributions and thank each and every one who helped during the campaign including the publicity given by the Sherman County Journal and The Dalles Optimist, as well as the educational films shown during the month of April, courtesy of Everett Cantrall and Mr. and Mrs. Hartley of the Sherman Theatre in Moro.

Man Killed In Fishing Road Accident Saturday

Jasper Ralph Blair, 52, of 4620 Lincoln Ave., Vancouver, Washington, was instantly killed last Saturday morning on the Deschutes river where the fishing road starts its final turn and drop to the old railroad grade.

Mr. Blair, in company with Steve O'Meara of The Dalles, had stopped in Wasco and Moro on the way to a fishing trip and had probably stopped at the top of the hill before taking the difficult trip down the steep and crooked grade. The story as told by O'Meara to deputy sheriff Cain was that the two men were scuffling over the wheel and O'Meara lost control and the jeep went off the road and rolled to the grade crushing Blair's skull in the process.

O'Meara broke in Darwin Van Gilder's cabin to make some coffee and might have slept a few hours. He never made the coffee.

Mike Todd and Wendell Clodfelter found the wreck early Saturday morning when going fishing and started the rescue effort which brought O'Meara back to the top of the hill where he was found almost uninjured, brought the body of Blair out on a stretcher and the damaged jeep behind a wrecker.

Use of Electricity Increases Steadily

The consumption of electric energy supplied to residence during the year ending June 30 by investor-owned utilities operating in Oregon increased substantially though their number of customers showed but a modest gain, according to statistics just released by the State Public Utility Commissioner.

During the 12 month period an average of 458,912 residential customers consumed 4,613,847,000 kilowatt hours of juice, while the number of their customers only increased about one percent. The energy they consumed represented better than a seven percent increase over the same period in 1960-61.

During the month of June, 1962, when a total of 464,591 residential customers were reported, 355,389,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy were consumed.

Farm Bureau Editor Remembers History

FARM BUREAU FURROW

by Scott Lamb

An article of history was brought to our attention recently which causes one to ponder the direction we seem to be taking in our public policies on both a national and a state level. The gem of historical prophecy comes from the 1856 writing of historian-philosopher Alexis de Toqueville describing pre-revolutionary 18th century France.

"The law obliged no man to take care of the poor in the rural districts; the central government boldly assumed charge of them."

Not content with aiding the peasantry in times of distress, the central government undertook to teach them the art of growing rich, by giving them good advice and occasionally by resorting to compulsory methods.

Orders were passed prohibiting the cultivation of this or that agricultural produce in lands which the Council considered unsuited to it. Others required that vines planted in what the Council regarded as bad soil should be uprooted. Some reduction of the burdens which weighed on agriculture would probably have proved more efficacious; but this was never contemplated for a moment.

The government had a hand in the management of all the cities in the kingdom, great and small. It was consulted on all subjects, and gave decided opinions on all. Municipal officers were impressed with a suitable consciousness of their nonentity."

We suspect the reader will see a few items in the above historical item which may ring familiar with present movements in agriculture. Farm Bureau opposes the philosophy of more and more government control, and has proposed a program to return to the marketplace for true farm prices.



Expert riders all are these comely lasses who comprise Morrow county's 1962 Fair and Rodeo royal court. Seated on the top rail is Queen Marlene Fetsch of Lexington. Princesses (from left) are Jacquie Brindle of the Lena community, Diana Fulleton of Heppner, Irene Potts of Boardman and Dianna Pettyjohn of Moro. They will reign at the fair in Heppner August 21-24, at the Wranglers Horse Show August 31, and at the Rodeo September 1 and 2.

Cariboo Trail Assn. Meeting In Kamloops

The Okanagan Cariboo Trail (Highway 97) Association is holding its 30th annual convention in Kamloops, B. C., Canada, August 17 and 18.

Officers and directors of the Association will be in attendance from Nevada, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska.

President John Killian, Yakima, Washington, and his convention chairman, vice president H. Max Smith, Kamloops, B. C., (probably better known as the grand marshal of Caravan 97, 1960) have promised an outstanding program with many educational and entertaining highlights.

