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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Optimists will be able to note the slow but gradual lengthening of the days; pessimists will begin to admit it within a month.

I picked up a clod,  
"You may yet be a man,"  
I said, "Dream on."  
Are you not glad?  
But dully the clod  
Looked at me.  
I could swear I heard  
No joy in relief,  
There was no ecstasy,  
No joy . . . . .  
"I have been a man,"  
The clod said.

—Exchange

The new Oregon Blue Book is again decorated on the cover with a picture of a lake. Crater lake this time. The blue does print nicely. There is also very good yellow and brown inks that would make it possible for the state to put a picture of a wheat field on a blue book sometime.

Scenic pictures are indicative of a desire to escape from daily routine and the state secretary, cooped in the marble halls in Salem naturally dreams of lakes and streams and wooded areas.

Man is poorly fitted for civilization or else the kind of civilization he has developed is poorly fitted to the man. So many want to escape from something. They drink liquor to get away from reality; they go fishing to get away from it all; they bury themselves in colorful fiction and take sleeping pills to forget for a time the unromantic burdens of the day.

His seldom one meets a man or woman who likes the daily job he or she is doing, or wants to keep on doing it. That's really too bad, isn't it?

The year 1948 will be another in which the citizens of the United States will divide into two warring camps because of certain prejudices accumulated from parents early in life. By fall everyone will be arguing for ERP or against it because of what some big-shot Republican or Democrat has said about it. The same is true of methods of curing inflation, reducing taxes or aiding the farmers. If we could devise a way to decide national questions without having them labeled by partisan political parties, we would reach more sensible conclusions. Look what has happened to party policies in the lifetime of men still living. Democrats traditionally believed in states' rights and opposed concentration of power in Washington. Andrew Jackson liked that policy. Roosevelt came along and built up a strong government on the federal level that took away power from state and local governments. Democrats kept on voting the party label after it was directly opposite their professed beliefs.

Republicans, just to be obstinate, took up the states' rights fight so on that subject party policy is reversed with hardly a party member changing his label. We are more loyal to our prejudices than to our ideas.

Wishful thinking may have had something to do with the losing of the Republican anti-inflation bill mysteriously missing in the White House. The administration has enough power to stop the inflation, but it is so much fun to have lots of money that the people probably wouldn't like to have it stopped. So she'll probably ride to the top of the wave and bust all at once leaving a lot of economic casualties. Democrats hope it comes after the election and Republicans hope it comes before. Both hope the other party is in power when the blow-up comes. As much effort is being put into maneuvering the other side onto the hot spot as is being spent stopping the inflationary tendencies. Americans like their little games.

Raise in prices of gasoline and fuel oil at the same time balances things up nicely. One can stay home to save gasoline and spend more on fuel oil or travel on gasoline and save on fuel oil. The oil companies will get you either way.



**SIGNING PARIS CONFERENCE REPORT . . .** One of the most important and far-reaching documents to be produced in 1947 was the report stressing the need for emergency aid, of the 16-nation Paris conference of Western European countries. Here Ernest Bevin, British foreign minister, signs the report. At left is Duff Cooper, British ambassador to France, and at right is Herve Alphand of France.

## Sam Holmes Reaches Ninety; Visited By Family On Christmas Day

Dinner guests at the Sam Holmes home Christmas day were Miss Cassie Holmes of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs Ted von Borstel and family, Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and daughter, and Mr and Mrs Bill Holmes and son, Robert. They also celebrated the 90th birthday anniversary of Sam Holmes. John Brogan and family of The Dalles called in the afternoon to say Hello, Merry Christmas, and a Happy Birthday.

Mr and Mrs Myrl Smith had as their guest Christmas day her parents, Mr and Mrs Del Eakin of The Dalles and Bill Pausch.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Schilling and Mr and Mrs Bud Coon had dinner with Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling Christmas day.

Mrs Jo Hogue had as dinner guests Christmas day Mr and Mrs Roy Hogue, Mrs L. W. Amick, and Mrs George Barnett of The Dalles, Mrs B. A. Hogue and daughter, Gertrude of Kent, Wren Hogue of Clatsop, Mr and Mrs Ernest Esslinger of Moro, Mr and Mrs Marcus Esslinger and family and Mrs Blanche Miller.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap had Christmas dinner with their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Vern Mobley and family at Kent. Mrs Dean Olds arrived Sunday from Portland to spend a week at the home of her mother, Mrs Jacob Wassermiller.

Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley had as dinner guests Christmas day Mr and Mrs Gordon Lemley and son, Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock and son, Bud, Mr and Mrs Oscar Lemley, and Duane, Eileen and Carolyn Lemley.

Mr and Mrs Arden Squire and family arrived Wednesday evening from Wheeler to spend the holiday with Mr and Mrs Eben Kee. His mother, Mrs Squire, of Gresham came up with them for Christmas, leaving for her home Sunday.

H. O. Dugger spent Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs J. H. Dugger at Boring and Mrs Dugger spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Bud Brinkert left Wednesday for Monmouth to spend Christmas and the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Crowley.

Mr and Mrs Art Bibby had as dinner guests Christmas day his mother, Mrs Frances Bibby of Cornelius and his sister, Mrs Lee Woolwine of The Dalles and his brother, Mike Bibby from Tobin, California.

Mr and Mrs Charlie Anderson left Wednesday for Freewater to spend the holidays with their son in law and daughter, Mr and Carter.

Mr and Mrs Hery Barnum of Moro and Mr and Mrs Dean Pinkerton of Corvallis spent Christmas eve at the home of Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock.

Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel and daughter motored to Shaliko Sunday to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs Andy Patjens.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Payne and family returned home Sunday from Portland where they spent Christmas and the weekend with her sister, Mrs Dauber.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Fields and Mr and Mrs Ross Fields and daughter, Susan, went to Rufus for Christmas dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields.

Mr and Mrs Dell Olds had as dinner guests Christmas day Mr and Mrs Marlon Crews of Stevenson, Wash. Mr and Mrs F. M. Crews of Wasco, Mrs Hull of The Dalles, Wayne Hull of Portland,

Don Crews of Portland, Bill Walkenshaw of Ashland and Mr and Mrs Darwin Van Gilder of Moro. Mrs Florence Clark arrived Wednesday from Portland to spend the holiday season with her parents Mr and Mrs Grover Young. Other Christmas day guests of the Youngs were sons, Harry and Clarence and families. The group were together Christmas eve at the Clarence Young home, also Bill Pausch.

Mr and Mrs Marlon Crews arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs Dell Olds.

Mr and Mrs Leighton Fields and Mrs and Mrs C. W. Fields went to Rufus Sunday to attend the Fields reunion held at the grange hall.

Mr and Mrs Ted Ball and son, Roger, went to Centralia, Wash., Saturday to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Francis Hammond returning Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Dick Ball and children of Astoria stopped at the home of Mr and Mrs Ted Ball Monday on their way to Bend to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs W. M. Ball.

## Mary Lyons Honored On Approaching Marriage

Los Angeles who have been visiting them the past two weeks, Mrs C. E. Gard of Portland, and Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkedahl and family.

Mr and Mrs Jay McKay and family spent Christmas week visiting at the home of Mr McKay's parents, Mr and Mrs Geo. McKay of Mist.

Mr and Mrs John Woods entertained George Howell and Wm. Gunter at Christmas dinner.

Mr and Mrs Harry Howell were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr and Mrs Louis Hays of Moro.

Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies were Friday evening guests at the George Wilson home.

George Wilson Jr. arrived home the 19th from the Shawnean Lake School at Victoria, B. C. where he is a student.

Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies were dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel Saturday evening.

Mr and Mrs Paul Wilson and family were Tuesday evening guests at the Lester Wilson home.

Mr and Mrs George Wilson were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Judge and Mrs

## NFLA Ready To Pay Dividend To Stockholders

More than 3,400 Oregon farmers and ranchers will share in a \$176,000 (6%) dividend declared as of Nov. 30, 1947 by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, R. E. Brown, president, announced here today.

Mr. Brown said approximately \$44,000 of the total dividend will be paid to the 19 local, cooperative national farm loan associations in Oregon which make and service loans for the bank and which own \$738,000 of the Bank's capital stock. These 19 associations, in turn, will pass the dividend on to their 3,441 member-stockholders, retaining only a small portion.

