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These Things We Note

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A Portland television station went to some trouble to put on a program "Pollution in Paradise" in which officials and bureaucrats appeared before the camera to whine about their budgets and their lack of authority. Sure. Pollution is a problem that will be settled by better education and better use of knowledge. If it must be ended by a police state we'll take the pollution.

We hope Terry Baker does not read the press clippings about himself. He is a very good young athlete and might well do something with it if he doesn't get the notion he's perfect.

The west has made many mistakes by thinking that Russia and China were in serious disagreement and in pursuit of different aims. India may merely be the other side of the Cuba coin.

The president's order about enforcing integration in housing units borrowing federal funds may be a good move socially, but it is bad economically. If a man borrows money, pays his interest and makes his payments he should be allowed to manage the property to suit himself.

We are not impressed by the idea of having an election during the legislative session. But we would be impressed with a plan to have the budgets made during the election campaign.

We feel sorry for the Russians because their government doesn't tell them what's going on. Perhaps soon they can feel sorry for us and for the same reason.

From what we read we gather that the government is going to separate the expense account, leaving the taxpayer the expense.

Being a good cook was considered a feminine necessity in the days when the way to a man's heart was through his stomach. Now food dispensers have made cooking more mechanical and less necessary so we suppose the girls are in need of a new map.

The list of counties with high family incomes did not include Sherman. Just as well. There's no good comes from bragging about such things.

The things other people spend money for sure looks foolish.

Europeans envy Americans for their material wealth and Americans envy Europeans their ability to be happy without them.

A neighbor dropped in to observe that fewer children believe in Santa Claus, but more adults.

The American Medical association now declares that elders should not retire, not by force anyway. Of course, the idea of their retirement was not theirs in the first place, but came from younger workers who wanted their jobs.

Andromeda, a government girl Friday, says she'll have to quit her job; her nails don't grow fast enough to be filed every hour and she doesn't like cross word puzzles.

Colored pictures often seem brighter than the memory of the scene taken, which leads to the suspicion that color film gives sharper impressions than the human eye; another victory for machinery.

Americans combat their excesses by starting anonymous associations of which Alcoholics Anonymous was probably the first. It seems to work best. It seems to work but we still don't understand why they should be anonymous.

The demand of Secretary of State Appling that the author of the book about Wayne Morse file a campaign statement might lead to many new changes in elections. Newspapers that comment, speakers that receive compensation, maybe many others could be dragged in. Well, why not everybody?

Minor Matters Take Court's Time In November

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 1962

Minutes of regular meeting of October 3, 1962 and of special meetings of October 4 and 22, read. Approved.

Financial statement of County Treasurer showing all fund balances as of October 31, 1962 presented, approved and filed.

Gasoline Consumption for month of October, 1962, presented, approved and filed.

Road balances as of October 31, 1962 presented, approved and filed.

M. Zimmerman discusses weed program for Sherman County. Court authorizes budgeted funds to be expended for soil sterilants.

C. L. Roberts, Sheriff, resigned as Civil Defense director for Sherman County. No appointment made.

Rev. J. L. McMurtrey, pastor Wasco Methodist church, appointed Juvenile Counselor and attendance officer for Sherman County. Accepted.

Representative of Bonneville Power Administration appears before court and agrees to moving certain power poles on baseline road.

Audit report of Sherman County Fair Board and Sherman County presented from division of audits, covering period July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962, inclusive, approved and ordered filed.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON AND ROAD FUNDS FOR OCTOBER, 1962, APPROVED NOVEMBER 7, 1962 TERM OF THE COURT.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Moro Postmaster \$10.00; Husky Hut \$4.40; Mel O's Camera Shop \$4.11; Burroughs Corporation \$4.20; Pacific Northwest Bell \$21.18; Craig Office Supply \$3.28; John P. Cain \$87.30; C. L. Roberts \$114.90; Robert H. Davis \$33.50; C. L. Roberts \$2.40; Velma Belshee \$10.50.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Kilham Stationery & Printing \$9.41; Dunham Printing Co. \$42.85; Pacific Northwest Bell \$9.87.

TREASURER'S OFFICE: Dunham Printing Co. \$5.88; Pacific Northwest Bell \$5.26.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Moro Postmaster \$24.40; Dunham Printing Co. \$86.45; Pacific Northwest Bell \$8.86; Craig Office

Supply \$3.23. ELECTIONS: Secretary of State \$6.49; Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation \$78.93; Moro Postmaster \$12.00; Sherman County Journal \$32.72.

