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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

So far the weather man has done nothing to shake the flat pronouncement of the editor last week that spring was really here.

The reader of cookbooks is similar to the reader of seed catalogues. Both envision a rosy future from their efforts. There are always seeds on the market to produce new crops, something that has been imported from China or South America and which probably doesn't do very well in Sherman county, but is worth trying. If only to keep from getting too staid and conservative and afraid to try new ventures.

Now that many American boys have been overseas they know about recipes from other lands. Most of it doesn't taste anything like mom's cooking but might do for a change. Few GIs were inside Russia, but we would like a report on how the following tastes. It is Blinichki and is said to be a Russian way of serving pancakes.

Needed are 2 eggs, slightly beaten; 2 cups milk, 1/2 cup salt, 1 1/2 cups sifted flour, 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup cream. The milk and eggs are mixed and the flour and salt added to make a batter. This is fried in butter in five inch sized cakes on both sides and then a tablespoon of cottage cheese is put in the middle and the cake folded over. Brown some more and serve with sour cream. If one likes a stronger dish ground meat may be substituted for the cheese and there might be some way to get rid of the sour cream, too.

Yes, recipes are as interesting as seed catalogues and perhaps not quite so misleading. Down in Wasco there is a club whose members are said to serve new things each meeting. We presume the minutes of that club contain the recipes and what a book it will be in a few years.

"So you're 100 years old? How have you managed to live so long?" the reporter asked the centenarian.

"Well, son, I got married when I was 21, and the first thing the missus and I did was to have a long talk. We decided that if we had an argument, the loser wouldn't stay mad. I guess, son, that the 79 years of fresh air has done me more good than anything else."

D. W. Nish (Daddy), now 89, says he can remember when he had a job dropping corn for a neighbor who paid him a cent an hour or ten cents per day. The neighbor was very particular, too, and had to have just four kernels in each hill. That was right after the Civil war and Mr. Nish was paid in "shin plasters" as the paper money of the time was called. They were used in place of the more modern silver coins of the present.

Wages have gone up greatly in the past 80 years or else the dime has dropped greatly in value. Apparently it used to be a respectable piece of money.

Suzanne Keener is credited with saying: "The only flavors that some palates suit are those of sweet, forbidden fruit."

Just for the record and to get it down on paper, where it won't be easily lost: the crop land in the 22nd legislative district is 16,867 per cent of the total in the state. Crop land includes orchards.

In Gilliam county there are 265,000 acres in crop, in Morrow 335,281, in Sherman 295,000 and in Wheeler 37,500, for a total of 932,781 acres. The total in the whole state is 5,411,783 acres. The counties are small in size and small in population, but the quality is good.

Reports indicate that the big boom is over; prices are too high; sales are getting slower; farm prices are due to drop; folks are tired of the government; fear war; want lower taxes yet talk of wanting many things that cost too much money. It is a part of the post-war period when no one is satisfied and the dreams of youth that were frustrated by the war seem now to be frustrated by economic conditions. There are more people to be frustrated than usual for the ex-GIs extend over a ten year age period. If someone would only figure out a way so we could get high wages without paying them, obtain high prices without paying them, he would be a benefactor beyond even the dreams of the political promoters.



FROM KAMIKAZE TO THIS . . . A former Japanese kamikaze pilot who never had to make the fatal dive was inspired to invent this toy-sized electric car which Pfc. Jackson Neeley of Hampton, Va., waves down the G.I.s in front of the Tokyo P.X. The vehicle gets its power from a 30-volt battery and can hit speeds of from 25 to 30 miles an hour for six hours before recharging is necessary. It sells for \$2,400, but immediate delivery is not guaranteed.

Bigger Barns Building In Anticipation of Bigger Wheat League Stock Show

Expansion of facilities at Wink's Auction Yards at The Dalles is under way in preparation for an increase of more than 100 per cent in number of exhibitors and livestock assured for the second annual Eastern Oregon Wheat League 4-H show June 7, 8 and 9.

