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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

This issue of the Sherman County Journal will be printed on a new press, that is, new to this office. It is a press of some years service although recently overhauled. Make is Meihle, a name as standard in presses as Chevrolet in automobiles.

The old Campbell that has printed newspapers for Sherman county for so many years has been relieved of further duties in this field and it was like parting with an old friend to move it out the door and away from the spot it has occupied so long.

We hope when everything is properly adjusted to be able to do a better and quicker job with this new equipment. We have moved nearly everything in the office two or three times in the last month or so and hope it is all settled for awhile. Perhaps some person with muscles in need of stretching will want to change it some day.

They call off baseball games when it rains, tennis is a game for the sunshine only, golfers wont stay long in the wet and even tiddewinks cannot be played if it's too cold. But football goes on be it wet or dry, cold or hot.

The game last Friday was played in downpour that none of the contestants would have worked a minute in. The field, with its covering of silt from the September storm, soon became a lolly that no high school boy would walk across without a football in his arms. It was a grand game. Moro won.

Speaking of football, which we were just doing, Carl Ziegler, who finished four years of centering for the high school squad fell on a stick of wood the day after his last high school game and broke his leg.

Four years of battling husky opponents, backing up the line, tackling half backs with nothing more serious than a sock in the wind and then to break his leg in a little fall. Odd, isn't it. Some one once wrote a story about a mountain climber who was celebrating his ascent of the Matterhorn and during the party he stepped off on the porch and fell off breaking his neck. That's like Carl.

Things are getting rearranged. During a war there is little change, everyone is so busy and there is little to change with. It is after wars when changes are made. New business firms, new owners, new machinery, new equipment, household appliances replacing old and people moving about looking for different occupations.

It is reminiscent of the story about an old timer who was being questioned by a reporter. "I suppose," said the reporter, "that you have seen a lot of changes around here." "Yes," said the old timer, "and I've been against every darned one of 'em."

It's young folks who like to change to make conditions more fitted to them, and old folks who want to keep things as they are because they are used to them that way.

As long as changes aren't made so fast that they are poorly considered it brings beneficial progress.

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League is going to meet again soon. The members will be very affluent, much different than 15 years ago when they met in overalls. Then they wanted government to help them get a better price, now they'll probably oppose governmental attempts to set a price on their wheat. They like prosperity—and who doesn't?

Both are doing very well. There will probably be a time when wheat farmers are broke again. It's like an old fellow said: he had been broke three times and if he lived long enough he'd be broke another time.

It was given a news item that the...

Rain Records Falling Daily As Storm Continues

For the eighth week it is necessary to report additional rainfall in Sherman county, a record of falling weather not surpassed within the memory of anyone consulted on the subject. The near cloud burst of September 27 started a rain that has continued until today and snow fell Thursday morning.

To date the gauge at the experiment station has shown 7.58 inches of rainfall since September 1 which compares with 2.27 last year and an average of 3.29. Total rainfall for the last crop year was 8.35. In September there was 1.95, in October 3.48 and so far November has brought 2.15.

The rain Friday when the football game was played was .36 and Saturday there was .41, making the week end very damp indeed. There has been some rain every day since the 13th.

The fields are soaked and Clyde Gilmor mired down when he tried ditching with his grader on top of the hill near the cistern Thursday morning. The earth is wet down for three feet say those who have dug.

W. D. Wallan Buried At Ontario

William D. Wallan, many of whose years were spent in Sherman county, died at Boise, Idaho Friday night of a heart attack. Mr. Wallan was born in 1873 and came to Grass Valley when a young man to manage a warehouse. He later moved to the bank and was engaged in that business for many years. He farmed near Walla Walla and of late years has been bookkeeper in Moro and city treasurer.

He was married early in the century to Grace Shoemaker, music teacher in the Grass Valley Baptist academy, who survives him, as does one son, Leland of Boise, and three grandchildren. He had been in a hospital for eight weeks and had recently been moved to his son's home. Funeral services were held in Boise Tuesday with interment at Ontario.

HARLAND-VIEW GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS

At the first meeting in November Harland View Grange elected officers for the next year. Those elected were Bob Belshe, master; Charles Burnet, overseer; Laura Sather, lecturer; Howard Ross, steward; Blaine Miller, assistant steward; Ellen Reynolds, chaplain; Dean Reynolds, treasurer; Gwen Ross, secretary; Clarence Higley, gatekeeper; Mary Higley, Ceres; Florence Bruckert, Pomona; Helen Martin, Flora; Althea Burnet, lady assistant steward; Helen Bruckert, H.E.C. chairman; Merrill Oveson, Walter Bruckert, and Louis Sather, executive committee.

