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These Things We Note

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Imagine a depression being used as a bug-a-boo to scare voters. Those who remember it don't. Those who remember it don't speak the word lightly.

The latest word from science is that Mars is a barren planet and all the plans for capturing it are in need of changing. Common sense must be forced on the scientists.

How does an American student like Ronda Fraser of Moro, Oregon feel living and studying in Mexico City, the largest metropolitan city in Latin America?

We read: the old should have something besides money. Well, yes, some memories of gallant deeds done, adventures undertaken, courteous actions, brave stands made and need them so badly that if not present they are often manufactured.

Congress is talking about a truth in interest bill. We think that figuring interest is taught in the sixth grade.

The sign on the state's new gas pump reads: "No Gas For Sale; Do Not Ask". To make it complete may we suggest the addition of a line: "Do Not Wish For Any". Oregon is quite a little unfortunate in its highway signs. The one announcing \$100 fine for littering must cost the state thousands by the ineptness of its approach.

The people of the United States had better elect a president who hasn't as much to be ashamed of as this one. Then maybe there'll be less suppression of the news.

We note an opinion that this nation would be better off if it worried more about itself and less about the Russians.

We note the announcement of an insurance plan just for non-drinkers. It's cheaper. Well, there'd ought to be some compensations.

We note that Russia and China still continue to confuse the west with their gibes at each other.

Governor Hatfield objects to an operation on his budget with a meat axe. But Governor, a meat axe is a useful tool and someone is going to have to wield it eventually to stop the growth of government.

The state senate voted itself the power to pass on all appointments by the governor. Very poor legislation which will delay and confuse administration.

It seems that European males like their own women best. Our soldiers did too. Maybe both like the ones that are closest best. A woman a long ways away isn't much of an asset.

We hope that some day we can discover a way to pay public servants on the basis of quality of work done not just on the time spent on the job.

Maybe it's machinery itself that makes men more machine like all the time, maybe more efficient but not so much fun.

The state game commission is in line to get a \$35,000 investigation by an interim committee. It is a waste of public funds and of legislator's time and one of them is valuable.

As we read the picture, east Oregonians who go into Portland via the super highway will be turned toward Seattle at the Willamette river.

We note that legislators are getting mad every day or so. That is fine. When they get so mad at each other they want to vote NO on any one's bills some of that junk legislation can be killed.

It is refreshing to hear that a taxpayer can deduct his state tax from his federal tax. Sure, sure, but it is in his ten percent anyway and doesn't show, nor does it count.

Sherman Hopes For Victory To Equalize Playoff

The Vale Vikings gained a one game margin over Sherman in the Greater Oregon district playoff series with a 71-56 decision on their home court, March 2. The Huskies will be faced with an all or nothing game this Friday night. A Vale victory would give it the berth at the state tourney while a Sherman win would mean a sudden death tilt on Saturday night.

Vale took a commanding 17-0 lead at the quarter mark and poured 23 points into the basket to hold tight to their lead for the rest of the game. Sherman failed to avail in the second half, outscoring the Vikings in both of the last two periods.

Ron Johnson nabbed scoring honors for the Huskies with his season high of 24 points. Mel Hyland of the Vikings had 22 and Ron Smith had 19. The Huskies had but three other players in the scoring column: Doug Bish 13, Bill Doolin 15, Jack Kellogg 4.

Sherman made 64 percent of its free throws to Vale's 53.

Sherman	10	22	41	56
Vale	17	40	58	71

Power Rates Down In Part of Oregon

Electric rate revisions reflecting savings of over \$1,000,000 a year to Pacific Power & Light Co.'s Oregon customers in its southern division were approved today by the state public utility commissioner.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said the rates will go into effect on March 22, 1963.

The rate cut, the largest single downward adjustment ever made in Oregon by an electric utility, will bring the cost of electricity in PP&L's southern division more into line with rates in other parts of the state where it operates, Hill pointed out.

The rate cut, averaging 5.6%, represents annual savings of \$543,000 to 59,000 residential customers and \$500,000 to 9,700 commercial and industrial customers in Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties.

This is the second cut in PP&L's rates in less than a year. Last April Jonel C. Hill authorized the company to slash 10% off irrigation and drainage pumping rates in this same five county area.

