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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Newspapers quoted the minister who gave the sermon for the 4-H club boys and girls at the Pacific International as saying that God didn't care whether a man was a butcher or a banker, but he did care a great deal what kind of a butcher or a banker he was.

Which is very good philosophy. A good janitor is better than a poor school teacher; a good ditch digger better than a poor industrialist, etc., to which most will agree. Its like they used to say there was many a good chambermaid spoiled in the making of a chorus girl, or many a good farmer lost in the making of a country storekeeper.

Be good at something in other words. Hook your wagon to a star but pick out a small enough star.

For once, it is the thing for farmers to criticize the rainy spell. That doesn't happen often in a dry land country in October when seeding is the job to be done, but this year many farmers have had enough of rain to last them a month.

They'll all be over it by June, we bet.

The big rain storm did a lot of damage around the county, nothing of major consequence but farmers will be building fence, putting concrete foundations in again, cleaning out dirt, picking up debris, grading roads for a long time. Many dams need repair and there's a mess to clean up wherever the water overflowed. Some slopes lost over ten percent of the top soil and that will never come back. It will probably never grow another kernel of wheat and the land it was lost to is worth a quarter less because of the loss.

A Chinese recipe for happiness, according to the Forest Log, goes like this:

"If you wish to be happy for an hour, get intoxicated. If you wish to be happy for three days, get married. If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it. If you wish to be happy forever, become a gardener."

Without desire to lower the happiness value of the first three directions given, the latter is certainly a means of keeping interested in life that has stood the test of time. Perhaps as many people boast of their tomatoes and carrots as speak of their grandchildren.

Doing things with the soil is as basic as drinking, marrying or eating and brings interest and contentment, despite the great numbers who move to the cities where the soil is covered all over with paving.

The philosopher Schopenhauer had his own way of saying what one must do to enjoy life, or at least control life sufficiently to permit it to be endured. He said, "There are three cures for life: Art that decorates it; Love that inflames it; Philosophy that annihilates it."

Having so many means of being happy all laid out on the table in front of us, as it were, it ought to be easy to go ahead and map out almost any kind of existence desired. But, we'll just go blundering on using the words of wisdom spoken by poet, philosopher, fester to fill a column or a hole in the conversation.

We seldom make use of what we learn anyway.

DEAN WILCOX AT P.U.

Dean Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilcox of Salem, was elected vice-president of the sophomore class at its first meeting of the school year yesterday at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon.

A pre-med student, Wilcox is active in the local chapter of Intercollegiate Knights and in the letterman's club.

He graduated from Moro high school where he was active in band, athletics and on the staff of the school paper.

He is a member of Alpha Zeta fraternity.

Rain Falls Twice As Heavy This Crop Year As In Average Year

An additional half an inch fell Wednesday night to bring the total rainfall since September 1 to 3.06 inches, well over twice the normal of 1.61.

Rainfall as of Wednesday night totaled 1.21 for the month of October which added to the whopping 1.95 the skies dropped in September gives the county (or a part of it) 3.16 inches for the crop year.

This may be compared to the normal of .68 for September and .93 for October and realize that so far almost twice the normal amount of moisture has been put into Sherman county wheat fields than usual.

Farmers are not happy, however, as most of them want to get the seed into the ground, a feat that seems impossible with rain coming nearly every day or every night.

Child Health Conference Called

The Wasco-Sherman Health Department announced today that a child health conference for children from 6 weeks to 6 years will be held October 28 in the auditorium of the Moro school. Parents may bring their children to these conferences to be examined by the doctor, immunized if they wish against diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox, and receive advice with regards to diet and habit training.

Anyone wishing to attend this conference, please make your appointment by contacting, writing, or phoning Mrs. M. M. Oveson at Moro.

It is hoped that these conferences will be held regularly every other month.

Grass Valley Club Starts Fall Work

The Grass Valley Women's club held its first meeting of the year Friday, October 10, at the Masonic hall. A report was given by Mrs. Earl Olds and Mrs. Paul Goddard of the Oregon Federation 4th district meeting held in Wasco, October 2. It was voted by the local club to join the Federated Oregon State Women's clubs. Mrs. Nina Pinkerton of Moro was guest speaker bringing with her ten girls from the Moro Girl Scout troop and two leaders, Mrs. Orlo Martin and Mrs. Charles Burnett. Mrs. Pinkerton told of the Girl Scout work and how to organize a troop. The Grass Valley club is sponsoring an intermediate troop of Girl Scouts.

