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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

That the ordinary garden will wear off more weight than its produce will put on.

T.T.W.N.

"Big men never feel big; small men never feel small." -Arnold Glasow.

T.T.W.N.

One thing the war didn't do much for is the automobile. It is as much like the 1940 car as possible. Oh, they've bulged the windshield and speeded up the motor but automobile makers didn't learn much from the great mechanical stimulus that came with the war.

T.T.W.N.

Where, we wonder, are the few remaining sheep herders going for companionship and such solace as the city might afford now that the old Star rooming house is to be torn down.

To a man whose sole sample of sophistication came from reading what pulp magazines were brought out by the packer the comparative elegance of the Star rooms were sufficient. The beds had springs on them, didn't they, and not boughs of redolent fir or caustic sage. There were other men about to assuage the loneliness that brought them to town.

If one liked there were places where the hot distillation of corn and the cool brew of malt could be blended in an effort to attain the correct interior temperature. And the Star was a place to sleep when the experiment proved unsuccessful.

About the Star have moved other social diversions that kept the sheepherder from his flocks and made his brief stay among the so-called civilized something to remember on lonely nights when the coyotes howled as woefully as the modern trains that pass the old Star.

Well, well, if The Dalles is not careful the things that have made it interesting, and occasionally lively, will be history. And the new things will be common place and The Dalles will be as one with Centerville, Bridgeport, Fairviews, Ridgewoods, the nation over.

T.T.W.N.

We are well enough prepared to defend ourselves if we have no war. Never have we, nor any other nation, been well enough prepared for war. Our preparation—and our defense—must largely be in the abilities of the men who prevent war and not in those who make it.

T.T.W.N.

Women in small towns are usually better dressed and more pert looking than those in the city.

T.T.W.N.

Nearly every kind of transportation can be found along the Columbia. Hitchhikers wave their thumbs at the thousands of passing cars, tugs push awkward barges into the muddy current, trucks roar along the highways, a big Mallet chuffs across the bridge and takes up its metro-nomic beat as it starts a long train of cars up the steep Deschutes, a plane comes silently above the hills and in a few minutes disappears like an eagle into the blue. Horseback riders may occasionally be seen although when he mounted the horse and the horse and buggy or wagon is as hard to find as the older Indian travois.

T.T.W.N.

The muddy colored water in the rivers is a very good argument against the production of surplus crops. Let the hill tops go back to grass—with the aid and advice, of course, of the federal government—and there will be land—and fish—for the next generation.

T.T.W.N.

For the first time this year the frogs started croaking last week but on some of the frostier nights—since then have been quiet. We don't know how a frog knows so much about the arrival of spring but their judgment has been superior to most humans so far.

## Wheat Leaguers Go To Meeting; Elect Delegates

Paulen Kaseberg, Kenneth Fridley, Leonard Fields and Floyd Root were in Pendleton last Friday to attend a joint meeting of the Oregon Wheat commission and the executive board of the wheat league. Mr. Kaseberg, Henry Baker, wheat league president, and Jens Terjesen were chosen to be delegates to the Kansas City meeting for organization of the national wheat league. Marlon Weatherford and D. D. Hill may also attend.

Some of the new "Farm" bread was inspected and sampled and Root reported that 16 percent more flour is used in its manufacture and that it stays fresh longer and is less soggy than ordinary white bread. Besides it tastes more like home made bread.

No action was taken about changing the loan rate in south Idaho, about asking for a miller's subsidy. The balanced re- apportionment plan was approved as being a substitute for the federal plan which was adopted by the league in December.

## City Faced With Larger Cost Than Contemplated

The city council of Moro and the budget committee made up a budget for the city Tuesday night and by curtailing probable expenditures were able to bring it into balance close enough to forestall a request for funds in excess of the six percent limitation.

It was the original intention of some of the council to arrange to make a continuing levy in order to pay for the cost of the new ditch and the bridge across First street. Preliminary estimates indicated that the cost may reach \$30,000 which was adjudged too large for a continuing levy. Present intent of the council is to obtain a vote on a bond issue of sufficient size to pay for the final estimate.

It has been pretty well agreed to change the ditch from its present course to one almost straight from the football field to Railroad avenue. This will entail moving the red pump house in the flat. Cost of digging the ditch will be \$4 or \$5000 depending on the disposal made of the dirt.

