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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Happy New Year

The above is a bit of wishful greeting we favor, like the Merry Christmas that was in favor last week. We sometimes add "prosperous" to make it better although there is but a cursory relationship between prosperity and happiness. Happiness is of the spirit; prosperity of the flesh. But that is no reason why one cannot wish both.

Everyone dropped his worldly activities during Christmas week end. They didn't come down town, gather their papers, open their stores, answer the mail. It must have been a glorious holiday for all. Fathers had time to play with the children's toys, children to relish the joy of new possessions and the feasts that accompany American holidays and mothers had time to watch some of it while being happy that they had food to cook and some one to cook it for. A pleasant time in a peaceful rural setting where the disturbances of the world are but a voice or an unread part of the newspaper. "Blessed be the man whose wish and care

A few paternal acres bound Content to breathe his native air To till his own ground."

Right after the first of the year taxpayers will learn that Santa Claus is just themselves after all.

The troubles of 1950 will be much like those of 1949 and will to a great extent be caused by the mistakes made.

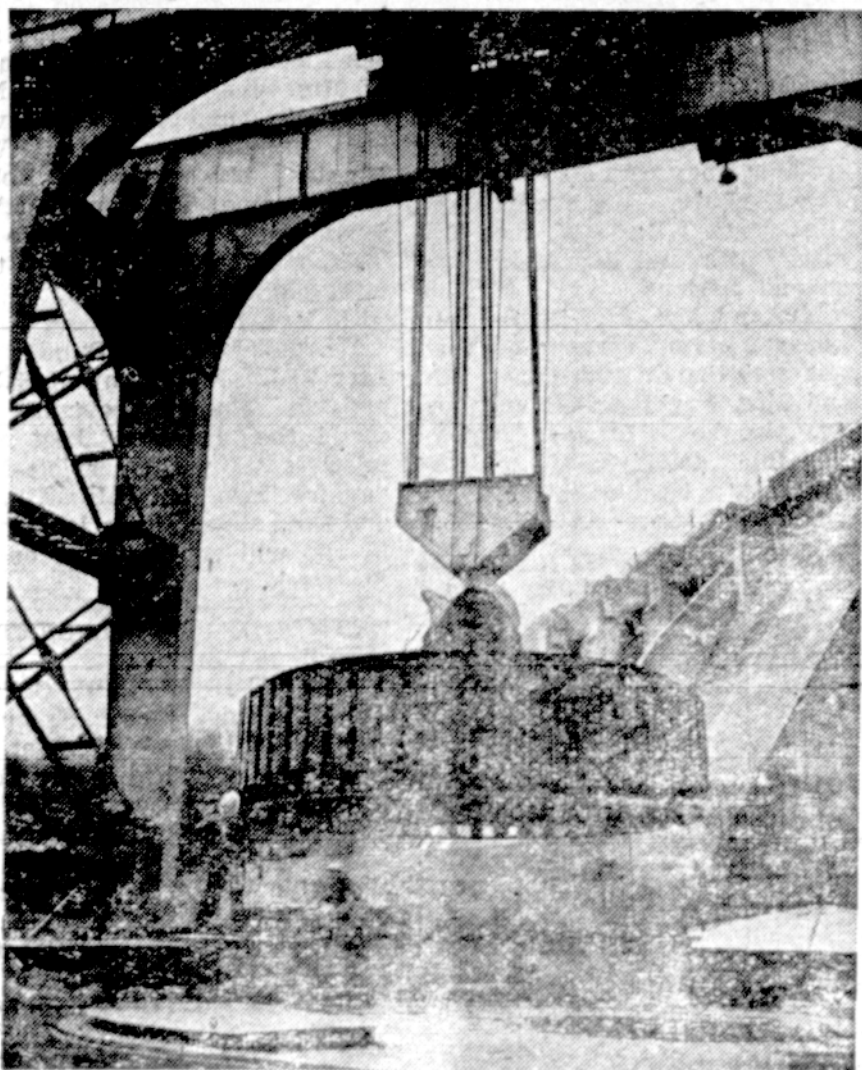
It probably isn't true, Clarice, that the Russians imprisoned Angus Ward for trying to impersonate a bolshevik with that full beard.

