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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Now they've picked a new Miss Oregon, who was once Miss Central Oregon and Miss Joyce Davis of Redmond. She's a slim little midget of something less than buxom proportions, but she can sing, she can sing, she can sing. Unless the Atlantic City judges are deaf, she'll win a place.

A service station after a fashion, fills in the gap left in small town life, by the passing of the livery stable although the smells are slightly worse. Loungers can appraise the gasoline rigs of travelers just as they used to cast a speculative eye over a stranger's horse flesh. The unclad legs of the sun-burned moderns get no longer a glance than did the pecking ankle of the horse and buggy days.

Everything has changed but the people and they never change. They get themselves new modes of transportation, new styles in clothes, some new foods, new hairdos, new shaving habits, new almost everything, but the people go on being the same generation after generation and century after century. That's what drives the professors mad and gives school teachers a slightly guilty look and makes reformers a dime a dozen in the eye of philosophers.

Lots of people are trying to make folks over to suit them or their ideas of what folks ought to be. There's books and sermons written about it every week. And through it all the old genus Homo is still just plain man. And maybe it's better that he is.

Laws against killing have probably increased some crimes. One example (and there are many more) might be horse stealing. It used to be a capital crime. If a man was caught on another man's horse he was like an allowed to explain second.

Probably half the murders were well justified and a few well chosen ones would help many a community.

It's hard to hire a person who doesn't want anything. It used to be easy to hire help with money, but a lot of them don't care much for that any more. It's so easy to get. Being hired for a living, but that's not done any more. What with pensions, direct relief, unemployment compensation, Red Cross and sympathetic office holders those old slavery days are gone. Imagine a man having to work for a living anyway!

"She was" said the story teller, "one of those women who have had their own way so long she didn't enjoy it."

The price of food is higher than ever although some optimists think it may drop a little sooner. There are several good reasons why it is high. We are feeding Europe on wheat and other grains partly for the benefit of Europe and our well known national superiority complex and also to keep grain of a local surplus, more grain is fed to animals the well paid American workman never gets enough high feed makes high animal products; food hardeners have to have more money for less work.

The big grain crops will do as much as anything to reduce food prices, although unless the government cuts the price of feed grains, even the government can only handle a surplus until it gets about so big. There are many ways to postpone the law of supply and demand, but no ways of repealing it.

An old man had heard about some pills advertised to restore youth. He bought a boxful and seeing no need for delay took them all the first night. The next morning the family had a hard time wakening the old gentleman. At last he rolled over and rubbed his eyes. "All right!" he said. "I'll get up. But I won't go to school."

There is no outlaw date on crime. What is opposed to society, legal or social, today remains a crime. Time does not eradicate it, but sometimes softens or blurs it in the memories of those familiar with it. Poor memories work to the aid of the law breaker, good memories help keep society straight.

About the County

Miss Dorothy Holmes went to Portland Sunday to spend a few days visiting relatives & friends. Mr and Mrs Claude Brower of Yakima, Wn., stopped a while at the home of Mr and Mrs Tom Coyle Thursday on their way to Ashland to visit his niece, Mrs Edna Clevenger.

Arch Cantrall took his father and cousin, J. H. Cantrall and Charlie McKee to The Dalles when they left for Nyssa to visit relatives after spending a few days here with his son and family.

Word was received here Thursday of the serious illness of Henry Roth in Olympia, Wn. His son, John Roth and his daughter, Mrs Kenneth Crews left immediately for Olympia. Mr. Roth suffered a heart attack. John and Mrs Crews returned here Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs Claud Brower were dinner guests Monday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Dell Olds on their way to their home in Yakima, Washington.

Mr and Mrs Sanford Kent of Salem are the parents of a daughter, Carole Linda, born July 19 and weighing 7 lbs. Mrs Kent formerly taught school in Grass Valley.

Mr and Mrs Roy Wilson and daughter Fay of Portland came Sunday evening to visit Mr and Mrs Joe Morris. The couple is an uncle and aunt of Mrs Morris.

William Huck has been laid up this week with an infected knee. The injury from an unknown cause kept him in bed for several days.

Jerry Lou Wilson of The Dalles has been staying with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs S. A. Wilson for the last few weeks. Her mother Mrs Jim Butler was in the hospital for a week, but is out now.

A large crowd attended the baseball game here Sunday between Wasco and Grass Valley. It was a very good game as the score was kept pretty even until the first half of the 9th when something happened and Wasco run in a score of eight making the score 15 to 6 in Wasco's favor.

Mr and Mrs B. C. Baumgartner are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday July 27 at The Dalles hospital. The baby weighed nine pounds.

