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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

We don't think women are getting any bigger—broader, that is—and we credit them instead of the rubber industry.

T T W N

The program committee of the Sherman County Historical Society found some very fine singers for the Sunday meeting. The Webbs, Peggy Riggs, Florence Cain, all sang well and in Ladd McGowan the county has a song leader who can both sing and lead.

T T W N

Doing something with a holiday, other than staying in bed, is made difficult because everyone else takes a holiday too.

From observation—and some experience—we conclude that a candidate should appear briefly on election day with his wife and have his picture taken at the polls. He should go home and write a nice letter of congratuations to his opponent, seal and stamp it for mailing. Then he should go to bed and sleep for at least 24 hours and preferably 48 or even more. It is unfair to expect him to appear in public for victory or defeat, for an election is an emotional experience that need not—and should not— be shared by the public. If, when the candidate wakes up, or sobers up, he finds himself defeated, he should mail the nice letter. It will be a much nicer letter if written election day than thereafter.

T T W N

The only reason for paying any attention to people who add two and two and get five or seven is that they are such popular politicians.

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We think we note a decline in the number of people who smoke and it appears that the consumption of cigarettes is being kept up by increase in population and not increased smoking.

T T W N

Bureaucrats are like turtles. When a storm blows up they pull in their necks and wait it out. In their defense it might be said that few have any authority to change anything and in criticism, that they have too little knowledge to make e decision. We'd like to see the whole bunch raising turnips—and living on 'em.

T T W N

Portland lawyer asks why true cash value and assessed value should be different. Good question.

T T W N

It may be discovered again, the old truth that the easiest group to hold together in a legislature is one with a bare majority. The riches of a 2 to 1 majority permit extravagance and result in loss.

T T W N

It seems a reasonable theory that a nation's independence should be won in battle. Look at the pitiful nations that won their's by diplomacy or dickering or had it handed to them.

T T W N

Oregon and Oregon State are building up for a big bust for one or the other come November 24.

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Y. A. Tittle, "old" at 36 is having the time of his life throwing the ball for New York. A lot of "old" men are having good seasons including much of the Giant team.

T T W N

It looks like the friends of Alger Hiss have finally gone too far in persecution of the American who put their hero in prison for selling secrets.

T T W N

Senator Ben Musa is correct in his opinion that committees of both houses should consider the proposed constitution.

T T W N

Seems time for another agitation for a sales tax. Well, it won't do any harm, will keep some reformers out of important mischief and give the voters another chance to vote NO.

T T W N

We are now importing 40 per cent of the canned ham used in this country. We are great producers but great chargers to offset it.

We run this picture for the record. It was taken at the opening ceremony for the Sam Hill Memorial Bridge, November 1. From left to right are Howard Belton, Oregon State Treasurer, who represented Governor Mark Hatfield, Karen Macnab, who represented Sherman County. Ernest Cowell, Washington highway commissioner, who represented Governor Albert Rossellini, Martha Schuster, who represented Klickitat County (both she and Miss Macnab are high school students) and William Bugge, Washing state highway engineer.

Old Letter Found Who Knows Who?

Ken Zachary, while making changes in his house last week end, found some old letters stuck away in the walls bearing the date of October 2, 1899. The letters are not about anything important, being between a woman in The Dalles and apparently a grand daughter in Moro and are about clothes and redecorating houses.

The O W. Axtell family lived in that house very early in the century but Aden Axtell thinks O. W. bought it from the late Lonnie Belshe's father. Names in the letters are Mildred, Ray Lake, Ivan O and George B. and Pearle.

More Payment Due Disabled Veterans

On October 31 some 22,000 service disabled veterans in Oregon will start receiving checks for increased compensation amounting to approximately $1,078,000 yearly, R. J. Novotny, Manager of the Portland Veterans Administration Regional Office, said today.

Designed to reflect changes in the cost of living since 1957, when the last compensation increase for veterans disabled in service went into effect, the average payment will be 9.4 percent more than the current rate.

More Winter Rrange Research Project

A long-range research program aimed at improving winter performance of Eastern Oregon range calves has been summarized in 10-year findings by Oregon State University Agricultural Experiment Station.

Improved feeding practices including use of feed supplements along with meadow hay, value of antibiotics in the feed during the first few weeks following weaning, and best dates for weaning calves are among key findings reported by OSU researchers.

Results of trials conducted from 1951 to 1961 at the Squaw Butte Experiment Station near Burns are reported in a new OSU bulletin, "Winter Feeding and Management of Range Calves." Oregon residents may obtain free copies of the bulletin from local county agents or the OSU bulletin clerk. Corvallis.

