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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

There's one advantage an electric razor has over the sword type; one doesn't have to look at himself.

Eventually some one will have to say something factual about inter-racial relations and it might as well be said during Brotherhood week. The so-called white race is often restricted to mean merely Nordics or at broadest Europeans and their descendants. They are accused of disliking Negroes and Jews for racial reasons. That may be true, but it is also true that many of them do not care for other Nordics who exhibit the same characteristics as Jews and Negroes. Reasonably well founded accusations may be made against Negroes that they are lazy, inefficient and inclined to rape. The Jewish characteristics of arrogance and clannishness are not liked. In defense of Caucasians may it be said that the above mentioned social habits do not endear any one to the citizenry at large regardless of race, color or desire to make a fast buck.

The old banker says he never knew a man who could quit borrowing money. The banker always had to take care of the quitting. Maybe Uncle Sam will have to be stopped the same way.

Of course most of the troubles about coal can be traced back to government interference, but tracing them back will not get any coal dug. The mine owners have a monopoly on coal and the miners on the jobs. Perhaps neither is justified.

George Washington's birthday occurred this week. Oddly George is fading in public esteem maybe because his qualities were not of the sort that would easily condone the doings of these times. He was a pretty stern character whose record was for fairness instead of favoritism. Those who study wars for what he had to do with and above all he was a man you could tie to and depend on and respect.

Well, well, if the baseball teams aren't going to the training camps already. The high school boys and girls walk together, a small boy is kicking the remaining snow bank and he is hatless and the early grass is making the hillside green. A month ago it seemed as if there never would be another spring. Now, look. Some little girl will be bringing the first buttercup into the office before long.

That Portland hit and run driver who found enough courage in either morals or religion to surrender is an example of the value of spiritual things.

In a letter to the Editor in this issue Kenneth Young argues the case for the square dance.

The writer of this column feels that his point was made clear to the majority of the readers, but to recapitulate: It is not a proper function of the federal government to teach square dancing, or an other kind of dancing.

In Sherman county there are lots of square dancers; there are ample facilities for dancing; there are halls galore; callers of ability; orchestras that can play lively tunes and money aplenty. Those who want to square dance can square dance. And again: It is not a proper function of the federal government to teach square dancing.

Chewing tobacco sales are dropping and more cigarettes are being sold. No more revealing item about present day America could be written.

Without considering the morals of the matter, it does seem that the Doukhobors, by going naked in British Columbia, have shown a certain ruggedness that we could have used last month.

Moro Wins Pair; Now About Ready For Tournament

Moro high school boys won a pair of games last week end by defeating the one time victorious KP team from The Dalles high school while the second string won from Rufus.

Ronnie May was high point maker for Moro with 12 and McDonald and Taylor of the KPs tied with eight.

The second string took a 35 to 22 victory from Rufus.

MORO
Rust 5
May, R. 12
Bucholtz 6
Roberson 10
Knights 6
Harvey
Kock 0
Alley 0
Martin 0
May C. 4
Moore 0

The game with Culver scheduled for Tuesday the 21st was not played because the new gymnasium at Culver had not been completed. Moro will play The Dalles junior varsity Friday and go to the tournament Wednesday of next week.

Federal Budget Costing Oregon Twice As Much As All State and Local Governments

President Truman's requested Federal 1951 fiscal budget of \$42.4 billions, if adopted by Congress "as is", would cost 1,700,000 Oregon residents about \$432,480,000 or approximately \$254 per person, according to a statement issued by Oregon Business & Tax Research today.

This proposed Federal spending for year ending June 30, 1951, is more than twice the \$198,436,710 of all state miscellaneous and local property taxes collected in Oregon, 1948-49, the state taxpayer association asserted.

Oregon's computed share of proposed 1951 Federal budget is based on the state's contribution, on an allocated basis, to total fiscal 1949 Federal tax collections, which contribution was 1.02 per cent of \$40,847,609,000. Oregon's allocated share of total 1949 Federal collections was \$414,826,268.

The Oregon Business & Tax Research statement said that Senator Byrd's (D., Va.), proposed \$36 billion Federal budget would have balanced the 1951 Federal budget, stopped the fiscal sin of deficit financing and saved Oregon about \$56,280,000, an amount sufficient to give, for example, each of Oregon's 23,332 old age assistance recipients, as of December, 1949, \$193 a month. In addition to what they then received.

The "economy pattern" in Congress, the state taxpayer association stated today, seems leaning in the direction of a hoped-for across-the-board 10 per cent cut in President Truman's requests, based upon early House appropriation committee action in cutting the first deficiency bill from \$813 to \$732 million, and slashing two major items in the 1950 Urgent Deficiency appropriation bill, the Atomic Energy Commission and Veterans' Administration, each 10 per cent.