MHS Football Season Ends With 20-6 Victory

Last Friday, Coach Gordon Kunke's Huskies finished a successful football season by defeating the Arlington Honkers 20 to 6 in a soaking rainstorm. Both teams were handicapped by a slippery field and ball which caused numerous fumbles and incomplete passes.

The first score came early in the first quarter when Willy Knighten raced 35 yards to score after the Huskies had marched from their own 20 yard line. Hartley converted on a line kick.

After see-sawing from end to end with frequent punt exchanges Moro scored again in the second quarter with Hartley over center in a line kick. Late in the third quarter Joe Harvey intercepted a Honker pass on the 50 and ran behind good interference to the goal line. The conversion was completed on a pass from Peters to Thompson.

Although Arlington had attempted several passes in the early part of the game, the combination of Batley to West started clicking in the last half leading to Arlington's lone touchdown in the fourth quarter. Wheelhouse proved to be the Honker work-

Education Week Observed at Rufus With School Program and Demonstration

By Mrs George Fox

Open house at Rufus school was well attended by the people of the community. Many interesting things that the children were doing were noted by the parents and residents of the district. The highlights of the primary room was the puppet show given by the pupils under the direction of their teacher, Miss Bergliot Flaten. In the upper grade room with their teacher, Mrs D. D. Williams as supervisor, the seventh and eighth grade literature class put on an interesting play portraying characters from famous poems. The high school girls physical education class with their instructor, Miss Jewel Penley put on stunts and tumbling acts in the gym. The manual training room took the eyes of the men. The upper grade and the high school boys are making good looking houses, machinery sheds, barns and corner shelves. The program under the direction of Thomas Lewis was well received. The talk by Grant Perry, field man for the First National Bank of The Dalles was interesting to both young and old. The tables were decorated with orange and black streamers and candles with center pieces of colored chrysanthemums. The pot luck supper was served by Mrs D. D. Williams, Miss Bergliot Flaten, Miss Jewel Penley assisted by the high school girls.

"Where oh where is the Piper's son?" Bill Huck purchased a hundred pound feeder pig down at the sales yard, and brought it home putting it in the usual pen for animals of that kind. The next day when Huck went to feed his charge there was no pig, only the signs of where he had escaped. Huck said after several weeks there still was no word of the pig which made it necessary for him to visit the sales yard again.

Mr and Mrs David Reid who made an extended trip to Ireland visiting relatives have now returned and are at home in The Dalles.

Mrs Jim Butler is in Portland seeking medical attention. Her two daughters, Jerry Lou and Barbara are staying with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Atlee Wilson in their mothers absence.

The Home Economics club of the Rufus Grange met Thursday at the home of Mrs Vernon Miller. A delicious luncheon was served after which the business meeting followed. There was a discussion of what colors to use in the Grange hall redecorating. A taupe colored wood work and a lighter colored walls was decided upon. All the club funds were to be turned over to the Grange treasurer to help on the plumbing bill. The club sponsored a gift for Mrs Jim Butler's new daughter Barbara. Mrs Joe Morris was chosen the new H.E.C. chairman and Mrs George Fox the new secretary-treasurer. The next meeting of the club will be December 11 at the home of Mrs Joe Morris.

Mr and Mrs James Tate were in The Dalles Sunday visiting Mr and Mrs W. S. Tate. Worth has been on the sick list, but is reported much improved.

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KENT HELPING VETERANS

Clarence Young, commander of George Bell Post No. 49 has called a special meeting for Monday night, November 24, to be held in the Legion hall at Kent. Many important matters are to be taken up at this meeting.

The Auxiliary has planned a social hour of cards and refreshments to follow the meeting. Gifts for the hospital gift shop may be brought to the meeting or left at the B. C. Baumgartner store in Grass Valley.

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Moro Buys Pump For New Well; Need Bond Issue

The city council voted to buy a Cook pump for the new well last Thursday night and gave the water committee authority to plan and build a pump house and make all arrangements about installing the pump.

C. C. Warren of the Pump, Pipe and Power company is to be the engineer for the job. Already the state board of health has approved the installation and plans are drawn for a small (8x8) house with removable roof and cement floor. The pipe will run to the back of the cistern and will be separate from the present pipe.

The pump will be an oil lubricated turbine with a 15 horse motor with four inch pipe in the well and from the well to the cistern. Cost will be \$2113 for the pump. In addition the city must buy switches, and valves and will install a meter so that a check may be made on the amount of water pumped.

The contract calls for installation within three weeks.

In order to finance the cost of the pump and some other pressing repairs, (damage done by the flood) the city will have to issue bonds because it will be impossible to raise money by taxation for another year.

