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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Some one who was truly a philosopher said that "sweet are the uses of adversity" and we do note that most of us are a little easier to live with when the going is tough than when it is all our way.

Dictators are never nice people. Neither is the biggest pig that drives all the others away from the feed trough ever the beloved one.

While no one enjoyed the hard times of the thirties people were friendly then and anxious to help one another. There seems to be so green a memory of that time that folks hereabouts haven't yet gotten around to the arrogance that is supposed to go with affluence. Most of them won't perhaps.

And speaking of adversity William Ernest Henley had a hard time of it with illness, etc., and wrote "Invictus" which is indicative of one way to meet troubles emotionally.

"Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not wifed nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

And that is looking troubles in the eye and saying "Lay on MacDuff!"

There is, really, going to be an election this fall. There's a lot of folks running, including a man named Dewey and another named Truman and there's others, too. Wallace and Thurmond and Thomas and others we suppose who are even less known.

And there's other men running for lesser office, governors, senators, etc., that will all be important, perhaps, to everyone. There's measures on the ballot, eleven of them, nearly all of which cost money if passed.

Did you ever notice how a familiar name will jump out at you from a printed page. Around home its probably your own name that sticks out from a paragraph. A little farther away and the name of your town or county will loom up in the news like a flag and half way across the continent the name of Oregon attracts your eye like the white flag of an antelope across the sage. Perhaps it is our perennial interest in the familiar, our home-like quality about us. Like chickens we like to roost in the same place, and we look for names of things we know best.

Well it's not a bad trait and this would be a terribly upset world if everyone wanted to stay in a different place every night, wear different clothes, do different things, eat different food every day. My word, the world would be a less stable place than it is now.

At one spot in Sherman county where there is feed and water and shade and cover the China pheasants are as thick as chickens in a barnyard, which considering the imminence of the bird season is very foolish of them.

Although the frosts have been light and the rains have been plentiful the leaves on the trees are turning yellow and falling. It is that time of year and the shock of cold or drought is not needed. A leaf knows when its day is one.

The days seem short but it will be March first before we see longer ones and then the same length of day will seem long again, so varying is our sense of perception.

Moro Council Passes Ordinances Levying Bonds

The Moro city council, without dissenting voice, passed two ordinances Monday night in an adjourned meeting to issue \$8500 in bonds for improvement of the water system and for construction of streets and drains.

Ordinance 125 calls for issuance of \$5000 in general obligation bonds which will be used to pay for the water system installed last winter and for which bonds were voted May 21. Delay in getting legal technicalities straight has made the long wait necessary.

Ordinance 126 is similar except that it calls for \$3500 in bonds for repair and rebuilding of streets and drains. With the funds so derived the city will construct the drain that was broken in the floods of last fall and spring near the lumber yard and will use some of the streets for which some funds come from the state. The project calls for oiling of first street from Main to Bidwell and oiling Bidwell from Main to Scott.

Bids on the bonds will be opened November 3 at the council rooms when price and interest rate will be known. George Updegraff, city attorney, attended the meeting as did councilmen, Wright, Kunsman, Gilmor, Van Gilder, Douma and Thompson.

Doug McKay Coming

Douglas McKay of Salem, Republican candidate for governor, will be in Sherman county next Friday while on his final trip to eastern Oregon before election. Mrs. McKay will accompany her husband.

Tax Notices Out; More Money Asked

Sheriff Norman Fields this week sent taxpayers mementoes of the work of the budget committee, the assessor and sheriff's offices in the form of tax notices. These are larger than last year in most cases, the total tax bill of the county being \$280,734 whereas it was \$224,960 last year. Larger school taxes are responsible for a large part of the increase.

A three percent discount will be given for all taxes paid by November 15 and already several thousand dollars has been paid indicating that a large part of the total will be discounted. This has been common in recent years.

TEACHERS WELCOMED BY SCHOOL PATRONS

Parents and friends of the Moro schools gathered at the school house last Saturday to meet the new teachers and again welcome the old. It was the annual teacher's reception sponsored by the Moro Woman's club.

Guests were well mixed by a numbers game and then were broken into groups each of which chose a spokesman who spoke on some subject concerning schools, after which refreshments were served.

The next meeting of the club will be October 22. Mrs. Theodore Johnston is director for the afternoon and will have two guest speakers.

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By Mrs. Maude Garrett
Mrs. Mary Word, Mrs. Tom Carter, Mrs. W. A. Rees and Mrs. Pat Hanks of Shaniko attended the home economics meeting at Antelope Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Olson is home from Corvallis for a while to recuperate her health after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Guyton of Dufur returned from their hunting trip without a deer, but he returned to the tall timber for another try. Mrs. Guyton is spending the time with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Carlgan.

