

## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

"Marriage begins with a prince kissing an angel. It ends with a baldheaded man looking across the table at a fat woman." So says, at least the Forest Log in its always lively and sometimes observant column, "The Duffel Bag."

In any event that is the kind of remark that goes over pretty well in these post-war days of cynicism.

This well talked revolt of southern Democrats should make the comic strips. The southern conservative Bourbon will go on being a democrat for a long time to come whether the democrats believe in government "cumshaw, states' rights, economy or whatever may come along. It's the name they're used to.

They were democrats when Thomas Jefferson wrote: "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared to preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labor and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy. The same prudence which is private life would forbid our paying money for unexpired projects, forbids it in the disposition of public money. We are endeavoring to reduce the government to the practice of rigid economy to avoid burdening the people and arming the Magistrate with a patronage of money which might be used to corrupt the principles of our government."

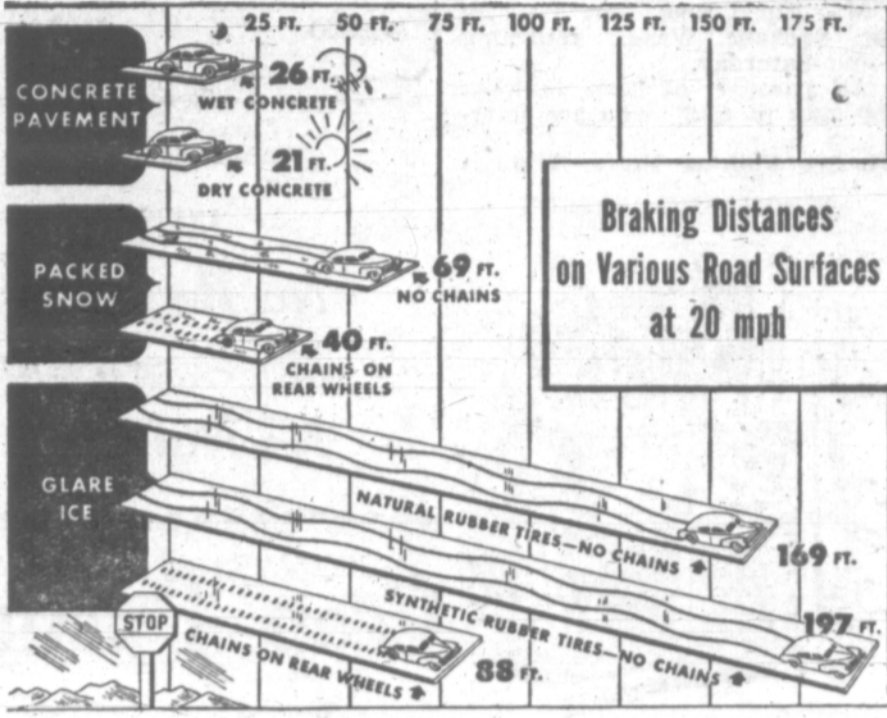
And they were democrats when a foremost new deal exponent said, "we will spend, and spend, tax and elect and elect," or some such arrogant gibberish.

"BUTTER WEAK" says a headline. Well, that's better than strong butter.

One doesn't notice it much in the ordinary run of experience, but transportation equipment is getting bigger all the time. Big trucks were stopped in Moro last week when snow blocked the highway and some of them are truly monstrous affairs. A man climbs into the cab with a ladder and the tires are so big one man can barely handle them. They are really as big as an old-fashioned box car.

The kids took advantage of the snow in fine shape. While it was still falling and before the drifts had been pushed aside small boys and girls were wading through them shouting in glee. They were covered with snow from head to foot and having the best time of the winter.

"But these... natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it a pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you."



**INVITATION TO LIVE THIS WINTER**... New winter accident facts, based on research by National Safety Council, reveal alarming increase of skidding and poor visibility crashes during snowy, icy weather. Authorities urge equalized brakes, using tire chains, windshield wipers, defrosters, good lights and lower speeds to minimize the added seasonal hazards of inadequate stop-and-go traction on snow or ice and in reduced visibility.