The next meeting will be Friday October 24 with Mrs. Ted Ball in charge of the program on American home.

Rufus School Elects Officers for Year; Grange Women Meet and Eat with Husbands

By Mrs. George Fox
Officers elected at a recent meeting of the Rufus high school were as follows: Gerita Riggs, president; Lorraine Millard, vice-president; Dorothy Blackburne, secretary-treasurer; Howard Steward, sergeant of arms; Bill Smith, fire chief; Velda Guilford, editor of the "Arrowhead"; Donna Smith, assistant editor.

The Home Economics club of the Rufus Grange met at the home of Mrs. George Fox, Thursday. Owing to much rain, many were not able to come. Several of the men brought their wives and joined the ladies in helping consume the food. Cards were played in the afternoon.

Rufus school was closed Thursday while work was done on the water system.

Word received from Dolores Fox, a student at St. Mary's Academy, is that she was recently elected editor of the "Teja Wren" the school paper. Dolores was a student at Rufus high last year.

Mr. Williams, principal of Rufus school spent Monday and Tuesday at the principals convention.

Mrs. Gordon Reid and son returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reilly of La Grande. Mrs. Reid's parents accompanied her as far as Rufus, and then they went on into Portland where they were to take delivery on a new car.

Tom Macnab of The Dalles visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mrs. Alta Smith is now having her house wired for electricity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herring and son, Franklin of Maupin, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Porter and sons, Patrick, Dick and Kenneth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. Mrs. Herring was childhood friend of Mrs. Fox and is a teacher in the Maupin school.

Due to so much rain lately, many farmers spent Sunday working in the fields.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reid October 2 at The Dalles hospital. She was named Margaret Jean and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Mr. Reid works on the Maryhill Ferry and they are now living on the Washington side of the river.

School was closed Monday and Tuesday on account of teacher's institute held in The Dalles. Teachers going from Rufus were Mr. Williams, principal, Miss Penley high school; Mr. Lewis, music; Mrs. Williams, upper grades; Miss Flaten, lower grades.

Mrs. Alta Smith and daughters, Donna and Darlene took Mrs. Smith's father, Mr. Trumbo to Goldendale, Washington Sunday for a week's visit. Mr. Trumbo is recuperating from a recent operation that was performed in Portland.

George Fox attended a meeting in Moro Friday of the Rural School Board.

Mrs. Stuart Macnab was the recent hostess of the Community Sewing club.

Freshman initiation was held at Rufus school October 9. Beginning at 3 p. m. the students had much fun and laughter at the expense of freshmen who are, Wayne Eaton, Carol Smith and Howard Steward. In the evening a lunch of wafers and buns, cake and ice cream with pop were served followed by games and dancing which was enjoyed by all, the party breaking up at 11 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Richie Dingle were in The Dalles Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters, Ila Jean and Karen were weekend guests of Mrs. Macnab's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington at Dufur.

Bill Greiner of Condon was a recent overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. Bill is a nephew of Mr. Fox.

Mrs. Vernon Miller accompanied her son, Roger, who took an August 4-H steer to the Pacific International in Portland. Mrs. Miller returned home Monday and Roger came Wednesday.

The Rufus Grange met with women and seven men in attendance last Thursday. The ladies put on an enjoyable program under the direction of the lecturer, Richie Dingle.

Mrs. James Fox has been ill with a sinus infection.

Fred Merritt who has been employed since last spring at LeLund Medler's farm has returned from the Veterans hospital in Portland, where he recently underwent an operation. Fred is now able to be about with the use of a cane and is at the ranch home of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Merritt who live at the John Day Ferry.

Mrs. Bill Macnab was in The Dalles last week seeking medical aid.

Cowboy boots seem to be the newest fad for the small boys of the Rufus district. Proud new owners are Don Miller, Arnold Miller, Wally Morris, Jerry Brackett and Jimmy Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler are being felicitated on the birth of a daughter born Tuesday, October 2, at The Dalles hospital. The little girl was named Barbara Jean and weighed 7 lbs 14 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Lee Wilson of Rufus and Mrs. Butler of Iowa. Mrs. Butler has another daughter, Jerry Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Tate of The Dalles were Sunday visitors at their son and daughter in law home, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tate.

Mrs. Pearl Jones has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams and family at Arlington. Mrs. Jones is Mrs. Adams' aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid and son Gordon Arthur were Portland visitors last weekend.

