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These Things We Note

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An eastern congressman is advocating a lottery for the United States. Hasn't he heard of social security?

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Earl Warren, supreme court judge, says there should be consideration of moral values by business. Also the court.

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Having known something about cow towns, we can say positively that Portland isn't one. Cow town people would never put up with the things that go on down there.

TTWN

The Oregonian in writing the obituary of Columbia river ferries overlooked the one that plies between Arlington and Roosevelt. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing—to be without.

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If the United States Department of Agriculture wants to do something really helpful it could close all ASCS offices.

TTWN

Now they're talking about a domestic peace corps. Just what we need—more do-gooders, but please, no closed season on them.

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Governors, we read, are being defeated because of taxes. Brave voters, next will be presidents.

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Ohio State plays football without a bit of finesse, just straight ahead power and plenty of it. And it works.

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It's high time we quit orienting communism with poverty; that merely makes the poor like the idea of communism. The trouble with communism is that it is ultra socialism and socialism has never worked due to the avarice of the human race.

President Kennedy by giving his \$100,000 salary to charity takes nearly all of it from the federal treasury which surely needs it as badly as anyone.

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Isn't there, do you suppose, anything else to do with a baton?

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Poor old Columbus. Almost 500 years after he discovered America a storm hit this state on the day named for him and the papers are connecting his name with it. Someday he may be more infamous for the storm than famous for discovering the whole country.

TTWN

Rice county, Kansas, has also been declared as a distress area by the ADA and its citizens are protesting. Shake, Rice, they'll make a bum out of you if they can.

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We hope that the legislators now getting organized so early will not forget that they were hired to represent people not government.

TTWN

Bowl bids seem like surplusage. Try to win all ten games of the regular season just so the team can play another. So what?

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It was better in the old days. Republicans controlled the legislature and after election no one paid any attention to parties so Democrats got committee chairmanships as they deserved with the result that experienced Democrats nearly always were chairmen.

TTWN

One of our neighbors is wrought up over the postoffice department's action of compounding a felony when it made a little error into a big one by printing some bad stamps so stamp collectors couldn't profit.

TTWN

The august Department of Interior has decided to let a male mongoose remain in this country if not mated. They reproduce very rapidly, it is said, and we wonder if there is to be a campaign against others with the same proclivity.

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Russia, we read, is going to increase production by permitting profits. The United States, we note, is regarding production by taxing away profits. Words describing governmental systems don't mean much, Eh.



BANK BOOKKEEPING was a tedious and time consuming task back in the 1890's, as depicted (left) by Robert L. Gibbs, assistant vice president and manager of U. S. National Bank's data processing center, today, with announcement of the bank's new data transmission system, checking account information can be sent over long distances by electronic impulses and compiled at Portland computer center. Betty Phillips, of the bank's methods department, is ready to send bookkeeping data by wire.

Farm Bureau Elects Harold Beach, Prexy

Harold Beach, Hermiston, was today elected president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation to finish the one-year unexpired term of Wiley Clowers, who passed away midway in his term as president.

Beach was elected at the annual meeting of the Oregon Farm Bureau in LaGrande today.

A wheat and cattle rancher from Morrow county, Beach served the past year as first vice president of the organization. He is a graduate engineer with a bachelor of science degree from Purdue university and had 20 years of experience prior to turning to ranching.

His interests include membership in the Wheat Growers league, the Morrow County Livestock Association, 4-H activities and the Elks lodge.

Beach and his wife Marjorie have two children, a son Karl, who is a senior at West Point, and a daughter Sandra, a high school senior.

Barry Brownell, poultry farmer from Oregon City, moves into first vice president position from second vice president. Succeeding Brownell is Waldron Johnson, Yamhill, who has served as a board member and state legislative chairman for the past several years. Joe Hobson, Ontario, remains third vice president.

ASC To Elect Again

ASC committeemen from the five communities met Tuesday and nominated candidates for the 1963 year. Nominated from the communities were:

KENT: Arthur Buether, Bill Jefferies, Kenneth Martin, John Reckmann, Alan B. Stark, Robert Tatum, and George von Dorstel. GRASS VALLEY: Mark Bird, W. O. Brinset, John W. Buether, Tom Eakin, Owen Eakin, Malcolm Eslinger, Robert Holmes, Rodney Rolfe, O. L. Ruggles, and Gary Schilling.

