

These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

A man has been arrested in California for teaching university students how to make love. A bushman from the wilds of Australia who happened to hear of that would conclude that we are a very decadent race. Most young men prefer to carry on their own laboratory course on that subject.

Ideas keep recurring to the human mind and men of different generations say them differently using new words or some new words.

Benjamin Franklin wrote this oft repeated saying: "They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Recently Somerset Maugham, novelist, said it this way: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too."

This newspaper used to carry a line: "Those who would trade liberty for security deserve neither."

Liberty is a concept of the spirit, security a concept of the flesh. We need some of both but an age and a people become material and decadent when security becomes more important than freedom. History is full of stories of nations that have run that course. Those nations that are in the newspapers instead of the history books are those that remain spiritually strong.

Mr. Truman is now safely ensconced in office with a new oath of office and a new salary schedule. Also he got to make a new speech about the same old things.

As a politician he is doing rather better than well and seems to have a firm thumb on the public pulse. Until the question is settled about how much a leader leads and how much he is pushed it will not be known whether he is a politician or a leader. In this paragraph the term "politician" is used to mean a man who trims his thoughts to fit those of his more vocal supporters in order to gain political favor. There are others who stick to their ideas without paying much attention to the people, or who base their policy on knowledge and education in an attempt to be right instead of popular.

Time determines the result in most cases.

Appropriately the committee making up the radio broadcast about taxes for the house of representatives assigned the topic "The need for Economy" to a man named Short.

The chaplain has a good idea each morning some of which might be used as a guide to conduct other than legislative. He referred one morning to "pride which is the root of sin and humility which is the beginning of virtue" and it is not a bad classification even if not susceptible to complete proof.

Sheriff Mike Elliot of Multnomah county may find a strange lack of cooperation from other law enforcement officers since his raid of a party being given by the police officers from FBI down to city officers. Mike, of course, was finding reason to get rid of a deputy who was related to a former sheriff. Another mark against the civil service law, without which the offender could have been summarily fired. The service would be better off if only one of them are on it.

It seems possible that the lone awaited drop in employment is here. Official report has it that over 70,000 are out of work and nearly 40,000 are drawing unemployment benefits with the number climbing each week. Prices of food are some down and we could be starting to travel down the spiral we have been climbing so long.

That will really be something for we are a long ways up and the road was rather steep—and will seem so much steeper on the road down. What would happen to the national economy and the national debt can only be guessed. Of course, none of the causes of the original depression back in 1930 have been solved, only allayed with government funds.

Now along comes a writer to say that Mr. Truman's outside of taxes \$50,000 is betrayal of public trust and admission that the federal income tax is oppressive. And we think there is a point in (Continued on page four)

Legislative News Of 45th Session

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The legislature which went bouncing along for the first week like a sprinter at the start of a dash slowed to a more sedate pace in its second week. The first week bills were introduced for political effect in a haste to get a name on some legislation that may be sufficiently popular to make a campaign on next year. Whether it passes or not is immaterial. As a general rule it might be said that the earlier in a session a bill is introduced the less chance it has of passage. From now on there will be more thought in new bills and more earnest desire for them on the part of the sponsor.

A group of house members participated in a radio broadcast Thursday night, the first that has been tried in Oregon as a sort of public forum. KOAC wanted it as a feature and the house taxation committee was the trial horse. Six members of the eleven man committee were assigned subjects with Chairman Ralph Moore acting as moderator for his part. Reports are that the broadcast was received very well and it may lead to more such forums as a means of acquainting the public with legislative problems and procedure.

The picture painted by the taxation committee was very black indeed and reports that taxpayers missed a night's sleep after listening will not be surprising. The budget is big and does not include everything wanted, the resources are well used up and the proposals are few and meager, the surpluses tied up. The state already sends nearly \$70,000,000 a year into smaller governmental units and the need for economy is most apparent.

Oregon will have to spend less or tax more. Around Salem during a legislative session one talks to many who would follow the tax more theory for these people who come to walk up and down these marbled floored halls want something and pursue many methods to get them. When legislators return home and chat on the village or city street or across the line fence they will meet other citizens who follow the spend less theory.

These last can make themselves effective by not waiting until the session is over to speak their wishes. If there is demand for economy let it be heard now.