Estimated expenditures totaled \$6041.40 and receipts \$5270. The tax levy will be \$526.18 which is all the city can levy within the six percent limitation. Bond repayment and interest which come to \$1280.25 are outside the limitation.

The council voted to sell the old Legion hall to Kenneth Zachary for \$2000.

GO TO TRAP SHOOT

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Watkins were at Walla Walla, Washington last Sunday where he shot a 25 and Helen a 24.

## RSB Budget Down From Last Year's Record Peak

The Rural School Board met Wednesday and passed on the budgets of the several districts of the county. The board ruled against payment of tuition which changes the budgets somewhat although not affecting receipts but indirectly.

Budget items for capital outlay were excluded from the final Rural School Board budget and if districts are to get money for that purpose it will come from a vote over the six percent limitation and from the district wanting the improvement.

The result is a lower budget than was finally passed last year.

Levied last year by the board was \$235,451 to which must be added the \$27,500 item for the Moro school.

This year the Rural School Board budget totals \$201,470, and if all capital outlays are approved by the local boards the total will be \$212,450, those items being but \$10,980.

By school districts the budgets as approved are: Biglow \$3,398; Emigrant Springs \$2,146; Non-High \$3,155; Rural School Board office \$9,150; Rufus \$35,089.50; Wasco \$37,411.60; Kent \$25,348.82; Moro \$58,040.04; Grass Valley \$27,730.34.

## William S. Powell Dies In Hospital

William S. (Bill) Powell died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Wednesday night, after an illness of ten days. He went to the city and entered a rest home from which he was transferred to the hospital a few days before death. Mr. Powell was 77, having been born in Linn county in August of 1872. He lived for a time when a boy at Prineville and came to Sherman county in the early eighties to make this his home for the remainder of his life. He farmed west of town when young and owned two sections of land there together with other wheat land in this and Gilliam county.

He was married to Frankie Landry who preceded him in death. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Opal Parkins, Mrs. J. K. McKean, two brothers, Roy of The Dalles and Charley of Portland, two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Moore, of Moro and Mrs. Mary Southwick of Portland, and two grand daughters, Nancy and Janie McKean of Moro.

Mr. Powell was active in farm organizations being a member of the Farmers Union years ago, one of the organizers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, the first local director of the North Pacific Grain Growers. He served several years on the city council. Funeral services have not been arranged as yet.

## Canners Can Compare Canning Friday

Homemakers of Sherman county are cordially invited to a Home Judging School Friday, April 14, at the Moro High school beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Arrangements have been made by T. W. Thompson, county agent, for Mrs. Vivian Freeman, representative of the Kerr Glass company, to come to Moro to conduct this school.

Your ticket of admission is one filled jar, any quality, to be used in the discussion, however, these jars will not be opened unless you wish questions answered about their contents. Your jar will be returned to you.

Mrs. Freeman suggests that you bring jars about which you wish to brag on with their appearance or flavor or, any which you have questions. This meeting will be an opportunity to practice new taxes, but will give listening judgment of the filled jars willers an opportunity to propose last about 1 1/2 hours and will methods of how to keep the state include a "question and answer" operating at the same rate of expenditure, practice economy.

This promises to be the best levied new taxes. Giles French, opportunity this season, for all a committee member from the homemakers to receive the new-house of representatives, at- est information about current-tended the meeting. He will dis- research on home food preserva- cuss pending school legislation, enabling you to more quick- and the business tax. John Sell shells will talk about The Dalles will talk about the Sherman county 4-H club mem- success and satisfaction with propo- sals to abandon the property her tax as a source of state revenue, after the fall shows.

## National Wheat League Organized Reports Kaseberg

Paulen Kaseberg, member of the Oregon Wheat commission, and a delegate to the meeting at which a national wheat league was started, spoke to the Sherman County club Wednesday noon. He told of the reasons and methods of organizing wheat growers into a group.

The first meeting was held in Denver the last of January and Henry Baker, wheat league president, and Jens Terjesen, chairman of the wheat commission attended along with Kaseberg. A meeting in Omaha in March was held for the purpose of forming a preliminary organization.

A larger meeting, to which many delegates and wheat growers are asked, will be held in Kansas City, April 21 and 22. Present method of organizing is to permit each state to send three delegates for each \$2400 contributed to the association. Other delegates can be had at one for each additional contribution of \$5000 up to \$25,000. A tentative budget of \$40,000 has been set up.