Huskies Plan Victory

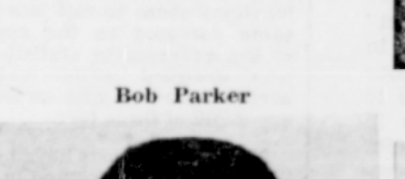
Except for Bill Doolin and Byron Bayer, who were absent, these are the boys who will defend the honor of Sherman High this week end in the final playoff games with Vale for the title in the Greater Oregon League.



Bob Parker



Ron Johnson



Doug Bish



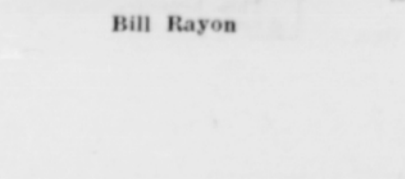
Kenny Blagg



Jack Kellogg



Bill Rayon



Terry Decker



Mike Lane

Virgil Fields

Tim Allen



This is a picture of the Sherman county courthouse in 1898. These two wooden buildings were used while the present courthouse was being built, according to Elvin Barnum who was a grown man by then. The teams and hacks in the foreground belonged to Al Wright and R. M. Starns, two citizens of the Hay Canyon country. Starns was the father in law of the late Tommy Reese and Al Wright was the father in law of Howard and Charles Belshee, who gave the original of this picture to Carl von Borstel from whom the editor borrowed it. The face looking over the lead team is probably that of a county official, perhaps Bill Holder, who was sheriff, or Bill Henrichs, who was clerk.

Weed Control Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Weed Council is slated for Friday, March 8, at 1:30 p. m. at the Courthouse in Moro, according to Martin Zimmerman, county extension agent.

Featured at this meeting will be, Dr. W. R. Furtick, OSU agronomist, who heads up weed research in Oregon. Furtick will bring the very latest information in weed research to all those present. He has just completed a tour of the Western States Weed Research projects stated Zimmerman.

A panel discussion will review various rye problems in Sherman County. The discussion will include the merits of listing rye as a noxious weed, problems of marketing and handling rye infested grain, grower practices to combat rye and current research on chemical rye control.

The meeting is open to all farmers to get the latest information on weed control.

Red Cross Helpers Meet

Tuesday afternoon, March 5, 20 ladies met at the home of Mrs. Irving Hart, county Red Cross chairman to be briefed for the current drive for funds. Del Friedline told plans for swimming lessons planned locally for local children to be carried on with our portion allowed from the Red Cross drive.

Boat Club Elects New Officers

The Sherman County Boat Club met Monday night for a discussion of ways to get access to the Columbia river which is to be shut off by the new highway. Isami Tsubota has a piece of property near Biggs that would be available if access can be arranged.

Elected to office were Harold Eakin, commodore; Malcolm McKinney, vice commodore; Tillie Geiser, secretary; Martin Pshigoda is to be membership chairman. Les Gray, safety; Curly DeMoss, program and Stan Coelisch, legislation.

High School Band To Give Concert

The Sherman High band will play "Music For People Who Hate Music"—(And For Those Who Like It Too) on March 15 in the cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. The theme of this program will be light popular music with some thing to please everyone. The program will also feature the song stylings of Jacque Bucholtz and the dance style music of the stage band.

Club Women Go To Legislature

A delegation from the Moro and Wasco clubs joined with other members of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs to participate in Legislative Day in Salem on Tuesday, March 5.

Registration opened at 9 a.m. in the capital rotunda. Tours of the building were conducted by members of the League of Women Voters. The group attended sessions of both houses. The women lunched at noon at the Marion Hotel. At 2 p.m. they enjoyed attending the tea and open house given at the home of Governor and Mrs. Mark Hatfield.

Over 300 clubwomen gathered for the special day. Sherman countians attending were: Mrs. L.E. Kaseberg, Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mrs. Eugene Amidon and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Style Show Due Saturday, March 16

The Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic church of Wasco is sponsor of the style show to be given at Sherman High school on Saturday, March 16. The date has been changed because of conflicts Williams ID store will show new spring styles in a setting decorated by Milne's Gift Shop. There will be a door prize and refreshments.

