

These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

It begins to look as if the spring in Sherman county will not be much colder than the winter, which is the usual condition. And speaking of spring. Spring house cleaning is going on at the office of the Sherman County Journal which in this case consists of a new coat of paint on the woodwork and some new kalsomine on the walls which were of different colors after the machinery moving of last fall. If it is found possible to wash the windows and sweep the floor the place will be ready for company.

It was 17 years March 1 since the present owners took over the Sherman County Observer. From being the newest business in town we have become the oldest.

If anyone thinks that the so-called revolt of the southern governors is likely to change the election returns he is being very optimistic (if a republican) and very pessimistic (if a democrat) for it is a safe bet that South Carolina will go democratic this fall and even an inexperienced better could give some slight odds on that outcome. Southern governors just don't want their colored charges to get out of hand, that's all. Mr. Truman wants the vote of the northern negroes and the vote of the southern whites which requires him to do some very nice hair splitting. And it can be very embarrassing when opponents call at tention to it.

A second operation after two years disclosed a moderate sized tumor in a woman where it has been forgotten. There was a cotton shortage about that time, too.

Perhaps Oregon's next drive will be for the benefit of the drouth ridden southern Californians who have been using up their water faster than nature sends it. They pump it out of the ground, catch it from the air and import it in pipes and are still short. Unless something strange happens the irrigated and naturally grown crops in that part of our southern neighboring state will be short and that means a big demand on the other fruit and produce areas. Some California cities barely have enough water for their citizens which is bad as Moro and Wasco residents will attest.

Mother Nature will have its way about such things and man can help but little.

In one of those impatient moments while waiting for someone to quit talking about soap opera was going on in the world the idea was born that newspaper readers might be forced to spend a fifth of their reading time with the ads. And at specified moments: two minutes with the ads and then a glance at the headlines. Probably no better than most ideas hatched in impatience, but one can read any part of a newspaper he or she wishes whenever it is desired.

The rules about taking over a nation by force should be well known. Hitler wrote about them and Stalin is following them. Get control of the police and communication and the people are helpless.

Small uprisings can be handled by a few well chosen murders and when the few leaders are gone the government and full control is in the bag. Then the nation's resources can be stolen with impunity. It sure works slick. Perhaps we will have to return to the original American theory that every man, woman and child should go armed. We have been getting away from it because some persons commit crimes when armed. There might be more private murders if everyone owned a gun, but the state itself would be in less danger.

The other day in the senate there was a reading of Washington's farewell address and wonder what senators thought about his warning concerning meddling with Europe. He said that there were many private quarrels over there that this nation should stay out of and that we were fortunate to be removed from them.

Many a young buck browses innocently through his girl friend's family album, but fails to heed its warning.

New Elevator Being Built By GV Growers

Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles and Henry George and Sons of Spokane Washington, started construction Monday on the new 150,000 bu. concrete and steel elevator being erected at Kent for the Grass Valley Grain Growers Association. It will cost approximately \$120,000 and will be a complete unit in itself, equipped with scales, loading and unloading facilities.

Increased production in the surrounding wheat land has made the elevator a necessity. A. A. Dunlap, manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers Association stated that in 1946 it was necessary to dump 100,000 bu. of wheat in the open. Last season a similar situation was averted only by concentrating all box cars allocated for the whole district at Kent, and in the removal of 7,000 bu. of grain to Grass Valley by truck. Farmers from Antelope have since moved 25,000 bu. by truck which had to be held in farm storage until space was available. Many of these operators were anxious to take advantage of the first price increase. The 1946 crop put 316,704 bu. of grain through the Kent elevator, and while the 1947 figures are not yet available, they fell only slightly below this figure. Present storage facilities at Kent are approximately 200,000 bu.

Dunlap explained that the patronage dividend of \$50,000 for 1942 due the membership, the reserve funds, and profits from the 1947 crop should cover the complete cost of construction. He also stated that it is the aim of the organization to employ as many local people as possible on the project.

Prineville Shorthorn Sale Tops 1947

The second annual purebred Shorthorn sale at Prineville was held last week with Millard Eakin of Grass Valley acting as manager. He and also Mrs. Eakin owned the top selling female of the show, Diamond Pivthosome 2H which brought \$660.

H. A. Lindgren of OSC judged the animals giving first place for bulls to scenic view souvenir, consigned by Kendry Glimin of Pullman and second to Diamond Souvenir, owned by Millard R. and Oma Eakin. Best female was Upland Princess, H. F. Beckley, Benze, Wash. owner. This animal was sold at the Midco sale last fall and was fitted by C. C. Brennan of Prineville. CSF Rancan Rosemarie was second coming from Wheatdale Shorthorn Farms.