COUNTY PRINTING: Sherman County Journal \$28.08. ADDRESSOGRAPH FUND: American-Federal Lease Corporation \$57.12.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: T. Lester Johnson \$36.10. PREMIUMS ON OFFICER'S BONDS: W. T. Balsiger Insurance Agency \$85.00.

COURTHOUSE INCIDENTALS: Glenn Wallace \$9.75; Pacific Power & Light Co. \$53.32; Shell Oil Company \$77.57; City of Moro, \$4.75; Sherman Super Market \$1.58.

RECORD BOOKS & BLANKS: Dunham Printing Co. \$149.10. CIRCUIT COURT: John H. Newman \$109.90; Jurors \$633.23; Beefe's \$16.95; John H. Newman \$57.10.

COUNTY COURT: L. E. Kaseberg \$53.85; Luther W. Davis \$30.99; Vernon I. Miller, \$107.50.

JUSTICE COURT: City of Wasco \$10.00; Darwin Van Gilder \$23.00; Dunham Printing Co. \$1.00; Pacific Telephone Northwest \$2.5.

MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR: Mid-Columbia Hospital \$20.00. INSURANCE FUND: Association of Oregon Counties \$76.80.

SOCIAL SECURITY: P.E.R.B.-Social Security Revolving Fund \$91.77. JAIL: Husky Hut \$18.00; Moro Tavern & Cafe \$3.00.

DEMOS PARK: Pacific Power & Light Co. \$1.25; John W. Gilman \$20.59.

APPRAISAL & FIELD WORK: Roy L. Neal \$264.87. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: L. E. Kaseberg \$13.29; J. K. McKean \$9.89; Frank J. Ketter \$11.49.

EMERGENCY FUND: Wasco County Clerk \$84.44; Alex Marshall \$50.00. NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL: Weed Control Service, Inc. \$18.17; Moro Grain Growers Association \$52.80.

ADVERTISING: Henry Cook \$70.00. MISCELLANEOUS: Association of Oregon Counties \$65.94; First National Bank \$278.80; State Tax Commission \$57.60; P.E.R.B.-Social Security Revolving Fund \$91.77.

ROAD FUND: WAGES & INSURANCE: Association of Oregon Counties, \$107.13; Lloyd Gosson \$464.81; Frank Bayer \$351.01; Jerrold Morehouse \$382.81; Earl Johnson, \$377.77; Joe Griggs \$390.91; Lee Gunnels \$378.91; Marie Hoskinson \$19.12; The First National Bank, \$315.70; State Tax Commission, \$56.60; P.E.R.B.-Social Security Revolving Fund \$76.72.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL: SALARY: Melvin E. Erickson \$17.00; P.E.R.B.-Social Security Revolving Fund \$55.

MATERIALS: Cushman Equipment Co., \$23.55. RETIREMENT: P.E.R.B.-Social Security Revolving Fund \$77.27.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pacific Northwest Bell \$7.77; City of Moro, \$1.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$8.28; Smith Auto Parts \$37.00; Platts Truck Service \$4.40; Cushman Equipment Co., \$23.22; The Heating Center \$20.55; Sherman Super Market \$3.90; GAS & OIL: Shell Oil Company \$402.50; Moro Grain Growers \$27.00; Standard Oil Company \$141.03.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Stone Machinery Co. \$33.52; Woodbury & Co., \$144.31; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$1.79; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$6.18.

REPAIRS: Smith Auto Parts \$2.01; Mid-Columbia Radiator Service \$15.00; Feenaghy Machinery Co., \$113.02; Ace Equipment Co., \$32.40; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$28.65; The Dalles Iron Works \$2.80.

TIRES & TUBES: Cushman Equipment Co., \$90.70.

B&PW Trying To Organize Chapter Here

Mrs. Lynn Green, state president of the Business and Professional Women, met with a group of Sherman county women Monday night at Beefe's to talk about a chapter of the organization here. Mrs. Ada Easter, president of the Madras chapter also spoke. Presiding was Mrs. Glendora Smith and Mrs. Elma Fields was secretary.

The Madras Club is sponsoring the organization for a club in Sherman County, and all were invited to meet at Beefe's in Moro to learn more about the purposes and activities of the Federation. The membership in the local clubs includes membership in the state, nation and international, thus bringing prestige to the individual members and strength and unity of purpose.

