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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

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The editor and his wife are going away for a time and the place is being left in the care of Mr. James Reed, once of Reedsport, believe it or not. We would like to request on his behalf that those who have news bring or send it to the office because he is not so well acquainted herabouts as are the regulars on the force. Mrs. Darwin VanGilder will also take care of news items. Thank you.

Congress is expected to raise Mr. Truman's salary before the 20th. Well that is a minor matter to everyone but Mr. Truman and the writer doesn't care how much he is paid—as long as he is worth it.

Through great economy, it is said, he has brought his food budget down to \$2,000 per month. Now you'll understand why he asks for another four billion in taxes; money doesn't mean much to him.

The lady speaking very evidently didn't like the man. She said "Whenever I see him I always want to clean my finger nails or wash, or something."

Now even Californians have admitted that it gets cold down there. It is very serious this loss of some of the orange crop because men who toil for a living depend on income from them, and others who work will have to work at something else—and some people like them, too.

Orange juice is no doubt full of vitamins and other curative and preventive things as well. At least we've read something about it. But the loss of the tomato crop is more serious yet. Tomato juice is also full of things and it has established a reputation in a field where the orange is not even considered. There's nothing—it is said—that dissolves and dissipates that dark brown taste like tomato juice. Isn't it appropriate that the same state produces wine should also produce tomato juice?

Mrs. Dorothy McCulloch Lee, mayor of Portland, is exercising her feminine prerogative by changing things around. In this case they happen to be men on the commission. It looks from here like a serious case of spring house cleaning started early. Women have those spells—and often they turn out alright.

When seen from above cars look like beetles and darned if they don't act like beetles, too, running here and there on busy errands that make them stop and go and turn and collide, each one on its little journey that is so very important at the moment.

All animal life is pretty much the same. Probably unlike the beetle man has been trained to cooperate and think of others, but the training doesn't stick very well when the going gets rough. "What do I get out of it?" is still a common question.

If you want to be nosy you can watch the treasury report that is published each day in the papers. It might be possible to find out how much the total indebtedness, now over \$225 BILLION is reduced by the income taxes that will be coming in right away.

The new county court is in office with the fanfare that accompanies such official maneuvers. They looked properly solemn when promising to do the things a new official must promise and we think the constitution of the United States will be safe in their hands. There are ways they could circumvent it perhaps.

There is an art in running a roadside stand. At regularly established stores people come in because its handy Not so along the road. The stuff must be displayed so it will attract from a distance. Then there must be a brightness in the attack. Attack is the right word, for a good salesman is never on the defensive.

The motorist who stops must be made welcome and sold something because he can drift away and on down the highway without even a word. One genial elder-

Legislative News Of 45th Session

Governors of the state of Oregon, both incoming and outgoing, gave their messages to the people of the state through the medium of radio and public appearance at the state house today. In general they agreed. The outgoing governor spent most of his time talking about the institutions and the need for greater expenditures for them. The incoming governor, Douglas McKay, had a message with broader base.

He reviewed most of the state's problems and gave his opinion without trying to directly influence the state legislature on them—a wise move and one that will perhaps result in more-cooperation between the two divisions of government.

A warning to real property owners of the state was given in the speeches of both men. The outgoing governor directly asked that both the excise tax and the income tax revenues be used for other purposes than real property relief. Real property owners, through every local organization have opposed this move. The Eastern Oregon Wheat League and the Farm Bureau are both in opposition to this policy, inasmuch as a majority of the legislators represent real property taxpayers, it is considered likely that the change will have difficulty in being passed.

However, real property owners will be wise to heed the warning. The efforts of those who want something from the government are plain to be recognized. They can organize easily, appear easily and often obtain appropriations easily—and the unorganized taxpayer says the bill until he reaches his capacity in that regard. The last election gave some evidence that he has about come to the end of his good humor.

Organization of the houses was done without there being opposition to any candidate. In fact, it was almost lifeless with little attention being paid to the procedure, the result of which had long ago been a foregone conclusion.

Representatives from the 22nd district received committee appointments along with the others at the Monday morning session. Peterson is on Agriculture, Alcoholic control, Aviation and Commerce, and is chairman of Enrolled and Engrossed Bills.

