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These Things We Note

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Every day finds more reasons for a two house legislature. One house or the other is continually finding information overlooked or not considered by the other. There may be some fighting about the killing of bills by one house after passage by the other, but generally the bills needed killing in the first place.

The Atlantic pact is being signed these days and this country is pledged to fight again in Europe. It is considered statesmanlike to espouse such a theory and some bad if one doesn't like it. But there is always a change in public sentiment and it is most likely that if the feelings of the common people were obtained it would be against going across the ocean to fight the wars of Europeans again. At least until it was proven that such wars resulted in some good.

Al Moore, the artist, says women are too skinny and would be more attractive if fatter. Isn't he going to have friends among the fair sex, though? They've been fighting against averdupeis for a long time now with pretty good results and this may give them support for putting on some pounds. Let's hope they put it on the right places.

The Seattle championships put an official end to the basketball championship races for the nation and now it is baseball that will be the seasonal sport. Back in the middle of winter when snow was piled high and the mercury was low it didn't seem that there would ever be a baseball game again.

One might think to read the papers that the question is development of the Columbia or not. In fact the question is who is going to be top boss of the job during construction and afterward.

A CVA means that the federal government will be in complete control and all bills for a CVA up to now give federal government authority over the lands, the water and the people in the entire area. There are so many employees under the TVA and the government exercises so much indirect control together with its direct control that all politics are really run by the TVA.

Oregonians might not like that not being used to being pushed around. But on the question of whether there is to be development of the Columbia river or not there is no division, every body wants that except the few who would like to keep the population small and the fishing good. Perhaps they are the wisest of all.

Passed so far and on the way to becoming law are bills to raise the salaries of county officials in Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, doubling the transportation payment under the basic school fund, establishing a board for county high school districts other than the county court. These apply directly to this county are district. Of greater importance perhaps is the tax program, the budget items, the highway provision for more gas tax money, but they are state-wide matters.

The information seems to be accurate that anyone with the money can buy any kind of a car he wants without waiting any longer than it takes to get it filled with oil and gas. It is also expected that the steel companies will be caught up by June. In Oregon there are 90,000 unemployed although this figure is expected to drop when the lumber companies can go back to work again. Dry weather will help that. So far it doesn't mean a depression but definitely the end of the inflationary period unless the government steps in again to keep the value of the dollar dropping. The cost of living now is less than one percent higher than it was last year at this time and it is going down rapidly. The only thing that is still going up is tax which usually continue to climb for four or five years after

Varied Bills of 45th Session are Discussed by Giles French

The Boys are Getting Tired Tax Bills Underway Highway Program Started

The boys are getting tired and weary of it all. Citizens can tell that when senate and house members begin calling names and comparing records. Last Saturday, for instance, a senator with a reputation for words surpassing his reputation for work berated the house as noisy and the speaker as inefficient. Well, some people get that way when the majority refuse to pass their bills and an ability to take it helps any legislator. If he proposes any legislative program of any consequence he will find opposition.

Tax bills are expected to be decided upon by the senate committee early in the week. Many hearings and no little effort to become fully informed have delayed final decisions. Also the fact that no one knows how much money the ways and means will need has slowed tax matters. No one knows what will come out of the committee to date but there is certain to be division. HJR 9 may get a divided report. This resolution would let the people vote on the proposition of doing away with the property tax for state purposes. That is the most important bit of tax legislation so far mentioned except for the matter of raising the income and excise tax funds for the general fund. Whether enough legislators are tired enough to relax their sense of public morals and permit the raid is not known. Regular procedure would be to let the people make the decision.

It is expected that the highway program will go through much as started in the house which means additional taxes and additional road building. The interim committee found a desire for more and better roads more general than a desire for smaller fees. What will happen as to building highways outside cities or grand passageways inside cities cannot be foretold but probably the cities would lose in a straight vote on the measure. Not even all of Portland favors the Sullivan's Gulch road.

