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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The state chairman of the Democratic party has warned his three gubernatorial candidates not to criticise one another. But surely he will admit it is a great temptation.

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A news report says that grasshoppers are going to be active again this year. Overlooking the simple fact that grasshoppers are always active, it is hoped that the imaginations of those who write about grasshoppers are not so active this year. Let it be remembered that grasshoppers seldom attack man effectually.

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Confusion about the time starts about this time of year when some towns adopt so-called daylight saving (an article very hard to save incidently) and others stay by the sun. A bill will be on the November ballot to make the entire state change or not. It gives the governor authority to order change when adjoining states change. It would stop the confusion, but it wouldn't make everybody happy. What would?

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We commend the editorial in the Oregonian which indicates support of the theory that public interest should be on education instead of millage rates. It seems so reasonable and yet it has not been considered for some time.

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The farmer is torn between two sentiments about rain at this time of year. First there is the age old love of and need for moisture in the growing of crops. Especially in dry land farming operations moisture, except in the midst of harvest, is as welcome as manna. Second a rain in March, just when the ground was getting dry enough to work well, delays the plowing and the seeding. So the farmer is happy and anxious, thwarted and pleased, causing a slight emotional disturbance.

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This is the time of year to remember the lines of a Persian poet: "If of they mortal goods thou are bereft,
And from thy slender store two loaves alone to thee the left
Sell one, and with the dole
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul."

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Billy Rose uses his syndicated column to warn a burglar of his home to give himself up. Speaking of personal journalism.

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Up the John Day, over Dixie hill onto Burnt river, over Dooley grade and down onto Powder river, through Piles pass onto the Grande Ronde bottoms, over Meacham hill to the Umatilla and down the Columbia to Sherman county again covers quite a bit of northeastern Oregon. The grass is late because the frost covers the upper river bottoms thick each morning—until the warm upland sun steams it off—stock are being fed from still remaining stacks of green alfala. Calf and lamb crops are said to be good and the land is bright with promise. Where spring comes quickly the effect is more intense than where the transition between winter and spring means only the difference between direction of the rain.

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My word, do you realize that next Tuesday the Pacific coast baseball season opens? It's truly later than you think.

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A guilty conscience is poor company.

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If April showers make May flowers, what do these March snowstorms make, other than confusion, that is.

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Many employers say that it is much easier to get and keep a crew now than it was six months ago and prices are dropping on many items but not so much on those in daily demand. Our normal post-war boom may be showing signs of deflation, not that we will like the change when it comes. It merely means that we are getting along the normal course and that what goes up still comes down.

4-H Leaders Plan Programs At Luncheon

An all day 4-H leaders training meeting was held at Moro, Saturday, March 18, with nineteen leaders, parents and guests attending.

The meeting was opened with the U.S. and 4-H club pledges conducted by Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent and was followed by singing of 4-H club songs led by Mrs. Winifred Gillen also a state agent in 4-H club work.

Dayanne Sayrs and Ronald Benson conducted a 4-H table demonstration to acquaint leaders with the procedure of this method of education. Mrs. Gillen pointed out to those in attendance that a demonstration had three objectives - personal improvement of the club member, pass on to other people the approved ractices in home economics or agriculture and to teach what 4-H club work really is.

The remaining morning session was a general discussion of 4-H club work including club meetings, parents and leaders in club work and activities and recreation for the boys and girls.

The afternoon session was divided into home economics and agriculture conducted by the state agents.

A luncheon was served by the Pacific Power & Light company at the Moro Hotel. Wm. Leonard assistant manager of the company in Oregon and Mitchell Thorn, manager at The Dalles spoke briefly on club work.

Carroll Bennett, manager of the Sherman Branch of the First National Bank spoke on the relation of that organization with the 4-H club program.

Leaders and parents attending were: Mrs. Virginia McIntyre, Mrs. Lavilla Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and Paul Alley all of Wasco. Mrs. Ralph Busse and Mrs. Katherine Thompson of Moro; Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley of Grass Valley and Mrs. Harley McKay of Kent.

T. W. Thompson, county agent was in charge of the days program.

Grange Sponsoring Conservation Contest

Howard Ross, master of the Harland View grange, announced the appointment of a committee of five judges to select the local winner in the $10,000 nationwide essays contest sponsored by the National grange and the American Plant Food council on the subject of "Soil Fertility and the Nations Future."

All young men and women through 20 years of age are eligible to compete for awards in the contest which ends April 15.

Local judges selected are as follows: Helen Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Josephine Gentry and K. G. Young.

"All essays from this area must be sent to Harland View grange at Moro ,Oregon for processing by April 15,, Mr. Roos explained. The local winners will be announced prior to sending the entries to the State grange May 10.

