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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Courage is the only security. Those who attempt to obtain security by other tactics will fail. In fact there is little that accrues to cowards, either among persons or nations.

TTWN
The other day we met a woman working at lambing. She was superior in education, ability and looks. We noted that she did not apologize, nor express self pity nor self praise.

TTWN
The winds are back again; in the mid-west and in Oregon, too. Soil is moving again and dire prophecies of disaster can be read from the sheets of almost any government bureau. That many kinds of soil will blow when not held by plant roots is information known to generations of men; that men will till it nevertheless if promised enough profit is also long accepted knowledge. The government is to blame for the dust storms because it encouraged—and is still encouraging—the production of wheat on the short grass plains. Such land has been cropped in competition with established wheat land to the detriment of the federal, echequer and the ruination of the flighty soil.

TTWN
It looks as if men are going to have to wear bright colored shirts when they wear out their old drab ones. But it will always seem a little pitiful to see a sweating ditch digger wearing a shirt decorated with smart scenes from Hawaii.

TTWN
Families that used to kill their own hogs and cattle and eat it all; neck, ham hocks, cracklins, head cheese, trimmings, now feed hurt at anything less than porterhouse. That is prosperity.

TTWN
The good things in the world have come from the efforts of those who cherished an ideal above a meal.

TTWN
Everyone agrees with the theory of the Hoover commission report. And it would be alright if it wouldn't reduce appropriations for some of the things we want.

TTWN
The calendar says it is spring—and is alone in its contention.

TTWN
A sort of heartening story came out of Coos county this week. It told of a dairyman who threw his remaining silver in a milk can after returning from town until he had nigh onto \$1500. Then he bought a car.

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In the first place it is good news that a man should be able to return from town with money; it is good that he was able to leave the milk can alone until such a goodly sum had accumulated; it is good news that the community was honest and the money not stolen. With a car the dairyman will not be able to come home with so much money but if he has developed the habit of saving he will be alright.

TTWN
It is often bad luck for Portland to win the first ball game of the season. Portland is used to it.

TTWN
Some one is trying to make a reputation as a weather prophet by saying that it is going to warm up. At this time of year and freezing every night the prediction seems certain to happen—eventually.

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One might think that the coming elections would change the entire policy of the nation and state. They won't. Trends will go on until the people decide otherwise pretty much regardless of who is elected. That is because so few who are elected obtain enough power to change things much. Occasionally some one is elected who is sufficiently bad to leave a black mark for years and now and then a man arises who is good enough to leave a shining mark for those who follow. That may be the reason the voters are usually uninterested—so much that it is hard to arouse them about the bad men and ideas.

Good Friday Date Chosen For Concert By Moro Choir

The choir of the Moro Community church will present an Easter Concert on 'Good Friday' evening, April 7, in the church at 8 p. m. Soloists will be Mrs. Velma McKean, Mrs. Genevieve Powell, Mrs. Orilu Coons and Mr. Tom Fraser. There will also be duets, trios, quartets, and special chorus numbers. Mrs. Olive Young will direct the singing and Mrs. Helen Sayrs will play the organ.

Francis Hammond Buried at Grass Valley

Francis James Hammond, 32, died Wednesday March 22 at the Medical-Dental hospital in Redmond. A farmer in the Powell Butte community, he is survived by his wife, Frieda, and son, James of Powell Butte; his mother, Mrs. T. J. Hammond of Arlington, Mass.; seven brothers of Grass Valley, Thomas, Spokane, John, Robert, Leo and Wendell, all in Mass.; Warren in Iowa and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Curtin of Mass.

Funeral services were held from the Catholic church in Grass Valley Saturday at 10 o'clock with Father Duignan of Dufur officiating. The American Legion had charge of the grave side services. Interment was in the Odd-Fellow cemetery in Grass Valley arrangements by Zacher mortuary of Redmond.

WASCO'S BOOKS

The following books have recently arrived at the Wasco City Library for adults:

The Parasites — Daphne du Maurier
The King's Cavalier — Samuel Shellabough
The Beautiful Bequest — Eric Hatch
The Peaceful Kingdom — Ardyth Kennelly
Little Boy Lost — Marghanita Laski
Elephant Walk — Robert Stanish
My American Heritage — Lucille Pannell
Two Bit Rancher — Charles Heckelman
The Marshal of Deer Creek — Al Cody
Horseshoe Combine — Leslie Ernenwein

for teen-agers:

Gay Melody — Martha Kiser
The Totem Casts A Shadow — Margaret Bell
Start of the Trail — Louise Rich
High Trail — Vivian Breck
Treasure Mountain — Evelyn Lampmann

for children:

A Pony Called Lightning — Miriam Mason
Down In Dixie — W. Harper
School House In The Woods — Rebecca Candill

Grass Seedings Encouraged For Waterways

Seeding of grass in waterways is a farm practice that will help Sherman county farmers eliminate some of the gully erosion now present over the entire county according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

W. E. Bruckert, selected by the Oregon Wheat Growers League as the Conservation Man of the Year for Sherman county, uses grass waterways and plans to plant more this year.

