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These Things We Note

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Anyone who makes an effort to see all the sights in Oregon will find himself in some strange places.

Last week end we went to Wallowa county, partly to join the Oregon Historical society summer tour of that area, partly to visit friends and partly to satisfy an active curiosity.

The historical society filled three busses of aging persons who like to go on trips and do a little discreet roughing it. The society takes good care of them, seeing to their bed and board and providing such entertainment as the conditions afford. More are going every year.

Members of that party were distributed at Enterprise and Joseph in hotels and motels. Ourselves being hangers-on, made our own accommodations.

Wallowa county has a reputation it well deserves for greenness and at this time of year it is all green, green grass and darker green conifers on the steeply rising slopes of the Wallowas that rise so abruptly almost within reaching distance of the towns. The weather was wet, not exactly rainy, but misty and cloudy, however the sun came out occasionally to make the white caps of the mountains shine.

There is an old saying among cattlemen of the elder generation that when a man starts selling his calves he is soon out of the cow business. Yet the newcomers and the younger residents of the Wallowa Valley are doing just that. In fact, some do not even raise calves any more. They go down into the flat lands in the spring and buy feeders or calves to run on the valley meadows until fall when they sell them at a profit if the prices and the losses do not forbid. Well, they say, it is impossible to use the Wallowa valley more than six months of the year anyway.

Therefore there are thousands of cattle of all ages in the meadows. The old cow and calf economy still prevails on the east side of the county. The way to that area is by way of Joseph, that is also the center of the tourist industry, which brings visitors in to regale them with fishing, riding in the mountains, cool air, and a little history about Old Chief Joseph, who is buried near the lake and stories of the young chief, who fought the great retreat. East of Joseph the valley is nearly ten miles wide with some of the most beautiful cattle ranches in all Oregon.

Soon the road drops down a canyon to Little Sheep creek and this is followed until it meets Big Sheep creek and then, shortly, the Imnaha and the settlement of that name. Glaciers must have made that part of the county—and perhaps all of it—grinding out the basaltic rocks to cut the watercourses that were uncovered when the ice melted. They say one must either stand on a hill or in the river and it is literally true.

Imnaha was presumably named for a Nez Perce chief called "Imna" and the "ha" was added to describe his domain. The river was discovered by Captain Bonneville although Lewis and Clark heard the name as Imnabar. It runs north from the Blue mountains (Wallows) to the Snake, and it runs in a canyon so deep the sizeable river looks like a silver thread lying on wrinkled green silk.

Hat Point was the mecca that drew the historical party. Big busses stopped at Imnaha and smaller school busses took the visitors the rest of the way, which is 25 miles up a seven mile grade and along a rim for 18 miles on which it is often possible to look down into the Imnaha itself and into Horse creek from the same place. There is no more gorgeous sight than that from some of these view points.

Hat Point is a rather level spot from which one can look down into the Snake a little over three miles away. It is some 6900 feet high and the Snake around 1200. But one does not look straight

Will Compete At State Fair



SHERMAN 4-H Horse Club members selected for Oregon State during pre-fair judging last week. Left to right, Gene Lanthorn, Wasco; Sharon and Leo Coelsch, Moro; and Brent Van Gilder, Wasco.

Sherman County 4-H Horse Exhibitors at the Oregon State Fair come September were selected last week during pre-state fair horse judging, reports Thomas W. Thompson, County Extension Agent. These are the first club members selected to represent the county at the 1963 State Fair. Additional exhibitors will be selected July 16 and 17 during the pre-state fair judging to be held at Sherman High School. Selections in various 4-H Home Economics projects and contests, electricity, judging and demonstrations will be made.

1963 4-H Horse exhibitors selected were Sharon Coelsch, Moro, Senior Division; Gene Lanthorn, Wasco; Leo Coelsch, Moro and Brent van Gilder, Wasco, Intermediate Division. These four 4-H horse members will compete in horse showmanship and horsemanship during State Fair.

A 4-H horse judging team was selected after completion of a horse judging contest. Delegates

Rufus Laudromat Now Does Dry Cleaning

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swigert—operators of the Rufus Laudromat—in this issue of the Journal are announcing the addition of a dry cleaning unit to the laundry facilities in Rufus. The plant serves many families in this part of Sherman county as well as residents of the Rufus-Biggs-Arlington area.

The plant has been operated by the Swigerts at Rufus since construction of the John Day Dam has been underway and they have added the dry cleaning unit to meet the needs of the entire area surrounding the dam and including all of Sherman County.

down to the river as one might suppose from descriptions. Saturday the snow was blowing across the point and the clouds were drifting down the river to put a sort of inappropriate veil across the face of the Seven Devils on the Idaho side of the river.

The visitors shuddered as they gathered their trays of lunch and drank the coffee made by Wallowa County Judge Fred Himmelwright by the simple process of putting two pounds of coffee into a ten gallon can of water and boiling it with a weed burner.

