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These Things We Note

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It's like the fellow said: the worst four letter word of them all is work.

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Americans will be sure to note that David Bell was a good budget director and that perhaps the president wanted to get rid of him for that reason. He may not be a good foreign aid man.

TTWN

We wish the new U. S. commissioner of education well, but want to say that one of the things wrong about education now is too much power at the top and too little experimentation and variety without which there can be no growth and no change. So beware of controls.

TTWN

We were glad to see Navy beat the Army and hope they do it as long as Karl Deitzel heads the Army. Let him go back to Louisiana and live out his contract.

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Economists are saying that there isn't going to be much change for the next few months. That means they don't know what is going to happen.

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Congress might as well adopt a flexible debt ceiling instead of changing it every session to keep atop of spending.

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From the demands India has made for defense the western world may eventually conclude it is better to let China have it. It might be cheaper to fight the Indians than to support them.

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Any newspaperman will understand the attitude of Adlai Stevenson about the Post's Cuban story. They always deny it if they prove unpopular.

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We're glad we are in a business that offers its ads politely, not showing them down the customer's neck.

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Probably the best buy in America today is a used car. Everybody wants a new one.

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If Lockheed wins with both labor and the government against it that will be a great victory. All it wants is to not make workers join the union unless they want to.

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Reading the fine tributes to Milo McElver, we wonder if he wouldn't have enjoyed them.

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We think it none of the business of the U. S. Supreme court to interfere with a state's apportionment. Perhaps our next amendment should be to define Article IV, Sec. 4, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government," which should mean a senate distributed by counties and a house distributed by population.

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The governor has an expected eight millions in his budget the state expects to recover from a federal tax cut. Such confidence.

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If it appears that Khrushchev backed down on Cuba, it is no assurance he would back down in another case.

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Only two weeks until the shortest day of the year.

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It seems to be a policy and not an accident that the president withheld information about the Cuban affair, still is, in fact. That is serious.

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The farmer gets his two cents worth out of a loaf of bread. Some one else gets the other 20 cents.

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It is going to be very funny to watch and see how far the government will go into the job of stopping expense account deductions and what other gimmicks are thought of to replace the banned.

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Governors will have to rant and rave about the reform of the national guard, but they surely know that any change in the national guard would be an improvement.

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Cities create their own miasma; maybe nature limits the size.

New Owner Takes Charge of Wasco Pharmacy and Store

Mr. and Mrs. James Bigood have bought out Francis Neilson in the Wasco Pharmacy and have moved to Wasco with their high school age son and started into business. He is a pharmacist and merchant who will retain the stock of novelties, remedies and useful items as well as the prescription counter. The Bigoods come from Hermiston where they have a reputation for interesting themselves in public affairs.

Mr. Neilson expects to get out of the state tuberculosis hospital soon but will go to live with his sister in Hood River instead of returning to worries of a pharmacy.

Oregon Building Highways Quicker

Oregon still leads the nation in percentage of Interstate Freeway mileage completed and opened, or adequate for present traffic and in use, State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper said today.

The latest quarterly report of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads credits Oregon with 65.4 per cent of its Interstate System open to traffic, nearly five percentage points ahead of second place New York. Of the 732 miles planned as Oregon's portion of the system, the report listed 272 miles completed and ready to handle traffic volumes expected in 1975, another 205 miles adequate for today's traffic, and one mile of toll road—the Portland-Vancouver and Umatilla bridges between Oregon and Washington.

These figures were based on a period through September.

FFA Boys In Stock Deal

The Sherman FFA chapter has two new boys with registered livestock purchased with money supplied by the Sears Roebuck Foundation. Loren Macnab has a Hereford cow purchased from Hudespeith and a bred heifer purchased from Don Cox. Loren will keep the animals two years, keeping the offspring, and return the cows to the chapter to go to another boy.

Fred Hall has 10 Hampshire ewes and a ram from Sears. He will keep the animals two years and return 11 head to the chapter. Five of the ewes and the ram are from chain animals returned to the chapter by Don Mobley. Don received his animals from the original chain that Ron Mobley kept for two years.