Permanent roofing is going up for outdoor exhibit space, an additional wash rack is under construction and general pen enlargement is planned for the display of wheat-fed livestock from 14 eastern Oregon counties—five more than last year.

Ninety-one boys and 34 girls, a total of 125 compared to 61 in 1947, will exhibit 118 cattle, 52 hogs and 80 sheep. This compares to 102 cattle (including 35 in pens of five) 16 hogs and 30 sheep.

Counties from which exhibitors will come for the first time this year are Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Wheeler. Exhibitors will be back from Sherman, Morrow, Union, Baker, Grant, Gilliam, Walla, Wasco and Hood River counties.

Pens for hogs and sheep have been increased and funds have been budgeted for additional penning for cattle.

A new feature of the show this year will be awards by the Oregon Beef Breeders association which can be applied against the purchase of purebred Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn female animals. These \$25.00 credit awards good for such purchases will be made to each winner in these three divisions, to the boy or girl showing the grand champion, for the best project in each breed and for the best animal of the exhibitor's own breeding. The purpose is to encourage exhibitors to engage in livestock breeding.

Livestock must be in place Monday morning, June 7, with a program of events during the afternoon, followed by judging Tuesday and Wednesday, ending with the sale at 7 p. m. the final day. After judging by Harry Lindgren, A. W. Oliver and O. N. Nelson of Oregon State college, the stock will be sold by Carl Taylor, Guy Benson and Bob Clark, Portland commission men.

National Auxiliary President In Oregon

Mrs. Ruth Hutton of Excelsior, Minnesota, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, will pay her official visit to the Department of Oregon, April 9.

Honoring Mrs. Hutton and for Mrs. Ruth Coyner of Bend, department president, her officers, and all members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Floye von Borstel of Kent, past department president, acting as distinguished guest chairman, has arranged a luncheon to be held in the Columbia Gorge hotel at 1:00 p. m. April 9.

Mrs. Elsie Perkins of Hood River, president of district 5 is receiving reservations for this luncheon which promises to be an eventful and colorful affair. The nearby units under the direction of their presidents will furnish the music and decorations for the luncheon.

At eight in the evening on April 9, Mrs. von Borstel with the assistance of Mrs. Coyner and a committee composed of Mrs. Ruby Thomas, president of Multnomah inter-unit council and Mrs. Peggy Beede and Miss Lydia Schreiner, district president has arranged a formal reception honoring Mrs. Hutton. This reception will be held in the auditorium of Portland Post No. 1, at 1139 S. W. 13th St., Portland and all Legion and auxiliary members will be given an opportunity to see and hear their national president.

Entertainment scheduled by Chairman Art Thrasher includes motion pictures Monday night, a boat trip on the Columbia river, courtesy of Inland Navigation company Tuesday afternoon and that night a banquet and electronics show by Pacific Telephone company at the Junior high school building. The municipal swimming pool will be open to the young exhibitors daily.

Another banquet will again be held Tuesday night for guests of the show, 4-H club leaders, and buyers, with Manager W. S. Nelson of the chamber of commerce in charge.

Eugene Courtney again is general show chairman this year, with Carl Floten, high school instructor in agriculture and shop work at The Dalles high school as coordinator. Ole Larson is chairman of the sale committee, and Frank Wink & Sons again will donate use of their auction yard facilities and take charge of the sale. Sixteen chairmen and their committee members comprise the operating board.

Animals purchased at the sale will be cared for and slaughtered by Lawrence (Buzz) Beaudoin of The Dalles City Pack, and all carcasses will be state inspected.

Tape recordings of the sale and show events will be made for re-broadcast by KGW, Portland, and KOAC, Corvallis, and direct broadcasts will be arranged by KODL, The Dalles.

Crop Insurance History Told

Contracts covering wheat insurance carried under the federal crop insurance program total 54 in Sherman county this year, states LeRoy C. Wright, county agent.