MORO: James R. Belshe, Robert Boynton, Charles Burnett, Stan Coelsch, Curlye DeMoss, Mac Hall, Allen Pinkerton, Howard Ross, John Shipley and Don Thompson. LOCUST GROVE: Paul Alley, Al Dormaler, Gordon Harper, Pete Macnab, Raymond Van Gilder, Clem Welk, and H. M. Zell.

WASCO: Chet Coats, Verne Dutton, Gordon Hilderbrand, George Jensen, R. M. Johnson, Don Macnab, Stuart Macnab, Leland Medler, Don McDermid, and Delmer A. Smith.

According to the local ASCS office, nominations may be listed on ballots, and voters will choose a chairman, vice chairman, member, and two alternates for each community. Voting will be by mail and ballots will be mailed to all county farmers by November 27th. The farmer elected chairman for his community will also be a delegate to the county convention held later in December to choose the county committee members for 1963.

Bookkeeping By Mail New Addition To Automation Trend; Machine Over Man

Starting in early December, the Ontario branch of the U. S. National Bank will become the first bank in the country to do its complete bookkeeping operation by telephone wire. President E. J. Kolar announced this week.

Under this new system, checking account data will be transmitted by electrical impulse from Ontario to U. S. National's data processing center in Portland, a distance of some 355 miles, reported Kolar.

The computers will then perform the bookkeeping operation and return the information to Ontario by wire.

Kolar said this represents the first step in a projected plan to spread the service of U. S. National's new computing equipment to most of its statewide operation by way of the data transmission system.

Data transmission is a remote control type of operation. First, cards will be punched for each customer's checks and deposits in Ontario, then fed through an IBM "puncher." This machine converts the card information into electrical impulses, which are in turn transmitted to the Portland computer center by a special "Data-Phone" provided by the telephone company.

Duplicate cards will be automatically punched from the impulses received, and the Ontario customer's accounts "posted" in minutes by huge IBM computers.

Account information will be sent back to Ontario by the same process, arriving in time for the next day's banking business.

Kolar described data transmissions as an important move for U. S. National in equipping the bank to rapidly and efficiently handle the constantly growing volume of bookkeeping work.

A centralized computing system, fed information from the branches by wire, is the answer, he said. At present, bookkeeping for all most all branches within a 50-mile radius of downtown Portland is being handled in the bank's computer center.

U. S. National in 1956 became the first bank in the world to begin posting customer's checking accounts electronically, Kolar pointed out.

He explained that no visible change will take place insofar as the customer records and checks at Ontario are concerned. Monthly statements will be printed in Portland on a slightly different form, but will be mailed from Ontario branch and will contain the same basic information.

Kolar expects transceivers to be installed in Portland and Ontario within a few weeks.

Order blanks for 1963 forest trees are now available. Trees are produced by the Oregon Forestry Department of reforestation, Christmas tree production, shelter and windbreak plantings.

Species available for Eastern Oregon are: Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, Scotch pine, Lodgepole pine, Austrian pine, Grand White and Shasta fir, Incense cedar, Sierra Redwood, Chinese Arborvitae, Norway spruce, Rocky Mountain juniper, Black Locust, Honey Locust (thornless), Caragana, Green Ash and Russian Olive.

Order blanks may be secured from the County Agent's office. Trees for Eastern Oregon are not shipped until spring but ordering now to insure selection of varieties is desirable.

Various varieties of chestnut and butternut trees are available for trial in Eastern Oregon. Bob Stebbins, extension horticulture specialist, has informed us that trees can be ordered in small lots up until December 17. Purpose of release is to check fruitfulness and hardiness in Eastern Oregon.

Gasoline and oil manufacturers and distributors \$20,500,000. Producers and handlers of livestock \$16,000,000.

Firms manufacturing and distributing fertilizer and lime \$14,900,000. Pesticide supplies \$7,300,000. Producers and distributors of seed \$7,200,000.