Five new ewes were purchased from Richard Wiswall of Toppenish to upgrade the chain. Sears granted \$250 for this purpose.

BANK PICKS TWO

The election of two new directors to the board of First National Bank of Oregon was announced by President Ralph J. Voss.

They are Francis P. Hill, president of Northwest Natural Gas Company, and Robert S. Miller, Portland attorney and lumberman.

Hill, who is also a director of the large gas utility, formerly was a member of the law firm, Smith, Gray, Hill & Rodgers. Before assuming his present duties a year ago, he served as vice president and legal counsel for the Northwest Gas Co.

Miller is a partner in the law firm of King, Miller, Anderson, Nash and Yerke. He is associated with his father and management of Moore Oregon Lumber Co., Moore Mill & Lumber Co., and several subsidiaries in Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties in Oregon.

SPRAYERS TO SCHOOL

Some 360 Oregon licensed chemical applicators will have an opportunity soon to do some cramming for their 1963 state examinations, which will cover the wide field of pesticides.

While attendance is not compulsory, an intensive school for pesticide applicators will be held December 17-19 in Withycombe hall on the Oregon State campus, announces J. D. Patterson who is in charge of pesticide programs for the state department of agriculture.

Patterson stresses the importance of the school to applicators because for some years only custom users of herbicides (chemical weed killers) were under state license. The last legislature widened the scope to include applicators of all sprays and dusts used to combat pests and diseases of plants and some other pests.



Officers of the Oregon Wheat Growers League gathered for this picture at the conclusion of the OWGL's 35th annual meeting in Portland. Front, left to right, L. E. Kaseberg, 1963 president; Milt Morgan, first vice president; rear, left to right, Melvin Pace, second vice president; John Welbes, secretary and executive vice president, and Charles Allen Tom, 1962 president. Tom will represent the OWGL at the national meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Honor Roll Has Many Names

The Sherman County High School honor roll for the second six-week grading period of the first semester found the following students with a 3.50 or above and perfect citizenship grades: 4.00 Carol Hove, Alice Kaseberg, Jacques Bucholtz, Ardine Todd; 3.83: Barry Byars, Curt Blagg, Rosalee Esslinger, Don Grabber, Linda Hockett, Patricia Knott, Nancy McKean, Lowell Smith, Kaye Whipple; 3.67: Melva Alberty, Nancy Doolin, Judy Dunlap, June Jefferies, Lee Kaseberg, Karen Macnab, Carol Owens, Bill Smith, Kent Thomas, Karen Tusota, Alison Walker, Barbara Medler; 3.50: Karen Bethel, Leonard Eakin, Ron Eakin, Kay Higley, Jennifer Hahn, Gary Irzyk, Barbara Jones, Marcia Martin, Tom Ocheltree, Katherine Reckman, Virginia Todd.

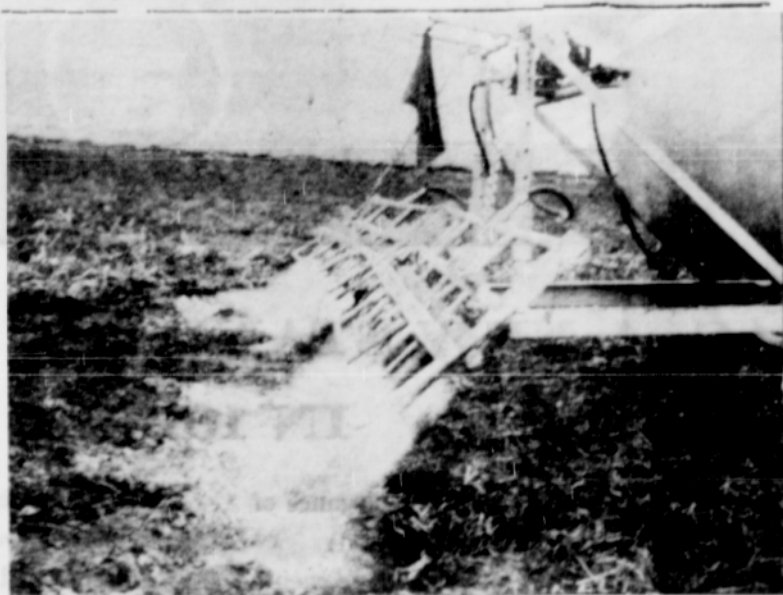
Those with G. P. A. of 3.50 or above 3.50 David Eakin and Mike Esslinger.

