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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

A Moro councilman has been heard to remark that he hoped everyone read the accounts of drought in California, especially that part about there not being enough water for the cities and about hauling water for flowers. The misery loves company idea, apparently.

Portland has a chance to have a woman mayor next year, that is, unless the prejudice against it is too strong. Dorothy Lee has been a competent public official for years (it wouldn't be chivalric to say how many years) and has performed her duties well. She could be elected and the city could do much worse.

War with Russia is the common topic of conversation. It may happen but it seems unlikely right now. Russia isn't ready (the experts say) and certainly we're not. We've never been ready for a war anyhow. Our army is disbanded, our air force reduced and the ships we built so rapidly to haul cargo are out of commission or sold (some to Russia, it is said).

But wars don't wait until everyone is ready. It does seem as if our government has done the wrong thing every time it took any action. Marshall failed in China and the Reds are taking that country. We sent money and food and some men to Greece and now conditions are so bad there that the news doesn't come through. We talked about Italy for months and now it is admitted that Italy may go communist. The Czechs traded away at Yalta; Poland was handed over to Russia; Finland must depend on itself alone.

Congress has been slow about adopting the Marshall plan which the state department wants. This talk of war may be to speed up congress, but whether it speeds up or not there is no assurance that the Marshall plan will end our troubles any more than a plan by the same man brought a solution to China's troubles. The world is in a bad mess and it has been the history of the human race that one war brings on another until the fighting nations are exhausted or conquered.

Spring comes—and the details of the surroundings show brightly in the fresh mornings of the season and year; the whiteness of a newly painted house, the straight line of a fence showing clear in the clean, dustless air, the pile of discarded rubbish in the backyard that spring feelings bid be moved. There should be a spring season for the spirit, a time of year—at least once every twelve months when perception was quickened, when the pretty things show their beauty and the ugly things appear without glamour or excuse for being. We might then find it as difficult to excuse bad morals as to excuse the home-keeping that is dirty and filthy.

Communities are judged by the things they stand for. If they accept deceit and dishonesty, that is the measure of their moral force. If they reject them, they strengthen their virtue.

Politics in Oregon has generally been on a pretty much up and down basis and no political machine has been put into office by vote of the people up to now. Some have thought they had a sort of machine but it broke down too often to be effective. What is meant by machine is one of the Pendergast type that was based on illegal licensing of vice, a sort of underworld government of its own.

As a more than casual reader of the daily doings of the ever cautious political scribes it seems that there might have been some almost apparent throat-cutting going on recently. It is too far away to know whose throat it was.

For Oregon the political race officially began last Friday night when the entries lined up for the qualifying race. Not all the presidential candidates are entered in Oregon and that part of it will be indecisive here and Oregon's delegates will perhaps be pledged to some one with little chance by June and some one may be nominated whom Oregon voters don't have a chance to vote for or against.

There will apparently be a turn over in Oregon legislative positions and a shortage of experience in legislative doings.

The people have the final say in these matters, which is as it should be and while they don't always choose the men best qualified they do better than any other agency would.

Engineers Give Barnum Canyon Drainage A Look

J. F. Bruce and G. W. Shoemaker of the U. S. Army engineers of Portland were here Monday on request of the city council to look over the damage caused by floods in Barnum canyon during the past six months. The council may request federal aid to repair some of the flood damaged spots after considering the procedure necessary to obtain that aid.

Request would first have to be made to congress, then an appropriation obtained after an estimate was made by the engineers. Not only city damage but damage to any citizen would be included in the total.

School Play Billed For Thursday

On March 25, 1948, the Moro High School speech class will present Edward Eggleston's "The HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER". It has been accorded an expert dramatization by Pauline Phelps, and those who are familiar with this book (and who is not?) will most assuredly be interested in seeing the following immortal characters come to life behind the footlights: Ralph Hartsock, master himself, Dick Oveson, Hannah Thompson, the lovely bound out girl, Nell Coats; the Means family—Mrs Means, Gene Zevely; Bud Means, Joe Harvey; Miranda Means, Marie Blagg; Doc Small, Herman Peters; Shockey, Joan Oveson; Miss Hawkins, Priscilla Melzer; Hank Banta, Vic Jones; Squire Hawkins, James Hartley; Granny Sanders, Virginia Smith; Mrs Pearson, Verna June Coyle; Mrs Schroeder, Sharon Martin; Ellen Schneider, Sammie Lyons; Hetty Andrews, JoAnn Clodfelter; and Betsy Short, Connie Wilson. Tickets will be on sale at Pacific Power & Light, Co.

