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These Things We Note

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To note the 100th anniversary of Umatilla county the Pendleton East-Oregonian published a pictorial survey of the past century in eastern Oregon's third oldest county. Some of the old pictures are priceless and the entire book will be valuable to that devoted son of Umatilla county who eventually writes the history of that diversified and ambitious part of the state.

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Wheat growers—we mean the real wheat growers—would have been better off if congress had not amended the farm bill to protect the 15 acre wheat growers.

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The stock market is something like the weather; everyone thinks he knows what it is going to do—and no one does.

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With baseball, the hunting season and some exciting football games, the great American sport of politics is having a hard time getting attention. Maybe needs some new players.

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Now they're trying to grow weeds. May be hard to do. They wouldn't grow if they didn't have the weeds.

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The penalties for trying to do something have never been greater in this country than right now.

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It is possible to report that the troubles with Mississippi are being handled with much more dispatch than those with Cuba.

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Regarding the testimony of airline hostesses: Girls will be girls, but apparently no longer than necessary.

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You see how it is son, if you get out and oppose the government it'll either investigate your income or have your head examined. This is a free country, OK, but only for the obedient.

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Local farmers are having some fun out of the prospect of turning their wheat farms into bridge paths and building fishing lodges.

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People smoke more cigarettes refusing to be concerned about what the scientists say about possible cancer. Maybe they just don't care.

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Firms are quitting the credit card business. Not enough people pay what they owe. It is not a new discovery.

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The tax bill passed by Congress did not please the administration and will not please business because the investment credit provisions are worthless to most business men.

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A twenty five percent raise in postage is a lot more than the steel companies got kicked around for.

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The weather man with his bluster is having a hard time to do away with our sunny days. But we suspect he'll win in the end.

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California has stopped the the Christmas valley promoters from selling lots on magazine coupons. May save some suckers, but if a man wants to be a sucker he nearly always succeeds.

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If there's any pitchers left on the national league winners to stop the Yanks it will be very odd. And they've been overlooked.

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Herb Lundy, editor of the Oregonian's editorial page, makes a pitch for public use of the lower Deschutes for fishermen. He is good enough to mention the restrictions of the Portland Deschutes Club farther up river of which he is a member. Herb says the Deschutes is fine fishing for trout and steelhead which local fishermen would deny as the fishing is poor. He suggests the opening of the tunnel below Sheras which will, we are sure be a dangerous thing unless it is scribbled which will be very expensive as will the upkeep of the road.

Thieves Break Into Three Sherman School Buildings

Thieves broke into three schools in Sherman county Tuesday night between midnight and six o'clock in the morning and got away with \$216.00 in cash and left behind damage that will equal that.

At Sherman High School the safe was punched and \$120.16 stolen. No papers or other records were taken. Entrance was through a window in the home economics room. Damage to the building will probably be under \$50 but the cost of repairing the safe will be higher.

At the Moro grade school the safe was ruined and scattered over the floor, one door was completely removed from the safe. Some silver was spilled over the floor and left but some \$40.00 was lost.

Marks of jimmies used were the same size indicating that the job was done by the same crew of safe crackers, according to Sheriff Leo Roberts.

Bill Smith To Make Trip Report

Bill Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Smith of Wasco, who made the Odd-Fellow and Rebekah lodge trip to the United Nations in New York last summer will speak in the Moro Odd-Fellows hall Saturday night, October 6 at 8 p. m. about his trip and the United Nations.

Especially invited are the Rebekah lodges of the county as well as the public. Refreshments will be served after the speaking.

SMITHS TO CELEBRATE

The golden wedding reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith will be held at the Wasco Methodist church next Sunday, October 7 from two until 4:30 p. m. Friends are invited. No gifts please.

Scholarship Group Now Organized

The Sherman County Scholarship Association, Inc., held its first annual meeting Monday, October 1, at 8:00 p. m. in the Sherman High School library.

The membership list, consisting of some 60 members from all areas of Sherman County, was read. In addition, two organizations, the Moro Women's Club and the Sherman county division of the Oregon Education Association, have joined designating Mrs. Nina Pinkerton and Mrs. Carol Thompson as their representatives.

Any individual may join the association upon payment of \$1.00 membership; any organization upon payment of \$5.00. Organizations may designate one of their members to represent them as a voting member.

Five board members were elected at the meeting: From Rufus: Donald Macanb, Wasco; Mrs. Leonard Fields; Moro; Doane Price, Grass Valley; June Rolfe; Kent; John Reckmann.

