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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Some of the hardest basketball of the season was played at Corvallis last week end when UCLA and OSC vied for the coast championship. There was a battle for every point and when one team obtained a lead of four or five points there was a conference by the team behind.

The battle between those who believe in big government with its multitude of bureaus and commissions and those who believe in limited government and more freedom for individuals goes on. Every legislature does a little more for the ones who want bigger government. But it does seem there is more resistance to the movement now than for some years back.

Years ago some smart people prophesied that eventually democracy would be endangered by minority groups or pressure groups, although that term was then unknown, who would obtain special interest legislation. Maybe these prophets were not so bad. Nationally most of the laws passed are for special groups, labor, agriculture, importers, etc., and in the state the same thing generally prevails.

But—will some one figure out a rule for making laws that will affect all people equally?

The chaplain says: our troubles are within us, not without; our conflicts are of our spirit.

It appears that some part of the withholding tax will remain after the session is over. Seasonal farm labor is exempted under the amendment passed by the house which will remove most of the criticism of the tax. However, inasmuch as that is the kind of people the bill was designed to tax in the first place it seems foolish to keep the tax with an exemption for them.

What made it impossible to repeal it entirely is the fact that many employees are tickled to death to have the state or the employer do their taxpaying for them. When April 15 comes around most of them can get a refund of a few dollars with a receipt for taxes paid and that is what they like. A little coming in instead of a good sized chunk going out.

James Forrestal is going to leave the cabinet and it is a sad day for the country. He was one of the best, tough enough to stand the pressures of those who wanted something and rough enough to see that his way prevailed even though the new dealers made life hard for him. Good man, wish there were more like him.

At first the fee is set at one dollar, then it goes to two and a half, then five and ten and from then on some inspectors are added (to protect the public) and it costs more to stay in business. And naturally more to buy meat, have wiring done, get the plumbing repaired, have the hair cut, get the boiler inspected and do the many things now done under the eye of the state.

The agriculture department has a new schedule of fees.

Portland papers are expected to be on hand, filled, no doubt, with "funny" sheets, by the time this is read—if it is read in competition with so much news and history.

Newsmen have been keeping track of the legislature, although in lessened force, and all the important stuff has been written so that when the pressmen, the printers and the guild all decide to go to work again the people will be informed.

It is possible that the readers will get a better perspective of the legislature by getting three weeks all at once than by daily reading about what is going on.

There is likely to be so much voting on reports, so many minority reports that the reader can get lost in watching a bill. Then, too, one house can pass and the other kill—which proves the value of a two house legislature.

Legislative News Seal Leaders Of 45th Session

By Giles L. French

At the end of the ninth week the picture that may be made by the 45th Oregon legislature begins to take shape. For days it was like scratching of a child on a blank piece of paper.

There has been no interest in making new taxes and unless there is dire necessity there will be none. So far there has been no desire to cut the budget which is expected to climb to \$125,000, 000 more. Whether the budget will be cut, or new taxes levied on the state's money and credit used to the hilt is not so far apparent. Perhaps neither will be done which will make of the 1951 legislature something to evade if possible.

In reality there are not many new kinds of taxes to levy in Oregon which will not stand for major levies because of the people who may vote on them. Little taxes would be of little avail.

The highway program will be out this week and it is designed to raise more money for roads.

There will be an additional cent on the gas tax and some increase in license fees. Both are expected to pass with little trouble because roads are in bad shape the winter having increased need for repair. Trucks will pay more and this will likely include farm trucks, for, say the highway committee, farmers should pay their part of better roads.

The senate killed attempts by the fishermen to permit use of gear voted out by the people last fall and this means that fixed gear, traps, and set nets will not be used. Washington fishermen may get some good bargains in fishing equipment or some new fishermen.

There has been the usual passage of legislation permitting new boards and commissions, new regulations for more people in the state like the contractors' bill which would levy a license on all those who might want to build or repair houses. Poor construction of veterans' houses is given as the reason but rural members may be able to prevent licensing of all building workmen. Such things are a part of our changing governmental philosophy which puts the government in everybody's business.

Evidence that the members are getting ready to go home is found in the anxiety with which members discuss the pleasant weather and talk about getting back to the farm or out in the garden, and the pleasure they take in beating a bill occasionally instead of sending it back to committee in a burst of politeness. When they all get the butcher's complex it is time for the session to end.

The urge for a cigarette tax combined with a fair trade bill meets little response although a man has been working for that for weeks and the bills are in. Whether the state should arrange a four cent raise in the price of cigarettes in order to get a two cent tax usually meets a cold expression on the part of legislators. Perhaps it can be connected with the bonus bill.

County salary bills are being passed daily since the general bill seems bogged down in the senate. Raises are usually generous but also usually for a short period of time.