Top bull, the champion, brought \$1000, second place bull \$850. Average for the 33 bulls sold was \$525.31 and for the 18 females was \$419.45 and the grand average was \$455.31. Total of the sale was \$28,680. Norman Warsincke was auctioneer.

The next show and sale will be held February 24-25, 1949 when Mr. Eakin will again be sales manager. Wm. A. Brinkert of Grass Valley was made a director of the association at the annual banquet which was attended by many leaders of the Shorthorn world.

Moro Team Takes Second In Tournament

The Moro High school basketball team ended its season last week end by taking third place in the district tournament, winning from Parkdale and Heppner and losing the second game to St. Mary's. Nelson Moro center, was chosen on the all-star squad of ten men playing in the tournament.

Moro defeated Parkdale 35-33 in the last minute of a closely contested game only to meet St. Mary's the next night in the middle of a slump causing a loss by a 40-25 score. Heppner was beaten 29-23.

Peters, Oveson, von Borstel, and Hartley are the only losses from a squad that won 9 games, and lost 12 during the season which started badly with eight straight losses.

MORO WOMEN MEET

The Moro Woman's club with Mrs. Edith Burnett as director and the music department making the program, held guest day last Tuesday afternoon. Sandra May and Jimmy Roberson played piano solos and the high school girls choir sang three numbers under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth Young. Accompanied by Mrs. Max Barzee. Two violin solos were played by Mrs. Young with Mrs. Max Barzee accompanying. Tea was served at the conclusion of the program.



Officers, Directors and Committeemen of Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce shown at recent organization meeting. Front row, seated, left to right: Jack Flancher, Bridal Veil, secretary; L. A. Duncan, The Dalles; J. M. Wilson, county judge, Kent; Wade Dean, White Salmon, Wn.; W. S. Nelson, The Dalles; Second row, standing, left to right: R. Ed Steele, Hood River; R. H. Nichols, Cascade Locks; Hayes Holman, White Salmon, Wn.; R. A. Jackson, Goldendale, Wn., past president; V. E. Roife, 1st vice-president, The Dalles; Roy Anthon, White Salmon, Wn.; Rudy Luepke, Vancouver, Wn.; 3rd vice-president; F. M. Sexton, The Dalles.

Old Hartley House East of Kent Burned Early Morning Fire Last Tuesday

By Mrs. Lester Wilson

The Hartley house, an old landmark which stood on the J. H. Wilson ranch was razed by fire early last Tuesday morning with all occupants escaping injury. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Crowder who were living in the house were eating breakfast when the fire started. They attempted to save the house and in so doing were unable to save many of their own personal possessions. Those in the house at the time of the fire were Mr. and Mrs. Crowder, their two months old son, and Mrs. Crowder's brother, Marvin Kellogg. The ranch is being farmed by Paul Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson were slightly injured Saturday when the car they were riding in left the road near Big Eddy and hit a building near the road. According to report neither was seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jefferies entertained Friday evening with a pinocle party. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helver, Mr. and Mrs. John Beckman, Mrs. C. J. Kuliek, Donald von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett of The Dalles. High score honors were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helver and consolation prizes by Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl and Lester Wilson. Refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Paul Wilson and Mrs. Peggy Justesen were married February 17, at Reno, Nevada, and returned to Kent last Tuesday. A large crowd gathered Friday evening to charivari the newly married couple. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Mrs. Theo. von Borstel underwent a major operation last Tuesday at St. Vincent hospital in Portland. Her condition is reported as excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Redmond were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and son, Arthur, were over night guests at the home of Mrs. Decker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell in Portland. Monday Arthur received medical treatment while there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of The Dalles, and Mrs. P. M. Wilson of Canyon, Texas, were over night guests Friday at the George Wilson home. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson drove Mrs. P. M. Wilson to The Dalles Monday.

George Wilson flew his mother, Mrs. J. M. Wilson to Pullman Washington Friday and returned the same day. Mrs. Wilson was called to be with her mother Mrs. Betty Kelly who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beckman were guests at a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell of Moro Saturday night.

An absentee shower was held for Mrs. Jack Powell of Seattle's Washington at the Bill Jefferies home last Tuesday. Those present were Mrs. Mamie McKay, Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl, Mrs. John Decker, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. Lester Wilson. Gifts were wrapped for mailing to Mrs. Powell and then refreshments of sandwiches, salad and coffee were served.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson were Edgar Smith of The Dalles, and Mrs. Doris Wilson and daughters, Connie and Dorothy of Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell drove to Salem Saturday to spend several days with Mrs. Howell's parents. Millard Howell drove to Airle Monday to bring back farm equipment from J. E. Norton's farm.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap is staying at the Verne Mobley home in Mrs. Mobley's absence. Mrs. Mobley motored to The Dalles Monday to have Mary and Ronnie's tonsils removed. Mr. and Mrs. Curt Alfrey and Mr. and Mrs. Gunther of Redmond were guests Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Laffoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carlson and son, Gary, were overnight guests last Monday at the home of Mr. Carlson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carlson of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and daughter, Sharon and son, Leroy were Sunday evening guests at the Clarence Laffoon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tatum and children, Bonnie and Jimmy of The Dalles were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Tatum plan to move next week to the house on the J. E. Norton ranch.

