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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

We had been informed that the consumption of wheat was dropping and presumed that it was now around three bushels per capita which would be little over half the wheat consumption of grandpa's day when men labored with saw and sickle instead of volts and voice.

Now, however, here comes an article from Washington, D. C. source of much information and misinformation, and says that the average American eats but 129 pounds of wheat per year, a mere dribble over two bushels. He does eat 171 pounds of grain including corn, rice and rye.

The piece says that the total weight of food consumed is 1581 pounds or four pounds per day and a little extra for Sunday and picnics.

The heck of it is that there seems to be gloating over the reduction in use of wheat and pleasure over the consumption of lettuce and carrots. Now looka here, expert, if you think you're going to dominate the world on a diet of that stuff look well to the history of cows and rabbits.

Perhaps the cruelest thing governments have done recently (and private industry, too) is compulsory retirement at a stated age. Age has little to do with ability.

We hope, and are pretty sure, that Gus Solomon will render his decisions on the basis of law. Were he to be partisan as some of his supporters said he would be his appointment would become a disgrace.

There was snow in the county this week, little flurries that fell softly and quietly—a warning that the bright, warm days of summer are gone and that there will soon be a blanket for Mother Earth.

We do enjoy the warm open air and open neck days when it is possible and comfortable to rush helter skelter out of doors day or night. But winter has its compensations, too. It gives an appreciation of home and fire-side and friends. All are doubly valuable when nature turns her chilly back to us and when we must rely on ourselves for entertainment instead of using the hills and streams and warming sun for diversions.

Man can feel a bit of conceit over his ability to stay indoors where there is warmth and comfort while nature chills the earth outside.

"Sun and wind and beat of sea, Great lands stretching endlessly; Where be bonds to bind the free? All the world was made for me."

—Adelaide Crapsey

"He's a smart kid and will be successful," they said, but he wasn't. Intelligence gives a nice flair to success but isn't an absolute necessity to it. Integrity is of more value, character, and perhaps ambition is more valuable than both although ambition without character may be a bad combination.

From the sometime humorous page "The Duffel Bag" we glean this bit of philosophy which is only partly akin to humor. "When a man wakes up to the fact that 'the show is on'; and that his span of life is shortening with every clock tick, and if he is going to live a useful life he must be at it—at that moment life begins for him."

When its spring one sometimes thinks that it would be fun to pick up an old car and a wife without her hair combed and some torn pants and take to the road. It would be such an interesting and carefree life, bumming gasoline from officials, camping along the roadside, working when strategy failed and the stomach insisted. But in the fall it seems different. There's still a part of the American population which doesn't give a hoot for security. They scorn it; they run away from it; they glory in their lack of it. And maybe (to coin a phrase) they've got something there, even if it is fall.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall and children, Gene and Sharon, motored to Sandy on business and on into Portland where they were dinner guests at the home of her brother, Kenneth Everett and family. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrall of Portland were dinner guests there also.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and children of Tygh Valley came over Wednesday. Mr. Brittain helping Olan Stark on his house at Kent and Mrs. Brittain and children visiting at the Frank Bayer home. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mrs. Jo Hogue and Bernard McNeely motored to Portland Friday to attend the stock show. Mr. and Mrs. Fields returned home Monday with a new sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and daughter, Julie, went to Portland Friday where they attended the stock show, returning home Sunday accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kellogg who returned to their home Tuesday.

JOHN A. WALTER

John A. Walter, former resident of Sherman county, died at the age of 81 at Hood River, Friday, October 14. He was born in Illinois in 1868 and came to Sherman county by way of California in 1888 taking up the homestead cornering from the Klondike store. He lived there 20 years before moving to Hood River where he had lived since 1908.

He was married in Illinois to Fannie M. Hilderbrand in 1892, who survives him. Other survivors are two sons, William and Andy of Hood River and Mrs. Wallace May of Grass Valley and two grandsons.

WASCO LIBRARY GETS \$974.

Gross receipts of the Wasco Library festival was \$1115.80 according to Mrs. Howard Pratt, secretary. Expenses were \$141.51 making the net return \$974.29. Major item of expense was the permanent booths made by Harry Van Gilder which will be usable for another year. This item might be termed an investment instead of expense.

Books received at the Wasco library recently are: "Father of the Bride" Streeter; "The Husband" M. Scott; "The Fountain Head" Rand; "After the Storm" Hale; Children's books are: "Nice Long Vacation" Nebauer; "Looking for a Star" Bowman; "Darling Rebel" Sweet; "Yucca City Outlaw" Hopson.

