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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Overheard: "I'm going up to that dance and do the light fantastic. Well, it may not be light, but it will sure be fantastic."

Back in the dry and cropland thirties people said the climate had changed and that the dry cycle might go on unabated for years. It did, too. Now the northwest seems in the middle of a reverse cycle and it rains on the hitherto dry lands on slightest provocation.

Even the heavy west winds bring on rains, any little cloud can share a few drops for an already soaked earth and a thunderstorm sends a cloudburst. Witness the four inches in two days in the Palouse country with resultant washing of fields.

Well, we lived through the dry spell—and may have to do it again.

The sheriffs are coming to town. May 25 is the date set for the Sherman county meeting of the law enforcement officers of this area, says Sheriff Fields. They are going to come and eat and talk about their problems and how to catch somebody who busts a law, or even cracks one a little. So everyone in town had better prepare to be extra good for one night and show that we're good little boys and girls.

Sam Simpson was an early Oregon poet who wrote "The Beautiful Willamette" of the stream and high made himself immortal in doing it. "From the Cascades frozen gorges, Leaping like a child at play, Winding, widening through the valley Bright Willamette glides away Onward ever, Lovely river, Softly calling to the sea; Time, that scars us, Maims and mars us, Leaves no track or trench on thee."

This should be the year to remember things about Oregon and the poems and prose that have been written of it. This year and next are the anniversary years and a state wide organization is preparing numerous celebrations of the occasion. Our own historical society meeting will be one perhaps. Whether or no, this is an appropriate time to recall the times of the pioneers who lived the hard life and thereby developed a set of hard morals which they were hard enough to live by.

Lotteries are not legal but the radio programs keep on with something that pays just as well. Getting thousands by answering some simple question is the modern method of getting rich quick—and helping the government at the same time. Perhaps the government could make some money running a lottery. It would get the regular take, which has always been enough in lotteries, and then it would collect taxes, and then winners and My word, how the money would roll in.

Did you ever see so many people anxious to go to the national political conventions? The job pays nothing, not even expenses and there are days and nights of sitting around or worse yet, standing around on hard hotel tile until something happens. It's like an old pretty hot, too, and the boys get all fagged out, especially the elder ones. Every delegate has an alternate who goes along to vote in case the principal is not present and it takes two sometimes to fill all the engagements. Few are on important committees. Perhaps that is the way it was intended, that Americans should take an interest in their government.

The political campaign seems to be having as much trouble warming up as does the weather. But the voters are probably following their usual custom of doing more thinking than talking and will be ready with their X come May 21.

MANY MORE HOGS ENTERED IN SHOW AT THE DALLES



Scenes like this one of the hog showmanship contest at the first annual Eastern Oregon Wheat League 4-H show in 1947 will be repeated this year at the show set for June 7, 8 and 9 at the Wink Auction Yards in The Dalles. Fifty-two hogs will be on exhibit compared to 16 at the first show. Expansion of the yards is underway for this year's show, which will bring 125 boys and girls with wheat-fed livestock from 14 eastern Oregon counties.

Club Program To Feature 4-H Clubbers, Picture

Plans for the meeting of the Sherman County club to be held May 19 are being made by LeRoy Wright and Harold Eakin who are in charge of making a program around the coming Eastern Oregon Wheat League stock show and the coming horse show of the Sherman County Riders. The stock show part of the program will feature the 16 winners in 4-H club competition who, with their parents, have been invited to attend. These boys and girls are Merle Eakin, Duane Eakin, Edwin Baisiger, Dick Oveson, Diane Christianson, Doran Fritts, Scott Fritts, Marie von Borstel, Larry Kaseberg, Alfred Kock, Joan Oveson, LeRoy Martin, Roger Ball, David Wright and Florence Gentry.

For the horse show part Mr. Eakin has procured some colored moving and still pictures of the showing made at the last fair and other shows by the local riders who are to be hosts at the June meeting of the mid-Columbia riding clubs at the fair grounds.

GRASS VALLEY MOTHERS DINE WITH DAUGHTERS

The Grass Valley Masonic hall had the refreshing appearance of a spring flower festival last Thursday evening May 6, when the Mother-Daughter banquet was held there. It was sponsored by the Grass Valley Woman's club, and was attended by approximately sixty five members and guests. The long tables were unusually beautiful with rows of small May baskets down the centers on runners of pale green crepe paper, and occasional candelabra with green tapers carried out the color scheme. In addition the speakers table held a large bowl of white narcissus.