This figure has been released by Muri E. Cummings, Portland, state director, federal crop insurance corporation, who adds that for the 1927 wheat crop year, four losses were paid by the corporation in Sherman county. Those losses represented 23 per cent of the premiums collected in the county last year. Wheat acreage insured last year amounted to 21,445 acres.

Wright says that during the seven years that federal wheat crop insurance has been available in Sherman county starting with 1939, only one year during the period has been loss-free. Eighty-one losses were paid in 1940. Two years, 1939 and 1943, losses exceeded premiums collected.

According to figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Sherman county wheat yields have averaged 19.5 bushels per acre for the 18-year period ending with the 1946 crop.

In Oregon last year, wheat insurance losses averaged 96 per cent of all premiums collected. This year, federal wheat crop insurance is available in only five Oregon counties. In addition to Sherman, the counties are Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Union. Policies total 703.

Sherman Riders! Escape Sunday Rain

Because of stormy weather the Sherman County Riders at their picnic dinner in the V.F.W. hall in Moro last Sunday. A business meeting was held after dinner and plans were made and committees appointed for a one-day horse show to be held in June. It was also decided for the Riders to meet the first and third Sundays of each month at the fair grounds at 2:30 p. m. to practice games and drills for the coming shows.

Erosion Machinery To Be Demonstrated Next Thursday

A machinery demonstration of erosion control machinery will be held on the L. P. Haven ranch Thursday morning at 10:00 a. m. April 15, says LeRoy Wright, county agent. This will be the second in a series of four being held in the mid-Columbia area.

Present will be Art King, soils specialist, Ramon Kent of the SCS and probably Mike Huber, agricultural engineer of OSC. Tillage methods used prior to seeding will be those mainly shown.

George Wilson's Plane Damaged

George Wilson seriously damaged his new Stinson Station Wagon late Sunday afternoon while landing on his own airstrip. All four occupants of the airplane escaped injury. Those riding with Wilson at the time were Robert Helver, John Woods, and Alec McClellan. It was a first time up in an airplane for both Woods and McClellan.

Freight weather conditions are keeping farmers in the southeast of the county nervous and jump. They are busy trying to finish the drilling between snow flurries and to keep weeds killed. Tractor lights dot the fields far into the night and some operators are running all night shifts.

Irving Mobley will open a barber shop in Kent this week as soon as the shop which is next door to the Postoffice has been repainted and remodeled. The shop will be open in the evenings and during the day on Saturday. Mr. Mobley has been employed previously in a shop in Portland. He will make his home for the present with his brother and sister in law, Mr and Mrs. Verne Mobley.

Mrs. Etta Buchanan arrived home Friday following a visit at the home of friends in Tacoma, Washington.

C. J. Kuliek arrived Friday from The Dalles to join his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Borstel. They will make their home temporarily. He will be employed on the construction of the new elevator.

Richard Abel and Luther Davis motored to The Dalles last Tuesday where they attended a Masonic meeting.

Mr and Mrs. Roy Barnett of The Dalles arrived Sunday for a visit at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Bill Jefferies. Mr. Barnett returned to The Dalles Monday but Mr. Barnett remained in Kent until later in the week.

Mr and Mrs. A. von Borstel were visitors in The Dalles last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Norton and children and Dick Stakely motored to The Dalles Saturday. Mr. Stakely remained overnight at the home of his nephew and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan who brought him home to Kent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mabel Cunningham and Teddy arrived from Mist Thursday for a visit at the E. C. Smith home. Mrs. George McKay who has been visiting at the Smith home for several weeks accompanied them home to Mist on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. Louis Hays and son, Mike of Moro were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs. Harry Howell.

Mr and Mrs. Max Brown of Grass Valley were guests Friday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs. Ted Kelly.

Mr and Mrs. Clarence Young were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs. Joe Bibby.