4-H CLUB FORMED FOR 1949

George Fox Jr., 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, was recently elected president of the first organized 4-H club for the 1949-50 club year in Sherman county. George is the president of a Growth and Health club at the Rufus school where Mrs. Sarah Giannonati is serving as local leader for the group.

Other officers elected for the coming club year were Wally Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, vice-president and Paul Blackburne, secretary, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne.

The club consists of ten boys and girls in the Rufus area. The aims of the project for the coming year for these ten young people will be as follows:

1. To foster a desire for good health and to develop a sense of need for health study.
2. To obtain for each child a physical inspection according to state law.
3. To give the children and parents an understanding of what physical defects need correction.
4. To keep records of growth and health for the project in the Health Club Project record book.
5. To get children to select health habits for personal improvement.
6. To make a health poster to exhibit at the Sherman county fair in the fall of 1950.

4-H club work is for boys and girls who have passed their 9th birthday by January 1, 1950 and have not passed their 21st birthday. 4-H club work aims to teach, through doing, better practices in agriculture, home economics, and related arts. If you are interested in participating in the 4-H club program write or visit your County Agent's office at the courthouse in Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson came up from Salem Monday to spend a day or two visiting members of their family in and near Moro. Art says there's nothing to the present furore about the mental hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan came home Saturday after being in Nebraska and nearby states for six weeks where they visited his relatives. They had a fine time, they report, but were glad to get home again.

Orville and Ted Barnum flew up from Portland Monday to look after the affairs of their father's estate of which they are administrators.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. James Warnock of Burbank, California, a daughter weighing 7 pounds on October 10. Mrs. Warnock was formerly Vivian Fuller.

Mrs. Ora Peetz went to Portland Saturday in company with Jack Cushman, new agricultural instructor, who made a trip to Corvallis over the week end. Mrs. Peetz visited her daughter and family while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Keneth Young were in Salem the first of the week to attend the administrator's conference which was held the first two days of the week.

Mrs. Margaret Huff Moore of Spokane, Wn., stopped here Sunday and Monday to visit Mrs. Ernie Moore and others of long residence who remembered her as a young girl here some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins and daughter Dorothy Wilson and Evelyn Kirkelle drove to Portland Saturday to see the Pacific International in its final acts.

Gloria Douma was home from the University of Oregon at Eugene Thursday night until Friday evening to attend her grand mother's funeral. All other members of the family were here.

A joint installation of officers for the George Bell Unit No. 49 and the auxiliary will be held at the Kent Legion hall Friday October 21 starting with a pot luck dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bailey and children, David and Marilyn of Centralia Wn., arrived Friday to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball.

County Court Contributes Cash

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented excepting one General Road Fund Claim and one County General Fund Claim.

Monthly financial statement of County Treasurer and Clerk's monthly statement of General Road Fund Budget balances presented and filed.

Bid of Thomas W. Stults for purchase of tax fore-closed property in Wasco, and bid of E. C. Smith for purchase of tax fore-closed property in Kent both accepted and property declared sold.

Deed executed conveying tax fore-closed property in Wasco to LeRoy Belshe et ux.

Auditor's Annual reports of Audits covering past fiscal year presented and filed.

Mr. Frank Bazzel appointed as temporary County Road Foreman replacing James T. Brown. Bid for purchase of County owned Willys Jeep held in suspense. Quotations of various dealers held in suspense.

Numerous changes in administering of road affairs directed by Court.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1949 APPROVED OCTOBER 5 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: SHERIFF'S OFFICE Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$16.18; Sherman County Journal, \$3.00; Norman E. Fields, \$36.00; T. M. Garrett, \$55.00

CLERK'S OFFICE West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$63.30; Elsie Jones, P. M. \$5.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$16.18; Doris E. Watkins, \$25.00; Marie Hoskinson, \$25.00

Midco Breeders Ready For Annual Event

The Midco sale will be held at the fairgrounds November 3, which is Thursday. The hour will be 12:30 p. m.

The catalogues are being mailed from Spokane this week and will be in the hands of some 800 prospective customers who will thus be informed of the breeding of the 30 bulls and 36 females being offered by the consignors at this, the fourth annual sale of purebreds by mid-Columbia stock men.

This year the consignors are from a more widely scattered area than has been the case for any year since the sale began. J. L. Jacobs and Sons of Prineville, L. K. Smith and others from Goldendale and breeders from Heppner will bring stock to the local show and sale. All cattle consigned are Herefords.

The show will be held November 2 and will start at 2:00 p. m. with Joe Johnson of OSC, naming the winners. There will be four classes of females and five classes of bulls.

H. B. Sager of Bozeman, Montana will cry the sale again as he has done for the three previous shows. At the 1948 show prices received were among the highest of sales made at any similar event in this part of the west and good quality of consigned stock is expected to bring good prices again this year.

