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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

First DeGaulle and now Diefenbaker make themselves such wonderful enemies; they can be depended upon to make serious mistakes.

T T W N

Probably the best reason for managing the news is to suppress that part which is not favorable to the administration.

T T W N

This nation is in trouble because it believes its own propaganda. We inflate the number of unemployed. One reason for unemployment is that they like it that way; another is that high wages make some people unemployable because they ain't worth the price. So away with unemployment compensation and let men work for what they are worth and the problem would be over.

T T W N

If the appointment of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. as deputy is a sign that he may become Secretary of Commerce, the nation is disgraced. He isn't the one of FDR's kids who could add, was a pitifully poor congressman and unworthy of political preferment.

T T W N

Reducing the hips, says this lady, is an inside job.

T T W N

A neat proposed tax cut; there used to be a word for it: beware the Greeks bearing gifts.

T T W N

If you would like to know which American has the most expensive education just check on the cost of keeping Meredith at Old Miss.

T T W N

Another tax gimmick is "property tax relief" which means generally that we'll reduce your property tax by charging you more income tax so that you can eventually pay more of both.

T T W N

These public employees who are saying the government must spend more money to keep the economy moving are entirely wrong. It is big government spending that is keeping the economy slow.

T T W N

Ain't it wonderful: every year we have a brand new panacea for all our governmental problems. And need each one worse.

T T W N

Women, this writer says, are a strange animal, unlike man in all their thinking. Isn't it nice that they speak the same language?

T T W N

Whenever the legislature gets something really serious to think about, like taxes along comes some silly little bill like colored oleo or Sunday closing to take all the public interest.

T T W N

International relations in the western world are in a bad shape. The only man who can be non-chalant is Nikita Khrushchev who has absorbed Cuba, gotten the United States out of Turkey and Italy so he can watch DeGaulle disrupt the NATO alliance still further.

T T W N

Certainly the crack down on expense account will change the selling habits of many and probably break some clubs and hotels, but it really was getting to be pretty foolish.

T T W N

How foolish can we get to applaud boosts in federal giveaways and cut in federal taxes? And in the same bill, yet.

T T W N

The weather can be very changeable and all of them are acceptable. Sure.

T T W N

We read that Oregon has fall out shelters for only half its population. Enough. Surely not half of the Oregonians are going to crawl into a hole in the ground.

T T W N

This is the first we have heard that the care of the mentally ill or deficient was a federal problem. And we hope it is the last.

T T W N

Kenneth Bragg, state fiscal officer, says the basic school fund isn't much of a law. Never was, in fact.

January Dry, Cold That Almost Became Driest Ever Here

January was as dry a January as we've reported for years. Only nine have been drier, one bringing but .31 inch, back in 1939. Last year the precipitation was but .46. This year January gave up .78 inch of rain and snow and .50 of that was on the 31st, just in time to keep the 1963 January from being the driest. It was .97 inch below the normal.

For the crop year the total rainfall is now 6.82 and that is but .02 below normal so no particular harm has been done to date. Highest temperature was 49 on the 4th and the lowest minus 6 on the 12th which is really a little cold for we can expect 53 and 5. The monthly mean was 27 and that is 3.1 below the normal temperature.

The wind blew pretty well on the 24th when it got up to 24 MPH but the 18th was the windiest with 216 miles of it. The snowfall measured 7 1/2 inches in January, a little light for the average is 9.4 inches.

Cattlemen To Meet Hear Scientist

Sherman Cattlemen's association annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday night, February 16 Odd Fellows hall, Grass Valley. Cattlemen, wives and friends are invited according to Paulen Kaseberg, president.

J.C. Miller, head of the animal science department, OSU, will be the featured speaker. Miller is a noted authority for beef cattle improvement methods in the US. Under his leadership, Oregon has become distinguished in livestock research work and is being honored by serving as host to the International Animal science conference next August.

George Johnson, secretary Oregon Cattlemen's association, will report on activities of that organization. Sherman county's modified certified brucellosis certificate will be presented by Dr. Harry Naylor, state veterinarian.

The annual meeting will start with a 7:00 p.m. banquet at the hall. A social hour will precede the event, starting at 6:00 at the Legion hall with Stan Mayfield as host.

Alice Kaseberg Will Get Civics Lesson

Alice Kaseberg will be the representative from Sherman county to the 4-H conference on state government that will meet in Salem February 7-8.

They will hear about how the legislature works from Rep. C. R. Hoyt and Sam Haley, legislative counsel.