Joe Murray, son in law of Hal Morrow, is powder man with the construction crew building the new elevator in Kent. Mrs. Emma Davis and house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hesse of Vancouver, Washington were Friday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young.

The IOOF lodge at Kent will hold a basket social Saturday, March 6, at the lodge hall at 8. Grange met in regular session Saturday night with Durward Helyer, Master presiding. Mr. and Mrs. Howes of Gold Hill were present at the meeting. Mr. Howes is state grange deputy. Refreshments of sandwiches, jello and coffee were served by four young grange members.

Misses Carol Norton, Darlene McAllister, Joyce Smith, and Cecilia Belloni.

GRASS VALLEY

Wesley Zimmerman was brought home from the hospital in The Dalles Sunday recovering from a recent operation.

Among those from Grass Valley attending the V.F.W. meeting in Moro Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lane, Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bing, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. John Rust. After the meeting a party was given for Mrs. John DeMoss celebrating her birthday and for Mr. and Mrs. George DeMoss who celebrated their wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Geraldine and Phyllis Rust attended the party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips and daughter, Sandra, of Albany, visited at the home of her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Coyle, a while Sunday afternoon.

The Masonic lodge held its regular meeting at the hall last Tuesday evening, February 24. A 7:30 dinner was served by Mrs. Grover Young, Mrs. Clarence Young and Mrs. Owen Eakin to about 40 Masons. The district deputy grand master, Alex Marshall, and other members of The Dalles lodge were present, when the master Mason's degree was put on for C. R. Anderson, the candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Christensen, Stevenson, Wn.; A. R. Nieman, Vancouver, Wn.; L. O. Larson, Goldendale, Wn.; R. W. Arens, Hood River; Capt. A. Leppaluoto, The Dalles; W. T. Balsiger, Moro; Joe Peters, county commissioner, Moro.

Red Cross Campaign Started This Week

The Red Cross campaign for 1948 began March 1 with Mrs. Paul May as chairman. County quota is \$2296 this year and to raise this amount Mrs. May has announced solicitors for the areas of the county as follows: Wasco: Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, chairman, A. C. Kaseberg, Marvin Howell, Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mrs. Willard Harper, Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, Mrs. James O'Meara, Mrs. Dewey Thomas.

Moro: Mrs. M. M. Oveson, chairman, Irving Hart, Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Grass Valley: Mrs. Earl Olds, chairman, Mrs. Donald von Borstel.

Kent: Grover Young, chairman, Rufus, Mrs. C. C. Wilson, chairman, James Tate.

RUFUS

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Langford from The Dalles, were in Rufus to church services Sunday evening. Mr. Smith drew a scenery picture while his wife sang a special song. Virgil and Michael Fields spent the week end visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Herin and daughter Shirley spent Saturday and Sunday in Dufur visiting Mrs. Herin's folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington. Also visiting at the Addingtons Sunday were their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brady and son, Billy who live at Fossil. From reading about the numerous rivers that have been on the rampage, the John Day river is running a lot of muddy angry water, but fortunately it is mostly hills on both banks of the river, so it hasn't much to wreck with its powerful current.

Mrs. Kenneth A. Friley will entertain the Community Sewing club at her home Wednesday. Douglas Medler spent Thursday and Friday night with his aunt Mrs. Bill Macnab while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler made a business trip to Portland Friday.

Miss Dolores Fox of The Dalles spent the weekend visiting with her parents.

A. B. Potter Host To Birthday Surprise

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Potter were pleasantly surprised Saturday afternoon by a group of friends, the occasion being Mr. Potter's birthday. Guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Weedman, of Multnomah, daughter and son in law of Mr. Potter; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker and Mrs. Alice Davis of Redmond; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, Collins Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glin of Moro. Mr. Potter was presented with a beautifully decorated birthday cake which was served with coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned to their respective homes Saturday evening while the other guests were callers at the G. A. Potter home for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glin were Sunday morning breakfast hosts to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Weedman, Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin and George A. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Weedman returned to their home in Multnomah Sunday evening accompanied by Collis Moore.

Ed Bell, Wheat Commission Head, To Speak At Kent

Discussion of the road program to be presented to the legislative interim highway committee in The Dalles, March 22, required the time of the 34 members of the Sherman County club who met at Moro Wednesday morning.

The committee on public affairs, to which had been delegated the job of preparing the argument made the report. A number expressed a desire to attend the organization meeting of a Highway 97 association which is to be held in Moro, March 9, with representatives of Chambers of Commerce from Klamath Falls to Ellenburg, Washington present.