Women Meet In Portland For Party

An enjoyable Sherman county get-together, arranged by the Luncheon club, was held on the afternoon of March 14, in the club rooms of the Y.W.C.A. in Portland. Receiving and assisting the president, Jessie Elrod Moore, were Dorothy Blakney, Bea McKee, Lucille Curry, Leora Landstrom, Norma Byrd, and Frances Ekstrom. Urns of spring blossoms were placed about the room and from a large lace covered table decorated with flowers refreshments were served with Mrs. E. H. Moore and Mrs. George Crossfield pouring, followed by Veva Marshall and Marv Southwick. The members in charge of refreshments were Zetta Carter, Con Fuller, Nina Hennagin, Bess Wittenberg, and Marv Barbur. Ruth Berger and Veva Marshall had arranged a program of musical numbers with vocal solos by Gordon Rich, George Schatz Jr. and Dorothy Blakney, and piano selections by Malcolm Medler. Those attending were registered by May Corbush. Esther Proudfoot and Abner mentioned addition to the above mentioned those registering were Alice Anderson, Jessie Benefield, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brackett, Mrs. C. S. Barbur, Leslie Blakney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burres, Allen Brown, Eulalie Crosby Barnett, John G. Barnett, Evelyn Barnett, Ira F. Barnett, W. Rav Blake, Doris Blake, Violet Chantler, Georgia Cochran, Thurman E. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffey, J. B. Davis, Anna Davis, Sadie Orr Dunbar, O. A. Ekstrom, Robert Frink, Mrs. Scott Fortner and Susan and Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hollin, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Johnson and sons, Jessie Kenniv, Mr. Landstrom, W. A. Mills, Blanche McKee, Mrs. W. G. McDonald, Mrs. John Medler, Mr. and Mrs. E. McKee and Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. John F. McClure Mary Ann and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moran, H. H. Proudfoot, Mrs. Ora M. Puckett, Esta M. Powell, Edith P. Puckett, Frances Rich, Myrtle M. Ross, Mrs. Gordon Rich, Mrs. George I. Schatz Jr. and Mrs. Clarence Schatz Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sil Sparling, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sil Sparling, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schadevitz, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sbray, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey W. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Mrs. John Wilt, Ralph S. Wittenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Wood, all of Portland, C. E. Berger and Fred Carter of Bonnevile, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Price of North Bonnevile, Dr. D. W. Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy of Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cooper, Belle Clothier, Anna Lee, Marion Medler of Wasco, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Raegdale, The Dalles and Mrs. C. C. Caldwell and son of Anchorage, Alaska.

Filing End Finds Barely Enough Candidates

Filing for office in Sherman county was restricted to not more than one candidate for office and a search was made throughout the county to get that many. No one seems to want county office. Curt Tom of Rufus is the only candidate for county judge. Lester Wilson of Kent, filed Friday for the commissioner's post and is the only candidate. He is farming the Gates place east of Kent and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson of Kent.

Paul Goddard filed late Friday for assessor. He had said earlier that he would file if no one else cared to do so. Ross Ornduff filed for clerk and R. O. Scott for justice of Peace of Wasco-Rufus district. All are Republicans except Ornduff who is a democrat. No one filed for coroner.

In the legislative districts J. M. Wilson filed for state representative Thursday assuring a race for the two positions on the Republican ticket, Henry Peterson and Giles French having already filed. Senator E. R. Fatland will compete with Stewart Hardie, also of Condon. Hardie is publisher of the Condon-Globe Times.

W. H. Steiwer, former state senator of Fossil has filed as a candidate for delegate to the national convention and Mrs. Howard Conlee of Moro has filed for a position as presidential elector.

Shaniko News

By Mrs Maude Garrett

Mr and Mrs James Rees and son of Portland were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees.

Rev. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles was here to hold services in the school house but the weather was too cold and damp.

Mrs Rosa Harris spent Thursday and Friday at Madras with her grandson and his wife, Mr and Mrs Amos Fine.

Mrs Myrtle McLennon of The Dalles is a guest of her brother in law, Duncan McLennon at the hotel.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crozier of Canyon City were week end guests of Mrs Maude Garrett who is his sister. They brought W. J. Crozier with them to stay here with his daughter. He has just returned from Sacramento where he had spent the winter with his sons.

Shelton Fritts Jr. and Don Earl and Miss Sammy Lyons came to hold services Sunday in place of Rev. Schilling. Mr. Fritts gave a very good talk on the rise and fall of King Solomon.

George Lang ran several slivers through two of his fingers Saturday when he fell against a fence from his bicycle. His father had to take him to Madras to the doctor where he was repaired.

Harold Fine of Antelope visited his mother, Mrs. Amanda Fine Monday and took his daughter, Darlene home with him. It is still winter in Shaniko.