In addition, five board members have been appointed by the high school board: Rufus: George Jensen; Wasco: Catherine Thomas; Moro, Charles Burnett; Grass Valley, Ivan Blagg; Kent: John Decker.

The by-laws provide that four additional individuals are included on the board as follows: High School Board Chairman, Marvin Thomas; High School Superintendent, C. Edward Tyler; Booster Parents' President Margilee Kaseberg; County School Superintendent, Lynn Hampton.

The board reorganized by electing Ivan Blagg as president, Charles Burnett as vice-president; Doane Price as treasurer and Lynn Hampton as secretary.

The organization was formed to provide scholarships for Sherman County High School graduates. It was formed as a non-profit corporation to provide tax deductible provision for donors.

The immediate goal is to raise sufficient moneys through memberships to provide at least one scholarship for a graduate of the May 1963 graduating class.

The long time goal of the organization is to eventually accumulate a scholarship fund to provide several such scholarships.

Football Team Victorious At Pilot Rock

by Alice Kaseberg

In a fourth quarter burst of fire, the Sherman Huskies sent quarterback Doug Bish across the goal line for two touchdowns to defeat Pilot Rock 14 to 7 in the first league game of the season. For three quarters the teams exchanged the ball, neither one being able to score.

Within seconds after the start of the fourth quarter Bish sped around left end and ran 25 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Jack Kellogg kicked his fourth straight extra point of the season to raise the score 7-0.

Pilot Rock then gained possession of the ball and Ben Quampts of the Rockets promptly carried it to a touchdown. Kenny Stanton kicked the conversion for Pilot Rock and tied the score.

Later in the final period, Sherman recovered a Pilot Rock fumble. Bill Rayon caught a pass and put Sherman 25-yards closer to the goal line. Two plays later, Bish finished the last 1-yard on a quarterback sneak and put the Huskies back in the lead. Kellogg again kicked the conversion for the final point of the game.

Sherman soared ahead of the Rockets in first downs with 8 to Pilot Rock's 3. Bish completed 3 out of 7 passes and Bill Doolin completed 1 out of 5. Penalties cost Sherman 35-yards and Pilot Rock 6-yards.

Sherman travels to John Day October 5 to play Grant Union for the second league game of the season. Madras skipped over the Grant Union team by a large margin on September 28. If Sherman's spirit keeps up, there will be a good chance for victory again this weekend.

Bob Chandler Due Here Monday

Bob Chandler, candidate for congress from the Second District of Oregon, will be in Sherman county next Monday, October 8 to meet voters and talk about his beliefs of which he has plenty.

He says, "I do not choose to be a common man. I think it is my right and the right of every American citizen, to be uncommon if he can."

"I seek opportunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen."

Mr. Chandler will be in Moro at 9:45 Monday morning and drink coffee at Beelo's with voters who come by, go to Grass Valley before noon for lunch, drive up to Kent in the early afternoon, come back to Wasco at 3:30 and down to Rufus at 4:30 to spend the entire day in Sherman county, the first time any candidate for that office has done so for more than ten years.

New Officers Head Auxiliary Women

Chris Schultz unit No. 71, American Legion Auxiliary held the first meeting of the fall Wednesday evening September 26 at the Legion hall.