There's snow in Salem nearly every day and the natives shiver and complain. Little girls and big grown women walk sleepily into the state house in the morning with snow sticking to their open-toed shoes and they look most unhappy. They hate it. But so far as it is known it is doing no harm to crops although transportation is badly upset some of these mornings when roads and streets are icy.

Some of the bills recommended by the tax study committee of a session ago are being introduced again. Interest is greater in it and the demand for the reports and the booklets is very great. None are available and where introduced to date is a bill to allow cities and towns to collect a license fee from tavern operators in addition to the tax. Where policing is a problem this bill will be popular.

The business tax bill that has been favored by the wheat league is another one. If it passes the personal property tax bill will be repealed. But perhaps it won't be passed this time for Oregon is a conservative state that changes slowly unless emotionally aroused or uninformed. Like other new ideas it may draw the fire of those who would pay more and not get the support of those who would pay less.

The first division in the house was made Friday and it indicates a 40 to 45 vote for the side favoring less radical change. The division will not remain the same, of course, but the house at least is not going to be a very wild bunch of citizens this time. It is less conservative than in 1947 and there are enough who desire change to impress their less drastic views on the whole and keep the more drastic views alive. That, perhaps, is the way it ought to be to slow progress until it is popular.

We have already gone far in the suppression of liberty and the achieving of security and will probably continue on that road but haste is not necessary. At the end of it we will probably find that there was more security at the start—and then we will be too old to retreat our steps.

Mrs. Lura Wicks is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee.

Tommy Foster, who has been working in the east for several months returned home last week.



CROP CARGO BEING PLACED ABOARD SHIP FOR JOURNEY

Oregon grown food, given to the hungry people of the world by Oregon farmers through CROP, Christian Rural Overseas program, will be loading in Portland for ports abroad during the rest of January. Judge T. H. Arestad, chairman of the state CROP committee (right) and state director Miles G. Blickenstaff, watch the last slingload of prunes go into the hold of the S. S. Magnolia State, bound for Bremen, to be distributed to German needy. Wheat, milk, cheese and sugar are other Oregon products in the shipment.

Vacation Trip Proves Eventful

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss, who left last week for a stay at the coast had quite an eventful trip. Snow and icy roads, were their share and near Beacon Rock they came upon a wreck, two cars had collided. They stopped and phoned for the ambulance and police, and arrived at Washougal where they visited with Grandma Dugger Beard.

Snow was encountered all their way to the coast and were in the coast snow of the last week. But it cleared up later and John says it was grand. The ocean was rough but the weather cleared up.

The DeMoss' plan to be at Depece by the rest of the month. Mrs. DeMoss has improved in health.

Study Meeting Held by Wasco Women's Club

On Friday afternoon, January 21, the Wasco Women's Study club met at the home of Mrs. Harley Dutton. Mrs. Norman Gochbauer was co-hostess.

Interesting current topics were given by nineteen members in response to roll call.

At the close of the business session, Mrs. Charles Allen Tom presented a talk and read excerpts

Girls Model Home Ec. Projects

An interesting feature of the Thursday afternoon at the Moro high school was the modeling of clothing projects in the First Year course, as directed by Mrs. Pauline J. Heitmeier. Harvey aprons and cotton dresses were school problems and home projects were made by the girls during the vacation. A skit played by Jean McIntyre and Marie Blag as Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, shoppers, and Nell Coates as the shop girl, and Wilma Edna as helper. Models were Dionne Christensen, Evelyn Kirkell, Viola Edwards, Shirley McIntyre, Gladys Moores, Barbara Duncan and Carrie Nelson.

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Freeman Retires From Postoffice



Jay C. Freeman

Jay C. Freeman, who has been postmaster of the Moro postoffice for the past twelve and a half years received notice Tuesday that his petition for retirement had been granted effective February 1. Mr. Freeman, whose health has been poor for some time first notified the department in December 1947 that he wished to be relieved of active duty by July 1948. After much correspondence, red tape and personal interviews it was finally granted.

Mr. Freeman says it is harder to get out than it was to get in. Mrs. Elsie Jones who has been the assistant for the past five years received notice of appointment as acting postmaster. The postal department will announce time and place for competitive examination for permanent postmaster at some time in the future.