Now there's the job of getting rid of the Christmas trees, used or unused. The sense of waste will prevail more lightly on those trees that bore the lights of the holiday and scented the houses and under which presents lay. But both are a waste in a way and some day probably we will prevent the cutting of Christmas trees except in certain spots. That will be when our timber is gone.

The year 1950 will mark the end of the first half of the century we are all most interested in. It has been a poor period of history with two world wars to mar it. There has been a great deal of scientific discovery, much of it on account of the wars and not of much value otherwise. It has seen the growth of communism to a world wide force responsible for what amounts to a revolution in the distribution of the world's goods. Communism provided the ferment; but as usual communists did not share. The same thing happened to the revolutionists of western Europe 100 years ago. Lenin has made the biggest mark on the first half of the 20th century. It looks black from this point in history. The last half should be better if for no other reason because it can hardly be worse.

We note that there's some worrying going to be done in 1950 about the same amount probably as in 1949. There may be more. 1950 being an election year. It will be on much the same subjects and it looks like it might do a bit more good. Worriers are sorta useful; they keep things stirred up and their neighbors from becoming too complacent. They start the changes in the world.

The style in women's coats now in vogue is very practical—as practical as a Mother Hubbard which it resembles. A woman could stuff her pockets with pumpkins (if she had pockets) and it would never be known as long as her coat was on. They are specially practical in these first post-war years and maybe that's why the French are letting our women wear them.



One of the final elements to go into place in Pacific Power & Light company's new 45,000-kilowatt generator, now in service at the Merwin hydroelectric project on the Lewis river in southwestern Washington, was this 150-ton "rotor". The new generator was rushed to completion in time to help carry heavy winter loads on the Northwest Power Pool. Cost of the new power unit plus facilities to distribute the added power through the PP&L system, was approximately \$3,800,000.

Court Hears Road Delegations

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 1949 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

Treasurer's monthly Report of Balances in all funds as of November 30, presented and filed. Clerk's monthly report showing budgeted balances in General Road fund as of November 30, presented and filed.

Sheriff's report on tax collections for quarter ended November 15, presented and filed. Action deferred on one application for appointment as County foreman.

Clerk authorized to have substantial County Road map prepared. Bid for purchase of obsolete horse drawn road grader accepted.

Bid of Al Fox accepted for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Grass Valley.

Four applications for renewal of beer licenses for 1950 favorably acted upon. Request made for procuring of services of road department for grading and leveling of ground at Moro school property granted.

Request for construction of a fill or a bridge on Medler-Fox road referred to Road Foreman. Request for construction of a bridge on Charles Fulton road referred to Road Foreman.

Court presented with Plans and Profile for construction of Rufus-Scott Canyon Road.

Court enters into maintenance agreement with State Highway Commission for maintenance of Rufus-Scott Canyon Road after its completion and also adopts a resolution regulating traffic after completion of said road. No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

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

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; Norman E. Fields, \$45.00; Norman E. Fields, \$10.00; Pounds Jewelry Store, \$4.50; Mahoney Office Equipment, \$6.95

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Elsie Jones, P.M. \$5.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., \$1.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., \$4.75; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$43.20; Sherman County Journal, \$6.00; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$0.98

COURTHOUSE:

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$55.45; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$30.05; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$34.12; W. R. Reid & Son, \$2.00; W. M. Edwards & Son, \$46.44; Eastern Oregon Electric Co., \$3.95; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.75; Mrs. Helen Martin, \$5.00

CIRCUIT COURT:

Witness & Jurors' fees, \$68.04

COUNTY COURT:

Vernon I. Miller, \$17.60; Lester Wilson, \$57.00; Bernard's Flowers, \$15.45

CORONER:

E. M. Alley, \$14.60; Dr. W. R. Taylor, \$5.00

DEMOSSE MEMORIAL PARK

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95; W. R. Reid & Son, \$3.22

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

T. Lester Johnson, \$45.00; T. Lester Johnson, \$12.50

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

\$1389.75

GOVT TRAPPER:

\$50.00

COURTHOUSE INSURANCE:

\$214.68

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS:

\$5.00

1949 CODE, ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS:

\$12.00

EMERGENCY FUND:

