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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

"Twelve hundred million men are spread about this earth And I and you wonder When you and I are dead; What will these luckless millions do?"

Except for the fact that there's now almost twice that number of persons spread about the earth the above poetical quip is as good a reminder of individual conceit as any. Kipling wrote it.

Winter, the farmer's think, is remaining extra long in the lap of spring and the delay gets irksome along about this time of year when the resting is done and ambition spurs the breast to physical endeavor.

What with weeds to be sprayed, a new job that excites the interest, and perhaps fertilizer to be scattered, another new thing, the farmers are anxious to be up and at it. Last week's freezing nights, accompanied by sunny days put a burden on them. There's not much leisurely talk in the sun on the lee side of a building. Farmers move faster than they did when it was below zero.

Down Rufus way the buttercups and yellow bells are out so Mrs Fox reports and chickens are being hatched around the county where secretive hens hid a nest or where women hungry for early fliers satisfied a broody hen. Less manly hens are scratching around in the mangers and laying plans for raising a family although such plans will probably result in nothing but frustration.

The raising of chickens has undergone a change. Instead of taking up three weeks of the time of a hen farm wives order their chicks full-grown from the chicken factory and keep the hens busy. Probably a strain on the motherly instincts of hens, but that's the way it is. A hen leads a lonesome life these days all around what with being deprived of masculine companionship and chance for posterity. No wonder that contented cluckie sounds more strident.

Living leisurely is obsolete. One must be up and doing. A farmer who goes to town is expected back for the next meal whereas in the dear, dead days beyond recall when horses were the vogue a farmer was lucky to get home by nightfall. No more does he dream along the road while the team plods slowly up a hill, no more can he let his mind ramble amid reminiscences and vagrant planning. He must be alert or the ear will be out of control.

Two new signs in front of the school house notify drivers that there must be no parking between signs. Except for school officers cars it is generally bare.

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Well, this snow won't hurt the buttercups although it might curb the farming activity and make farmers chafe the bit for a few more days. Snow in March is no phenomenon, nor in April, either and many an old timer will attest that he has seen snow hereabouts in every month of the year. Wednesday morning, too, there was memory of at least one March freezeout. People think of the most disagreeable things.

President Bowman of Johns Hopkins university has just resigned at 69 with this pungent comment: "Were I to insist that I am as good as ever (if I ever was) good, such insistence would be in itself clear evidence of senility."

Son: "Paw, does bigamy mean that a man has one wife too many?"

Paw: "Not necessarily. A man can have one wife too many and still not be a bigamist."

Wheat League Opposes Spending Of Tax Cushion

Decided opposition to any move that would remove the income and excise tax cushion for property taxpayers was voiced by the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at its meeting held in Arlington last Friday.

In a resolution the committee said that the property taxpayer was endorser on the income taxpayer's note and it didn't want the security taken away under any pretense.

The committee also heard a report of the show and sale committee planning The Dalles event for June 7-8-9. Grant Perry and Eugene Courtney said that there will be 118 cattle including 73 Herefords, 30 Shorthorns and 15 Angus steers shown together with 52 hogs and 75 sheep to be shown by 124 youthful exhibitors.

This is an increase from last year and arrangements have been made to care for that number. Premiums will total \$938, put up by the league and the budget approved by the Mid-Columbia show committee of The Dalles calls for over \$4000.

A finance committee with Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco as chairman was authorized to arrange for better financing of the league. Roy Forman of Antelope, Jack Smith of Condon and M. R. Eakin of Grass Valley were named to help him.

Appointment of committee chairman for the annual meeting next December in Condon resulted in the following men being chosen:

Production and Transportation: Kenneth Smouse, Ione, chairman; Douglas Carter, Pendleton, vice chairman; D. D. Hill, Corvallis, secretary.

Federal Agricultural Program and Land Use: Don McInnes, Summerville, chairman; Harry D. Proudfoot, Ione, vice-chairman; Garnet Best, Eaker, secretary.

Taxation and Legislation: Morris Wilson, Condon, chairman; A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco, vice chairman; Vic Johnson, Pendleton, secretary.

Wheat Disposal and Market Development: Robert Wood, Weston, chairman; Norbert Seig, Haines, vice-chairman; Ed Bell, secretary.