Wasco Students Present Play

"Her Emergency Husband," a comedy in three acts was presented by the high school students Thursday evening in the school auditorium. The players in order of their appearance were Leland Anderson, Gladys Moore, Shirley McIntyre, Patsy Fulton, Jim Richards, Lewis Lutje, Patricia Kaseberg, Jim White, Jean McIntyre, Sharon Briggs, and John Buck. The show was well attended and well presented.

Victor Larson of Medford arrived Friday at the home of Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson, leaving Saturday for Seattle, Wn. He was accompanied by Mrs Larson and son, John and Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson, who will spend a week visiting their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Ted Proudfoot and daughter, Judy.

Mrs Charles Shannon and daughter Mary of Umatilla were overnight guests of their aunt, Mrs Andrew Shearer Friday.

SHERMAN COUNTY MEETS WITH GRASS VALLEY MEMBERS

The Sherman County club held its only November meeting at Grass Valley Wednesday night and listened to a musical program given by residents of that area. Accompanied by Mrs Orville Ruggles, a quartette (Boyce Blaylock, Orville Ruggles, Don Earl and Sim Duncan) sang several numbers. Arnold Hanson played a saxophone solo and Rev. Howard Schilling sang.

The 67 persons present from all parts of the county were introduced and President Merle Beckert explained the purposes of the comparatively new club and spoke of the things that may be accomplished by organization that covers the entire county.

The next meeting will be held at Wasco. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, so plentifully and capably as to merit numerous compliments.

SIREN AWAKENS TOWN

The citizens of Grass Valley were rudely awakened Thursday night at 1:45 when the fire siren was turned on and left for some time. The culprits were apprehended and taken before Justice of the Peace, R. A. Stow on Saturday who fined them \$25 each.

Mrs Charles Perrigo left Thursday for Portland on business returning home Saturday.

Among those from Grass Valley attending the school committee meeting in Moro Wednesday were Mrs John Reckman, Mrs Bud Brinkert, Mrs Wallace May, Mrs Bernard Martin, Mrs Kenneth Martin and Mrs Ted von Borstel.

Joe Bibby motored to The Dalles Wednesday to bring Mrs Bibby home from the hospital where she spent several days for medical attention.

Many parents and friends attended open house at the Grass Valley grade school Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Classes were held for forty minutes followed by a musical program by the children and an educational film was shown, after which refreshments of ice cream, cookies and coffee were served in the gym.

Tuesday morning Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds woke up with the rooms full of smoke, Mr Reynolds investigated but could find no cause for the smoke, so he went down stairs and saw that the Grass Valley Market and Olds Hardware stores were full of smoke, so he went across the street to Earl Olds who had a key to the hardware store and opened it and found the cause of the smoke. A fire started in the night under the stove in the office but the on guard automatic fire extinguisher bomb above the stove fell and put out the fire and also the fire in the stove, that is all that saved the building from burning. It had burned a hole in the floor about a foot square. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Schilling arrived home Sunday from five weeks spent at Eugene, Cottage Grove and Vida visiting relatives. Mr and Mrs Art Schilling motored to Redmond and met them Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Charles Lemley arrived here Sunday from Spokane, Washington where they visited relatives and friends. They also visited their daughter, Mrs Vern McGowan and family at Pilot Rock and daughter, Mrs Henry Tetz and family at Heppner. They were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley, returning to their home in Portland Monday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Blagg had as dinner guests Sunday Mr and Mrs Ivan Blagg and son, Kenneth, Harold Blagg of Portland and Gerald and Marie Blagg.

Mr and Mrs Dell Olds returned home Monday from Stevenson, Washington where they spent the weekend visiting at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Marion Crews.

Mr and Mrs Alva Eakin and family of Boyd were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Millard Eakin.

Mr and Mrs Art Schilling and sons, Carl and Donald, and Mr and Mrs Frank Pike motored to The Dalles Monday when Mr Schilling and Mr Pike left by plane for Lebanon, Indianan, to take delivery of a school bus for district 23.

Mrs Charles Dunlap and son and Mrs Doris Wilson arrived here Monday from Los Angeles, California to visit at the home of A. A. Dunlap.

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Committees for the county conference and for the Eastern Oregon Wheat League have been meeting to discuss the problems put before them for the past week or more.

The Land Use committee of the conference met Friday of last week and agreed upon a seven point program which, if accomplished, will bring no little information to the conference in January.

First, the committee wants a survey of the county's feed resources as to range, grass on tillable land, hay and stubble; second, a study of farm machinery and its effect on soil erosion; third, a study of taxes, how and where spent; fourth, transportation, especially as to trucks; fifth, a range study; sixth, a group to learn about the soil conservation district law, seventh, a study of land ownership in the county.

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