ARSTILL-MONROE TELL OF NEW PONTIAC TO BE SHOWN

Mr. E. V. and A. H. Arstall and T. B. Monroe of Arstall-Monroe Pontiac company have returned to Moro Thursday after attending a dealers' preview of the new 1949 Pontiac Silver Streaks in Portland, Oregon.

Following the meeting, it was said that enthusiasm of dealers for the new cars was greater than for any other new model Pontiac has ever produced.

More than 400 dealers and salesmen from this area saw the new cars for the first time and attended a day long sales meeting, conducted by L. W. Ward, general sales manager of Pontiac Motor division.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Grass Valley Plays First AAU

In the first game of the play-off for A. A. U. team to represent Sherman county in the finals, the Grass Valley Zebras broke the winning streak of the Wasco town team by defeating them by a score of 50-47 at the Grass Valley gym in an inter-city game last Wednesday evening. The Grass Valley boys were much the smaller of the two teams but had the winning drive.

The three Bayer boys, "Swede" Stark and Bill Rolfe along with the alternate guards, coached by Bruce Alley and managed by C. R. Andersen, showed good ball handling against the tall boys from Wasco.

Frank Bayer, the flashy forward, was high point man for Grass Valley with 17 points and Dornaler of Wasco scored 18 points for his team.

Manager "Andy" Andersen and Bruce Alley again were successful with the Grass Valley Zebras in defeating the Moro town team by a score of 55 to 37 in an inter-city game at the Moro gym Friday evening. Frank Bayer was high point man for the victors with 17 points. Both teams showed fine sportsmanship throughout the game which was pleasing to the attending crowd.

As a prelude to the evening's finale the Moro high school girls won in a volley ball game from the Grass Valley Women's team 30 to 22.

Layette Shower Honor Wasconian

Mrs. James Riskosky was honor guest at a layette shower given in her honor on Monday afternoon, January 17 by Mrs. Carl Tuggle. Appropriate decorations were used throughout the rooms and guests were greeted by a large doll at the door with a sign greeting the guests and asking that they enter and place their gifts in the giant booties in the living room.

A stork figurine stood before the fireplace with a large bootie on either side. These were made of pale blue crepe paper trimmed with white paper lace and a big pink bow. A cheery fire glowed in the background.

An arrangement depicting the "Old Woman in the Shoe" was arranged on the mantle. A large boot colored pink and covered with a blue roof from which extended a very crooked chimney and angel-hair smoke, was her home. The shoe was placed on green crepe-paper grass and surrounded by a rustic looking rail fence. The family of dolls stood in the rear and consisted of the Old Woman and a number of her children, appropriately dressed. There was a wood pile, chopping block and ax; also a line of clothes and a tree.

Boquets of pink carnations and pink and blue tapers were placed about the room and the serving table was centered with the Story book version of the Ugly Duck. (Continued on Page Four)

Rufus Folks Give Wasco O. E. S. Up to Jack Frost

By Mrs. George L. Fox
With the mercury lowering to 12 degrees below zero in the Rufus vicinity, Sunday night, the radio says colder for the next night. About an inch of snow fell Friday night, and another inch fell Saturday night. The farmers were glad to see the snow as it helps make a cover crop for the wheat that has been seeded. Folks are still having trouble starting cars, and with frozen water pipes. (About the frozen pipes, we just are not doing a thing about it until Jackie Frost's visit has terminated.) In spite of the cold, the Rufus school has been running on schedule.

Rufus school had quite an active sports schedule last week with the cold weather and all. Tuesday, the high school teams motored to Mosier for a game with the school there. In the boys' basketball game the score was 80 points for Mosier and 17 points for Rufus.

The girls' volley ball score was 43 points for Rufus while Mosier made 19 points. The Wishram's grade school boys basketball team came to Rufus January 19 and were outclassed by the Rufus boys as the final score was Rufus 27 and 7 points for Wishram.

Wasco high school teams came to Rufus Friday night for games. (Continued to page 4)

American Legion Has \$5,136,798.65 In Oratorical Contest

The Annual American Legion Oratorical contest, which is one of the most popular programs the Legion is sponsoring throughout the country, is being organized in the Fifth district comprising the counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler.