All interested in the promotion of this great North-South Highway are invited to attend.

Schools To Open September 4 Here

Sherman county schools will begin the 1962-63 school year on Tuesday, September 4, 1962. (Monday, September 3, Labor Day, is a legal school holiday and so marked on the calendar.)

Students will be excused on Thursday and Friday, September 13 and 14 for the Sherman County Fair.

Rufus Area Has Serious Fires

This area has been plagued with fires the last few days. Saturday, August 11, a barn with several cattle in it burned to the ground. The barn contained some baled hay and was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Holzapfel, who live several miles south of Rufus. Gayle had taken a load of wheat to Rufus early Saturday morning. It was wheat that he had cut a week before and left setting in the shed, but he had thought he could get more wheat harvested that day, so emptied out his truck. As everyone remembers the rains came on August 4 to stop the wheat harvesting, and with intermittent rains of that week there was no more threshing. Anyway, soon after Gayle left the ranch, Mrs. Holzapfel noticed fire coming out the windows and doors of the barn, so she was helpless to save two favorite milk cows which were in the barn at the time of the fire. The two cows were the kind that are hard to replace, as they were peaceful, gentle and a pleasure to have around. The Wasco fire truck came out, but the barn had already burned to the ground in that short time.

There was a fire Monday evening in the pastureland just east of Caziers' trailer court. The fire was reportedly started by youngsters smoking and having matches as they were found in the bushes where the fire started beside the trailer court. Luckily there was no wind, and the men gathered quickly and with sacks and shovels began beating out the fire. The Wasco fire truck came to help get the fire under control. It was just a few years ago that a fire started down at Rufus, with a stiff west wind burned east to the John Day river, then up the river for five miles before it was halted. The John Day river is five miles east of Rufus.

Sunday, August 12, there was a fire in the grass south of the water tank about three miles east of Rufus. It appeared to have started half way up the hillside, so it was unknown just how it did start. Although it was thought the lightning might have done it, during the storm Saturday night, and lay smoldering until a wind started it again the next day. That has happened here in these parts before. Anyway it burned towards the Frank Reid place and over quite a few acres before it was smothered Sunday afternoon.

The farmers had made preparations to harvest Sunday, but the lightning brought rain again that night, so it was called off. The farmers did harvest Saturday afternoon.

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State Government Dabbling With Butter

If the public approves a suggestion to be presented by the state department of agriculture at a hearing September 5, butter and margarine sales will be legal in Oregon only in sizes of specified weights. These weights would be those which custom has established: one-fourth pound, one-half pound, one pound, one and one-half pounds and two pounds.

Up to this point, law and regulation have been silent on standards of weight for either product. Which may be one reason for the 12-ounce packages of margarine appearing on the market and which resemble the usual pound package.

The hearing is another move, says Dairy and Consumer Services Division Chief Kenneth E. Carl, to protect the housewife from buying an item she expects to be (in weight in this case) what it isn't.

Also before the hearing will be proposals for appropriate weight labeling of the two products. The hearing will be in the Department headquarters, 158, 12th St., N. E. Salem, at 10 o'clock standard time. Interested persons unable to attend may submit views in writing prior to the hearing.

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Farmers Cutting Like Crazy As Rain Halts

When the weather cleared so the wheat was dry enough to thresh the farmers were ready to take advantage of it. Ten days of rain during harvest made them anxious to get the grain in the elevators and out of the way of possible succeeding storms. Many were barely able to thresh wheat when the rain first came but could go ahead as soon as it dried off.

Grain will be rolling into every elevator in the county until the job is all done or another rain intervenes for after a farmer has worked a year for a crop he wants most of anything to save it.

Yields have been good although the quality is below average. Nearly every field has its spots where the grain is pinched or the kernels are just small. The good places make up for them and if it had all been good this would have been one of the biggest crops the county has raised on a like number of acres.