Club and Federation programs and projects provide eligible business and professional women with an opportunity to enjoy friendship and fellowship with other business and professional women and to participate in activities for individual and community betterment and progress.

Letters were sent out to people who they thought would be a valuable member and invited to attend this meeting Nov. 26. A brochure briefly outlined the Federation story and told of its goals and achievements.

The group decided to meet Jan. 8 at Moro at 8 p. m. to organize and prepare a charter to start a Sherman county unit. The women will have a chance to belong to this club as a charter member. Ada Easter is president of the Madras club.

ASC Ballots Out For Election

Ballots were mailed to all county farmers this week for the election of ASC community committee men for 1963. These committees assist the ASC county committee in administering the wheat allotment, price support, feed grain, wheat stabilization, soil bank, and conservation programs for the county. Any farmer who has not received a ballot can obtain one at the ASCS office in Moro. Ballots should be returned to the ASCS office in the courthouse at Moro on or before Dec. 7.

Speaker Explains Aid Program Popularity

An article by marketing specialist S. C. Marks, OSU, in the November 15 issue of the OREGON FARMER explains in some detail the use of export subsidies by the United States to help other nations subsidize their farmers. Here is how it works according to Marks:

The Japanese government recently raised its guaranteed price to producers for wheat from \$3.02 to \$3.18 per bushel. The Japanese government offsets its losses in buying and selling domestic wheat and barley by making profits on imported wheat.

Marks states an example: Northwestern white wheat now costs the Japanese \$1.62 per bushel at Portland. This includes a U. S. export subsidy of 32 cents, the market price being \$2.14. With shipping and handling costs added the Japanese government has a total investment of about \$1.90 per bushel tied up in this wheat. Thus the Japanese government can come out quite well selling the wheat on their bolstered markets.

This reminds us of the cat and rat farm story often used to show the errors of logic in such an economic program. The farmer raised cats and rats, fed the rats to the cats, skinned the cats and fed the cat carcasses to the rats, realizing a fine profit on the skins (and no overhead).

It should be pointed out in all fairness to Japan that they are not the only country to make money off U. S. export subsidies. It is quite a common practice with individual speculators making a good thing of it also. Those who watch the world price on grain and the subsidy payments can often come up with a tidy profit by simply brokering the grain at the opportune time.

This happened last year with barley and quickly resulted in barley exports from the northwest. It can be said such shenanigans may help somewhat by taking grain off the U. S. market, but it raises havoc with anyone attempting to operate on a business basis. When phony subsidies replace market demand it not only will buy 1 1/2 lbs. of bread now, one pound less than in 1961, in spite of lower wheat prices.

Wheat Growers Elect County Changing Pat Kaseberg For 1963 President

Many wheat farmers of Sherman county spent the first part of this week in Portland attending the meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers league where the program revolved around the problems involved by federal control of the wheat business and wheat farmers.

Allen Tom, Sherman county wheat grower presided at many of the sessions as president for the year and L. E. Kaseberg, another Sherman county wheat grower was elected as president for the coming year. Both will be in the delegation that goes to Denver later this month to take part in the convention of the National Wheat Growers.

Perhaps the most important resolution of this year's league meeting was affirmation of the certificate plan which the league has supported in one form or another and under different names since its beginning. It is a two price plan and as we already have a two price plan it will, if adopted, be a three price plan. But the league did recommend an educational program before the referendum on the certificate plan comes to a vote.

Kock Relative Dead In Shot For Bear

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pinkerton and Alfred Kock Jr. went to Sandy Tuesday to attend the funeral of William E. Rannow, brother in law of Alfred Kock sr., who was killed last Friday when a neighbor boy shot him in the head thinking he was a bear. He was picking up nuts in his yard when shot. Mr. Rannow had been a well liked teacher in Sandy school for over 30 years.

WWI VETERANS TO MEET IN HOOD RIVER

There will be a meeting of the Mid-Columbia Barracks and Auxiliary at the Loggers and Carpenter's (IWWA) hall in Hood River Tuesday, December 4, observed by a joint pot luck supper at 6:30 and business meeting at 8 p. m.

A report on the recent cooperative conference between WWI veterans and VFW on the creation of a Senate Veterans Affairs committee and a separate WWI pension bill will be made. All World War I veterans and their families are urged to attend.

BANK DEBITS UP IN MID-COLUMBIA

Bank debits for the Upper Columbia River area including Gilham, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, increased in October, 1962, compared to October, 1961, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business Research has reported.