Charles R. Logan, \$16.06

RETIREMENT FUND:

\$57.63

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.24; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.22; Public Employees Retirement System, \$144.95; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND:

WAGES:

Frank Bazzel, \$253.28; E. McPherson, \$210.13; Earl Rehr, \$225.12; H. A. Shields, \$250.47; R. F. Looney, \$254.83; A. H. Olson, \$225.12; Frank Bayer, \$229.34; First National Bank, \$86.40; State Tax Commission, \$18.16; Public Employees Retirement System, \$62.45

REPAIRS:

Contractors Equipment Corp., \$20.45; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., \$87.49; J. K. McKean Co., \$136.35; Pratt Motor Co., \$2.70; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac, \$47.20

TIRES & TUBES:

Wasco Motor Co., \$1.75; Walther-Williams Co., \$294.03

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Ranch & Home Store, \$1.35; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$4.11

MISCELLANEOUS:

Norman Fields, \$4.50; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$74.41; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.97; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$8.05

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS:

Rich Freight Lines, \$70.56

ROAD MACHINERY:

Service Motor Co., \$5116.89

RETIREMENT FUND:

Public Employees Retirement System, \$41.22

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND

GAS & OIL: Union Oil Co., \$400.88; Standard Oil Co., \$339.05

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:

Beall Pipe & Tank Corp., \$325.83

RUFUS WEATHER WARM

The weather looked like Easter when Christmas came along this year. With open roads and the sun shining, it made it much easier for friends and relatives to get together for family gatherings during the holidays. However, there has been some freezing during the night.

Sherman Countians To Meet Wednesday; Hear About Schools

The Sherman County club will meet at the Moro hotel Wednesday noon, January 4. The program will be in charge of Kenneth Fridley, chairman of the education committee, who will talk about the present status of school affairs in the county and build his program on the theme of better education for the county's children. As usual every Sherman countian is welcome.

WASCO CLUB MEETS

The Wasco Woman's club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Estelle Halley. Mrs. T. Lester Johnson was co-hostess.

Mesdames Charles Fulton and Hugh White were in charge of the Christmas program. Roll call was answered by Bible verses. Thirty-two children from the primary room under supervision of their teacher, Mrs. Hunt, sang Christmas carols for the pleasure of those present. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Carmen Royse of the upper grade room. Mrs. Fulton favored with the reading, "The Littlest Angel".

Gifts of toys and money were brought to be sent to Doernbecher hospital. Dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting by the hostesses.

Marsh-Clodfelter Rites Read

In a pre-holiday setting of white chrysanthemums, white poinsettia, holly and soft candlelight, Miss Carol Jean Clodfelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter of Grass Valley, became the bride of Donald Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Marsh Sr. of Hood River, in a double ring ceremony at the First Congregational church of The Dalles, Friday evening, December 23. The Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson of Hood River read the service.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Barbara Nelson of Portland sang "Because" and "At Dawning", accompanied at the organ by Miss Jane Babcock, who also played the wedding marches and incidental music.

Candlelighters were Miss Jackie Helzer and Miss Valoy Ann Adams. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore on ivory slipper satin gown, fashioned with lace embroidered yoke, fitted bodice, long train, and full length sleeves. Her lace edged finger tip veil was held in place by a crown of seed pearls. She carried her white Rainbow Bible on which rested a single white orchid and white stepanotis.

Miss JoAnn Clodfelter, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, wearing a winter green gown of slipper satin. She carried a bouquet of cerise camellia with headress of same flower. Little Miss Viki Jones was flower girl. Ned Marshall was best man and ushers were William Shepard and William Patterson, all of Hood River.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Clodfelter wore a gown of aqua lace with a corsage of pink rose buds. Mrs. Marsh was gowned in deep wine crepe and also had corsage of pink rose buds.

Immediately following the ceremony the young couple received their guests in the Isabella Grey room. Mrs. Robert Nickleson was in charge of the book.

On a lace covered table flanked by white candelabra, pink bouvardia and fern, was the three tiered wedding cake, topped with the traditional bridal figurines. After the young couple cut the first piece of cake, it was then served by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, assisted by Mrs. Wallace May, Mrs. Robert Marsh and Mrs. Victor Jones presided at the silver coffee urns.

