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These Things We Note

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The young men who now direct the Eastern Oregon Wheat League or its broader descendant are not like those hardy old souls who first started the league in a conference here in Moro.

Few of them have ever been broke and some appear to think that if papa was broke it was his own fault. Few have restricted their farming strictly to the soil.

Not many keep livestock and for years there has not been a word said about the advisability of keeping milch cows to pay some of the farm expenses. A wheat farmer is a specialist—and a good one. He doesn't go in for the other income that may be derived from his land, neither sheep, cattle, milch cows or hogs. Hay is threshed and straw is scattered.

That is fine in a way. There has always been a group who felt that a wheat farmer should be a wheat farmer only and not dabble in other things anymore than a banker should be expected to raise radishes as a sideline.

It will be remembered that the wheat league was started about five years after the last war. It came shortly after the nation had discovered that it wasn't profitable to lend money to Europe with which to buy our wheat. We learned that we weren't going to get the money back, nor anything else. There may be a change in the wheat league when the same realization comes to the nation again.

It seems that all the writers about child care are especially worried because some elder may damage a small mind by saying "NO" or in very serious cases by actually spanking a small body. A life may be ruined say the reformers by laying violent hands on a child.

What ever became of that old aphorism, "Spare the rod and spoil the child"?

As a result almost every worthless adult feels that he can lay his lack of ability, integrity or decency to papa or mama. Actually no one grows up without enough contact with society in general to know right from wrong.

Perhaps a little more of the old fashioned sternness would make more of them respect right and wrong.

John Foss, while working in the basement of the Lawrence Kaseberg home, found a copy of "The Midget" annual publication of the Moro High school in 1921 when his daughter, Marguerite was a student.

There were five in the faculty headed by Frank Fagan and there were eight seniors: Willard Urquhart, Herb Ellsworth, Chester Anderson, Otis Messinger, Jessica Hoskinson, Naomi Young, Elsie McDonald and Greeta Freeman.

Not a single firm that advertised in the annual is now in existence.

Only one thing has not changed since that time 28 years ago. That is the attitudes expressed—and the jokes. People change; the race never.

A rereading of Rudyard Kipling's, "Recessional" is worth while these days when England is on the down grade with weak men at the helm and the glory of other days departed.

"The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart—
Far-called out navies melt away
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Which is just what happened and this:
For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard—
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!"
And Americans can read with profit, also.

About the County

What a picture greeted the neighborhood upon arising Sunday morning to see a blanket of white covering the terrain. The snow began falling Saturday evening and continued during the night until it had nearly two inches laid down by Sunday morning. The flakes were large and fluffy, and as there was no wind, they clung wherever they happened to fall, making a beautiful picture of the naked trees and shrubs. Car chains were needed for those that ventured out on the roads that day. The children had fun making snow men and playing with and in the snow. Old Sol smiled during the day, Sunday, but it froze during the night holding the snow from melting too rapidly. On Monday, black and white patches were seen with the wheat stubble holding the snow the longest.

Mrs. Frank Reid who is a former member of the club was present Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Chet Coats was hostess at her home to the Community Sewing club. Mrs. Reid now makes her home in The Dalles where her husband is a practicing dentist. Club members present for the occasion besides the hostess, Mrs. Coats and guest Mrs. Fridley, Don Macnab, Vernon Miller, Gordon Reid, Bill Macnab, James Tate, and George Fox. Delicious refreshments of cake and ice cream were served during the afternoon.

Kent grade school basketball team motored to Rufus Monday afternoon for a game with the Rufus grade school team. The boys really had to fight, and at the half the score was 13 to 12 in Kent's favor. But after a struggle the Rufus boys came out victorious with a score of 27 to 19.

Twenty-two members were present when Rufus grange met Thursday night with Master Geo. Fox in the chair. As the Rufus grange is sponsor of the Rufus Boy Scouts it was announced that Michael Danahey has resigned as scout leader. E. C. Eaton who is owner of the Rufus Grocery may be appointed as the new leader. At the previous grange meeting, a letter was sent out to all members to notify them that there would be a vote taken at the present meeting amending the by-laws in order that the grange could raise the dues. It was unanimously passed by members present to raise the dues \$1.00 per year. This raise is to take care of increased operating costs. E. C. Eaton was appointed to take care of buying the treats for the grange Christmas program. R. T. Dingle is chairman of the committee and also on the committee are Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. Harland McDonald. The tentative date set is Thursday Dec. 23 for the Christmas program.