The game laws are getting through but the license increases will find trouble. Big question now is the change in policing the game laws. That must still be decided.

School legislation is going through, mostly like the school teachers want it. The senate promises to defeat the \$30 increase in the basic school law but their resistance will probably be no better than that of the house. Some minor changes are being made in the school laws but nothing of major importance, nor anything to improve the organization of school districts which costs the state millions of dollars per year.

There seems an outside chance that the method of dividing highway money can be improved to give rural counties more money for highway building. It may be restricted to new highways and not maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger finished moving into their new home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinslie will move to the Raesdale house vacated by the Balsigers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hayes and son, Mike, were in Portland over the weekend.



Mrs. Earl Snell

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Mrs. Earl Snell, widow of Oregon's late governor, has been named state chairman of the annual Easter Seal sale sponsored by the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and she has appointed Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington as chairman of the Eastern Oregon district.

Weatherford as Eastern Oregon district chairman, will direct the seal sale in the following counties: Umatilla, Morrow, Harney, Sherman, Wheeler, Malheur, Gilliam, Grant, Baker and Wallowa.

Mrs. Snell announced that approximately 400,000 persons in Oregon will receive Easter Seals, beginning March 17. The sale will continue through Easter Sunday.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to finance the many projects of the society, including the children's hospital school at Eugene; the Portland Rehabilitation Center in Portland; special summer camps for crippled children; surgical, medical and special training for individuals; the craft shop in Portland, where articles made by the handicapped are sold, and many others.

R. M. Fever

'Shots' Available

Opportunity to secure Rocky Mountain Fever immunization shots are being offered by the Wasco-Sherman county health department, according to an announcement from that body. The shots are in a series of three, each one week part, and are administered to those interested without cost.

The immunization shots can be obtained any Wednesday afternoon in The Dalles. On March 24, March 31, and April 7, those in Moro may secure the shots at the courthouse between 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m. and in Maupin, at the high school, 2 to 4 o'clock, on March 25, April 1st and April 8.

Anyone interested, whose work takes them in contact with ticks are urged to be immunized.

This service may be had from your family physician and the vaccine may be obtained from the health department. Shots should be started now as the ticks will be coming out in the next month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thompson and children of Walla Walla, Wash., were here over the weekend visiting relatives.

Robert McKean, Post Office Lobby Wasco, Dies

Funeral services for Robert H. McKean, who died Saturday night, March 12, at his home in Wasco, were held Wednesday from the C. R. Callaway and Son chapel in The Dalles. Ham McKean as he was familiarly known by his many friends was a prominent figure in the business and political life of the community, where he has farmed and conducted a farm implement business for the past 50 years.

Mr. McKean was born in Wind Ridge, Pa., Dec. 7, 1876. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sadie R. McKean; a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Hastings of Wasco, a son, Robert W. McKean of Vancouver, Wash., two grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Lona Coats of Washington, Pa., three nephews, Robert Poland of Willows, Calif., Earl Poland of Springfield, Calif., James K. McKean of Moro, three nieces, Mrs. Arthur L. Loshe of Willows, Calif., Mrs. Byron Kinsey of The Dalles and Mrs. Roger Tietlow of Eugene, Oregon.

Rev. Claude S. Stephens of Wasco was in charge of services, with graveside rites in the Sunrise cemetery at Wasco. Bruce Millard, Fay Brackett, Joe Hilderbrand, Marvin Thomas, Herman Brackett and John Robinson, members of the Knights of Pythias lodge were pall bearers.

F. H. A. Entertained At Afternoon Tea

Wednesday afternoon, March 10, the F. H. A. girls of Moro high school attended a tea given by Mrs. Carrol Sayrs at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Young, in honor of Mrs. Leroy Wright, a former faculty adviser of the group, who is leaving this community to make her home in Baker. The rooms were quite springlike with their bouquets of daffodils, and the table decorations featured the colors rose and black, with fantasy tulips for the centerpiece. A short program consisting of a pianologue, "Albert and the Lion," by Priscilla Meizer accompanied by Martha Bardenhagen, and two violin solos, "Waltz of the Flowers" by Faust, and "Always" by Irving Berlin played by Mrs. Young and accompanied by Mrs. Sayrs, were presented for the enjoyment of the group Mrs. Omar Heitmeier, president F. H. A. adviser, poured, and Diane Christianson and Nell Coats served the refreshments.