The 24-page illustrated bulletin was prepared by the Squaw Butte station staff and has application to large areas of the intermountain west where ranchers rely on native flood meadows for winter hay supplies and on sagebrush-bunchgrass ranges for summer grazing.

Good, sound calf-wintering programs are increasingly important to help offset generally higher production costs of raising feeder cattle, the bulletin points out.

The bulletin reports how use of phosphorous fertilizer on proper sites in native flood meadows increases yield and quality of hay and boosts calf gains. Use of protein supplement with meadow hay for a wintering ration also has brought marked increase in gains.

The place of pelleted hay in a winter program, comparisons of cottonseed meal and urea as feed supplements, and use of copper supplement with meadow hay are other topics discussed.

Basketball Practice Starts With Big Squad; Tickets Selling

Purchasers of season tickets for Sherman High School games will save no money on the deal but will be given the Very Important Person treatment by having a special entrance to the gym without the necessity of waiting in line with the hoi polloi. But it will cost six bucks in any case.

The season here starts December 7 when Sherman meets Stevenson and the next week Maupin comes for a game. The next home game will be against Heppner, Jan. 11, then against Hood River the 19th, Grant on February 1, Burns February 2, Colton February 9 and Pilot Rock the 23rd.

Some basket ball players are still showing the strains of football but Byron Bayer, Bill Doolin, and Jack Kellogg of the seniors are ready to play and were out Tuesday for the first practice. Doug Bish, Ken Blagg, Roger Cyphers, Dick Grabenhorst, Erling Jacobsen, Ron Johnson, Mike Lane, Don Mobley, Jerry McMurtrey, Bill Rayon, and Lowell Smith reported for action among the juniors. Ken Dunlap and Roy Sather are busy with the school play and Virgil Fields and Gary Irzyk are still football casualties.

Gas Company Pays $26,727 In Taxes

The Pacific Gas Transmission company has sent its check for $26,727 to Sheriff Leo Roberts as its contribution to Sherman County government and schools for 1962. The company's line cuts across the southeastern corner of the county crossing the John Day river at the mouth of Pine Hollow.

Southern Area Superintendent Carl F Whitmire said PGT's tax payment for 962-63 was on thirteen and one tenth miles pipe and other instillations

Moro Womans Club Hears of Trip

The Moro Woman's Club held its November meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Inez Thompson, on the 7th.

During the business session, a decision was made to take gifts to the residents of the Columbia Park State Home at Christmas time. The club voted to make their usual contributions to the Oregon and General Federation projects and scholarships.

Inez Thompson told of her October tour by Trailways Bus, through eastern Canada and the United States. She showed pictures and colored slides for the pleasure of the group.

During refreshment time, a special candle-lighting ceremony was held called "We Count Our Blessings." On offering was taken for the General Federation of Woman's Clubs CARE literacy program, which aids adult literacy and primary education in eight countries in the Middle East, Far East and Latin America. School kits, kerosene lanterns and teachers' aids are supplied through the program.

Mens Chorus To Sing at Church

Russell H. Belshee

Sunday night, Nov. 18 in the Moro Presbyterian church at 7:30 the mens' chorus from White Salmon will present an hour and fifteen minute concert of sacred anthems, spirituals and novelty numbers.

The chorus consists of 16 members representing seven different denominations. All members live and work in White Salmon except one from Glenwood. The chorus is the only group of this type in this area.

The Moro church extends an invitation to everyone to come and enjoy this concert with them. A free will offering will be taken for the chorus.

Bangs Disease Study Being Made

Cattle producers received a double postcard in the mail this week. The cards and information were printed by the State Department of Agriculture and mailed to you by your county extension agent's office. The value of Bang's vaccination is spelled out on this card All operators whether selling or keeping replacement heifers are asked to participate in the program.

The card asks for number of calves to be vaccinated and approximate date of work. Please so indicate and mail to Dr. Milton Skov, 1000 W 6th, The Dalles.

Cost of Bangs vaccinnation is born by the State in the interest of public health. A contract with Dr Skov has been made by the State Department of Agriculture.

Weed Conference Has Annual Session

The 11th annual Oregon Weed conference was held Nov. 8 and 9 at Eugene. This two-day session draws farmers, researchers, chemical representatives, and extension people together to discuss weed control. New chemicals, latest techniques and methods of use was covered. A sample: "Effects of Soil on Herbicides and Weed Control Research". Other topics pertinent to this area was included on the agenda.

Control of Weeds in Fencerows

Cheatgrass, rye and other annual weeds harbor in non-crop areas such as fencerows, ditches, and roadsides. Excellent control of these weeds can be obtained by mixing 2-4 pounds of Atrazine with 2 pounds of 20% Amitrole sold as Aminotriazole or Weedazol. Simazine or Telvar may be subsititued for Atrazine. Hyvor looks good for this use. Use 100 gallons of water per acre if applied with a hand gun or at least 30 gallons per acre if applied with a boom.