French is chairman of Labor and Industry and a member of Taxation, Rules and Education. Work of the legislature will be varied but the central theme will be some way to resolve the state's financial situation so the budget can be brought into balance. While it is not absolutely necessary that the budget be balanced, it looks better. There would certainly be less pressure from those who want state money if there was a deficit instead of a surplus.

Weather in Salem is cold and legislators from east of the mountains take some joy in mentioning the inclement weather when talking to the boys from the valley who are often inclined to boast about the mildness of the western Oregon climate. They are very apologetic.

The day of the legislative helix was all raised again this year because of the increase in the cost of living. Yet there are lots of people looking for the jobs and those in charge of hiring have strings of impudent women (mostly) waiting on them.

Perhaps it is unfortunate that so many of the representatives are brand new men and while they look good there is lots for them to learn. Bills are already coming in. In fact the state tax commissioner for the first time in years has some bills ready in the hands of the tax committee. They are the usual run of amendments of minor moment but still will have to be considered. It is practically a record for they were on hand as soon as the house was organized.

Mrs. Ardie Jordan, Rufus postmistress points out that no more one and one-half cents on greeting cards, please. The cost of an unsealed card is now two cents and six cents for an air mail letter. All under the weight limitations, of course. The government one cent postal and the three cent letter remain the same.

ly lady had the knack. Neat as a pin in her blue washable dress, and as jolly with strangers as a borrower with his banker, she sold her oranges and nuts and olives at a great rate. And every customer a stranger.

Perhaps the least said about Sherman county weather the better.

Local Linemen Place Section While 'Hot'

A short section of the 22,000-volt Sherman transmission line has been relocated near De Moss Springs by Pacific Power & Light company crews, according to Lawrence Kirby, agent for the power company.

Customers in Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler county areas served by the line were unaware of the change, however, as the work was done while the lines were energized.

To give more clearance to the highway, a new section of line was built and tied to the transmission line by linemen using "hot sticks". These are specially designed long-handled tools with which the linemen can make the necessary line connections without danger. The old section of the line was then removed.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, Jan. 12, 1949

Born, to the wife of E. Peoples, a son, January 7th.

Grant Armsworthay has accepted a situation in Prineville, leaving with his family for their new home yesterday.

Slater Bros. have opened their new boot and shoe store in Moro.

Messrs. W. H. Moore and Montgomery have purchased the interest of E. E. Lytle in the Golden-dale bank.

From the G. V. J., Jan. 14, 1910

At the explosion Saturday afternoon at 3:30 on the Oregon Trunk line near the Hill ranch, two Italians were killed and five men badly injured.

Another unfortunate man was brought to the hospital Tuesday afternoon. He had been hit in the forehead by a very large rock, to protect himself he doubled up and fell over an embankment of 30 feet, striking on his shoulder. He is in a very critical condition.

Arthur French for the present is living in the T. Hill residence. Havnover now occupies the new Baptist parsonage.

From the G. V. J., Jan. 9, 1920

E. L. Kee has just finished building a nice new garage, and is now waiting for good roads and his new 1920 Reo car.

The Citizens' Band directors held their annual meeting in the bank parlors Wednesday evening, January 7th. President C. W. Moore, and G. E. Everet Baker came up from Portland to attend the meeting.

Clyde Smith the other day sold to Williamson, six head of horses, making a \$700 deal. Frozen toes, we understand is the reason J. W. Shepard is making the rounds these days with the aid of crutches.

Moro Bank Shows Business Increase

In answer to the year-end call of the comptroller of the currency, the Sherman County branch, Moro, Oregon, of the First National Bank of Portland reports deposits of \$2,374,101.13, and loans of \$2,419,357.02. In charge of the local bank is Carrel S. Bennett, manager.

A year ago the figures were, deposits, \$2,266,518.05, and loans \$213,006.19, Bennett said. Last June's report showed deposits of \$1,499,799.02 and loans of \$313,749.05.

For the First National group of 60 Oregon banks, as a whole, the December 31 statement shows loans of \$183,908,404.39, and deposits of \$593,677,890.78, President Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., has reported. A year ago, with 56 banks in the group, the figures were, loans \$143,653,061.13, and deposits, \$614,019,664.35. On June 30 loans totaled \$163,875,390.13, and deposits, \$572,979,049.71.

