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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Long residents will know it is spring now. Easter Sunday with its bright and warming sun indicating that spring was about to arrive and for Sherman counts of long experience Monday's wind was confirming evidence.

It really blew, whooshing around the corners, popping the barren tree limbs together, making the older buildings creak, chilling the ones who had to be outdoors until they knew that this was really spring. Old Winter's air had been so moved about that it could never get down to the same sullen chill of a few days ago.

It is not really warm and may not be for a month, but it is spring—the wind broke up winter.

If the energy that is wasted waiting for the Portland crossing lights to change from WAIT to WALK could be harnessed it would light the city.

"A man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man. This standard has his measure been Since time, itself began.

He's measured, not by tithes and creed. High sounding though they seem Nor by his gold that's put aside Nor by his sanctity.

He's measured not by social rank When character's the test Nor by his earthly pomp or show Displaying wealth possessed.

He's measured by his justice, right His fairness at his play His squareness in all dealings made His upright, honest way.

These things are his measures, ever near To serve him when they can For man's no bigger than the way He treats his fellow man."

The baseball season opened this week. Americans are going to do some playing and watching again this year despite the troubles of the world. Maybe it would be a better world to live in if the Russians played baseball instead of listening to Joe Stalin and Molotov and the others who have a monopoly on the ears of the peasantry.

But its not quite right to talk about troubles in the same paragraph as baseball. Away with the troubles. Play Ball.

Everyone seems to be taking after the rather harmless Mr. Truman and are reporting that he can't carry the south, the big cities where there are Democratic machines, the liberals, the old Bourbons or even Independence, Missouri.

A little memory of political history is a balance wheel that helps disbelieve some statements. It wasn't too long ago that the Republicans split over the first Roosevelt, then the Democrats had a bad time after 1928. Since then swarming, newly made Democrats have boasted that there would never be another Republican president. Now it looks like the Democrats are in for another period of disintegration.

Lately the Democrats have been choosing a better time to bow out of the lead than have the Republicans. For instance, 1948 may be as bad a year to be elected president in as was 1928.

The United States is going to get an opportunity to decide an old question, probably this year. That is who the nation outside the geographical limits of the present, Alaska and maybe Cuba are watching. We have just dropped the Philippines by letting them become free and independent. How far do the people of this nation want to go in admitting into citizenship the peoples of other lands, islands or whatever other territory we may encounter in our ambition. Senator Cordon says its a good thing.

Complaint is welling up from many sources against the censorship of the state department, which, it is alleged does not give the American people enough information about foreign affairs. It is not possible to let the Americans people in on matters without letting foreign countries know about them too, but if we are to make our own decisions as people, we will have to know more than we do.



GEORGE FLAGG

## Flagg Visits County

Mr and Mrs George Flagg were in Sherman county last Thursday while on a trip through eastern Oregon on behalf of his candidacy for secretary of state. Mr. Flagg, formerly owned newspapers in many eastern Oregon towns including Condon, John Day and The Dalles, before he became deputy secretary of state for P. J. Stadelman, Earl Snell and Robert Farrell.

He was appointed Public Utilities commissioner by Governor Snell and served until his resignation to file for the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

## Bill Brinkert Gets Broken Ribs

William Brinkert of Grass Valley is in a hospital in The Dalles with three broken ribs and Mrs. Fridlen, a passenger, has a dislocated shoulder because of an automobile accident a mile east of Celilo last Friday. Neither Mrs. Brinkert nor Mr. Fridlen, other passengers, were seriously injured.

Brinkert was driving when he met and collided with a Pontiac sedan driven by Warren Payn of Portland, riding alone. After the accident Brinkert's car left the road and plunged down an embankment on three wheels.

## Wasco Families Have Easter Together

A pot-luck dinner was held at the Marvin Howell home Easter Sunday. Those attending were: Mr and Mrs Arvid Anderson, Mr and Mrs Ed Olson, Mr and Mrs Leonard Maurus Jr., Mr and Mrs Clarence Spencer and daughters, Mary and Margaret, Mr and Mrs Clayton McCall and sons, John, Bobby and Jimmie, Mr and Mrs Tom Jacobson and son, Erling, Mr and Mrs Matt Schwen del, Mr and Mrs Howard Spencer and son, Eugene, Mrs. Irene Callaway and son Lanny, Don and McDermid, Carol Briggs, Chester Bargenholt and Mr and Mrs Marvin Howell and son Bob.

Mr and Mrs Veri Fields and son Mark of Washougal, Wash., were overnight guests of Mr and Mrs Elvis Rich.