Barbara Bekkedahl, four year old daughter of Mr and Mrs. Alan Bekkedahl received painful bruises and cuts Saturday when she opened the door of the car in which she was riding and was thrown to the ground. An examination showed no serious injuries. The accident occurred when Mrs. John Decker and Mrs. Bekkedahl were returning from Grass Valley.

Mrs. L. C. Daniels and son of Eugene, Mr and Mrs. W. C. Helver of The Dalles, and Mrs. Victor Kline of Yakima were dinner guests Wednesday night at the Robert Helver home.

Mrs. Keith DeCourcy who had been spending a ten day vacation at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Geo. von Borstel drove to The Dalles last Wednesday where she met a classmate, Miss Hazel Weatherspoon of Elgin and her father, W. H. Weatherspoon, who is running for congressional representative. He drove them to Lyle to catch their train for Vancouver. Both young women have completed a part of their nursing training at St. Anthony's hospital in Vancouver and are now senior nurses at Barnes Veteran hospital in Vancouver. They will graduate in six months.

J. C. Wilson of Portland is staying at the Carl Schadewitz home while he does his spring farming.

Highway 97 Association Gets Boost At Bend

Formation of a Highway 97 association was much nearer reality after the second meeting of the organization committee at Bend last Tuesday. A tentative constitution and by-laws were adopted, a tentative budget set and methods of raising the money determined upon.

The association will be governed, if the membership approves the by-laws, by a board of ten directors four of whom will be elected from Oregon, four from Washington and one each from California and Canada. These will select officers from their own numbers. There will be but one class of members, the active kind, who will pay a minimum of \$10.00 per year although non-profit clubs and chambers of commerce will be assessed a part of the annual budget for which they will be responsible.

A budget of at least \$3000 was approved. A part of this will be used to help erect signs at Weel, California and the larger part will be used for advertising purposes in city newspapers from where tourist traffic originates. Folders and other advertising material will be considered for 1949 when more time is available.

A general meeting will be held by May 15 at which time each state is to have its directors named and its funds pledged. At the May meeting, which is to be called by Joe Mack, motel owner of Bend, directors will elect officers and action begun for the coming summer.

Giles French attended and represented the Sherman County club.

Margaret Tuel Kettle Buried In Portland

By Mrs. Belle Clothier

Mrs. Margaret E. Kettle (Tuel) aged 50 years died in Portland April 1 and was buried Monday April 5, beloved wife of Herbert E. Kettle, mother of Marian Tuel, Portland; Eugene M. D. Tuel, S. Navy; daughter of Mrs. Lillian Darlene, Portland; sister of Mrs. Dorothy Wall, Vancouver B. C.; also one grandchild. She lived in Wasco for many years and leaves a host of friends.

Mr and Mrs. Marvin Thomas are the parents of a son, Joseph Marvin, born March 27 at The Dalles hospital. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs. Ford of The Dalles and Mrs. Louise Thomas of Portland. This is their third child.

Mrs. Dean Ridley and daughter Darlene of Portland arrived Thursday to visit her cousin Miss Olive Robinson, Saturday Mr. Ridley and his mother in law, Mrs. W. N. Robinson were overnight guests returning home Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. H. L. White entertained with a dinner party Saturday evening for Mr and Mrs. Floyd Root and Mr and Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mr and Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mr and Mrs. R. B. Lott and Captain and Mrs. A. L. Leppluoto of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs. C. Butler of Redmond. Later they attend the dance.

Mrs. T. Lester Johnson entertained the Tetter club Monday afternoon. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by two tables of contract. High score was held by Mrs. H. L. White and Mrs. Paul McCoy.

B. W. Guy and Mrs. Frank Lamborn motored from Portland guests leaving Sunday. Mrs. Lamborn is visiting her daughter and taking medical treatment.