The program began with a charming welcome given to the daughters by Mrs. Paul Goddard, to which Helen Simon graciously responded for the daughters. Everett Cantrill furnished the music for the evening with two appropriate trumpet solos, accompanied at the piano by his mother, Mrs. Arch Cantrill. Jean Baumgartner, perched on her chair to recite a poem about her doll "Rebecca". The guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. Ernest Taylor, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in The Dalles. Mr. Taylor stressed the importance of security in home and church life in these chaotic times. Each mother present should have been left with the feeling of grave responsibility for the building of the fine citizens this country needs today and tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dunlap and family are moving back here this week from Gateway, where they spent over three years on a ranch. They will live in the Vinton house and will work for the Rolfe brothers.

Primary Election Brings Out Many Candidates Especially for Party Posts

Next Friday the electors of Oregon may go to the polls to express their choices for nominees to contest in the November election against nominees of the opposition party.

Competition has been pretty well limited to the Republican party as the Democrats seem to have agreed on the renomination of President Truman and no candidates are competing for many major offices.

Republicans have no choice for national committeewoman, Ralph Cate and Mrs. Marshall Cornett having a clear field.

There are 14 candidates for delegate at large to the Republican convention and only four can be elected. Only a few have expressed an opinion about their choices. A few are a bit old to stand the milling around the job requires and one or two have personal political hobbies.

For delegate from the Second district there are eight candidates and only two can go back to Philadelphia. George Cochran, lawyer of LaGrande has gone before, Sam Coon, stockman, of Baker is putting on a campaign. Carl Engdahl, farmer, Umatilla is a well known state senator, Pat Gallagher, lawyer, Ontario, likes Dewey, Marvin Klemme, former grazier, Burns, expects a deadlock and likes Vandenberg, Clyde McKay, abstractor, Bend, will vote the people's will, Wm. Steiwer, sheepman, Fossil, is a former senator from this district, Jack Travis, newspaperman, Hood River, wants Stassen. It has been a long time since there was as much interest in spending some money to make a trip on behalf of the party.

Thomas Dewey and Harold Stassen are the only contestants for the presidential nomination running in Oregon on the Republican ticket. A few weeks ago it looked like an easy victory for Stassen but Dewey has been cutting the lead since he started active campaigning.

There are seven candidates for presidential elector on the Republican ticket and six are to be chosen. Their job is to cast the official ballot for the president if he happens to be of their party. Local interest in this race is that Mrs. Howard Conlee of Moro is one of the candidates.

Guy Gordon, Oregon's senior senator, is unopposed for renomination.

Lowell Stockman, who has been representative in congress since 1943 is opposed by Wm. Henry Weatherspoon of Elgin.

For state offices Oregon must elect an entire board of control. This makes this election of utmost importance to the state's government, and a good choice very necessary. Glenn Acherman is a Portland unknown, John Hall, incumbent, is a Portland attorney, whose practice has connections with gambling and liquor, Douglas McKay, Salem, veteran of two wars, is state senator and respected for his integrity, John Peyton, Junction City, is little known.

George Flagg, former deputy secretary of state, and one-time newspaper publisher in many eastern Oregon towns, is running against Hall's appointee in the office. He is Earl Newberry, Ashland pear grower, for whom the price of pears has meant sudden wealth.

The treasurer's office has attracted Ormond Bean, Portland architect, Howard Belton, Canby farmer and state senator, and Sigfrid Unander, Portland, a young veteran.

George Neuner, incumbent at-torney general, of the much discussed opinion about the use of the income and excise tax surplus for other purposes than property tax reduction, is opposed by Stanley Jones, Portland is civil deputy for Multnomah county although once a resident of Roseburg.

E. R. Fatland, state senator of this district, is being opposed by Stewart Hardie, Condon, newspaperman, and in the race for the two places in the house of representatives from this district Henry Peterson of Ione and Giles French of Moro, incumbents, are opposed by Jerry Wilson of Kent.

T. Lester Johnson is unopposed for district attorney and there are no contests for any county office as far as the ballots are concerned. C. A. Tom for commissioner, Paul Goldard for assessor on the Republican ticket, and Ross Ornduff for clerk on the Democratic ticket have the spaces all to themselves. However, a group headed by Grass Valley men is sponsoring a write in campaign on behalf of Joe Peters for county judge and Harold Eakin for commissioner. A similar write in campaign for assessor has been rumored.

A special city of Moro election will be held at the same place and on the same day in which the voters will pass upon the issuance of \$8500 in bonds for city improvement of which \$5000 are for water and \$3500 for streets and drains.

4-H FIELD DAY DUE

A field day for 4-H beef members will be held at the Millard Eakin farm next Saturday at 2 p.m. Lessons in fitting and showing will be given and several classes of stock handled by the boys.

