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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

We hold no brief for Adlai Stevenson, not thinking he is of the best public official material although with good wit, but we do think he is getting the knife in his ribs in a manner he has not deserved. An administration should not do its political murdering in plain sight.

T T W N

Governor Hatfield has been fortunate in the opposition to his budget, nearly all of which is partisan and much is puerile

T T W N

Reducing expense account spending and resultant tax deduction is desirable in spite of the fun spenders are having with the details.

T T W N

This is about the time a voter can hear a lot about his responsibility to support different phases of government and absolutely nothing about government's responsibility to perform its function efficienly and economically.

T T W N

Maybe old time vaudeville would have lasted if there had been a clown as master of ceremonies to introduce the acts. It used to be done by electricity, just moving the light to a bigger number.

T T W N

If the effort to win the negro vote extends to forcing integration in all homes the Democrats may wind up as the negro party, those and the "liberals".

T T W N

Things are stopping sooner this year. It is usually after Christmas, but some businesses slow down near the end of the year because they just don't want to take in any more money.

T T W N

Odd. The same week the newspapers had an explanation of a solar cooker the fog hid the sun nearly all day. And say, how does one warm up a mid-night snack on one of those?

T T W N

At every stage in history there has been problems. That is because there are more humans who stir up problems than there are humans who solve them.

T T W N

Labor costs and other costs have caused many conolidations of newspapers and are still causing them. Printers and writers merely hasten the end by striking.

T T W N

The year is backing into winter like a maiden aunt getting into a chilly lake; very slow and gradual.

T T W N

Basketball has never been able to stir up the interest that football does, or baseball so we suppoe there will be a little rest along in January and February.

T T W N

If all borrowers, Uncle Sam most of all, remembered that each easily borrowed dollar will be paid back with a hard earned dollar, there would be more sense about the economy.

T T W N

If he wears a moustache chances are his skin is black.

T T W N

Arthur Sylvester, the government's no news man, says it is the government's right to lie to prevent danger. From that would come the right to lie for lesser reasons, some political.

T T W N

In considering the tax deduction and big spending controversy it is proper to state that big spending is more dangerous to the nation than big taxes.

T T W N

We don't understand why Portland wants to get rid of the Gypsies. They do not perpetrate many of that city's numerous murders, do their stealing by stealth instead of strength, mind their own business. The city might better spend its time getting rid of its crooks.

T T W N

Defenders of agricultural chemicals are giving Rachael Carson a bad time over her book "Silent Spring" but must amend some of their practices.

T T W N

Odd, isn't it, that in a continent anxious to achieve national independence the United Nations, supposedly dedicated to ending colonialism, should be forcing two factions in Congo to unite.

Spanish Hollow Closed To Traffic; Highway Construction

Spanish Hollow was closed below Thornberry Monday, which was a week earlier than previously announced. S. W. Grosbeck and W. R. Durbin of Eugene, the contractors on the 2.6 mile stretch of road up the canyon have already started work and bulldozers are on the steep sidehills moving rocks around to make the highwa dangerous.

This stretch of road will cost $844,812. It will make greater changes in alignment than the lower section of the same road as it has more rock work as it straightens Highway 97 from the mouth of Mud Hollow to Thornberry. To get around the shortest curve the road will cross the railroad and canyon to the west side and back again. It is expected that the road will not be finished until next summer.

While it is closed traffic will be routed west from Sam Hill bridge and up Fulton canyon.

Lighting Rules May Save Trouble

Everyone enjoys the colorful and festive lighting effects that home owners create during the holiday season, and everyone should also remember for safety's sake that wiring circuits should not be overloaded.

The words of caution to Santa's helpers come from Pacific Power & Light company's manager, Del Friedline, who warns decorators to be sure to inspect your strings of Christmas tree lights. Plug in each string separately. Flickering lights after all bulbs have been tightened may mean that sockets are loose or there may be a "Short" in the wire. You should also examine the insulation carefully—while disconnected — for broken or frayed spots.

