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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

If it rained as hard in eastern Oregon as hard for three days as it has rained in the valley for two weeks nothing could be grown at all. The soil nutrients would be leached down forever. Two and three inches a day is a lot or rain. In a country where people live in the valleys there must have many rains at some time and where they live on the hills it must be a fairly dry country for otherwise the land would have been washed down hill to the bottoms. Sometimes heavy vegetation makes this rule inoperative, perhaps.

The FEPC bill passed the senate last week in a form that would make any patriot cringe and with wording that should make a lawyer ashamed. It would make a believer in any "creed" includes communism. It mentions "legally violate" in its penalty sections and it must take some new sort of lawyer to define the means and methods of legal violation.

Of course, the FEPC bill, is of most value to the rabble rousing politicians. Groups affected pay little attention to it and a comparative few come to the hearings which are otherwise crowded by do-gooders, aging females with time on their hands and inability to enjoy bridge, attorneys hoping for cases, and many bright young people still basking in that delightful occupation of youth—reforming the world.

Portland dailies are down again with less chance of printing again than before. The national union ordered the men back before, it was reported, now the end of the strike may have to wait the settlement of the scale for the entire coast.

It sounds very wasteful and very thoughtless. And it is hard to see how anyone can be helped. One result will be to keep anyone from getting interested in the newspaper business in a big city and that isn't good either.

Efforts of the two kinds of racing in Oregon to cut one another out of a good date or a good cut find many reverberations over the state.

The dogs have the summer dates, traditionally and because of superior strategic maneuvers. The horses take the May, early June and fall dates which does include the fairs. But most fairs are held outside of Multnomah county where the big betting is done.

The horses are always trying to chisel a better date. The dogs must run continuously because the dogs are traveling on a circuit and like to stay awhile when here for the races.

Each wants to have the state take a little smaller cut from their part of the total take also. In this they are foolish for the state has believed both and increased the take up to 3 percent with chances it may be made 3 1/2 this session.

It is a good act and horsemen, dog lovers, county fair boards and many others are incidental actors in the show.

There seems a lack of interest in style this winter and spring. Have women gone sensible about such things as clothes? Some still wear short skirts and such coats and rain coats as shed the weather more effectively than they display the charms.

Shoes are still more designed for economy of material than for utility and many are as bare of essentials as the modern bathing suit. A paper sole and a couple of brief split leather straps suffice—and can often be bought as little as ten or twelve dollars. In this as in bathing suits, price is based upon scarcity of materials. The less the more, you understand and the more the less.

Well it's gotta be spring pretty soon, or anyway, sooner that it had to be back in late November when this freezing started. Three

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Legislative News Of 45th Session

By Giles L. French

Taxpayers and friends of taxpayers from all over the state had an inning before the house taxation committee last Friday and said with unanimity that property taxes should not be increased and that such off-sets as were in effect should be retained.

Some, when questioned by the committee did say that if there was a constitutional ban on property taxes, they would be willing to dispense with the protection given by the off-sets.

Represented were chambers of commerce, realty boards, farmers, stockmen, timber owners and similar groups. A program is being made by Henry Semin, chairman of the house ways and means committee that may solve the money problems of the legislature. He would let the people vote on the welfare budget, which would then come from the so-called "surplus" funds and would only transfer so much of the excise tax as might be needed to balance the budget which would be curtailed to some extent.

Actually the troubles of the house have been many times magnified. Had there never been a house taxation committee the state could get along very well. It has not raised taxes by increasing old or devising of new. A levy over the six percent limit to obtain voter approval of such expenditures could be made through the ways and means committee. All this furor about taking away from property owners their long held blanket of off-setting funds would have been unheard.

As the taxation problem becomes less confused (or those who talk about it become less confused) other matters begin to show up in the fog. The highway program prepared by the interim committee is expected to be presented to the house within a week or so. It will increase gasoline taxes and double the registration fee for automobiles.

The bill to change to division of highway funds between counties will follow it through the highway committee. The formula for making the distribution may be changed to the "need" formula prepared by the engineers of the committee. The French-Peterson bill would divide the funds by number of cars, area of county, miles of primary and secondary roads. The "need" formula is more intricate being based on the long time need for roads and the roads that have been built heretofore. Whichever system is used most eastern Oregon counties will receive more state funds for roads. And it now seems likely that one measure will be passed.

The \$45 increase in the basic school fund was about out of committee last week but was taken back. Some committeemen said that reporting the bill to the house had been delayed to give lobbyists a chance to high pressure house members.