According to McArthur, Hat Point was named for Hat creek, which was called that after original settler Alex Warnock lost his hat when his horse bucked and the hat remained on a bush for weeks. As a sight it must take second place to the scenes visible on the way.

Returning we went north to Clarkston, Washington, across the Grande Ronde river, which like all up-country streams in those parts must find a deep canyon by which to reach the comparatively low flowing Snake. From there our route lay down the valleys traversed by Lewis and Clark to Wallula.

As roads improve we would expect the economy of Wallowa county to turn more to tourists and less to stock. The valley is so beautiful to look at and the canyons so deep and rugged that no one could come away dissatisfied with his vacation in this section of Oregon. If one is interested in history there is the story of the Nez Perce who first lived in these valleys and raised their Appaloosa horses, courted their beautiful maidens and were driven out by the iniquities of the white men who wanted the grass for their own stock, and whose morals were unequal to their avarice.

selected were, Jan Carter, Sharon Coelsch, and Jeanne Gayman. Alternates are Paulette Patnode, Fred Hall and Gene Lanthorn. Others placing in the first ten were Derrie Peters, Leta Eslinger, Holly Mulick and Leo Coelsch.

Fifty or more 4-H members are anticipated to either enter exhibits or participate in contests or demonstrations during the '63 Oregon State Fair, states Thompson. Since the Sherman County Fair is held after the Oregon State Fair, pre-state fair judging programs have been requested by members, parents, and 4-H leaders to allow participation by Sherman 4-H'ers, Thompson reports.

Fair Premium Books Being Distributed Throughout County

Sherman County's 1963 Fair premium books are being distributed this week—right fresh from the Journal's presses.

Mrs. Dorothy Heater, secretary of the Fair Board received the first 300 books early this week and has been busy getting them into the hands of exhibitors. She was already in the midst of harvest "cooking for several extra people" and with the other extra ranch work at this season.

The remainder of the books will be completed and delivered to Mrs. Heater this week-end and will be mailed and distributed to several business places in the county for distribution to all fair-minded people, both young and not so young.

The 68-page book was assembled by Mrs. Heater with assistance from the County Extension office and Marvin Robertson, FFA advisor. Setting of the type and all the other work connected with publishing the book was done in the Journal commercial printing department.

Husky Hut Announces New Merchandise

A new stock of clothing and other merchandise has been added at the Husky Hut, the announcement being made in this issue of the Journal by Al Rasmussen, proprietor.

Men's and boys' Wrangler overalls and girls jeans are now in the stock at the Hut as well as many other types of clothing for adults and the younger generation.

Al said "we have felt the need here for some time for this merchandise and believe the people of this area will find it convenient to be able to fill their needs right here in Moro."

Jake George Gross Draws Manslaughter 15-Years And Fine

Jake George Gross, about 60, was convicted of manslaughter in a Wasco county court last Thursday after a four day trial and was sentenced Tuesday of this week by Judge E. H. Howell to a maximum of 15 years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1000.

Gross was tried on an indictment charging him with the murder by beating Frank Edward Finnegan in the bunk house on the Fred Dormaier ranch in April. Efforts of his attorney Kenneth Abrams of Hood River to prove that an injury a hour or so before the beating was contributory cause of death did not convince the jurors. Wasco county got the case after a chance of venue was asked because of possible prejudice.

Sherman County district attorney T. Lester Johnson was assisted by Robert M. Rea of Eugene in prosecuting the case.

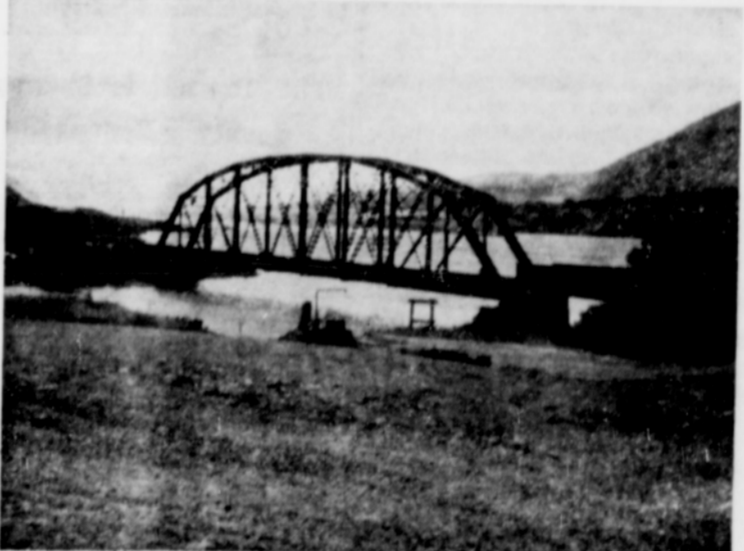
Gross will be taken to the penitentiary at Salem to start serving his time.