About the County

Party Honors Two Grass Valley Girls

Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mrs. Kenneth Crews were hostess at a party at the school house Friday afternoon honoring the birthday anniversaries of their daughters, Deanna Martin and Florence Crews, who were eight and seven respectively. The pupils of the first and second grades and their teacher, Mrs. Ivan Blagg and Jeanie Baumgartner, Karen Alley and Kenneth Blagg were invited. After the girls opened their gifts refreshments were served in the cafeteria. The birthday cake, decorated with pink roses and pink and blue candles with the inscription "Happy Birthday to Deanna and Florence," was the center of attraction. Hawaiian nut cups filled with candy and napkins of the Hawaiian design were at each place. The birthday cake and ice cream slices were served by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Crews and Mrs. Alberty.

Mrs. Marcus Eslinger was hostess to the American Legion Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Jo Hogue Wednesday afternoon with six members and one visitor present. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borsel and daughter, Joy, returned home Thursday from Portland where they spent several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins.

Miss Judy Smith, a student at St. Mary's academy in The Dal-

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Post Office Lobby Open Evenings

The Post Office lobby will be open to the public until 8 p. m. during the summer months for the convenience of those wishing to get mail from their boxes.

Parcel post, money order, and stamp windows must continue to close for this service at 4:30 p. m. in order that all outgoing mail may be sorted, tied and sacked properly for dispatch at 5 p. m. Saturday office hours are 8 to 12.

Moro Hi Concert Slated Thursday

One of the outstanding events of the school year will take place, Thursday, March 24 at the Moro high school when the Choir Concert is presented. 7:30 p. m. is the hour.

The entire mixed chorus and the Girls' Glee club have been directed by Gorman Rose, instructor of music for the Moro school.

A total of 35 voices are in the chorus and 20 voices in the Girls' Glee.

This musical event will be appreciated because the enthusiasm and pride which the young people have in their chorus and club is an incentive.

Mrs. A. Doumas Leads Club Meet

The regular meeting of the Women's club was held Friday, at the club rooms in Moro. Guest day was observed.

Mrs. A. Doumas was director. She chose for her report "Early Theaters in Oregon." Records show that the early theatres were found only in Portland and Eugene when until later they became a part of the other larger cities in Oregon.

Mr. Young, of the Moro high school showed two films. One, "Americans All," denoting the similarity between the youth of South America and the youth of North America.

The second film was "People of Mexico" and it showed how the Mexican people live, work and play.

Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

The Women's club will hold their next meeting Friday, March 25 at 2:00 p. m. in the club room, with Mrs. Orlo Martin as director. The Girl Scouts will have their party at that time.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

RUFUS FOLKS GET READY FOR SPRING WHEN HERE

Everyone was complaining of the cold east wind Monday after the lovely weather of the last couple of weeks. In our community we don't feel we need any more winter or cold weather.

The orchard people in Rufus have been busy the past two weeks pruning their trees and getting the orchard in shape for the fruit which will follow this summer.

Silver Set Secure for Rufus Community Club

Twelve members and a guest were present when Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. Sadie Rich entertained the Home Economics club Thursday afternoon at the Watkins residence.

The business meeting followed a grand luncheon. Mrs. Ada Pringle, chairman presided over the meeting. Roll call was answered by members telling of their pet hobbies.

Mrs. Bernice Morris displayed the silver which she purchased for the club to be used in the grange kitchen. This makes enough silver to set places for seventy-five people.

The club decided to purchase some cards to sell, the same as they did last year.

The Year books have been completed and were given out to the members present. The club extends thanks to Ada Mae Engberg for her time and effort in making the year books.

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Grade School To Have Smoker

The Grade school Smoker is scheduled for Friday, March 25 at 8 p. m. at the Moro high school gym. This is one of the popular events of the year in which the First to the Eighth grade boys are pitted against each other in boxing and wrestling events.

There is no charge for witnessing the events, but spectators toss coins on to the mat. Fifteen bouts have been tentatively arranged, which will be the average of three, one minute rounds.

A feature of the evening's entertainment will be a pair of female boxers. Just how they will be in the manly art remains to be seen.

Moro Girl Scouts Entertained

Girl Scouts and their leaders of The Dalles entertained the girl scouts and brownie scouts of Moro and Maupin last Sunday. Scout leaders Mrs. Orlo Martin and Mrs. Charles Burnett and Brownie leader Mrs. Helen Kruger with several mothers of scouts made the trip with the girls to The Dalles.

DICK RECKMAN HOLDS WINNING AMBULANCE NO.

A very good attendance was had at the VFW ambulance benefit dance at the Pavilion in Grass Valley Saturday night. Dick Reckman held the winning ticket sold on the old ambulance to buy the new one. The VFW auxiliary served the lunch at the dance.

VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore left Wednesday on a two weeks trip to Long Beach, Calif., where they will visit Mrs. Moore's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grant.

IS IN HOSPITAL

Word was received in Moro Wednesday that Mrs. Mae Moore has reentered Providence Hospital in Portland.