Following the reception the couple left for the Oregon coast on a wedding trip. For going away, the bride chose a suit of soft grey with accessories in navy and white. Her corsage was the white orchid from her bridal bouquet. After January 1, the newlyweds will be at home in Hood River.

Smut Control Subject For UP Farm Train Tour

Smut control, a major wheat production problem facing Sherman county growers as well as producers throughout Oregon's wheat belt, will be the subject during the one-day appearance of the Union Pacific agricultural improvement car in Moro Monday, January 23, it has been announced by County Extension Agent T. W. Thompson.

Programs will be conducted from 1:30 to 5:00 with both adult and children welcome.

In addition to smut control, Thompson states that clean seed wheat, true varieties, and weed control will be discussed.

Speakers accompanying the car include Rex Warren, Oregon State college extension farm crops specialist; R. O. Fletcher, Walla Walla, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association; and George L. Penrose, Portland, Union Pacific agricultural agent.

Among exhibits to be shown in the car during its appearance in Moro will be a new type slurry seed wheat treater. The program will also feature a movie on seed treatment to control smut using a slurry machine.

Warren will discuss smut control and seed wheat handling. Work his organization is doing towards improving wheat varieties will be explained by Fletcher. W. E. Hall will discuss the local variety situation.

The car, making its third swing through Oregon, is equipped to seat 70 persons in leather upholstered chairs. It is equipped with a public address system and carries a library of 30 agricultural movies.

Exhibits to be shown include true wheat varieties, heads of smutty wheat, and other materials relating to good wheat production.

TAX MAN COMING

A representative of the treasury department, from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, will be at the court house in Moro January 6 to assist tax payers with their returns.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brockway and son Bard, came up from The Dalles Monday to spend the day visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells and sons, David and Ronald of Roseburg brought her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe home Saturday afternoon spending about three weeks with them. The Wells will spend this week here with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds had as dinner guests Christmas day their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews from Stevenson, Wn. and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews from Wasco.

Mrs. Lewis Olds and son, Alton and Fred Walker were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble.

Among those attending the Tom and Jerry party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mrs. Jo Hogue, Bernard McNeely, Mrs. Ed Alley, Mrs. Wayne Karnes, Mrs. Bruce Alley, Walter Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby, Kenneth Crews, Archie Cantrall, Mr. and Roy Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Bpd Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keiper and Mrs. Catherine Sonnenberg gave a Christmas party for the children from the third to the eighth grade at the L.O.O.F. hall Thursday evening. The children danced square dances for awhile and games were played with Mrs. Cantrall playing for the musical chairs. Refreshments of ice cream slices and cup cakes were served by the hosts Mothers coming in laud were Mrs. Art Schilling, Mrs. Sim Duncan, Mrs. Harold Eakin, and Mrs. Dick Reckman.

Tractor Upkeep Class Ready For Registration

A 4-H Tractor Maintenance club will be organized Friday, December 31 at the courthouse in Moro. Thirteen boys and their parents are expected to attend this meeting at which time Lamer Sayrs, local leader, will discuss the years program, work expected of members, distribution of record material, and general features of the project.

Members of the new club will learn the care and operation of tractors under the leadership of Mr. Sayrs, who recently attended the 4-H leaders tractor maintenance clinic at Corvallis.

"One thing we learned is that the average tractor operator loses a lot of money every year through improper carburetor adjustment and other faulty operating and servicing practices," said Mr. Sayrs. "I learned a lot at the clinic that will help club members know how to operate a tractor cheaper and make it run better and last a lot longer."

During the organization meeting, club members will elect officers and select a name for the club.

Additional boys who are interested in this club project should attend this meeting or contact Mr. Sayrs or T. W. Thompson, county agent.

BRAND APPLICATIONS

The re-recording of livestock brands in Oregon will begin right after the first of the new year and will continue until May 31, 1950.

Stock growers are urged not to attempt to re-record their brands until they receive official application blanks and brand blotters and instructions from the Division of Animal Industry, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, Salem. This material will be mailed to every brand owner of record in ample time as required by the state livestock branding law.