Duster Pilots Form Association With Profs

At Redmond aircraft dusting and spray operators of Oregon, March 3 formed the Oregon Agricultural Aircraft Operators association and elected officers.

L. D. Cody was chosen president, M. A. Long vice president, and Bud See, secretary-treasurer. This association was formed in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture, ranchers, and growers. It is expected that through the combined efforts of members and the department, pest and weed control will experience some very definite improvements throughout the state. Work has been started by a committee with Cal Butler, chairman, Robert Stancier of Robinson & Stangler, Pendleton and M. A. Long, assistant, in coordinating the work of the association with the State Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture.

It is expected that the membership of the group will include all of the aircraft operators in the state of Oregon and bordering states that are doing this type of work within Oregon itself. Mr. See will supply all of the information concerning the association on request from any operator it may concern.

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RED CROSS DRIVE ON

Sherman county is again in the midst of a Red Cross drive to push the local chapter over the top for its quota of \$2,296.00 for 1948. While no definite figures have yet been compiled by field workers it would appear that the results will be favorable.

According to the 1948 budget, generous allocations have been made for county use, \$600 having been set aside to provide hot lunches for school children who would not otherwise have this benefit. Water safety has received an allocation of \$400 which is intended to bring swimming instruction to every child in the county. \$300 has been set aside to add equipment to the county ambulance. More than \$1000 will be used in the county for other purposes which will include disaster preparedness and relief, home nursing program, care of veterans, necessary loans to distressed people, etc. Red Cross donations bring help to local as well as national causes.



IT'S COME TO THIS IN PALESTINE... War is no respecter of age or sex, and the hostilities in Palestine between Arabs and Jews are doing nothing to destroy the truth of that axiom. This girl, armed with a machine pistol which she knows how to use, is one of the fighting women of the Jewish Hagannah. She mans a rooftop post on the border between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, an area which has been the scene of some of the most ferocious Jewish-Arab encounters since partition.

Fertilizer Applied To Wheat Fields For First Time

Scattering of fertilizer on wheat fields is becoming common in the north end where the West-Air company has been dusting fields with Cysamide a 20 percent nitrogen mixture. Damon Fields has scattered 21,400 lbs. Kenneth Blau 39,700 lbs. and 600 lbs were used on the Moro experiment station. The fields were treated to a 70 lb. mixture and the station plot to 150 lbs per acre.

Nitrogen is being administered to spur growth of wheat that might be handicapped because of leaching of nitrates down into the soil. Kenneth Fridley is using a similar fertilizer preparatory to sowing spring grain.

POMONA GRANGE HEARS DISTRICT DEPUTY TALK

Pomona grange met at Harland View, March 6 beginning with a chicken dinner held at noon and served to about thirty-five people. Snowdrops and Ivy decorated the long table at which members were seated. State grange deputy, William Howes and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams of The Dalles were guests.

Harland View grange reported it was organizing a Home Economic club. For display, Mrs. Helen Bruckert showed corsages and flowers which she had made from pipe cleaners and colored.

Mrs. Bertha Belshe, juvenile superintendent of Harland View report they have an active juvenile grange, and are planning on attending Oregon State grange held at Astoria in June. Richard Dingle, S. A. Wilson and Eugene Eaton were put on the auditing committee to audit the Pomona books.

Pomona lecturer, Helen Bruckert gave a report on attending the lecturers school at Pendleton January 8 and 9. William Howes said it was the most complete report he had heard so far.

Lecturers program began with all singing "America The Beautiful". A skit by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dingle; two numbers on the piano accordion by Mrs. Bob Belshe; a reading, "Marriage" by Lucille Fox; and a game trying to tear a pig out of paper. Howard Ross was declared the best sceptor and received a prize; a poem "Go Winter" by Helen Bruckert; closing number "The Dear Old Farm" was sung by the group.

William Howes spoke on things the State grange is doing. LeRoy Wright, county agent, gave some of the points on the Home and Farmstead Reaffirmation program which the grange has been working on.

The next Pomona grange meeting will be held at noon in Kent (if it is alright with them) the first Saturday in May.

RUFUS

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats of Emigrant Springs went to Portland over the week end where Mrs. Coats received medical attention. Later they went to Dayton to visit with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rutschman.