"The Federal budget can be balanced without increasing taxes," the Oregon Business & Tax Research statement said, "and deficit financing which mortgages our children and grandchildren, can be stopped, provided taxpayers speak out for economy."

County Court Pays Bills; Invites County Officials

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Treasurer's monthly financial statement of fund balances and Clerk's semi-annual report presented and filed.

Clerk's monthly statement showing General Road fund budget balances as of January 31, presented and filed.

Application of Poplar Grove Service Station for 1950 beer license approved.

Action deferred on request to send deputy tax collector to Burroughs Adding Machine school.

Invitation extended to Association of Oregon Counties to hold April meeting in Moro.

Hourly wage of County Road Foreman increased from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hour.

Various road matters referred to County Road Foreman.

Request of Oregon Trail Association for 1950-51 Budget appropriation placed on file.

Political Battle Preliminaries Getting Done

With candidates announcing their hopes all over the state it is not surprising that more local aspirants would become interested in the coming political campaign. So far that interest has not been marked.

It will not be necessary for this district to elect a new state senator this year. Of the two representatives, Henry Peterson of Ione and Giles French of Moro, both have filed.

Only officials to be chosen within the county in 1950 are county commissioner, sheriff and treasurer. All are held by Democrats but in local affairs party affiliation has had less effect on the election than acquaintance or need.

Vernon Miller, now of Moro, who will finish his second term as county commissioner has said that he would not be a candidate again. He may be impressed into service again but he doesn't expect to be. This makes it necessary for some one to run for the post and take up arms for the taxpayers in the continuing battle against a bulging budget. Sheriff Norman Fields has filed again for another term having had petitions circulated. Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder has said that she would probably file again.

It will be necessary for any contestant for offices to file by March 10. Primary election will be May 19 and the general election will be in November.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; Norman E. Fields \$2.28
CLERK'S OFFICE:
Elsie Jones, P.M., \$10.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$8.70

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:
Addressograph Sales Agency, \$5.42

COURTHOUSE:
Pacific Power & Light Co., \$27.90; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$41.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$2.85; City of Moro, \$4.10

COUNTY COURT:
Vernon I. Miller, \$17.60; Lester Wilson, \$24.00

JUSTICE COURT:
Wasco Postmaster, \$5.00

DEMOSSE PARK:
Don DeMoss, \$9.90; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95

ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES: \$104.77

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER: \$50.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$7.50

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BOND: \$5.00

ADVERTISEMENT OF WHEAT LEAGUES ASSN: \$30.00

COUNTY PRINTING: \$101.70

INSURANCE ON LAW BOOKS: \$189.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$57.63

MISCELLANEOUS:
State Industrial Accident Commission, \$11.07; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.32; Public Employment Oil Co., \$80.18

GENERAL FUND:

Not Many Taxes Left To Collect; \$4000 Paid

The second turn over of taxes by the sheriff's office will give some \$4000 to taxing units in the county. Greater part of this comes from current taxes or \$3675.17 including \$10.90 in interest. In addition there is an item of \$348.83 for the special tax fund of District 17.

Other units receiving current tax money are the county fund with \$581.50, Rural School district \$2177.00; Wasco school \$174.84; Grass Valley school \$108.84; roads \$381.84 and several receiving smaller sums. In addition \$65.22 was collected of 1948-49 taxes and \$21.65 in 1947-48 taxes. A total of \$16.57 in interest was pro-rated among the districts.

Easter Seal Sale Preparations Ending

The annual Easter Seal sale by the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults will be held from March 9 through Easter Sunday, April 9, more than 400,000 residents of the state will receive Easter Seals through the mail.

There are thousands of crippled children and adults in Oregon who need the help from Easter Seals because they are not eligible for assistance from any other agency, public or private. The society is not interested in whether a child or adult's condition is the result of an accident or any one of more than 200 crippling diseases but only in whether the person needs assistance and cannot obtain it, the president reported.

WEED CONTROL LIKED

Endorsement of the present weed control law was recommended when the weed committee of the county planning council met Monday of this week at the courthouse.

Other discussion revolved around spraying methods and some revision was made in the PMA recommendations. The use of water instead of oil as a base was again urged.

4-H LEADERS ASKED

Organization of Sherman county 4-H leaders will be attempted next Tuesday evening when they will meet at the home of County Agent and Mrs. T. W. Thompson in Moro at 8 o'clock. Remaking of the premium list for the 4-H fair and methods of instruction will be a part of the discussion.

