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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

All over Oregon the dissenters against nature's time are returning to the fold; people have quit cutting off the top end of the blanket to sew it onto the foot and six o'clock means six o'clock all over.

After reading the Moro high school football schedule we are a little inclined to wonder how football teams get their names. The same applies to college teams. There is apparently a desire to choose a very fierce name like Tigers, Lions, or Wolves although that doesn't seem to throw much fear into opponents who are injured against such shock psychology. There is a reason why Arlington's gladiators should be Honkers and Heppner has some reason for being Mustangs. The Paposes from The Dalles are near enough reality but why the Fosil boys should masquerade as Falcons, except that it is alliterative, is not known to deponent. Neither is there information why the Madras boys took the name of White Buffalo, nor why a white buffalo is more fearsome than a regular brown one. The Huskies of Moro are not markedly so and there is no tradition of dog sledging herabouts.

Neither of Oregon's major football teams carries a very tough name. No one fears a duck and a beaver is one of the more quiet animals. Probably a team known as the Pansties could win regularly if it had enough big, fast boys. But the names are intriguing. And what a menagerie the animals, birds, and beasts would make.

This rain comes at a fortunate time for the farmers and in a much less dangerous quantity than last year when the first fall rain nearly washed the county away. With what was saved from the last wet year the recent rain should make crop prospects very good for another year although no one should begin feeling too good until the next harvest is closer.

"Our deeds still travel with us from afar. And what we have been makes us what we are." said George Eliot which should not mean that there was no hope of reformation. Perhaps the hardest step to take is the desire and most are base and dishonest who want to be.

Helen Sayers supplies us with copies of English newspapers now and then and they are most interesting. Although at present in a serious slump no hip-sneak government can long hold down the persistence of the English. They may never recover their territories nor their position in the world, but they seem to be well on the way to recovering their sly good humor.

As an example of something that would never be printed in America, a front page article told of the finding of a couple apparently dead by suicide, the man 35 and a married woman 45 who left a note saying it was best that way. The final paragraph mentioned that the husband would like to find his pet dog that had left with its mistress.

The discussion was about some recent Oregon political history and the morals involved and one member said that it wasn't so much immoral as a lack of morals and explained that perhaps those involved considered it perfectly proper to profit at the expense of the public.

The largely held idea of most people that everyone knows good from bad may not be correct, although in a nation where Christian teaching is almost universal that seems a rather broad extension of generosity.

There may be, however, some persons whose selfish instincts are so overdeveloped that no other interest can compete with them. A man's need for a coat may be so strong that he may overlook the rights of others and steal a coat, or to state it differently, a man may be so weak that he will put his own desires before those of anyone else. In any event that's what causes most of the trouble in the world.

Club Speakers Discuss Measures On Coming Ballot

Discussion of four measures was carried on at the Wednesday morning meeting of the Sherman County Club with speakers explaining and giving both sides of the bills in question.

Carrel Bennett told of the advantages of the bill to permit every six months resident to vote in school elections involving finances, although tempering his favor with some reasons against the measure. It is desirable from the point of more complete democracy, he said, but could be used unfairly if non-property owners voted improvements on a few property owners.

Keneth Young explained the proposal to change the state hydro-electric code to permit private power companies to build dams and be assured of longer retention of them. Immediate reason for the bill is the proposed construction of the Ox-bow dam across the Snake in Baker county. Citizens of far eastern Oregon generally favor the measure, Mr. Young said, and opposition comes from the grange and other public power minded people.

Wily Knighten found the idea of a boys camp good but didn't like the location which is at an abandoned CCC camp near Timber, nor did he like the suggested organization proposed under the bill. The need for youth rehabilitation might outweigh minor objection, however, he said.

Giles French favored the passage of the six percent amendment because taxpayers would be protected by four opportunities to vote before a tax base was changed and Oregon is growing too fast for the six percent limitation. Continued limitation of the tax base will cause continual votes for larger levies he stated, until the tax base has no meaning.

Allen Tom, president, presided. The next meeting will be held October 13 at a place to be determined. It will be a night meeting and will have public health as a subject. Mrs. Helen Bruckert will prepare the program.

