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These Things We Note

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An editorial in the Saturday Review begins: "The ultimate test of education is represented by the ability to think."

T T W N

Television adds nothing to the recounting of the news but the animation of the ads.

T T W N

Many price rises are made because no one can or wants to be efficient enough to operate at the old rate.

T T W N

Maybe the next division in this country will be the Irish and the Negroes against the rest of us.

T T W N

We know a man who worries about the population explosion and death on the highways at the same time.

T T W N

Wonder what will happen when some U.S. president gets around to telling European nations that they will have to defend themselves or get took; that we are out of cash and out of patience.

T T W N

Saw a black rabbit one day last week. Looked as scared as a white one.

T T W N

Suppose you operate a motel. Soon you can't refuse a room to a negro, maybe you can't refuse anyone, drunks, the plainly dirty, the disorderly, those of suspected immortality or Kennedy will get you if you don't watch out.

T T W N

Remember the black tailed jack rabbits? In the days of the old, slow Model T days they jumped along in front of the dim and wavering headlights as if playing a game and drivers on eastern Oregon roads counted their score in a night's drive. The jacks that didn't learn the trick of getting off the road perished. Word of increased highway deaths may indicate that men are slow getting as smart as the black tailed jacks.

T T W N

Favorite sport of the human animal is to lie on the grass and lie and lie.

T T W N

Washington is one of the worst states in which to drive. Enforcement of the inflexible speed limit makes driving slow and frustrating. Also Washington has more deaths than Oregon.

T T W N

We learn that the manager of those weedy, messy, untended plots of land one can see everywhere is a man named Freeman who lives in Washington D.C. He is a poor farmer.

T T W N

Electricity is a wonderful servant; and like other servants tends to make the master less self sufficient. Eventually it is the master who becomes the servant.

T T W N

Summer storms are angry little things sometimes, like a child's tantrums.

T T W N

If the nation is going to distribute children in schools according to any plan, it should so arrange them that children of similar ability are together. Integrating them by black and white makes no sense; doing so by intelligence might.

T T W N

Young men, we note, are wearing vests. How new fashioned!

T T W N

Down in Utah the school teachers are on strike until the state puts more money into schools. It is another example of the worker taking over the job of management and could lead to a taxpayer revolt. Utah will probably find teachers—maybe with fewer degrees but less arrogance; with less training but more intelligence.

T T W N

No wonder our experts are not received well abroad. They are often a nuisance at home.

T T W N

Now the internal revenue department says you can deduct from your tax the cost of quiet meals, but not liquor. But liquor is quicker.

Pre-Fair Judging Of 4-H, Home Ec Work Set July 16-17

The pre-State fair judging of 4-H home economics, electricity and demonstrations in all areas of club work will be held Tuesday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 17, at the Sherman High School. All knitting, clothing, food preparation and food preservation exhibits; home economics, judging; style revue, cake baking, bread baking, food preparation, and food preservation and electricity contests, and demonstrations in all club areas will be judged at this time.

Judging is held now instead of at the Sherman County Fair, September 12-15, so that 4-H members from our county may participate in Oregon State Fair activities, August 30 - September 7. The entries selected for State Fair will be taken to Salem, August 27. The remaining exhibits will be held for display at the county fair.

Entries will be made from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, Sherman High Cafeteria. Information on exhibiting will be found in the Sherman County Fair Premium book.

All 4-H home economic members are encouraged to participate in the judging contests, Tuesday morning, 9:00 to 12:00. Cookie muffin, and twister (out-door cookery) contests will be held in September at the County Fair. Wednesday afternoon style revue judging will be done according to ages, Juniors (under 12 yrs. of age by Jan. 1, 1963), Intermediate (12-14 yrs. by Jan. 1) and Seniors (15 and older by Jan. 1). Exhibits may be viewed by the public after 2:00, Wednesday afternoon, July 17.

Rebekahs Present Going Away Gift To Evelyn Ziegler

On June 28, the Marian Rebekah Lodge held their last meeting until in September.

The meeting opened in regular form with 11 members and one visitor present. A discussion was held concerning our District Convention to be held in November, and it was decided to appoint a committee of four to work on it during the summer months.

Under Good of the Order, Evelyn Ziegler was escorted to the center of the floor where our Noble Grand, Patricia Pshigoda, met her with a basket of beautiful hankies as a going away gift.

Evelyn — one of our newest members—is moving to La Grande in August. We shall miss her, but wish for her and her family a pleasant year.

A Birthday Supper was held in honor of all who had birthdays in the last six months of the year. The cakes were baked and served by Leona VanGilder, Evelyn Ziegler and Juanita Long. A good time was had by all, and we wish all a happy vacation time and hope to see all of you at our meeting Sept. 11.

Sell Hereford Bulls

Wallace and Alta May, Grass Valley, have reported the sale of four registered horned Hereford bulls to W. H. & Florence Marsh of The Dalles.



Mrs. Frank von Borstel, installed in Sherman Chapter No. 132 OES at a special installation meeting held recently at Grass Valley.