## Rufus Snow Leaves More Quickly But Mud Slows Travel For School Buses

By Mrs. George Fox

After the big snow storm that fell Wednesday night, and the wind springing up Thursday, it caused the north and south lanes to be drifted making it hard going to get through on the roads. Rufus school was let out at 2 p. m. Thursday and all day Friday. In some instances it was easier to take to the fields than keep in the road.

Wasco was the hardest hit with snow; however the farmers were able to get into town Friday by bucking snowdrifts. With the wind that came Sunday the snow is beginning to disappear therefore it was with no trouble with freezing temperatures that night that the school bus was on time around the route Monday morning, but by evening it was blowing through mud.

E. C. Eaton, overseer, called the members together last Thursday night at the regular grange meeting. Minutes were taken by C. A. Tom, acting secretary. After a short meeting, cards were the diversion of the evening.

Master Sargent Albert Thompson arrived Saturday afternoon for a short surprise visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson. He was on flight training from Virginia where he was stationed as a pilot in a small plane. Members of his family gathered at the family home Sunday to visit with him. He left Monday for Portland to catch the airliner for California where he was to report back to his plane which had followed orders and gone on.

The Orchard telephone line is installing their two wire phone system but have been hampered by the snow.

James Welch of The Dalles an employee of the telephone company has put in new French type phones in the homes on that line. He will come back again the end of the week and hook them up with the new line when it is completed.

Instead of the usual volley ball when the adults met in the school gym on Monday night, the men played the Wasco basketball team in a game of scrimmages.

Paul Williams was a visitor at the home of Wally Morris Friday night. Jack Barager of the Rufus Tavern is spending a few days in Portland.

Dottie Steward spent the week end with her chum Shirley Herlin. Revival meetings start at the Rufus church February 12 with Rev. E. Hale and wife as speakers. Mr. Hale was a chaplain in both world wars and has had some exciting adventures which should prove interesting to all. Services start 7:45 each night through February 22 except Saturday nights. Everyone welcome. Womens' Missionary society met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Mathieson. Since February is Mrs. Mathieson's birthday month, she was given several birthday cards and a small gift from the group.

home with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Thompson and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers at dinner Saturday night.

Mrs. Catherine Boise who has spent some time in The Dalles hospital is much better, and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom.

Mrs. Hasons of Boise is a house-guest of Mrs. Barager. Tuesday night the Wasco valley ball girls will meet the Rufus girls on the home floor. The Rufus boy scouts will have a game of basketball with the Wasco high boys.

At the basketball game at Rufus Tuesday night, the Kent grade school was beaten with a score of 30 to 10 by the Rufus grade boys.

Stuart Macnab and Don Macnab were business callers in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab and daughters were shoppers in The Dalles Wednesday.

Roseanna Macnab and Russell McCullough were married last Saturday in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab were hosts for a dinner Sunday given for Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and son, Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters went to Dufur Saturday evening where they were guests of Mrs. Mervyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington. They returned home Sunday evening.

Don Macnab took his cousin Stuart Macnab to The Dalles for medical attention Monday morning.

Plans have been going forward for the Rufus orange to put on the 3rd and 4th degree for Sherman county on Friday, February 13 at 8 p. m.

The waters of the John Day river flow under a sheet of ice which covers the river. It is seldom during the winter that the ice has an opportunity to reach clear across the river, as it takes a lot of freezing weather.

**MEETINGS ENDING**  
The evangelistic meeting at Wasco, Church of Christ, with the Chamberlain evangelistic team has been most profitable for all attending. The young people have made many friends through their Christian lives and wholesome influence.

This coming Sunday, February 15th is their last services in Wasco. All who have been attending the meetings during the last three weeks, have benefited in many ways. You are welcome to enjoy the services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.



