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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

It must be a tough life to be a radio announcer. Being one who presented the news would be acceptable and the job of the feverish ones who tell about the football games might have some pleasant features, but it must be a terrible strain to stand before a microphone and know that every listener was waiting for you to quit talking about soap or breakfast food or cake or wax.

Verily the radio commercial is the lowest form of the spoken art.

The international conclaves are repeating the history of those which followed the last war pretty closely. They sort of point out the divisions between nations so the prophet can foretell what nations are going to lead the fighting in the next big battle. The world would probably be better off if they would adjourn and let nations do things as nations instead of as world wide groups. If we're not very smart as individuals, we are not likely to be as communities, states, nations of United Nations and the big groups reflect human selfishness as easily as do individuals.

Says the cynic, the only trouble with the world is the people in it. Adding that they are also responsible for most of the good in it makes it a fairly reliable quip—as quips go.

It was the poet Hood, as we recall, who implied a compliment greater than he gave when he wrote of some girl, "I could not love thee, dear, so much, loved not I honor more."

That makes the long-gone Hood an oldster as to morals, perhaps, but it's not a bad notion to remember about morals now and then.

A few weeks ago Time quoted from an ancient Hindu holy book, which in prophesying the Age of Kali which was (or is) to be the last stage of civilization. That period will begin when "society reaches a stage where property confers rank, wealth becomes the only source of virtue, passion the sole bond of union between husband and wife, falsehood the source of success in life, sex the only means of enjoyment, and when outer trappings are confused with inner religion."

Auction sales bring out all the "human-ness" of humans like nothing else. Nearly every sale finds some article selling for more than it is worth—or ever was worth and articles of similar value bring nothing. It just depends on what people want that particular day and something on the wisdom of the auctioneer as well. They're pretty good practical psychologists, these wrinkled old boys, and a story of their reminiscences would be worth reading.

SCS Makes Soil Map Of Sherman County

R. L. Kent, soil conservationist for the soil conservation service, Pendleton, was in Moro recently completing a program planning atlas for Sherman county. Mr. Kent was assisted by C. E. Dear-dorff, soil scientist for the soil conservation service, Portland, and R. Stanley, conservation service engineer of Baker, in assembling the information during the month.

The atlas for Sherman county contains county-wide information on land capabilities from existing soil surveys, climate soil, erosion agronomy, flood control, stream-bank erosion, range and irrigation and supplemental storage sites. This information, Kent said, will be available in planning conservation work for Sherman county, and will also be of great value when combined with information from other counties of the Columbia basin to furnish all county, state, federal and other agencies with pertinent data for the development and utilization of the Columbia river basin.

Rufus Woman Given Surprise Shower By Friends

Mrs Robert Byrd was pleasantly surprised with an assortment of gaily wrapped presents when friends gathered at the home of Mrs William Meyers for an evening of quilt tying. A salad supper was served late in the evening. Those present were Mrs Kenneth Spaglie, Mrs Biggs, Mrs Pearl Jones, Mrs Joe Morris, Mrs Ray Brown, the guest of honor Mrs Byrd and the hostess Mrs Meyers.

Frank Medler has been on the sick list but is reported much better.

The adult volleyball teams are meeting in the gym at Rufus school on Monday nights instead of Thursday as they were doing. Conflicting dates made it advisable to change. They have scheduled several games, the first being Monday December 1 with Wasco ladies to be played at Rufus. The other games will be announced as soon as the dates are set. Anyone interested in playing is welcome to attend each Monday night.

Harold Engberg who is employed at the Allan Tom ranch is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents in Spokane.

Mr and Mrs Frank Adams of Arlington were weekend visitors at the W. A. Morris home.

Tuesday evening November 18 the Rufus girls volleyball team met the Moro girls on the Grass Valley floor and won by a score of 36 to 15. High point players for Rufus were Darlene Smith who had 13 points and Velda Gullford with 10.

The Electric Construction company has been working in the north of Sherman county this last week stringing wire. It finished all the wire stretching about noon Saturday, then began tying the wire to the insulators. Usually the crew doesn't work on Saturday and Sunday, but they hope to be through with installing the transformers by Wednesday night, so that they may get back to their homes for Thanksgiving. This crew belongs in Washington, but as they were out of wire over there they came over here to help us out. Now the material has arrived for the Washington job. After the R.E.A. engineer inspects all the poles, and sees things are in order these lines will be energized. None too soon for the farmers these short days.

Claims against County General and General Road funds allowed as presented, excepting the rejection of one claim.

Monthly statement of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of October 31st, presented and filed.

Bid of Elmer L. Hill for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco accepted and property declared sold.

Deed executed conveying tax foreclosed property in Wasco to Thor Jacobsen et ux.

Resignation of J. W. Coons, as County Road Foreman, effective as of November 1, accepted and filed.