Honorable mention G.P.A. of 3.00 or above and perfect citizenship grades are 3.33: Janette Long, Sharon Coelsch, Mary Coats, Carolyn Henrichs, Nancy Hicks, Ernest Moore, Nina Rhinehart; 3.20: Linda Helyer; 3.17: Ruth Alley, Jane Baker, Kenny Blagg, Robert Burns, Gary Carlson, Karen Coates, Nancy Conlee, Cheryl Gentry, Virginia Griggs, Patty Miller, Karen Powell, Sheri Rolfe, Dean Ruggles, Diana Tallant, Barbara Worell; 3.00: Teresta Barndhagen, Janice Carter, Pat Coats, Nancy Crews Terry Decker, Mona Eskin, Sandra Gabelson, Noel Hookman, Bonnie Jefferies, Barbara Medler, Doug Reid, Mary Ann Thompson, Clifford Todd and Lolita Sullivan.

Honorable mention G. P. A. of 3.00-3.50 Fred Hall 3.17. Do you groan at thoughts of all you have to get done before Christmas?

BIDWELL GRADED

Thursday morning the county road crew began work on lower Bidwell street in front of Alfred Kock's residence. When the contract is let for improvement of the highway through Moro Bidwell street must be changed. This the county is doing for \$500.



Burning to control cheatgrass is being tested in Sherman County. Fall rains shortly after seedling has caused 10,000 acres of Sherman County's wheat acreage to become seriously infested with this weed. If not controlled, these fields may have to be reseeded, according to Martin Zimmerman, county agent.

Burning to control weeds has been used for many years with excellent results in other types of crops. Burning weeds in cotton, corn and alfalfa is a common practice. However, there has been little testing with this type of weed control in cereal crops.

Shaniko Solves Its Problems; Keeps Hall To Help Hi School

The problems of Shaniko, particularly that part of the 39 residents interested in retaining the old buildings as a tourist attraction, eased somewhat Tuesday night with the December council meeting.

Information that the city hall had been sold for \$19 was revealed and the money was returned so the windows can be replaced and the work of demolition terminated.

The mayor, Dave Wilson, will serve another term and Sue Morrell will be the recorder and there will be some new councilmen which seems to assure the protection of the city hall, the school house and the other evidences of municipal life that attract camera bugs and cause them to stop in Shaniko.

Shaniko's position has improved in the melee; it has located its charter and found it needing amending, it has found friends in its desire to be a ghost town.

NEW CHECK AVAILABLE

"The first major change or improvement in check writing in 25 years."

This is the description of a bank check designed for persons who can't be bothered with filling of bank stubs. It was made by L. D. Price, Moro branch manager of First National Bank of Oregon.

The new "Record-Rite" checks and deposit slips produce duplicate copies without the use of carbon paper. By using a special paper containing an invisible carbon back, a duplicate copy of each check and deposit is automatically produced as a reminder.

Some persons frequently forget to fill out the regular check stubs and then find they have trouble recalling what they have spent. The "Record-Rite" check is especially appealing to these check users.

Greater convenience and ease of reconciliation in comparing canceled checks with the duplicates is an important advantage. It is especially helpful to husbands and wives in keeping the balances of their joint checking accounts straight.

Boosters Organize To Help Hi School

The Sherman High Booster Club executive committee met at the home of Mrs. T. W. Thompson, Monday a. m., to discuss plans for the school year. The board decided on a three phase program; first, to develop a closer relationship between the communities represented by the Booster Club (membership composed of all parents of high school students and other interested adults); second, to coordinate Booster Club activities with school functions; and third, to raise funds for the scholarship which the group presents to a high school graduate each spring.