A medical Missions program was given at the church Sunday night to show how much the other countries need medical help. A picture was shown, "Medical Missions In India", and was enjoyed.

County Politics Slow Coming To Boil

County politics that had slept over long while, few tried to awaken it, came suddenly to life this week following the filing of Curt Tom of Rufus for county judge.

Present Judge J. M. Wilson, approaching 69, said that his health wasn't equal to another term, leaving the spot open to the fastest runner. Attempts have been made to persuade Arnold Dunlap of Grass Valley to accept the support of friends. Joe Peters, county commissioner, has been solicited. It now seems likely that it will be sometime Friday before a full county slate is on file for the offices. Yet to be considered is the post of assessor, of clerk and coroner.

Who will be commissioner if Peters files for judge or refuses to run again. There are rumors about all of these: Wallace May, Lester Barnum, Harold Eakin, Tom Alley, W. S. Holmes, without a bit of confirmation nor any names written at the bottom of a declaration of candidacy.

Mr. Tom, who is already in the race is a retired farmer, has served in the legislature and was in 1928 a candidate for county judge.

Council Talks Bonds

The city council made partial plans about repairing streets in the city at the Tuesday night meeting but recognized inevitable delay because of lack of funds, a matter that can only be remedied by passage of a bond issue. It is thought that proceedings can begin on that matter soon as the ordinance giving power to the council to call for a vote on bonds has been approved.

Preparation of estimates of the city's needs as to streets was turned over to Clyde Gilmor and the result will be presented at the meeting of the Interim highway committee March 22.

Mrs. Grace McDermid Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Mabel Grace McDermid, widow of Dan McDermid, died in a Portland hospital Monday morning. She had undergone an operation on her eye and was thought to be recovering very well. Mrs. McDermid was born 62 years ago September 8 in Sherman county for the past 35 years.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Blau, two sons, Malcolm and Donald and a sister, Mrs. O. G. Nordvold and two grand children.

Funeral services were held from Callaways in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Carl Stierle giving the sermon. Interment was in the Odd-Fellows cemetery in The Dalles.

MEETINGS POSTPONED

Due to the sudden passing of their beloved president, Mrs. Grace McDermid, the Auxiliary meeting scheduled for March 12 at Mrs. Earl Richelderfer's will be held March 26 and the Legion pot-luck dinner at their hall March 27.

Sherman County Club Bills Bell For Wheat Talk

The Sherman County club will hold its next meeting at Kent on March 17 at the Legion hall beginning at 7:00 p. m. The principal speaker for the evening will be J. Ed Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission. Certain phases of the telephone service which are of decided interest to many Sherman county residents will be included in the club discussion. The dinner will be served by the Social club of the Wheatland Rebekah lodge at Kent.

Mr. Bell administers the orders of five appointed and two ex-officio members of the commission who collect half a cent from all wheat sold in Oregon and use the funds for research, marketing, advertising, etc., on behalf of wheat. Everybody is invited to come.

Crippled Children Campaign Needed

Requests for support of various programs — charitable and otherwise — are nothing new, and if it weren't for the fact that objectives of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults are most worthy, there would be no such campaign.

The Oregon chapter of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., is in the process of organization. This, incidentally, is not a new organization although it is making its introduction in Oregon. The society itself has been in operation since 1921, and Oregon is the 46th state to seek a chapter.

The aim of the society is simple enough — to benefit those physically handicapped persons who are not included in the programs of publicly endowed organizations such as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the Tuberculosis Society, and many others. Actually there are millions of handicapped persons in the United States, and many thousands in Oregon alone, whose needs are neglected. It is these people that the society wants to help without duplicating the services of any other group.

Better than 95 percent of the funds collected in this Easter seal sale will remain in Oregon to be allocated by the local chapter.

SHANIKO NEWS

By Mrs. Maude Garrett

Joe Morelli returned from Pendleton Wednesday where he spent a week visiting relatives and attending to business.

Miss Margaret Olsen drove to Madras Friday evening to return her father's car to him. He brought her home the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Schwadewitz of The Dalles were guests of her mother, Mrs. Minnie Bleakney Wednesday.