For outdoor lighting use only light strings designed for exterior use. Any extensions should be of heavy-duty wiring with weatherproof covering. Wrap all connections between separate cords with rubber or plastic tape to keep out moisture.

Above all, don't overload circuits by attaching a series of plugs to one wall outlet. "Plug-uglies" such as this can easily blow fuses and damage wiring, the PP&L manager states.

Elsie Medler Dead At Portland Home

Elsie Christine Meyers Medler died in Portland Sunday at the age of 74. She was born February 27, 1888 near Wasco and lived here until 15 years ago when she moved to Portland.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Jeanette McDonald of Portland and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles, Wednesday, December 12.

Funeral services for Mrs. Medler were held in The Dalles Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. with interment in the IOOF cemetery there.

Gifts for Patients at Pendleton Need

With goal of two gifts for each of the 1300 patients at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, individuals and organizations not only here but all over the state are being alerted during this pre-Christmas season.

Sorting and wrapping is now underway with scores of women hard at work daily at the hospital. Some men are helping, too, as are boys of the FFA.

"We have promises of more gifts", said Mrs. H. W. Dickson. Pendleton chairman, appointed by the Mental Health Assn. of Oregon. But avoid the last minute, just before Christmas stampede. Gifts are to be brought or mailed to the State Hospital. Of course, money is always acceptable and may be mailed to the hospital, Box A, Pendleton.

Most sought after items for men are socks, hand lotion, deordorants, sport shirts, electric razors, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, slippers, stationery, handkerchiefs, shaving lotion and hairbrushes.

Many women consider as necessities, slips, panties, and bras. To women in the hospital, those are luxuries. The state provides adequate underwear but it is of unbleached muslin. They need, too, bath towels, wash cloths, deodorants, hand lotion, stationery, ball point pens, scarves for head or throat, costume jewelry, lipsticks, cleaning tissues and toothpaste.

Sherman Loses First One By Closest Score

Sherman dropped the first basketball game of the season to the Stevenson Bulldogs 39-40 on the home court December 7. The Huskies got off to a fast start in th first quarter and then eased up in the second quarter. Stevenson picked up 9 points in each of the first two quarters to close the margin at half time to 19-18 in Sherman's favor.

The Bulldogs fired the ball into the basket for 16 points in the third quarter to lead by 7 points. In the fourth quarter, Sherman tied the score but in the last few second Stevenson gained a 1-point margin and held it to the final gun.

The Huskies have only four seniors on the squad and are lacking in experience. Their weakest point is in free throw completion. Sherman made only 30% of their attempted free throws to Stevenson's 57%.

	F.G.	F.T.	F.	Pts.
Bayer	2	0	0	4
Bish	4	3	5	11
Blagg	0	1	3	1
Doolin	4	4	0	12
Johnson	3	1	4	7
Kellogg	1	0	5	2
Lane	1	0	0	2
Sherman	**12**	**19**	**27**	**39**
Stevenson	**9**	**18**	**34**	**40**

Stevenson-Junior Varsity

The Stevenson J. V's slipped by Sherman with a 7-point margin to take a double victory for the Bulldogs, 41-34.

Stevenson pulled ahead 13 to 5 in the first quarter and held their lead for the rest of the game. The Huskies made a comeback in the final minutes but time ran out before they could gain the lead.

Terry Eakin led the J V's scoring with 11 points.

	F.G.	F.T.	F	Pts.
R. Cyphers	2	1	1	5
D. Eakin	1	0	0	2
R. Eakin	2	0	3	4
T. Eakin	5	1	0	11
S. Gentry	2	0	3	4
G. Irzyk	2	0	1	2
D. Ruggles	1	0	2	2
L. Smith	1	0	0	2
Sherman J. V.	**5**	**16**	**24**	**34**
Stev'son J. V.	**13**	**23**	**31**	**41**

More At Work In Oregon Now

Job placements by the Oregon State Employment Service were up over 100 percent in November compared to a year ago, Eldon Cone, director, Oregon State Employment Service, said here today.