They will visit Ways & Means field in the governor's office and committee, call an Mark Hatfield Senate President Musa and House Speaker Clarence Barton, and that afternoon hear a passel of lobbyists, Ivan Congleton, AOI George Brown, labor; Alexander Brown, Portland; J. Misko, medical society; Cecil Posey, teachers; Irvin Luiten Weyerhaeuser; John Lansing, PP&L; George Dewey, farm bureau; Allan Wheeler Grange.

Howard Belton, state treasurer, and William McAllister, supreme court chief will talk the last day.

Traffic Up On Highway 97 Now

Traffic on state highways showed a pronounced increase during December 1962 as compared to December 1961, according to the Oregon State Highway department's monthly traffic report. Completion of the December totals also reveals that all major highway routes had general increases in traffic during 1962, as compared to 1961.

Rural highway traffic in December increased 10.2 per cent for the month and urban traffic increased 5.9 per cent compared to December 1961.

Comparing the past two years 1962 had an increase of 8.5 per cent on rural highways and an increase of 4.4 per cent on urban highway.

The routes which showed the greatest increases during the year were Interstate 5, Interstate 80N, US97 and US101. The travel generated by the world's fair at Seattle was credited with a major role in the past year's increase of traffic.

Sherman Has Winning Weekend With 2 Victories

Sherman over whelmed the Grant Union Prospectors in their second match of the season with a 74-42 triumph on the Huskie home court, February 1

After a close first quarter, ending 16-15 in the Huskie's favor, Sherman broke the game wide open to take a 14 point lead at half time. The Huskies continued their attack in the second half by adding 39 points to their half time mark. The crowd went wild in the final minutes as the home team added 15 points to their season high score of 59, the final score against both Stevenson, 59-51 and Grant Union 59-58.

Johnson's 18 points and Kellogg's 16 points were high for the game. The Huskies made 61.5 per cent of their shots from the foul line, 15 of the 16 came in the fourth quarter.

Scoring: Allen 4; Bayer 5; Bish 8; Blagg 6; Doolin 4; Fields 4; Johnson 18; Kellogg 16; Lane 6; Rayon 3.

Sherman	16	35	51	74
Grant Union	15	21	35	42
Junior Varsity:				
Sherman	5	15	22	33
Grant Union	8	21	39	53

The Huskies edged out the visiting Burns Highlanders to claim a 43-41 victory February 2. Sherman dropped behind in the early minutes of the game and trailed during most of the first half. After a desperate comeback in the last seconds of the half, the Huskie tied the score at 23-23. Burns added a free throw and a field goal to their score and drew a 26-23 lead at half time. Sherman held the visitors to 4 points in the third quarter to keep the lead for the first time in the game. The Highlander tied the game 41-41 in the 4th quarter with seconds to play.

Bish and Kellogg each sank a free throw to give Sherman a two point margin and the victory. Scoring: Bish 20; Blagg 2; Doolin 4; Johnson 10; Kellogg 6; Rayon 1;

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Burns	16	26	30	41
Junior Varsity:				
Sherman	8	18	25	25
Burns	13	24	30	34

Sherman travels to Heppner February 8 to play the Mustangs in the most vital game of the season. A victory in this tilt would give Sherman a tie for first place with the Mustangs. Heppner is undefeated in league play and is the only team which has beaten the Huskies in the league. Sherman plays Colton on Saturday night in a non-league contest at Sherman.

Youngsters Can Earn More Than \$600

Students remind your parents that it is possible for you to earn over \$600 and still be claimed as a dependent. That is, if your parents furnished over 50% of your support.

District Director A. G. Erickson of Internal Revenue said today that you students who earn over \$600 are required by law to file a return, even though your parents claim you as a dependent.

New Veterinarians Named To Post

Dr. H.B. Naylor, an assistant state veterinarian with his state department of agriculture at Salem, has been assigned to The Dalles as area veterinarian for Wasco, Hood River, Sherman and Gilliam counties. He may be reached through the courthouse annex office of the Wasco county extension agent.

PP&L Plans To Build Anew

Pacific Power & Light company has announced plans to spend nearly one half million dollars on electric service facility construction projects in its Wasco-Sherman county district.

"This year's program represents an increase of 30 percent over the 1962 program for this district" reports A.M. Thrasher, district manager at The Dalles.

"The full amount planned for this district by PP&L will provide for increases in capacity as well as improvements for its district distribution facilities needed to supply the growing amounts of electric power being used by our customers" the manager said.



Ron Johnson (42) and Bill Rayon (22) try to keep Burns guard Dick Anderson (33) from getting a rebound under the Sherman basket while Jim Catterson (21) gets ready to help. Sherman wasn't getting many of either rebounds or points until later in the game.

