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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Recently we have been reading a paper published in New York state and it recalls an observation made some years ago when on a visit to the eastern states as a guest of the United States army. It is that people all over the United States are very much alike. They eat the same breakfast foods, wear the same clothes, pray to the same God, worship the same dollar, are motivated by the same emotions.

Now we read that this woman had a birthday party, another has returned from a hospital, the Cub Scouts will meet, some one has bought a farm and someone has sold some shoats. They read the same ads as do the readers of this paper, go to the same shows and pay about the same price for food. Daylight saving confuses them all but the crops grow and the sun shines the same there as here.

One could wake up in Margareville, N. Y., and feel perfectly at home reading the same news. It would be about different people and that would be the only difference.

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Would it be possible that the residents of Marial, down on the Rogue river, are having a little fun by appealing to the Red Cross? If they had wanted to draw a comparison between degrees of living conditions they did very well. In these modern times a man should certainly be entitled to some sort of aid if his radio goes out of action, his hens go on strike or his faucets freeze. My goodness what's government good for (and the Red Cross) if it can't keep a man comfortable?

TTWN
Minority groups are now endorsing candidates for the coming primaries at which time the majority group, meaning everyone, will pass on the candidates and the endorsers all with one scratch.

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In observation of daylight saving time the office clock has sprouted a new hour hand, a vivid red one, that runs around just an hour ahead of the regular, year-round hour hand. We assume that it was a manifestation of providence sent to guide the minds of those who inquire "What time you on?" when we never know. We work when we have to and quit when we can.

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Some day readers of history are going to get a chuckle out of the way we handle criminals in these United States. Al Capone went to jail for evading income tax and it is now proposed that big league gamblers have their telephones taken away from them. Talk about cruel and unusual punishments. What kind of a government is this, anyway?

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"Well", as the farmer said to his wife as they drove into town and looked at the village clock, "it's later than you think."

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Friday, May 12, at 8 o'clock has been set for the joint installation of Parents and Teachers Association to be held at the Wasco auditorium.

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There will be a short program and square dancing.

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If this rainmaker who has been filling the reservoirs for New York city can really do that anywhere and anytime this nation can save a lot of money. Even at a hundred dollars per day it would be cheaper than building irrigation systems and dams to serve them. Some one may eventually make a flower garden out of vast central Oregon, say, or still the sands of the Sahara.

TTWN
Harold Stassen may have less trouble proving the truth of his charge about Truman than proving that it was wise to say it.

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It looks as if the Columbia may be high again worrying but with everyone worrying about it it probably won't happen. Besides there's no assurance that it will ever warm up.

Soil Conservation Man of 1949 To Be Host

The Oregon Wheat Growers' league of 1949 "Conservation Farmer of the Year", thirty-seven year old Virgil Larson, Mikkaolo, will have his farm on display to the public Thursday, May 11, starting at 10 a. m. a Columbia basin conservation field day committee has announced.

The all-day program is intended to show conservation cropping practices and soil saving tillage methods.

Located 24 miles northwest of Condon, Larson's 4,407 acre ranch lies in an area which receives 9 to 12 inches of annual rainfall. The area is subject to severe wind and water erosion.

Among field day features to be viewed will be a field where 50 bushel wheat was farmed with trashy fallow in 1949 and seeded with a deep furrow drill this year. It will show, the field day committee states, that even excessive amounts of stubble can be handled in low rainfall areas.

Program speakers will include Floyd Root, Wasco, second vice-president, Oregon Wheat Growers' League; Tom Helseth, Pendleton, district conservationist, SCS; Sam Cook, Pendleton, farmer fieldman, PMA; and Arthur S. King, OSC extension service soil conservation specialist.

Larson's equipment will be displayed, and cropping practices to be viewed will include strip cropping, trashy fallow, contour seeded fields, steep land slopes seeded to grass, and nitrogen fertilizer plots on crested wheatgrass and wheat. A field of new creeping alfalfa seeded this year will also be shown.