## 'Hoosier Schoolmaster' Revived By MHS

Moro High school went back to 1871 Thursday night to find "The Hoosier Schoolmaster" and present its ancient nobility and narrowness to an age more liberal about both.

Ralph Hartsook (Dick Oveson) looked properly virtuous as the schoolmaster even when beset by the financial pettiness of Mrs Means (Gene Zevely), the boyish torture of Bud Means (Joe Harvey) and Hank Banta (Vic Jones) the scheming of Dr. Small (Herman Peters) and the feminine jealousy of Miranda Means (Marie Blagg).

On his side were Hannah Thompson (Neil Coats), her young sister Shockey (Joan Oveson), Martha Hawkins (Priscilla Melzer) and when it seemed the politic thing to do Squire Hawkins (James Hartley). As always happens in stories of the pioneer days, and often yet, virtue and right were victorious in the end although the smooth faced young instructor had converted Bud, been plotted against by the oily doctor and had made most of the women of the district jealous because of his attentions to the bound girl, Hannah.

Connie Wilson as a giggling school girl who really giggled, Virginia Smith, Sharon Martin, Verna Coyle, Sammie Lyons and JoAnn Clodfelter were minor characters. Mrs B. H. Roberson was director.

## Registration for Special Election Shows 1247 Voters

Registration for the special election to be held Saturday April 17 on the question: Shall Sherman county adopt the provisions of the county school law, was concluded March 17 with 1247 voters eligible to cast ballots.

By precincts: Rufus 135; Klondike 93; Monkland 87; Kent 113; Grass Valley 250; Moro 266; Wasco 303.

There are some whose names are on the rolls who have moved away or for other reasons will not vote, but it will be possible to obtain a total vote of 900 if interest is sustained in the election.

## Local Men Testify In Rate Hearing

Several Sherman county citizens were in Portland last week to testify before an ICC examiner in opposition to joint rail and water rates on the Columbia river.

Appearing were A. A. Dunlap, Wendell Balsiger and George Harvis of the three grain cooperative organizations, Collis Moore and Giles French who appeared with men from adjoining counties to oppose the rate which has been proposed by barge line owners.

Fear that the imposition of the rate would cause abandonment of the branch lines, that the taxes now paid by the railroads would be lost because barge lines pay none and that transit privileges would be lost were main reasons given in opposition.

## CANCER DRIVE STARTED

The campaign of the American Cancer society started April 1 and in Sherman county will be headed by Mrs Ernest Esslinger, Moro. Her co-workers will be Mrs Ernest Smith, Kent; Mrs Jo Hogue, Grass Valley; Mrs Grace Wallan, Moro; Mrs Keith McDonald, Wasco; Mrs George Fox, Rufus; and Mrs Howard Ross, Hardland View.

## SHERMAN RIDERS TO MEET

The Sherman County Riders are going to have a meeting Sunday for some business and some food and then for the real fun of the day when they will adjourn to the fair grounds and see what their horses can do after the winter's rest.

## School Committee Mails Figures

The Sherman County School committee has sent out a series of graphs about school costs in five counties similar to Sherman and in five counties under the county school law (most of which are not similar, although Crook is much the same) and with Sherman county.

Sherman county has, and has had larger costs than any other county in the state but costs are nearly three times the state average, say the graphs.

The school committee that is acting as sponsor for the county school law election is composed of men and women from all over the county who were picked as members of the county conference schools committee and later voted to become aggressive about a change in the school system when it was discovered that there was so much agreement concerning the need for a change in county school management.

Estimates of the committee for total cost of schools is between \$150,000 and \$200,000 per year, which would include an expanded high school curriculum.

## Power Company Plans Connection At East End

Almost half a million dollars of Pacific Power & Light company's record-breaking construction budget for 1948 will be spent for improvements and expansion of the power system in The Dalles district, which includes the Sherman system serving the Sherman-Wasco-Gilliam-Morrow county area, according to R. P. Brisbane, local manager for the power company.

All told, the company's building program for the year calls for \$6,666,350. This is nearly a third of a million greater, Brisbane said, than the amount spent last year, when construction set a previous all-time high for the company's 38-year history.

Two projects scheduled by the company in this year's work program are expected to benefit the Sherman system materially by reinforcing its power supply. Both are substations, one at The Dalles to interconnect with the Bonneville system and the other at Jordan Sliding, near Lone, to connect with a new line being built from the company's Hermiston substation.

Approximately \$250,000 will be spent on the big power transmission substation and connecting lines just west of The Dalles, Brisbane said. This will form the eighth interconnection between Pacific's lines and those of the Bonneville system, and will provide added supply for The Dalles area.