In November 1962 OSES placed 20,261 in jobs compared to 10,099 in November 1961. A total of 5,828 of these were in non-farm jobs, an increase of 29.9 percent over last November and 14,433 were in farm jobs, an increase of 157 per cent over last November, Cone said.

At the same time, initial claims for unemployment insurance in November were down 14.8 per cent compared to last November, and benefit payments were down over 24 percent.

Cone said he thought that much of the increase in placements was due, not only to an increase in jobs available in construction, government and industry this year, but to stepped-up program of cooperation of the Oregon State Employment Service with all phases of industry and better facilities now available in OSES to help persons seeking employment.

Harlandview Has Program Plans

The Harlandview Grange Christmas program with our traditional Santa, popcorn balls, candy and toys for the kiddies will be held December 17, at the Grange hall at 8 p. m. There will be an exchange of gifts for adults and children. The program will feature the Junior Grangers and young people.

The drawing will be held on the lace tablecloth at this time. Tickets are still available and will be that night.

Home Economics members are reminded that there will be a work day and meeting at 10:00 a. m. Monday the 17th to prepare for the party and decorate the tree.

Installation of the Grange and Junior Grange officers will be held at the Rufus Grange hall Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p. m. Officers are urged to attend and be installed.

Here's one to call home about! A telephone that will dial for you. With or without the boxing gloves this new Pacific Northwest Bell Phone called the Card Dialer does as the name implies, uses a punched card to automatically dial calls.

Bidwell Street Hump Removed

The job of regrading the lower end of Bidwell street in Moro was completed in three days by the county crew and also the Main street was widened to permit curbing the west side when the contract is let for improvement of that highway street next spring. The steep grade on Bidwell, in front of Alfred Kock's residence was lowered and straightened to make it easier to get off from or onto the highway.

ELKS TO GIVE SHOW

The BPOElks lodge of The Dalles is sponsoring an afternoon show at the Sherman Theater next Saturday, December 15 starting at two and ending at 4:30 and after the show Santa Claus will appear with bags of candy for the children. The show is "The Boy and the "Laughing Dog", says Everett Cantrall, show manager.

COUNTY AGENT HAS LAW

We have a copy of Public Law 87-703, 87th Congress, H. R. 12391, Sept. 27, 1962. This act is known as the "Food and Agriculture Act of 1962".

Shelt Burres Dies At Age of 87

Shelt Burres died Monday in a hospital in The Dalles at the age of 87. He was born November 22, 1875 and with his parents came to eastern Oregon when a small boy to settle in Sherman county after some moves over the state

He rode for cattle over most of Oregon and acquired cattle ranches of his own and also a wheat ranch in Gilliam county, but running cattle was his major occupation nearly all of his life. Recently he has owned land on the John Day with headquarters at the mouth of Cottonwood.

His later life was marked by generousity to the drivers for heart and cancer to which he donated sizable amounts.

Surviving is one brother, Gus of Condon, three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Ellsworth of Condon, Mrs. Lela Farrar of The Dalles and Mrs. Amy Maley of Portland and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a. m. from the Catholic church in The Dalles with interment at Mt. Angel cemetery at Mt. Angel.

Business and civic leaders paid tribute Nov. 27 to Chester R. Brown and Warren J. Wilkinson in recognition of their firm's contribution to the state's well being. Brown and Wilkinson of Agri-Chem at Adams, Oregon and Vernon Root of the same organization at Wasco, Oregon were awarded plaques at a dinner held at Pendleton. Members of the Agri-Chem organization whose efforts made this achievement possible were present and received emblems of the Brea Million Dollar Club.