Mrs. G. Mitchell Entertains

Saturday afternoon, March 26, Mrs. George Mitchell entertained with a tea in honor of Mrs. John Wilt of Portland and the Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Thomas Ryder of Pendleton. Mrs. Opal Parkins greeted the guests at the door. Mrs. Robert Hoskinson and Mrs. Arthur Christianson were in charge of the tea and assisting about the rooms, beautifully decorated with spring flowers, were Diane Christianson, Priscilla Melzer, Dorothy Wilson and Mrs. Clarence Higley. Mrs. William Ragsdale of The Dalles presided at the tea table from three until four and Mrs. Ernest Moore from four until five.

About seventy-five friends called during the afternoon. Coming from out of town were Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, Mrs. Ray Powell, Mrs. Stella Poley and Mrs. T. W. Alley of The Dalles Mrs. Arthur Bibby and Mrs. Joe Newcomb of Grass Valley, Mrs. Augusta HucKin, Mrs. Walter Bruckert and Mrs. Walter Ruggles of Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones attended a regional meeting for Postmasters and assistants in The Dalles Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Landry were in Portland over the weekend visiting their son Arnold and family.

Mr. Doris Wilson and daughters Connie and Dorothy went to Portland this weekend to visit Mrs. Wilson's father A. A. Dunlap who is in the hospital there.

Other things drop. It was 1924 or 1925 before the tax top was reached after the last war. Then in 1933 the people really took a hand and went after costs with a meat axe.

Right now would probably be a good time to do it again but it must be remembered that no district or state can do it alone very well.

Moro Hi Concert Successful Affair

The Moro high school Glee club and Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Gorman Rose, presented their Spring concert Thursday evening. The chorus sang "Desert Song," "The Orchestra," "Kentucky Babe," "Bendermeer's Dream," "Stouthearted Men," and "Bless this House." The Glee club sang "Smoke Gets into Your Eyes," "Green Cathedral," "Thanks to God," and "O, Lovely Night." The concert was well attended and only criticism heard was that it was far too short.

Moro Principal Is Honor Guest

A group of high school and college students, with Miss Diane Christianson as hostess, gave a birthday party for Kenneth Young, principal of the school, on Wednesday evening at the George Mitchell home. Games and dancing were the entertainment of the evening. A lovely dessert supper was served, featuring two decorated birthday cakes. Mr. Young was presented with a fountain pen by the group.

Guests were Shirley McIntyre, Allen Pinkerton, Gladys Moore, Bob Hoskinson, Priscilla Melzer, Dorothy Wilson, Herbert Lawrence, Connie Wilson, Ronnie May, David Moore, Willy Knighten, Leslie Edwards, Viola Edwards, Fred von Borstel, Keith Thompson, Carrie Nelson, Keith Nelson, Evelyn Kirkelle, Max Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young.

Patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christianson. THAT MAN AGAIN! A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Moro, Thursday, April 7, at the courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office. Persons wishing licenses or permits are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

The racing commission with its two elements, horses and dogs, held the spotlight last week with wrangling and bickering over who should get the most days take will be left at 12 1/2 percent and the days racing will be cut to 100. Some small adjustment will give the state a little more money, but not enough. Had not the speaker ruled that a bill repealing the whole business could not be considered legislators would have repealed the bill permitting racing entirely. It attracts too many of the wrong kind of people.

About the County Family Reunion At Payne Home

Sunday, March 27 a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Payne, who celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fulkerson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bolen and son and Mrs. Thomas Alford and son all from The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McLachlan and son and daughter from Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne from Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Belshe and daughter of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams of Miller. Other guests were Miss Clara Sue Leadbetter of Heppner; Mrs. C. H. Maldaner of British Columbia, Canada, Mrs. Eva Davies of Miller and Bill Berry of Grass Valley.

Mrs. Frank Bayer Sr. gave a dinner Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of her husband and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Claud Bayer. Other guests included Claud Bayer and son, Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Julia and Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters, Linda and Leslie, Keith Bayer and David Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and children, Stephen and Janice, Dorothy Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bibby motored to The Dalles Sunday to attend a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woolvine. Other guests included Mrs. Frances Bibby, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bibby from Storie, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby from Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owen and daughter, Carol Ann, Mrs. W. D.