**YOUNGEST RADIO STAR**  
Self-styled "youngest story-teller in the whole world," Robin Morgan, five years old, has her own radio program over a New York station. She is the nursery set's own disc jockey.

## Seal Sale Campaign Ending Short of Last Year Mar

The books on the Christmas Seal Sale campaign will close March 1 with indications that there will be a drop in the total receipts. Collected so far, according to Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, chairman, is \$968.50 with some contributions not yet made. Last year the total was \$1019.00.

## Shipley-Metteer Wedding Observed

Miss Doris Metteer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Metteer of Jennings Lodge was married to Johnnie P. Shipley, son of Mrs. Tom Douma at St. Peter's Catholic church in The Dalles by Father Dufuran of Dufur at one o'clock, February 10.

The bride was attired in a suit of burgundy and carried a corsage of orchids. She was accompanied by her sister in law, Mrs. Eldon Metteer of The Dalles. Vernon Shipley was best man for his brother.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the God room of the Hotel Dalles and the young couple left for a short wedding trip after which they will return to Moro where he is employed by the Moro Grain Growers.

Attending the wedding from Moro were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douma, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brisbane, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zachary and Wert Pointer.

## Windbreaks Add To Home Comforts

Why more central and eastern Oregon farmers and ranchers have not gotten around to planting windbreaks is a question which puzzles Charles R. Ross, OSC extension forester, who says there is no one thing which the farmer can do to add more beauty, permanence and comfort to the farm. Seedling trees are available now from the state forest nursery at slight cost.

In traveling through the eastern portion of Oregon Ross has noted few full fledged windbreaks in either dry land or irrigated communities. He says the farmstead which is more comfortable to both humans and livestock, more efficient, and more permanent looking if suitable windbreaks are planted.

Successful windbreak and shade trees in the eastern part of the state are poplars, cottonwoods, black locusts and Russian olive. Nearly all farmers have a few of these trees planted around their home and yard, though some farmers object to the recognized pattern of more extensive windbreaks due to the loss in acreage which the trees shade and occupy.

To these Ross suggests that confers, such as Ponderosa of yellow pine, Norway spruce, Rocky Mountain juniper or Scotch pine be planted. He states these evergreen trees actually make the best windbreaks with their spreading limbs close to ground level. Confers will not spread over ditchbanks and cultivated ground. They are somewhat slower growing than the broad-leaf trees, however.

"In brief, it is desirable to enclose two or three sides of the farmstead within the windbreak," Ross states, "including the feed lot, garden, and out-buildings in addition to the house and yard. The trees are planted from 50 to 100 feet away from the area to be protected to obtain best results."

Tree planting time in eastern Oregon as far as windbreaks are concerned will be shortly after the ground thaws this spring. County agricultural agents have information on varieties and layout patterns for windbreak trees which are adapted to their localities, and can assist in ordering trees.

## NEW PLAN ADOPTED FOR CHECKING

The adoption of a new special checking account service for customers of The Dalles branch of the United States National Bank was announced today by C. A. Reynolds, branch manager.

The new system particularly designed for patrons who need to write only a few checks monthly, requires no minimum balance and involves no monthly service fee. Reynolds explained, "Instead, the customer buys ten checks for one dollar and uses these special checks at any time, according to individual needs."

Under the new system, any amount opens an account.

## Local, State and National Politics In Election Year

This may turn out to be a year in which politics plays a considerable part in the county as well as the state and nation. It is a presidential year with a plentitude of candidates on the Republican side, which is the only party in search of a candidate.

Oregon will elect a United States senator, the term of Guy Cordon expiring next January. Also it will choose four congressmen as is the biennial practice. To replace the officers tragically killed in an accident last fall the state will need to elect a new governor and secretary of state.