BLM Sends Delegation To See Deschutes Gorge and Plans To Open It To Public

From: Office of State Director, BLM, Portland.

A meeting of State and Federal resource management officials was held in the Bureau of Land Management State office in Portland Tuesday to discuss the future development of public lands bordering the lower Deschutes river between Warm Springs and the Columbia river.

Construction of access roads and the installation of public recreation facilities along the river were the main topics of discussion. BLM is responsible for 25,000 acres of public lands along the lower Deschutes river, most of which are inaccessible to the general public. Part of the access problem: results from private land which block public entrance onto public lands.

Attendants at the meeting included representatives of the state committee on natural resources, the state game commission, the state parks superintendent, the state planning and development division, the bureau of outdoor recreation, the fish and wildlife service, the national park service, the bureau of Indian affairs and the BLM.

In opening the meeting BLM state director Russell E. Getty told the group that BLM is seeking the advice, cooperation and assistance of all public and private organizations with an interest in the lower Deschutes river.

Old Book Tells 1835 New Yorkers How To Farm Better; Ideas Good Enough For Today

Huck Rolfe has brought to this office a bound copy of the Cultivator for the years 1835-36. The Cultivator was a 16 page monthly publication "devoted to agriculture" as the masthead proclaimed. It was published by the New York State Agricultural Society of which Jesse Buel was president and conductor which probably meant editor.

The purpose of the publication is noted below the name was "to improve the Soil and the Mind".

Although it is common to ascribe the beginning of scientific agriculture to the passage of the land grant college act the information in the Cultivator, a good thirty years before that, was certainly a long step toward scientific agriculture.

Prices were very good. Mess beef (which we presume was the kind fed to the army) was \$13.00 a hundredweight and mess pork was \$18.50. Wheat was quoted at \$1.62 at New York and slightly less at Philadelphia and Baltimore.

A page was given to a statistical report of an experiment on grasses, giving the height, the kind of soil, weight per acre when green and when dried, the date when in flower, when in seed and several other notes on the quality of the hay. There are articles on lime, on beet sugar, on potato experiments, a description of a rural credit bank

"As we all know Oregon's Deschutes river is rated as one of the outstanding fishing streams in the nation. It is a national as well as regional and local asset. For these reasons BLM does not want to make any unilateral decisions that would forever alter the present character of the Deschutes river" said Getty.

Considerable time was spent discussing the types of development that could be used along the lower Deschutes. Some favored a through road paralleling the Deschutes from its confluence with the Columbia river to Warm Springs. Others favored a combination of automobile and foot access in the Deschutes canyon, leaving portions of the public lands in a near natural condition for the use of hikers and fishermen who want to get away from roads and automobiles.

The Oregon game commission has stated that there is little danger of depleting the game fish resource on the lower Deschutes river because of its size, its near ideal conditions for trout, steelhead and salmon, and the fact that you cannot fish from boats in that stretch of the river.

Monday BLM and bureau of outdoor recreation officials flew into the Deschutes canyon for an on the spot inspection of the recreation potential of some of the public lands along the river.

There are some cuts of new machines to make farming easier, planters and harvesters. The cuts were all crude for this was in the time when grain was cut with a scythe or cradle, bound and generally threshed by driving horses over it and tossing it in the air to let the grain fall.

There are articles on building some solid looking wooden gates and direction on how to build a cistern and other farm equipment. Nearly every issue had an article on breed of farm animals, Short-horn cattle, with directions for judging them; Merino and South down sheep, the Berkshire hog.

As an aid to better tillage there was an article on ridging of fields to drain them or to hold water when necessary, a practice that is just getting started again in this scientific age.

All this for fifty cents a year and without advertisements although it was announced that an appendix would be published at the end of the year containing advertisements if enough money could be raised to pay for its publication and distribution. The magazine and the bound biennial copies apparently had a good circulation for a list of the number that was sent to various post offices was published monthly probably as a boast and proof of popularity.

Snow Runs Off With Little Damage To Frozen Fields, Crops

It snowed on January 31, the day so that nearly eight inches covered the ground. Friday brought more of the same only colder. Then with the weather would continue the storm folded like a fighter after a hard punch to the jaw.

As for the ground hog he was entirely frustrated on Saturday morning. It was cloudy and a bit foggy and unpleasant enough for any ground hog and to clinch the matter for any follower of popular superstition there was no glimmer of sun all day.