The Weatherman Says It Was Warm In February, Br-r-r

February was mostly dry and warm, in fact 6.3 degrees above normal temperatures. That condition prevailed over most of the northwest, but not much but the grass has started so far, nights being often frosty.

As for moisture, we got .95 inch at the experiment station which is lacking .28 inch from normal. For the crop year the total is 7.77 when we can expect 8.07 inches.

The high for February was 64, the highest recorded since 1932 when the mercury got up to 68 one day and the low of 13 was a holdover from the cold spell that ended January. The monthly mean of 40.9 is the third highest since records were started in 1911, the highest being set in 1958 when the mean was 42.3 degrees.

The soil temperature four inches below the top was 48 degrees on February 28 and a foot down it was 44.

Sherman Club Has Long Talk About Problems

Members of the Sherman County club met long and rather loud Monday night when discussion of Sherman county problems was on the docket. Nearly everyone had an opinion about something and nearly everyone took the opportunity to express it.

First of the major discussions started when Hildred Zell, new president, asked Fritz Watkins to explain the report of the planning committee that had investigated county roads and proposed a \$30,000 levy for ten years to pay for the improvements. Watkins read the report which has been published in the Sherman County Journal. Members of the committee John Hilderbrand, Mack Hall and Max Barzee spoke of the work of the committee.

County Has Opinion

County Judge Vernon Miller and Commissioner Luther Davis said the proposed program agreed in general with their plans and they favored it except for having grave doubts about the ten year term. Miller said the \$127,000 road fund was used mostly for maintenance but that a little construction could be done every other year with state and federal help (FAS) which means that the federal government contributes 62 percent and the state and county 19 percent apiece. The county, Miller said, has excellent equipment, but not enough men to keep it in use. Davis reported that the court was planning reconstruction of the Wasco-Girking canyon road, which is also first on the committee's list.

Zell asked for opinions of most of the farmers present and found them in favor of improvement on roads because of savings in cost of trucks and tires. Owen Eakin, Carol Sayrs, Charles Burnet, Paul Alley, Wendell Balsiger, for the grain growers, and Leonard Fields said good roads were valuable adjuncts to a farm.

If the county court and the planning committee wanted a long and thorough discussion of the road proposal they both should be pleased.

Deschutes Discussed

Les Johnson, secretary of the Sherman County Rod & Gun club opened the subject of efforts of the Bureau of Land Management to take over the Deschutes river for recreation, which means fishing. Articles running in the Portland Reporter were cited as examples of ignorance and irresponsibility for the writers have apparently made no effort to get the truth.

There is a plan to build a road around the twin tunnels below Sherans and open the road to Mack's canyon, but the cost will be much higher said Johnson, than estimates announced. John Hilderbrand said BLM agents had told him a two lane road was planned.

BLM Head Inquires

Zell noted that many Sherman countians had received letters from Karl Landstrom, head of the BLM in Washington, inquiring about local sentiment and the reasons therefore and that some had answered. Letters were apparently an effort to reach a sensible conclusion. On a motion by Max Barzee the club voted to write a letter on behalf of the county opposing the opening of the Deschutes because of the danger of fire to the wheat fields and the almost certain loss of grass from fire.

Committees Appointed

The new president appointed committees for the year: Membership: Bill Hall, Frank Ketter, Harland McDonald, Bob Kennedy and Vernon Post. Agriculture: Paulen Kaseberg, Bill Hall, Vernon Root, Tommy Thompson and Paul Alley. Schools: Ed Tyler, Lynn Hampton and Ben Ward.

Recreation: Frank Reid, Larry Kaseberg, Leonard Fields and John DeMoss. Entertainment and Program: Giles French, Irving Hart and Doyn Price. Roads: Vernon Miller, Luther Davis, Pat Kaseberg (the county court) F.L. Watkins, John Hilderbrand, Kenneth Fridley. Legislation: Giles French and Charles Burnet. Industry: L.E. Kaseberg, Kenneth Fridley, and Carroll Sayrs. Master at Arms: David Moore.

Art Christianson



Funeral services for Arthur B. Christianson were held from the Moro Community church Monday afternoon when a large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to pay final respect to a native son. Interment was in the local cemetery.