The Jordan Sliding project, for which transformer equipment will not be available for until early 1949, will provide an additional source of supply for the Sherman system and also will permit power to be fed in from the eastern end.

Distribution transformers to be used in this district during the year are estimated to require about \$46,000, Brisbane said, with another \$22,000 needed for meters, extensions and minor additions to distribution lines will take about \$55,000.

## Grass Valley Folks Visit Kin At Lone

Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles left Sunday for Lone to spend a few days visiting at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Earl McKinney.

Mrs Arzell Lemley and daughters, Eileen and Caroline, Morgan, Duane, Miss Virginia Morgan, Duane, Nettie and Barbara Alley went to The Dalles Thursday when Miss Morgan returned to her home in Portland and Mr. Nettie returned to his home in Lebanon after spending part of their vacation at the Lemley home.

Mr and Mrs W. D. Barnett had as dinner guests Easter Sunday Mr and Mrs Harold Owens and Carol Ann and Mr ad Mrs Olan Stark.

Mrs Jacob Wassenmiller had as dinner guests Sunday Mr and Mrs Rinehardt Wassenmiller and family of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs August Wassenmiller and family of Tygh Valley, Dean Ojds and the Rev. C. Wildermuth of Hood River.

Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett and son, Keith, were dinner guests in Moro Easter Sunday.

Mrs Arzell Lemley and Mrs Estel Hartley took Duane and Eileen Lemley to The Dalles Saturday when they left for their respective schools Oregon State college and the university to resume their studies after spending spring vacation with their parents.

Mr and Mrs John Rolfe and sons motored to Antelope Sunday to spend the day visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Baker.

The Ladies Social Service club will meet at the home of Mrs W. F. Schilling Thursday afternoon April 8.

Mr and Mrs Fred Cox had as their guest the past week their son in law and daughter Mr and Mrs Al Roberts and family from Corvallis.

Mr and Mrs Charlie Anderson returned home last Tuesday from Vancouver, Wn., where they spent a month working on her mother's house and visiting.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ernest Blaylock were Mr and Mrs Boyce Blaylock and family and Mr and Mrs Earl Sawtell and family of The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Stradley and sons drove to The Dalles to spend Easter with his folks. Jimmy Ziegler and Ed Fritts left Sunday for Corvallis to resume their studies at OSC after spending spring vacation here.

Mrs Charles Davis went to Portland to spend a few days with her parents, Mr and Mrs Walter Roy and her son, James Dykstra, and family during the spring vacation.



Congressman Lowell Stockman, Oregon Second District, as who was called away from the he presided over the House re-chamber asked Mr. Stockman to center during debate on appropri-take over the rostrum in his House Committee on Un-American

## Rufus Girls Win at Volleyball and Scouts Too Short For Older Boys

By Mrs George Fox

The Rufus High school played a game of volleyball Tuesday night with the Lone High school girls. The Rufus girls clicked with good team work and won by a score of 68 to 10. Dorothy Blackburne was high point player with 20 points with Darlene Smith a close second with 19 points. Ray Brown was referee.

Miss Mary Brackett, who teaches the lone girls, accompanied them to Rufus. She is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Herman Brackett of Rufus.

The same night the town team Ernie Engles, Ray Brown, Joe Morris, Archie Brand Jr., and Roger Blackburne, played a close game with the Rufus Boy Scouts, but the town team had the Scouts outclassed for height and won with a score of 34 to 27.

When school let out last Friday afternoon the doors were closed for a 9 day vacation for the faculty and children. Owing to the school taking just a week off during the Christmas holidays made the vacation possible at this time.

The entire school at Rufus journeyed to Arlington Friday afternoon and enjoyed the concert that was given there by an R.O.T.C. band from Oregon State.

Rufus school has a new high school freshmen who is Dick Frances of Portland. Frances is making his home with Mr and Mrs Roland Johnson while attending school here and is a former student of Grant High in Portland.

Mr and Mrs W. H. McDonald drove to Portland for the week end going especially for the christening of Sharon Elaine Pearson, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Pearson. Pearson and Mrs McDonald are brother and sister. While there they were also godparents at the christening of Thomas Allen Chambers whose parents are close friends of the McDonalds.

Mrs Frank Smith and son Bill are spending a few days in Portland during this weeks vacation.

Mr and Mrs James Walker and family of La Grande visited at the W. H. McDonald home Monday evening.

Mrs Pearl Jones has returned to her home after visiting with her daughter and family in Bend. Her sister Mrs W. A. Morris motored to Bend to bring her back.

Relatives of Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab gathered for a pot luck dinner Easter Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Peter Macnab. A table on the sun porch was decorated with the Easter idea for the children, who each had an Easter egg with their name written on it. In a little nest of green grass, which was used for place cards.