It was announced that Curly DeMoss and committee had completed the installation of safety barriers on one ramp of the football field parking area, and that the FFA had built the football scoreboard authorized by the Booster Club, bill for same to be paid by the group.

Plans were made to promote a coffee hour for parents after home basketball games. A committee was appointed to get information for the group concerning the American Field Service, and the possibility of bringing the program to the high school, Mrs. Roscoe Moore, Mrs. T. W. Thompson and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg to report at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Vernon Mobley and Mrs. Roy Rayon were asked to make a survey of Junior-Class mothers in regard to sponsorship of a Junior-Senior banquet next spring.

Fund-raising by the group will start in the five communities, each to choose its own program. There will be activities later in the year which will invite participation by the entire membership of the Booster Club.

Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Joe Bibby, Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. Sam Alberty, Mrs. Ben Ward, Mrs. Leonard Fields, Mrs. Harry Hicks and Mrs. Sam Tusobota.

County Ramblings

Wyoming university scientists have found that one acre of sage brush in the Red Desert area used 93,660 gallons of water in a four month period. That is the equivalent of about 3.4 inches precipitation.

Sage brush and rabbit brush can be controlled if timely spray applications are applied. Get details from your county agent.

Cattle Feeding

Stephen C. Marks, OSU, reports that the three Pacific Northwest states show a 13 percent increase in cattle in feed lots weighing more than 900 pounds, and 16 per cent more, or 10,000 head in the 700 to 900 pound group, compared with October 1, 1961.

Post Preservatives

The extension service at Ames, Iowa, reports that poles in service that have started to decay, are sometimes treated to arrest decay and extend their life.

First, excavate around the post or pole to a depth of 12 to 18 inches. Next, spread sodium fluoride in the trench around the post or pole and partially refill the trench with soil. Coal-tar creosote is then poured against the surface of the post or pole about 18 inches above the ground line and allowed to run into checks and around the ground line.

Petroleum oil containing 5 per cent of pentachlorophenol can be used instead of sodium fluoride and creosote. Also, butt-treated posts or poles that have started to decay in the untreated tops can be sprayed with a No. 2 fuel oil containing 5 per cent of pentachlorophenol.

November Normal As to Weather

November was a pretty normal month bringing 1.83 inches of rain only .12 inch above normal. But the crop year is now at 4.09 and that is .74 above normal so we are wet to go into the winter.

Temperature was about normal, too, being 42.5 degrees for the mean temperature and that is 3.6 above normal so November was warm. The wind was quiet although it did blow up a gust of 31 MPH on the 19th.

But what November saved December spent very quickly when on the 2nd, last Saturday night, the clouds turned loose with .72 inch of rain that soaked things but good.

Social Security Must Be Asked

The first part of every year hundreds of people eligible for social security payments decide to file for their benefit. The impact of all these claimants filing at one time results in slower processing of claims and delay in sending out the first check. Carl Redman, field representative of the Social Security Administration office in Portland is as anxious to forward the applications for payment as each wage earner is to receive his check.

Filing an application before the end of this year will assist the social security people in making quicker payment to those filing now, as well as speed up payment to those who for one reason or another cannot wait until some time next year.

SAVINGS BONDS GOOD FOR GIFTS

A familiar and popular gift item United States Savings Bonds will be available in an attractive new "package" this Christmas. The package consists of a handsome new gift envelope which will be available free at local banks to purchasers of Savings Bonds to be used as gifts. The envelope is faced in blue with a drawing of the American eagle holding a red, white and blue streamer. It is backed in white and flapped with the blue inscription, "A Gift for You . . . A Share in America." Space for address and signature is also provided along with another inscription of "Keep Freedom in Your Future - with U. S. Savings Bonds."

FARM BUREAU EDITOR REVIEWS OUTLOOK

by Scott Lamb

The Agricultural Outlook Book for 1963 is out and is filled with charts on how things compare over the years.

Condensing the report into a nutshell, the figures show realized net incomes up about 3 per cent above 1961. Consumer expenditures for food have increased 50 per cent from 1950 but farm receipts have increased only about 20 per cent. At the same time, the agricultural price index for production expenses has risen very rapidly in the past ten years.