The 4-H sewing club at Wasco met Tuesday according to Carol Briggs, reporter, and while the B section sewed the A section left after the meeting.

es Retirement System, \$144.95; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND:
WAGES:
Frank Bazzel, \$245.55; E. McPherson, \$179.59; Earl Rehr, \$185.68; H.A. Shields, \$181.99; R.F. Looney, \$197.41; Frank Bayer, \$208.87; Don DeMoss, \$39.20; George DeMoss, \$68.61; First National Bank, \$53.10; State Tax Commission, \$14.64; Public Employees Retirement System, \$79.63

REPAIRS:
Arstull-Monroe Pontiac, \$18.00; Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$29.78; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$16.59; Mid-Columbia Equip. Co., \$56.06; Smith Auto Parts Co., \$15.79; J. K. McKean Co., \$34.20; Ranch & Home Store, \$3.00

TIRES & TUBES:
Sunset Motor Co., \$15.62; Walther-Williams Co., \$18.12

GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Woodbury Co., \$61.68; Service Motor Co., \$23.48

MISCELLANEOUS:
Pacific Power & Light Co., \$7.15; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$4.55; City of Moro, \$3.50; Norman Fields, \$17.50; State Industrial Accident Com., \$60.07

RETIREMENT FUND: \$52.56

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND:
GAS & OIL:
Standard Oil Co., \$410.65; Union Oil Co., \$80.18

Cooler Nights Retard Thawing Help Keep Snow

Much of the snow remains. Last week it looked as if it would disappear within a short time because of rains every night and warm days. Thursday night there was a freeze and colder weather continued for several days which slowed up thawing until no serious run off has occurred within the week.

This is good news for farmers because the frost is getting out of the ground gradually and reports are that fields are getting very soft and that means the snow water has seeped into them. This has been an odd run-off. Odd because the large streams started running before there were many small rivulets in the fields. So far the erosion has been slight when the large amount of snow is considered.

Much of this snow has been on the ground five weeks. While the creeks run every day the water is coming from drifts, and from draws and not to a large extent from the fields. What remains is nearly ice.

It will be some time before farmers can get into the fields unless there is a change in the weather. Old timers say that this is as perfect a run-off of heavy snow as they can remember and if that continues it may be another week or more before the fields are cleared.

Three Safe Driving Rules May Keep Car Operators Out of Trouble

Drivers who misunderstand or fail to obey three basic rules of the road are responsible for more than half of Oregon's traffic accidents, Secretary of State Newberry estimated today.

Despite a common belief that traffic laws vary widely from state to state, these three rules are virtually the same across the nation. He pointed out that violators lucky enough to escape injury may still be liable for damage to others.

The Intersection Rule: If two cars are arriving at an uncontrolled intersection (no stop signs or signals) at about the same time the car on the right always has the right-of-way. Two out of five Oregon accidents occur at intersections.

The Following Rule: If you run into the rear of another car, you are always at fault. It doesn't matter that the car

Bill Hall Awarded Hyslop Scholarship At Corvallis Dinner

Bill Hall received the first scholarship from the George Hyslop memorial fund to which many wheat farmers have contributed.

At the annual meeting of the Farm Crops club held at Corvallis last Thursday night Harry D. Proudfoot, chairman of the Hyslop Memorial foundation presented the scholarship which is for research in farm crops. Mr. Hall will receive \$100 per month for nine months beginning next fall. He will continue to direct the plant breeding work at the local station.

At the farm crops dinner Thursday night Governor Douglass McKay was speaker. George Mitchell was also an attendant from Sherman county.

STORY OF COUNTY, TOWN, BEING WRITTEN

Norman Barna and Roy H. Wolford were here Tuesday to gather some information about Moro and Sherman county for publication in the Statement, house organ of the First National Bank of which Mr. Barna is editor.

Mr. Wolford is a photographer and obtained pictures of the town and its prominent buildings and some farm scenes while Mr. Barna asked questions about the people and their activities.

ahead stopped suddenly or that the driver failed to signal. He may have had no opportunity, and the law requires that you drive far enough behind to be ready for any emergency. After failure to have right-of-way, following too closely is the most frequent single Oregon traffic violation.

The Speed Rule: Speed must be adjusted to conditions regardless of posted or designated speed limits, which are considered maximum for ideal conditions. If traffic is heavy or the roadway is slippery, you may be charged with driving too fast for conditions even though you did not exceed the apparent legal limit. On rural highways without posted speeds, the "reasonable and prudent" rule still applies. Excessive speed is responsible for one out of four traffic fatalities in Oregon.

World War II veterans eligible for the recently enacted Delaware bonus may now obtain application blanks in Oregon, the state department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week. Delaware pays a maximum of \$300 to those who resided in the state for at least one year immediately prior to entering service, provided they served between the dates of Sept. 16, 1940 and June 30, 1946.

