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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The grass is bright green, the wheat is dark green, cattle are getting slick and fat and the world looks much better than it did a month ago.

The case of James Forrestal brings up the question of the morality of suicide. Some people think a man ought to stick around this frequently unhappy sphere regardless of how he was being treated as if he had some sort of penance to work out that he shouldn't duck. Others hold that an adult is his own keeper, the "master of his fate and captain of his soul" and if he gets tired he can quit the game whenever he wants to with out prejudice to his place in history or the hereafter. Not many are going to adopt suicide as the way out perhaps more from lack of nerve than philosophical disagreement with the theory of personal responsibility.

If memory is correct there used to be a theory that when the locust trees had a heavy bloom the indications were good for a crop of wheat of like quantity. No one has kept records of that although there are many ways of prognosticating the yield of wheat. Scientists use the amount of moisture in the sub-soil which does seem to have a bit more background than the locusts for authenticity although the locusts derive their sustenance from the same soil that produces the wheat and a good bloom may indicate that the conditions are good for seed bearing this season.

Anyway there is as fine a bloom on the locust trees this year as has been observed for a long time. Many trees are almost white and look like a giant snowball. And very pretty, too.

There's something about the locust tree. We mean the plain old honey locust with its stiff branches and tough wood. It is a dependable tree that gets along with little moisture, durable and hardy and used to taking the dry years with the fat. It used to be that many homestead homes were brightened by little exterior decoration other than a few locust trees and a few iris (flags) they were in those days, that is unless you count the sage which is pretty enough if you weren't trained to think it common and beneath consideration.

To judge from Sherman county there is a marked decline in the number of animals. Forty years ago, back in 1909 the assessor was able to find 30,638 animals in the county and in those days he didn't even count chickens which were a part of every household just like the stoves and tables. He did count dogs, all 364 of them because dogs were considered property and not as personal pets.

Now there is but 14,852 animals counted in the county and a quarter of them are poultry, a hen having become property in the meantime.

Some farms have no animals at all—and no chores. Feed that used to go into sheep and hogs and horses is now fed to cattle or wasted. But there's enough income anyway and the details of animal keeping require time that can be spent more pleasantly by this motor minded generation.

The farm wife listens to the radio instead of milking the cows and the farmer cleans a couple of spark plugs and pumps some grease in lieu of currying the horses or handling the sheep. The world do change—and some times it changes back again.

We don't know who is going to feed the Chinese wheat they eat for the next few years, but it is pretty sure to be some other nation than the United States. The administration's decision to go protect Europe instead of China meant something to wheat growers.

Grain Salvaged and Piled Awaiting Sale; Feed Probable Use

Salvage operations at the burned Moro elevator were about concluded this week. The bins were cleaned Thursday morning and the grain that had value was piled in the flat in separate piles of varying color that indicate the extent of scorching.

The work has been in charge of Alfred T. Nelson, special agent for the Underwriters Salvage Co., an adjunct of the insurance companies themselves. Arthur Goodwin has been the foreman in charge of a large crew of men who have divided the grain from the coals, shoveled it out of bins and loaded it into trucks for piling. The burning grain has been hauled to the dump yard.

The grain will be sold, perhaps on bids, and the receipts divided among each firm or company having an interest in it. Inasmuch as the Moro elevator was fully insured the companies interested are all insurance firms.

Mrs May Moore Dies In The Dalles

Mrs May Peterson Moore, 39, died at the home of her sister, Mrs Garth Bonney in The Dalles Thursday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of 15 months during which time she has been in hospitals most of the time.

She was born in Montana, May 1, 1910 and came to The Dalles when a small girl. She was married to Roscoe P. Moore and lived in Moro until two years ago when they were divorced.

Surviving are her father, a carpenter in The Dalles, two sisters, Mrs Bonney and another in Corning, New York. Funeral services had not been arranged at the time of publication.

LLOYD JOHNSON Elected

At an election held Wednesday, May 25, Chris Schultz Post 71 American Legion of Moro elected the following officers: Lloyd Johnson, commander; Bob Axtell, finance officer; Kenneth Young, adjutant; Carl Melzer, chaplain; Max Belshe, sergeant at arms. No more meetings will be scheduled until next fall.