A location of headquarters will be chosen with Washington, D. C. the probable choice. Alms of the group are to prevent the passage of bills that increase acreage unfairly and to watch over all legislation that may prevent prosperity of wheat growers.

There will be a board of directors, a president and an executive officer who will direct the work. Oregon men have been effective in preventing sectionalism and in making the new organization one truly representative of the whole body of wheat growers of the nation regardless of the size of operations.

Judge Curt Tom reported that the resolution passed at the last meeting about hiring an educator to make a survey of the county's schools has been acted upon and C. A. Huffaker of the University of Oregon would come at the expense of the Rural School Board at a fee of \$75.

Allen Tom, agricultural chairman reported that an effort would be made to have the weed law enforced and that the PMA would pay the full cost of spraying material, making enforcement much less expensive.

President Bill Hall reported that the next meeting will be held at Grass Valley, probably in the evening.

## Boy Scouts Make Week End Trip

A group of Boy Scouts made a hiking trip up the Deschutes river over the spring vacation holiday. Sunday they walked up the river a few miles and camped near the old Gordon place and Monday went on to the Harris place to spend the second night. They were accompanied by L. E. and Paulen Kaseberg. Boys making the trip were Douglas Alley, Larry Kaseberg, Billy and Bobby Root, Bob Howell, Donald McIntyre, LeRoy Stultz, Norman Fridley and Billy Coats.

Floyd Root will go to Portland Monday to attend the second of a series of training classes given for scout leaders who will accompany boys on the eastern trip in June.

## TAX STUDY GROUP WILL MEET APRIL 17

The April meeting of the inter- im tax study committee was held in Portland Monday. Plans were made for the tour of eastern Oregon towns which will begin with a meeting in The Dalles at noon April 17. Members of the committee will explain the state's financial condition, tell of the effects of possible legislation and propose some changes that might serve to equalize taxes to some extent. They will not propose have an opportunity to practice new taxes, but will give listening judgment of the filled jars willers an opportunity to propose last about 1 1/2 hours and will methods of how to keep the state include a "question and answer" operating at the same rate of expenditure, practice economy.

Any 4-H club member who has completed a livestock breeding project is eligible. Breeding projects shall include beef, hog, sheep, dairy, or goats. Safeway stores will continue these breeding livestock scholarship projects for the 1950 club year. A Sherman county 4-H club member will be selected for this year as a source of state revenue, after the fall shows.

## City Water Will Be Turned Off Saturday April 8th; Notice

Water in the city of Moro will be turned off Saturday, April 8, at 9:30 a. m. in order to replace the main broken in the recent flood. Because of a lack of sufficient shut-offs it is necessary to cut off the entire system. It may take over an hour.

Those who live on the hill may find it advisable to turn off their water at the meter in order to prevent water in the system from draining out.

## Wheat Crops Look Generally

The United States winter wheat crop continues mostly favorable except in the southwestern portion of the Great Plains. The chief complaints are from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles; and parts of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. In this area wheat is reported in a critical condition. Some fields have been abandoned.

Recent rains in California have improved the dry land grain prospects considerably.

Argentina is planning an increased wheat acreage. The goal for the 1950-51 season has been set at 17 million acres. This will be the largest wheat acreage in Argentina since 1941 if reached. The wheat acreage in Argentina has been decreasing since 1941. The acreage for the last two seasons has been around 13.5 million acres.

The price set in Argentina for next year's crop has been announced at the equivalent of \$2.27 a bushel. This compares with \$1.90 a bushel for last year's crop.

## An Accident Apiece Is Auto Average

Oregon motorists suffered an estimated 492,106 breakdowns during the year 1949, according to the Oregon State Motor Association. The association reached the figure by applying percentages of breakdowns as reported to their emergency road service department, to the state's registration figures.

The breakdown total in Oregon amounts to about one every minute and one for virtually every private passenger automobile registered in the state.

Flat tires lead the list of motor woes, in Oregon as in the nation, the Oregon motor club reported. There were 114,019 flat tires suffered by motorists in 1949, or 23.17 per cent of the total motor troubles. Battery trouble was second, causing 22.43 per cent of the difficulties besetting motorists and amounting to 110,279 calls for assistance in Oregon.