Farm production leveled out last year to come closer to the population increase, but is still the top line on the graph. At the time production per acre continues to increase with fewer acres used to produce crops. Man-hour output is now twice as high in 1950 due to improved machinery and technical farm methods which add up to unparalleled production efficiency.

The effect of science on agriculture is also told in the USDA comparison charts. Cotton use is down 10 per cent and wool 15 per cent over a ten-year period. Feed grain and wheat stocks are both down but there is no shortage of either. The main cut was in the surplus carryover.

Exports are up over 1961 but not near the peak of the early 1950's when they passed the \$40 billion mark.

Generally speaking, the improved methods of cropping have created a situation of plenty for agricultural products and the effects are being felt in the income area of farming.

While this may not be news to most people, the agricultural programs designed to aid agriculture are obviously working against a trend. We wonder how long government programs advocating planned crop control can last in an ever-increasing technical agriculture. It seems to be a tug-of-war of those who work to be more efficient and those who would like to ignore that portion of agriculture's barometer.

Wheat League Resolutions Hold To Old Policies

Resolutions passed by the Oregon Wheat Growers League are indicative of the thinking of the members at the time of the meeting and the direction of league may go during 1963.

The Marketing and Transportation committee supported the railroads for reducing rates; asked more white wheat under PL 480; opposed tolls on inland waterways; supported Western Barley associates; wanted more research on wheat; liked hundredweight instead of bushel for grain measurement; disliked the feed grain pricing program.

The Production & Land Use committee voted to agree to stop 2-4-D distribution for 50 miles of Milton-Freewater for two years for experimental purposes; asked wider use of weather data; wanted wider weed controls; thought wheat for feed would use more of it; wanted cereal pathologist to work on rust; asked peas for diverted acres; more research.

The Federal program group supported the certificate plan and recommended that growers vote favorably on the referendum next spring; asked that compensation for diverted acres be not in cash; liked PL 480 although thought more white wheat should be included; since some wheat exporting countries have eliminated all production control the U. S. be more aggressive in the wheat export program.

The Youth Activities committee of which Larry Kaseberg was chairman specified June 6-7-8 for the annual show at The Dalles; asked one grand champion steer of the show; liked the carcass demonstration.

The Public Relations committee asked that the league continue to hire a public relations firm; that the field trip of editors be continued; continuance of contests; wanted an educational program about the certificate plan using all media; detailed the things the public relations men are to do.

The Domestic Wheat Utilization program with Marguerite Kaseberg chairman considered a cake baking contest for all Oregon instead of just the wheat counties; favored letting the men bake cakes; the 1963 cake to be chocolate layer using solid shortening; continuation of program.

The Taxation & Legislation committee favored a tobacco tax; was willing to study Milton-Freewater spraying problems; favored flat grants for school aid distribution; wanted state and federal appraisers to use the same values as lending agencies; opposed state bond issues for highways that change the apportionment; proposed resumption of study program on public affairs; advocate that state agencies using public land pay taxes.

Nitrogen Helps Grass Seedings

Native grass forage production doubled and Crested wheatgrass production nearly doubled with 40 pounds of nitrogen.

These results were obtained in experimental work conducted by researchers J. K. Patterson and V. E. Youngman in south central Washington.

Average annual precipitation in the experimental area was 12 to 13 inches.

With no fertilizer, native range produced 538 pounds of forage per acre. With 40 pounds of nitrogen, the yield was 1,090 pounds. For Crested wheat grass, the figures are 1,220 pounds compared with 2,730 pounds.

The researchers said that despite the increase in production of the native grasses, cheatgrass made the greatest response to the application of nitrogen fertilizer. Based on price of nitrogen at 15 cents a pound, it would cost \$6.00 to apply 40 pounds of nitrogen.

Patterson and Youngman point out in their report that in this study, the additional yield of Crested wheatgrass from application of 40 pounds of nitrogen would cost \$12.00 a ton. Increased production from the native grass would cost \$20.00 a ton.

COURT MEETS

The county court met Wednesday without Luther Davis who was attending a funeral. Road matters were under discussion but no decisions were made.