Teachers are the state's best and most persistent lobbyists. This has always been so and when the work was left to the fair and the young there was little complaint. But now all branches of the teaching trade take part and legislators are tired of it all.

There isn't going to be any \$33,000,000 in the next biennium from income funds so if the addition is voted the greater part of it will come from property taxes. Then it will be right out where people can see it.

Ed Geary, stockman and seed grower, came up from the Klamath country to sit in the legislature and found himself on the education committee. He had so many bills about school districts first, second, third class, non-high, rural school, union high, etc., that he didn't know existed, being from the state's first county unit county which has had but one school bill in the legislature in ten years. After Dr. Karl Hufaker had said that ten or fifteen million dollars might be saved by use of the county unit system Mr. Geary introduced a bill to make the whole state adopt the county unit system.

It just looked sensible, he said, having a healthy respect for fifteen million dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Arstill were in Portland over the weekend.

Tot Injured In Truck-Auto Collision

Ireva Roberts, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roberts of Moro, received a pelvic fracture in a highway accident between Moro and Grass Valley Saturday.

The child was seated on her mother's lap when the automobile driven by her father collided with a truck on the slippery highway, according to a report filed. The impact is said to have thrown the child against the dashboard.

The Sherman county ambulance brought the injured tot to The Dalles hospital. Her condition was described as satisfactory by an attending physician Saturday night.

Huskies Take Madras Scalp

The Moro high school basketball team trimmed the White Bufaloes of Madras Friday night in a non-league inter-school game by a score of 48 to 33.

In defeating Madras, an "A" rated school, the Huskies wound up their regular season schedule with seven wins and 10 losses. Last year, Moro placed third in the district tourney.

In the preliminary game Friday night, Moro's B team won a 33-19 decision from the Madras Bees.

Here is the lineup of the varsity game:

Moro (48)	Pos.	(33) Madras
J. Harvey	(18) F	(9) Albrecht
Ronnie May	(7) F	(0) Cashner
K. Nelson	(9) C	(0) Carpinter
K. Thompson	(4) G	(17) Corwin
J. Roberts	(3) G	(0) Johnson
Subs: Moro, Rust	(2), Bucholtz	(2), Fritz, Knights
(3), Madras, Whitehead	(5), Ramsey, Johnson, Green	(2).

Score at half: Moro 25, Madras 16.

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MORO STUDENT CHOSEN BY ALPHA ZETA FRAT

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis.—(Special)—Tom (Dean) Pinkerton of Moro was among the 41 agricultural students recently initiated into Alpha Zeta, national honor society in agriculture.

This was the largest pledge class initiated into the Oregon State chapter since its founding here in 1918.

Members are chosen from undergraduate agricultural students on the basis of scholarship, leadership and personality.

Allan Pinkerton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, attending OSC was selected to attend a fraternity group at Stanford U., as a representative of Delta Tau Delta.

SOIL CONSERVATION MEET HELD AT KENT

A meeting was held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 23 at Kent to discuss the formation of a soil conservation district for the southern part of the county. A similar meeting was to be held with Pomona Grange Saturday in Rufus to discuss a district for the northern part but was cancelled due to road conditions.

Mrs. Lloy Belshe of Redmond is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peters.

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

BAD ROADS CANCELS RUFUS POMONA GRANGE

On account of the bad roads, the Rufus Pomona grange set for Saturday, February 26, has been postponed.

The frost bound earth has thawed and made some of the country roads impossible to travel upon.

Community Club Meets at G. V.

Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Ph. 281

The Women's community club met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Perry Thursday afternoon. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Wallace May invited the club to meet at her home Thursday, March 3.

Pork Chops on the Hoof in Guam



On farms established by the U. S. Naval Government on Guam, American sailors instruct natives in modern agricultural methods. The produce from the farms is used for Naval personnel and the rehabilitation of the natives. In photo above, a seaman, first class drives some pigs to feed.

(Official Navy Photograph)

Cub Scouts To Meet Next Week

The Cub Scouts meeting was postponed until the second Friday in March because of the bad roads. At that time the theme of "Inventions" will be considered.

In place of the regular meeting Mrs. LeRoy Wright, den mother entertained at her home. Awards were given as follows: Den No. 2, Jackie Lamb received his Lion badge and the Golden Arrow for achievement. Jimmy Lamb received the Bear award. Dale Archer and Jimmy Belshe the Wolf award. Den No. 1: Johnny Gilman the Bear and Nicky Wright the Wolf awards.