Third in the list of calls for help were tow jobs, with 52,163 reported in Oregon. Fourth on the list of breakdowns were ignition failures, with 46,553 in Oregon.

The motor club said the other motor troubles, in order, were: carburetor failure, car stuck, out of gas, starter trouble, lock and key, brakes, gas line, lights.

## CLARENCE MAY WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Clarence May, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. May of Grass Valley was recently announced as the winner of the County 4-H Breeding Livestock Scholarship award presented each year by Safeway store.

The award consists of a 1950 4-H summer school scholarship. Safeway stores provide scholarships of this nature to each county in the state as well as \$100.00 college scholarship for the state winner.

The purpose of the award is to promote the development of 4-H livestock breeding projects and to encourage club members to continue their 4-H work and improve and enlarge their herds or flocks. Any 4-H club member who has completed a livestock breeding project is eligible. Breeding projects shall include beef, hog, sheep, dairy, or goats. Safeway stores will continue these breeding livestock scholarship projects for the 1950 club year. A Sherman county 4-H club member will be selected for this year as a source of state revenue, after the fall shows.

## County Court Asks Special Levy 5 mills, 2 Years

Sherman county's court passed a resolution at its Wednesday session calling for a special election to be held on the same date as the primary nominating election, May 19, in which the court asks for a special levy in excess of the six percent limitation for general road purposes.

It has been thought for some weeks that the court would probably take this action at the April meeting because a hearing was held about it early in March but nothing further had been heard of it in the meantime.

The resolution asks for a general road levy without specifying the roads to be built or repaired nor equipment to be bought (if any) nor whether the work is to be done with county equipment or by contract. These are not necessary in the resolution and such information may be obtained from court members in all probability.

It is understood that because the resolution is for a general road levy the cities will share in any tax moneys raised up to the normal one half. This would amount to two and a half mills a year on a valuation of \$264,786 in Wasco; \$228,439 in Moro and \$154,821 in Grass Valley. Cities will not receive any large part of the tax, however, having less than \$700,000 total valuation in a county valued at nearly \$10,000,000.

The tax would raise some \$47,000 and increase the road funds by that amount less rebate and less city's share. The levy would run for two years and be for five mills.

## Cancer Drive Starts Here This Month

The drive for funds for cancer research and prevention will start immediately in Sherman county according to Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county chairman. Mrs. Hildred Zell is district chairman. Others who will assist in the drive are Mrs. B. Estrella Halley at Wasco, Mrs. Charles Perrigo at Grass Valley, Mrs. Clarice Bekkedahl and Mrs. Frank von Borstel at Kent.

The county quota is \$600 which should be raised before the end of April.

## High School Playing Baseball Today

The Moro high school baseball team will play the high school team of The Dalles at that town Friday and will play the junior varsity here next Tuesday. These are the first games of the season.

Playing this year are Rust, and von Borstel, pitchers, both of whom have been out of school for several days. Skippy May has been doing the mound work in practice. Scott Fritts does the catching and first base chores will be divided between Fred von Borstel and LeRoy Martin. The other places in the infield will be filled by Willy Knighen, Les Edwards, Roy Harvey and Norval Lane. Jimmy Roberson, Bob Martin and some of the above not otherwise placed will roam the outfield.

## Charles Stewart Buried Tuesday

Charles Stewart, one of four brothers well known in Sherman county, was buried in The Dalles Tuesday. He was born July 22, 1876 in Scotland and came to Oregon when a young man living in the mid-Columbia area most of his life.

He is survived by a brother, John of Moro, two nephews, Lee of Salem and Charles Nelson of Dufur and six nieces, Mrs. Clarence Quirk, Mrs. Milford Ball and Mrs. Janette Sorabhan of The Dalles, Mrs. Arthur Mason and Mrs. Nalvin Ball of Boyd and Miss Cora Stewart of Corvallis.

Funeral services were in charge of the Odd-Fellows of which he was a long time member and interment was in the cemetery at The Dalles.



ON A BICYCLE BUILT FOR GREAT GRANNY . . . Model Jeanne Lorenz, New York, tries out the pedals of an old Columbia bicycle of vintage 1870. The strange vehicle is a part of the huge collection which was placed on display at New York's Madison Square Garden recently. Guides, in explaining that the bike was a mode of transportation of Grandma's day, did not mention how Granny managed her skirts.