Rev. E. E. Taylor of The Dalles conducted services here at the school house Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harvey of Grass Valley were luncheon guests Friday night at the home of Mrs. Maude Garrett. They all went to the Moro-Maupin game in the afternoon.

James Phifer is working for Frank Wagner instead of the state highway department.

CALL FOR BIDS

Boardman School District No. 22, Moro, Oregon, will accept sealed bids until Monday, October 18, 1948 at 12 o'clock noon for the school building and other buildings on the school property. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Tom Fraser, Clerk

About the County

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young entertained Sunday evening with a dinner in honor of the first birthday anniversary of their twin daughter and son, Patty and Tommy. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Karnes of Studley, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens, all of Grass Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and Mr. J. A. Weatherford of The Dalles motored to Klamath Falls Friday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson. They returned Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer and daughter, Linda, were business visitors in Culver Monday.

Wednesday evening, October 20th, at 8:00 p. m., the negro group of the Hughes Memorial Methodist church in Portland, Rev. Ennis Whaley, directing, will sing negro spirituals at the Wasco Methodist church.

Jack Cox of Madras arrived Saturday at the E. C. Smith home for a visit.

Robert Cooley of San Andreas, California, accompanied by Mrs. Maude Cunningham of Nampa, California were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Larry Clapp of Westover, New Jersey, arrived last Saturday to help his brother, Vince, at the Wasco Inn.

Mrs. Claire Jefferies, who has been visiting at the home of her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jefferies for the past month left by train Thursday for her home in Manning, North Dakota.

Kent Grade school volleyball team carried home a victory of 59 to 26 when they played Grass Valley at Grass Valley last Thursday.

The ladies of the local American Legion Auxiliary met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Theodor Borstel. Tickets were distributed among the members for sale for the raffle to be held by the Auxiliary at the New Year's dance. Plans were also made for the banquet to be served by the Auxiliary for the Rebekah convention.

Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and son, John were dinner guests last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jefferies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hogue of Portland were overnight guests at the home of Mrs. Hogue's mother, Mrs. Belle Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Howell and son, David and George Howell motored to Vancouver last Wednesday.

Thursday they attended the wedding of Edward Howell, and then motored to Springfield where they visited at the home of Mrs. Millard Howell's father, James Mobley. They returned to Kent on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and children, Stephen and Janice left Friday from Maupin after the football game for Portland. The children had dental care and all went to the stock show returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Floye von Borstel, past department president of the Legion auxiliary of Oregon, left Saturday to join the party of state department president, Mrs. Ruth Coyner, to travel with them to the National Legion convention at Miami, Florida. Mrs. von Borstel will be a page at the convention, and is also a member of the committee for Mrs. Laura Goode for national president.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay attended the P. I. in Portland from Thursday through Sunday.

Harley McKay with Ernest Barnett and Gus Koepke, both of The Dalles left Monday for Monument for a hunting trip.

Robert Tatum and Amos Fine of Madras went to Burnt Ranch near Ashwood Monday for a hunting trip.

Mrs. Alfred Lyons, and son, Earl, and Warren Norton were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay.

Mrs. Harley McKay left Wednesday to visit with Mrs. Gus Koepke of The Dalles during their husband's absence.

Cradle Roll graduation will be observed Sunday at the Kent Christian church with a short program. The entire community is urged to come join in the services.

A pre-school health clinic will be held at the Kent school October 25. An appointment sheet will be posted at the E. C. Smith store in Kent. Those wishing to bring their children are urged to sign the time that they prefer to come. The clinic will be held from 2 to 5.

Wheatland Rebekah lodge held three special sessions of lodge last Wednesday, Monday and Thursday evenings in preparation for the coming district convention. Refreshments of pastry and coffee were served after the meetings.

There was a regular school board meeting at the Rufus school Monday night.

Mrs. Matt Simon returned home last Tuesday from Portland where she spent a month visiting her daughters, Mrs. Fred Kurilo and family and Mrs. Al Woody and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Strange arrived last week from Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Matt Simon.

Mrs. Josephine Hogue and Mrs. C. W. Fields went to Portland Friday to shop and to attend the stock show returning home Sunday.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Fail seeding has been humming along on the farms in Northern Sherman county. This week will see most of the land seeded and harrowed. With the perfect weather that has been experienced, all signs point to another profitable year as was this last record breaking year for Sherman county which boasted a \$5000 income for every man, woman and child in the county.

The balmy days have not been enough to keep down early colds. Mrs. Fay Brackett took her daughter Joan into The Dalles Friday to see the doctor. Joan suffered an attack of tonsillitis with her cold. Jeanie Macnab daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab missed school towards the end of the week on account of the flu. Jeanie is in the first grade at Rufus school.