Drain-Rufus Girls Play Champ Game

The Drain high school girls made a 300 mile trip Thursday to play volleyball with the Rufus girls. The Drain girls have been undefeated champions for eight years; therefore hearing of all the honors the Rufus girls have been running away with, challenged them to a game and won by a score of 35-19. Mrs. Dewey Thomas was the referee.

The Drain high boys came for the Arlington tournament.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Fridley of The Dalles were callers Saturday afternoon at the farm home of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Fridley.

Mrs Vernon Miller and son Arnold were admitted to The Dalles hospital Thursday with pneumonia. Both were resting easily the end of the week. Mrs Miller's sister from Eugene was to arrive Saturday night to be with them.

George Fox left Thursday morning by bus to make a business trip to Portland and Salem. He returned to The Dalles Saturday where Mrs Fox and his sons met him. All returned home together Saturday night.

Voters' Pamphlet Out For Election

An opinion by the attorney general made it necessary for the county clerk to publish a voters' pamphlet for the special school election which will be held in Sherman county April 17. The pamphlets contain the complete text of the county school law in the style provided by law. They will be distributed before April 7, every registered voter receiving one.



It takes the skill of specialists to help this happy boy get his feet on the ground ready to go places. You start him on his way when you buy Easter Seals. This is only one of the services for crippled children made possible through Easter Seals.

Cold Continues At Kent and Farmers Wait Chance To Start Field Work

By Mrs Lester Wilson

Snow continued to blanket the Kent vicinity Tuesday in a continuation of the freakish weather which has halted all farming operations. Local operators are beginning to look worried as they pass the middle of March and their tractors are still not in the fields and the majority of their seed wheat still lies treated and sacked in warehouse or machine shed.

The later the wheat goes into the ground the greater becomes the gamble of production. Should the hot east winds which sweep in so often about the last of June or the first of July catch the wheat when it is too tender, there could be a very short crop. There seems to be a growing belief that old man winter has a grudge against the local community.

As one lanky farmer said, as he propped his feet against the stove in the general store, "Why can't it hold up for a month until we get our wheat in. Then let her fall! The more the merrier!" The only trouble is that old man winter shows no sign of holding up for anyone. Perhaps he's been listening to that leaky faucet song, for he just keeps dripping along.

Mr and Mrs Kent Adams and children of Vancouver, Wash., were overnight guests Friday at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Schadevitz.

Mrs Mamie McKay and son, Jimmy left for Sweet Home Monday morning, where Mrs McKay will be employed. Mrs McKay, her mother and her daughter, Darlene and son, Kenneth will join her at Sweet Home at the close of school.

Mr and Mrs Dick Rhodes of Mosier were overnight guests Thursday at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Schadevitz.

Mrs John K. Wilson and daughter, Miss May Wilson left on the Streamliner last Tuesday for Tennessee after a two months visit which was divided between her daughter, Mrs. Carl Schadevitz and her son, Walter Wilson of The Dalles.

Mrs Mamie McKay, her mother, Mrs. Annie Barrows, and her three children, Darlene, Kenneth and Jimmy drove to Lebanon last Friday to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs G. T. Rosin. They returned Sunday.

Harry Justesen was admitted to the hospital last Thursday with complications following the flu.

Mrs E. C. Smith and her mother, Mrs. George McKay of Mist were overnight visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs J. E. Norton last Friday to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs J. E. Norton.

Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies, Mr and Mrs George Wilson, Mr and Mrs Hans Bardenhagen, Mr and Mrs John Reckman and Mr and Mrs Lester Wilson were among the guests at a card party, Monday night at the home of Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel of Grass Valley.

Mrs Jerry M. Wilson returned to Kent Monday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Betty Kelly at Pullman, Wa.

Mr and Mrs Wilbur Walker,

new owners of the Shell Service station had as overnight guests Saturday Mrs. Kate Hanigsmann, Mr and Mrs Don Chambers, Mr and Mrs Jim Perry, and Miss Rosemary Deaville, small granddaughter of Mrs Walker, all of Hood River.

Mr and Mrs E. C. Smith and family and Mrs. George McKay of Mist were dinner guests Tuesday night at the home of Mr and Mrs Harley McKay.

Mr and Mrs Lester Wilson and family were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. Noel Smith of The Dalles.

Miss Marion Buchanan, intermediate grade teacher, drove with a party to Timberline lodge Friday evening for the skiing. They returned Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Robert Mitchell of Portland were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkedahl. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs John Decker.

Mr and Mrs Jay Clum of Portland were overnight guests Wednesday of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Sather. They were visiting Mrs Clum's father, Donald Bicknell who is employed on the Sather ranch.