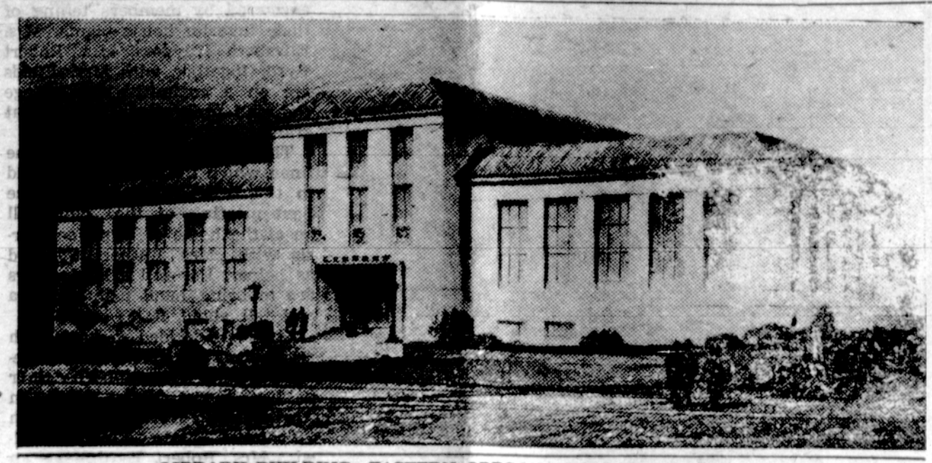
School Host For Comic Magician

Mitchell Cain, world's greatest magician and comedian, who is touring the U. S. will present his spine tingling, baffling and fantastic mystery and side splitting comedy at the Moro H. S. gym Wednesday, March 29, 1950 at 8:00 p. m.

Mitchell Cain did shows during the war, not only with the USO in theU.S. along with other Hollywood talent, but did shows all over Europe, where even the crowed heads of England have seen and applauded his show.

In his fast moving 2 hour show he features his canvas covered padlocked box escape on which he offers $000 reward to anyone finding any fake or trickery in the escape. (Bring your own padlocks.)

Also featured will be Gladys, the beautiful Princess of Magic. Also anyone from the audience is eligible to lose his or her head in Death on the Guillotine. See a beautiful young lady produced from thin air. Moro high students are selling tickets for the show.



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About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Van Metre to James Ernest Tyler was an event of Sunday, March 9. The three p. m. ceremony was performed in the Calvary Baptist church in The Dalles by the Rev. C. H. Beard.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F.Van Metre of The Dalles. Mr. Tyler is the son of Mrs. Grace Tyler of Portland.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin made princess style with long train, sweetheart neckline and long sleeves. Her finger tip veil was held in place by a crown of white satin and she carried a white Bible on which rested a purple orchid.

Miss Emma Yogle of Portland was her maid of honor and wore a frock of blue chiffon and carried a bouquet of pink carnations with a halo of the same flowers in her hair.

Flower girl was Susan Warrener, a neice of the bridegroom, who wore a floor length dress of yellow satin.

Harold Tyler of Portland was best man for his brother.

Ronald Van Metre, Robert Berger and Delbert Tyler acted as ushers.

The wedding music was played by Miss Jessie Berger, who also played the organ for Bill Pengra who sang "O Promise Me" and "Because" before the ceremony.

Mrs. Van Metre chose a navy blue dressmaker suit for her daughter's wedding and wore a corsage of pink rosebuds. Mrs. Tyler chose a brown wool suit and wore a corsage of pink rosebuds.

A reception immediately following the ceremony was held in the church parlors. After the bridal couple cut the first piece of wedding cake it was cut by Mrs. Laura Fordyce of Mosier and was served by Mrs. H. E. Wright of Toppenish, Wn., an aunt of the bride. Mrs. Owen Melley of Sunnyside, an aunt of the bride assisted with the wedding gifts. Mrs. Emma Newton, the bride's great grandmother from Corvallis and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, a great aunt from Moro poured. Miss Beverly Van Metre, a sister of the bride had charge of the guest book.

After a wedding trip the young couple will be at home at 2857 S. W. Pine St. Portland.

Those attending the wedding from Grass Valley were Mrs. Myrl Smith and son Lowell, Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and daughters, Alice and Rosalie, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and son, Terry and Mrs. Art Bibby.

The brick siding arrived in Rufus Saturday for the new church. It is a blue-white blend.

Larry Engles has been sick the past week and unable to attend school.

The farmers are tearing into their field work. Some are disking before they plow; some have early seeding to be done. It rained here quite hard Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is thought the ground is lacking in moisture with reports of dry dirt being found near the surface

The week hasn't been too warm, but the native grass is growing in the pastures, and is turning a bright green. It has been voiced that the grass may not be so good this year, and that it will dry up early in the season from lack of moisture.

Miss Eleanor Fox arrived home Friday from Oregon State college for spring vacation.