Landlords not farming \$5,400,000. Power Companies \$3,700,000. Insurance Agents and companies \$2,700,000. Telephone \$2,400,000. Container companies \$2,000,000. Veterinarians and suppliers of veterinary medicine \$1,000,000. Suppliers of miscellaneous items and services \$1,400,000. Total farm production expenses \$341,740,000. Reseeding Fence Rows

Shanko's Problem Solved for Time

The city of Shaniko is experiencing some difficulty maintaining its status as a ghost town.

At a recent council meeting attended only by Councilmen Glade Steinmetz, Ruby Hester and Sam Krell and the recorder Bill Hanks, the councilmen voted to sell the city hall to Councilman Krell. Mayor Dave Wilson, who was just elected for a second term, was not present.

The city hall is one of the tourist attractions of Shaniko and residents interested in attracting tourists did not intend to have it demolished without a struggle. Wasco county's district attorney took no action on the legality of the sale. However, Mayor Wilson, encountered Councilman Sam Krell who had a window from the building and in the scuffle the window was irretrievably broken. But Krell has stopped work on the destruction of the building.

After the first of the year Ed Cunyan and Frank Harris will take office as councilmen and it is presumed that any sales made after that date will be of less doubtful legality than the one to Sam Krell.

One helpful outcome of the hassle was the discovery of the original charter of the City of Shaniko in the state supreme court library, but incorporation was under a state law that declared certain territory duly incorporated but without detail to cover such emergencies.

The Madras Business and Professional Women's club is helping Sherman county women organize a similar group which is to hold a meeting at Beefe's Monday night at 8:00 p. m. November 26, according to Mrs. Don Smith of Grass Valley.

Mrs. Ada Easter is president of the Madras club and will attend the meeting as will the state president who is a resident of The Dalles.

Membership in a local club includes membership in the state and national organization which gives members an opportunity to meet women from distant places when opportunity arises.

A new member of Pacific Northwest Bell's staff at The Dalles, Cletus W. Johnson, has been named plant manager for the company's installation, maintenance and the local and long distance central office operations in The Dalles, Arlington, Grass Valley, Moro, Rufus, Wasco, and Wishram.

Johnson moved here from Portland to assume the job, newly created by a reorganization of the company's plant operations throughout the state, according to C. P. Horn, local manager.

Rust Scare Starts Early With Wet Fall; Long Time To Worry

Continual observations have been made in Sherman county since March 1961 on stripe rust existence and to gain knowledge on time and levels of infection each year. No stripe rust was observed on the 1962 crop until May of 1962.

Survey inspections have been made this fall since seeding time. During mid-October inspection of 20 September seeded fields, two leaves on two plants were found.

Thursday, Nov. 15, extension plant pathologist, Powelson and Tommy Thompson observed some degree of infection on all fields inspected. In some cases, large volunteer wheat is entirely covered while other volunteer plants are free. A diverted acre field near Moro seeded with Winter Wheat in May is heavily infected.

Detailed records of what the normal stripe rust infection in the Pacific Northwest is in the fall is not available. Weather is an important factor in spread of the fungus disease. The damp weather for the past month has been ideal for spread and build-up of the disease.

Effects next year can not be determined at this time. An open winter with wet spring could be conducive to further spread. A cold winter with a dry spring would probably see little effect on the 1963 crop.

Amateur Radio Class Started

Amateur Radio School being held at the Wasco Fire Hall at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, has turned out to be a very successful venture, with 16 attending the second meeting.

Ernest Carter (depot agent at Wasco) is instructor in radio theory, an expert in this field. Chet Coats is instructing International Morse Code, having been an army code instructor and highly qualified in this field.

Anyone interested in learning amateur radio will be very welcome, age or sex is not important, come as you are, bring pencil and paper and join in a fascinating hobby.

Weed Inspectors Hold Convention

Weed inspectors from Oregon counties met in Eugene to form an association of Oregon Weed Inspectors.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the 11th Annual Weed conference, November 9, according to Martin Zimmerman, Sherman county agent. The group selected Tom Barnstetter, Umatilla county, as chairman and Ray Hubbel, Jackson county as secretary. The purpose of the group will be to coordinate activities among counties, to compare problems, and exchange ideas about fighting noxious weeds.