It is best to treat the area before weeds get more than 4" to 6" high. November - February is the best time to apply the spray.

Four pounds of Atrazine, Simazine or other chemicals will give good control for only one year. Yearly applications will be necessary at half rates to maintain top control. All of the chemicals mentioned are wettable powders and require considerable agitation. Mechanical agitation is best.

County Officials Concerned Over Waterfront Area

Judge Vernon Miller, Frank Reid, chairman of the county planning committee and Max Barzee, president of the Sherman County Club, were in Portland Monday to meet with Sam Mallicoat of the state planning and development organization.

Local officials and planners are fearful that there will be no industrial sites adjacent to the Columbia river because the highway commission will build the new highway right along the river. Dr. Reid presented Mr. Mallicoat with a letter stating the views of the planning commission which said that it was not necessary to use all the water front for the highway as other equally suitable locations could be found for the highway.

It was said that the highway commission has expressed the opinion that it would put the new Interstate Highway 80 where it pleased without consideration of local desires. The final decision may depend on some additional information or some changed opinion.

The highway commission has been asked to call a hearing on the matter in the near future which may be a means of settling the question over the river front land.

Lots of Cars Need Repair and Parts

About 26 percent of the Oregon vehicles inspected during the 1962 National Vehicle Safety-Check program were found to need immediate service attention to one or more items included on the 10-point check list.

Vern L. Hill, director of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, announced today that reports submitted to national sponsors indicated 7,749 vehicles received the check in the state. Of these 2,013 needed some repairs.

Nationally, safety-check inspections found one out of every six vehicles with at least one unsafe item. It all, nearly 3½ million cars and trucks were checked throughout the country in 1962. Inspections were made in community check lanes, in automobile dealer service departments, in service stations and garages, at military installations, by teen-age groups, civic clubs and government agencies.

Tires headed the list of items most often found defective in Oregon's safety-checks. These were followed in order of frequency by rear lights, brakes, front lights, exhaust systems, stop lights and steering. Other items checked were windshield washers and wipers, glass, horn and rear-view mirror.

Health Department To Give Tests

The Sherman County Health Advisary Council met Wednesday, November 7, for lunch and businesus. Mrs. Don McDermid presided. She stated that all literature films and helps on Civil Defense had been placed in the sheriff's office.

The matter of "safety in home and school" will be studied and information distributed soon to all families in the county.

Lynn Hampton has films on safety in his office library, which are available for showing.

The health department will give tuberculin tests at the Sherman High School November 27.

Christmas Checks Put In Mail

The Christmas season started last week for 51,000 Oregonians when the postman deliverel First National Bank of Oregon Christmas Club checks totalling $3,100,000 according to Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide institution.

The amount is a new all-time record distribution for any Oregon bank, topping last year's First National Christmas Club savings mark by $700,000.

The checks to be mailed from First National's 89 offices throughout the state will include the amount saved regularly during the last year, plus a total of over $40,000 in interest. Christmas Club members will have an opportunity to complete their Christmas shopping before the normal Yule season rush begins, the banker declared.

America.

Southworth To Talk At Next Tuesday Sherman County Club

Bill Southworth, a Grant county product, who is now head of the animal husbandry department in the state department of agriculture will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Sherman County Club which meets next Tuesday evening, November 20.

Next week will be farm-city week, designed to acquaint city folks with the problems of farmers and the reverse and although Sherman county is entirely rural by U S. census definition, some information about the relationship between the two will be pertinent here.

Anyone interested in hearing the talk, dining out, meeting with their neighbors or taking a part in public affairs is invited to come to this meeting of the club.

The dinner will start at 7:00 p. m. at the Masonic hall.

Legion-Auxiliary Plan Box Social

Remember the good time you had at the box social in the spring this one is going to be better than ever. Saturday Nov. 17 is the day and 6:30 p. m. is the hour. There will be a prize for the three prettiest boxes, so you women, high school girls and grade school girls should decorate your box and come along. A group of local men will be making their second appearance together as entertainers, and Dan and Susan Kramer will present exhibition dancing at its best. Bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun.

Sponsor for the event is the American Legion Auxiliary of Chris Schultz post, American Legion, but the women expect some help from the Legionnaires and will get it—or else. The basket social will be held at the new Legion Community hall and the money made from the entertainment will go to help pay for the hall which gives a touch of civic responsibility to attendants.