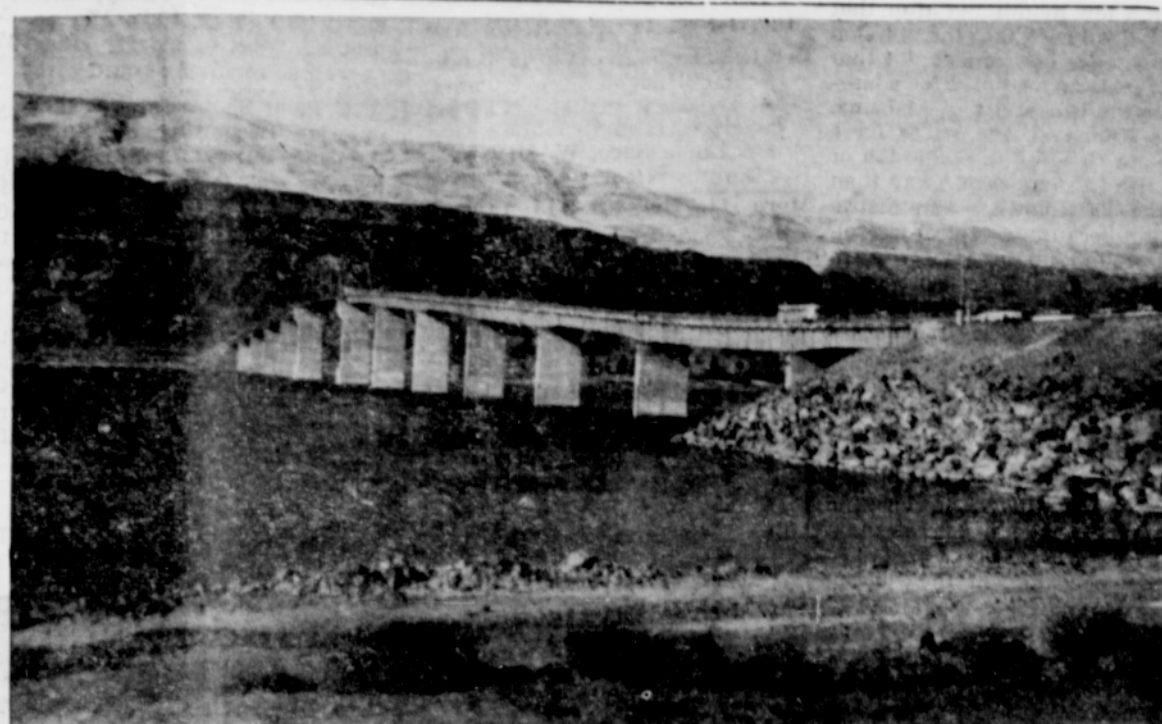
New officers installed were Mrs. Florence Thompson, president; Mrs. Millie Moore, vice-president; Mrs. Florence Bruckert, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Inez Thompson, chaplain; Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder historian and Mrs. Vada DeMoss sergeant at arms. The president named her committee chairmen for the year. Plans were made for serving a lunch at the dance to be given by the Elks in the Legion hall November 3, also for entertaining the state president, Mrs. Vi Larsen of Eugene November 28.

At the next regular meeting October 8 Carole Hoyer will give her report on Girls State. Each member is asked to bring a guest but a welcome is extended to all those eligible to membership in the auxiliary to attend.

Mrs. Frankie Axtell, a member of this unit now living in McMinnville, was present and offered to crochet an afghan for the auxiliary to raffle off. Yarn has been ordered and chances are to be sold sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The president reminded the members to start planning articles for the Christmas box sent annually to the Veterans Hospital. This must be sent in early in November.

Cake and coffee was served at the close of the meeting.



The Sam Hill bridge across the Columbia at Biggs rapids will be open for traffic within a few days. It is in SHERMAN county. Some work is still being done on the bridge, like painting the Washington side and the road from the bridge to the connection with Highway 97 is being improved.

The Sam Hill bridge will end the days of the Maryhill ferry and complete the final link in Highway 97 to Mexico to Dawson Creek in British Columbia. Already traffic on Highway 97 has increased because of it and it is expected to get most of the north-south travel after travelers become aware of the shorter, level Highway 97 and its faster road.

Tax Men Nearer Agreement on Valuation Problem

After two hours of discussion and explanation the two members of the State Tax Commission, Charley Mack and Paul Lininger and staff members Larry Michael and Robyn Godwin and the county court and budget and equalization board members J. K. McKean, Wallace May, Gordon Harper and

Frank Ketter, reached a better understanding about land assessment than they started with.

The Sherman county officials have been resisting efforts of the tax commission to raise the valuation put on farm land and as it is necessary for the county to reassess at the end of its six year period the commission has been insisting that more realistic values be used.

Charley Mack, commission chairman, reviewed the laws under which the state tax group operates and the laws governing the board of equalization and said that commission members had taken an oath to uphold those laws and it was their intention to do so.

However, he did reconsider his figures that showed a much lower percentage of assessment than proved to be the fact and did point out to the equalization board that it had the right and duty to exclude sales figures not representative, which gives the board an opportunity to prove its contention at its November meeting.

All property is to be assessed at 25 percent of true cash value, which is market value. Some leeway is permitted, but commission and board figures were that Sherman county assessments were

about 21 percent of true cash value. An increase of ten percent would bring it up to a figure that would perhaps be accepted by the commission. However, some of the figures in the computation are subject to review in November.

Some question was raised about the Sherman county method of land classification, but tax commissioners feeling that there were too many classes of land in Sherman county and there is no zoning. The local men defended their method under which the county is divided into 23 classes a considerable reduction from more than 90 when the land was surveyed and classified by the county and the soil conservation service.