For the lecturer's program, R. T. Dingle asked for quotations of Confucius, the Chinese philosopher. There was a lot of fun when each member was asked to tell something they remembered their mother telling or teaching them as a small child. Lecturer gave some questions and answers on the size and value of Sherman county. A pot luck supper was served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathieson have returned home from San Francisco where they have visited for the last few weeks. Mrs. Mathieson's niece, Earline, accompanied them home and is a student in Rufus school.

NATIVE ALASKAN WILL SPEAK

Rev. P. Gordon Gould, native born Alaskan, graduate of Boston University school of Theology, former pastor of a New York Methodist church, and now Alaskan representative on the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist church, will be the guest speaker next Sunday morning, December 12, at the Wasco Methodist church. He will speak at the worship service at 11:00 a. m.

Being a native born Alaskan and at the present time a representative for Alaska on the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension, he is well informed on Alaskan affairs and the Alaskan church. He is on his way to be one of the guest speakers at a Methodist Minister's conference in Gresham.

Everyone is welcome to hear this outstanding man. He will have something of importance to say to everyone.

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Moro, Thursday, Dec. 16, 1948, at the Court House between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour.

The social club of Sherman chapter O.E.S. will hold its bazaar at the Masonic hall Friday, December 10 at two o'clock, featuring dressed dolls, aprons and fancy work. There will be a door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Brockway and son of The Dalles stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens Wednesday a while on their way home from Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett returned home Sunday from Portland where they spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and daughters, Alfa Jean and Lois, and her mother, Mrs. Christina Naldaner went to Portland Friday on business for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son, Wendell, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Clodfelter of Portland who accompanied them to their home Saturday from Yreka, California where they visited the latter's daughter, Mrs. John Goodrich, who is ill.

Mrs. Louie Davis returned home Wednesday from her trip to Missouri and Kansas where she spent several weeks visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox met her in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block returned Saturday from Yakima, Washington where they attended the funeral of his brother in law, Bert Rupert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth and family brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth of Olympia, Wn., to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews last Tuesday. Bill and family returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reynolds are the parents of a son born Saturday, December 4, at the Mid-Columbia hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reid returned home last Sunday from Kent, where they spent several weeks visiting her relatives.

Ivan Blagg went to The Dalles Saturday afternoon and brought Mrs. Blagg and infant daughter home from the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

The Woman's Community Club met at the Masonic hall Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. E. Brown gave a very interesting talk on the first Woman's club organized in Grass Valley and the organization of the Grass Valley library followed by book discussion. The next meeting will be the Christmas party and will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Olds, Thursday afternoon December 16. Each one attending please bring a handkerchief for exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark took Irvin Parkhurst to The Dalles last Tuesday where he entered the hospital for an appendectomy. Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and Harry Stark visited him Monday.

The Sherman Co-op Grain Growers have agreed to build an addition to the Klondike elevator that will hold 200,000 bushels of wheat. Construction will be begun as soon as possible and the structure will be ready to receive next year's wheat crop.

Mrs. Joe Bibby took Mrs. Art Bibby to The Dalles Saturday where she entered the hospital for medical attention.

J. W. Blagg and son, Gerald, went to Portland Monday on business returning Tuesday.

Frank Wilke of Bingen, Wash., spent Thursday here visiting his mother, Mrs. C. Wilke at the C. R. Andersen home.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owen Sunday evening were her mother, Mr. W. D. Barnett, and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, Keith, Harry Young and Hershel Riggs.

Wallace May, Frank von Borstel and Willy Knighten of Moro went to Salem where they attended a Rural School Board conference returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds left Thursday for Wheeler on business and to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Squire. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder of Moro are staying at the Olds' home during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin went to The Dalles Monday to bring their son, Merle, home from the hospital after an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen and son, Dennis, were in The Dalles Thursday for medical attention for Dennis. Mrs. Art Bibby accompanied them to The Dalles.

Mrs. Myrl Smith and son, Lowell, went to The Dalles Thursday where they were dinner guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Eakin celebrating her father's birthday anniversary.