SWIM CLASSES are being taught Sherman County youth of all ages at the various pools in the county. Instruction by volunteers started Monday and will continue for two weeks. Pictured is the first day of instruction at the DeMoss pool about four miles north of Moro on Hwy. 97.

Joy von Borstel Selected State FHA Delegate to Kansas City

Miss Joy von Borstel, daughter of Mrs. Jacquelyn von Borstel of Moro, was one of ten Oregonians who represented Oregon at the 1963 national Future Homemakers of America meeting in Kansas City, Mo., July 8-11, announced the State Department of Education today.

Joy is a member of the Sherman High School Future Homemakers of America chapter in Moro.

Delegates will come from all states in the Union, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to represent over 500,000 members of this high school organization for students studying homemaking. They will be accompanied by adult advisers who are state home economics staff members and local homemaking teachers.

The national meeting will center around the objective 'Contributing to the Joys and Satisfaction of Family Living' with special emphasis on the national project 'Focus on Family Friendship.' The theme selected is 'Your Home—A Key to the Future.' General sessions were planned around spiritual and moral development; guidance and decision making as families; family relations and training for citizenship.

"It is hoped that through this program delegates will develop a greater appreciation of what constitutes good family life and how they as individuals can influence future homes," said Mrs. Estelle Van Cleave, Home Economics consultant in the State Department of Education and one of the adult advisers accompanying the Oregon delegates to Kansas City. Each delegate will have special responsibilities to carry out during the meeting.

Other delegates Diana Eagy, Brownsville; Sandra Fobert, Hubbard; Patsy Scott, Newport; Jill

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.

More Low Protein Wheat Needed By Japanese

Steps which wheat growers and dealers can take to satisfy Japanese demands for low protein white wheat and preserve the dollar-rich Japanese market for Oregon soft white wheat were outlined this week by Dr. Norman Goetze, OSU extension farm crops specialist.

Japanese buyers have expressed concern over prospective 1963 1964 Western White Wheat blend because of high protein content and gluten strength which presents problems in its use for biscuit and pastry purposes.

This development has been watched with great interest by the Australians who have offered Japan 100,000 tons of soft white wheat with a maximum protein content of 8.5 percent, Dr. Goetze pointed out.

He explained that the marketing problem has developed because of a shift in production from the disease-susceptible White Club varieties to higher



Smith, St. Helens; Glenda Zielinski, Brooks; Patricia McGreer, Antelope; Phyllis Nelson, Lexington; Dena Tellefson, Hermiston; and Joanne Speckhert, La Grande

Mrs. Van Cleave and Mill Jenner Roake, homemaking teacher at Newport High School accompanied the delegates.

Rasmussens Involved In Auto Accident Near Hood River

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rasmussen were involved in a two car accident Sunday on their way from Odell. They had gone to visit with Al's brother to find them not at home. Two miles south of Hood River a car going too fast skidded on wet pavement and came six feet across the yellow line and smashed into the Rasmussens' car head on.

Mrs. Rasmussen was taken to the Hood River hospital for treatment and observation. She is being X-rayed for possible pelvic fracture, also she had four stitches taken on her chin from a deep cut, many painful bruises with the deep coloring very much in evidence. Al received several large bruises but was on the job at the Husky Hut as usual.

Al stated his car was being repaired but was doubtful if the other car would be fixed as the damage was extensive and the age of the car was another factor to consider.

Eatons Sell Rufus Store After Serving Town Eighteen Years

Mr. Eugene Eaton announced today that he and Mrs. Eaton sold their grocery market in Rufus July 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Alstine formerly of Bend. At present the Van Alstine store is being managed by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Haslet.

Having disposed of their grocery store Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have not made any plans as yet toward moving from Rufus, but will just plain "take it easy" Mr. Eaton said. They will do some much needed visiting and loafing here and there for the meantime.

Eaton said, he wished to thank his many friends and patrons of the past eighteen years for their patronage and wish them to continue to do the same for the new owners.

A Night on the River

A night on the river begins when the fishing tools have been put away in camp, the evening coffee is scented the air and the body's warmth starts to overcome the chill of sodden shoes. Another way to tell is when the bats come swarming about to rid the camp of mosquitos more effectively than screen doors or DDT.

There is then the consumption of strong food and strong drink in the proper strengthening quantities seasoned with man talk of game and games and tales of deerling-do. Boastful, maybe, and sometimes swaggering in the male fashion.

By nine o'clock by a city man's clock it is time to go to bed although the sky is still as blank as the inside of a blue bowl. One has to wait for the stars to appear, one at a time, the biggest first, until before long the sky is full of them in familiar, but undecipherable patterns. Like a generation of men they march across the sky, little and big, bright and dim, each doing its job of reflection in his own particular way and place.

Soon the moon sending its rays to the top of the high hills and they creep down slowly making eerie shadows of the cliffs and bushes until the whole canyon is bright with a sort of nature's candle-light. The stars are dimmed.