James T. Brown appointed as County Road Foreman. Appointment effective as of November 6, 1947.

Recommendations made that 1948 Beer Licenses be issued to Ida M. Carlisle and Pearl and Jack K. Barger.

Court makes order setting salary of Justice of Peace for Sherman County District No. 2 and directs Clerk to pay.

Order placed for future delivery, with Interstate Tractor and Equipment company for purchase of caterpillar motor grader.

Charles S. Fulton and H. A. White appear before Court asking for improvement to road crossing on Fulton Road, and E. R. Barzee and E. T. Strong appear before Court asking for road improvement on Barzee road and Gordon Ridge road. Applicants assured of due future consideration.

Representative of Maryhill Ferry appears before Court pertaining to road between Highway No. 30 and Maryhill Ferry landing. Matter held in suspense.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON

League Group Favors Change In Assessments

The wheat league taxation committee for Sherman county went through the agenda set before it Monday afternoon with no little discussion and few changes.

First resolution attacks high costs of government and points out that the most feasible way to stop that in Sherman county is to reorganize the school system.

The group decidedly did not favor amending the state's constitution to stop the referendum on tax measures.

The business tax proposal was favored after it was amended so that the funds so raised would be an offset to the personal property tax and returned to the counties which now use the personal property tax.

The proposal that any group submitting a bill that cost money should plan a means of raising the money did not find much favor as there seemed to be too many ways to get around it.

There seemed unanimous opinion that the Taft-Hartley law would result in less labor troubles in the United States. A resolution originally from the League of Oregon counties to impose an additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline for use of counties was passed.

Members of the committee endorsed the one percent withholding tax as a means of collecting income taxes from transients and also recommended that the federal government permit division of incomes between husband and wife.

Methods of reappraising farm land were discussed and a plan proposed that would obtain figures from a county committee appointed to meet and go over valuations. Aerial maps and production figures would also be used. How to get it done at this time was a problem that was left as the meeting closed.

Licenses with the serial numbers 5198001 to 52231000 must be renewed in December. Under Oregon's new licensing law, driver's permits expire according to serial number as listed on a renewal schedule, it has been stressed. The printed expiration date on the face of each license is no longer correct in most cases.

School Chooses Royalty For Winter Formal Dance

Following a hotly contested election, Darlene McCallister and Joe Harvey were chosen by the Moro High School student body as queen and king to rule over the first formal high school dance of the season. This Winter Wonderland affair is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, in the gymnasium.

Queen Darlene, freshman, won over the choice of other classes: Joan Clodfelter, sophomore; Priscilla Melzer, junior; and Sharon Martin, senior. King Joe, junior, nosed out his brother, Roy, freshman; David Moore, sophomore; his fellowclassmate Keith Thompson; and Vic Jones, senior. Elaborate decorations are being planned by Nell Coats, chairman of the dance committee, and her assistants, Virginia Smith and David Moore. Refreshments will be served by a committee under the direction of Mrs Wright, home economics teacher.

Queen Darlene moved from Sweet Home in 1945 to Kent where her folks operate a service station. She spent some time during that summer at the beach with her father who now lives near Grants Pass. She has two brothers and a sister. Darlene enjoys dancing and swimming. Doubtlessly, her pleasant disposition and winning smile was instrumental in her election.

King Joe spent most of his early life at Corbett coming to Grass Valley in 1943 where he finished the 7th and 8th grades. Joe is an all-around athlete, having won letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He is vice president of the student body and assistant editor of "Husky Highlights". Moro High School Annual. Joe earned a straight "A" average in his first six week's grades. As well as being an active student, he also is a good farmer. He won first place in the heavy horse scramble call division at the Pacific International this fall.

The American Legion will initiate new members at a meeting to be held at the Odd Fellows hall next Monday night, with the initiatory crew that officiated last year again reading the charges. Lunch will be served later in the evening to the local post as well as members from Kent and Wasco who have been asked to bring candidates here for the ceremony.

Fair Board Gives Money Back To Midco Ass'n

A meeting called at the request of Fred Cox, Grass Valley, president of the Midco Breeders, and attended by the county court and members of the fair board resulted in the fair board voting to return \$255 to the Midco group for what was termed overcharges by Mr. Cox, spokesman for Midco. These charges consisted of \$120 for hauling, \$75 for rental and water and light and \$60 for bleacher rental.

Present were Carroll Barker, Henry Yeager and Bill Yeager of Condon, directors of Midco. Fear that the annual sale might be taken to some other place was the main basis for the prevailing argument and much was said about the necessity of holding both fair and sale at the same time.

Oddly was that two members of the court Peters and Miller, opposed the refund inferentially at least although the court did not take a vote on the matter. And two members of the fair board were at least decidedly hesitant to refund the money and pointed out the funds already spent for, telese, The fear of offending visitors and the desire to retain the sale prevailed, however.