District Commander Al Gust has asked the following County School Superintendents to act as members of the District Committee and to encourage the support of the Superintendents of all high schools in their respective counties.

Each American Legion post commander in the Fifth district has appointed a post chairman who will correlate his efforts with the members of the District committee. The members of the District committee are as follows: Mr. Frank Brumbaugh, chairman; Mr. Ralph Jones, Hood River county; Mr. Wiley Knighten, Sherman county; Miss Lorena Palmer, Gilliam county; and Mr. Dee A. McLinn of Wheeler county.

784 Wheat Loans Sherman Co. ACA

The final report of CCC loans and purchase agreements issued on 1948 grain were released Wednesday by the Sherman county A. C. A., by LeRoy C. Wright, secretary.

Figures released this week show a total of \$5,138,798.65 was released on 784 loans on 2,363,770 bushels of warehouse stored wheat in the amount of \$4,810,274.13.

Ninety-five loans on 184,120 bushels of warehouse stored barley in the amount of \$222,404.58. Fifteen loans on 52,271 bushels of farm stored wheat in the amount of \$106,119.94.

Ninety-four purchase agreements signed on 458,076 bushels of wheat.

Thirteen purchase agreements signed on 31,937 bushels of barley. This represents about 56% of the total of grain production in 1948.

Local P-T.A. Planned

Due to weather conditions only a small group met at the school house Saturday night to discuss the formation of a Parent-Teacher organization for the school.

It was decided by those present to go ahead with the project. Mrs. Collis Moore temporary chairman appointed a nominating committee and other committees needed to start the work.

Officers will be elected and the organization completed at a meeting February 4 at the Moro school house.

Mr. Young is scheduling a feature length movie in the auditorium to take care of the children while parents and teachers meet in another part of the building. A lunch will be served later in the evening to both sections.

This organization is for all parents having children in the school, both elementary and high school.

Hydro-Electric Plan on Deschutes

Stirring wide interest through the power-short Pacific Northwest is the proposal, filed at Salem with the Oregon hydro-electric commission, for a \$12,000,000 project to produce 75,000 kilowatts of power from waters of the Deschutes river.

The proposed plant, to be built on federal lands, would be highly important to the regional power supply, it was pointed out, because it could be brought into production long before major federal power developments on the Columbia river. This would help carry the region through its critical power shortage until McNary dam can be completed by the government.

To be known as the Pelton project, the proposed plant would be built by the newly organized Northwest Power Supply company. The plant would be operated by Pacific Power & Light company, which already has two hydro plants on the Deschutes, and the entire output would be bought and distributed by Pacific, Portland General Electric company and the Washington Water Power company.

President of the new company is General Thomas M. Robins, retired army engineer who directed Bonneville dam construction. Vice-president is Howard W. Turner of Madras, a leader in development of the North Unit irrigation project in Central Oregon. Secretary-treasurer is Hillman Luedemann, "first citizen" of Portland and past president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Active attention is being given to conservation and protection of fish life in planning the project. General Robins said, Subject to approval of conservation agencies, a modern fish hatchery below the plant is included in plans for the project. It would be state-operated under the plans for the development.

The dam site is in an 800-foot deep canyon about six miles northwest of Madras. It would have two 37,500-kilowatt generators, with provision for a third later to bring the project to full capacity of 112,500 kilowatts. Ultimate output of the plant into the network of the Northwest Power Pool is estimated at 400,000,000 kilowatt hours annually.

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Shaniko News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis have moved into their new home, the former Jerry Johnson house which was purchased by the state highway commission for the foreman of this section. The Lewis' have sold their home in Maupin where Mr. Lewis formerly worked.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Payne, son-in-law and daughter of the Lewises have been spending part of the week here visiting them.

Mrs. Amanda Fipe went to Antelope Monday to visit her sons and their families there.

Bob Garrett was home Sunday on a visit. He is now working on the Grover Ranch near Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens are in California visiting their son and Mrs. Andy Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bayer and small son, Phillip of Grass Valley were dinner guests at Mrs. Bayer's grandparents home, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Reeder Sunday. They also visited the James Pifers.

Billy Smith of Kent was a visitor at the Lang home Sunday.