Present for the happy occasion were Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab and daughter Joan and sons Pat Bob and Tom, Dr. and Mrs John Macnab and children, Mr and Mrs William Macnab and daughters, Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters, Mr and Mrs Le land Medler and son, Mrs Mary McMillin and sons, Helen Kelly and the hosts Mr and Mrs Peter Macnab and son.

Hattie Ireland came from Mel-ford, Illinois, last week to visit at the home of her brother, Frank Bartholemew and his wife.

Easter guests at the home of Elizabeth Kuypers were her niece Clara White and daughter Virginia of Portland.

Gerald Fritpatrick who lives with his sister Mrs Harvey McClain, was quite ill Monday night making it necessary to call in Dr. Hyde from The Dalles for treatment.

Making a business trip to Portland Thursday and returning the same day were Charles Kuypers and Clifford Trumbo.

## Rural School Board Calls Budget Election

Notices of a school election by the rural school board to obtain voter approval of the budget made last week. The election will be held under the school law and the budget will not be published, it having been made under the same provisions as that of third class districts.

The levy to be made if the voters approve the proposed budget will be \$155,409.81 which is \$93,619.95 over the six per cent limitations.

The base for the rural school district is the combined base of all the districts included. In Sherman county it is \$61,789.86. Last year the levy for schools was \$85,044.24 for the districts, and \$11,500 for the non high school board.

The election has been scheduled for Monday April 19, a date set in the law. Should the county school law be favored by the voters April 17 Saturday, a new board composed of the chairmen of the five largest districts will make up a new budget as temporary directors of the county school district.

If the school law should not be adopted and the rural school budget be not adopted the district will levy the highest amount it can which will be six per cent above \$61,789.86. Receipts of the county schools have been estimated at \$90,495.07 which would make \$155,994.72 available to the schools of the county in case of defeat of the proposed budget. In case it passes \$245,904.88 would be available.

## Tourist Promotion Program Starts

Mr. A. M. Thrasher, of The Dalles, has been appointed Sherman and Wasco counties area chairman for the third annual campaign of the Oregon Advertising club's intra-state tourist promotion, which is set to reach its peak during the week of April 11 to 17.

Fred M. Kimball, state Tourist committee chairman, announced the appointment. He explained that the Oregon State Highway Commission's Travel Information theater department, Chambers of Commerce, newspapers, radio stations and merchants have agreed to again put all effort in back of this movement.

## Wasco Auxiliary To Meet President

The American Legion auxiliary held their March meeting Friday afternoon at the country home of Mrs Earl Richelder, with the first vice-president, Mrs John Foss presiding. Twenty-four members were present. Several ditty bags and cigarettes were received for the veterans. Eleven members were initiated. Two petitions and one transfer received. All members were asked to attend a one o'clock luncheon at the Columbia Gorge hotel at Hood River April 9, when the national president, Mrs La W. Hutton, will make her first Pacific coast visit.

The next meeting will be with Mrs Catherine Bish, April 14 where the district president Mrs Ruth Coyner will be the guest of the afternoon. All are asked to bring scissors and work on popples. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meet-

ing.

Perry Beeks of Condon came Saturday to the home of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields, and was a dinner guest Easter Sunday. Beeks is a cousin of Mrs Fields.

Mr and Mrs Amos Short and son Bobbie of Camas were over night visitors Monday of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields. They returned home Tuesday.

Mrs Vernon Miller and son Arnold who were ill with pneumonia have been home a week from the hospital and are feeling better every day. Mrs Miller's sister, Mrs W. R. Dean has been staying with them since they were ill, but expects to return to her home in Eugene one day this week.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller and sons and Mrs W. R. Dean were Easter dinner guests of Mr and Mrs W. C. Miller at Moro.

Mr and Mrs James Fox attended church services in The Dalles Easter Sunday.

Mrs E. C. Eaton motored to Portland Thursday for medical attention. She underwent a major operation Sunday morning and although very weak, was reported getting along satisfactorily. She is in the Providence hospital.

Vaneta Peck went to Portland Saturday to spend the spring vacation at the home of her grandmother, Mrs William Auger.

Ray Lash visited at the Robert Morris home from Thursday until Monday.

Al Johnson of Seattle was an overnight visitor at the Ray Brown home Saturday. He was formerly with Selms Helmer when they dredged the river near Rufus several years ago and is acquainted around here.



ASKS CROP DICTATOR . . . Carl C. Farrington, agriculture department official, asked congress for emergency power to buy up entire farm crops when poor yields threaten the domestic economy or the export program.