The Red Cross has delivered freight at different times, two barrels of oil for the use of the people in the community to treat stagnant water for mosquitoes. The barrels have been left at John Mathieson's garage and anyone wanting oil may bring a container and help themselves.

Mrs Melvin Brady will be the principal at the Rufus high school this school year. The other teachers have been hired also, and school will begin the day after Labor day. Mrs Brady was principal here at the school several years ago. She will be remembered as Martha Hoover.

Mr and Mrs J. S. Newcomb returned home from Portland Tuesday evening after spending about a week there visiting their daughter Mrs Wayland Weld and family. Their son in law and daughter Mr and Mrs L. S. Logan and son Robert from Oakland, Calif., accompanied them here for a visit with relatives.

Mr and Mrs John Rolfe and his mother Mrs T. M. Rolfe went to The Dalles Wednesday to bring T. M. home from the hospital where he spent over a week for medical treatment.

The Missionary society of the Nazarene church met Thursday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett. Roll call was answered by showing a photo of themselves taken when they were babies.

Miss Mary Brackett arrived home Saturday night from summer school in Eugene. She will spend the rest of the summer with her parents, Mr and Mrs Herman Brackett.

Tom Hulch and daughter Mrs Loyd Hulch and two children from Albany were weekend visitors at the W. A. Morris home. They also visited Mrs Hulch's sister, Mrs Pearl Jones at the hospital in The Dalles. Mrs Jones has been improving, and Sunday they let her come home to stay a while with her sister, Mrs W. A. Morris.

Mr and Mrs L. E. Langford were visiting their daughter, Mrs Fay Brackett Wednesday, and were dinner guests of Mrs Langford's brother and sister in law, Mr and Mrs W. A. Morris that evening.

Mrs William Meyers has been on the sick list and spent several days in the hospital but was able to return home Saturday.

Mrs Trace Fields has had an infection in her finger caused by a cut, and went to The Dalles three days straight last week to get penicillin shots. She reports all danger is past now. Several years ago Mrs Fields lost a finger the same way. She doctor treated for it at that time, but they did not have penicillin to use then.

Mrs S. Pearson of Portland was visiting her daughter Mrs Harland McDonald last week.

Weekend visitors at the farm home of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields were Mr and Mrs Art Eggo accompanied by their three children, Patsy, Donnie and Eleanor. They were on their vacation and have been friends of the Fields for many years. Mr and Mrs Fields were hosts to them Sunday with a dinner at Stiles on the Deschutes, and later all of them called at the home of Mr and Mrs Leonard Fields.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Van Tassel and daughter Evelyn visited at the home of Mr and Mrs James Tate and they came especially to bring Evelyn up to help Mrs Tate during the harvest season. The Van Tassel's live in Gardiner.

Mr and Mrs T. M. Rolfe have as their house guests his sisters, Mr and Mrs Otto Hill and Mrs Lelia Showers from Onalaska, Wisconsin and Mrs Hattie Donaldson and Miss Edna Rolfe from LaFarge, Wisconsin who arrived here Thursday for an extended visit.

A bridal shower will be held for Miss Dorothy Holmes at the home of Mrs Alfred Kock on Saturday August 7 at 2:30 p.m. everyone interested is invited to attend.

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County Court Meets at End of Fiscal Year And Transfers Funds To Square With Budget

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF JUNE 11, 1948 MEETING OF COUNTY COURT

In the Matter of the consideration of and the adoption of a County Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, both dates inclusive:

Reduction of \$700.00 made in Cricket and Grasshopper control appropriation.

\$100.00 added to appropriation for Government Trapper and \$600.00 added to appropriation for Bureau of Biological Survey.

Reduction of \$60.00 made in Weed Control appropriation and for County Treasurer's Record Books and Blanks account increased to extent of \$60.00.

Budget otherwise adopted as originally prepared and published. Meeting adjourned.

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF JULY TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against County General and Against Road funds allowed as presented.

Treasurer's Monthly Statement showing fund balances as of June 30, 1948, presented, approved and filed.

Deed executed conveyed tax foreclosed property in Grass Valley to B. C. Baumgartner.

Resignation of R. A. Stow as Justice of Peace of District No. 4, presented, accepted and filed.

Resignation of Bernice Morris as Clerk of Rufus No. 1 Election Precinct Board, presented, accepted and filed.

Renewals of Comprehensive, fire and theft insurance placed with W. T. Balsiger.

Certificate of Budget Appropriation executed for maintenance of Office of County Agent for fiscal year 1948-1949.