Those interested in studying the breeding background of the animals offered for sale may obtain a copy of the catalogue from Bonnie Sharp at the county agent's office in Moro.

George Potter, former county judge and owner of the Klondike store, was married October 8 in Vancouver, Washington.

The Wasco library will begin winter hours Saturday, October 22, and will remain open from 2 to 4 on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson went to Seattle last week to spend a few days visiting her mother in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Green of Altaville, California, spent the last week end with their son E. Morrison and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Wheeler county attended the P. I. show in Portland, and on their return spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields, then all together went to the Smith home in Wheeler county to seek deer during Saturday and Sunday. Also with the immediate people were Mr. and Mrs. Steve O'Meara and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Fields, and flying in was Kenneth Blau, but he was called back on account of a sick horse, but returned to finish the hunt with only George Smith getting the deer.

As several deer had already been taken out, the game became very scarce.

A birthday dinner in honor of Miss June Hazelton, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pratt, was given Sunday at the Pratt home with 12 seated at the table. Miss Hazelton is doing the office work for the Pratt firm.

Topic Sunday at the Wasco Church of Christ will be "In God We Trust."

COUNTY COURT:

Vernon I. Miller \$17.00; Lester Wilson, \$12.00; Metsker Maps, \$12.15

DEMOSS PARK: John M. DeMoss, \$66.00; W. R. Reid & Son, \$23.85

COUNTY JAIL: \$18.75

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$50.00

COUNTY PRINTING: \$314.40

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$8.80

RETIREMENT FUND: \$64.89

MISCELLANEOUS: State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.24; 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, \$270.90; E. McPherson, \$232.34; Frank Bazzel, \$213.31; Earl Rehr, \$242.32; H. A. Shields, \$277.69; R. F. Looney, \$285.32; A. H. Olson, \$200.71; Frank Bayer, \$177.85; First National Bank, \$110.90; State Tax Commission, \$21.13; Public Employees Retirement System, \$80.53

REPAIRS: J. K. McKean Co., \$155.17; Contractors Equipment Corp., \$21.15; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co. \$9.80; Columbia Motor Service, \$5.00; Industrial Motor Parts \$3.98

GAS & OIL: R. H. McKean & Son, \$3.25; Standard Oil Co., \$19.44

TIRES & TUBES: Firststone Stores, \$53.05; Walthers-Williams Co., \$17.18

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$20.95; Ranch & Home Store, \$3.14; Sam Foreman, \$14.50; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$13.89

MISCELLANEOUS: Railway Express Agency, \$3.48; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$97.11; Eddins Motor Co., \$105.00; City of Moro, \$1.75; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$20.80; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$3.16

Democrat's State Chief Coming Next Week For Parley

W. L. Josslin, chairman of the state Democratic party, will be in Moro Wednesday, October 25 at noon. Luncheon for him and party will be given at the Moro hotel, says Kenneth Fridley, Sherman county chairman. Attending will be precinct officers and others who may be interested.

Mr. Josslin, one-time secretary to Governor Charles Martin, is on a week long trip through eastern Oregon for the purpose of organizing the party members in preparation of the 1950 campaign.

Reapportionment Measure Talk Topic

Speaking in behalf of a proposal for reapportionment to be initiated for the November 1950 election Giles French told the Sherman County club Wednesday night that rural Oregon must be assured of legislative power in the state assembly if the state is to be developed properly.

The proposal of which he spoke would give each county a senator and apportion representatives according to population. Such a plan, he said, was almost identical with the method of apportionment used in the United States and which was decided on after long debate by the writers of the constitutional convention in 1787. It is the method most often used by representative governments throughout the world.

Strengthening of county government would also be an advantage of the plan, said the speaker, and this is necessary because local governments have grown weaker as centralization of governments goes on. Democracy is based on local government which must be preserved.

Conservation District Vote Due Nov. 16

The date of the election to determine whether or not Sherman county farmers want to establish a soil conservation district or not has been set. The election will be held November 16.

A majority of those voting must favor the formation of a district and at least 30 percent of the farmers must vote to make the election effective. Petition for the formation of a Sherman county district was signed by action of the county committee for land use, which stated at the time that it wanted to obtain additional power over conservation methods.

Three meetings will be held in the county prior to the election at which members of the state committee, of the federal soil conservation service, and officers of nearby districts will speak and explain how the district might operate here.

The first of these meetings will be held at Grass Valley, November 7, at 2 in the afternoon; the second at Wasco at eight that night and the third at Moro November 8 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Attending will be Charles Nish member of the state board and former Gilliam county farmer, Howard Cushman, secretary of the board, Tom Helseth, soil conservation agent of Pendleton and probably Raymond Crabtree of Maupin, supervisor of the district on Wapinitia flat.