Mrs. Catherine Boice spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom. Catherine is a student at Monmouth.

Moro Has Easy Time With Papoose Team

The Moro football team rode rough shod over the Papooses at The Dalles, Thursday evening October 9 by a score of 47 to 6. Although this was the initial fluky appearance under the lights, they demonstrated complete confidence and mastery of the situation despite the muddy condition of the field. Outstanding work was done by the Moro linemen who outcharged their opponents and left gaping holes for their backs to scamper through. On defense they formed a stone wall except for one touchdown gallop of the Papooses.

Yardage made by the four starting Moro backs was remarkably similar, each averaging about seven yards per play. Hartley, alternating between end runs and plunges through the center of the line and Peters utilizing his linemen through the center, carried the ball the majority of the time. Thompson made several long runs and Knighten, though busy with blocking assignments, also made a couple of nice gains.

The first score on an end run by Hartley came in the middle of the first quarter. The second touchdown, was gained after a continuous march of 70 yards through the center of the Papoose line. The Papooses then scored their lone touchdown when Charlie Markel ran 50 yards through center of the Moro line. The stage was laid for the third Moro trip to pay dirt when Thompson booted 50 yards deep into Indian territory and the return kick traveled only 15 yards. Peters scored on a 10 yard push through center five plays later.

Early in the second half a long kick by Thompson again placed the ball in position for a score a few plays later when Knighten drove off left tackle 25 yards to the end zone. Moro and the Papooses each fumbled and lost the slippery pigskin. After a few short gains Thompson ran 45 to pay dirt. Hartley scored once more following a pass interception by Richards.

The last counter came in the middle of the fourth quarter when Thompson broke loose for another 45 yards to the Papoose 8 yard stripe where a vicious tackle caused him to fumble. Dick Rust recovered and Hartley carried it over the goal line three plays later. Moro conversions were made by four running plays and one pass.

Moro piled up 330 yards in making 14 first downs to the Papooses' 87 yards and 3 first downs. The starting line-up for Moro was: Ends, Joe Harvey, Dick Oveson; tackles, Phil von Borstel, Vic Jones; guards, Ron May, Scott Fritts; Center, Carl Ziegler; Q. Herman Peters; half-backs, Keith Thompson, Willy Knighten; full-back, Jim Hartley. Substitutes included Terry Bucholtz, John Alley, Leslie Edwards, Howard Howell, Ed Justesen, Alfred Kock, David Moore, Keith Nelson, Don Richards, Dick Rust, Fred von Borstel, George von Borstel.

For the Papooses: Ends, Ron Griffith Gilbert Clayton; tackles Jim Lister, George Martin; guards Bruce Sanders, Bob Taylor; center, Ron Milby; Q. Jack Woods; half-backs, Jack Robertson, Charlie Maskel; full-back, Peterson.

RUFUS ROADS WASHED

* One of the worst cloud bursts in years hit the north end of Sherman county a couple of weeks ago. Natives say it did the most damage in more than fifty years. Bruce Millard suffered the biggest loss with his heavy truck being washed down the canyon. The rack and cab of the truck and the tires were torn from the body. It was a total loss. The erosion to the fields was very heavy; Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers was one of the worst hit. Gullies were cut ten feet deep in the side canyons running into Scott Canyon. As the water in Scott and Gerking canyons gained momentum it overflowed the bridge crossing the Columbia River highway at Rufus stopping traffic for several hours. The water rushed on filling Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson's basement with mud and water. Neighbors came in next day to help the Thompsons salvage their shelves of canned fruit, vegetables, jams and jellies that were buried in the mud. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton's store had six inches of mud left on the floor that they had to shovel out.

Sherman Countians Next Meeting Billed For Grass Valley

The Sherman County club meeting and program for November 5 will be at Grass Valley, said A. A. Dunlap, member of the program committee for that meeting, Wednesday morning during the Wednesday session. The hour may be changed from the early morning time to an evening hour.

A discussion of means of making the programs interesting as well as useful took up the major part of the time and was appropriate because of the failure of the program committee for the meeting at hand.

Kenneth Fridley, L. E. Kaseberg and T. Lester Johnson were named as the committee for the second November meeting due November 9. That meeting may be held at Wasco.

U.S. Bank Gains

With a gain of over 38 million dollars in deposits and over 12 million dollars in loans and discounts since the last report to the Comptroller of the Currency, less than four months ago, the United States National Bank of Portland leads the state in both deposits and loans and discounts. C. A. Reynolds, manager of The Dalles Branch, has announced, "Also, the total deposits of the Dalles Branch are now \$12,853,279.14," he stated.