Two waterways on the Sherman branch experiment station have eliminated any erosion on those particular waterways. Waterways properly shaped and planted will protect the channel and also accumulate a little silt each year, gradually developing a stabilized bottom which can be easily crossed with farm implements.

The Land Use committee of the Sherman county planning conference and the supervisors of the soil conservation district recommend and urge farmers to adopt the grass waterway practice, protecting at least one waterway each year.

At present crested wheatgrass is the best for waterways. Sod waterways are preferred over the bunch type grasses, but the seed supply is short and rainfall is not adequate. Pubescent wheat grass is ideal for waterways. Smooth brome may be used and furnishes excellent root growth but little top growth under local moisture conditions.

Equipment should be raised on crossing grassed waterways to eliminate disturbing the grass. Hydraulic equipment is ideal for accomplishing this work, but waterways can be used without this equipment under proper management.

4-H Clubbers Make Trip To Plant

Thirty 4-H club members, parents, and leaders toured the maraschino cherry manufacturing plant and held an evening banquet at The Dalles Friday, March 24.

Club members from the Well Done, Whistling Tea Kettle and Bakers Eight Cooking clubs in Moro attended this tour and banquet.

Arrangements for this event were made by the two club leaders, Mrs. Ralph Busse and Mrs. Katherine Thompson.

Ivan Kirkelle served as toastmaster for the banquet. Club songs were led by Mrs. Busse. T. W. Thompson, county agent, gave a short talk about the 4-H year.



WET EYES FOR A SPY... A Francis Wagner caused speculation by her weeping at the trial of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the German-British scientist who was sentenced to 14 years in prison for giving atomic secrets to Russia. She was seen outside London's Old Bailey with an unidentified man after Fuchs was sentenced, and it was reported that she had journeyed from Germany for the trial. London reporters were a long time discovering her name, and they had dubbed her "the woman in green."

It Costs \$37.50 for Automobile Accidents Per Vehicle in Oregon; More If Involved

The cost of Oregon traffic accidents in 1949 represent a charge of \$37.20 against every motor vehicle in the state, according to data from the secretary of state's office.

Safety officials calculate total losses chargeable to traffic accidents at \$24,515,540. The amount is based on National Safety Council figures averaging \$18,200 per death, \$660 per injury, and \$160 for each property damage accident. He explained that calculable costs include wage loss, medical expense, property damage, and overhead cost of insurance. They do not include insurance premiums or claims paid.

An itemized accounting of the 1949 experience assesses 354 fatalities at \$6,442,800; 11,685 injuries at \$7,712,100; and 64,754 accidents at \$10,360,640. The secretary added that 125,478 of the state's registered 659,063 vehicles were involved in the mishaps.

These figures represent only the money loss to individuals, serving to emphasize the waste of accidents. Expense through government agencies of police and highway work made necessary by the crashes cannot be estimated. And a dollars and

Sherman County Club President Announces Meeting

The Sherman County club, frozen into inaction during the winter, will emerge next Wednesday with springtime vigor, according to Bill Hall, president. The club will meet at the hotel and the program will consist of a discussion of the wheat allotment program and the organization of the national wheat league with Paulsen Kaseberg doing the talking. Allen Tom, agricultural chairman, will preside over the program.

Members and others interested in a farm program are expected to attend.

CENSUS BLANKS OUT

The 1950 census of agriculture questionnaires are now being distributed by mail to the farmers of Sherman county who will participate with others all over the United States in a nationwide inventory of farms and farm production.

By March 27, the rural carrier will have delivered to all rural route boxholders a copy of the agriculture questionnaire to be used in the 1950 census of agriculture. With it will come a request from the United States Bureau of the Census asking the farmer to fill in the questionnaire and have it ready for the census enumerator who will call at the farm in April.