Rufus grange took their candidates to Harland View grange Saturday night where they received the first and second degrees. The Rufus candidates were Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson.

Rufus Young Peoples' society held election of officers Sunday Mrs. Ernie Engles was reelected president. Young Peoples' convention will be held at Richland, Wash., April 5th to 7th and Miss Jessie Rice and Mrs. Harry Hydron were elected as delegates.

A group of church people went to Arlington Wednesday evening to attend the revival meeting being held there by Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Grey.

The Rufus Boy's club resumed their meetings after the long winter and met at the home of Ernie Engles Tuesday.

Frank von Borstel Jr. came home from Roseburg to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. Callers Sunday evening at the von Borstel home were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son, Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett of The Dalles attended church here Sunday and then visited at the home of their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries.

Mrs. Mollie McLachlan of Moro attended church here Sunday.

Robert Zeigler came home Saturday from Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds went to The Dalles Sunday evening to get Jimmy Ziegler who arrived from Corvallis. They will spent Spring vacation visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler.

Miss JoAnn Clodfelter of The Dalles spent the week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter

Mr. and Mrs. Don DeMoss of Moro were dinner guests Sunday evening at the John Rust home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger went to Boring Thursday to visit his mother returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and daughter, Elaine, Mrs. Bud Brinkert and her mother, Mrs. Fred Crowley, motored to Portland Thursday to spend the week end returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox and Mrs. John Rust were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

The basket social and dance given at the I.O.O.F. hall Friday evening sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was well attended and about $102 was taken in from baskets auctioned off by Orville Ruggles Music for the dance was furnished by Hansons orchestra.

Rufus grange met in regular session with master S. A. Wilson presiding. The various committees gave their reports. E. C. Eaton was appointed chairman of the dance committee. Eaton reports he has an orchestra in mind, and that we may have dances in the grange in the near future.

The two demits of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Neal were received and acted upon. The Neals', who live on a farm south of Rufus were former members of Centerville grange inWashington. Special guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Guilford and daughter, Velda, and Mrs. Mason of Spokane.

The lecturer's hour was turned over to Mrs. Trace Fields; chairman of the Home Economics club who put on the program after the close of grange. A few guests came in after the meeting to view the program, and stay for supper. There were about 30 present that evening. The program began with a reading on the origin of St. Patrick's day by Mrs. Huck. A vocal solo by Mrs. Sadie Rich accompanied on the piano by Velda Guilford. There was a play, "School Days" with Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers, Mrs. Herbert Church, Miss Velda Guildford & Mrs. Curt Tom with Mrs. Trace Fields as teacher took part. (the teacher had a rough hill billy class to teach which greatly amused the crowd). A violin solo by Andy Engberg. A vocal solo by Irving Mobley, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Boise on the piano. The group sang, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and "Take Me Home Again, Kathleen" with Velda Guildford playing the piano.

The group marched around the hall with S. A. Wilson dressed as St. Patrick leading the way to kiss the Blarney stone.

A mystery box was sold at dutch auction. Robert Davis being the lucky winner; Wm. Huck was the auctioneer. The proceeds went to the H. E. club.

Mrs. Grace Medler had charge of the supper, and a long table was decorated in the St. Patrick motiff, and the food was served buffet style.

After the supper hour, Andy Engberg and E. C. Eaton got their violins playing and square dancing was enjoyed by the crowd.

Practically all the degree team of Rufus grange were out for practice last Tuesday night. The degree captain, William Huck wants all the members out again for practice this Tuesday.

Although Henry's hands are twisted, he must learn how to feed himself, and so this occupational therapist gives him a helping hand. You, too, can help Henry and thousands of crippled children like him by using Easter Seals. The 1950 Campaign is now on and Easter Seals can be obtained from Oregon Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc., 533 Terminal Bldg., Portland 5, Oregon.

Soil Supervisors Accept Program

The supervisors of the Sherman County Soil Conservation district adopted the program and work plan for the district at a recent meeting held at the courthouse in Moro. The plan deals with major problems in land use, long time objective of the district and the progress planned for the current year bythe district.

Goals set up for the remaining portion of the year which the district hopes to achieve are outlined as follows:

1. Complete 30 conservation farm plans distributed throughout the various communities.
2. Cooperate in conducting two conservation tours to present various conservation practices being used by farmers.
3. Establish one demonstration farm using strip cropping on 200 acres.
4. Establish 4000 new acres to trashy fallow using the surface mulch system.
5. Establish 100 acres of grass seedings on steep and badly eroded crop lands and waterways.
6. Establish grass seed nurseries for demonstration.

Plans of the district must be accepted by the USDA before technical service may be furnished the district. A farm planner to work out conservation farm plans with cooperators is expected to be stationed in Moro by the first of April.