About the County

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews were hosts at a dinner at their home Monday evening honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs Frank Ketter, other guests included Mr. Ketter's daughter, Marlene, Mr and Mrs Henry Roth and Mr and Mrs Tom Garrett. The evening was spent playing pinocle.

Arch Cantrall, Kenneth Crews and Henry Roth were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs Alfred Kock left Thursday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs Dean Pinkerton and the new grandson.

Mrs Jacob Wassermiller returned home last Sunday from Portland where she spent several weeks visiting her daughters, Mrs Walter Reese and Miss Natalie Wassermiller, and Mrs Dean Olds.

Mrs Fred Peters took Mrs Herman Peters to The Dalles Sunday where she left for Newberg as she received word that her mother, Mrs Matilda Folda was ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs Frank Wilcox. Mrs Folda died Monday morning at the age of 90. The body will be taken back to Iowa for burial. Mrs Folda was a resident of Grass Valley some years ago.

Mr and Mrs Bill Lawson of Portland were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews Saturday.

Don Cox went to Redmond Sunday to spend the day visiting Mr and Mrs George Van Leuven.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Spoor and son, LeRoy, and Miss Betty Payne of Gladstone spent the weekend with their daughter, Mrs Lawrence Todd and family.

Mr and Mrs Harry Young and the twins went to Crooked river Sunday where they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mack Alsop of Wamie spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs H. O. Dugger.

School Bus Burns After Hitting Pole; All Saved

The Gordon Ridge school bus hit a light pole of the Wasco county electric Monday morning breaking it off. The wires fell on the bus setting it afire and it was with difficulty that the load of children were removed before any were seriously injured. The bus burned.

The accident occurred just north of the Lefe Barnett place west of Wasco as the bus was going to school in the morning. Walter Eaton, driver, said that a spring broke causing the bus to get out of control.

Two Girls Burned

Suffering slight burns were Phyllis Watkins 10 and her sister, Shirley 6 who were treated at a hospital in The Dalles and released. Others on the bus were Terry Kaseberg, Lee Kaseberg, Larry Kaseberg, Douglas Alley, John McCall, Bob Howell and Marvin Richards.

All the children were somewhat bruised because the bus overturned a time or two before stopping. The Watkins girls were wedged in between the seats and had to be pulled out.

At the point of the accident the poles carry four wires. As two of them landed on the bus it caused a fire although a part of the bus was wood, it being a station wagon. The bus was almost entirely burned although the two left tires remained.

The electricity was shut off upon notification and the break repaired.

Memorial Services Scheduled May 30

The general public in Sherman county is invited to participate with the veterans' organizations in observing Memorial Day at 11:00 a. m., May 30, at a ceremony on the court house lawn in front of the Honor Roll of service men.

Post colors will be displayed. The Moro Community Church choir will sing two numbers. A short memorial service will be conducted by post commanders and chaplains.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Some alfalfa fields and a little hay has already fallen under the mowers knife in the north end of Sherman county. The farmers who have not already done so, are working their summer fallow, so it will be free of weeds while they are putting up hay and harvesting.

The last of the spring series of card parties was held at the grange hall Saturday night at which time the grand prizes were presented. Benton Barnett won the grand prize for this series which was an electric extension light donated to the grange by the Wasco County Grain Growers.

Mrs Atlee Wilson was the winner of the ladies grand prize which was a pair of lovely pillow cases donated by Mrs Andy Engberg.

Winning high prizes for the evening were Benton Barnett and Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers. The consolation prizes went to Sam Brock and Mrs George Church.

The hostesses serving supper were Mr and Mrs Richard Dingle and Mr and Mrs S. A. Wilson.