Fire At Moore Place Quickly Extinguished

The fire Wednesday shortly after noon, was at the Moore place along the highway when grass caught fire around the barn yard and endangered the shop until volunteers from town arrived to stamp it out with the aid of the rural fire truck that arrived at the scene with water. Little damage was done.



HIGHWAY 30 traffic will be directed soon across the new John Day River bridge pictured above. The bridge is part of the huge highway and Union Pacific Railroad relocation projects as a result of the construction of John Day Dam about two miles west of the mouth of the John Day River. The new highway bridge is approximately 150 feet higher than the Hwy 30 bridge which has been in use for many years.



UNION PACIFIC Railroad trains have crossed this bridge for many years and will be soon be traveling a new route across the John Day River. The new bridge is expected to be rushed to completion this summer and the present bridge will be removed, according to reports from the construction engineers.

Volunteers Ready to Begin County Swim Classes Monday

A change has been made in the scheduling of the Swim Classes at the Coelsch and DeMoss pools to allow better instruction.

Children scheduled to attend classes at DeMoss or Coelsch pools will have afternoon classes. The 8 o'clock class will be at 1 o'clock, the others following in order. The Eakin, Sayrs and Richelderfer pools will operate on morning hours.

Following are the young people who have volunteered to help with the swim program which starts Monday, July 8, and the pools at which they will be stationed. Eakin pool, Rev. Duane Dunham, Mona Eakin and Burt Blagg; Sayrs pool, Mrs. Millie Moore, Nancy Crews and Sally Bibby; Coelsch pool, Mrs. Dorothy Benson, Mrs. Edna Paulson, Sharon Coelsch, Barbara Jones, Carol Todd, Kay Whipple, Maxine Dormaier and Ann McMurtrey; DeMoss pool, Mrs. Mary Lou Gayman, Mrs. Barbara Pinkerton, Mary Ann Thompson, Janice DeMoss, Alison Walker, Donna Nelson, Kay Hunkaba, Susan Selms and Deanna Quillen; Richelderfer pool, Mrs. Ina Byrd, Linda Byrd, Mary Haven, Betsy Bish, and Mary Spencer.

These volunteers have been working this past week on the training and procedures necessary to conduct classes, particularly at the beginner level. Miss Ann Strayer, assistant director of Water Safety in Portland, states she is very pleased with the group and predicts we should have a very successful program. Tom Philbrick and Ann Hall are the two Water Safety Instructors in charge of the swim program.

The classes at Eakin's in Grass Valley will be working on swimmer certification and pre-lifesaving courses in preparation for regular training the last two weeks of August. These classes are open to 8th graders and high school students. The other pools will concentrate on the beginner and intermediate levels.

Please call your city chairwoman to learn when your children are scheduled or notify her if they are unable to attend. The various chairwomen are: Rufus, Mrs. Lytle Peck and Mrs. L. H. Stewart; Wasco, Mrs. Bob Byars and Mrs. Vernon Melzer; Moro, Mrs. Allan Pinkerton; Grass Valley and Kent Mrs. Everette Cantrill.

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Gallery Of Fine Arts At Seal Beach Show

Paintings, drawings, and graphics by Eastern Oregon College art instructor, Marvin Saltzman, are featured in a show at the International Gallery of Arts, Seal Beach, Calif.

The show, which opened with a reception Sunday also features the work of artists Mike Stearns, Fran Soldini, Anne Shields, Jimmy Thompson, and Carolyn Vandeman.

Saltzman's work has been enthusiastically received, and has been featured in shows in all three West Coast states over the past year.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John McMurtrey, Pastor
Services will be held during July and August as follows:
19-20—Baker County 4-H Horse Show.
10 a.m.—Both Sunday School and Church.
Sunday School includes children through the 6th grade only.

Equalization Board Journeys to Salem To Hear Appraisal

Members of the Sherman county board of equalization were in Salem last Thursday for a meeting with the State Tax commission in the process of settling the rate of valuation on real property in Sherman county.

Members report that this most recent meeting was the most cordial of any so far held. A private appraiser gave an estimate that the actual true cash value of Sherman county farm land was about 21 percent. This is higher than the 17 percent previously estimated by the commission staff. A ratio of 25 percent is legal.

This means the increase in valuation will be about 20 percent instead of the expected 40 percent. It may be that any raise can be avoided for this year by changing the ratio of other property to bring a sort of temporary equalization, but this will not be known for another week.

Fourth of July Quiet In This Old County

The Fourth of July was a quiet day in Sherman county except for the traffic on the highways. Most people seemed to want to get out of the way. Boating on the Columbia, trying to fish on the Deschutes, lolling in the shade at Camp Sherman attracted many Sherman countians.