Other guests were Mrs. Marion Van Metre and children and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of The Dalles and Mrs. Millard Eakin of Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baver and Mrs. Frank Baver Jr. and son, Byron, were in The Dalles Thursday for medical attention for Byron.

about folks do you know or would enjoy knowing

A cub scout den will be organized at the school house next Monday evening with the Masonic lodge as sponsor. Carrel Bennett is chairman of a committee for that purpose being aided by Max Barzee, Irving Hart, Lloyd Henrichs and Clyde Gillmor.

Rev. W. W. Gearhart will be cub master and Mrs. LeRoy Wright and Mrs. Mike Mulick will be den mothers. All boys over nine and their parents are invited to attend.

Jack Cothran underwent an operation for hernia Tuesday at Santa Cruz, California, and is reported to be recuperating very well. The Cothrans live at Felton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul May, accompanied by Mrs. Maggie Barnum, went to Portland Wednesday afternoon returning Thursday night.

Percy Thompson was a visitor in Portland Monday where he is getting some new choppers with which to assault the steaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and his mother, Mrs. E. E. Barnum, went to Portland Monday expecting to remain until the end of the week. Mr. Barnum went to the ranch to do the chores.

James Coats, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats, was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity, at Whitman college this week.

T. Lester Johnson was one of the district attorneys who gathered in Portland last week for the annual convention of law enforcement officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston left this week for Portland to attend the meeting of the Pioneer Trails association Friday night after which they expect to leave for Illinois to visit some of his relatives and go on south to spend a part of the winter.

Lloyd Johnson has been away from work a part of this week because of having some teeth pulled.

Miss Clara Mersinger left this week for Smithville, Washington to resume work with her aunt in the station there. She visited here with her parents after recovering from an accident suffered last summer while touring in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. George Fox will be the hosts and hostesses at the school house Friday night.

The high school students of Rufus enjoyed a party and dance at the school house Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas are the proud parents of their first child, a son born November 30 in The Dalles. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley who are retired wheat farmers of this district and who now live in The Dalles.

Monday evening the telephone system in the Rufus area was a jumbled mess—dial a number in this district and get a party near Wasco was not an uncommon occurrence. This made it hard for your reporter to get very many personal items this week.

Miss Bonnie Jean Bray who is a niece of Mrs. Reid was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley who had been on a business trip to La Grande stopped overnight at the Reid home Tuesday night and took Bonnie Jean with them to their home in Corvallis where her parents also reside.

In Portland Saturday was Mrs. Veron Miller and son Roger who went down to see the eye doctor. They went and returned on the streamliner going from The Dalles. Mrs. Miller drove her car as far as The Dalles.

A number of the young married couples in this district planned on attending the school dance in Wasco Saturday night, but the storm kept some of them away.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson have been busy for quite some time with their tractor pulling and dragging the old dead trees from their orchard. The trees were the ones that couldn't stand the flood waters when the Columbia river went on a rampage last spring. The Wilsons went to Portland last week where they took delivery of 1500 young trees, to replace those that were lost. Strange as it may seem for this time of year, when the young trees are planted, water must be given each tree to wash the dirt and pack it around the roots of the tree before the final layer of soil is added.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats had all of their family together for Thanksgiving Coming from Dayton were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ruttschman and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck and family from Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin and family from Grass Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coats and family, Lois Coats who teaches near Portland, and James Coats who is a student at Walla Walla, Wn.

Mrs. Charles Beck and children remained with her parents.

Business visitors in Portland last week were Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant.

Speaker Says Bigger Stocks of Wheat Probable

Fred Entermile, former Baker county farmer, and at present one of the U.S.D.A. staff in Washington, D. C. told wheat growers that the government would probably recommend a much higher carryover for wheat as a safety measure and that likely the Commodity Credit would be empowered to aid the construction of farm and local storage to provide a place for it.

Europe, Entermile said, has 30 million metric tons of grain which is very good for that territory. Canada, Argentina and Australia are going down in production which means that the United States may have to be the wheat bin of the world. In every other nation the government makes the price, said Entermile.

There are, he quoted Ed Dodd, 55,000 more mouths to feed each day, a city the size of Portland is eroding. The wheat picture is not all black in the face of these facts, he said.

The shortage of corn, he felt, was the reason for the third round of price wage increases. A big stockpile of food is necessary. The department does not now favor idle land as that causes idle men, idle factories. We may expect a 50 million bushel carryover in the northwest next year, was his prophesy.

