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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

A sacksewer once said in the olden, golden days as he took his check from the boss in the cookhouse at the end of the season, "The best thing about this job is the cleaning up afterward." And he looked it. Big stubble bearded (for no man shaved until Saturday night) with his knees covered with canvas patches and his fore arms with long leather cuffs, the sack sewer looked as if he knew what he was saying.

There are other jobs which give their principle pleasure from the conclusion thereof, wars for instance.

Big shots are saying that a depression is impossible and point to certain market advances as proof. And Mr. Hoover is still alive.

There is now a high school essay contest on the subject, "Peace, With Honor for America," which seems a sort of intimation that it would be a little difficult to have both peace and honor. Will some patriotic organization please start a contest on how to fight wars with honor?

A hand written from an elderly man is in some of the finest writing seen in years. Schools taught writing in those days before typewriters and mechanical means of expressing thoughts on paper. Children learned how to write and often to write beautifully. In these sloppy days college graduates write like first graders used to write.

Maybe there was something in the old willow switch method after all.

Every body's talking about the growth of big government and how dangerous it is to our cherished way of life and every body's taking government cash and otherwise helping build up big government. Until we get some courage into our convictions we just as well stop talking.

A great change has come over Portland. It is much like it used to be before the mid-westerners moved in to build ships. (Whatever became of those ships anyhow?) There is room on the streets for a car; there's room in the hotels for a traveler; barbers lounge in their chairs; eating places have empty chairs.

It is so different from last spring as to be shocking. Where the people have gone no one knows. Some say they're home. Anyway they are not on the streets, nor in the stores. There's no depression, we hear, but definitely things are not so delovely and delively as before.

The house committee recommended social security for more people but not for farm laborers. Evidently the administration thinks that the farmers have more political power than the farm workers.

If Mr. 5% Hunt is lying when he boasts of white house connections that is bad; if he's telling the truth, that is worse.

A nation that has learned to respect Herbert Hoover may in time learn to respect his ideals.

Some 200 years ago William Oldys thought these thoughts for posterity:

"Busy, curious, thirsty fly! Drink with me and drink as I; Freely welcome to my cup, Couldst thou sip and sip it up; Make the most of what you may, Life is short and wears away. Both alike are mine and thine; Hastening quick to their decline: Thine's a summer, mine's no more

Though repeated to threescore, Threescore summers, when they're gone, Will appear as short as one."

About the County

Mr and Mrs Amos Short with son Bobby of Camas, Washington spent Sunday with Trace Fields and family. Also at the Field's ranch a couple of days were Mr and Mrs R. W. Packard of Portland. Their daughter had worked for Leonard Fields during harvest. The Packards all returned to their Portland home Sunday.

Helen Shanks from Portland who had been working for Glen Van Gilder during harvest, returned home Sunday.

Cliff Fridley is repairing his home residence in preparation for the "falling" season.

Arthur Spencer is boasting with a broad smile, a grandson born to Mr and Mrs Stanley Rex Bohms. The mother is the former Idallia Loraine Spencer of Wasco. The Bohms live on Butter creek in Umatilla county.

Mr and Mrs Jim Beaty moved their household goods to The Dalles Monday this week, making that city their home and to be near his work.

Mrs Sadie Rich is vacationing near Hubbard, also is interested in her grandchild born to her son Gordon and wife recently in Portland.

Mrs. Elvis Rich is wanting to show everybody her new electric sewing machine. "The New Necchi" free demonstration. See her for particulars.

Mr and Mrs Willard Spangler and son, Henry, and family who are visiting in the northwest have returned from a vacation trip down the coast.

Miss Janet Workman is attending Young Peoples Christian conference at Cove during this week, August 7 to 13 with other young folk from The Dalles.

This Sunday at the Wasco Church of Christ the topic will be "The Active Agent in the Life of A Christian".

William "Bill" McKean and family are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs Sadie McKean, also looking after the business. The day man, Morse is vacationing.

Mr and Mrs Hill are returning from vacationing with Mr and Mrs Wayne Hixson via California, and coastal points of Oregon.

The Wasco Library has ordered the following new books that they would like the Sherman county readers to come in and enjoy:

- (1) Father of the Bride—Streeter
- (2) Hunter's Horn—Arnold
- (3) The Husband—Natalie Scott
- (4) Death of a Salesman—Miller
- (5) The Fountain Head—Rand
- (6) After the Storm—Garth Hale

School Busses Must Meet Standards

New or used school buses purchased on or after July 16 must meet minimum and uniform construction standards and must be inspected before they can be placed in service, the secretary of state's traffic safety division reminded today.

Division officials said school districts placing buses into service for the first time in their district whether new or used should report this fact to the traffic safety division so that the vehicles may be inspected before they begin transporting pupils.

The new standards, adopted as a result of a law passed by the last state legislature, are outlined in a pamphlet distributed to all districts, bus-dealers and bus manufacturers last month.

School buses in service in the same district before July 16 may continue to operate without waiting for inspection, it was emphasized, provided they met the old standards in effect last year and are mechanically safe. No application or request for inspection is necessary for these vehicles, but they will be checked by safety division inspectors as soon as practicable.

Exempt PUC plates are no longer necessary for any school bus, it was pointed out.

Stop signal arms as specified by the new regulations must be installed on all buses, whether new or old, to implement the law requiring motorists to stop when encountering a school bus in the process of loading or unloading children. Bus drivers are to display the stop signal, the safety division said, only when children are crossing the roadway to or from the bus.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

The wheat harvest is about over for this year. About half a dozen outfits are still going, but they expect to be through by the end of this week with maybe a couple of days next week for mopping up operations.

