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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Merrill Oveson has been convinced by 1948 and is putting gutters on the new house at the experiment station Sherman county is usually so happy to see it rain that they want to see it drop from the roof and they seldom install gutters.

One of Time's editors in commenting on a movie says that it was based on a conflict between honor and security and will be little understood by this generation which has largely abandoned honor as a guide to life.

The search for security is a vain one and the effort to obtain it through government is useless. For some months this newspaper ran a statement at the head of its editorial column "Those who would exchange liberty for security are deserving of neither" which was thought to be original. Later it was learned that Benjamin Franklin had said "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety", which is pretty much the same thing.

A few years ago men—and women—were motivated by concern about right and wrong; honor. Now it is more likely to be profit of one kind or another. "What do I get out of it?"

But that won't last long for the nation cannot exist with such a philosophy in the minds of its people and the people would fall to moral decay. Post-war conditions are likely responsible.

Even the crop year has trouble settling down. So far there has been rain and more rain. Now when the sun might be expected to beat down on cut hay the wind blows like March. It does not do much harm but it is still unseasonable. There isn't much assurance as long as the weather doesn't act normal.

Mt. Hood will be lighted in a blaze of glory Saturday evening July 17, when Hood Riverites set off flares and rockets from high on Oregon's tallest peak during the annual Mt. Hood Legion Climb event.

Climbers will start up the mountainside in early pre-dawn and most of them will reach the summit of Mt. Hood by noon on Sunday. A smoke flare will be set off by the first party to reach the top.

Thousands of campers will take in the Legion Climb show on Saturday evening, July 17, featuring Nora Martin and the "Ranch Boys" of KPOJ, heard weekly over the MBS network. This show is put on in the Legion camp's amphitheater.

It follows a queen coronation event on a stage some 6,000 feet above sea level.

Oregon voters are going to pass on ten measures this fall along with deciding whether Tom Dewey or Harry Truman will sit on that south portico for the next four years. Most of them are rather important and civic organizations can do a service to their member by taking time for a full discussion of all of them before that first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

The leaves on the trees are much larger than usual this year and the shade is heavier. Furthermore there is less need of shade for it has only been warm enough for shade a few days.

Sherman county may think it has troubles with it schools but over in Wheeler county the troubles seem even worse. The state department has made criticism of the county high school plant at Fossil and the instruction. The county court is the school board in such districts. The cost will run up into the thousands, perhaps nearly \$100,000 which is quite a lot for Wheeler county which doesn't have the valuation of Sherman county and more children and a more difficult job of transporting them.

## Club Votes For Opposition To Phone Rate Rise

Decision to represent the county at the hearing before the public utility commissioner in which higher telephone rates are asked was made by the executive committee of the Sherman County club at its meeting in Moro Monday night.

The hearings begin Monday, July 19, when the company will present its argument. Cross examination will follow and opponent of the rates will be given time later to present their side of the case. Dates will be announced later. Giles French will represent the club on the rate question and J. M. Wilson on the matter of service to the Kent neighborhood.

Inclusion of women on club committees was agreed upon by the executive committee after a reading of the club constitution which says that membership is open to any citizen of the county.

Four committees were filled this year instead of three as in 1947-48, a membership group being named to try to inform everyone of what the club is doing, what it expects to do, what it can do and how valuable it is to the county. A. A. Dunlap is chairman of this committee, to be aided by Phil O'Meara, C. A. Tom, Ernest Smith, Carrel Bennett, Millie von Borstel, Sadie Alley and Margilee Kaseberg.

The Agriculture and Livestock committee will have Dewey Thompson as chairman and Willard Barnett, LeRoy Belshee, Vernon Miller, Bill Hall, Kenneth Martin, Clara Kock, Helen Bruckert and LeRoy Wright as members.

Legislation and Public Affairs will be chaired by Giles French and George Potter, Jerry Wilson, A. A. Dunlap, B. Estrie Halley, Belle Conlee, and Paulen Kaseberg will be members.

The Education and Recreation committee chairman will be Floyd Root, and Kenneth Fridley, B. C. Baumgartner, Wynona Wilson, Virginia McIntyre and Kenneth Young are members.

The first meeting of the season will be held at 6:30 A. M., PST September 15 at the Moro Hotel and the subject for the meeting will be the county fair, the date for which have been set for the following week end. Reports of the summer work of the committees will also be made.

## First Load of Wheat Found Too Damp

The first load of wheat came to Rufus elevator Monday morning, but the wheat had too much moisture content, so the hauler from Quinton district had to shut down operations, and wait for a few warm days.

George Fox got his small combine going Monday afternoon to harvest wheat on a flat along the John Day River. The report is that the wheat is much thicker than at first expected, and the quality good. It is warmer near the river, so the wheat matures faster there. It is thought that many of the farmers in this community will be ready to start threshing operations next week.