President Belgrano said that the total deposits, loans and resources as a whole again made the First National group "First in Oregon." He said that from the standpoint of earning First National had its third best year, with earnings of \$3,722,277.58 after taxes, but before dividends, equivalent to \$10.34 per share. This brings the total capital funds of First National to a new high of \$30,520,735.86, with a book value of \$84.78 per share.

Grass Valley Rebekah Installs Leaders

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 met at the I. O. F. hall Wednesday evening for their regular meeting with twenty present, after a short business session installation of officers followed. Cora Perrigo was installed as noble grand for the new year; Nita Ruggles, vice grand; Lily Coon, secretary; Dorothy Perry, treasurer; Iva G. Crews, wardens; Giendora Smith, conductor; Myrtle Rust, inside guardian; Clara Peters, outside guardian; Catherine Blaylock, LSN; Margaret Schilling, RSVG; Doris Coyle, LSVG; Charlotte Barnett, chaplain; Iva Cantrall, musician.

Installing officers were Catherine Blaylock, district deputy president; Georgia Stradley, deputy marshal; Mabel Blaylock, deputy wardens; Helen Olds, deputy secretary; Julia Payne, deputy treasurer; Mayme Bayer, deputy chaplain. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shipley are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Tuesday, January 11. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mettler of Jennings Lodge and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douma of Moro.

Frozen Gas Line Halts School Bus

The Rufus school hill bus driven by Luther Steward had tough going Monday morning. When the bus got around nearly as far as what is known as the "four corners" it refused to go. Fay Brackett came along and took the children from the bus on to the school. A frozen gas line was the trouble with the bus, said, John Mathieson, mechanic, who was called to see what the trouble was, and sent the bus on its way.

Lupine Rebekahs Hold Installation

Cold weather restricted the attendance Tuesday night at the Lupine Rebekah lodge in Moro, but nevertheless, the joint installation and pot luck dinner was an outstanding social event of the past week.

Officers seated for this term of office were Sally Martin as Noble Grand. The installing officers were Mrs. Lucille May, district deputy president, Helen Martin, deputy marshal, Marie Peters, warden, Bebe Conlee, installing secretary, Naomi Van Gilder, installing treasurer, Maggie Barnum, installing chaplain, and Gladys Morrison inside guardian.

In addition to the Noble Grand, Helen Kruger was installed as the vice grand, Clara Huston, secretary, Inez Thompson, treasurer, Ann Miller, warden, Cella Belshie as conductor, Josephine Gentry, chaplain.

Leona Douma, musician, Marie Peters, RSNV, Laura Sathers, LSN, Helen Martin, LSVG, Katherine Eakin, LSVG, Lucille May, inside guardian, Maggie Barnum, outside guardian, and Gladys Morrison, flag bearer.

Due to weather and illness a number of officers from Marion lodge of Wasco were absent but those installed were Beatrice Howell, noble grand, Sadie Rich, ice grand, Leo Watkins, treasurer, Marvin Howell, warden, Hattie Spence conductor, Lena Brock, chaplain, Wilma Maddox, RSVG and Sam Brock, inside guardian.

FALL RESULTS IN DISLOCATED HIP

Young Larry Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson fell while playing at the school house in Moro last week. He was taken to The Dalles and it was found that he had dislocated a hip.

PICKUP BADLY DAMAGED BY ICY SPOT IN ROAD

Grant Brice had an accident Monday evening with the Allen Tom pickup. He struck an icy spot on the road and the wreck that followed badly damaged the car. Mr. Brice escaped injury.

Judge Tom and Commissioner Miller were at the Courthouse Wednesday taking care of court affairs.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Winter Weather Is Of Rufus Writer

By Mrs. George L. Fox
Whew! With all the newspapers full of their cold waves, our community might as well get in their two-bits worth. Last Wednesday, was a day of thawing, and water ran freely down many of the canyons, but when it began freezing that night, it left a sheet of ice in the bottoms of the canyons. Some of the people who have been fighting the freezing temperatures to keep their water systems operating, had to give up when Jack Frost finally won. It is not known officially, just how much frost is in the ground but it is thought to be seven inches or more. Concern has been voiced already about the seeded wheat crops which are all practically bare of snow at present. A few of the farmers think parts of their crop is killed and will have to be reseeded.