Girl Scouts are Guests at Meeting

Friday, March 25, the Moro Women's club held their annual Girl Scout program. The Girl Scouts are sponsored in Moro by the Womens' club.

Mrs. Orlo Martin was director and she gave a short talk about the Scouts and introduced Mrs. Howard Ross, a Brownie club leader, who talked on Scouting and told of a regional meeting she and Mrs. George Kruger attended in Spokane, Washington. She also paid a tribute to Mrs. Harry Pinkerton who organized the Girl Scouts in Moro in 1939. Mrs. Chas. Burnet, a club leader introduced the girls of the troop and they gave a demonstration of their work, the pledge and ceremony of investing a new scout with her pin. Dayann Sayrs was the new member taken into the troop at this meeting. They closed by singing two of the Scout songs. Mothers of the girls were also guests of the club. After the meeting punch and cookies were served by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Howard Ross and Mrs. Wilford Belshe.

Army Day Is April 9

A nation wide observance of Army Day is scheduled for April 9. Most cities will have patriotic parades, participated in by veterans' organizations, the National Guard, Organized Reserve corps, United States Army and other groups. Such is not possible in Moro, but it is urgently requested that all business establishments display flags on Army Day in tribute to America's soldiers, past and present.

Flags flying from the various buildings and homes as well will help to remind us of our debt to our American way of life. Mrs. Lloyd Belshe is working in the Triple A office while they are getting the new program started.

Mr. Thomas Thompson, County agent, arrived last week and has begun his work at the Courthouse. Mrs. Thompson and children will join him this weekend.

Travelers Return From Sunny Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dupree and family and Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mrs. Laura Wilson motored to Prineville March 22 to attend the funeral of Archie Dale Shobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Shobe of that city. Mrs. Shobe is a sister of Mrs. Dupree and Mrs. Wilson and daughter of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton returned Monday from their trip through Mexico, Texas and California, where they spent the past winter. They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Ward at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hampton of The Dalles are also house guests of the Wards on their return trip from Mexico, Central America and California. The Hamptons are parents of Mrs. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. John Block of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. James Phifer and family were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Maude Garrett. Bob Garrett was also home Sunday and returned to Grass Valley Monday.

Mrs. Ed Cumlon returned Monday evening from Portland, where Mr. Cumlon is in the hospital. He had a serious operation on his spine and is doing very well, but still far from being fully recovered.

Mrs. Chas. Carrigan, Mrs. W. D. Hanks and Mrs. James Phifer and daughters motored to Madras Tuesday for dental and oculist treatments.

Mrs. Rosa Harris and son, Frank, were visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. Leo Lang and son, George, and Mr. Melvin Baker, were smelt fishermen to Roseburg

The second of the spring series of card parties given at the Rufus grange hall Saturday night was well attended. Five tables of pinochle were in play. The high score winners were R. T. Dingle and Mrs. Agnes Barnett. The con-

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Sheriff Fields Acts As Host

Sheriff Norman Fields is host this week to Donald Shumaker of Cellilo and Thomas Abeysa of Miller. They were picked up Saturday night on the Sherman highway by the State Police for drunken driving. Monday morning Justice Scott fined them \$12.50 each but lacking this amount they will remain in the local jail until Saturday.

Plan To Secure Medical Aid

Unit No. 19 of the American Legion Auxiliary, The Dalles, is sponsoring a magazine subscription campaign again this year to obtain a Portable Type Oxygen tent and two hospital beds for use in the homes of the residents of Wasco, Sherman and Klickitat counties.

Last year through this same plan they received a new portable Vollrath Pollo-Pap heater. All of this equipment will be housed in The Dalles available to all residents, doctors and nurses in the three counties mentioned free of charge.

Representatives bearing letters of identification signed by Unit No. 19 will call on all residents of Sherman county in the near future for magazine subscriptions. Your support and cooperation in this plan will be greatly appreciated.

'Mental Health' Week, Apr. 24-30

Governor Douglas McKay last week designated the week of April 24-30 as "Mental Health week in Oregon" and asked the citizens of Oregon to cooperate with the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce in its observance.

