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Giles French retires from the newspaper business, and Eastern Oregon loses out

Eastern Oregon has lost one of its most vocal and effective spokesmen. He hasn't died. Just retired.

The spokesman is, of course, Giles French, for 32 years editor of the Sherman County Journal at Moro. And with French out of the picture, Oregon newspapers just aren't going to be the same.

French and Mrs. French, "my printer," have sold the Journal. The new operation takes over this week.

By most standards the Journal is not a big paper. Its circulation never quite manages to get to 900. Most often it contains four pages. Most of the copy for that 32 years has been written by French, and most of the linotype work has been done by his wife.

But there was something about the Journal which didn't show up in the statistics. And that something was Giles French.

The Journal had an influence far beyond the boundaries of Sherman County.

Part of the influence came from French's column in the paper. One item we remember in particular went something like this:

"There is nothing quite so satisfying as the hissing sound of escaping hot air from a punctured stuffed shirt."

Part of the influence came from French's outside writings. He is author of "The Golden Land," a history of his county, by far the most readable of the spate of histories which came out about

the time of the Oregon Centennial. He's written a biography of Pete (no relation) French, the California and Harney county cattle operator which will be as good.

French is credited with being the father of one of the most effective Eastern Oregon blocs ever to serve in the state legislature. And some of the stories he can tell about the workings of the group are real lulus.

Giles French was, and is, a political conservative. He was probably the most articulate conservative spokesman in Oregon. Unlike some who write of political events, he thought before he wrote. Even those who disagreed with him found his views well expressed.

Giles French is a believer in the use of forceful language. He told visitors there wasn't much use in saying something if it was going to be said in such mild language the readers would not know whether you were for or against it.

Giles and his printer will take some time off, now. They have talked about a little travelling, and may try it, for a while. But one suspects they will spend most of their time in Sherman county, watching the county, the state and the nation from that vantage point.

And talking with the hundreds of friends who will be waiting for the French viewpoint on matters of interest.

Confusion

It didn't bother much if you stayed at home, but if you travelled, oh, brother!

"It" was the time mess in Oregon last summer, fortunately ended by action of the voters in November. The feeling often was expressed this was an Oregon mess.

Well, it's still a mess elsewhere.

That old saw about people not being able to agree on the time of day has more truth to it than nonsense. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia observe summer time, but only 14 of them observe it on a state-wide basis, the others preserving some degree of local option. Eleven of the states follow "fast time" from the end of April to the end of October, but 17 begin or terminate it in other months.

Such confusion makes the river of time anything but smooth. The Transportation Association of America cites the case of a bus which operates over a 35-mile stretch of highway between Steubenville, Ohio, and Moundsville, W. Va., and passes through seven different time zones. Because federal law still requires the railroads to operate on standard time, many of them are forced to publish two kinds of timetables, one based on standard time for use of employees and the other reporting passenger train schedules on local

time (standard and daylight) for the convenience of the traveling public. Thousands of Americans miss their train or bus or plane every year because of confusion over time.

In its latest annual report, the Interstate Commerce Commission again calls attention to the problems of clock confusion and recommends the enactment by Congress of a uniform system of time standards to end it. A bill based on the I.C.C. recommendation has been introduced by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D Wash.) and will be the subject of hearings opening before the Senate Commerce Committee on Monday, April 29.

The I.C.C. bill is sure to provoke strong opposition from the states-rightsists — not to mention the farmers — because it would effectively prevent any state or local community from deciding for itself whether it wanted daylight time. Sen. Norris Cotton (R N.H.) has come up with an alternative bill which would preserve this local option but at the same time direct the Secretary of Commerce to use his power of persuasion to promote the adoption of uniform time. The significant development is that more and more people agree that something must be done to end the present bewildering uncertainty over the time of day.

Quotable quotes

Just imagine what fun this country could have waiting to hear who will be the nation's newest millionaire every 30 days. — Rep. Roman Pucinski, D-

Ill., who interprets the New Hampshire lottery bill as starting a nation-wide trend.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Pearson's brother never let handicaps stop him

By Drew Pearson

Washington, D.C.
April 29, 1963

Dear Grandson,

I am writing this letter while looking out on our old Georgetown garden, a garden where your Uncle Leon sometimes used to sit in the sunshine of a spring day. Uncle Leon was a man who loved the sun and the spring, as he loved people and loved life. He will not see them anymore, for he died today.

You did not know Uncle Leon very well, because he lived in New York and you moved to California when you were quite small. But you do have two younger brothers and you know how important they are. Sometimes they may bother you when you're trying to study; or sometimes they may not help you with the dishes the way you think they should. But you always know that they are the best friends you've got and will stand by you when anyone else is picking on you.