Claud Phillips of KODL will be on hand and will make a wire recording concerning exhibits that will be shown at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Live Stock show to be held in The Dalles, June 9.

CANCER FUND BIG

Mrs. Ernest Esslinger, chairman of the cancer drive in Sherman county reports the end of the drive with a total of \$1002.5 which was five times the quota of \$200. Mrs. Esslinger wishes to extend her thanks to the citizens who responded so generously and the workers who made the collections.

Wasco Wins Third Straight Beating Condon

Wasco made it three straight on its ground Sunday when it's baseball players defeated the Condon team by a 12 to 3 score. Condon is usually able to beat Wasco.

Landing on Ashenfelter in the first inning when S. O'Meara, Riskosky Young and Fridley scored Wasco was never headed. Another pair were added in the second. Condon scored in the fifth making three runs on four Wasco errors, after which Jensen, who was in control all through the game, settled down to a slower and safer pace and fanned two men.

In all Jensen fanned 11 men and Ashenfelter and Burns fanned 9, indicating that the pitchers are catching up with the hitters in the Wasco-Timber league this spring.

WASCO
O'Meara, S. 1
O'Meara, J. m
Riskosky, s
Young, 3
Jensen, p
Fridley, c
H. Reddfr, 2
D. Reddfr, r
VanGilder, 1
Nisbet and Midriff, umpires.

CONDON
Burch, 1
Lewis, m
Ogilvy, s
Schaeffer, c
Burns, 1
Gosey, 2
Tierney, r
Philbrick, r
Ashenfelter, p

Sam Gordon Billed By Wasco Auxiliary

Sam Gordon, bridge expert whose articles are read and his talks enjoyed in many towns in the northwest will be in Wasco May 27, 28, 29, under the sponsorship of the American Legion auxiliary, reports Mrs. James O'Meara, chairman.

Mr. Gordon will give lessons and teach his system, which he says is the simple system as opposed to playing by ear, or by the cumbersome or some other method. Lessons will be held at the Legion hall and everyone who wants to either learn or improve their game may come.

Ted Goodwin Talks To High School Group

The Rev. Ted Goodwin of San Jacinto, California addressed a group of approximately 150 people of all ages at the Kent school house Friday evening at the Sherman County Youth Fellowship Rally. He stressed the importance of religious training and assistance for the young people of today. Refreshments were served in the school lunch room following the program. Representatives or members were present from all the churches in the county.

Highway 97 Ass'n Meeting Called

The meeting for organization of the Oregon section of the Highway 97 association will be held as chambers of Commerce of civic office in Bend Friday night, May 14 at 7:30. At this time four directors will be elected, three from organizations such as Chambers of Commerce of civic clubs, and one from membership not so affiliated.

Four directors are to be elected in Washington soon and later the two groups will meet and choose officers from the directors. Giles French plans to attend the Bend meeting. Any others interested may attend.

BERTHA BELL ADAMS

Mrs. Bertha Bell Adams died at her home in The Dalles Saturday night after a long illness. She came to Oregon from Bark-eyville, Pa., where she was born 75 years ago. For 50 years she has lived near Kent and Hood River in later years.

Surviving are a son, Oscar of Hood River, two daughters, Mrs. Olive Helyer and Mrs. Pearl Eakin of The Dalles, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon with interment in Idelwild cemetery at Hood River, the Rev. Marion Smith giving the sermon. Many Sherman countians attended the services.

Rural School Board Hires Knighten For One Year Term

The rural school board contracted with Willy Knighten to be superintendent for the year beginning July 1, 1948 and ending June 30, 1949 at its meeting held last week. Salary will be \$3900 as set by the rural school budget.

Canvassing the votes in the election wherein the rural school budget was defeated the board found the vote to be 210 to 124. The levy of \$61,732.32 was made by the board and the bills were paid. Possibility that the board members would attend a meeting in Salem of rural school board directors was considered.

An election for a director in Zone 2, Wasco will be held June 21 and those wishing to file for the office must have petitions signed by 25 legal voters on file with the clerk by May 21. W. A. Nisbet is the present director from Zone 2.

RUFUS
By Mrs. George Fox
An airplane belonging to F. A. Harraa of Pendleton made a forced landing after running out of gas, on the Hugh Mathieson wheat field five miles south of Rufus. No harm was done to the plane, but some wheat was knocked down, which was settled for by the pilot.