Farm Calendar

July
7-20—Tri-County 4-H Summer Camps, Crystal Springs, Ochoco National Forest.
15-17—Camp Wilkerson Forestry Camp, Columbia County.
19-20—Baker County 4-H Horse Show.
21-27—Farm Safety Week.
23-27—Marion county 4-H Show, Salem.

Barbara Gray and Don King Installed in OES Bethlehem Rites

Chaplain; Ruth Martin, Marshal; Genevieve Powell, Adah; Dorothy Zimmerman, Ruth; Edna Paulson, Esther; Dorothy Heater, Martha; Nina Pinkerton, Electa; Dorine Hall, Warder; William Hall Sentinel. Marie Hoskinson and Shirley Blaylock were appointed Courtesy Girls.

The installing officers were Gladys Belshee, Past Matron and LeRoy Belshee, Past Patron, Anne Fulton Chapter, Wasco.

Installing Matron and Patron Marie Hoskinson, Past Matron as installing Marshal, Marguerite Kasoberg, Past Matron Anne Fulton Chapter as installing Chaplain and Gr. Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and Ina Kuns.

Barbara Gray and Donald King were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 at an open ceremony at Barnum Masonic Hall, Moro, Friday evening June 28. The hall and dining room was beautifully decorated with purple and white flowers, the colors chosen for the year by the new Worthy Matron.

Other officers installed were Jack Cushman, Associate Patron, Gwen Ross, Secretary; Thelma Miller, Treasurer; Myrna King, Conductress; Doris Alley, Associate Conductress; E'sie Jones,

man, Past Matron as Organist. Special members and guests present were Marguerite Kasoberg, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Genevieve Powell, member of the E.S.T.R.A.L. committee of the Grand Chapter, Adelaine and Harland McDonald, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Anne Fulton Chapter, Wasco, Teresa and George Hood, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Columbia Chapter The Dalles. Barbara Gray introduced the members of her family who were present: Lester Gray, her husband; Cheryl and Lynna, her daughters; and Brent her son; Mrs. Vera Metzger, her mother from Portland; Delta and Rolland Johnson, Mother and Father-in-law; and Mrs. George Drinkard, Grandmother-in-law.

Jack Cushman Jr., Past Patron presented Linda Reed, Jr. Past Matron her jewel for her year which was a gift from the Chapter and Donald King presented a gift to her from her officers, after which Linda expressed her pleasure and appreciation to her officers and members for an enjoyable year.

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WEATHER REPORT

The weather report is furnished The Journal through the cooperation of Bill Hall, Supt. of the Sherman Branch Experiment Station.
Friday, June 28 68 45
Saturday, June 29 60 43
Sunday, June 30 65 43
Monday, July 1 70 42
Tuesday, July 2 83 58
Wednesday, July 3 72 61
Thursday, July 4 88 53
Average 72 degrees and 49. Normal 65.
Precipitation: .03 on June 28.

Construction In Area Progresses; Boeing Signs

Progress on industrialization and transportation in Sherman and the area affecting it has moved rapidly in recent weeks; the pressure for change grows greater.

Hannan Brothers are making good speed on the construction of the section of Highway 97 in the upper end of Spanish Hollow. The first two bridges across the canyon are being used. The rock crusher is still digging into the hard rock of the big, high cut where gravel is being made, but within a week or so that cut will be opened and the rock spread on the surface.

The bridge across the canyon at the former shortest curve on the road are almost done and the

cut on the west side of the canyon is finished so when some more concrete work is completed that, also will be ready for travel.

It is not expected that surfacing will be done for several weeks but the general alignment of the road is apparent. It will be a much improved road.

L. S. Matusek is getting along well despite his handicaps. Some gravel has been spread at the top of Walker hill so the old surface can be torn up and the new road put into use. Blasting has been done in the cut at DeMoss hill and a rock crusher will be in operation soon. When poles are taken out of the way the grading can be completed.

Biggest news for this area

came Tuesday when the contract between the state of Oregon and the Boeing company for a 77 year lease on the Boardman Industrial site was signed by Governor Hatfield, secretary of State Appling and State Treasurer Belton, acting as the board of control.

This contract is for the rather painfully assembled 100,000 acres of Morrow county lying near Boardman and adjacent to the Columbia river. It is expected to be used for testing of missiles and other defense equipment manufactured by that company for the government.

Any project as large as the Boardman Industrial site anticipates the use of a great deal of

electrical installation and use of a lot of power. Sherman county expects to profit from development of Satellite plants to make materials for the big plant. The north end of Sherman county is within the 15 mile limit from John Day dam, which will be in operation in 1969, and because of its proximity to north Sherman county will provide electricity at a reduced rate.

Completion of the John Day dam will also make it possible to irrigate a large section of the northeast corner of the county from the John Day arm by using the cheap electricity from the dam. Some projects are already being planned.