That was the way my brother was with me.

He was two years younger than I, and when he was only four years old he had polio, which the doctors didn't know how to cope with in those days, and which paralyzed one side of his body. Though he recovered in part, it left him with a semi-paralyzed right arm.

After that, when Uncle Leon was only about six, he had rheumatic fever which left him with a seriously weakened heart. All through life he had these handicaps; yet they never got him down.

In fact, he was always much the more cheerful member of the Pearson brothers, and the more courageous. When we were small boys in Swarthmore, Pa., we used to sell eggs which our grandfather sent us by the crate from Kansas; and I would ring the doorbell, then stand out of the way to let Uncle Leon do the talking.

Trapping Skunks

We were together constantly in those younger days. We used to trap skunks in the suburbs outside Philadelphia, and when I was twelve and he was ten we published a magazine together — "The Crum Creek Club Monthly" — printed on a mimeograph machine and illustrated with original photos. We sold it to our parents and other parents for ten cents. It was our first literary venture.

During World War I, Uncle Leon was a sergeant major, and I was only a corporal, which pleased him very much because he then outranked his older brother. Because of his bad arm he could not get into the army right away, but toward the end of the war, when they lowered the physical standards, they accepted him to do paper work.

After the war, when I was doing Quaker relief work in Serbia, Uncle Leon came to see me. It was a long trip — one third of the way around the world — to see a brother; and part of the way he rode on the top of a freight train, because there weren't many passenger trains in the Balkans in those post war days.

We were building villages in a

New bulk plant being built

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — A new bulk plant for gasoline and oil is being constructed north of Redmond by Robert R. Comstock, owner of Mid-Oregon Oil Company.

To include an office, warehouse and four 20,000-gallon storage tanks, the new business is being constructed on land purchased April 1 from Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Jordan.

The property includes 60 acres of land, with one-half mile frontage on both Highway 97 and the old Prineville highway. Also included in the transaction was the Jordan home.

Comstock says he is negotiating with several major oil companies, but, as yet, has signed no contract. The company has its own tanker trucks for hauling petroleum products. Scheduled to open May 15, the business will employ G. C. Wilcox, E. L. Stevens and Walter L. Mault.

The Jordans have purchased 8½ acres from Bill Van Dick 2½ miles west of Redmond, where they are constructing a new home.

Employers face safety penalties

SALEM (UPI)—Employers with poor safety records will pay a new penalty under an "experience rating" amendment to the state workmen's compensation law rushed through the House and signed by the governor Wednesday.

The bill, just introduced in the Senate seven days earlier, was sped to the governor's desk because rates for the next year must be mailed out May 1.

war-torn area on the edge of Montenegro, and he offered to help.

I remember giving him a horse and asking him to drive a cow with a new calf from one of the villages to our headquarters in Pec, 15 kilometers away. As I look back from my more recent experiences with cows, this was about the toughest job I could ask anyone to do. But despite his weak heart he did it.

My brother taught for a time at Haverford school. But during the early New Deal days I suggested that he come to Washington and help me write the column. He did, and for ten years he contributed a great deal to the spice and humor and color of the column. I used to be responsible for much of the acid and vitriol; but the milk of human kindness in his heart helped to balance it. I have missed him and the column has missed him ever since.

A Poet at Heart

After ten years in Washington, Uncle Leon went to Paris for the International News Service, then joined the National Broadcasting Company in Paris, later in New York. There I think he did his best work.

Uncle Leon loved his work and he died loving it. He felt that radio and TV should cover more than crime news and politics; and he persuaded NBC to let him report on the theater openings, the new books, the magazines. This became his feature. And during the newspaper strike in New York he was especially busy. But he loved being busy. All this time Uncle Leon had managed to plug along at a fairly heavy pace despite a weak heart and a withered arm. And all this time he was the most cheerful member of the family. There was poetry in his soul. And I shall always cherish some of the poems that he wrote, even if they were never published.

Last week, tired from making up for the news vacuum during the New York newspaper strike, Uncle Leon suffered a heart attack just before he was about to go on the air. He lingered on for about ten days, then this morning the old heart which had borne up so faithfully for 63 years, finally gave out.

I just wanted to tell you about my little brother, and to hope that you have the wonderful privilege of having your little brothers with you for a long, long time.

Love from,
Your Grandfather

Late snowfalls increase pack, survey reveals

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — Late spring snowfalls in the Cascades have increased the snow pack considerably, SCS snow survey crew discovered Tuesday.