Veterans Retaining Army Insurance

Nearly 12,000 Oregon veterans in the past nine months have re-instated National Service Life Insurance with a face value of almost \$80,000,000. G. R. Sumner, Veterans Administration contact representative in The Dalles, announced today.

During October, 630 ex-GIs of this state revived all or part of their service policies for a total of nearly \$4,000,000, Sumner said. Deadline for reinstating lapsed G. I. insurance without a physical examination is December 31, he warned. Only for the remaining weeks of this year, he explained, a veteran may reclaim his term insurance by paying only two months' premiums and completing a simple "three-question form."

265.40; C. S. Rice, \$210.20; C. Bargenholt, \$200.69; E. McPherson, \$226.20; Frank Bazzel, \$206.53; C. Medlock, \$248.60; R. Medlock, \$194.80; Paul Cyphers, \$194.70; Scott Reed, \$160.50. ACCOUNT—Flatt's Truck Line, miscellaneous, \$4.09; Flatt's Truck Line, miscellaneous, \$25.24; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$199.20; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement, \$161.98; State Industrial Accident Comm. miscellaneous, \$51.87; Flatt's Truck Service, miscellaneous, \$11.62; Interstate Tractor & Equip., repairs, \$8.82; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$16.64; Clyde Equipment Co., repairs, \$9.94; The Dalles Iron Works, repairs, \$22.20; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$107.50; Sherman Motor & Equip. Co., tires & tubes, \$176.66, repairs \$46.55, \$223.31; Central Machine & Welding Co., general supplies, \$162.95; Mercer Steel Co., general supplies, \$127.01; Stadelman-Bonn Hardware Co., general supplies, \$34.37; Pacific Machinery & Tool Co., general supplies, \$16.00; J. E. Haseltine & Co., general supplies, \$96.53; Misener Bros. & Gilder, repairs, \$19.94, tires & tubes, \$55.13, \$75.07; J. K. McKean Co., repairs, \$404.34, gas & oil, \$55.90, \$460.24; Eddins Motor Co., repairs \$10.50; Bob May & Son, general supplies, \$11.86; Southwestern Petroleum Co., gas & oil, \$109.45; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., gen. sup., \$29.35 bridges \$607.50, \$636.85; Armo Drainage & Metal Products Co., bridges, \$53.18; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co., bridges, \$132.00; Moro Grain Growers Ass'n, weed control, \$91.00; J. F. Foss, miscellaneous, \$30.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. telephone, \$11.25; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights, \$8.16; City of Moro, water, \$3.50; J. W. Coons, gas & oil, \$3.72, repairs, \$4.75, miscellaneous, \$16.41, \$24.88; Union Oil Co., gas & oil, \$61.14.

FOX MASTER AT RUFUS GRANGE

The Rufus Grange met at a regular meeting November 20 with Master Vernon Miller in charge. There were 19 members present and four guests who were Mr and Mrs Will Numan and Mrs Fields of Chenoweth Grange and Mrs Means of Cherry Park Grange near The Dalles. Part of the material for the grange repairs has been bought. The Home Economics club turned over \$75.88 to the grange treasurer to help on the repair work. Leo Watkins elected master of the grange sent in his resignation, and George Fox was then elected to be the new master for 1948. Benton Barnett was elected steward to take the place vacated by George Fox. The program was given by Will Numan lecturer of the Chenoweth Grange. It was as follows: "Stars and Stripes Forever" a piano solo by Mrs Fields of Chenoweth, and when encored she chose, "The Waltz You Saved For Me". Romeo and Juliet" spoken and acted by Will Means. "The Old Oaken Bucket" sung by all. There were several recitations and a quiz program by Will Numan, and a recitation "The German Twins" by Mrs Fields of Chenoweth. The tables were decorated with fall flowers. Mrs Joe Morris and Mrs

supper.

American Legion, Auxiliary Announce Conference

Conference for Legionnaires and Auxiliaries of the fifth district of Oregon will be held in Hood River December 6 and delegates from the Sherman county posts and units are expected to attend. The sessions will be both afternoon and evening.

Mrs Craig Coyner of Bend, department president; Mrs Mitchell Thorn, department vice-president, of Seaside and Mrs Mae Whitcomb secretary of Portland, will be the principal speakers for the Auxiliary afternoon program.

Jack Maris, commander of Canyonsville, Kelly Owens of Salem, and Tom Collins, adjutant, will speak to the Legionnaires.

Members from all the fifth district are invited and those going will oblige Mrs Mollie McLaughlan, unit president, by letting her know the number expected.