"The Federal Land Bank of Spokane is owned by its borrowers through 78 national farm loan associations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana," said Mr. Brown. "These associations own every dime of the bank's capital stock and some 15,000 farmers and ranchers own all the stock of the association."

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## WOMEN TO MEET

The Sherman county luncheon group will meet on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be January 13, 1948 at the Portland Hotel, Mirror room at 12 o'clock. All residents as well as ex-residents of Sherman county are most welcome.

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## Rufus Grange Has Christmas Party

The Rufus grange was packed Monday night, December 22 for the annual Christmas program given under the direction of Mrs Harland McDonald.

The stage setting was banked by green fir boughs and a fireplace on which a candelabra was setting. A Christmas poem, and other ornaments adorned the piano. Colored bells and sprays of mistletoe hung from the wire which held the curtains.

The program was begun by Adeline McDonald giving the history of the origin of Christmas; a song "Joy To The World" by present; recitation "Secret" spoken by Bobby Byrd; songs, "White Christmas" sung by Dottie Steward; song, "Silent Night" by the high school boys who were Bill McDonald, Bill Smith, Jack and Howard Steward, Buzz Brant, Wayne Eaton and Eddie Miller; a reading, "Faith" by Richie Dingle; a duet, "When My Blue Moon Has Turned To Gold" by Mr and Mrs James Tate accompanied by Mrs Tate on her guitar; Bob Davis sang, "A Hill Billy Wedding In June", accompanying himself on his guitar; a vocal solo, "The First Noel" by Mrs D. D. Williams; a recitation "The Littlest Angel" by Catherine Boise; a song, "Away In A Manger", by Irene Price; a Christmas message by Rev. W. E. Rice; a vocal duet, "Star of the East" by Mrs W. E. Rice and her daughter Jessie Rice accompanied by Mrs Ernie Engle on the piano; a recitation, "Up In The Air" given by Mrs Trace Fields; a "Candle Lighting Ceremony" put on by the home economics club. The piano accompaniments were played by Velda Gullford.

All the small children congregated around the Christmas tree singing "Jingle Bells", after which Santa Claus appeared on the scene with a pack of toys. Santa Claus portrayed by Bill McDonald presented a gift to each child, after which the adults formed a line singing "Jingle Bells" while Santa passed a gift to each one. Then Santa gave bags of candy and nuts to all present.

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## Weather Makes Biggest News In Past Year

The weather in its various manifestations made the biggest news in Sherman county for 1947. The hail storm of July 14 was one of the most far reaching and expensive of any ever experienced here. High value of the wheat crop caused higher dollar loss than usual.

The flood of September 27 although causing less property loss than the hail storm caused damage that the counties and the towns will be months repairing. Individual farmers suffered from the flood waters also as basements were filled, fences washed away, ditches full of rock and other damage done.

All the weather was not bad, for the rains of early June following cool weather and the pleasant pre-harvest helped make the crop one of the county's best, when hail damage is considered.

The weather became a topic of conversation during the fall months when rains continued after the big September flood. More than eight inches of rain fell before anyone could say with certainty that the rainfall had ceased.

The first wheat league livestock show was an event for the youngsters who grow stock. The Sherman Riders expanded and attended shows over the area.

The Rural School board was elected and began work. The voters passed a \$40,000 per year appropriation for better county roads although by a smaller vote than expected. Like the remainder of the state Sherman county decided against the sales tax.

The Sherman County club was troubled. Moro and Wasco had troubles with their water systems that caused new investments in wells and pumps. The Moro Community Church reached the age of sixty years. The VFW sponsored, and nearly every organization helped, the purchase of an ambulance for the county.

Meeting of committees for the planning conference brought county men and women together to discuss many problems, not the least of which was the school problem.

## Orville Yocum Buried Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Orville Yocum were held last Friday from the Methodist church in Wasco with interment being made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at The Dalles.

Joseph Orville Yocum was born at Ballston, Oregon, September 17, 1887 and died while at work in his barbershop December 24, 1947. He is survived by his widow Jaenette, a daughter Mrs Patricia Blossom of Bainbridge Island, Wash., a grand daughter, his parents, Mr and Mrs J. M. Yocum of Heppner, a brother, Erceel Yocum of Dufur, four sisters, Mrs Rita Oviatt, Mallin; Mrs Vera Happold, Heppner; Mrs Vivian Kane, Heppner; Mrs Bessie Church, Portland.