At Windigo Pass, they found 73 inches of snow with 24.4 inches water content, compared to 90 with 42.7. Normal water content is 52.5 inches. At Willamette Pass, they measured 79.3 snow with 27.4 water, compared to 85 with 39 last year and a norm of 45.9 water. New Crescent Lake is bare, as it was last year, but normal water content is 6.3.

Other bare courses are the Paulina "Y", Mowich, Three Creek Meadows, Three Creek Butte and Black Pine Springs. All of these were bare last year, except Three Creek Meadows, which had 38 inches of snow with 16.4 water. Normal water content here is 16.8.

There are 87 inches of snow with 36 water at Dutchman Flat, compared to 112 with 53.4 water at this time last year. Norm is 59 water. At Tangent, they found 15 inches snow with 6 water, compared to 12 with 5.2 last year and a norm of 11.9 water.

The survey was made by Darwin Gregg, Madras, and Maurice Benson, Redmond, SCS technicians; Al Mansfield, manager of Central Oregon Irrigation District, and Curtis Konning of Arnold Irrigation District.

This was the final snow survey of the year, according to Ted Thorsen, SCS technician. He has expressed his appreciation to personnel of the irrigation districts who helped conduct the surveys this year.

Accidents take lives of two

ONTARIO, Ore. (UPI) — Two Forest Grove residents were killed and two more injured Wednesday when their car went off U.S. Highway 26 near the community of Ironside and somersaulted.

Killed were Henry Timothy Pinnell, 37, and Gertrude Layton, 58. The injured were Pinnell's wife, Margaret, 35, and Everett L. Rogers, 50. They were taken to Ontario Hospital with undetermined injuries but were not believed to be critically hurt.

State Police said all four were thrown from the car.

Letters to the Editor

The Bulletin welcomes contributions to this column from its readers. Letters must contain the correct name and address of the sender, which may be withheld at the newspaper's discretion. Letters may be edited to conform to the directives of taste and style.

Yeomans backs plan for seashore park

To the Editor:

I am soundly convinced there should be no hesitation on the part of responsible agencies in establishing a National Seashore Recreation Area along the Oregon Coast as specified in SB 1137. When the late Senator Richard Neuberger first introduced legislation in 1959 proposing a similar — but more comprehensive — protective unit, I supported his measure, having recently evaluated the California coastline under contract to that assignment. I found public pressure for non-existent public shoreline already far beyond the capacity of the resource to meet either existing or projected needs. Such pressure is now expressing itself northward, where a farsighted state park acquisition policy has insured public ownership of many miles of outstanding scenic shoreline.

And yet the demand for shoreline experience, even along the richly endowed and partially pro-

ected Oregon coast, presently overtaxes existing state facilities during seasonal peaks. In my opinion, "strip" parks, located for the most part in a narrow belt west of highway 101, are unable to absorb any kind of mass recreation use. The Dunes area, if declared a National Seashore, would help absorb the great numerical pressures planners project for sea, sand and lake experiences. Where such outdoor experiences can be found in combination, the value of its expanse resource becomes a national concern: one in which local pressure objections should be regarded relatively insignificant.

In cannot concur with the severe alterations that have been made in the original proposed legislation, namely (1) the deprivation of the Park Service's right to condemnation in the public interest and (2) transportation of industrial wastes through park lands and waters. I believe such drastic compromises could well set an example for future deterioration of all park and recreation areas, existing or proposed, permitting encroachments of a nature highly incompatible with the best outdoor recreation planning and design principles.

Nevertheless, I wish to go on record in support of SB 1137 as a compromise measure. The Dunes Area holds high scenic, scientific and educational value. It is unique and outstanding. It should by all means be reserved for all time for a coming population destined, unfortunately, to face an ever increasing outdoor recreation resource and open space complement: a population of approximately 300 million by the year 2000. They are entitled to profit by our protection and preservation of every single mile or acre of coastal shoreline holding significant outdoor recreation potential.

Thank you.
W. C. Yeomans
Bend, Oregon,
May 1, 1963

Redistricting plans offered

SALEM (UPI) — Two nearly-identical congressional redistricting proposals which differed widely with a plan proposed by Rep. John Mosser, R - Portland, were submitted Wednesday to the House Planning and Development Committee.

The nearly-alike plans were submitted by House Speaker Clarence Barton and Myron Katz, spokesman for the Bipartisan League to Retain Equal Representation.

Observers anticipated the committee would adopt the plan suggested by Barton.

Barton's plan includes all of the City of Portland in the third district, but adds Eastern Multnomah County to a first district made up of Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill and Polk counties.

Marion and Linn counties would be added to all of Eastern Oregon to create an expanded second district.

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