Claim of District Grazier of Taylor Grazing Board allowed and Treasurer directed to draw on Taylor Grazing fund in payment.

Clerk directed to make necessary transfers of Budgeted fund balances as may be necessary in closing 1947-1948 fiscal year accounts.

Request granted for improvement to Scott Canyon road.

County Agent authorized to negotiate for having copy or copies of Conference Committee Report printed at a cost of \$250. No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE, 1948, AND APPROVED JULY 7, 1948 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

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Wasco Well Has Heavy Flow In First Test

Wasco has a well.

After some years of being out of water periodically and some months of trouble drilling a well, a supply of water beyond all expectations has been tapped.

At a depth of 449 feet water was found that raised to 17 feet from the top of the hole. A test pump, capable of raising over 400 gallons per minute, drew the water level down to 50 feet when pumping at a 360 gallon rate. When speeded up to capacity the water was brought to a level 70 feet below the top.

The city is now debating on the kind of pump to put in the well much relieved that its problems over water, seem at an end.

The Dalles Centennial Boosted By Visitors

Fort Dalles Centennial Boosters came to Moro Saturday to advertise their program for August 26-29. Local citizens expected to be arrested and placed in the "pokey" to await sentencing for various imagined crimes but nothing of that kind was essayed by the visitors who merely displayed beards, fined Sheriff Fields, and told about the coming event which is to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Oregon's admittance into the union as a territory and the part that The Dalles had in early Oregon history.

Mr and Mrs Harry Pinkerton went to Eugene last weekend to visit their daughter and family. Mr and Mrs Victor Malen.

Mr and Mrs R. H. McAlpin of Susanville, Calif., Mrs Izzie Alger of Sandy and Mr and Mrs Arthur Hartnell of Oregon City were houseguests of Mr and Mrs John DeMoss last weekend.

Jim Wilson has been in Moro for a day or two while waiting to start harvest on his place near Kent. He was a guest of his brother in law G. Douma and family.

Two farm implement tires were stolen from the Moro Motors company Tuesday night and a traveler is suspected but he has not so far been apprehended.

Mr and Mrs Bill McKean of Vancouver, Wn., came up Saturday. Mr McKean returned Sunday, but Mrs McKean stayed to help take care of her father in law, R. H. McKean.

Report is that Mrs Mae Moore has again entered the hospital after a two week respite from a long hospital stay.

Charley Harper Taken By Death

Charles A. Harper, 74, was buried Saturday in The Dalles following his death Wednesday. He had been ill for many years with paralysis following a stroke.

Charley Harper came to Sherman county in the early 80s from Kansas where he was born April 18, 1874 and he had lived here until moving to The Dalles several years ago. He farmed east of Wasco.

Surviving are his widow, Pearl, two daughters, Mrs Irvadell Wood, Los Angeles and Mrs Volanna Noe, Gateway and seven grandchildren.

SMUT COSTLY TO WHEAT GROWERS LATELY

There's no gun in this holdup, but smut, the northwest's number one wheat disease problem, is taking more and more dollars out of the pockets of Oregon wheat ranchers just as surely as if they were being robbed at gunpoint.

Much of this wheat loss thru smut is unnecessary, insists Rex Warren, OSC extension farm crops specialist, who points out that proper seed treatment will pay off in larger grain checks. When smut shows up at harvest, that is a good time to resolve to do a better job of treating—and even to get the materials in advance.

Of four recommended seed treating materials, New Improved Ceresan and Ceresan-M are most effective. Warren declares. Copper carbonate and basic copper sulfate while recommended, are not the most effective. Warren states that farmers have shielded away from Ceresan because of the fumes and the irritation that it causes the skin. When machines are available to handle the new wet slurry type treatment, this objection will be overcome by using Ceresan-M which does not give off fumes and which is virtually foolproof.

Warren points out that it is particularly important now to allow 24 hours to elapse between treating and the time of planting. This allows the full effect of the fumes to act on the smut spores, he explains.

Wheat inspection records show that smut was present in 33 out of every 100 cars of wheat received in important terminal markets during the 1920's. During the intervening years, smut was reduced to the point where in 1942 only about three cars out of 100 received were smutty.

Meanwhile, since 1942 the smut trend has reversed itself and has been climbing for five straight years. Last year 14 percent of the wheat received was smutty. Careless seed treatment is the cause for a good share of the recent increase in smut. Warren believes. The increase in acreage of some of the more susceptible wheats—Alice, Elein and Gold—have also contributed to the increase.

Smutty wheat results in loss in yield, dockage in price, dockage in pounds of grain delivered as well as costing the farmer freight on something he cannot

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