NEW PROOF NECESSARY  
Commencing January 1, 1948, medical or dental treatment will not be given to veterans seeking to establish service-connected disabilities until their claims have been adjudicated, the VA has announced.

The ruling stated that prima facie evidence will not be accepted as sufficient proof for veterans to establish service-connection for purposes of treatment after December 31. Hitherto it has been the practice of the VA to treat conditions for which service-connection was claimed pending adjudication, at the option of the medical officer, and based upon the evidence immediately available.

This ruling in no way effects the year's presumption of service-connection for certain specified conditions, to which all veterans are entitled after discharge. The VA made it clear, also, that the ruling in no way denies veterans any rights they are granted by law, nor does it limit services given to those whose conditions are rated as service-connected.

Applications for treatment received or mailed after December 31, will have to be formally adjudicated under the VA's regulations before other than emergency treatment can be given.

## RUFUS CHURCH NEWS

A large crowd attended the Rufus church program Sunday night. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and the children were given a treat. Mr and Mrs L. E. Langford, Mrs Clara Macnab, Miss Nellie Morris and K. E. Long were present from The Dalles.

W. E. Rice was given a pleasant surprise Sunday morning, when his Rufus friends presented him with a wrist watch as a token of their appreciation of his faithfulness in being the pastor for the last several years.

## Injured Rufus Man Aided By Neighbors and Friends Who Clean Well

Due to the illness of Glen Thompson, a grange member who has been bed-fast for the last couple of weeks with a back injury, the Wasco County Grain Growers of The Dalles donated their equipment and services of two men December 23 to clean out the Thompson well, which had been filled with mud during the cloud burst Rufus experienced this fall. Also a group of neighbors turned out to help with this work for Thompson. They were Walt Morris, Altee Wilson, D. D. Williams, Fay Brackett, Robert Davis, Benton Barnett, Joe Morris, Ross Gullford, W. E. Rice, Richie Dingle and George Fox.

Arriving Christmas day, for dinner and to spend the holiday season at the home of Mr and Mrs James Fox was Arnold Lampert of Troutdale, a brother of Mrs Fox.

Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald and son, Billy, left Wednesday for Portland to spend Christmas with Mrs McDonald's mother, Mrs Pearson.

Mrs Dolores Fox, a student

at St. Mary's Academy, arrived accompanied them on the home Tuesday evening to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs George Fox.

Mr and Mrs Worth Tate of The Dalles spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs James Tate. Then the Worth Tates left Monday morning for California to spend the holiday season with their daughter and family.

Roger, Audrey and Dorothy Blackburne went to Wasco Monday evening where they joined the young people of the Methodist church to go Christmas caroling. At the end of the evening the young folks met at the Moro church basement for a party.

Mr and Mrs Frank LeMaster of Portland arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays here visiting friends and relatives. They will stay until after New Years.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Reid and son, Gordon Arthur, are spending the Christmas holidays in La Grande with Mrs Reid's parents, Mr and Mrs C. A. Riley. W. E. Rice of Rufus is doing the chores on the ranch in their absence.

Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams returned from Portland where they

accompanied them on the trip.

Mr and Mrs Don McDonald and daughter, Ila Jean, were in Portland last week for medical attention.

Mr and Mrs Bill Macnab entertained Christmas day with a dinner for relatives. Those present were Mr and Mrs Leland Medler and son, Douglas, Mr and Mrs Leo Dumler and sons Wally and Dennis of Salem, Mr and Mrs Frank LeMaster of Portland, and Frank Medler.

Friends of Mr and Mrs Vurl Blackburne of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be interested in hearing of the arrival of their second son. The little fellow's name is Terry Duane and he weighed 8 pounds at birth. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs George Blackburne of Rufus.

Coming from The Dalles to have Christmas dinner with Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and family were Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab and daughters, Roseanna and Joan, and sons Pat, Bob, George and Dr. and Mrs John Macnab and family. Mr and Mrs Pete Macnab and son of Wasco were

at the home of Mrs Macnab in the afternoon.