Weed control costs Oregon farmers and ranchers millions of dollars in controls, crop and livestock losses and high production costs. Noxious weeds have been officially declared troublesome and must be controlled according to law within weed control districts. Weed districts list from 1 to 12 noxious weeds, continued Zimmerman.

The weed men reported that cooperation is most important in most all county weed programs. Thirty-one of Oregon's 36 counties have been formed weed districts. Only six rely on legal means to enforce the weed district law that noxious weeds must be controlled. Even these six counties rate cooperation high in a successful weed program states Zimmerman.

All Oregon counties have some weed control programs spending from \$600 to \$31,000 yearly. Counties employ from one part time to seven full time employees for this work.

The weed supervisors job is to stimulate and coordinate noxious weed control within the weed district. Sherman County Weed District was formed in 1910. It depends solely upon voluntary action for weed control practices. The county court, the agriculture stabilization and conservation committee, and extension service assists farmers with noxious weed problems.

Excellent cooperation from state highway and public utility as well as farmers makes enforcement unnecessary Zimmerman stated. Sherman county weed districts lists field bindweed, Russian Knap weed, Canada Thistle and White Top as noxious weeds.

City-Country Can Get Along Well By Understanding

Bill Southworth, animal husbandryman for the state department of agriculture, speaking at the farm-city week meeting of the Sherman County Club here Tuesday night, expressed the theory that rural and urban dwellers could get along amiably and resolve their differences.

He cited the success of farmers and their greatly increased efficiency that has led to more production, lower prices and smaller incomes for them—on a comparative basis.

He expressed the stewardship theory that land owners are out stewards of their land which they are keeping temporarily for generations to come which, perhaps, does not give them proper authority to exclude others.

Mr. Southworth thought that farmers should never tell city folks about their troubles for it is hard to get anyone to listen. Farmers are so few nowadays because of their efficiency they may have to learn to get along with the vast majority.

Norman Noakes, of The Dalles junior Chamber of Commerce, invited the Sherman County Club to nominate men under 35 for awards in civic affairs and agriculture.

Dr. Frank Reid told those present about the status of the waterfront land controversy along the Columbia where the highway will take all the waterfront but 1.9 acres which will not be enough for any industrial developments, which he had learned in trips to Portland and Salem. Wendell Balgiger pointed out that a site for an elevator along the river would be of immediate value as a means of holding freight rates down, whether valuable for some future industry or not.

The club decided to increase dues to \$5.00 per year but an amendment permitted a member to include another at that price. The argument was that more members were as valuable as more money—both being desirable.

Max Barzee announced that the next meeting would be December 18 when a representative of the telephone company would explain about Telesat and bring a replica along to display.

TAXES PAID Pacific Northwest Bell joined other businesses and residents of Sherman county in paying 1962-63 property taxes on Thursday (Nov. 15).

C. P. Horn, manager for the company, said a check for \$12,814.06 had been sent to the courthouse. The net amount after discount was one of the largest payments in the county this year.

FFA Boys Good At Soil Judging

by Dick Grabenhorst The Sherman FFA soil judging team placed third in the state contest at Corvallis. High team member was Loren Macnab followed closely by J. P. Reckman and Doug Medler. This is the third straight year that a Sherman team has placed in the top three in statewide soils competition. Winning team was from Eddyville.

The state contest is sponsored by the Soil Conservation districts of the state. The team was accompanied to the contest by John Shipley, local SCS supervisor.

The same team placed third in the Blue Mountain district contest at Stanfield a week earlier. Loren was third high individual in the district contest. The team has judged soils at Klamath Falls, Milton and The Dalles in addition to this year's locations.

Soil judging involves classifying a soil site by color, depth, texture, structure, fertility, slope, and pH. The boys then suggest management and fertilizer practices for the site.

In the locally sponsored SCS speaking contest Doug Medler, Sherman FFA president topped contestants on the topic of "Water Conservation in Sherman County". Judges were Don Graham and Don Thompson. The local Soil Conservation district provides prize money for the local contest.

Mike Eslinger placed second in the contest with Fred Hall third. Other contestants were Dave Eakin, John DeMoss, and Loren Macnab—all members of the Sherman FFA chapter.

Medler represented the local district in the area contest at Maupin and placed third behind Link Shadley of Wy'east.