The average farmer can complete the agriculture questionnaire easily. Many of the inquiries may be answered merely by checking a "Yes" or a "No" and most of the other inquiries can be answered without reference to records. However, some questions will require a little more time, namely inquiries on crop yields and receipts from crop sales, on the production of livestock and livestock products and income from their sale, on farm expenditures for selected items, and on other inquiries about the farm business which cover the 1949 calendar year.

Adeline Hockman Funeral Today

Flora Adeline Hockman died in a hospital in Portland Tuesday March 28, after a long illness. She was born near Olympia, Washington June 30, 1893 and came to Sherman county when a girl with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hockman.

She attended school in Moro, was married to George Hansen in 1921, and later moved to Portland where she has made her home for the past 25 years.

Surviving are two brothers, Ben of The Dalles and Orville of Moro, three half sisters, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan of Moro, Mrs. Lottie Cowles and Mrs. May Nordin of Portland.

Funeral services will be held in Portland from Rose and Son chapel Friday morning at ten o'clock. Interment will be made in the Moro cemetery that afternoon with graveside services. Pall bearers will be Bob Hoskinson, Art Christianson, Carroll Sayrs, Harry Pinkerton, Truman Strong and Tom Fraser. Rev. Gearhart will be in charge.

WASCO CHURCHES PLAN

Last Sunday at Wasco, Church of Christ, the Northwest Christian college had the following representatives as guests, Robert Gipe, Clifton Pelghtal, Roy Bullock, Charles Knight, and John Piper. Together the church experienced a wonderful time in a rich fellowship of the church membership and songs by the college quartet, and a message by the speaker, Mr. Gipe, all of Eugene, Oregon.

For this coming Sunday Wasco Church of Christ will have for its topic, "The Sign That Shook The Earth". Wasco churches are planning for a "Good Friday" service.

Holy week will be observed in the Wasco Methodist church, by special meetings. Each evening the meeting will commence at 8 o'clock. Friday, April 7, Good Friday, the meeting will also include the communion service. Easter Sunday at 10 a. m. will be the Sunday school Easter program, and at 11 a. m. the Divine worship and Easter sermon.

There will be Divine worship at the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday, April 2 at 3 p. m.

Fair Board Talks About 1950 Fair Plans Early

The Sherman county fair board met last week and voted to continue the fairs through 1950 in much the same manner as before. As planned there will be a rodeo and races but no horse show.

It was estimated that receipts for the year should total \$7600 and it was felt that a fair could be put on for that amount. To do it will be necessary to curtail some of the expenses and practically all of the improvements to the grounds which have taken much of the income in recent years.

NFLA Makes and Pays Dividend

A dividend in the amount of \$3000 has recently been paid to the stockholder-members of The Dalles National Farm Loan Association, according to Thomas F. Whiteman, secretary-treasurer. This represents part of a dividend recently declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane in the amount of \$190,000. During the last six years the Bank has paid out approximately \$1,199,000 in dividends to its stockholders, and the associations have passed this dividend on to their members retaining only a small portion needed to effect a strong reserve and sound financial position.

Mr. Whiteman said the annual meeting of The Dalles Association will be held early in May, the details of which will be announced later.

Erny Remington Services Held

Funeral services for E. R. Remington of Fossil, who died Tuesday, March 21, at a hospital in The Dalles, was held from the Spencer-Libby funeral home in The Dalles Friday at 1 o'clock with the Rev. A. L. Kintner officiating. Graveside services were held at the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Grass Valley at 3:30.

Among those attending the funeral were his step son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wilcox from Prineville, Mr. Remington's sister, Mrs. Atkinson from Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coon from Prineville, Ferris Stanton from Portland and friends from Fossil, Willow Creek, Cecil, The Dalles and Grass Valley. After the services at the cemetery friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds where sandwiches and cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. Wayne Kelly and Mrs. John Block.

MAY GET MONEY

Some workers in this area are losing federal old-age insurance payments because they delay in filing applications, Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande office of the Social Security Administration, said today.

"Two questions often asked older workers indicate misunderstanding about the old-age and survivors insurance program," Mr. Welo said. "The answers to these questions may mean dollars in your pocket."

Question: Can a worker start drawing benefits as soon as he reaches age 65?

Answer: He can if he has worked long enough to qualify and is no longer working regularly in jobs that come under social security. He may receive a benefit for any month in which he does not earn more than \$14.99 in such work.

Question: Do workers age 65 or over have to retire permanently before filing a claim?