## About the County

Mr and Mrs Frank Van Sant, who have been visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs John Royle, left Monday for their home in Sacramento California. Tuesday Mr and Mrs Clifford Van Sant arrived to visit at the John Royle home. They left Friday for Portland to visit Mr and Mrs Fred Madison and Mrs Otis Royle.

Mr and Mrs Gaylord Guy were chartered last Saturday night at the home of Mr and Mrs Al Dormaler.

Ann Clothier of Seattle, Wash., has been a house guest of Mr and Mrs Earl Fields since last Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mr and Mrs John Addington in Dufur.

Going to Portland last week were Mr and Mrs Stuart Macnab. Macnab went down for medical attention.



**PRISONERS OF WAR—AN OLD STORY . . .** Despite talk of a truce and abortive peace negotiations, the war in Palestine continues its sullen course, producing deaths, destruction and prisoners as all wars do. These two members of the Jewish Hagannah were captured by the Arabs after the battle of Kfar Ebyron, a strategic Jewish settlement outside Jerusalem. Arab reports say these were the only two prisoners taken.

## School Teachers Return From NEA Convention

Mr and Mrs Keneth Young arrived home Wednesday, after having spent the last three weeks in the east. Mr. Young superintendent of Moro Schools, attended the National Conference on the Education of Teachers in Bowling Green, Ohio from June 30 to July 3. Mrs Young visited friends near Niagara Falls.

The Bowling Green Conference is the third annual conference sponsored by the National Education Association through its Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards. Problems relating to the selection and training of teachers to improve the products from teacher training institutions were thoroughly discussed. About four hundred delegates from 46 states, 3 territories, and a few foreign countries attended. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Women's Clubs, Lions International, and 22 other major organizations were represented.

Delegates were divided into 27 groups. Mr. Young acted as a recorder for the group studying "Science and Mathematics in the General Education of Teachers". He will write this chapter in the final report of the conference. This report is expected to have far reaching effects on improving the teaching profession as previous reports. One recommended goal set was a minimum of five years of training for all teachers.

Mr and Mrs Young then attended the National Education Association Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, July 5-9; Mrs Young as a delegate of the Wasco-Sherman county teachers' association and Mr. Young as a vice-president of the NEA.

James F. O'Neal, American Legion National Commander addressed the convention and repeated the Legion pledge to improvement in education. He pointed out the merits of the bill for federal aid to education.

Oregon Senator, Wayne Morse, spoke to the convention on the Republican platform regarding education. He met with the Oregon delegates on two occasions.

Distribution of sample wheat sacks with information about Sherman county attached met with favor among the delegates as did stationery overprinted with a wheat field picture.

## Clubbers Invite Buyers To Dine

A barbecue will be held in the Moro park Friday evening when the 4-H Sherman county club boys and girls who sold stock at the Mid-Columbia Show and Sale entertain the buyers of their meat animals. Millard Eakin will be host to the other club children of the county.

The buyers will be guests and in addition the officials of the show Grant Perry, and Eugene Courtney, the manager of the Dalles Chamber of Commerce, W. S. Nelson, D. Phillips of KODL, Carl Floten and the Wink boys are invited. Other foods will be served along with portions of the 60 pound barbecue from some of the 4-H beef.

Checks and awards will be presented to the boys and girls whose stock was sold and the total is \$11,095.70. This represents 29.5 percent of the total sales made at the show. Sherman county had 23.9 percent of the exhibits and won 33 percent of the premium money.

Average prices paid for Sherman county stock was higher than the average for the entire show, largely because of grand champions among the local group. Price for Sherman county lambs was 81.9 cents and the average for all was 43.8. Choice steers for this county brought 46.1 against 41.7 for all. Good steers brought 38.7 and for the entire group 37.2.

## Mrs. Betty Kelly Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs Betty Kelly, mother of Mrs Jerry Wilson and Mrs L. E. Wilson, were held from the Kent Christian church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, with the Rev. Earl Hastings officiating.

Mrs Kelly died at the home of her daughter at Pullman, Wn., Tuesday morning after an illness of several months. She was born in Tennessee and came to Oregon over 20 years ago. Surviving are the two daughters, a son Frank, in Tennessee, eight grandchildren. Interment was in the Kent cemetery.

Mr and Mrs Howard Conlee, having the worry of harvest off their minds for the first time in 40 years, are visiting in Eugene with her relatives.

## about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Claude Thompson having rented his home in Moro to the John Parkers, left last week for the Willamette valley where they will visit their daughters at Salem and Eugene and go on to the coast when it's hot.

Pat McHugh was up from the Dalles Monday to have a look at the Conroy land which he is managing for the John Conroy estate since the death of Nellie Conroy.