The 1950 registration of brands will cover a 5 year period. This change in the law was made by the 1949 legislature which also raised the recording fee to \$5.00.

According to latest reports there is more than 15,000 brands on the books at this time.

1949 Reviewed Week by Week

Brief review of 1949.

January 7: Curt Tom and Lester Wilson were sworn in as county judge and commissioner respectively. Jan. 14: Eight serious highway accidents reported by sheriff. Bank finds 1948 business up. Jan. 21: John Day river frozen over. Jan. 28: CCC loans over \$5,000,000 on Sherman county wheat. Jay Freeman re-elected as postmaster.

February 4: Worry about condition of wheat begun. Ground frozen to depth of 32 inches on DeMoss hill. Feb. 11: James Weir estate decision made by Judge Mackay. Chinook makes river of creeksbeds. Feb. 18: Lester Wilson's shed burned. Bon Christianson robbed on honeymoon. Feb. 25: LeRoy Wright announces his resignation effective March 15 as county agent.

March 4: Wheat considered alright. P.T.A. has big meeting. Mar. 11: Football team honored with banquet. Mar. 18: Sherman county stockmen sell stock at Spokane sale. Mar. 25: Good weather hailed at Rufus. T. W. Thompson named county agent.

April 1: Three new elevators under construction in county. April 8: Sherman county's share of gifts from France at courthouse. Vote called on exceeding limitation for Rural School Board.

April 15: Easter sunrise services planned. Judge calls for special road tax vote. April 22: School budget approved. Legislature adjourns April 16. April 29: Fair board making program. Roberson heads Rod & Gun club again.

May 6: Moro elevator burns. If Eakin sells 42-head of Herefords. May 13: Contract signed for new elevator. Citizens expected to work at fair grounds. May 20: County court defends road tax proposal. Moro playing Union for eastern Oregon "B" baseball championship. May 27: Gordon Ridge school bus burns west of Wasco. Union beats Moro 12 to 9.

June 3: Voters turn down special road tax by five votes. Native grasses best for this area. June 10: Diane Christian-son wins at wheat league stock show. Road fund has \$89,000. June 17: Elevator sideways going up. June 24: cattle tour stops at Sherman county ranches. Moro school to be improved.

The Rufus church was full Wednesday night when the church gave its annual Christmas play and program. The program was as follows: Congregation sang "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear". Rev. Roberts gave the prayer and the scripture. Barbara Fridley and Deene Hewling gave the "Good Evening". Gregory Brislane, "Welcome", Janet Engles, "What Makes Christmas". Mary Tate, "Merry Christmas". Jessie Rice and Dorothy Blackburne gave a piano duet, Donna Mae Hensen, "Hello", Jackie Simms, "Jesus Love", Jimmy Straughn, "The Impatient Waiter", Della Hewling "Christmas", Lauren Byrd, "Best I Can Do". The Rufus quartet sang "Room In The Manger". A playlet, "Christmas in Bethlehem". Ernest Engles, "No Room In The Inn". Tom Coats "The Star of Hope". Dicky Hewling "Shepherds", by a group, "At the Foot of the Trees". Nell Coats gave a reading, Betsy Straughn "He is Sleeping". Jessie Rice "Oh Holy Night". Sandra Hewling, "Christmas Star". Joan Brackett "Secrets". Bobby Byrd "Shine for Jesus". Norman Fridley, "Proper Words, Charles Wilson, "Pa Says It's Christmas". Dorothy Blackburne gave a piano solo. There was a Christmas play entitled "White Christmas" and taking place in the home of the Marshalls. The characters were Fay Brackett as William Marshall, Mrs. W. E. Rice as Kate Marshall, Ernie Engles as Bob Marshall, Marie Engles as Carolyn Marshall, Donna Wilson as Julie Marshall, Mrs. Roberts as Chalie, the Chinese servant, Joan Brackett as Chalie's little girl, James Tate as a Chinese student, Mrs. Joe Morris as Mrs. Craig. At the end of the play, Beverly and Judy Standley gave the Merry Christmas and the Happy New Year. Larry Engles gave "Goodbye". After benediction by Rev. Rice, treats were given out to the folks present.