Answer: No. After 65, if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a lay-off, or any other reason, get in touch with the La Grande social security office. You may be eligible for benefits during the months you are temporarily not working. Even if you plan to work regularly after you reach 65, it is a good idea to inquire at the social security office. It may prevent your losing benefits which you have earned.

County Business for March Term Reported; Routine Unchanged

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 1, 1950 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against the county general and general road funds allowed as presented.

Treasurer's monthly statement of fund balances as of February 28, presented and filed.

Clerk's monthly statement of budgeted balances re: general road fund budget as of February 28, presented and filed.

Sheriff's report covering tax collections from November 15, 1949 to February 15, 1950 presented and filed.

Requests of Ted Ball et al for road improvements referred to road foreman.

Statement of Lamer Sayrs covering labor expended, operation of equipment etc., in snow removals presented and held in suspense.

Petition of J. J. Decker et al for closure of county road granted and placed in custody of District Attorney for preparation of legal proceedings.

Quotations received for sale of pick-up truck. Order placed with Service Motor company.

Claim allowed for indemnity for Bang's diseased dairy cow slaughtered.

Vacancy on No. 1 election precinct board filled by appointment of E. C. Eaton.

A. A. Dunlap re-appointed as budget committee member for three year term.

Communication from secretary of Sherman County Soil Conservation District received, filed and to receive future con-

sideration.

Clerk directed to call in budget committee appointees and board of county road viewers to attend meeting to be held in conjunction with County Court on March 3, relative to consideration of a future road reconstruction and improvement program and the obtaining of funds therefor.

No further matters at issue.

CONDENSED REPORT OF MARCH 3, SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNTY COURT, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT AND COUNTY ROAD VIEWER

Court presented for consideration the need of repairs to existing bridges, installation of larger culverts, needed increase in elevation of many roads to effect better drainage, the need of more base rock for some roads, the need of the expenditure of approximately \$30,000.00 for crushed rock and the probable purchase of a shovel and one truck, in addition to other incidental expenses.

All road fund balances were presented and considered, after which it was suggested that a proposed special road tax levy of 5 mills for two years be voted on at the May Primary Election.

Matter taken under consideration and decision to be reached during April term of Court, after which meeting adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAIN. ST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD

FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1950 APPROVED MARCH 1 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Elsie Jones P.M., \$5.00; Norman E. Fields, \$60.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$19.10.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Clarence Huls \$22.90

COURTHOUSE

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$30.75; W. R. Reid & Son, \$34.91; George DeMoss, \$4.00; Ivan Kirkelle, \$44.30; Bureau of Labor, \$2.50; Ranch & Home Store, \$3.40; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$30.36; Jack Jefferies \$465.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$6.96

COUNTY COURT

Vernon I. Miller, \$8.80; Lester Wilson, \$12.00

DEMOSSE PARK

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

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER

\$50.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

\$9.25

ELECTIONS

\$1.40

CORONER

\$5.00

ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS

\$13.00

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

\$1,389.75

EMERGENCY FUND

\$8.00

RETIREMENT FUND

\$57.63

MISCELLANEOUS

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$10.98; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.32; Public Employees Retirement System, \$144.95; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND:

WAGES

Frank Bazzel, \$313.02; E. McPherson, \$203.38; Earl Rehr, \$227.71; H. A. Shields, \$74.45; Frank Bayer, \$219.90; George H. DeMoss, \$232.82; Joe Drinkard, \$100.19; R. F. Looney, \$9.30; First National Bank, \$83.50; State Tax Commission, \$15.74; Public Employees Retirement System, \$92.74

REPAIRS

O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$17.09; Pike's Garage, \$14.10; Pratt Motor Co., \$108.70; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., \$94.61; Service Motor Co., \$1.80; Wasco Motor Co., \$8.75; Arstili-Morroe, \$25.68

GAS & OIL

McKean & Son, \$4.79; J.K. McKean Co., \$3.00; Union Oil Co., \$205.17

TIRES & OIL

Firestone Stores, \$702.54; Wasco Motor Co., \$4.60; Walther Williams Co., \$88.91

GENERAL SUPPLIES

McKean & Son, \$9.25; Sunset Moto Co., \$38.08; J. K. McKean Co., \$25.20; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$24.18; Ranch & Home Store, \$14.04

MISCELLANEOUS

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$64.40; Homer S. Wall, \$99.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$1.20; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$8.35; City of Moro, \$1.75; Howard Cooper Corp., \$52.25

RETIREMENT FUND

\$61.21

ROAD MACHINERY

Service Motor Co., \$1170.85