MARIAN REBEKAHS HOLD FEBRUARY MEETING

The Marian Rebekah lodge No. 127 held its last February meeting at the regular meeting place with Marion Medler, noble grand pro tem, presiding and nine members present.

Following the regular business meeting a Valentine party was held in honor of the "sweethearts of the year" who were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshe and Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox. Games were played and refreshments were served by the committee, Lena Brock, Gladys Belshe and Marvin Howell.

UNION PACIFIC CLEARS LINES

Main lines of the Union Pacific Railroad, including those through the Wyoming storm area, have been entirely cleared and through freight and passenger service between the Pacific Coast and the East has been resumed.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS SLATED FOR MONDAY

Child Health conferences are to be held Monday at Kent and Grass Valley, according to an announcement made from the Sherman County Health department.

The Kent conference will be held 9 a. m. to 12:00, Monday, Feb. 28, at the home of Mrs. Robert Helyer. Anyone wishing an appointment may call her.

On the same day at Grass Valley a clinic will be held from 2 p. m. and 5 p. m., at the school house. Contact Mrs. Helen Bayer for an appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Landry returned to their home Tuesday after having spent the most rugged part of the winter in Portland.

The Sherman County Journal has contacted Mr. Wright and he announces today that he is resigning as County Agent, effective March 15.

Mr. Wright has accepted appointment as Baker County Agent.

Sheriff Fields Makes Quarterly Turnover

This week Sheriff Norman E. Fields made the quarterly turnover of taxes paid to Feb. 15; to the treasurer.

During this period of collection a sum of \$3505.03 was paid on the current roll and \$358.79 in delinquent tax.

On a total roll of \$280,735.81 there remains to be collected only \$3,367.02, putting Sherman county again in the top bracket in the total tax collected.

Sherman Co. Club To Meet Wed.

The Sherman County Club will meet next Wednesday, March 2 at the Moro hotel at 12 o'clock, according to the announcement.

The program is to be handled by the Sherman County court and they will present their road program for the coming year.

Club officers are anxious that a good representation of club members be made at this meeting as it is considered one of the important ones of the year.

Judge C. A. Tom has been appointed Rajah for the Sherman county district, representing the Shrine organization. He was a two-day guest of the Al Kader temple recently. This honor gives him a place on the board of directors of the unit. His duties as Rajah will be to supervise this district for hospital care cases. Sherman county already has two children in the Shrine hospital.

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Shaniko Notes

Bob Garrett and Don Earl were visitors a couple of days to see Mrs. Garrett, Bob's mother, and Bill Garrett, his brother.

Ed Carnton was a visitor to Portland for medical attention. Domenic Morrell of Portland is leaving today for home, he has been visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens returned from their trip through southern Oregon, California and Old Mexico where it was comfortably warm. We have the best of it here around Shaniko as we can feed our stock and it don't look as if the Californians will have enough to last them through the winter. They spent a few days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker came up from The Dalles Wednesday to spend a few days here on business. They returned to their home Saturday afternoon.

Resignation Considered

In a letter dated Feb. 23, 1949, to Judge C. A. Tom, Sherman county, LeRoy C. Wright presents a contemplation of resignation. Coming as a surprise this would deprive Sherman county of a man who has served 12 years as county agent, and had a part in promoting 4-H club work to a high standard. He has also attained more active chairmanships for Sherman county than any previous agent.

The letter sent to Judge C. A. Tom is printed on Page 3, under the Letters to the Editor:

Big Time Sure For Boy Athletes

The Sherman County club is sponsoring the banquet for all the boys' athletic teams of Sherman county high schools, who will be their guests at Moro on March 9.

An outstanding program has been arranged in addition to the good food. Jim Aiken, University of Oregon coach is to talk, show slow motion and highlight pictures of the past games and a film of the Cotton Bowl game.

Complete details, hours, and etc. will be carried in the next issue of the Sherman County Journal.

Miss Stanek Weds Bon Christianson

Miss Betty Stanek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stanek of The Dalles, became the bride of Bon Christianson of Moro, at a ceremony held Sunday, February 13, at the Congregational church in The Dalles.

The Rev. William Gearhart of the Community Presbyterian church of Moro read the ceremony at 3 o'clock in the presence of 80 or more relatives and close friends.

White tapers were lighted in the brass candelabra on the altar, which was adorned with deep rose carnations, and pink and white snapdragons. The heads of the pews were tied with ribbons of white satin.