VETS MAY DRAW FOR LAND

World War II veterans will have preference in acquiring 50 farm units covering 4489 acres of irrigable public land on the Payette division of the Boise reclamation project near Caldwell, Idaho, the Oregon department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week.

Veteran applicants must file with the irrigation manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Notus, Idaho, before January 3, 1950, to obtain priority over the general public in acquiring the homesteads. Application forms and necessary data should be obtained from the same address.

The reclamation bureau says the land is undeveloped and mostly in sagebrush, and located at elevations ranging from 2300 to 2500 feet. Soils range from clay to sandy loams, and the lands are adapted to dairying and the production of alfalfa, pasture, clovers, wheat, oats, barley and peas.

Applicants must have at least \$3500 in cash or such assets as livestock, farm machinery and equipment, and must also have had two years of farming experience and must intend to farm as an occupation.

Further information about taxes for specific purposes may be pertinent while tax notices are still fresh in the hands of the payees.

The basic school fund returned \$153,220 of the approximately \$125,000 paid in by Sherman county and the per capita school fund was paid by the returns from the state income tax to make the total amount for schools in 1948-49 \$213,445.

For 1949-50 the local tax is \$203,023, the basic school fund return is \$37,660 and the per capita tax \$4710 for a total of \$256,493. This is an increase of 20 percent.

Due to the end of the special road tax levying period road funds have dropped from \$77,118 to \$34,150, a decrease of some 55 percent. School costs are seven and a half times the road costs in Sherman county for 1949-50.

Moro Taxpayers May Have Levy Increased \$27,500

Whether or not the taxpayers of School District No. 17 will be called upon to pay an additional \$27,500 in taxes this fall depends on several decisions, perhaps the most of importance to be that of District Attorney T. Lester Johnson.

The situation seems to be fairly explained in this manner: In February the voters of District 17 voted the annual budget which was for some \$36,000. This was in excess of the rural school budget by \$4,198 and was a levy over the six percent limitation of that amount. The order on the assessor to levy this amount was properly made, according to officials.

In April the district officials considered it necessary to perform more work at the school house and called for a special election to raise \$27,500 additional over the six percent limitation for these repairs. The voters agreed to that also. Whether or not the actual levy or order was given to the assessor is a matter about which there is not entire agreement. It probably is not essential, according to the district attorney, because the assessor has power to grant extensions of almost any length.

Marie Hoskinson, assessor, carried the \$4,198 onto the tax roll and did not include the \$27,500. The levy was made and some taxes have been collected on that basis. Tax information has been published about the levy at least twice since then but the discrepancy was not noted until Wednesday.

If it is determined that it is possible to levy over the six percent limitation more than once in one year it is likely that the levy will be put into effect. It is possible for the sheriff to extend a levy in case of error.

In question is the \$27,500 which would be paid by the voters of the consolidated Moro district which has a valuation of \$2,798,793. The levy in mills would be 9.8, says Mrs. Hoskinson.

In case this levy is made the additional cost of Sherman county schools would be increased from \$256,493 to \$283,993 and the increase from 1948-49 would be nearer 40 percent than the formerly computed 20 percent.

40-8 MEET JOYOUSLY

Members of the 40 et 8, American Legion fund loving fraternity, met at the Moro hotel Wednesday night. It was a district meeting of the Hood River, Wasco and Sherman county area and was presided over by Chief de gare, Thomas W. Griffith of The Dalles with A. W. Gust of Maupin as grand secretary.

The meeting was, as often, opened with song (sic) and the business session included auditing of the returns from the latest wreck and sending the funds to the auxiliary of the national American Legion for child welfare purposes, one of the main activities of the 40 et 8. Sam Davis of Maupin was initiated into the order at the meeting.

CROP INSURANCE INCREASE

More Sherman county farmers have taken advantage of the Federal "all risk" crop insurance than ever before, it was pointed out this week by J. A. Keeler, supervisor for the Sherman county P.M.A. committee.

The all risk insurance covers 143 wheat producers, representing 230 units. Closing date was September 30th.

Protection against all unavoidable hazards and plant diseases from planting time until the crop is harvested is provided in the policy. All premiums in excess of amounts necessary to pay losses are credited to the county. When minimum reserve requirements are met, Mr. Keeler stated the surplus goes back to the participating farmers through a premium adjustment the following year.

PMA PAYMENTS UP

There has been an increase in the amount any farmer can earn by soil conservation practices for 1950. It is now the Production Marketing administration which handles this payment. For 1949 the total amount any farmer could earn was \$750 and this has been increased to \$2500 for next year.