A panel discussion about uses of wheat brought O. A. Vogel, agronomist, W. A. Haley, miller, Bob Fletcher, crop improvement secretary and E. R. Jackson to the stand to talk about wheat. Millers think it of low value and that it is reducing our foreign demand. Work toward making Rex usable as food have not been very successful. Theory of increasing protein in wheat by spraying the 2-4-D is not feasible, said D. D. Hill in question period.

Ed Bell gave his report on the activities of the Oregon Wheat commission which has been made available to every farmer. The Pullman laboratory has been established, the Albany laboratory is working on wheat, baking contests have been started, freight rate cases are being studied. The commission now has \$71,000 on hand and Washington and Idaho are expected to authorize wheat commissions this winter.

Leo Horrigan, Washington grower, reported that bills had been written for a commission in the two other northwest states and that a quarter cent was asked instead of a half as in Oregon.

A. W. Olson, foreman of a 9000 acre Montana ranch told of the kind of implements used there, all power lift, all adapted to trashy fallow. Wheat is grown in big rod strips because the wind blows it out when frozen in winter. Big disks, power take-off weeder, high and wide duck-foot cultivators make his equipment differ from that used locally.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, spoke before 320 people at the annual banquet and urged a more accurate following of our American ideals, which history shows, we sometimes neglect.

CHOIR HAS PROGRAM

The Community Church Choir of Moro will present an evening of Christmas carols at the church Sunday evening, December 12, at 8 p. m. Some of the numbers will be old favorites, others new.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green and children left for their home at Chester, Montana, after an extended visit here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mersinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douma returned last week from San Luis Obispo, California, where they had been for several weeks visiting her son, Earle Shipley and family and greeting the arrival of new grand daughter, Becky Sue.

A. JAEGER WINS PROGRAM

Arthur C. Jaeger of Condon, was awarded the plaque and wrist watch as "conservation man of the year" at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting in Condon Saturday morning. Floyd Root, chairman of the committee the committee named to find the best conservationist, explained the work done and listed county winners as follows:

Cecor, Sherman: Walter E. Bruckert, Sherman; Arthur Jaeger, Gilliam; Reimann Bros., Morrow; J. H. Rea, Umatilla; Ed McCane, Union; R. C. Hammond, Wallawa. No other county had entrants.

Silver belt buckles were given each county winner.

Mr. Bruckert, Sherman county winner, has been a conservationist for years having had a field strip cropped ten years ago. He farms 3300 acres of which 2600 is tillable.

New OWGA President Wheat League



Election of officers for the Oregon Wheat Growers, which succeeded the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at the close of the Condon session Saturday night resulted in the choice of Paulen Kaseberg, Sherman county farmer, as president, moving up from vice-president. LeRoy Wright is now full secretary and Roscoe Roberts of The Dalles has taken over the assistant's job. The next meeting of the league will be held at Hepner next December.

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Moro Sells Bonds At 3 3/4 Interest Rate

The city of Moro sold its bonds Wednesday evening at a price of 100.15 to the First National Bank. Interest rate is 3 3/4 percent.

Although the bank's bid was not the highest of the two submitted there was but \$3.59 cents difference and the council approved the First National because of its local connection. The bonds are dated November 1 and bear interest from that date which accounts for the higher than par price.

These bonds were voted May 24 and they have been advertised twice before being sold. There are two issues, one for \$5000 which will be used to pay for the new pumping plant and one for \$3500 which will be used for streets and drains. The first is already spent.

Tuesday night the council discussed the new water main that is being laid on Scott street. Blasting will be done to put connecting lines below frost level and the street will be improved. Rock has been bought to repair many city streets.

TEAM HOPES HIGH

With hopes of climbing a rung or two higher than the third place won last year at the district tournament, Coach Gordon Kunkle's Huskies will open the 1948-49 basketball season against The Dalles Papooses at Kurtz Gym, Friday night. The team will be built around five returning lettermen. Keith Nelson, an all-star center last year, provides a 6'2" pivot post. Seniors Keith Thompson and Joe Harvey, juniors Willy Knighten and Ronnie May also return. Loss for medical reasons of six-foot Fred von Borstel, sophomore letterman, will be severely felt. Other promising candidates include David Moore, Les Edwards, Terry Bucholtz, Roy Harvey, Jim Roberson, and Norval Lane.

The Huskies play their first home game with the White Salmon teams (A & B) at Grass Valley Tuesday the 14th.