Ernest Kirsch, Gilliam county extension agent, states that signs will be erected on the Arlington-Condon highway as well as on the Condon-Moro road pointing out the route to the Larson ranch. Although the committee is requesting visitors to bring lunches, box lunches will be available and coffee will be served.

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Robert Urquhart, 82, well known former resident of Moro, died in Portland May 1. A native of Canada, he came to Oregon in 1899 and farmed in this county for several years before moving to town. He was at one time postmaster of Moro.

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Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Laura Wise of Portland and Mrs. Idabelle Hunter of Boise, Idaho; three sons, Orrin and George of Portland and Willard of Great Falls, Montana; and two brothers William and Peter still in Canada.

Funeral services were held in Moro Thursday morning with interment in the Moro cemetery where he will rest beside his wife, Anna, who died here in 1929. Mr. Urquhart was a long time member of the Masonic lodge and of the Knights Templar and the Shrine.

NEW BUS ADDED
Trailways new schedules effective May 1 operate on Daylight Saving Time. The schedule from Moro leave Northbound to The Dalles, Portland, Yakima, and Spokane at 5:10 P. M. Southbound to Bend, Klamath Falls and California points at 6:30 P. M. The 6:30 schedule makes connection at Bend for Boise, Salt Lake and all points East.

USNB ISSUES STATEMENT
The United States National Bank of Portland, in its April 24 report to the comptroller of the currency, shows a gain of \$12,214,817 since the June 30, 1949, call date, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager of the bank's The Dalles branch.

Total deposits for the United States National, Oregon's largest financial institution, now stand at \$517,806,416, with The Dalles branch reporting a deposit figure of \$10,934,979.81, and the loans and discounts at \$4,804,975.81.

Loans and discounts also show a marked increase since last June 30. Latest figure reveals loans and discounts totaling \$147,926,005, an increase of \$15,091,754 since the 1949 mid-year report.

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School Play Gives Girls Emotional Exercise

Darlene Macheel (Cornelia Otis Skinner) and Dorothy Wilson (Emily Kimbrough) had the time of their lives last Friday night when they played the leads in the screaming comedy "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" at the high school. Darlene had her emotions on display as befitted a coming actress and Dorothy gave sound advice when not engaged in experiences of her own.

The juniors gave the show and discovered some talent in the doing. Carl Schilling as Otis Skinner had some good lines and read them well and Diane Christianson as Mrs. Skinner was properly maternal. Jim Roberson (who took the place of Roger Ball out with chicken-pox), Clarence May, John Alley, Georgia Schmidt and Dick Rust were ship's officers with proper dignity.

The masculine interest in the play was portrayed by Roy Harvey and Leslie Edwards, who were young Harvard medical students for a night. Evelyn Kirkelle and Viola Edwards were fellow passengers with a certain social robustness. Leone Moore and Betty Saxton were hotel servants, Alfred Kock, an unfortunate window washer, and Terry Bucholtz, a bewigged teacher of the theater. But the main characters were Darlene and Dorothy whose hearts were certainly young but less often gay than troubled.

Moro Women Elect Mrs Paul May

The Moro Woman's club met Friday, April 28, in regular session. The report of the nominating committee was accepted and a unanimous vote was cast for the following officers for next year: Mrs. Paul May, president; Mrs. George Mitchell, secretary; Mrs. Orlov Martin, treasurer.

The year book display arranged by Naomi Van Gilder and shown at the state convention won third place in competition with clubs all over the state.

Director for the day was Mrs. Max Barzee. Marian Boynton presented the Girl Scouts with an interesting program. Awards were given to Carol Burnett, Sherry Woods and Dayanne Sayers for achievements.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Chas. Burnett, Mrs. Ralph Eakin, Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle and Mrs. Ernest Woods.

The mother and daughter banquet will be held May 15 at the Moro Community church.

Celia Gavin Speaks To Wasco Club

The Wasco Woman's club met Friday at the home of Mrs. T. Lester Johnson. Mrs. Gordon Harper was co-hostess.