In presenting the award, R. L. Luckhardt, Collier Carbon and Chemical Corporation, Los Angeles, explained the economic importance of the agricultural chemical dealer in the community. The fortunes of farmers determine the amount of business to be enjoyed by the merchants, not only those specializing in products for agricultural production, but all merchants, such as for food, clothing, cars, etc. This income amounted to 8.96 million in Sherman county alone in 1962, according to the Agriculture Extension Service.

Looking deeper into the economics of our local agricultural picture it was pointed out the commercial fertilizer dealer who sells nitrogen plant foods and who services the crop producers, is as essential as good weather in producing a profitable crop.

Warren Mallory, district sales manager for Collier Carbon and Chemical Corp., producers of Brea fertilizers and suppliers to Agri-Chem, explained to the business and civic leaders present just how Agri-Chem earned the membership honor in the Brea Million Dollar Club.

"The rate at which fertilizer pays in increased crop production is usually expressed in terms of dollars received by the grower per dollar he invested in fertilizer. This rate is the return on the investment. It has been shown locally that with intensive management the grower receives, on the average, an extra $4.00 in crop production per $1.00 invested in fertilizer. That's a 400% return on the fertilizer investment."

Mallory further explained that the Million Dollar Club membership was an honorary organization for Brea dealers who, through the sale of commercial fertilizers and the services they perform for the local growers, are instrumental in putting a million dollars into the community's economy.

Telestar Explanation Due Sherman Club Audience Tuesday

The Sherman County Club will hear about Telestar next Tuesday night when a speaker from Pacific Northwest Bell will come to talk about that newest thing in communication. He will have a replica of the Telestar with him to aid in his explanation.

Just this fall Telestar was put into orbit and pictures were transmitted from Europe to America and reverse. Nearly everyone saw them on television. Now, already comes scientists to tell how it was done. And perhaps a little about the legislative filibuster that determined the management of the device.

Reservations for the seven p. m. dinner should be made at Beefo's and it is expected that many will want to hear about this scientific marvel of the day. High school students will also be interested. Any one can come, all are invited.

Women Getting $1.00 an Hour Now

A wage floor of $1.00 an hour for women and minors employed in Oregon mercantile establishments will become effective December 15th, according to Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen. The minimum wage rate was the major change adopted by the State Wage and Hour Commission in a recent revision of its mercantile order that regulates employment conditions in retail and wholesale firms.

Persons with more than 400 hrs. experience may be employed at 85c hourly wage under the revisions. Students also may be employed at 85c an hour outside of school hours if they have worked less than 800 hours. Nilsen states the revised order makes the minimum wage payable at least semimonthly for all hours worked in the pay period. Employers receiving overtime permits in emergency cases are required to pay experienced workrs at least $1.50 an hour for work in excess of an 8-hour day, 44- hour 6- day week. The minimum rate for inexperienced workers will be $1.28 an hour.

Wheat Growers Get Small Part of Bread Price

Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Assn pointed out that a Federal government report supports dealers' contention that they are not profiting exorbitantly from grain handling.

Merrill D. Sather, PNWGDA executive secretary, cited a report of the economic research service, a branch of the U. S. department of agriculture, which compared the average price of a loaf of bread in 1947-49 with the 1961 average price.

"The price was up, of course, from 13.5 cents to 20.9 cents," Sather said. (now more)

"But the matter of who got the benefit of this 7.4 cents increase is interesting.

"It will come as no surprise to farmers that the grain producers' share dropped from 3.3 cents to 2.9 cents, the only category of the breakdown to lose both monetarily and in percentage of share (from 24 to 14 per cent.)

The flour millers' share went from .6 to 1 cent and the percentage remained at 5 per cent; the grocers' ('retailers') share went from 2.4 to 3.8 cents and the percentage remained at 18 per cent; the bakers-wholesalers' share went from 6 to 11.7 cents and the percentage from 44 to 56 per cent."

"The share of grain dealers, transportation and non-flour processors went from 1.2 to 1.5 cents and the percentage dropped from 9 to 7 per cent of the total."