Mrs Gordon Reid was hostess to the Community Sewing club at her home Wednesday afternoon. The club gave a handkerchief shower for Mrs Vernon Miller, who will soon be leaving with her family for their new home near Moro. Mrs Miller received many lovely hankies. Two guests were Mrs David Reid of The Dalles and Mrs Riley of Corvallis were present. Club members present were Mrs Frank LeMaster, Mrs Wm. Macnab, Mrs Vernon Miller, Mrs Don Macnab, Mrs Kenneth Fridley, Mrs Dewey Thompson, Mrs Chet Coats, Mrs George Fox, Mrs Claude Coats, and the hostess Mrs Gordon Reid. The next meeting will be in The Dalles June 1 at the home of Mrs Frank Reid.

Ray Williams of Seattle called on his sister, Mrs George Fox, Friday.

Sherman County Club To Hear Paulen Kaseberg

Paulen Kaseberg will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Sherman County club Wednesday, June 1, at the Moro Hotel at 7 p. m.

He will tell about his trip to Washington, D. C. and present the argument of northwestern wheat growers before agriculture committees in the capital opposing the Brannan plan.

At the meeting a nominating committee will be appointed to name officers who will be elected at the last meeting for the summer. The final meeting will be held June 15.

Rainfall Normal Since September 1

Rainfall since September 1, when the crop year began, is exactly normal, being 10.28 inches. That is if we can assume that no rain will fall between now and the first of the month, for the figures are given as of June 1.

May has been a dry month, however, as but .51 inch has fallen whereas the average for May is 1.79.

In the ground at time of testing for moisture there was 7.08 percent of moisture. Considering that wheat plants cannot take out all the moisture and usually leave around five percent, the crop still has 1.84 inches of moisture on which to mature. This is the average of 12 plots on the experiment station.

Although there is no great amount of moisture available for the wheat there is enough if weather conditions remain average or better. Should there be a good rain the crops should be very good indeed, if one may judge from available moisture.

GRANGE BILLS HELD

P. T. Helseth, district conservationist, from Pendleton will speak to Pomona grange members and the general public next Saturday at the Rufus grange hall. His topic will be the formation of soil conservation districts and the advantages that may accrue from them. The meeting will be at approximately three o'clock in the afternoon.

A son was born May 21 to Mr and Mrs David Richeldefer in The Dalles and mother and child are doing well.

Last Monday evening the Wasco pupils of Miss Vivian Trounce appeared in their annual recital at the Christian church. On the program were Jeanette Belshe, Gene Fridley, Larry Smith, Betty Lou Haven, Sterling Gochauer, Milton Fridley, Norman Fridley, Joan Watkins, Janet Workman, Joan Watkins and Betty Dormaier. Carmen Royce and Phyllis Watkins are other pupils who were unable to appear.

Baccalaureate services for the Wasco 1949 class were held last Sunday at the Church of Christ. Mrs Claude Stephens played the prelude and postlude and some songs were sung by the audience. Rev. Carl Steirle led in the prayer and benediction and scripture reading and Rev. F. Claude Stephens gave the baccalaureate sermon. Mrs Leo Watkins, Mrs O. G. Hilderbrand and Mrs Arthur VanGilder sang a trio and Larry Nisbet, Robert Nisbet and Carl Steirle sang a trio.

Miss Vivian Trounce is going to California for a short trip as a part of her summer vacation from teaching music.

The two women's clubs of Wasco, the Tuesday and Friday clubs, have finished their work for the season and will not meet again until fall.

Gladys Stone, former Wasco high school student and daughter of Murvel Stone, Wasco resident for many years is now just finishing her first year of teaching music. The Elmira high school band, under the direction of Miss Stone, received a superior rating in the state contest at Klamath Falls and were asked to play on the evening festival program as the outstanding band in their division. Miss Stone graduated from the University of Oregon in 1948.

Union Wins To Take Champion Flag From Moro

Union defeated Moro at Grass Valley Monday afternoon before a large crowd of local supporters whose cheers were not sufficient to cause the boys to overcome the effects of one bad inning.

Union relied on Rinehart, huge pitcher, who occasionally became so flustered that he had to take a rest in the outfield leaving the mound to McBride, third baseman. Between them they made six strikeouts, and allowed six hits which, coupled with six Moro errors, accounted for the score.

Dick Rust did the chucking for the local team and, except for the fourth inning had little trouble. He struck out two men in that inning and allowed three hits from which Union made seven runs. One very costly error in the field started the merry go round. Nelson finished the seventh for Rust and allowed one hit and one run.