Mrs. Amanda Fine and her grand daughter Darlene of Antelope were Tuesday visitors in The Dalles as were Bob and Bill Garrett.

Mrs. Robert Tatum of Kent and small daughters were Monday visitors in Shaniko being luncheon guests of Mrs. Rosa Harris.

Bill Duran was here from Kent Monday.

The young people of Grass Valley will conduct the services here Sunday instead of Mr. Schilling who will be absent from his church.

Shaniko is having snow and cold weather again this week after a few days of bluebirds and robins and thoughts of spading the garden.



AILING HIPPO... Pete the hippo, his Bronx zoo attendant finally decided, was feeling poorly. He was listless during the day and suffered from insomnia at night. It turned out he was suffering from the heat.

Highway 97 Association Formed By Tri-State Group Here Tuesday

Preliminary steps toward the organization of a three state and Canada Highway 97 association were taken in Moro Tuesday when delegations from Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups from Dorris, California to Ellensburg, Washington met.

First steps toward the meeting had been taken by the secretaries of the Yakima and Goldendale Chambers of Commerce and the public affairs committee of the Sherman County club. Date of the meeting was set and plans perfected at a meeting of paid Chambers of Commerce men of both Oregon and Washington held in February in Portland.

After the visitors had been guests of the Sherman County club at lunch the 16 men from outside the county and the local delegation adjourned to the

court house for the meeting. Lorin Markham, secretary of the Yakima chamber, presided and Charles Stark of the Klamath Falls chamber acted as secretary. Each one present spoke of his views on formation of such an organization and the group voted to go ahead with a plan.

Views expressed were that tourists should be told of the scenic value of the road and that more highway money should be spent in improvements, with some discussion as to which should come first. The present condition of the road was held to be temporary and caused by late winter frosts.

A steering committee consisting of Mr. Markham, Mr. Stark, C. E. Motschenbacher of Dorris, Calif., J. S. Baranger of Ellensburg, Wn., Leonard Larson of Goldendale, Wn., Howard Steib of Bend and Giles French of Moro prepared a program during a recess which was accepted by the group.

Mr. Markham and Mr. Baranger are to write a set of by-laws and Larson, French and Stark are to prepare a program and budget for the 1948 work of the association which is expected to consist of signs at strategic points, printing and distribution of folders telling of Highway 97 and the country it traverses.

The tourist promotion work will be done by the whole organization although each state will work toward highway improvement alone.

Present for the meeting were: Malcolm Epley, Charles Stark, and T. B. Watters, Klamath Falls; C. E. Motschenbacher, Dorris, California; Howard Stein, Wm. J. Baer, Marion Cady, Bend; Tommy Thompson, Redmond; Howard Turner, Guv F. Wade, Madras; Leonard Larson, Goldendale, Wn.; Lorin Markham, R. B. Hopkins, Yakima; F. J. Beaulieu, Toppish; J. S. Baranger, J. M. Crane, Ellensburg, Wn.; Carrel Bennett, Pauli Goddard, J. M. Wilson, Michael Mulick, LeRoy Wright, A. A. Dunlap, W. T. Balsiger, Ernest Eslinger, Dewey Thompson, Tom Strong, J. K. McKean, Willy Knighton, John Parker, Giles French of the Sherman County club.

High School Team Takes Third

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 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 of 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.

FISH RULES READY

Ready earlier than usual, copies of the 1948 official synopsis of angling regulations are now available for distribution at all license agencies as well as at the office of the Game Commission in Portland, announces C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor.

Attention is called to a typographical error listing the non-resident hunting license fee as \$15 instead of \$25, to which amount this license was increased by the last legislative session.

GRASS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. John Foss of Moro and Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg and daughter, Patricia, attended the Methodist church here Sunday. Patricia, who was a delegate to the conference of the young people in Cincinnati, Ohio, gave an interesting talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox took her mother, Mrs. Louie Davis, to Portland Monday for a few days stay. The Cox's returned home the same evening.

The Grass Valley Rebekah social club are having a food sale on Saturday April 17 at the Odd Fellow hall.

About one-hundred attended the dance at the Odd Fellow hall Saturday night for the Sherman County Riders. The music was furnished by the Lane orchestra from Hood River. Sandwiches and coffee were served at intermission.