Wilbur Haggerty was a business visitor Saturday in The Dalles.

Mrs Bill Jefferies returned Friday from The Dalles where she has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett. Mrs Barnett had just returned home following an operation in Vancouver, Washington.

Mrs Barbara Norton and J. E. Norton were callers at the home of James Robertson of Shaniko last Wednesday evening.

Caution Advised

Because the War Assets Administration is now holding purchasers of surplus material to the terms of their contracts, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs today advised veterans in business to be "extremely cautious" when they submit a bid or an offer to purchase surplus items.

Once such an offer is submitted—by a veteran or anybody else—and accepted by WAA, the would-be purchaser is deemed to have entered into a contract with the U. S. government, WAA officials told the veterans' affairs agency, either through failure to pay for the items or failure to remove them from the surplus depot, he is considered in default and will be billed for all costs and expenses, according to WAA regulations.

TREES AVAILABLE

Another 2000 trees have been received at the county agent's office for distribution to farmers who want to plant trees for wind breaks. Varieties on hand are apple, fir, Chinese Arbor vitae and Black Locust, all of which are well known to Sherman county farmers.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro, Thursday, March 25, 1948, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Ed Bell Tells About Wheat Commission and It's Plans For Future

Following the advice of farmers, obtained in county meetings, the Oregon Wheat commission has been "finding out about wheat" through research conducted on several fronts, said Ed Bell, administrator of the commission at Kent Wednesday evening when addressing the Sherman County club.

There is much to learn about wheat, said Mr. Bell, and not much has been done before. The exact reasons why our particular type of wheat acts as it does

in flour and later in pastry is not known although laboratories are trying to find out. Use of wheat in industry will follow more research on the use of wheat proteins.

When starch is taken from wheat to make industrial products some uses must be found for by-products to make the plan economically feasible. That will come later.

Primary use for wheat, said the speaker, is for pastry uses, next will be stock feeding and to this end the commission has started cake baking contests and similar activities and is ready to aid the stock feeding program to develop the feeding angle.

Organization of the Oregon Wheat commission was done by an act of the legislature which was motivated by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league's study of needs of wheat farmers. There are five directors and two ex-officio members and an administrator. They are charged with the job of developing markets for northwest wheat through advertising, market development and research. Freight rates are important to markets and work is being done on that phase.

The plan is new for wheat but the best known foods are those that are backed by similar groups. Of these Mr. Bell mentioned the dairy industry that has promoted the use of milk many fold, the citrus industry, the meat institute and the national wool growers. Wheat must be processed before consumed and therefore presents a slightly different problem.

Several questions were asked Mr. Bell at the close of his talk among them being a request for the financial position of the commission. He said receipts had been \$71,000 and that \$47,000 was on hand making a total expense of \$24,000. Setting up an office and buying a car were the most important items of cost. Money was given to stimulate use of wheat in the Philippine Islands, which, like Japan, are in need of more food.

There is need for both a regional and a national organization Mr. Bell said in answer to another question and added that both Washington and Idaho are expected to pass similar laws next winter.

A. A. Dunlap vice-president, announced that 72 were present to enjoy the bounteous turkey dinner served by the Kent Rebekahs, Kenneth Fridley, Floyd Root, Wendell Balsiger and Millard Eakin were named the committee for the April 7 meeting which will be held in Moro in the evening. Subject will be: schools.

The club ask the public affairs committee to obtain more information about the possible construction of hospital facilities in the county. J. M. Wilson reported no further progress on the projected REA telephone plan but Theodore Johnston said that cost would run between \$137 and \$500 per customer.

Hospital Possibility For Sherman County

Recommendation of the State Board of Health that additional hospital facilities be constructed in the mid-Columbia area with a ten bed hospital located in Moro will be investigated by the Sherman County club. An effort to obtain a physician in Sherman county has been unsuccessful for several years and hopes that one would be found after the war have proven unavailing.

If a hospital, even a small one, were available a physician would have facilities for treating patients so that one would remain here, it is thought.

There is one doctor for about 1500 people in the United States which should insure one for this prosperous community.

The government is aiding the construction of hospitals as a means of improving public health and most of this work is to be in rural areas which were found less healthy than the cities in the last war. What part of the cost would be borne locally is not yet known.

LITTLE FARMING YET

Very little farm work has been done in Sherman county to date although several have started plowing. Some weed treating is being done when the wind doesn't blow or it is not too cold for aviators to fly. Application of fertilizer has been done in some places and some small patches have been plowed. Actual summerfallowing is possible in only a few places because of wet spots.