Few candidates are in the race to date, but probably the infighting is going on behind the front pages—so far behind that reporters cannot find it. In the district a state senator and two representatives will be elected. There is local presumption that Senator E. R. Fatland will again make the race as his popularity will cause other possibilities to hesitate and his effectiveness in the senate will be lost if he should not be in Salem next winter. Henry Peterson of Ione has filed for one of the representative posts and Giles French is expected to do so later.

The county election may have its exciting moments as well for there are many offices to be filled in November, whether by the incumbents or others.

The district attorneyship is a state office but the attorneys are elected locally. The term of T. Lester Johnson will expire next January and he must stand for election this spring and fall.

The term of Judge J. M. Willson and of Joe Peters, commissioner, Ross Ornduff, clerk, Bill Todd, assessor, E. M. Alley, coroner will all end with next January 1 and some one will succeed them if they do not succeed themselves.

Nothing has been heard of candidates but all must file by March 12 to run as candidates of a political party.

In addition to county offices there will be city elections in all three towns if a list of candidates can be found.

## School Principals Set Future Dates For School Affairs

A meeting of principals of the Sherman county schools was held Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of mapping out the school program as to joint events for the remainder of the year.

Commencement exercises will be held at Rufus and Moro May 27 and it is possible that Wasco will be held at the same time. This depends on whether Wasco takes the spring vacation time or not. If it does not commencement will be a week earlier than the above date.

Spring vacation will be from March 29 to April 2, a week when teachers may attend the meeting of the Oregon Education Association in Portland.

Baccalaureate services will be held May 23. Achievement tests will be given March 18 for grades from the second to ninth. Other March events are the Wasco high school play the 19th and the Moro senior play the 26th.

Eighth grade commencement will be held at Grass Valley May 24 with joint graduation of pupils from most of the county's schools.

The play day program and music festival will be held May 14 and all elementary pupils will be expected to attend and compete in some of the activities.

## BODY OF CLAYTON MAY NOT YET FOUND

At last reports the body of Clayton May had not been found although search for it has been conducted since his disappearance last Monday. May, a native of Sherman county, was working on a sand bar for the Mid-Columbia Sand & Gravel Co., and had started across a barge of sand to the shore to sell some sand. His tracks led to the edge of the barge but he has not been seen. No outcry was heard.

Clayton (Shorty) May is a son of Mrs. Josephine May of Moro, is married and has a family of four: Mrs. Lester Tibbets, Byron, Wallace and Vivian.

**BOY SCOUTS WANT PAPER**  
The local Boy Scout troop will begin a paper saving campaign in Moro next Saturday when they will gather all paper that is left on porches. Thereafter they will make the rounds every two weeks. It is hoped that the boys can sell the paper for enough to build up some club funds. These householders who desire to help may merely stack their waste paper on their porch.

## Governor?



DOUGLAS MCKAY

Only avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for Oregon governor is Douglas McKay, State Senator of Salem, Oregon. Veteran of both world wars, McKay served in France where he was wounded in 1918 and was at Camp Adair during the last war.

He graduated from Oregon State college and entered business in Salem where he is now owner of an automobile agency. He has been head of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Salem and State Senator for three terms. He has always been active in community affairs, is married and father of two daughters.

## Moro Council Hears Of Well Installation

Moro's city council met Tuesday night and received from Ernest Woods the final engineers plans of the new city well which is completed with a few exceptions. It is being used, however.

It was agreed to have the city dump poisoned in order to reduce the number of rats there and in town. Jim Jones, trapper, will do the work for the city. Before the poison is spread the grounds will be posted and notice will be given by publication so that owners of cats and dogs may protect their pets.

No progress has been made toward bonding the city because of the lack of an opinion about how it should be done.

## Home Accidents Cause Many Deaths

Did you know that home accidents have taken more lives than all our wars put together? Have you ever gone over your yard, step by step, and checked the hazards which might have thrown you for a fall? Just you, an average home body.

Let's summarize some of these hazards. When you first get out of bed: how about the scatter rugs in your bedroom? Are they anchored well (wonderful new "backing" for rugs, sold by the yard)?