Talk of roads led to further discussion of county roads and what was to be done toward having that problem presented to the interim committee. Judge Wilson said that the county court was making a report which was to go in to headquarters and would make an oral argument before the committee. Paul Kaseberg wanted some assistance of civic bodies to have the Wasco west road improved and discussion was had as to whether the county or state was responsible for the road now surfaced.

The next meeting of the club will be held the evening of March 17 at the Kent Legion hall beginning at 7:00 p. m. J. Ed Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission will be the speaker although club business will include some phase of the telephone service. Everyone will be welcome.

A. A. Dunlap presided as vice-president in the absence of Merle Becket.

Scott Only Candidate Filing For Local Office

Up to Wednesday noon R. O. Scott was the only candidate to file for nomination with the county clerk. Mr. Scott is Justice of Peace at Wasco and wants to be reelected.

Filings close March 12 at 5:00 p. m. and as yet there are no announced candidates for county judge, commissioner, clerk, assessor or any of the other offices at the disposal of the voters.

Giles French has filed for nomination on the Republican ticket for state representative and Henry Peterson of Ione has also filed. Senator E. R. Patland is expected to file before the deadline.

Four Fined For Traffic Offenses

Fred Radcliffe of The Dalles pled guilty to reckless driving before Justice Scott and paid a fine of \$30 and agreed to pay \$70 to Douglas Lufley for damage caused to his car. Ray and Lawrence Welp, also of The Dalles, paid fines of \$25 each on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct. They accompanied Radcliffe.

Harold Berge of Prineville pled guilty to drunken driving and was assessed \$100 by Justice Scott and his license was driving and was assessed \$100 by Justice Scott and his license revoked. He is awaiting sufficient funds to pay the remaining \$54.50 of his fine in jail.

BRINKERT-NELSON WED

Mrs. Ruby Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Freden of Portland and William A. Brinkert of Grass Valley were married Sunday, February 15, at the home of the bride's parents. The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Robert Allen at 7:00 o'clock in a setting marked with a standard of pink and white flowers with a floor candelabra with lighted tapers on each side. The candles were lighted by Frank Caroon and the bride's daughter, Elaine Nelson.

The bride wore new length aqua suit and carried a white prayer book with three white orchids. Her attendant was her sister, Mrs. C. F. Gardenhire, who wore a blue dress and a corsage of gardenias. Wilbur Brinkert acted as best man for his brother.

Those from Grass Valley attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brinkert and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin.

SHANIKO

Mrs. Gus Reeder sends a challenge to Sherman countians about early hatched chickens being spurred by announcement word that Mrs. Kathleen Blaylock of Grass Valley had a family of baby chicks. Mrs. Reeder's were hatched February 1 and all 14 of them are doing well. Mrs. Reeder also has three hens that never molted and laid regularly all winter.

Kent Legion Starting New Club House

A crowd of 75 people gathered Thursday evening at the Legion hall for the oyster supper at which the Auxiliary used its new electric stove for the first time. At the business meeting following the supper it was voted by the Legion to construct a private post club. The machine shed formerly owned by George Witter and now part of the von Borstel estate will be rebuilt for the club building. Sim Dun can, Grass Valley carpenter, will finish the interior which will feature a wainscoting of knotty pine with sheet rock above. The floor will be of concrete. Policy in regard to club hours has not yet been established. The committee named in charge of the club construction were Luther Davis, Bob Rolfe and Frank von Borstel. The Auxiliary voted to sponsor an Easter semi-formal dance and midnight supper to be held March 27. Mrs. Donald von Borstel was named chairman of the dance committee. The next afternoon meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank von Borstel on March 10.

Wasco Auxiliary To Send Girl To Camp

The American Legion Auxiliary held its February meeting Friday the 27th at the home of Mrs. W. R. Reid, it being held over, due to the inclemency of the weather.

The second vice president, Mrs. Earl Richeliefer presided in the absence of the president. Sixteen members and one guest responded to roll call. It was voted to sponsor the Sam Gordon club, for a course of bridge lessons, the date to be decided on later.

It was also agreed to send a girl to Girl State this year, the registration fee being authorized and the committee to find an eligible girl.

The Legion and its auxiliary will celebrate the former's birthday with a pot-luck dinner, March 13, at 6:30 p. m. at the Legion hall. All members and would-be members of each are invited.

The March 12 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Richeliefer. There will be initiation and each member is asked to take one or more ditty bags.

Dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

FEBRUARY COLD & WET

The month of February brought the coldest weather of the winter, the lowest recorded being two below zero on the night of the 6th. It also brought another two inches of moisture to add to the phenomenal amount that had fallen since September 1. Total for the crop year is now 12.62 inches, a full eight inches above the normal for the first six months of the crop year.