Scenes of the day come to the sky watcher, awaiting sleep; the young sand piper — about an eighth grader — exercising his hops and chirps, the shimmering speckles on a newly caught trout, the doe charging in fright up the hillside, the subdued colors of a young Hungarian.

Trains come following up the canyon, disturbing the peace of the night with clanging and screeching. Man is a noisy beast. When it is gone an owl gives his hoot of thankfulness before tucking his head back under his wing for renewed slumber.

The sun lights the sky, slowly, inexorably, paling the moon as the moon paled the stars, each surrendering to a stronger force. The ravens gather in an ironwood tree cawing hopefully and the night is ended.

Three Counties Riders Join in 2nd Horse Show

On June 30 the second annual Mid-Columbia 4-H Horse Show was held at Condon with three counties participating, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wasco. Hood River county was unable to attend. 4-H Clubs of Gilliam were the hosts with aid from Sherman county.

Seventy-seven 4-H members were signed up for the Horse Show events and games. 4-H members from Sherman county able to attend were:

Age Group 15 yrs. and older: Sharon Coelsch, How-D Horse Club, 2nd in showmanship, 4th in western equitation, 1st in English equitation. Nancy Crews, How-D Horse Club, 5th in western equitation.

Age Group 13-14 yr. old: Randy Lemley, Hi Yu Horse Club, 9th in showmanship, 8th in western equitation. Holly Mulich, Hi Yu Horse club, 3rd in English equitation. Gene Lanthorn, How-D Horse Club, 7th in showmanship, 1st in western equitation. Lee Rathbun, How-D Horse Club, 8th in Scurry.

Derrie Peters of the How-D and Brent Van Gilder of the Hi Yu Horse clubs participated in this group.

Age Group 11-12 yr. old: Jill Nogle, How-D Horse Club, 1st in showmanship, 3rd in western equitation. Gary Brinkert, How-D Horse club, 7th in showmanship, 10th in western equitation.

Age Group 9-10 yr. old: Sue Rathbun, How-D Horse club, 9th in showmanship, 5th in western equitation. Debra Weedman, Hi Yu Horse club, 5th in showmanship, 8th in western equitation.

The How-D Horse club placed first in the Team Pole Bending.

Barbara Gray, Worthy Matron installed in Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 OES June 28.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather report is furnished The Journal through the cooperation of Bill Hall, Supt. of the Sherman Branch Experiment Station.

Friday, July 5	75	55
Saturday, July 6	79	55
Sunday, July 7	72	52
Monday, July 8	74	42
Tuesday, July 9	69	48
Wednesday, July 10	67	50
Thursday, July 11	71	47
Precipitation	45.	Normal for July 17.

Tax Commission Lowers Sherman Valuation to 20%

Sherman county's tax problems, as far as valuations are concerned, reached temporary solution this week through an order of the State Tax Commission. A notice of that ruling is published in this week's Journal.

The tax commission has refused to accept the decision of the Sherman county Board of Equalization which consolidated the twenty classifications of land into seven and revalued the land by raising the value of some classifications and leaving the top at the same figure.

Instead the tax commission has reduced the valuation of all property in the county for the coming tax year by reducing the ratio from 25 percent to 20 percent of true cash value. It is the commission's contention that farm land is under valued, so, instead of raising its value it has decreased the value of other property.

It will be understood that this is temporary and can only be done for one year under the law. Unless the commission finds that the value of farm land is less—according to its procedures—the ratio will go back to 25 percent next year. Farm land will be raised approximately 20 percent, and the valuation of city property and utilities will remain the same.

The ruling means that a house in a Sherman county town with a true cash value of \$10,000 will be valued for tax purposes at \$2,000 for the 1963 tax year instead of the \$2,500 it was last year. A farm worth the same amount will be valued at \$2,000 also which will, according to tax commission figures, be an increase from about \$1750.

The permanent solution of the county's tax problem has not been found; but the pressure is off for another year.

Harvest Underway In Sherman County With Winter Barley

Harvest started in Sherman county last week when some farmers cut some winter barley and it stopped again Sunday when a quick little storm brought almost half an inch of rain in not more than half an hour. There was .43 inch near Moro and more on Starvation point. Harvesting will be a slow business for a few days because an additional rain fell Tuesday evening.

Some barley has been cut around Rufus, always earlier than the more southern parts of the county. And reports are that the barley is going about a ton to the acre, which is very good, indeed.

But rain or no rain cutting will have to start within a week for the grain will be ready to cut by then. Unless it stays wet the combines will be rolling.

The experts who have won their title by careful appraisal of wheat crops over many years are almost unanimous in prophesying that this crop will be one of the best. There is some damage from foot rot, the cheat took some patches in some fields, there is a little rust, but there has also been plenty of moisture, cool weather, a minimum of hot wind. The good things overbalance the bad and if there isn't a good crop there should be a different bunch of experts next year.

Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, July 16, at the Court House between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Persons wishing original or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour.