

These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

It is time for rain and almost everyone is ready for it but the rainmaker's decisions as to time are not made by men. These warm fall days are pleasant with the nights just crimping enough to give soft notice that the summer season is ending. One sharp change and all this balminess will be over, the days will be chilly and the frost will creep over the stubble before the morning sun awakes. That season of the year has its charm, too, and also its duties such as arranging for man made heat to take the place of the beneficent sun. Ah, well, it's all in a year.

Congressmen are said to be wanting a larger expense account. This would be in lieu of salary and be tax free. Whether or not it is good policy we leave to others but it is darn poor sportsmanship. For them to arrange a tax free payment when ordinary citizens can't isn't Hoyle and the voters will probably take care of that when the opportunity comes.

An argument that can be had when proper persons are mixed is about the attitude toward government. There are some who feel that the government (any variety) is a friend, anxious to do good to all, and spending its entire time looking out for the welfare of the lowly citizen and incidentally taxpayer. There are some who fear and distrust government (any variety) who feel that officials are primarily interested in their own welfare just like Joe Dookes and Mildred Minnow and who are sure that government is the enemy of the people.

When you run across an argument between two such opposite beliefs you might as well go out to the kitchen to be close to the source of supply because the argument will go on until the last tonil is worn to an impotent blob.

Personally we have never been able to consider the bleeding heart of the politician as anything but a biennial occurrence which, except in rare cases, does not become chronic. The assumption that the welfare of the citizen was a function of the government (any variety) is comparatively new. As recently as grandpa's day the ordinary individual possessed of two hands, a pair of legs and a shoulder to put to the wheel was thought to have sufficient equipment to look after his own welfare. Citizens of this old and resolute school, in fact, took some pride in their ability along this line.

A northwest union is reported to be prepared to ask for a 30 hour week. Another step in the theory that the less is produced and the higher the price the richer the nation. We might remember the one time plight of Alaska miners who had gold aplenty but no bread — so they starved. To be rich only in money means nothing.

England now raises the profits tax. That is like putting a tax on Siberian wolves in Oregon.

Oregon, it is said, is to have a glass office building in Portland and that will be fine because people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones — and you'll be reading that often.

Won't it be a comfort when the world and this nation get over their war nerves and settle back down again to normal living?

It was Kipling who described the female as more deadly than the male and no doubt he would have felt vindicated at Thursday's headlines which on the right told of pickets beating a truckdriver into a serious condition and on the left told of girl inmates beating an inmate into a critical condition. Looks like the sexes are about equal for general cussedness as of now.

This is a poor time for international disputes or nationwide labor troubles and such. The hunting season is beginning and the world series will be on right away.

Truman intimates that he may run again. Well, we suppose we shouldn't change streams in the middle of the horse.

4-H Clubbers To Go To International With Stock

Thirteen head of beef steers, two fat lambs, and two certified wheat seed samples will be exhibited by Sherman County 4-H club members at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition October 7 to 15.

The following 4-H club members will exhibit their years project at the P. I. — Edwin Balsiger, Larry Kaseberg, Douglas Alley, Diane Christianson, Bill and Bud Root, Franklin McKay, Sally Fields, Bill Coats, Gary Miller, and Milton and Norman Fridley.

Larry Kaseberg and the two Fridley boys will exhibit samples of the certified wheat grown during the past season. Larry will also exhibit his grand champion Hereford of the Sherman county fair and his champion Angus.

Diane Christianson besides showing her Hereford steer will show two Southdown cross fat lambs.

The remaining twelve boys will exhibit and sell their fat steers at the P. I. show.

A meeting in preparation for the P. I. will be held Saturday, October 1, at the W. T. Balsiger home in Moro. The meeting will deal with moving stock to Portland and instructions in beef showmanship. All club members attending the P. I. are urged to attend, while those not exhibiting are most welcome to attend.

Attending a meeting of Republican women in The Dalles Wednesday night were Mrs. Colis Moore, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Giles French, Mrs. Joseph Farrington, wife of the delegate from Hawaii, spoke from her experience in Washington and her position as president of the national organization of Republican women.

Wasco Library Festival Boosts Finances High

The rejuvenated Wasco Library Festival was a success both financially and artistically. Not only were the floats many and well decorated for the parade but the returns were more than satisfactory to the hard working committees that had the affair in charge.

The parade was led by The Dalles high school band which came up for the occasion and it included floats from most of the business houses and organizations in town as well as representation from other firms. Winning first place was the float of the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers which depicted one of the elevators busy with wheat hauling trucks; second was the float of William Spangler, (Bill, the Barber) who moved through the streets engaged in the cutting of a small boy's very red hair; third was Steve's Tavern, the old Stutz decorated with all the fishing paraphernalia of an enthusiast for that sport.

Several other floats deserved mention for excellence of design and workmanship. Merchandise prizes were given for activities.

After the parade the games started and the booths began to sell food and drink. Booths had been made by Harry Van Gilder and are collapsible so they will be available for another year.

When all the auditing of accounts is done it is expected that the festival will have added to the library almost \$1000, twice the best years of former festivals. Officers of the library are: Mrs. T. Lester Johnson, president; Mrs. Afton McIntyre, vice president; Mrs. Howard Pratt, secretary. Many others aided with the work of the festival.

Fair Winners Listed For Prizes Won

Palomino; Stallion 3 and over. W. C. Helyer; Stallion under 1. Durward Helyer; Mare 3 and over. Sadie Rich 1st; Durward Helyer 2nd; Sadie Rich 3rd. Mare 2 under 3, W. C. Helyer 1st; W. C. Helyer 2nd. Mare under 1, Durward Helyer 1st; Marcus Eslinger 2nd. Get of sire W. C. Helyer 1st; D. W. Helyer 2nd. Produce of mare W. C. Helyer 1st & 2nd.

Quarter Horse: Stallion 3 and over, Fred Dormier 1st; Bob King 2nd.

Light Horses: grades or crossbreds: mare over 3, Marjorie Van Gilder 1st & 2nd; Joan Ross 3d. Geldings over 3, Norman Fields 1st; Cecil Eakin 2nd. Harold Eakin 3rd. Mare or gelding 2 under 3, Stan Coelsch 1st; Marjorie Van Gilder 2nd; LeRoy Belshee 3rd. Mare or gelding 1 under 2, Marjorie Van Gilder 1st; W. C. Helyer 2nd; Marcus Eslinger 3rd. Sucking colt, Joan Ross 1st.

Saddle Horses: Ladies or gents saddlers, Harold Eakin 1st; Verna McKean 2nd; Cecil Eakin 3rd. Saddle pony D. W. Helyer 1st; Harold Eakin 2nd. Mary Jo Miller 3d. Stock horse Fred Dormier 1st; D. W. Helyer 2nd; Norman Fields 3d.

In 4-H livestock Jean Ross won with her colt and in cattle the following won prizes:

ANGUS: Larry Kaseberg 1st; Douglas Alley 2nd; Edwin Balsiger 3d, Bill Coats 4th Billy Root 5th.

HEREFORD: Larry Kaseberg 1st, Diane Christianson 2nd; Sally Fields 3d; Douglas Alley 4th; Edwin Balsiger 5th; Bud Root 6th; Gary Miller 7th; Ross 8th.

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Moro Wins 19-0 From Fossil Boys To Start Season

Moro won its first game of the season last Friday afternoon on the local turf by defeating a lighter Fossil team 19-0. There was no doubt about the outcome after Fossil failed to score early in the game after getting inside Moro's 10-yard line. Another opportunity was lost when Keyes, Fossil end, was caught from behind after he had made 40-yards with a well caught pass thrown by Bell, Fossil star back.

All of Moro's gains were made on the ground with Knighten and Lane doing the ball carrying. They were effective around the ends or through the line. Rust made some yardage when put in the game during the second half.

The only attempt to pass by Moro was made when approaching the Fossil goal late in the first half. Knighten could not find any receivers and consistently lost yardage until Fossil took over.

The first and third of the local touchdowns were made by Martin on quarterback sneaks and Lane carried the ball over for the second. He was responsible for putting the ball near the goal line for the last touchdown with a 20 yard run but was caught feet short of the line.

Moro dominated the play almost all of the time the teams were on the field with its heavier line although Fossil made some passes good and Bell and Humphries made some good runs but could not gain consistently. The center of the Moro line was effective all afternoon.

Playing for Moro were: Fred vonBorstel, Eddie Justesen, Les Edwards, ends; Carl Schilling, Alfred Kock, Terry Bucholtz, tackles; Clarence May, Scott Fritts, guards; Ronald May, John Alley, center; Knighten, Lane, Martin, Rust. Roberson played in the backfield. Other boys had minor parts in the game.

Women's Club Members Convene Here Tuesday

The Fourth district convention of Women's clubs met at Moro Tuesday, September 27th with delegates from Condon, Fossil, Arlington, Grass Valley, and Wasco.

Mrs. Earl Gentry, president of Moro Woman's club welcomed the guests. Mrs. T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley gave the response.

Business of the district and reports from the various clubs provided the morning program. Election of new officers, Mrs. Ruth Chandler, state president, installed Rose Amidon as president, Mrs. George Shane, Arlington, first vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Wasco, secretary, Mrs. Archie Gosson, Wasco, treasurer, Mrs. Earl Olds, Grass Valley, board member.

A very impressive memorial service was conducted for Mrs. Lucy Ruggles by Mrs. Stephens of Wasco.

At noon a luncheon at Hotel Moro was held for 72 club members.

The afternoon session was opened with organ selections by Norma Barzee followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Leona Weatherford and Neva West of Arlington "Bells of St. Mary's".

Mrs. Rickert of Seattle gave a most interesting talk on "Save the Children Federation" and of the work being done in isolated sections of the United States for children's education.

Mrs. Chandee sang a solo "Evening Prayer", closing the meeting. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

Sheriff Fields, back from a trip to Salem to see the tax commission and the secretary of state is anxious to clear up some possible misunderstandings about the license provisions of the new law. All automobile licenses expire January 1, 1950, he says. The license on farm trucks over 4500 pounds will be \$10 instead of \$5. Hereafter temporary driver's licenses will be issued by the sheriff's office in this county.

County Court Calculations Compiled

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF SEPTEMBER TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

Monthly financial report of County Treasurer re: all funds as of August 31, presented and filed.

Monthly statement of County Clerk showing budget appropriation balances as of August 31 re: General Road Fund, presented and filed.

Bid for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco presented, accepted and filed.

Deed issued to Jerry Barnett, et ux, pertaining to purchased tax foreclosed property in Wasco.

Treasurer directed to draw on Post War Road Fund in partial payment for crushed rock consumed on City of Moro—Fair Ground Road.

Matter of street improvement in Kent held in suspense pending further consideration.

Request granted for employment of one special peace officer during County Fair.

Resignation of James T. Brown as County Road Foreman presented, accepted and filed.

One application for appointment held in suspense.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR AUGUST, 1949, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 7, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: Sheriff's Office: Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; Clerk's Office: Elsie Jones, P. M., \$10.00; Wasco County Clerk, \$6.00; Craig Office Supply, \$8.90.

COURTHOUSE: Clean-Rite Cleaners, \$297.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$25.55; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$36.70; City of Moro, Water Dept., \$22.10; Interstate Construction Co., \$100.96; May & Son, \$0.59; Frank Mullen, \$10.00; Bureau of Labor, \$5.00; John Milne, \$90.60.

COUNTY COURT: Vernon I. Miller, \$17.60; Lester Wilson, \$24.00; PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: \$1339.75; ASSN' OF OREGON COUNTIES: \$5.00; GOV'T TRAPPER: \$50.00; DEMOSS PARK

W. R. Reid & Son, \$740; Doma's Grocery, \$0.99

1/2 PREMIUM ON COMPREHENSIVE POLICY: \$9.00

SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEASURES: \$1.28

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$8.50

COUNTY PRINTING: \$16.80

AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS: \$147.50

RETIREMENT FUND: \$64.89

MISCELLANEOUS: State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.26; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.22; Public Employees Retirement System, \$163.21; National Hospital Association, \$10.50.

ROAD FUND: WAGES: James T. Brown \$299.85; E. McPherson, \$170.47; Frank Bazzel, \$199.78; Earl Rehr, \$238.07; H. A. Shields, \$259.18; R. F. Looney, \$259.18; First National Bank, \$71.40; State Tax Commission, \$15.02; Public Employees Retirement System, \$97.28.

REPAIRS: R. H. McKean & Son, \$6.38; Pike's Garage, \$17.95; Industrial Motor Parts, \$4.18; Artill Monroe Pontiac, \$19.19; Willis Motor Co., \$1.71; Smith Auto Parts Co., \$7.62; Wasco Motor Co., \$18.10; J. K. McKean Co., \$303.40; James T. Brown, \$1.00; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., \$8.72.

GAS & OIL: J. K. McKean Co., \$2.80; Union Oil Co., \$223.37; Standard Oil Co., \$15.66.

TIRES & TUBES: Firestone Stores, \$104.03

GENERAL SUPPLIES: W. R. Reid & Son, \$2.75; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$11.29; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.19; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$9.13; Senter Tool Service, \$31.92.

INSURANCE: W. T. Balsiger, \$9.00

MISCELLANEOUS: State Industrial Accident Commission, \$61.50; Union Pacific Railroad Co., \$1.64; Mac's Welding Shop, \$11.20; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$16.95; City of Moro, \$3.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.90; James T. Brown \$16.35; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$11.90.

NEW ROAD MACHINERY: Howard Cooper Corp., \$5940.00

CRUSHED ROCK & ROAD IMPROVEMENT: State Highway Commission, \$471.55; O. C. Yocum Co., \$1504.90;

RETIREMENT FUND: \$58.93

Tax Notices Will Show Schools Costing Most

The tax picture for Sherman county is changing with the consolidation of school districts although the report this year will not show it. The figures for 1949-50 will include the consolidated districts although the tax rate will be the same in each new unit.

Mrs. Marie Hoskinson, assessor, reports that the valuation of the county is \$10,944,052 and on that basis the general fund will get \$47,207 from its millage of 4.7. The road fund millage is 3.4 from which it will derive \$34,150. The rural school district with the same valuation will get \$176,775 from its 17.6 millage. Total school tax is \$208,000 which includes the local district tax which is generally a special levy above the rural school district tax.

District 1 is valued at \$223,150 and has a millage of 5.3 for a tax of \$1182.

Districts 3, 3A and R3 have valuations of \$1,563,445, \$30,240 and \$34,140, respectively, and a millage of 2.3 special which will raise \$3744.

District 4 has no tax on its \$89,430 valuation.

Districts 5, 7, 7A, 15 and 30 have a combined valuation of \$2,581,561 and a levy of 5.3 which will bring \$13,682 to the Wasco district.

Districts 9J and K9J have a valuation of \$1,020,081 and a levy of 3-1 which will raise \$3,162.

Districts 13, 16, 17, 17A, 20, 21, and 22, the newly consolidated Moro district, are valued at \$2,798,793 and are levying 1.5 mills to raise \$4,198.

The Grass Valley districts 23 and 23A are valued at \$1,703,216 and are raising 3.1 mills to get \$5280. In all instances the "A" means the territory outside the town involved. This is done to simplify the work of the assessors who now use code numbers to signify areas with different tax rates.

At Wasco the valuation is \$264,766, the millage 20.2 and tax \$5248.27; at Moro the valuation is \$225,439, the millage 2.2 and the tax \$498.16; at Grass Valley the valuation is \$154,891, the millage 9.7 and the tax \$1501.76. Total city tax is \$7348.19.

Tax notices will be out next month and more detailed information will be included with each statement.

TEACHERS INTRODUCED TO COMMUNITY

Teachers of the Moro school, new and old, were feted Friday night at the annual reception for teachers sponsored by the Moro Woman's club at the school house.

After introduction of the teachers by Superintendent Kenneth Young, a male quartet composed of Dean Pinkerton, Gorman Rose, Frank Sayrs and Don Thompson, sang several numbers. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, getting acquainted and eating. A goodly crowd was out to meet the teachers.

BANK ARRANGES TRUST PANEL

Four experienced trust officers from the Portland office of the United States National Bank led by R. M. Alton, vice president and head of the trust department, will conduct a special estate and trust forum Friday evening, October 7, at The Dalles Hotel.

According to C. A. Reynolds, manager of the bank's The Dalles branch, typical trust problems confronting the majority of American families will be brought up for discussion in a graphic and non-technical presentation which will include both estate planning and tax economics.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HEAR OF COTTONWOOD

A delegation of Sherman and Gilliam county citizens attended the meeting of the Oregon highway commission Tuesday of last week on behalf of the continued development of the Cottonwood road which links the two counties.

Van Reilmann made the principal argument on behalf of the road pointing out the need for grading and surfacing and reported on the unsatisfactory condition of the present surface.

Also speaking for various phases of the project were Stewart Hardie, J. S. Burres, George Kaseberg and Giles French. All 80 in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shull, Art Van Gilder, Judge Burns and Darrel Kaseberg.

The group felt that the commission would arrange for some work to be done on the road each year until it is completed.