Legion Auxiliary Install Officers

Mrs. Mollie McLachlan was installed as president of the American Legion Auxiliary and Bob Axtell as commander of the Legion Wednesday night at an installation ceremony held in the Legion hall and attended by members of both organizations. Other Auxiliary officers sworn into office by Mrs. Willy Knighten past department president were Florence Thompson, vice-president; Abbie Melzer, secretary; Edna Freeman, chaplain; Florence Martin, treasurer and Maud Lawrence, sergeant at arms.

Willy Knighten, as installing officer, gave the oath of office to Andy Paulson as vice-commander, Ed Eaves as adjutant, Ronald Powell as sergeant at arms and Carl Melzer as chaplain. Executive committee members elected were Jack Lawrence, Theodore Johnston and Giles French. Dessert luncheon was served after the ceremony.

At the next meeting to be held Wednesday October 22 two films of Legion activities will be shown. They are "The American Legion Honors Veteran Congressmen" and "A Plan for Peace". The meeting will be open to the public. Keneth Young showed a picture of Legion baseball.

About The County: News of People and Organizations Someplace in Sherman Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons returned home Sunday from Portland where they spent several days on business and to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer were hosts at a dinner Thursday evening in honor of Miss Marie Blagg who celebrated her 17th birthday anniversary. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Gerold Blagg, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and son, Kenneth and Clair Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts of Corvallis are the parents of a daughter born Friday, October 10. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox are the baby's grand parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and grand daughter, Julia Bayer, returned home Wednesday from Sheridan after taking his sister, Mrs. Milo Elliott and the twins home after spending several days here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laughlin and daughter, Ginger, were weekend guests in The Dalles where Mr. Laughlin received medical attention.

Mrs. Ed Toedtemeler of Willamette arrived Wednesday to visit a few days at the G. A. Sargent home. Mrs. Toedtemeler, (Helen Fromong) taught the Gordon Ridge school for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent and their guest, Mrs. Ed Toedtemeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Norvald attended the stock show in Port-

New Planning Program To Be Started Monday

A county agricultural planning meeting will be held in Moro on Monday the 20th of October at 1:30 p.m. in the County Agent's office. Thirty Oregon counties have held similar planning conferences during the last two winters and reports from those counties indicate that the sessions were valuable in concentrating attention on local farm problems and what could be done to solve them, according to County Agent, LeRoy Wright.

J. M. Wilson has been asked to act as general chairman of the meetings which will last through the winter into early spring.

Following is a list of those who have been asked to serve on the committees: These people will select committees to outline a long time program for the production of the various commodities in Sherman county.

Livestock: Harold D. Eakin, Grass Valley, Millard R. Eakin, Grass Valley, A. M. Barnum, Moro, Ted Ball, Grass Valley.

Land Use: M. M. Oveson, Moro, Albert Kaseberg, Wasco, Joe Peters, Moro, Wallace May, Grass Valley, Kenneth Martin, Kent.

Crops: Dewey Thompson, Moro, A. A. Dunlap, Grass Valley, O. G. Hildebrand, Wasco, Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, W. T. Balsiger, Moro.

Weed: Kenneth Fridley, Wasco, Allen Tom, Rufus, Roy J. Baker, Grass Valley.

Farm Home and Rural Life: Mrs. Millie von Borstel, Grass Valley, Mrs. Wallace May, Grass Valley, Mrs. Laura Sather, Moro, Mrs. W. E. Bruckert Klondike, Mrs. A. D. Richelderfer, Wasco.

4-H Club Work: Bob King, Moro, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Grass Valley, Shelton Fritts, Grass Valley, David Richelderfer, Wasco, W. W. Knighten, Moro, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Kent, Mrs. M. M. Oveson, Moro.

RED CROSS GIVES

The Sherman county chapter of the American Red Cross voted to give \$300 for equipment for the VFW ambulance at the October meeting, and also to furnish an instructor to give lessons in first aid to the corps of drivers who are to be recruited to drive the ambulance.

Bill E. Todd was elected as treasurer and Lucille May was elected secretary at the meeting. A means of giving all children an opportunity to learn to swim next summer at the water safety classes in The Dalles was voted as another part of the local Red Cross program.

EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Moro, Thursday, Oct. 23, 1947 and will be on duty at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.