Mr and Mrs L. C. Meyers came from Long Beach, Calif., and expect to make their home in Rufus. At present they are staying at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs William Meyers. Mrs L. C. Meyers became ill and was taken to The Dalles hospital, reportedly suffering from a stroke. Mr. Meyers is employed at the Maryhill Ferry.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Johnson of Aloha were chartered last Friday night at the home of Mr and Mrs R. M. Johnson.

Mrs Eula Tuck and Clem Weik were married in Stevenson, Wn., July 2.

Mrs Clyde Hamer of Haver, Montana is a house guest of Mr and Mrs Wiley McDonald.

## Experiments Shown Farmers On Field Day

An interested bunch of farmers, many from other counties went over the experiment station Saturday afternoon and saw wheat plots with potential crops better than usual.

Trees attracted the first interest and the new planting of the wind breaking shrubs brought out questions as to their age and adaptability. Better home building protection can be obtained with them, said Superintendent Oveson.

The planting of Rex wheat on the trashy fallow plots was the next stop. Results show that moldboard plowing has made the best yields, but the real trashy plots have prevented run off the best.

Varieties that are being tried in plots were identified and something told of them by Mr. Oveson. Several crosses with turkey wheat now look promising, he said, although doubtful if the country goes back to bearded wheat soon. A Blackhull Oro cross was thought the best. In the composite mixture test started several years ago the turkey wheat has become dominant with 70 percent of the total heads, this year whereas it started with 25 percent.

Last year the plots that had been seeded to alfalfa and clover showed the effects of high nitrate by producing poor wheat. This year, with more moisture the old alfalfa plots are much better.

In the nursery the methods used to try and find new wheats were told by Bill Hall, station assistant. This year is not a favorable one, he said, because nearly all wheat looks good. Drouth resistant qualities cannot be found in a year like this one.

Wilson Foote, plant disease specialist from Corvallis, talked about rust and said that even leaf rust may damage a crop over a half because it reduces the area of the plant's breathing surface. Stem rust is now pretty well controlled but there are about 200 kinds of leaf rust that still puzzle scientists.

Visitors from Morrow county said that some 1000 acres in that county are being plowed up because of rust damage.

The rate and date of seeding and the tillage plots were visited and the crops judged in the minds of the farmers. Rotation experiment results were given some time in which it was explained that continuous cropping reduces the yields by lowering the nitrogen so that even in wet years a lower crop must be expected.

## SHANIKO

By Mrs Maude Garrett

Miss Pat McCulloch left Shaniko Saturday for Portland to attend business college.

W. J. Crozier arrived from Everett, Wn., to visit his daughter, Mrs Maude Garrett Saturday.

Rev. E. E. Taylor of The Dalles, held church services here Sunday afternoon and announced that there would be no service here the second Sunday in August. Rev. Howard Schilling has announced that he will not be in Shaniko the fourth Sunday in July and will announce later meetings.

Miss Nita Quinn of Vancouver, went to Madras Saturday evening to visit Miss Margaret Olsen there Sunday.

Duncan McLennon has visitors here from Miles City, Montana, his old home town. They are Mr and Mrs Cameron and family.

Frank Harris is home on the sick list at the home of his mother, Mrs Rosa Harris.

A number of friend and neighbors from Shaniko and Antelope surprised the newly married Mr and Mrs Joe Morelli at their ranch west of town Sunday evening.

## NOTICE

Anyone wanting to move combines, derricks, or other high equipment or machinery under wires of the Pacific Power & Light company can obtain the aid of men from the company by a simple request. There is danger in handling wires.

R. P. Brisbine, Manager.

John Kirkelle and family of Longview were here last week end to visit the Ivan Kirkelle family.

## Wasco Holds Second Place By Beating Heppner, 12-7

Wasco won from the Heppner baseball team Sunday at Wasco in a wind storm that blinded the players at times and made high hit balls turn into fouls along the first base line.

Jensen went the route for Wasco although in trouble a time or two. McCurdy started for Heppner but retired in the third after Wasco had made six runs on some steady hitting Bucknum finished the game and held Wasco to three additional tallies, enough to make the score 12 to 7.

This was the last game of the season for Wasco, another being scheduled for next Sunday at Kinzua. The win put Wasco in second place with 7 wins and 2 losses.

## A. B. Potter, Pioneer, Dies At 88 Years

Antone B. Potter, storekeeper and farmer at Klondike for many years, died in a hospital in The Dalles Sunday after several weeks illness.

Mr. Potter was 88, having been born at Chico, California, February 28, 1860. He moved to what is now Sherman county in the early 80s with his brothers who have since returned to California. He homesteaded and later bought the Klondike store which remains in his family.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth, a son, George, now operating the store, former county judge, two daughters, Mayme Elliott of Klondike and Mrs Guy Weedman of Multnomah, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and brothers John and Manual of Petaluma, California.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with interment in the cemetery there.