Harvest was impossible for ten days over nearly all of the county, stopping Thursday night two weeks ago and only starting on wheat Tuesday after a day of drying weather Monday. A few loads of barley had been cut on some fields but there was very little work done for a long time.

Al Ullman Reports On Federal Money For Local Schools

Congressman Al Ullman (D-Oregon) has announced that because of recent Congressional action, federally impacted school districts in Oregon will receive the full amount of federal grants due them in 1962. Last year Congress failed to appropriate all the money required under Public Law 874. This resulted in the federal aid payments being prorated at 92%. A supplemental appropriations bill, which Congress passed and the President has now signed, includes \$15.7 million to provide the remaining funds due each school district. "These payments for school maintenance and operation can now be made in full," Ullman pointed out.

Districts which have significant numbers of students living on federal lands are also eligible for grants. The federal payments in these cases are in lieu of the property taxes which the parents of those children would otherwise pay.

Ullman stated that the U. S. Office of Education will soon begin sending out the final payments. The full amounts of Federal aid which school districts in this area will now receive are:

Gilliam County: Condon Grade School No. 25 \$6,842; Sherman County, School District No. 3 \$8,207; Wasco County: Chenoweth School District No. 9, \$20,202; School District No. 12, The Dalles, \$37,842; Petersburg School District No. 14 \$5,996, for a total of \$61,040.

Next highest shipper was Lake county, more than 25,000 head; and not far behind was Harney county with almost 20,500.

Other counties which contributed to the neighboring market were (figured to nearest hundred): Crook, 6700; Jackson, 5300; Grant, 4800; Deschutes, 4100; Douglas, 1500; Jefferson, 1500; Coos, 1400; Curry, 900; Josephine, 600.

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In a complementary study of brand inspections, the department says more than 511,000 Oregon cattle were brand inspected at auction markets in this state last year. On this tabulation Malheur county had a wide lead with more than 115,000 head. The next three Multnomah, 74,500; Klamath, 41,600; Jackson, 41,300.

Wheat Hauling Sets Record of 211 Here

The farmers are pushing the elevators with grain hauling so much that a new record for loads taken in was established Wednesday when 211 truck loads of grain were dumped into the Moro elevator. Estimate is that it was about 45,000 bushels mostly of wheat, but with some barley to complicate the job.

Cutting is done until late at night because it is sometimes damp in the mornings and the elevator is taking grain until the last truck is unloaded. Then it adjusts the day's intake during the remainder of the night.

New Street Lights Being Installed

A crew from the Pacific Power & Light company are installing 17 new lights on First and Scott streets in Moro this week. On First the lights will be installed from Railroad Avenue to Court street and on Scott from Fifth to Bidwell. A light will also be placed on the corner of the new Irving Hart house.

The lights give out seven times as much light as the old ones being replaced although only about a third as strong as the big ones on Main street. They are a mercury vapor light like those on Main street.

Southern Oregon Send Cattle to California

About 133,000 cattle were moved directly from Oregon farms last year, with an estimated 20,000 or 15 per cent of the total moving directly to slaughter plants in that state.

These figures are based on brand inspection compilations of the Oregon department of agriculture, Salem. They do not include movement from Oregon auction yards to California.

Klamath county supplied almost half (60,364) the total of the movement from Oregon to California.

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Phone Company Puts Office In Pendleton

Formation of a new Eastern Plant district with headquarters at Pendleton was announced recently by T. E. Bolger, vice president and general manager for the company in Oregon.

At the same time, changes in the boundaries of the traffic and commercial department districts will give all three a common area: That portion of Oregon east of the Cascades.

Prior to this time some parts of Pacific Northwest Bell's new Eastern districts have been administered from Salem, Portland and Eugene. Klamath Falls, for instance, was formerly part of the southern district of Pacific Northwest Bell.

The district plant manager is Robert F. Cook, a veteran of 22 years with the phone company.

Cook and the present district traffic manager, R. B. Brockway, will move from Portland to Pendleton to join the district manager for the commercial department, W. R. Brown.