The opening of school is just four weeks away, so there is talk of vacations while there is still time before the children enter the school room again. The children say the summer has gone by too fast, and that they don't want to think about school for awhile.

The REA electricity was off for twenty hours Wednesday in the northeastern part of the county. There is quite a bit of confusion here when the electricity is off, as the people have gone all out for electricity in the year and a half since it was first turned on in this area.

A light sprinkle of rain fell here Saturday night making the air fresher Sunday. The days are cool now with but little wind.

Mrs Andy Engberg is in the Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane according to the latest word received in Rufus.

Mrs Clara White and daughter Virginia of Portland spent four days of last week at the home of Mrs White's aunt, Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers.

Bobby Brooks who spent his furlough at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Kuypers went back in the service where he is with the Air Corps. He expects a discharge in October.

Mr and Mrs John Thompson and family spent the week end visiting Thompson's parents, Mr and Mrs Glen Thompson.

Melvin Brady of Portland is here this month helping Carl Thompson paint the Rufus school house before school opens in September.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Jordan were on a couple of weeks fishing trip which took them to La Grande and as far east as Ontario. They came home with some nice fish. Mrs Ray Brown attended the postoffice during Mrs Jordan's absence.

Mr and Mrs John Addington and grand daughter, Miss Shirley Herin were overnight guests Wednesday of Mr and Mrs Donald Macnab.

Mr and Mrs William Huck met friends from below Sunday on the Deschutes where they had a picnic and all went fishing.

Mr and Mrs John Mathieson were dinner guests Sunday of Mr and Mrs Ernie Engles.

Rev. and Mrs Roberts, Mrs John Mathieson and Mrs Wycliffe Rice went to Grandview Thursday evening to attend a Missionary convention. Rev. Taylor from Peru was the guest speaker and told of the way of living and traveling in Peru which was interesting to us here. Rev. Taylor will come to Rufus to speak Sunday evening August 28 at the church.

Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett took Mr and Mrs R. J. Whitmire to Vernonia Sunday where the Whitmires have a home. Mrs Whitmire helped Mrs Brackett during the summer. The Bracketts reported they went through a rain storm at Cascade Locks going down but the trip home was nice.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Whitmire and children are on a vacation which has taken them into California.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller and sons were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs George Fox Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Rich and son Errol will make Wasco their home after coming week.

Dean Wagner, utility man for the First National Bank, is working here during the vacation period of Bon Christanson.

Mr and Mrs James Easter have as their guests his sister, and her husband, Mr and Mrs Arthur Jones from Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and Mrs. Dick King from Los Angeles, Calif., who arrived Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles and son, Dean, and Mr and Mrs Max Brown motored to Warm Springs to spend the day.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Madison of Bremerton, Washington are here visiting at the Jim Jones home. They all spent the week end on the Metolius fishing.

Miss Cassie Holmes is spending her vacation here with relatives from her duties at The Dalles hospital.

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Council Starts Action 3,000,000 Bus. On Permanent and Double Parking

Preparation of a new city ordinance to provide parking regulations and help stop some parking ills will be done by the city council before the next meeting. Information about parking laws in other cities has been requested from the League of Oregon Cities and the new ordinance will be based on that.

Permanent parking and double parking are two local habits about which the council was concerned.

A review of the work done was made. Cleaning the ditch brought a charge of \$1000 which is being reviewed before payment and new sill for the Hansen bridge cost over \$500. Additional work on the ditch above town is to be done before winter.

Although there has been some discouraging reports about the returns from the crop a compilation of the available figures together with the best estimates on the grain remaining to be cut, indicates that the county will reach the \$,000,000 goal of pre-harvest guesses.

The Sherman Co-op Grain Growers at Wasco has already taken in about 1,250,000 bushels and expect to finish the season with a total of 1,300,000. Although this is 600,000 under the 1948 total it is still a good crop, says manager George Harris.

In the district served by the Moro Grain Growers, Wendell Balsiger expects 750,000 bushels or slightly more when the season ends. Saturday night there was 647,000 bushels of 1949 wheat in the elevators with prospects of well over 100,000 bushels more to come.

At Grass Valley A. A. Dunlap expects to end the season with 600,000 bushels of new wheat in the bins. The yields in the Bourbon and Kent districts has not been as much as expected.

Total of these accurate predictions is 2,650,000 bushels.

In 1948 the farm storage capacity for the county was between 300 and 400,000 bushels and all 1948 wheat was removed from these elevators last spring. Some additional storage has been built and it seems a safe conclusion to assume that it is filled. This makes the early estimate of 3,000,000 without calculating the bushels saved for seed and feed, which probably totals 200,000 bushels more.

This agreement is designed to stabilize world wheat markets. The importing countries agree to take 454 million bushels of wheat annually. The U. S. share of this is 168 million bushels.

Importing countries agree to pay \$1.80 a bushel based on No. 1 northern wheat in bulk at Fort Williams, Canada. The price for other exporting countries will vary as to the difference in freight rates between the countries concerned; compared to the freight rate from Fort Williams, Canada.

Freight rates from the Pacific northwest ports are considered comparable to those from Fort Williams, Canada, so the wheat agreement price for Portland and Seattle is \$1.80 a bushel for No. 1 wheat. The eastern ports of the U. S. have a maximum export price of \$1.96 a bushel for No. 1 grain. These ports are closer to Europe and the major importing countries, so the freight rate is less than from Fort Williams. This difference is added to the \$1.80 a bushel to make the price of wheat the same when received by the importing countries whether it is from Canada or the U. S. The gulf ports are a little farther from Europe than east coast ports so their export price is \$1.91 a bushel of No. 1 wheat.

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