YOUNG CHOIR FORMED

Monday afternoon, September 20, rehearsals began for a Junior Choir. All youngsters from the fourth grade up are invited to attend practice each Monday at 3:30. The group will provide music for the Sunday School and on special occasions for Church. The pianist for the Junior Choir is Mrs. Max Barzee; the director, Mrs. Keneth Young.

Program of Eastern Oregon Wheat League for December 2-4 at Condon Nearly Complete

Thursday, December 2nd

- 7:30 P. M. Preliminary Committee Reports:
 - 1. Production and Transportation
 - 2. Federal Agriculture Programs and Land Use
 - 3. Taxation and Legislation
 - 4. Wheat Disposal & Market Development
 - 5. Young People's Activities
- By Law Change Committee Report
Herman Steen, Executive Vice-President, Millers Federation

Friday, December 3rd

- 10:30 A. M. Soft White Wheat Researches by Dr. Harold Olcott, Acting Head Vegetable Processing Division, Western Regional Research Laboratory, Albany, California.
- 11:15 A. M. Why Crop Reporting by Niels I. Nielsen, Agricultural Statistician in Charge, Portland, Oregon.
- 11:45 A. M. Oregon Agricultural



SEPTEMBER MORN. In the dawn members of the Sherman County Club listen to speakers while stoking a campfire. The before the sun had warmed the members.

Those Who Want To Vote Must Register by Oct. 2

Those who want to vote November 2, and who are not now registered, must attend to that preliminary before Saturday night, October 2, or not vote. Registration closes Saturday.

The office of the county clerk will be open until 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Those must register who have not voted for two years, who have changed their names or places of residence.

Register October 2; Vote November 2.

Youngsters Win Special Awards

Special awards given at the county fair have been distributed to the winners as follows: George Potter gave \$25 which has been divided among home economics club workers. Ten dollars was given to Margaret Baumgartner for use in cookery and \$15 to Marie von Borstel for use in sewing.

The Sunset Motor Company gave \$50 which was divided among 4-H stock exhibitors for purchase of breeding stock. Scott Fritts won \$25 and Alfred Kock \$15 for beef animals and Joan Oveson \$10 for sheep.

Harry Van Gilder donated a \$20 prize for the winner of the scramble calf beef contest and this was won by Alfred Kock.

KNIGHTEN TO AID

Wily Knighten will act as liaison man for Vinton L. Green new agent for the state veterinarian's administration and as such will make dates for local veterans with Mr. Green who will make a trip into this county every two weeks. His day here will be Tuesday or Wednesday. Any veteran wanting information about the state loan or other state aid to veterans may make appointment with Mr. Green through Wily Knighten's office.

REPUBLICAN SPEAKER

Congressman Charles A. Halleck of Indiana will be principal speaker at the 15th Annual Oregon Republican club convention to be held at the Benson hotel in Portland Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, according to Ray Smith, state president.

Health Worker Tells Local Group Of Approved Plan

Miss Elin Anderson, health specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture from Washington, D. C., who is in Oregon to plan a rural health conference to be held in Portland November 17-19, appraised the situation in Sherman county Saturday after listening to reviews of what had been done by representatives of several interested organizations.

Miss Anderson was accompanied by Jean Shell, information specialist, and had made a similar survey of the Wasco county program the day before. LeRoy Wright told of the conference work and the demand on the court for additional nursing service. Mrs. Helen Bruckert, chairman of the conference committee on health and rural life, spoke of that report and Giles French reviewed the information gathered by the Sherman County Club.

Miss Anderson said that the ratio between doctors and citizens is now at one to 650 which would normally give at least one doctor to all rural regions but that general practitioners were scarce.

Nursing service is possible and some government aid can be obtained for it, she said. A nurse in prevention work can care for a community of 5000 and in a county like Sherman should be able to do some home care as well. There is a conflict in such cases as there is no definite line between preventive and curative medicine.

Pre-payment plans for medical care have not been entirely successful to date although they are growing.

Suggestion was made that the county work first for a whole or part time nurse adequately equipped with office, car, etc., and second try to obtain some regular diagnostic service or part time if necessary then expand the service to include mental as well as physical health services and lastly work toward hospitalization plans which would include a doctor and bed care.

Probably the community would not support a doctor on fees and some other means would be required, she said as a doctor would need to be assured of a steady income.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro, Thursday, October 7, 1948, at the court house between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.