Mr. Mack said that the five major wheat growing counties are all low on valuations of wheat land and that all are being asked to bring their figures into line with sales. Umatilla is just completing its revaluation and some delay has been permitted while this biggest county gets its books in shape. That will be done for next year and the commission will expect higher valuation if actual sales so indicate.

The local men argued that wheat land was selling too high and that it would not pay a reasonable rate of interest on the amounts paid and that some purchasers would lose their investments. They revived the argument that farm buildings were non-productive although the purpose of the meeting was to confer on the establishment of actual valuations on farm land.

Farm Meeting Billed For Wednesday Night

A meeting will be held Wednesday night, October 10 at 8:00 p. m. in the Moro Community hall to which all farmers and other interested persons are invited. Harry Pinkerton will preside.

Wiley Clowers, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, will come down from Madras to be the principal speaker. His subject will be an agricultural one.

Farm Bureau Flails Freeman's Conference On Ways To Control Farmer and Farms

The Land and People conference held in Portland this week was a brazen attempt on the part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to formulate government-dictated programs on rural people in an effort to build the stature of federal and state government agencies.

The hand-picked speakers and group leaders spoke to a preponderance of government people ordered to Portland for the conference. A smattering of true farmers held their ground, however, in the face of smoldering oratory calculated to humble any attempted stifling of the federally-sponsored help programs, according to a joint statement by Wiley Clowers, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, and L. B. Martin, president of the Idaho Farm Bureau.

The purported self-help programs suggested at the conference have been going on in rural areas for many years, the statement said. The only change would be the government supervision and financing of such programs which would further jeopardize the right of farmers to make their own decisions on matters pertaining to their farms.

Ebasco Report Forecast By Club Speakers Here

The six mid-Columbia counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla, with financial and advisory aid from the state planning and development commission and the federal government, hired Ebasco Services to make an industrial survey of their area. The plan was talked about for months but finally signed into actuality last April.

Mrs. Elaine Esselsyn of Pendleton, secretary of the six county group, explained the contract to members of the Sherman County Club here Tuesday night saying that although Ebasco had 15 months to complete the survey a preliminary draft would be ready for inspection by officials of the group by the first of the year.

It has entailed the gathering of information about population, transportation, power, water and the other things any industry will want to know before coming to the mid-Columbia. Local people have an opportunity to control their development, she said, or let it be done by others.

Eldon Hickey from the state planning commission told of the work being done in other studies of similar nature in Oregon and the interest the state has in bringing new industry here to provide jobs for the young people we are educating and who now have to go to other states.

Bill Miller of Pendleton, but now working for the state said that the first 50 years of our history had been spent in buying out our neighbors and the next 30 years in learning how to move away without selling out. Oregon, he said, had been developed by Oregonians through the aid of our own research facilities which were still good. He told of the need for more livestock production and cited Umatilla county where 40 thousand cattle are being fed compared to five thousand a few years ago.

President Max Barzee announced that another meeting will be held before the election. Lynn Hampton spoke for the new scholarship association and the club approved a resolution opposing the inclusion of Sherman county in the Area Redevelopment Administration project along with Wasco county.

September Weather As Normal As Can Be

As far as the official weather records go September of 1962 was just another month. Residents of Sherman county may remember it for some glorious days at the end of the month and farmers may remember it for the shortage of moisture, but weatherwise it was not remarkable.

There was 36 inch of rain but the storm fell short of need and was .13 short of the month's normal.

Highest temperature was 90 and the lowest 34 and the normals are 91 and 33 so it was about as average as we can get. The monthly mean was 60.9 and that is a mere .04 below the average.

September was a little less windy than normal but not enough to make much difference as fall weather in Sherman county is usually quiet.

TB Testing To Be Done At Wasco

Since there has been an active case of tuberculosis in Wasco this year the Wasco-Sherman public health department will be giving tuberculin skin tests in the Wasco School Monday, October 8, 1962 from 11-12 a. m. and 1-2 p. m. The skin tests will be read Wednesday October 10, 1962 from 11-12 a. m. and 1-2 p. m. The skin tests will be available to all interested. Persons having had positive tuberculin skin tests in the past should not have another skin test but are advised to have chest X-rays. There will be no charge for the skin tests.

New health nurses for Sherman county are Mary Lou Melhase who will cover the county from Moro south and be here every Tuesday and Carla Chamberlain who will be in the north end of the county every Monday to aid the health of citizens. Miss Chamberlain will cover the south end of Wasco county and Mrs. Melhase the north end.