Mrs. D. D. Williams teacher in the upper grade room of Rufus school, and Mrs. William Domreis teacher in the primary room together with their pupils presented a Mother's day program at the school Thursday afternoon. All of the children's mothers were present. All the children sang several numbers accompanied by Velda Guilford on the piano. The primary room gave four different folk dance numbers. The upper grades gave a short dramatic play. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served the visiting mothers by the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clapp from San Francisco, Calif., who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathieson, have now obtained employment in The Dalles and have moved to that city. Mrs. Clapp's children Linda Radcliffe who is in the fourth grade in the Rufus school and her brother Billy Radcliffe who is in the third grade at Rufus will remain at the Mathieson home until the end of May when school will be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huck drove to Portland Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers entertained at dinner Sunday honoring their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Leff of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brady of Portland were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan. Mrs. Brady was a teacher and principal of the Rufus school before her marriage.

Frank Bartholomew's sister, Mrs. Hattie Ireland, has put off her return home until the last of this month. She lives in Indiana.

Mrs. George Fox left Friday morning for Corvallis to spend the weekend with her daughter, Eleanor, and be a guest of Holcombe House. Extensive plans for "Mother's day" were put on by the OSC students. Mrs. Fox returned home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom went to Portland to spend mothers day with Mrs. Tom's folks. Those from Rufus invited to the home of Mrs. Bob Belshe to see the Stanley products demonstrated were, Mrs. Bob Byrd, Mrs. Mae Fowler, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers, Mrs. Susie Tom and Mrs. Catherine Boise.

Helen Mathieson's small daughter of Mrs. Hugh Mathieson attended Sunday the fifth birthday party of her cousin Joan McNeal who lives in The Dalles.

Mrs. James Tate has been ill at her home the past week.

GRASS VALLEY
Mrs. Erma Whitehead arrived Saturday from Fairview to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Perry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Baker and their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, arrived Friday night from Charlotte, North Carolina to spend several weeks visiting at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin.

County Budget Within 6% Limitation

Sherman county's budget for the tax year of 1948-49 will be almost exactly six percent higher than it was this year, the figure being \$81,027.30 or \$4700 larger than before.

Few changes were made in the budget by the county court and the budget committee of A. C. Kaseberg, A. A. Dunlap, and Dewey Thompson. The county agent's office will get \$155 more, provision was made for another Justice of Peace at \$1000 and \$100 for expense, the sheriff's deputy got a raise of \$400, \$2000 was added to the health program to pay for a full time nurse, court house repairs will cost \$1400 and \$1000 was put in for cricket control.

Reductions were made by eliminating the county school superintendent's office from the budget entirely, that expense now going to the rural school board. That saved \$5605. Enough money was on hand for another club fair so \$750 was saved there and the welfare budget was cut slightly.

The total budgeted is \$109,597.30, from which may be deducted estimated cash of \$15,000, \$8000 from the general fund and \$9000 from the road fund, and also deducted is \$14,270 in estimated receipts. An item of \$700 for uncollected taxes brings the total to the figure of \$81,027.30.

The county is gradually getting in poorer financial condition and is now declaring its cash down to the bottom of the barrel and making rather closely figured budgets. A few years ago it was possible to expand the budget items. That time is gone. It is possible that voters will be given a chance to vote on the extension of the special road fund levy at the fall election.

Moro Mothers Entertain Daughters

Friday evening May 7 the Moro Woman's club entertained with the annual Mother-Daughter banquet held in the Moro Community church. The dinner preceding the program was attended by about eighty members and guests.

Mrs. Robert May president of the club opened the evening with a brief talk and introduced the program director Mrs. Edna Melzer. Musical numbers were two organ solos by Mrs. Carol Sayrs, two violin solos by Mrs. Kenneth Young and appropriate Mother's day numbers by a trio composed of Mrs. Kenneth Youme, Mrs. J. W. Coons and Mrs. Collins Moore accompanied by Mrs. Carol Sayrs. The welcome to the daughters was given by Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs and the response to the welcome by Diane Christianson and Priscilla Melzer. The response by the girls was in the form of an original planologue skit written by Henry Norton of Portland, especially for the occasion.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. William Gearhart, who described several points of historical interest in southern California and told some romantic stories of early days under the Spanish rule. The evening ended with group singing of "Home Sweet Home".

Pomona Grange Meets At Kent

Pomona grange was held Saturday at the Kent grange hall with Louis Sather of Moro, Pomona Master presiding.

The grange endorsed and encouraged a home beautification program as presented by county agent, LeRoy Wright, and Walt Bruckert of Moro. The home and farmstead competition was declared open to all who wish to enter. All residents were eligible but must be registered with each local grange secretary. A moving picture was shown during the lecturer's program which illustrated the different aspects of the contest.

Dinner was served at noon to the group, and an evening meal was prepared for the members who wished to remain for the regular session of the Kent grange held during the evening.