Rufus school has a new first grade pupil, Helen Mathieson. This brings the number to five in the first grade at Rufus. Other children are Caroline Tom, Bobby Byrd, Jeanie Macnab and Larry Engles.

There were eighteen members out when the Rufus grange met last Thursday night for the first meeting of the month. Geo. Fox, master, presided over the business session. The grange received a check for \$2.75 from the state grange for making a ten per cent net gain in membership. There was a donations amounting to \$1.50 taken up to be sent to state grange for work on the Idaho power bill. As there was a deficit of grange funds to send in the quarterly report it was decided to take up voluntary contributions to tide the grange over. Contributions were R. T. Dingle \$5.00; Eliza Beth Kuypers \$5.00; Vernon Miller \$5.00; Lois Steward \$1.00 and George Fox \$5.00. A committee was appointed to put on some money raising socials. S. A. Wilson, E. C. Eaton and Frank Smith are on the committee. The master read a letter from the Boy Scouts of America in regard to the charter received and cards for the committeemen. No scout master has been found so far this year. The lecturer, R. T. Dingle gave a demonstration on how to stand at attention when the flag was moving on the floor. George and Lucille Fox gave a brief report on what they saw on their trip to Canada. Lecturer told about Canada's population and how the province got its name. The program ended with a song by Sadie Rich accompanied by Mrs. R. T. Dingle on the piano. A pot luck supper was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

The children of the county will enjoy a four day holiday this week when the Teacher's Institute meets in The Dalles Thursday and Friday. Some families will enjoy vacations away from the county and some of the men will get in some deer hunting during the time.

A pot luck dinner was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rice by some members of the Nazarene church in Rufus. At the dinner were besides the Rices, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Engles and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family. At the special services held in the church Sunday afternoon, the church was quite full with members and three car loads of people who came from The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children are expected to arrive home the first of the week from a short vacation in the valley. They expected to visit Mrs. Eugene McMillin in Portland, also take in the P. I. while there. They were to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dunier in Salem and friends in Albany before coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathieson have been spending their week ends near Mt. Hood hunting. Joe Morris, Luther Steward and son Howard were hunting in the Heppner country last weekend with Morris being the lucky one to get a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Millard and son Kim left Monday for their home in Portland. They had spent the weekend visiting friends and being house guests of Edward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard.

The Home Economics club of the Rufus grange will have its first meeting this fall when they meet at the home of Mrs. Grace Medler for a noon luncheon. Mrs. George Fox will be co-hostess with Mrs. Medler.

A special meeting of the Big-leaf district was held at the Fay Brackett home Wednesday night. Vernon Miller who is one of the commissioners attended County Court in Moro, Wednesday.

George Fox who is a member of the County Rural School Board attended a meeting in Moro Wednesday.

Grant Perry and Joe McNaught of the First National Bank in The Dalles were visitors here Tuesday.

New Telephone System, With New Method Coming

Owners of telephone line No. 42 which includes most of the territory southeast of Moro agreed last week to contract with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for a new phone service that will operate on the REA line.

It is understood that the cost to each farm will be \$251 and that each will have a separate connection with the central station, that is, the line will not be a party line.

This proposal has been discussed for some months in Sherman county but no actual means of putting it into use has been available heretofore. The PTT&T company will lease the use of the lines from the REA, it was explained, and sell service to the users.

WASCO

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon of Umatilla were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shearer this past weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Fern Williams were down from Willowdale to spend Saturday with them, too.

Mrs. Elfin Ross of Salem is visiting her father, H. E. Everett, and other relatives in Wasco this week. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet took her on a trip to Heppner to visit Mr. Funk's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vocum. They stopped in Arlington to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clough and family and went out to the ranch to see Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison and family.

Last Friday evening the students of the 7th and 8th grades went to The Dalles Roller Rink for a skating party. Mrs. Kaseberg and Mrs. Ira Kaseberg furnished the transportation. Those present besides these two women were the 7th and 8th grade teacher, Paul Boswell, and the following students: Beverly Moore, Joan Fridley, Glenn Wallace, Lois Ann Everett, Sharon Laughlin, Barbara Ruck, Carl Briggs, Larry Kaseberg, Bill Coats, Donald McIntyre, LeRoy Stults.

A family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins last Sunday in honor of the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins, and the birthdays of Mrs. W. D. Watkins, Leo and Vinton Watkins, all of which were in October. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Watkins, Donna Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gosson of The Dalles, and the host and hostess and their children. Leo Watkins with Mrs. Clara Ma October 5th at the home of Mrs. The Tuesday Study club met chel co-hostess. There was an impromptu miscellaneous program and a piano solo by Mrs. F. Claude Stephens. Refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. T. M. Moore, October 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greene of Ellettsville, Calif., visited last week end at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Morrison and daughter.