VISIT WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson and son, Keith, were in Corvallis Saturday and Sunday. They visited their son, Donald at Oregon State and saw the second basketball game between O.S.C. and U. C. L. A.

Shaniko Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks were Sunday and Monday visitors in The Dalles, coming home by way of Dufur and Maupin where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Guyton, Mrs. Hank's grandparents at Dufur.

Don Earl of Grass Valley and Miss Sammy Lyons were Sunday visitors at the Garrett home as Bob Garrett, who is working at the James Earl ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Browning and children of Seattle are visiting Mrs. Browning's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Long.

Leonard Shobe of Redmond was a Saturday and Sunday visitor at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dupree, hey all motored to Antelope Saturday to visit relatives there.

Shaniko is enjoying (?) some more winter weather after a few nice spring days, bringing out Mr. Robin and Mr. Blue Bird. Now where will they stay and when will that large flock of geese get back that turned around over Shaniko last weekend and went south.

Rev. Dixon, of Prineville was here Sunday and held services at the school house. He will return here the second Sunday in April. The services will start at 5 o'clock p. m. as has been the custom. There was a good attendance at this service.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cunnion were visitors at the John Manning home in Redmond Thursday where they found Mrs. Manning critically ill. Mrs. Manning passed away at 2 a. m. Friday and her funeral was held Monday. Mr.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Davis

Funeral services were held Friday in The Dalles for Martha Lucinda Davis, Grass Valley, who died Wednesday at the age of 79. Mrs. Davis was born at El Dorado Springs, Mo.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leona Cox, Grass Valley; three sons, Charles E. and Sam J., both of Grass Valley, and Clyde D., Condon; three sisters, Mrs. Suddie Snoddy, New Franklin, Mo., Mrs. Etta Gilbert, Arkansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Bird Martin, El Dorado, Kan.; two brothers, Claude W. Smith, Los Angeles, and Clint B. Smith, Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The services were held from the C. R. Callaway & Son chapel with interment following at the I. O. O. F. cemetery in The Dalles.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Davis, who lived in the community since 1904, were Oscar Ruggles, Wiley Knights, Millard Eakin, James Earl, B. C. Baumgartner and Roy Baker.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, Mar. 16, 1900

G. W. Spoonemore is leaving the military land upon which he has lived for years. (Kent Kometts).

Miss Daye Anderson is planning to spend the summer in Umatilla county.

Mrs. E. M. West invites the attention of the ladies of Moro and vicinity to the fact that on March 22, she will open a handsome assortment of ladies and childrens hats and will be pleased to have them call and inspect the stock.

From the G. V. J., Mar. 11, 1910

Joseph T. Peters of The Dalles is now the owner of the two story building formerly owned by A. L. Hembree, and also the owner of a ten acre tract in the northern part of town. He got this property in a deal with W. F. Weigand.

Last Saturday our local fans organized a baseball club with L. W. Baker as manager and treasurer and Frank Olds as captain. The first practice game will be played with the railroad office force, who are reported to have some swift players, and an exciting and interesting game is looked for.

Soren Hansen of Moro has rented and moved to the military land north of town, where J. A. Smith formerly rented.

The Eslinger sale Wednesday not very largely attended on account of the weather conditions, standing around in 8 or 10 inches of snow makes some difference. He has sold his section of land south of Grass Valley to Mr. Hnikle.

Articles of incorporation were filed at Salem Saturday by the Moro Hotel company. The incorporators are W. H. Ragsdale, F. E. Fortner, A. M. Wright, O. L. Belshe, W. S. Powell, and L. L. Peetz, and the capital stock is \$75,000. It is the purpose of the company to erect a modern hotel to be located in Moro.

MORO YOUTH NOW WITH U. S. YOKOHAMA COMMAND

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN YOKOHAMA, Japan—Private First Class Ross Almgreen, son of Mrs. Louise Almgreen, 529 N. 16th St., Corvallis, Oregon, spent a 15-day leave at Nagasaki, Honshu, the site of the second atomic bombing of Japan.

PFC Almgreen is assigned to the Adjutant General Publicity Depot, Headquarters, Yokohama Command.

First entering the Army in September 1940, he arrived in this theater in July of 1947.

GRASS VALLEY MAN GETS GOOD PRICE AT STOCK SHOW

Ted Ball, Don Cox, Elton Eakin and Ralph Eakin all attended the stock sale at Spokane, Wash., Friday. Out of 87 bulls sold Don Cox received next to the highest price for the buu he sold. Ralph Eakin sold a bull and two heifers.

and Mrs. Cunnion attending. At Redmond Mr. Cunnion remained through the week to help the Manning family with the chores.

Charles Browning left Monday for Seattle where he is going to Alaska on some construction work for the army. His family will stay with Mrs. Browning's parents while he is gone.