Mr and Mrs. A. S. Johnson of The Dalles were Sunday guests at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

The sixth birthday anniversary of Judith Watkins, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Leo Watkins was celebrated Wednesday, March 31, when a group of little friends and their mothers were invited to the Watkins home. The rooms were decorated with daffodils and dining table was centered with a yellow and white lighted birthday cake and ice cream was served. The afternoon was spent in playing games. Judith's guests were Jackie and Dean Rich, Darlene and Sterling Gochauer, Everett Royce, Terry and Alice Kaseberg, Cecil and Chester Fields, Phyllis and Beverly Lutje, Arlyn Van Gilder and Micky and Jimmy O'Meara.

Mrs. W. A. Ruggles entertained her contract club Tuesday afternoon. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by four tables of cards. Scoring honors for club was held by Mrs. H. A. White and guest prize by Mrs. H. L. White.

Mrs. R. E. Hickson and daughter Mrs. Rella Reedy and grand children Margaret and Robert Reedy of Portland spent several days visiting at the G. A. Sargent home.

Mr and Mrs. G. A. Sargent left Sunday to spend several days in Corvallis with their daughter and family Rev and Mrs. Charles Neville.

Bond Drive With Security Theme Scheduled April 15

A Security Loan drive will start April 15. This is announced by the Oregon headquarters of bond sales following a meeting held in Washington last week which was attended by Ken Martin, director, and George Mimaugh, assistant.

The Oregon quota will be approximately \$25,000,000 of which it is hoped to sell \$15,000,000 in E bonds. F and G bonds will be the other types offered.

Primary purpose is to get government securities into the hands of the people and out of the banks which it is felt are holding too large a per cent of the federal debt for safe economic conditions. As a secondary object the treasury hopes to curtail the effects of inflation.

Needs of funds for more physical type of security is another reason for the drive at this time. County quotes will be set later.

Mrs. VanGilder Head Of Woman's Club

The Moro Woman's club held an interesting meeting Tuesday, April 6. Mrs. A. H. Barnum was director of the program, reading a paper on Americanism. Mrs. A. Douma talked about the early capitals of Oregon and gave a short history of each. Roll call topic was "What Makes A good Citizen". Mrs. Grace Zevely appeared before the club to talk about the need for re-organizing the local library. It was discussed at length by club members and a committee appointed to investigate a possible place to house the books.

Due to the national convention of the general federation of women's clubs meeting in Portland in May election of officers was held a month early. Those elected for 1948-49 were Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, president, Mrs. Earl Gentry, vice-president, Mrs. Paul May, secretary, Mrs. Orlo Martin, treasurer and Mrs. Robert May director for three-year term. It was also decided to hold a cooked food sale Saturday afternoon, April 17 at the Bob May & Son store.

Meetings will be held Friday instead of Tuesday next year.

HUTCHINSON COMING

The Reverend Robert Hutchinson of the Hood River Congregation church, formerly of The Dalles will speak at the Moro Community church at a potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 14. His friends in Moro and Sherman county will be welcome. Following the dinner a movie and presentation of new program materials will be made by the Rev. James Brown of Parkdale. This new curriculum is intended to help the home and church school to work more closely together in the spiritual development of children.

Wrestling Show Planned By Grades

A new form of exhibition will be presented to the public at 8:00, Friday April 16 in the Moro gymnasium in the form of wrestling and possible boxing matches. Proceeds will be used to help buy new suits for the grade school basketball team. Almost all boys in school from the first to the eighth grade will participate. Instruction has been received in some of the physical education classes.

People who have not seen amateur wrestling usually think in terms of the rough and tumble spectacles which constitute professional wrestling. Professional wrestling consists principally of rough and tumble contact featuring real or mock torture holds by muscle-bound pugs. Amateur wrestling, on the other hand, is a fast, clean sport which emphasizes body maneuverability, control, balance, and timing as well as muscular body building. When properly coached amateur wrestling develops desirable mental attitudes of sportsmanship, aggressiveness, and love of meeting and overcoming difficult situations.

In amateur wrestling, a match is won by the person who holds both shoulders of his opponent to the mat for two seconds which constitutes a "pin-fall", or by earning the most points or by taking an opponent down on the mat, getting up holding his shoulders close to the mat and by remaining above and behind him. All torture holds or maneuvers where danger of injury is great have been made illegal.