The Rufus grade boys and high school girls will play basketball and volleyball games at Moro on Wednesday. Both Rufus teams have been victorious over Moro in two practice games played earlier in the season.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, Dec. 13, 1929
Clinton Clifford Calvin Deyo, 57, of Rufus died of a heart attack there Thursday, December 5.

A heavy wind storm blew the chimney off the Binder building Thursday.

Velma Powell of Moro has been appointed a member of the tenth annual high school conference at the University of Oregon.

From the G. V. J. Dec. 12, 1919
Wednesday morning the snow was two feet deep on the level and drifted in some places.

Two cars of gravel for the Standard Oil company arrived Monday, frozen solid.

Tuesday's train was ordered to stay here—and it is still tied up.

From the Observer, Dec. 10, 1909
Roy Powell has leased the E. H. Moore farm south of town which gives him a large acreage.

Dr. Goffin was called to Kent Tuesday and he got to Ned Thompson's place with his team before they were worn out and he had to return.

Home made hominy made by Mrs. Wm. Morrison comes now to give an appetite for Christmas viands.

Opposes Transfer Of Tax Surplus

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league set the faces of members resolutely against any change in the use of the state income tax when it passed the report of the taxation and legislation committee which was made under Morris Wilson, Condon, chairman.

The report read "we oppose any program by statute or constitutional amendment that would enable the legislature to divert any income taxes, including excise taxes . . .". The committee urged more study of the business tax, wanted separation of taxing authority between federal, state and local governments, wanted compulsory settlement of labor disputes, recommended changes in the initiative law, asked for a lobbyist at Salem, favored enrichment of flour and bread, opposed taxation of cooperatives, wanted the property lien restored to the public welfare law and endorsed the Oregon Wheat commission.

Bob Taylor of Umatilla county was chairman of the federal agricultural programs committee which asked for more local authority over such programs. It reaffirmed the 1947 stand in favor of full parity for that part of the crop used for human food with competitive prices for the remainder, production controls when necessary only. The committee wanted CCC authority to provide storage, asked for changes in the crop insurance law, liked the International wheat agreement, took pride in helping establish the Columbia Basin soil conservation program, asked for study of the nitrate scarcity, wanted more money for power dams, insisted on local rights in development of the Columbia river, recommended more and better publicity for grain growers and asked the appointment of special fact finding committees to do more study on wheat league matters.

The new committee on young people's activities praised the league's fat stock show and sale and recommended that the 1949 show be held June 6-7-8 in The Dalles, that Future Farmers be admitted with pen lots, that \$1500 be appropriated, that Washington children be not admitted, that lambs be bought in the valley if necessary.

The Oregon Wheat commission was commended for the baking contest and a recommendation made that the exhibits be auctioned.

Kenneth Smouse of Ione was chairman of the Production and Transportation committee made recommendations regarding the spraying and dusting of wheat crops for both annual and perennial weeds and detailed information about killing of morning glory and others of the most serious weeds, urged the organization of weed control districts, asked better wheat seed treatment for smut, liked the 4-H pure seed movement, asked conservation schools on praised steps taken toward more equitable freight rates and asked that weeds be kept from roads and highways.

CO-OPS HELP CROP

Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley Grain Growers have each contributed one-third of a car of wheat to CROP. This car is already assigned, and will join the Oregon train when other county units are made up. Others of Sherman county who wish to contribute may do so, in cash, directly to state CROP director Miles E. Blickenstaff, 415 Times Building, Portland 4, Oregon, prior to December 10.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Moro public schools will present its annual Christmas program at the schoolhouse at 7:30 p. m. December 17. The program is under the direction of Gordon Rose, county music supervisor, with the assistance of Mrs. Knighten, Mrs. Huxford, Mrs. Zevely, and Mrs. Yocum, grade school teachers. The following Wednesday afternoon, December 22, the school parties will be held, after which school will close for the holidays, reopening Monday morning January 3.

The Christmas program of the Sunday school of the Moro Community church will be held at the church at 7:30, Sunday evening, December 19. All children and young people of Sunday school will participate.

FRIDLEY-McCONAUGHY

Miss Barbara McConaughy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy of Wasco became the bride of Clyde Fridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley, of The Dalles, Sunday, November 27, at the Methodist church in Wasco. Rev. Carl Stierle officiated.

Both the graduates of Wasco high school and well known locally. Mr. Fridley is engaged in crop dusting as a flier.