Mrs. W. H. Wilhelm, organist, played the wedding marches and accompanied Tom Fraser of Moro when he sang "For You Alone" and "Because" before the service.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of the rose shade with a purse and shoes of

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Flash Flood Brings Excitement

A flash flood Tuesday, resulting from the warm Chinook, quickly brought about incidents in Moro. The quick rise of the water caused the Moro Lumber firm employees to work like the proverbial beaver; the county road crew with their big equipment went into action; bridges were washed out on the Grass Valley creek section; and the Union Pacific train backed into town because of an endangered trestle in Biggs canyon; folks were pushed across the water at DeMoss Springs, and everybody was happy because of the break in the weather.

Locals

Dinner guests at the Tommy Jones home on Washington's birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hood and children, Michael Joe and Janice Jo of Tygh Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. David Phillip of Grass Valley. The occasion being the birthday of the Jones' grandson, Michael Joe Hood.

Jr. at Springville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perrigo and family were visiting Sunday afternoon at the home of the James Phifers.

Shaniko is enjoying warm weather this last week. The snow is about all melted, except for a few drifts and it is raining for a change. The farmers are still resorting to tractors, horses and feet to get into town, some trucks making it in by way of Maupin.

Survey Shows Wheat Figures

Cooperative Managers George Harris, Wendell Balsiger, Moro; A. A. Dunlap, Grass Valley; County Agent LeRoy Wright, Ormand Hilderbrand, as a representative of the triple A and Paulen Kaseberg, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League left last Thursday to attend a meeting in Portland, held to discuss storage problems in Oregon.

Figures released from the county agent's office this week shows the following total annual wheat production in Sherman county.

Year	Bu.	Acres	A.Y.
1945	2,505,000	105,528	23.7
1946	3,358,000	120,589	27.8
1947	2,837,124	117,532	24.1
1948	4,256,244	118,000	36.1
Av.	3,238,592	115,412	28.1

Elevator and annex capacity the cooperatives in Sherman county:

Sherman cooperative Grain-growers, Wasco, 1,296,000 bu.
Moro co-operative Grain Growers association, Moro, 771,500 bu.
Grass Valley Grain Growers, 954,335 bu.
Eakin co-op Grain Growers, 85,000 bu.
Total 3,107,035

Farm storage of 10,000 bu. or more, 150,000 bu.

In 1945 Sherman county there were 1,580,018 bushels under loan. This was 63 percent of production. 26 percent of loans made in the state. 1946 209,842 bu. under loan 6.2 percent or 15 percent of loans made in the state.

1947 233,561 bu. under loan 8.2 percent of production. No state figure available.

1949 2,270,454 bu. under loan and 364,308 bu. under purchase agreement. This makes a total of 2,634,762 bu. under price support, 61.9 percent total production.

History Sherman County Presented

By Giles L. French
(Continued from last week)

In 1846 Samuel Barlow surveyed a route across the Cascades south of Mt. Hood and many emigrants went south from The Dalles to Tygh Valley and Wacoma to take the Barlow route to Oregon City. Some turned off for that cut-off before reaching The Dalles and others took a short-cut from the top of the hill west of the John Day.

It is not known to what extent this route was used but some diaries recount making the trip, particularly the West diary. Nate Olney once had a ferry on the Deschutes near Sherar's bridge and there are stories of lost animals in the upper river crossing.

Those taking this road, if the trail across the high bunch-grass could be called a road, turned turned off the main Emigrant trail soon after climbing onto high land above the John Day. They followed a southwesterly course and dropped into Grass Valley canyon about where the Nish warehouse used to stand. They followed up Grass Valley canyon to the town of that name and they described it as a fertile little vale, well watered and covered with green grass.

At the head of Grass Valley canyon in the section now occupied by Fred Cox the road turned more westward, crossed the Lemley land (section 9) went cve the hill just east of the present Michigan cemetery and across the corner near Millard Eakin's home and on to the ridge south of the old Buckley place now owned by Donald Clodfelter.

West on that ridge the emigrants travelled to come to the canyon known as Buck Hollow on the ridge where Hollenbeck had a homestead cabin. They slid down that steep point, into the canyon and down it to where it joined the Deschutes. How or where they crossed the Deschutes there is no agreement. The diaries indicate that it must have been above the falls for they tell of losing animals by their going over the falls. It does not these days seem possible for lumbering wagons to have gone up the Deschutes from the mouth of Buckhollow to a point across the river from the present railway bridge.

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