Mrs. Walter Bruckert, vice-president, presided at the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Carl Tuggle. Mrs. Tuggle was in Portland to attend the annual convention of the federated women's clubs. Mrs. Josephine Lamborn was another delegate who attended the convention.

Rbll Call was responded to by giving current events. Routine business was transacted.

Miss Celia Gavin, attorney from The Dalles, spoke on the subject, "A Challenge to Women." She spoke of the beginning of women's organizations in the United States, what has been accomplished by them and the challenge presented for accomplishment for the future.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses from the dining table centered with a lovely arrangement of spring flowers.

GAS, TAX VERY HIGH
State gasoline tax collections in the first three months of 1950 topped last year's first quarter by \$1,100,000, the secretary of the state reported today.

March gas sales jumped 26 per cent over February to a total of 37,110,804 gallons. Gross taxes for the month were \$2,226,364.35. Although gallonage for the quarter was up only four per cent from 1949, the tax increase was 25 per cent. Most of the gain stems from the added one cent per gallon tax which became effective July 1.

Standard Time Still Standard; Some Use DST

So far no official action has been taken to change the official time in Sherman county. Council meetings in both Grass Valley and Wasco were held and the adoption of new time was discussed but no change was voted. The Moro council has not met to discuss the matter.

Decisions of city councils have not been very well followed heretofore in any case. Business men go on daylight saving time or remain on standard time to suit themselves. It is doubtful if a city council has authority to enforce any kind of time on anyone and certainly no city council has tried to do so. The county court has no legislative authority.

The situation at present is that the bank, the liquor stores, the taverns, the court house, the mail service and postoffices are on standard time. The highway crew works according to daylight time, restaurants feed people at any time, and some business men are on daylight time.

Confusion will probably continue as long as it is possible for small governmental units to adopt a new time. A bill was passed at the last session of the legislature which would make it possible for the governor to declare daylight saving time when it seemed economically feasible and adjoining states had done so. It had the initiative invoked against it and will be voted on in November.

As for Sherman county the situation at present appears to be that the majority are continuing on standard time.

Stevenson Show Here Friday; Crews Effort

"Springtime Frolic", an operetta, composed and directed by Marion Crews will be presented at the Moro high school gymnasium Friday, May 5.

A cast of 50 students from Stevenson, Wn., will present the operetta.

Sherman county residents who viewed the operetta in Stevenson April 14 bought back favorable reports.

The Moro high school student body in sponsoring the operetta will receive half of the net profit.

Reserved seats, to be sold at the door, are 60c, general admission 35c and children 25c.

VFWs Attend Meeting In Hood River

Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries of District 15 met in Hood River, Friday, April 28, for their spring meeting. Members from Bonneville, Parkdale, The Dalles, Sherman county and Hood River were present.

A dinner was served by the hostess post and auxiliary to all who arrived by 7 p. m.

Norris Gilkison of Grass Valley, district commander, presided. Membership and the bonus issue were discussed.

The auxiliary meeting was conducted by Mrs. Marvin Howell of Wasco, district president. Guests included department treasurer, Lillian Dakin of Canby, Mrs. Edith Pike and Mrs. John Schum of Portland. Emphasis was placed on donations to the cancer fund and the Oregon Cottage fund.

Attending from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust of Grass Valley; Mrs. Ralph Busse, Mrs. George DeMoss, Mrs. Robert Boynton of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lane and Mrs. Marvin Howell of Wasco.

FIRST NATIONAL ANNOUNCES
In answer to the April 24 call of the comptroller of the currency, the Sherman County branch of the First National Bank of Portland reports deposits of \$1,636,553; and loans of \$169,682. In charge of the local banking office is Carrel S. Bennett, manager.

On April 11, 1949, the figures were: deposits, \$1,926,025; and loans, \$2,274,264.

Women of Fourth District Clubs Meet At Grass Valley; Hear Varied Program

Club women of the Fourth Oregon district held their spring meeting at Grass Valley Wednesday, May 3, with over sixty in attendance. Delegates were registered from the two clubs at Wasco, the Arlington, Moro, and Grass Valley clubs.