Two home runs enlivened the ball game. Skippy May poled one into left with the bases full and when Bradbury misjudged it Skippy kept coming to make the circuit. Baum put one into far center in the Union big inning that let him clear around.

Moro's inning was the third when they counted six runs but Union came back in the next to more than even it up.

Box score: H R E
Moro: 0 0 6 0 0 2 1 6 9 6
Union: 0 0 3 7 1 0 1 9 12 5

Playing for Moro were Roy Harvey; 2: Knighten m, Thompson s; Fritts 1; Lane 3; Rust P; J. Harvey c; C. May r; L. Martin i; F. von Borstel i; Nelson P.

Conservationists Meet At Experiment Plots

Forty six farmers, soil conservation officials and extension workers gathered at the experimental station Tuesday for a technical conference about the grasses grown there.

Visitors came from all over the area, some from Klamath Falls and Redmond, others from Heppner. Ruben Lopez, engineer with the agricultural department of Chilo, was a visitor.

They looked over the grass nursery and talked about grasses from the point of view of root development, feed value, and durability. Those grasses that are native to the area were found to be best adapted to that area. Thus science agrees with the findings of Mother Nature.

Rex Wheat Gets No Votes From Millers

A favorite Oregon wheat variety, Rex, received a black eye in a recent wheat variety popularity poll conducted by the North Pacific Miller's association, reports Rex Warren, OSC extension farm crops specialist, who is a member of a three-state smut control committee. The poll was taken to find out trade wheat variety choices based on needs and preferences.

Rex, comparatively smit-free but a notoriously difficult variety to mill, failed to receive a single trade vote, Warren stated. Among varieties favorably regarded by millers, Alce and Elgin were prominently mentioned. Both of these wheats, however, are susceptible to smit, the number one wheat disease problem in the northwest.

Budget Meeting Set For June 3

Because some of the members of the budget committee will not be here June 6, the annual meeting of the county budget board will be held Friday, June 3.

This is the meeting at which the budget committee estimates are made up for the county and any taxpayer may attend and present his or her case for or against any contemplated budget item.

The meeting will be held in the county court room of the court house beginning at 10:00 a. m.

COUNTY COURT CLAIMS

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 4, 1949 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Report of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of Apr. 30, presented and filed.

Report of County Clerk showing budgeted fund balances in General Road Fund as of April 30, presented and filed.

John M. DeMoss appointed as general manager and superintendent of DeMoss Memorial Park for year 1949.

Matter held in suspense re: Painting a portion of interior of Court House.

Mrs W. A. Nisbet appointed to serve as Clerk on Wasco No. 11 Precinct Election Board during May 27 Special Election.

Clerk directed to issue General Fund Warrant in sum of \$100.00 to County Agent of Gilliam county as Sherman county's proportionate cost of mixing Cricket Control bait.

Requests of Donald MacInnes Clyde Stradley and Ernest Blaylock referred to Road Foreman for attention.

George L. Fox agrees to furnish right-of-way easements and to construct cattle guards at his own expense on Medler-Fox road.

A. C. Kaseberg re-appointed as member of Budget Committee for three year term.

June 6, 1949 set as date for first meeting of County Budget Committee.

General Annual Report of County Agent LeRoy C. Wright covering period from December 1, 1947 to November 30, 1948, presented and filed.

General financial report of County Fair Board covering period from January 1, 1948 to December 1, 1948, presented and filed.

Request of A. T. Striker for culvert tubing to be placed on Striker-Reid road granted.

In the matter of the pending bid of W. R. Reid for the purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco; bid rejected.

Bid of City of Wasco for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco accepted and property declared sold.

Clerk directed to write State Highway Commission re: construction of fire guards along U. S. Highway 30 between John Day and Deschutes rivers.

Claims against County General and Road Funds allowed as presented.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1949 AND APPROVED MAY 4, 1949 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Elsie Jones, Postmaster, \$4.00;

Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$42.75; Norman E. Fields, \$50.00.