Sather pointed out that the monetary increases where they exist, reflect increased labor costs almost exclusively.

"Better machinery and automated baking have been able to hold the line in both the grain dealer and baker categories, but transportation and distribution costs have arisen steadily. Grain dealers and bakeries have actually had a slight decrease in profit margins," Sather said.

"It is likely that the average individual who classifies himself in the labor category is 'paying himself first' every time he buys a loaf of bread."

Wheat Growers Visit Kalama To See New Facility

Directors and members of the grain growers associations in Sherman county are paying a visit to the new wheat shipping facility at Kalama, Wash., today, going by chartered bus. About 40 are on the trip.

The new elevator was built last year and this by the North Pacific Grain Growers to handle the northwest wheat that goes through that organization and so far this year a great quntity of the wheat has gone to that place.

Ships are being loaded nearly every day from the new plant and the visitors will see cars of wheat being dumped into the bins while streams of the grain flows into the hold of ships destined for foreign trade.

Speaker Coming To Church Meeting

by Ruseell Belshee

Sunday afternoon, December 16 at 3 p. m. in the Moro Presbyterian church, Mr. Joe Weatherly will speak and following the message will answer questions from the audience.

Mr. Weatherly is an internationally known authority on world conditions, having completed four round the world trips plus numerous short trips which have taken him in to 70 countries. He has just returned from a 2½ month stay in Finland and Sweden, where he personally observed the 1962 Communist Youth Festival. His special press pass enabled him to interview Yuri Gegarin, the first man to orbit the earth and who is now Chief of the Soviet Cosmonauts, as well as other Communist leaders. Contacts with other Communist leaders through out the world enables him to speak with authority concerning their aims for world conquest. Mr. Weatherly was, for eight years, director of Youth For Christ in Southeast Asia during which time he was stationed in Bombay, India for five years traveling extensively in that land, and for three years he was stationed in Singapore supervising work in Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore.

Mr. Weatherly is vice president in charge of Overseas Operations of Gosqel Films Inc. of Muskegon, Michigan. He is an ordained minister and a powerful preacher of the Gospel, a leader in reaching teenagers for Christ and has a stirring message for modern Youth. Church and civic leaders report a real impact was made on their contituencies by his ministery.

The meeting is sponsored by the churches of Sherman county. A free will offering will be taken for the work of Gospel films.

LIVESTOCK MINERALS

We frequently hear the comment made that it is not necessary to provide livestock with minerals other than what they can acquire through a normal feeding program. This is true to some extent; however, it is necessary in most instances to supply additional calcium, phosphorus, iodine, and salt. This requirement can be met by free choice consumption of steamed bone meal and iodized salt. As the appetites of livestock will vary, it is desirable to make minerals available in separate containers so animals can consume them as they desire.

NINETEEN AT OSU

A total of 19 students from Sherman county are enrolled at Oregon State University this fall, including 6 from Moro, 3 from Grass Valley, 4 from Kent and 5 from Wasco.

Students from Moro include: Steven F. Burnet, senior, agriculture; Ann B. Hall, freshman, home economics; Eva M. Kirkelie, senior, agriculture; Everit R. Kirkelie, junior, business and technology; Kay K. Kirkelie, senior, education; and Darlene M. Miller, freshman, home economics.

Grass Valley - Gene A. Eakin, freshman, agriculture; Malcolm D. Eslinger, freshman, humanities; and Paulette L. Willis, freshman in education.

Kent - Jay F. McKay, sophomore agriculture; Ronald T. Mobley, sophomore, science; Warren W. Norton, junior, business and technology; and Betty J. Reckmann, sophomore, education.

Wasco - Dorothy J. Barstow, senior, home ec.. Lynda I. Marden, freshman, pharmacy; Everett M. Royse, sophomore, humanities; James C. Thomas, junior, engineering; and John C. Thomas. freshman, humanities.