## Veterans Must Reintate By July 31

July 31 is the last chance for World War II veterans to reinstate their lapsed GI term insurance without the requirement of a physical examination, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs warned today.

The state veterans' agency, in urging veterans to reinstate, pointed out that the price of two monthly premiums is the only cost.

A statement to the effect that the veteran is in as good physical condition as he was at the time his insurance lapsed, will suffice for most veterans. After July 31 a physical examination will be required to reinstate, where the insurance has lapsed more than three months.

Term insurance, veterans are reminded is the same type carried during active service in the armed forces. It is the lowest cost life insurance available.

A recently passed law permits veterans to carry term insurance another five years beyond their previous expiration date, before having to convert to a permanent plan. They must make application for this renewal, however, and premium rates will be based on their attained age at time of renewal.

## Clinic Called For Pre-School Group

A clinic for pre-school children will be held at the court house on Friday, July 23, at which time children will be examined. Those who are going to start to school this fall are especially urged to come. The time will be between 9 and 12 o'clock a. m. and Dr. Moon and Marie Verhoof, nurse, will be in charge.

## Weed Report Asked

Roadmaster James Brown has been killing weeds in the county roads, especially morning glory, and would like to have someone tell him of every patch of perennial weeds in county roads.

Tom Fraser was in Los Angeles to take delivery on a new truck this week.

Damages to crops, orchards and buildings in excess of \$80,000 was estimated by fruit growers of the Rufus district last Friday when they met with County Agent LeRoy Wright and AAA Chairman Ormand Hilderbrand to start toward obtaining federal aid for their loss.

Wright, acting for Ralph Beck, who has been appointed to administer flood losses in Oregon took a list of the losses and the estimates of them in dollars and has sent it to state headquarters.

It is expected that investigation of Sherman county claims will be first on the list because of the speed with which preliminary action was taken. Mr. Hilderbrand told the fruit men that there would be some AAA funds which could be used for soil conservation purposes under the federal act. This may solve the problem of sour soil prevalent in the orchards.

George Stadelman of The Dalles said that apricot and peach orchards were worth \$1000 per acre and cherry orchards \$1100 if bearing. He estimated that new orchards were worth \$250 per acre. Peach and apricot trees require seven years to mature and cherries ten, he said. Cherries are selling for \$290 per ton peaches averaged about \$100 last year and apricots are worth \$90.

Heaviest losers are the men with old orchards in which the trees are dead. In some cases trees died even when not covered with water as the ground was soggy around the roots. They are not expected to recover.

George Blackburne's estimated loss in trees is \$14,250 which includes most of his old orchard and nearly 14 acres of new trees. His crop loss was estimated at \$14,800 of which the larger part was \$8700 in cherries.

Atee Wilson lost a fruit crop worth \$2670 and damage to his land and orchard was \$8075.

Walter Morris was a heavy loser as water ruined 23 acres of orchard containing 456 peach trees, 574 apricot trees and 537 cherry trees and 50 apple trees. His crop loss includes 40 tons of cherries, 35 tons of apricots and 15 tons of peaches for a total of \$16,250. Loss of his orchard was estimated at \$13,500.

Harland McDonald lost 150 peach trees, a sewage plant, a well and three acres of alfalfa. Glen Thompson reported loss of 12 peach trees, 70 apricot some prune trees together with considerable damage to his house.

Bob Davis lost lumber and fence posts and low lying pasture estimated at \$900. C. C. Wilson lost 1036 young fruit trees.

William Huck lost 9 peach trees, 38 apricot and 61 cherry together with the growing crop and there was also, damage to his well and house.

It is hoped that a part of the \$10,000,000 appropriated by congress can be used to relieve the losses of Sherman county fruit men whose orchards have been destroyed by the flood. All over the long prosperous fruit section trees are dead or are losing their leaves which means that they are dying say the orchard men.

## Loan Price Set At \$2.04 In County

The loan price on wheat in Sherman county is going to be \$2.04 for the 1948 crop year. This is change of policy on the part of the Commodity Credit corporation which has formerly made loans on the actual basis of freight rates and other costs.

At one time there was a different loan rate for nearly every station in Sherman county and of recent years there have been at least four rates depending on freight rate. This year the Miller station wheat will be worth the same as the Kent wheat as far as loans value goes.

Wasco county's rate is \$2.05, Gilliam's \$2.03, Morrow's \$2.02 and Umatilla's \$1.97.

Mr and Mrs Benson Whalley were here Wednesday of last week to visit his sister, Mrs Carroll Says for a day.