Debits for October, 1962, totaled \$34,414,471. For September, 1962, the total was \$32,299,551, and for October, 1961, the total was \$31,755,113.

Harlandview Grange Has Booster Night

Grange Booster night was held at Harlandview Monday, Nov. 19. There were 55 adults and children present to participate in the fun and festivities. Members, friends and distinguished guests were welcomed by Master Max Belshe. Roy Means, state steward, Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Rufus Subordinate master, Orlov Martin, county Pomona master and Rebecca Robertson, state juvenile district chairman were honored and escorted to their place of honor.

The program was then turned over to the lecturer. Opening song, "Home Sweet Home", was sung by the group. Rolland Johnson gave a talk on the history of the Grange. Patricia Belshe gave a poem: A Thanksgiving Prayer.

Roy Means a talk on the Grange Youth Camp at Bend. Two musical selections at the piano by Susan Robertson. A skit entitled "Space Men" with the following cast of characters: Larry Parker, Karen Cain, Susan Robertson, Duane Miller, Craig Price, Ronie Thompson and Karen Thompson. The group sang as closing song, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds".

Four cakes were donated for the cake walk, the first being won by Mrs. Orville Blaylock, second by Doug Price, third by Max Belshe and fourth by Lori Miller. The third and fourth degrees will be given to six new members Thursday, Nov. 29 at 8:00 p. m. at Rufus Grange hall.

In Physical Looks And Outlook

As we enter the last month of 1962 Sherman county can look back on a year of great changes, some of them so big as to be overlooked at close range.

The Sam Hill bridge, long talked about, long planned, finally opened November first.

The Washington end of the John Day dam was completed and work on the Oregon cofferdam started, and the relocation of the highway and the railroad will remodel the appearance of the entire river front and the John Day river in its final ten miles.

Sherman county grew a fine crop of wheat and did reasonably well with barley; its recreational sites came closer to expropriation; the gas line across its southeast corner went into operation; highway contracts were let for improvement of Highway 97.

On the less pleasant side was the county's inclusion with Wasco county as a distress area, the suspicion of rust in the growing crop and the threat of a new farm program.

French Teacher Not To Come

High School Superintendent Principal Ed Tyler reports that Miss Sherrie Fraser, who was recently offered a contract to teach French for the second semester as noted in the November 16 issue of the Sherman County Journal, will be unable to accept the position.

Miss Fraser has accepted an assistantship from the psychology department at Stanford university and plans to continue her training through research study and field work with elementary pupils.

Property Taxes Up And Up, And Up

Oregon's property tax bill continued its upward climb for fiscal year 1962-63, reaching a total including assessments of \$233,800,762 says George Annala of Oregon Tax Research. This represents an increase of almost \$18 million over last year's levy. Property taxes for the current year are more than double the entire receipts of the personal income and corporation taxes collected last year, and represents an average of \$520 for a family of four. Property taxes are for local government only — counties, cities, school and special districts such as fire, water, hospital, cemetery, etc.

Schools will receive 67% of the total levy, \$154,017,550, an increase of \$21.4 million over last year. In addition state aid for schools will increase approximately \$2.7 million, making a total of about \$63 million in state funds distributed to local schools.

Only three counties, Lake, Morrow and Tillamook managed a decrease in total taxes levied. Gilham's increase was negligible, less than one half of one percent.

During the last five years Oregon property taxes have increased 40 percent and school levies have increased 45 percent during the five year period, despite substantial increases in state aid. School census figures increased about 10 percent.

Increase in property taxes has outstripped the increase in population and economic growth. Rejection at the polls in the recent election of tax measures was due in no small part to the mounting burden of property taxes. More state aid or exemptions will only shift the burden. The control of spending will have to originate with the taxpayers.

Marine Board Wants Correct Addresses

The State Marine Board in Salem asks that boat owners who have changed their address during the past year and who have not notified the Board, to do so as soon as possible. The boating law places this responsibility on the boat owner.

The Marine Board is anxious that their records are kept up-to-date. The 1963 Annual Boat License Registration Forms will be printed early in December showing the boat owner's address as listed in the Board's current records. By pre-printing the registration forms the Board is able to mail the boat owners their annual license on the same day the application is received.



Mrs. Jack Larson, president of the American Legion Auxiliary for the Department of Oregon, made her visitation to the Sherman County units, Kent, Moro, and Wasco Nov. 28, 1962. The three units met in joint session at Wasco, in the little Legion hall at 1:30 p. m.