Mrs. Wilma Wilde and James Maddox were married Saturday October 9th in Vancouver, Wash.

The Tillicum club had a bridge party last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Funk. Auction bridge was played at three tables, following a dessert luncheon. High score was held by Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder, and low score by Mrs. Lee Dehler. Mrs. Ann Lee won the humorous drawing prize. Mrs. W. A. Nisbet was re-elected president for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Watkins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shelton of Hood River from Saturday to Tuesday. They attended the stock show Friday, the football game Saturday in Portland and went to Seaside, where they spent the remainder of the week end, and returned home Tuesday.

Leaving Sunday to spend a couple of days in Spokane visiting friends was Mrs. Curt Tom. She is to be accompanied home by Mrs. Engberg whose husband is already here doing some carpenter work for the Toms.

Mrs. Helen Deyo expects to leave Wednesday for Salem where she will be a houseguest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Deyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald were overnight guests in Seattle last weekend. They took Mrs. McDonald's brother Stanley Pearson with them.

William McDonald accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald will go to Portland where he is to have his physical October 13 for entrance into the navy.

The Rev. Harper Edwards of Camas who has been a special speaker at the Rufus church was at the Rufus school house Thursday afternoon showing pictures of historic places in Germany, France and England.

Club Continues Talks On Bills On Ballot

Continued discussion of the eleven measures to be on the ballot November 2, made up the program of the Sherman County club Wednesday morning. The program was made after it was learned that a meeting place for Wednesday night could not be found and the health program had been postponed.

Speaking were Kenneth Fridley who talked about the proposal to permit the sale of liquor by the glass. He gave arguments of those who favored the measure which are that it would promote temperance by giving drinkers an opportunity to buy in smaller quantities and would increase the revenue for the state. Also given was opposition argument that Oregon now had a good liquor law and that many communities would never permit liquor by the drink establishments.

LeRoy Wright talked on the reforestation bill saying that it was not the grange bill which would levy a severance tax on timber cut in Oregon for the benefit of cut over areas. It permits the lending of state finances to aid reforestation of the 450,000 acres owned by the state. Whatever revenues accrue from the sale of forest products would be applied toward payment of the cost.

John Foss opposed the bonus amendment because he said, it discriminates against the men who went into service before December 7, because it is sponsored by small groups not representative of the vast majority of veterans and because a bonus is properly the duty of the federal government in any case.

Giles French briefly explained the measure to increase the income tax exemptions to \$750 and \$1500 for single and married persons, finding it a good move to right the changes made by the defeated sales tax bill. He also spoke on the bill to levy in excess of the six percent, which will be necessary to keep the state's credit. Funds would come out of income tax money of which there is a surplus anyway, he said.

Members present from Grass Valley said they would see what could be done about holding a meeting shortly before election at Grass Valley to give everyone a chance to vote on the measures. Club members will prepare information regarding them for the public if the meeting is desired.

Next meeting will be on the subject of health and will probably be held at Grass Valley.

TEACHERS STUDY NOW

Children had a temporary return to summer vacation Thursday and Friday while teachers spent two days in sort of school at The Dalles where the district institute was held.

Most of the time was given over to section meetings wherein teachers listened and discussed problems on certain topics. Speakers were well known school men including U. G. Dubech, Rex Putnam, Cecil Posey and D. A. Emerson and some instructors. County superintendents of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties planned the meeting.

CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Wasco-Sherman public health unit was at Wasco last Monday and examined the first and ninth grades of the school giving 23 examinations and 29 immunizations. Next Monday, October 18 the unit will be at Rufus and examine the first and ninth grades there.

On October 28 a child health conference will be held at Kent and Grass Valley, the hours being 9 to 12 a. m. at Kent and 2 to 5 p. m. at Grass Valley. Those wishing to bring children may give notice at the postoffice at Kent and with Mrs. Millard Eakin at Grass Valley.

MORO 19, MAUPIN 0

The Moro football squad defeated the Maupin boys at Maupin by a 19-0 score with Keith Thompson making two of the touchdowns on runs and passing to Keith Nelson left end, for the third. Maupin failed to show expected strength and did not threaten seriously during the game. There is no game scheduled for today.

YOUNG FOLKS PICNIC

A group of young people from Sherman county went to Wyeth Thursday morning for a week end of recreation combined with some religious instruction. Sponsor of the group is the Methodist church of Moro and the Methodist church of Wasco with ministers Gearhart and Stierle accompanying the boys and girls, who are also chaperoned by Mrs. Carl Meizer and Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg. They will return Friday evening.