Farm Bureau Gives Editorial Award

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French drove to LaGrande Tuesday afternoon to attend the Oregon Farm Bureau banquet during the annual convention at which he was presented the editorial award of the federation for 1962 with Joe Hobson, vice president of Malheur county reading the presentation. Frank Bennett, president of Eastern Oregon college made the dinner speech. Harry Schoth, retired seed developer of Oregon State was given the award for distinguished service to argiculture, and Cliff Smith an award for 30 years work for farmers.

Bigger Cut Taken From Pay Checks

Starting with the first pay you receive in January, your social security contribution is increased by one-half of one percent on the first $4,800 of your wages. With this increase, your contribution will be 3⅝ percent on your earnings up to $4,800 a year.

Your contribution, together with a matching amount paid by your employer, is credited to the old age and survivors insurance trust fund and the disability insurance trust fund. By law, these funds can be used only for social security purposes.

The original social security law provided for an ultimate contribution rate of 3 percent on employers and 3 percent on employees to pay the cost of retirement benefits ranging from $10 to $85. The 3 percent rate was scheduled to go into effect in 1949.

The original program has been enlarged by Congress to include benefits for wives and children of retired workers, for the survivors of deceased workers, and for severely disabled workers and their dependents. Benefit amounts have been raised so that for a retired or disabled worker they now range from $40 to $127 and for a family they may be as much as $254. When these improvements were made, the law was amended to provide a schedule of increased contributions to cover the cost. The increase in your contribution to 3⅝ percent is part of that schedule. The present law provides for two additional increases, one in 1966 and the other, bringing the maximum rate to 4⅝ percent, in 1968.

Historical Society Has Lively Fall Meeting Sunday

The Sherman County Historical Society dined sumptuously on the fat of the land, Sherman county style, Sunday and members and guests settled back in their chairs to listen to the program which included some group singing led by Ladd McGowan, with Helen Sayrs at the piano, a home made poem by Gwen Howell of Wasco, three solos by Florence Cain, two old ones and "The House I Live In" the society's own song "Sweet Oregon" by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webb of Beaverton and Mrs. Oneta Webb Millard of Portland who came up just to sing it, a solo by Peggy Riggs, accompanied by Juanita Ruggles and a reading by Mrs. Nellie Fields.

Giles French talked about 1907, that being, in his opinion, one of the best years in the history of the county, when the settlers had made solid progress in the 25 years since settlement, were prosperous and ready to tackle many new ventures among them being the field meet and speaking contest among schools, increase high school grades, agitation for electricity, plans for more scientific agriculture including the hiring of Hatfield, the rainmaker, organizing the county fair and the growing of new wheat other than the Red Chaff, Red Russian and Walla Walla Club of earliest times.

Presented to the society by Fred Cox was a photograph of the late Charles A. Buckley who came from Booklyn in 1883 to help Kerr in the sheep business and remain to build a big ranch, well equipped. Frank von Borstel presided over the meeting of about 80 persons.

Wheat League Going To Portland

Oldest wheat grower association in the United States, the Oregon Wheat Growers league, will conduct its 35th state meeting in Portland, Nov. 26-27-28.

John Welbes, executive vice-president, has completed pre-session arrangements for the three-day session, which will be held at the Multnomah hotel.

While actual business sessions are scheduled Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1962 meeting will, in actuality, get under way the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 25, as the executive committee of the OWGL will convene at 3 p. m. that day and the quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wheat Commission is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Both at the hotel.

A no-host luncheon meeting with the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be a highlight of the first day's activities on Monday, Nov. 26. Guest speaker will be Stary Gange, Visalia, Calif., a well known olive and orange grower.

Father Alcuin Heibel, paster, St. Joseph's Catholic church, Portland will be guest speaker for a general luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27. His subject will be "Farmers, God's Stewards of the Land".

Moro Library Has Election of Officers

The Moro Library Board had its annual meeting at the library Nov. 13. The annual statisical report that is prepared each year for the Oregon State Library was reviewed and a copy directed to the City Council as usual. The officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Donald Martin, president; Mrs. Vernon Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Hall, secretary and Mrs. Lamer Sayrs, treasurer. As in the past, Mrs. Miller will be responsible for librarians and Mrs. Hall will handle the memorial book program.

The policy of the library has always been to have enough volunteer help in the library so that no one person need serve more than one afternoon a month. Thereby, no one is burdened so that they must give up other activities in order to keep the library open. However, the last few years we have been having trouble keeping the library open two days a week. Many of our volunteer helpers do not wish to serve on Fridays. In view of these facts the board agreed to change the library days to Tuesdays and Thursdays. If there is anyone in the community interested in helping in our library, please call Mrs. Miller.

The library will be open each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m.