"Mental health has been pronounced by the United States Surgeon General to be America's number one public health problem, causing the commitment of about 600,000 persons to state hospitals each year and affecting the lives of millions more to a lesser degree.

"This year for the first time National Mental Health Week is being observed, under the sponsorship of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to awaken the public to the seriousness of the problem and the need for instituting a program of prevention.

"I recognize that the mental health of the citizens of this State is at least equally as important as their physical health and I heartily join with the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Mental Health Association of Oregon in recognizing and designating the week of April 24 through 30 as Mental Health Week in Oregon.

"And I do further urge the people in each of our communities to cooperate in every way with these groups to insure a better understanding of the problems and to promote a state-wide program which will safeguard the mental health of all of our citizens.

The statewide mental health week observance will be sponsored by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the local Junior Chambers of Commerce. Assisting these groups will be the Oregon State Health Association, a Red Feather agency of the Community Chest.

The Moro Women's club will meet Friday, April 8, at 2 p. m. in the club rooms with Mrs. Art Barnum as director.

THE DALLES HI CHORUS TO APPEAR HERE TUESDAY The Dalles High School Symphonic choir will present a program in Moro, Tuesday evening, April 5, at the Community church. The group is sponsored by the local O.E.S. and Harry Pinkerton is chairman. It starts at 8 p. m.

This will be their third appearance here. Sam F. Kerbs is the director.

Sunday and returned with a large catch.

James Phifer was a business visitor at Maupin Monday. Mrs. A. J. Brown has returned to her home from Corvallis, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Doumas.

Three Elevators Started in County

A lot of new faces are seen about the county and the additional activity expansion brings news that construction is well underway on the three new grain elevators being built in Sherman county.

From local reports it is of the opinion that the builders will be kept busy all summer in order to have the new structures ready for the next harvest.

The Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers are building another elevator at Klondike. This will be of wooden construction and the contractors are Hoganson's of Minneapolis, Minn.

For the Moro Grain Growers association the Central construction company of Spokane, Wash., will start pouring concrete this week on the 200,000 bushel elevator at Hay canyon, according to Manager Wendel Balsiger.

The Grass Valley Grain Growers awarded the contract for a 300,000 bushel concrete elevator in Grass Valley to Henry George and Son of Spokane, Wash. The pouring of concrete will also commence at Grass Valley this week.

Dr. Osterud To Meet Kent Group

County health service as related to school children will be the topic of Dr. Harold T. Osterud's talk at the next meeting of the South Sherman County Parents and Teachers' association. Dr. Osterud plans to show a film on the subject which will be of vital interest to those who are concerned with the welfare of our children.

The meeting will be held at the Kent school on Friday, April 8, at 8:00 p. m. Members will be entertained by the Moro High school mixed chorus and glee club. Other short numbers will also feature high school students.

Movies will be shown for the children during the business meeting. The business scheduled for the evening consists of the election of a committee for nominating new officers, and the election of a delegate to be sent to the state convention at Eugene. Other committee appointments will also be announced. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

All parents and friends of our young people are urged to join the nearly 3,000,000 citizens who have united in Parents and Teachers work to bring about better opportunities for children and youth everywhere.

History Sherman County

By Giles L. French

Continued from Last Week

The Dalles Military Land company had obtained alternate sections of land for many miles the length of the county by building a road that passed the inspection of Governor Wood, on whose approval the federal government donated the land. It was to be a road from The Dalles to Fort Boise. It was never traveled to amount to much although its southern part carried some traffic which went on from Gordon ridge to the Price place to meet the stage route. Gordon was another early day stockman, a big rough Scotchman of whom many stories are told.

One of the most interesting if unprovable, is that he once met a group of men from Wyoming at the mouth of the Deschutes and engaged them in a game of poker. Gordon won and had possession of all their horses.

In a final hand they put up a small Indian boy on a bet and Gordon won him, too, and raised him to manhood. He was Pierre Cutcherie who was well known and well liked around the county in his youth.

Whether or not the tale is true is not known. It is, however, indicative of the stories about Gordon, who was a fabulous character, and perhaps one who fabricated some of it himself.

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