Moro High School football players practice on an inanimate bag to get ready to push very animate. Players have been Harvey, Clarence May, Alley, and Bibby but without numbers.

Teachers Reception Postponed Until October 9, Saturday

The Moro Woman's club reception for the school teachers has been postponed until Saturday night October 9. The new date supercedes the original one of October 2.

Reason for the delay is that many of the teachers are going to Portland for the coming week end and do not expect to be in town.

FAIR FINANCES FAIR

The finances of the county fair have not been computed as yet as not all bills are in for the show. Some of the major expenses were \$1639.50 for premiums, \$1430 for races, \$2100 for other program.

Returns for the gate and the dance were \$2460.75 and additional amounts up to \$262 was received from concessions and entry fees with more such miscellaneous income still to be received.

Indications are that the 1948 fair will not quite break even although racing income yet to come may balance the books.

STOCK SALE NOV. 1

The sale of purebred beef animals by members of the Mid-Columbia Breeders' Association will be held Monday, November 1 beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon, reports LeRoy Wright who is secretary and sale manager this year.

Some sixty cattle will be sold of which half will be bulls and half females and incoming consignments indicate that the quality will be very high. The show will be judged October 31 with Joe Johnson of OSC placing the winners. H. B. Sager of Bozeman, Montana, who has cried both previous sales will again auctioneer.

Catalogues will be printed soon ready for distribution to possible purchasers. Consigners are generally from the mid-Columbia region of Oregon.

GAME FARMS SOLD

The Oregon Game Commission is offering for sale the Pendleton and the Eugene Game Farms. Pendleton's Game Farm is being consolidated with the new modern game farm near Hermiston. The farm at Eugene is being abandoned because of the development of the area as a residential district which makes it difficult to operate the plant for the raising of pheasants. The farm at Pendleton comprises approximately thirty acres while the Eugene farm is forty-eight acres.

LOANS MADE

The county AAA office has made loans on over a third of the wheat grown in the county this year and is still making them. Up to Wednesday 1,542, them. Up to Wednesday 1,542, them. Up to Wednesday 1,542, them. Up to Wednesday 1,542, them.

In addition to this the agency had loaned on 99,737 bushels of barley in 59 loans and had made four farm stored wheat loans totaling 17,880 bushels. Farmers had signed eight purchase agreements for 30,330 bushels of wheat and 336 bushels of barley.

CHEST FUND DUE

"Everybody Benefits — Everybody Gives" is the continuing theme of Community Chest campaigns and this time of the year the attention of all the people is directed to those federated campaigns for funds which are used so carefully to carry along the work of the character building and welfare agencies throughout the state.

Pomona Grange Talks Health At Quarterly Meet

A large wooden bowl of plenty (fruit) was the main centerpiece, and additional bowls of fruit decorated the table at the Rufus grange hall when the Sherman county Pomona grange met for dinner Saturday. Fall leaves were also used, and colorful bouquets of flowers were used throughout the room. Forty adults and twelve children enjoyed the baked salmon dinner prepared under the direction of Mrs. E. Kuyper and members of the Home Economics club.

The business meeting was presided over by Louis Sather, master. The officers reports were given. LeRoy Wright said the farmers should have a representative at the Soil Conservation meeting in Arlington September 28 at 10 a. m.

Bertha Belshe gave a report on the children's juvenile grange at state grange which was held in Astoria last June.

The executive committee has set a definite date for Pomona grange to meet the last Saturday of the month, and each quarter of the year thereafter. The next meeting will be at Harlandview grange hall November 27.

A letter of thanks was read which was written by Joan Oveson of Moro to the Pomona grange thanking them for the 4-H scholarship it gave. Joan received a free trip to Corvallis.

The lecturer's program was under the direction of Mrs. Walt Bruckert. First on the program was, "America The Beautiful", sung by all the grange. The second number on the program was all present telling of their first experience at a fair. This caused many laughs and was fun. Mrs. Sadie Rich sang, "When You And I Were Young Maggie", accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Leo Watkins. A reading of the poem, "Old Faithful" by Mrs. George Fox. LeRoy Wright was the speaker, talking on the health of Sherman county as a whole. Said a full time health nurse services should be secured by Sherman county.