Wasco Women Meet

The Wasco Woman's Study club met Friday, March 17 at the home of Mrs. Allen Tom. Mrs Art Macheel was co-hostess.

Roll call was answered by members giving a new recipe.

An enlightening report on International Relations was given by Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg.

Club songs were sung, led by Mrs. Trace Fields with Mrs. F. Claude Stephens accompanying at the piano.

An exchange of garden plants concluded the program of the afternoon. The door prize, a rose bush in gay gift wrapper was taken home by Mrs. Walter Bruckert.

Tasty refreshments suggesting St. Patrick's day were served by the hostesses at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting scheduled for April 7 will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Bruckert.

WAR INCOME EXEMPT

Persons receiving benefits as the result of war service in most instances will not have to pay state income taxes on such income, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs reported this week.

Nor will Oregon men currently on active duty with the armed forces be taxed for their incomes except in the high pay brackets, but a certain portion of national guard and armed forces reserve pay received in 1949 will be subject to taxation April 15 is the deadline for filing.

The state veterans' agency listed the following items as tax exempt: 1. Compensation and pensions paid by the Veteran Administration to veterans or their survivors.

2. GI insurance death payments, and GI insurance dividends.

3. Bonuses paid by other states.

4. All subsistence benefits for education and training under the GI bill and Public Law 16, unemployment benefits, and state education aid payments.

5. Terminal leave and mustering-out pay, and government allotments to dependents of personnel on active duty.

6. All disability retirement pay received by wartime emergency officers from the Veterans Administration. However, disability retirement pay which is paid by the armed forces to ex-army or navy regular officers is exempt only to $1500.

Military retirement pay for length of service is taxable.

Oregon law exempts the first $3000 of pay received for active duty in the armed forces. The attorney general's office has ruled that national guard and reserve component pay earned during participation in encampments or maneuvers or in armed forces schools rates the $3000 exemption, but not pay for armory drill or other part-time duty, which is considered "inactive duty training."

More Moisture Falls Keeping Fields Damp

Sherman county continued to receive moisture during the past week, almost no day being without falling weather. Both rain and snow made up the total.

In all the county had .45 inch up to Wednesday night and Thursday it snowed nearly all day. With the .54 inch that had fallen in March up to last week there is now an inch of moisture credited to this month, counting some of the falling snow. This is above the normal of .87 inch and makes the crop year total about normal again.

Little farming has been done. Fields are being seeded where left last fall and a few are plowing but for many farmers spring work has not begun. Draws are wet and the soil generally is heavy and cold. And it is cold enough to freeze ice about half the nights so unless there is greater urgency than usual farmers are letting the season catch up with their ambitions.

Soil Experts Examine County's Pay Dirt

W. L. Powers, soil scientist from Oregon State college and William Hill, state soil scientist for the Soil Conservation service spent two days in Sherman county last week setting up the key for the soil series to be mapped on the Soil Conservation district farm plans.

Plans have been made to classify and map 160,000 acres of Sherman county soils during the spring and summer months. The entire county will be mapped in the future as money is available in cooperation with the soil department of OSC. The soils department is asking for financial cooperation from the county in order to complete the land capability and conservation survey within the next two years.

Rudie Mayko and Dick Salzman of the Soil Conservation service and T. W. Thompson, county extension agent accompanied Dr. Powers and Mr. Hill on the survey of the county.

Rebekah President Visits Wasco Lodge

Leia Ramsey of Madras, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, paid her official visit to Marian Rebekah lodge No. 127 of Wasco, at a special meeting held Saturday, March 18, at the Leo Watkins residence. She was accompanied by Vera Evick of Madras, marshal of the assembly. They were presented with corsages of pink and green.

After the meeting there was a program of several readings, and Mrs. Sadie Rich, noble grand of Marian, showed slides of various trips that she had taken. The rooms were decorated with daffodils and pussywillows.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream in the St. Patricks day motif, with placards and napkins carrying out the same idea, were served by the committee, Lena Brock, Beatrice Howell and Wilma Maddox.

Also present for the evening were representatives from the Moro and Grass Valley Rebekah lodges.

CHORUS PRESENTS MINSTREL SHOW

Members of the Moro high school Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Gorman A. Rose, have prepared a Plantation Minstrel show for presentation on Friday evening, March 24th, at 8:00 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The general admission will be fifty cents for adults and thirty cents for children.

Plantation scenes and skits will use the entire choral group in blackface patter and song. Les Edwards will act as interlocutor; and solo parts will be sung by Edwin Balsiger, Marie Balzer, Fred vonBorstel, Roy Harvey, Robert Howell, Eddie Justesen, Wily Knighten jr., Clarence May, Gladyce Moore, Leone Moore, & Helen Simon. The entertaining end men will be Fred vonBorstel, Jim Hart, Wily Knighten, Norval Lane, Jim Roberson and Carl Schilling.