The rubber mat in the bath tub and a firm hold on tub to help you get out. Be sure soap is in its place, not under your foot.

Has your medicine closet a light where you can read labels? Are the poisons and candy laxatives placed out of the reach of children's hands?

Now on to your beautiful modern kitchen, which is the most hazardous room in the house, where things explode. A poorly fitted lid lets steam burn you. Water and grease on floor are serious hazards if not cleaned immediately. Knives left blade up can cut severely. Chairs collapse when used as ladders. Handles of pans should always be turned up as to safeguard your little ones as well as yourself.

Now watch stairs, attic and cellar; don't let them become storage areas. Watch your step. Don't overdo. A few minutes rest when your work becomes boss can work wonders. Old Man Fatigue is a powerful ally of home accidents. Keep your home safe.

**SHANIKO NEWS**  
News was received Wednesday evening of the illness of R. J. Garrett, father of Bill and Bob Garrett and Mrs. James Phifer, but later information was that he was much improved and home from the Veteran's hospital in Portland.

We have had lots of cold weather hereabouts, requiring all the winter working machinery of the highway department and also lots of night work to keep the roads passable. Due to these conditions the school bus carried few rural children to the Marip district.

James Phifer is improving and has started to work again. John Reeder was called to The Dalles Monday as a witness in the case of Rooner vs. Wilson. Ivan Olson was here to take over at the store while Mr. Reeder was away.

The Thompson-Parker crew is again at work after the cold spell and experts to finish up soon if the weather permits.

## Cold Continues; Moisture Above Year's Normal

Although the storms have stopped winter weather still continued throughout the past week dropping the temperature to two below zero the night of February 5 and keeping night time temperature to little above the zero mark since. Both Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week the mercury has been down to six above.

Sunday there was a chinook wind that reduced the snow to half its bulk and caused general fear of a big run-off, but the temperature dropped that night and thawing has been confined to a few hours in the afternoons since then.

Observers now feel that some of the snow will be retained in the stubble but not much in the wheat because it is already wetter, has less snow covering, more drifts and less ability to hold snow water in warm weather.

Moisture for the crop year was given a boost by the snows there being .33 inch in the first snow, .72 in the second and .12 in the rain of last Sunday for a total of 1.17 inch for February against a normal of 1.25.

For the crop year there has been 8.50 for the first four months, 2.12 for January and 1.17 for February making the total 11.79, already more than the crop year average.

Predictions of the weather bureau is that the cold spell will last until this week end when temperatures will raise again.

## GRASS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cantrill had as their guests over the week end their mother, Mrs. Leo Everett of Ontario and her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Engle and family from Pavette, Idaho.

Glenn Perry and daughter, Donna, left Sunday for The Dalles to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Perry at the Don Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters and Mrs. Harold Owens were business visitors in The Dalles Monday. Mrs. Dick Salvadore and daughter, accompanied them to The Dalles and left by bus for their home in Portland after spending several weeks here with her sister, Mrs. James Easter.

Among the Grass Valley shoppers and business visitors in The Dalles Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, Grover Young and Harry Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helver and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin.

## Death of Mrs. Potter Mourned By Friends

The community has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Jessie Anne Potter and her mother, Mrs. Joseph L. Norcross. Twenty-four hours previous, Mrs. Norcross was born in Denver, Colorado in 1865 and came west with her parents a few years later. She was married to William A. Norcross in Weiser, Idaho in 1886 and moved to Sherman county in 1893.

Mrs. Potter was born at Monkland May 21, 1895. Soon afterward Mr. Norcross moved his family to Moro where they resided for several years. Jessie Anne was married to George A. Potter of Klondike in 1914 where they have since resided.

Unprecedented in Sherman county was the joint funeral services for the mother and daughter, which was held at the Callaway & Son chapel Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. with Reverend Warren officiating.

Mrs. Potter is survived by her husband and sister, Mrs. E. L. Woods and many friends to mourn her loss.