CLERK'S OFFICE:

J. L. Murray, \$47.50; Mahoney

Office Equipment, \$15.00; Elsie

Jones, Postmaster, \$6.00.

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

West Coast Printing & Bind-

ing Co. \$6.60.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Marie Hoskinson, \$10.00; Sher-

man County Journal, \$7.60; Bur-

roughs Adding Machine Co.,

\$42.75.

COURT HOUSE:

Pacific Power & Light Co.,

\$26.25; Pacific Telephone & Tele-

graph Co., \$26.95; Ranch & Home

Store, \$7.10; City of Moro, Water

Department, \$3.50.

COUNTY COURT:

Vernon I. Miller, \$7.00; Lester

Wilson, \$7.50.

JUSTICE COURT:

Wasco Postmaster, \$5.00.

ELECTION EXPENSES: \$13.50.

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$50.

COUNTY PRINTING: \$33.70.

SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEAS-

URES: \$2.56.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$7.50.

AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS:

\$240.00.

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S

BOND: \$10.00.

RETIREMENT FUND: \$58.68.

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Com-

Soil Conservation Practices May Be Demonstrated

Members of the soil conservation committee for Sherman county agreed with James C. (Dinty) Moore conservation specialist from Corvallis Tuesday afternoon that there was a need for some demonstration of approved soil conservation methods on farms in the county.

Mr. Moore in opening the meeting said that the extension staff and the experiment stations were concerned about soil conservation and would like to know if the farmers were also concerned about the problem. If so, that is if the farmers requested aid, it would be possible to inaugurate a program.

He recounted some history of experimental work in Oregon, particularly about James Withycombe, one-time head of the college experiment station, who had started a small experiment test of lieu crops for wheat in Sherman county, near Moro. This first experiment went on between 1899 and 1903 with the result, as the report read, that the problem had been solved.

The committee members asked for a soil survey by which the several different kinds of soil in the county could be identified and used to best advantage.

They were cool toward strip cropping which was held to be too expensive of both time and labor.

They wanted a better grass than Crested Wheat which was thought to get coarse too quickly but they did like its extensive root system. Older lands should be planted to grass under an acreage reduction program, they said.

Of trashy fallow they said it cost more and yielded less but better methods of making it and some work to determine the best type would be welcomed. They praised the work done by Joe Belanger.

They want machinery that will handle trashy fallow and were interested in the report on the work in Umatilla county where four test farms are being utilized and a crew is making machinery to handle heavy stubble turned back into the ground.

Seeding waterways, they felt, was a good idea if there was enough soil and a good enough grass could be found. Dams were thought most useful in the south end of the county.

Present were Vernon Miller, chairman, Tom Thompson, county agent, Albert Kaseberg, Lester Barnum, Allan Tom, A. Douma, Robert Rolfe, Paul Alley, Lawrence Kaseberg.

A hearing will be held June 17 before the state soil conservation committee on the election for formation of a soil conservation district within the county. Committee members favored it because it would give them a chance to help themselves, would give them access to reports on soil conservation methods and the use of some equipment.

Retirement, \$87.74.

REPAIRS:

Contractors Equipment Corp., \$113.23; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., \$64.08; Eddins Motor Co., \$195.00; Loggers & Contractors Machinery Co., \$18.31; Willis Motor Co., \$4.35; Mar-

line Electric Co., \$87.80; Braden Tractor & Equipment Co., \$114.16; J. K. McKean Co., \$16.90; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$2.40; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac, \$39.79; Noonan-Pratt Motors, \$0.96.

TIRES & TUBES:

Sunset Motor Co., \$163.75; Ar-

stall-Monroe Pontiac, \$1.50.

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$57.64; English & Co., \$38.90; Smith

Auto Parts Co., \$16.00; Ranch & Home Store, \$4.10.

GAS & OIL:

Biggs Service Station, \$3.45.

BRIDGES & CULVERTS

The Dalles Lumber & Manu-

facturing Co., \$268.80.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Flatt's Truck Service, \$13.52;

State Industrial Accident Com-

mission, \$92.59; Pacific Tele-

phone & Telegraph Co., \$15.65;

Retirement Fund, \$57.91; T