DELAWARE VETS

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Herman Peters, Keith Bayer and Sharon Martin came home Thursday the boys from Salem and Miss Martin from Corvallis to spend the week end with their parents. They returned Sunday accompanied by Connie Wilson and Priscilla Melzer of Moro who were home from Corvallis.

J. W. Blagg and Gerald Blagg went to Portland Sunday on business. Mrs. Alton Coyle accompanied them to Portland and left for her home in Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and daughter, Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. James Easter and sons Larry and Roy, were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Merle Eakin of Powell Butte came down Saturday to spend the week end with Donald Schilling at the Art Schilling home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were over night guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. Sunday they all went to The Dalles for the day.

Mrs. Ralph Rust entered the hospital in The Dalles Monday where she underwent a major operation Tuesday.

Bill Brinkert went to The Dalles Tuesday to bring Mrs. Brinkert home from the hospital where she spent a week for medical attention.

Mrs. Willard Barnett returned home last Monday from Portland where she spent a week for medical attention. Her mother, Mrs. O. N. Ruggles spent the week end with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown were dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley.

Harold Owens went to Shanks Saturday to bring his father, W. C. Owens down for a visit with them. They both went to Portland Sunday to meet the former's mother, Mrs. Lela Owens from Chillicothe, Mo., who arrived by plane from Las Vegas, Nev., to spend several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and son, Kenneth, went to Moro Friday where they were over night guests of her mother, Mrs. Edith Sayrs. They returned home Saturday bringing the children Janice and baby Philip Charles home after spending a week at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Sayrs came up Monday to stay a while with her daughter.

The card party sponsored by the Eastern Star social club at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening was well attended. Nine tables of pinocle were in play with high scores for the evening held by Mrs. George Mitchell of Moro, and Jack Adams and low scores by Mrs. A. F. Balzer and Dean Reynolds. The door prize was won by George Mitchell. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Wallace May, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap.

Cars are dragging in places on the roads owing to the deep ruts, so most of the travel is done in trucks yet. The places where the fills were made in Biglow canyon last year has washed out making the road impassable again.

The Home Economics club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Curt Tom with Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers as co-hostess.

Cattle Spraying Season Preceded By Information

Control of cattle grubs by use of rotenone dust or sprays is being undertaken now by an increasing number of Sherman county stockmen to insure themselves of continued profits, reports T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Farmers know the cattle grub as the pest which produces numerous bumps or swellings along the backs of cattle during the winter months. The grub develops as an adult into the heel fly which attacks cattle during the late spring and summer.

The time for application of rotenone for grub control is during the winter and must be completed before any of the grubs mature in the backs of the animals and have a chance to escape. The best time for application varies in different sections of the county but livestock men are advised to be on the lookout for the appearance of the grub from now on.

Ordinarily three treatments at 30 day intervals are required to catch all of the grubs. The most effective insecticide for controlling this pest is a five percent rotenone applied either as a spray or dust stated Thompson.

A spray formula consists of 7 1/2 pounds of five percent rotenone dust in 100 gallons of water applied with a power sprayer that will develop 400 pounds pressure. This amount of spray will treat from 150 to 200 animals per hour if adequate chutes are available, at a cost of less than two cents per head.

If dipping facilities are used, 10 pounds of 5% rotenone per 100 gallons of water plus two ounces of wetting agent, such as sodium lauryl sulphate, is recommended by the U.S. Bureau of Entomology.

The county extension office has additional detailed information on cattle grub control.

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Monday of this week, minister of the Wasco Church of Christ, F. Claude Stephens, was called to The Dalles to officiate at the funeral of Geo. F. Rothery. Mrs. Geo. Rothery, his wife, is caretaker of the Wasco County Hospital in The Dalles.

"God and The Atom", a movie will be presented by Russell Belshee at the Wasco Church of Christ Sunday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. A Moody Bible Institute production.

Overhead it is looking a bit more like spring, but on the ground it doesn't look so much like it. The roads and fields still have quite a bit of snow which is packed so hard and has been frozen so much that it will take quite a bit of warm wind and temperature before it leaves the community. The ground seems to have more frost in it than was thought at first. Water stands in puddles where it cannot drain away. Monday the canyons were running a little water again, but it isn't as bad as it was last Thursday when a lot of water was gushing down the canyons. George Jr. and Jimmy Fox were not able to get all the way home from school in the bus that day. Water was rushing across the road just east of Grace Medler's house, and it was too deep for the bus to cross it, so the boys got out (being the only ones left on the bus) and walked the two miles to their home.