The John Day river still runs clear water, but the river is frozen clear across practically everywhere with but a very few open places showing through the ice. But muddy water flows down the Columbia river at Rufus probably from warmer weather towards its headwaters, as the rivers here are clear.

The mallard ducks still remain in the community, and can be seen by the thousands on their bedding grounds in and on the banks of the Columbia from Rufus to the Deschutes river. At feeding time they fly to the stubble fields in the north end of the county.

ROAD CREW IMPROVES RUFUS HIGHWAY

The Sherman county road crew just finished putting in a huge culvert in the road on the grade just south of Rufus. This was put in to replace the wooden bridge which was taken out after the completion of the road with the culvert in it. The culvert which was covered with dirt for a smooth surface is to serve two purposes. Besides being something to carry the water down the canyons during thaws and cloud bursts, it is to be an underpass for cattle to use as it joins two pastures where they graze.

For the first time with new officers, Rufus grange met Thursday night with Master E. C. Eaton in the chair. The various committees gave their reports. The master appointed the different committees for this year. Home Economics chairman, Ada Dingle gave a report, and drew attention to the display table showing an array of mustache cups. (For the younger generation, these were interesting objects.)

OES Installs Officers At Grass Valley

The Sherman chapter of the Order of Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall for their regular meeting last Tuesday evening, after a short business meeting installation was open to invited guests. Mrs. Cecile Eakin was installed as worthy matron for the new year, Harold Eakin, worthy

patron; Mrs. Lou Bibby, associate matron; Mrs. Alta May, secretary; Wallace May, treasurer; Mrs. Ellen Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. Leta Eslinger, marshal; Mrs. Ethel Clodfelter, organist; Mrs. Emma Jean Smith, conductress; Mrs. Ethel Eakin, associate conductress; Mrs. Vivien Ball, Adahi Mrs. Violet KKnott, Martha; Mrs. Myrtle Blagg, Electa; Mrs. Oma Eakin, warden; Owen Eakin, sentinel; Mrs. Faye Eakin of The Dalles was installing officer. Mrs. Ellen Reynolds, installing marshal and Mrs. Leta Eslinger, installing chaplain.

A short program was given at close of installation consisting of a piano solo by Mrs. Mary Eakin, two songs by Marie Blagg and Leone Moore accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Eakin.

The past matron jewel was presented to the outgoing worthy matron, Mrs. Oma Eakin. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ethel Clodfelter, her associate matron, and the gifts were carried East on a silver tray by Brenda Eakin dressed in a long blue formal. A jewel was also presented to outgoing worthy patron, Wallace May. Boquets were presented to Mrs. Faye Eakin, installing officer. Mrs. Cecile Eakin, incoming worthy matron and a corsage to outgoing worthy matron, Mrs. Oma Eakin.

Refreshment were served at the close of the meeting by the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and son, Don, and Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Kintner.

Moro Loses Two Sherman County Of Three Games Fair Dates Set

Friday night, January 7, Moro high school basketball team defeated Heppner by a score of 44 to 39 at the Brass Valley gym. At half time score was 18 to 13 in favor of Moro. Individual players and their points.

Moro	Heppner
Harvey ----	13Manners ----
May ----	1Bennett ----
Nelson ----	10Ruhl ----
Thompson --	14Waters ----
Knigheten --	7Gunderson --
Moro subs: Rust, Lane, Bucholtz, Fritts, Roberson.	
Heppner subs: Summer, 14; Jones.	

Saturday night, January 8, the Maupin high school defeated Moro at Maupin by a score of 27 to 24. Half time score was 15 to 13 in favor of Maupin. Individual players and their points:

Moro	Maupin
Harvey ----	1Woodside --
May ----	4Schmidt ----
Nelson ----	3Bare ----
Thompson --	7Fargher --
Knigheten --	3Richmond --
Moro subs: Lane; Bucholtz, 4; Fritts, Roberson, Rust.	
Maupin subs: Bilyeu, Metcalf, Gable, Farlow.	

Tuesday night, January 11, Arlington high school defeated Moro at Arlington by a score of 48 to 24. Half time score was 29 to 13 in favor of Arlington. Individual players and their points:

Moro	Arlington
Harvey ----	14Sweet ----
May ----	2Anderson ----
Nelson ----	0Clough ----
Thompson --	5J. West --
Knigheten --	0Bailey ----
Moro subs: Rust, 2; Lane; Bucholtz, 1; Fritts, Roberson.	
Arlington subs: B. West, 2; Sherrill, Marshall.	