It was pretty warm in the south end of the county Saturday and roads were clear until night brought a little frost. The snow ran off down Grass Valley canyon, flooding the Dunlap motel cabins and almost getting into the Grass Valley confectionery on the way. Bridges across Grass Valley canyon had a full head of water under them. South of Nigger ridge the run off was Saturday and Sunday. North of the ridge it was Sunday and Monday and in the Barnum canyon

watershed the run off was not really snowed for a good part of heavy and did little damage.

The fields are not washed badly as farmers expected them to be with seven or eight inches of snow going off in two days on frozen ground. Some of it must have found a way into the earth. More damage was done to the roads, apparently, for there are several places where graveled roads are damaged.

Since Sunday it has been warm with little rain storms coming across the country nearly every day.

Smart Kids Can Enter College Easy

The Chancellor's office of the Oregon State system of higher education has announced that for the second year Oregon high school seniors whose grades average C plus or better will be granted admission to system institutions without waiting for final grades and graduation.

According to Dr. Francis B. Nickerson, assistant to the chancellor, early admission forms have been mailed to all high school principals in the state. Qualified students should apply for early admission through their principals or guidance counselor.

The early admission plan was first used in 1962 with notable success. Many students were able to begin admission procedures early in the year, thus establishing their admission and permitting more orderly planning and processing on the campus.

Herman Oliver Gets Veterinarian Award

A pioneer Grant county cattlemen, banker and philanthropist—Herman Oliver of John Day—has been awarded the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association's "distinguished service award to laymen", the first honor of its kind ever to be conferred by the veterinary organization.

The award was made primarily for Mr. Oliver's contributions to the control and eradication of brucellosis in cattle.

Oliver, for 10 years president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association and former member of the state board of education and the state highway commission, was one of the first cattlemen in Oregon to become concerned at the severe calf losses during the mid thirties.

Losses at that time, which were assumed to have been from causes other than brucellosis, were between 150 and 200 calves each year out of a herd of 1300 to 1400.

With the cooperation and interest of veterinarians, Mr. Oliver instituted a brucellosis testing program and the entire herd was tested three times during one winter. Approximately 250 reactors were discovered and removed from the herd. Blood testing continued the following winter and a marked decrease in the number of reactors found. Upon the discovery of a brucellosis vaccine in 1941, a vaccination program was quickly adopted.

Mr. Oliver recalls that because of early skepticism concerning the vaccine he undertook to prove certain factors. Tests of about 20 18 month old vaccinated heifers were made each year for several years without the appearance of a single reactor.

Mr. Oliver later devised an ingenious branding procedure used for identification during the testing which also proved of value in his general herd management program.

As the result of his personal encounter with the source of brucellosis infection he became an outspoken disciple for brucellosis control and attended many meetings urging cattlemen to vaccinate heifer calves and to participate in control and eradication work.

Born in the John Day valley in 1884, the son of pioneer parents, Herman Oliver and his brother Frank, continued to expand the early land holdings. At its peak the Oliver ranch comprised 54,000 acres, carrying 4,500 cattle, 7,000 sheep and many horses.

Show At Church Coming Sunday

Sunday night, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Moro Presbyterian church the Youth of the churches of Sherman county present the film, "The Tony Fontane Story".

"The Tony Fontane Story" is a feature length color Christian Musical presenting an unbelievable, yet true, story featuring Tony Fontane and Kerry Fontane. He is a former television and popular recording star now featured in Christian concerts and is religious recording artist for R. C.A. Everyone is invited to see the film. A free will offering will be taken to defray the rental of the film.

B&PW Call Meeting Monday

The Sherman County chapter Business & Professional Women will hold a meeting at Sherman High school the night of February 11, next Monday at 8:00, for a discussion of by-laws and general business, according to Mrs. Elna Fields.

Officers of the new organization are Mrs. Glendora Smith, president; Mrs. Orilu Coons, first vice president; Mrs. Carole Brisbane, second vice president; Mrs. Fields, secretary and Mrs. Marie Cyphers, treasurer.

State Department Recovers Cattle

Estray animals worth \$100,000 were returned to their owners last year through work of the brand inspectors and livestock officers of the state department of agriculture.

Roy Nelson, livestock division chief, made this report in Salem this week. He added the value put on the 615 estrays handled is conservative.

He added that last year the department impounded \$200,000 while it established "beyond question" ownership of 1349 animals sold at public salerings or stock yards. The volume of animals impounded last year was almost double that of the previous year, which Nelson says indicates tighter controls on the requirement that sellers give proof of ownership.

The department recorded an all time high in livestock brand inspections last year; the 1,099,284 head inspected was 92,340 more than the previous high mark set in 1959.

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