The boys have responded enthusiastically and should put on a performance well worth watching. About 15 bouts of 5 minutes each have been arranged.

School Needs Told By State Department Aide

Walter Snyder, assistant school superintendent, spoke to a Sherman County club meeting Wednesday night and told his listeners what the modern school would have in the way of equipment and instruction.

As preliminary Mr. Snyder gave seven requisites that youth needs if it is to be educated for a successful life. They were 1) saleable skills, 2) optimum health, 3) understanding of rights and duties of citizenship and duty and responsibility of voting and otherwise taking part in government, 4) knowledge of family life, 5) ability to judge and select goods, 6) some knowledge of science and its effect on life, 7) appreciation of art, literature, music and nature, which aid the enjoyment of living.

Not all these can or will be taught in high school but many of them can find a start in high school courses, said the speaker. One of the primary programs of modern education is to make youth understand the responsibilities of society.

For the modern school, Mr. Snyder listed these essentials an adequate building, which would have enough classrooms, that are well equipped, a gym or auditorium or both, facilities for health and physical education programs and grounds for athletics.

In addition there should be some specialized classrooms where home economics could be taught and science instruction given. A shop for those who want to study agriculture. A library and instruction in business are other needs of the modern school.

Usually not over one or two per cent of high school classes graduate from college and school men must give instruction to those who intend to go on to college and those who expect to finish their education with high school. Probably a high school of 600 to 800 is most efficient and those under 35 are too small to offer the courses demanded by modern education.

Questions were asked and the discussion continued by T. M. Rolfe, Donald MacInnis, Paul Kaseberg, Durward Helver, C. A. Tom, Kenneth Young, J. E. Norton, Paul Alley, Kenneth Sather, J. M. Wilson.

A brief report on the Highway 97 association meeting was made by the chairman of the public affairs committee. For the meeting of April 21 which will be for a general discussion of county health matters, Giles French, J. E. Norton, C. A. Tom and W. W. Gearhart were named as a committee.

SHANIKO

By Mrs. Maude Garrett

Mr and Mrs. Charles Browning and family, son in law and daughter of Mr and Mrs. Leo Lang, arrived here last week from Kansas City, Mo. They have bought a house and intend to remain here.

Walter Young returned to Shaniko to visit friends after living for some time at Fredricktown, Mo. He will be located at the Cow Canyon Service station.

Mrs. Amanda Fine spent Saturday visiting with her sons at Antelope where he is with a highway construction crew which is temporarily located at Madras.

A. W. Gust of Maupin, republican candidate for state senator, was in town this week. Everyone is invited to attend services at the home of Mrs. Garrett Sunday, April 11, Rev. Schilling conducting.

Mr and Mrs. W. D. Hanks drove to Portland Monday to take Mrs. Hanks' cousin, Mrs. Grace Van Cleave part way on her return trip to Huntington Park, Calif.

RUFUS NEWS

A group of young veterans' wives met at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thomas Thursday at a 1:30 dessert luncheon followed by an afternoon of bridge. Mrs. Peter Macnab won high score and Mrs. Robert Bish won low. Others present were Mrs. Kenneth Blau, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet, Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. David Richelderfer, Mrs. James O'Meara and Mrs. Ormand Hilderbrand who was present to give the beginners assistance.

The farmers have been, so to speak, up to their necks with spring work. After spring seeding the job of plowing was begun. Some have already finished plowing. Most all the farmers are trying out this spring the spraying of weeds in the wheat which will be a wonderful help if successful, as weeds are the greatest hindrance in early fall seeding.

A number of Rufus people went to the Sandy river over the weekend for smelt fishing. Among those going were, John Mathieson, Ernie Engles, Mr and Mrs. Glen Thompson, Mr and Mrs. E. Rice and son, and Mr and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family.