Weather Cool Topic Nowa-days

The official record for the coldest part of the week was recorded at 3 below zero last Monday night, according to the U. S. and State Experimental station.

The rest of the week the temperature has been flitting around the zero mark and leaving its cool impression on water pipes, roads, fields, and painting beautiful pictures on window panes.

At the B. C. Baumgartner home at Grass Valley guests of the evening had a chance to view the mercury bulb at 8 below, while over at the Howard Conlee home on the protected back porch it was about two degrees above zero.

At Wasco water pipes were being taken care of. The frost line was getting down to them and householders were out of water. Plumbers were getting calls to unthaw pipes and some of them are closed up for the duration of the cold spell.

The cold, crisp nights have brought icy spots on the highway and several minor accidents have been reported.

Duck hunters report that the frost line has reached about 12 inches below the surface of the ground. No official report has been made, however, and perhaps the hard ground has made the duck hunter observe somewhat with prejudice.

Another Victim Caught By Icy Highway

Sheriff Flicies was called out at 1:45 a. m. Tuesday morning by a truck driver for Asbury line to investigate an accident between Moro and Wasco.

Arriving at the scene of the wreck he found Mrs. Shirley Rose Bachelior of Wasco badly injured and her car damaged beyond repair. She had applied the brakes on an icy spot near the L. P. Haven farm, throwing the car into a skid. Mrs. Bachelior was thrown clear of the car and had lain on the highway about 25 minutes before being found. She was taken to a Dalles hospital where it was found she had a compound fracture of the leg, some broken ribs and possible internal injuries.

Mrs. Bachelior is a sister of Mrs. Afton McIntyre and has been working at the Steve McMillian confectionery.

Sheriff Fields reports that this is the eighth accident investigated since the start of 1948 on his particular stretch of road. Five of the accidents resulting in the hospitalization of drivers and passengers.

Scout Leaders Hold Training Meeting

Thirty-five Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders of The Dalles district met for their monthly training session at the Joseph C. Wilson school Wednesday night. The leaders came from Wasco, Sherman, and Klickitat counties.

James Kimball of The Dalles was in charge of the Cub Scout leaders session. Groups of leaders from the various units each put on a short demonstration on some phase of their program. Particular emphasis was given activities for Boy Scout week, February 6-12.

J. Melvin Patton, Scoutmaster of the Church of Christ Troop in The Dalles, was in charge of the Boy Scout leaders session. Highlights of this meeting was a demonstration and talk on rescue methods by two representatives of the Crag Rats, famous Hood River mountaineering organization.

and Arne Udellus, gave a very worthwhile talk on the emergency service activities of their organization. Unit leaders also made contributions to this program. A training film was shown on Troop Camping.

Bruce Winston, local Field Executive of the Portland area council, assisted the two group leaders with their work, and met for part of the evening with representatives of the sponsoring organizations for the various Boy Scout organizations in this area.

Persons attending from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root of Wasco, Rev. William Gearhart of Moro, and Vernon Miller, Eugene Eaton and R. Guilford of Rufus.

U. S. National Bank Has Good Record

The United States National Bank of Portland, at the close of a year that marked the addition of three new branches to its statewide banking system, again leads the State of Oregon in total deposits, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager of the bank's The Dalles branch.

In its report to the Comptroller of the Currency as of December 31, 1948, the United States National reported a current deposit figure of \$556,613,608, which represents a gain of \$27,223,249 since the last bank call, June 30, 1948.

Reynolds reported, also, that the total deposit figure for The Dalles branch now stands at \$13,319,891.92, with Loan and Discount totals at \$5,088,468.58.

Growing in all phases of its banking activity, the total resources of Oregon's largest financial institution are now \$591,144,340. This is a gain of \$28,005,902 over the last bank call.

The Mariners' club are having an installation of officers for the forthcoming year at the Moro Community church, Sunday evening at 8 p. m. The guest speaker will be Henry Detz, of Heppner, former school superintendent of schools at Grass Valley.

The public is invited to attend this meeting so that they may become acquainted with the aims and purposes of the organization, according to William Hall, skipper of the club.