The program ended with a harvest contest game. Each member was given two tooth picks, and they could bring as many various shaped beans, corn and peas as they could carry with the tooth picks from the table to a designated spot. The winning side received some candy as a prize.

Grange members from Harlandview were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather, LeRoy Wright, Bill Powell, and Mollie McLachlan.

CAR INSPECTION UP

A state-wide motor vehicle inspection program is under preparation, to be presented to the 1949 session of the Oregon legislative assembly, the Oregon Motorist Association, says in its recent issue. The Oregon Motor Association, AAA affiliate in Oregon, is assisting in the drafting of the legislation. Action on the state-wide program followed a protest voiced by the Oregon Motor Association and others against the local motor vehicle inspection program now in effect in the city of Portland.

Opposition to the local program was based by the Association on the contention that the cost of the program was too great in view of demonstrable value from an accident prevention standpoint. The Association pointed out that most accidents involved driver failure, rather than vehicle failure, and that the value of the program was further minimized by the local character of the Portland system.

Rain Makes Seeding Safe; Starts Year Well

Rain that totaled 1.33 fell over the week end and made it possible for every farmer to start seeding who wants to do so.

The rain started Thursday night when 54 fell and continued intermittently until Tuesday although both Monday and Wednesday were hailed as perfect days, cloudless, and bright with the fading summer sun giving abundantly of its warmth.

There is doubt about the land that had been seeded prior to the rain. That part of it that had been seeded deep may not come up and some reseeded is considered probable. There is not much of it.

As soon as the ground dries off sufficiently every farmer will be in the field and the 1949 crop will go into the ground in almost perfect condition.

Tax Information For Taxpayers Due

A copy of the tax information that will be sent out to each taxpayer is to be found on page two in this issue.

Some explanation may be necessary. The list of school districts and taxes levied there-in is followed by the usual statistics as to value, levy, the tax and combined levy. Then the percentage of this combined levy that goes to various funds is shown. For instance: at Biglow the total millage is 27.4 mills. Of this 26.7 percent will go to the local school tax, officially called the special school tax, which is levied by the district; 23.0 percent will be to the rural school fund; 6.6 percent to the non-high school district; 13.5 percent to the general roads; 15.0 percent to the special road fund and 15.2 to the state and county fund, which is all county this year, state taxes being off-set by income taxes.

City taxes are shown in the same manner and there is some information about the percentage of taxes paid by utilities and locally owned property. The summary of the assessment roll shows the kinds of property in the county and its valuation.

REBEKAHS TO MEET

The county convention of Rebekahs will be held at Kent this year and October 21 is the date chosen by the committee which consists of Nan Wilson, chairman; Clara Kock, vice-chairman; and Ellen Justen, secretary. The state president, Miss Christine Smith of Lebanon will be present to speak to the members who will come from Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, Kent and Antelope to show their interpretation of the lodge work.

VFW-AUX. ELECTS

The ladies auxiliary to the VFW of the Sherman county post 5028 held its first fall meeting Friday evening, September 24, at the VFW hall with the president, Beatrice Howell presiding and with seven members present.

Plans are being made to sponsor the essay contest and the following committee chairmen were appointed: Ruby Brinkert, community service; Hattie Spencer, publicity; Marian Boynton, membership; Dorothy Blagg, junior activities; Carmen Brown, Americanism; Mary DeMoss, rehabilitation; Sylvia Gillison, hospital; and Etha DeMoss, home fund.

The next meeting will be held, October 18 when the district president will pay a visit. All members are urged to attend.

SHANIKO

By Mrs. Maude Garrett

Mr and Mrs James Phifer were visitors at the Charles Ferrigo home in Grass Valley Sunday afternoon.

John Reeder spent the week end visiting friends in The Dalles returning Monday morning.

The Charles Carrigans returned from their vacation Friday night and report a fine trip and happy to be home again.

Due to the rain the harvest is at a stand still around Shaniko and no wheat is coming into the warehouse.

Don Schmidt had an accident on the Cow Canyon grade when the family's car. He was slightly injured. Mrs. Fern Carter and Mrs. Mary Ward are in Portland this week on business. The children are staying at the E. R. Brown home.