BASKET BALL STARTS

Last week Coach Kunkle issued the preliminary call to prospective Husky hoopers and found the call to be heeded as in football by all but a couple of boys. Coach Kunkle claims basketball as his own game, having played three years at Turner High School and three years at Willamette university, as well as having been athletic officer on a destroyer in the navy.

Senior lettermen returning to the Husky squad include from last year's squad: Herman Peters, Jim Hartley, Dick Oveson and Phil vonBorstel. Unfortunately, Carl Ziegler who played center last year will not be in the starting lineup because of a broken leg. Junior lettermen returning will be Keith Thompson and Joe Harvey.

Promising transfers include Vic Jones from Gresham and Keith Nelson from Kansas. Other men who have reported are: Ronnie May, Willy Knighten, Ed Justesen, Dave Moore, Terry Bucholtz, Les Edwards, Scott Fritts, Roy Harvey, Alfred Kock, Clarence May, Dick Rust, and Don Richards. Fred vonBorstel has been out of school for over a week but will report back as soon as he recovers from the chicken pox.

Fri. Dec. 5 Goldendale Home
Fri. Dec 12 Fossil Home
Tue. Dec 16 Goldendale There
Fri. Jan. 2 Condon There
Sat. Jan 3 Fossil There
Tue. Jan. 6 Wasco Home
Fri. Jan 9 There
Tue. Jan. 13 Maupin There
Fri. Jan. 16 There
Sat. Jan. 17 Arlington There
Tue. Jan. 20 Wasco Home
Fri. Jan. 23 Madras Home
Sat. Jan. 24 Arlington Home
Tue. Jan. 27 White Salmon There
Fri. Jan. 30 Maupin Home
Tue. Feb. 3 Papoosees There
Fri. Feb. 6 Madras Home
Sat. Feb. 7 Condon Home
Tue. Feb. 10 White Salmon Home
Fri. Feb. 13 Papoosees There
Tue. Feb. 17 There
Fri. Feb. 20

Grass Valley Women Attend District Meet

Among those from the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge attending the afternoon and evening sessions of the Rebekah convention at Wasco Saturday were Mrs Herman Ziegler, Mrs Boyce Blaylock, Mrs Earl Olds, Mrs Lester, Barnum Mrs Eben Kee, Mrs Alfred Kock and Mrs Charles Baker of Antelope. Those attending the evening session were Mrs John Block, Mrs Orville Ruggles, Mrs Arch Cantrall, Mrs Glenn Perry, Mrs Charles Perrigo, Mrs Alton Coyle, Mrs Alfred Payne, and Mrs Willard Barnett. The Grass Valley drill team put on the degree work.

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Mr and Mrs Olan Stark were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Young Friday evening at Kent.

Alfred Danielson of San Francisco, California, West Coast representative of Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission society was a speaker at the Baptist church last Tuesday evening. He was an overnight guest at the Howard Schilling home. Mr. Schilling took him to The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles left Tuesday for Heppner to spend Thanksgiving at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Earl McKinney and family.

Mr and Mrs Art Bibby motored to The Dalles Sunday to meet her brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs Edison Sutherland, who arrived from Richland, Washington.

Tax Turnover Distributes Funds To Taxing Units

Turnover of taxes by the sheriff to the treasurer was done for the first quarter of the regular collection period and the result shows that Sherman county taxpayers are again among the state's best.

Of the total of \$225,174.88 to be collected for 1947-48 \$218,483.18 has already been collected and discharged from the roll by being turned over to the treasurer or given in rebates.

Turned to the treasurer was \$211,943.65 and given in rebates was \$6,539.53.

This leaves but \$6,691.70 in delinquencies for the county for the coming year.

Distribution of this \$211,943.65 among the taxing units of the county shows that the special road fund receives the largest amount or \$39,273.01. This tax will run for another year and was voted by the people to speed the construction of rural roads.

The county fund, for operation of county business, received \$32,733.49; road district No.1 (the county outside of towns) gets \$28,875.75. Fourth largest participant in the division is the Rufus school district with \$25,527.13. Other districts will receive as follows: 3A Rufus, \$3715.45; Locust Grove \$824.15; Wasco \$21,535.66; Kent \$14,995.50; Gordon Ridge \$3799.38; Moro \$728.9; Boardman \$262.05 and Grass Valley \$14,880.35.

No other school districts levied a tax and Gordon Ridge and Locust Grove have already voted to consolidate with Wasco.

The Non-High school board will get \$11,096.91 making the total collected for schools in excess of \$100,000 from a levy of \$106,000.

Other districts getting a share of the taxes are the Wasco road district \$744.09. Moro road district \$605.99; Grass Valley roads \$426.25. The city of Wasco gets \$4115.73. Grass Valley \$1252.12. Moro levied no tax. The new system inaugurated by the sheriff and assessor has made it possible to compile some figures as to tax payments with comparative ease and these will be more interesting in another year when comparisons are possible.

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