The forenoon program consisted of reports of standing committees which told of the work of the clubs during the year. Rebekahs served lunch in the Odd-Fellows hall.

In the afternoon a general program included a talk by Giles French who spoke on the problems of reapportionment of the Oregon legislature, some of the highlights of the Journal tour to Mexico by Mrs. Augusta Hutchinson and Mrs. B. Estelle Halley and excerpts from the diary of Mrs. Helen Sayers who spent last fall in Europe. Mrs. Velma McKeen sang two songs.

Present from the state organization were Mrs. Hildred Zell, state president, of Wasco, Mrs. Marion Weatherford, second vice-president from Arlington and Mrs. Halley, corresponding secretary from Wasco.

Elected and installed as new officers for the next two year period were Mrs. George Shane, president; Mrs. Carl Tuggle, first vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Shull second vice-president; Mrs. Earl Gentry, recording secretary and Mrs. Frank Bayer, treasurer.

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New directors will be chosen for the seven school districts in the county also. The Rural school board contracted with Wily Knighten for another year as superintendent.

Federal Ownership High in State

Some of the federal property in Oregon exempt from taxes are the Federal Forest service with 14,737,651 acres; the U. S. Land Management with 14,982,280 acres, and Indians lands with 1,730,000 acres. This is only part of the government property revealed by an investigation directed by Commissioner Robert D. Malean, of the assessment and taxation division of the State Tax Commission. The assessed value of government holdings with their estimated full value give an idea of the extent of federal property free from taxation.

Most valuable of the government's holdings is the timber of the forest service. This has an assessed value of \$150,807,900, but the estimated full value is \$280,081,170. Lane county has forest service timber with full value of \$57,518,530. Land Management has control of property in every county. Its assessed value is \$95,414,490, with full value of \$170,518,530. Its largest holdings of land is the 4,614,899 acres in Malheur county, and the smallest 440 acres in Hood River. Douglas has an estimated full value of \$49,268,440 under this agency.

Public housing, supposed to be eliminated two years after VJ day, was built in many cases on leased land. Its assessed value is \$8,020,970, with full value of \$13,645,050. The largest housing

project in the nation was Vanport, which was wiped out in a few hours in the 1948 flood. The government owns post office buildings in 24 counties. With sites included, these have an assessed value of \$5,618,118 and a full value of \$9,811,900, with most of the buildings in Multnomah county. There are no government owned post offices in one-third of the counties.

Twenty counties contain Indian lands, with assessed value of \$14,646,570 and a full value of \$28,104,820. Klamath county has the most Indian acreage, which investigators report as worth \$13,645,350.

Army property, with assessed value of \$12,184,860, has a full value of \$19,561,530. Navy holdings are assessed at a value of \$2,092,140 and a full value of \$4,399,330. The Coast Guard property has assessed value of \$618,930, with estimated full value of \$1,090,160. Army Engineers are listed with property having an assessed value of \$1,378,600 and full value of \$2,713,280. The Fish and Wildlife service has assessed value of \$1,869,150, with full value of \$2,781,280. Soil conservation has an assessed value of \$392,490 and full value of \$560,700.

This is but a partial list of Uncle Sam's tax free holdings in Oregon.

Club Children Get Pins, Praise For Work Done

Thirty six 4-H club boys and girls have new pins in honor of their work during the last club year. They were presented Monday night at the Moro school by Carrel Bennett, manager of the First National Bank, which donates the pins to the children.

Tommy Thompson, county agent, presided and Wily Knighten, school superintendent, paid a tribute to club work in Sherman county as being a valuable adjunct to education through its training and summer school courses. Miss Esther Taskerud led the audience in singing and said that club work "should give a child more self reliance, more determination and more ability to get along with others."

Those who won first year pins were Carol Briggs, Elaine Brinkert, Barbara Buck, Mars Coons, Arthur Decker, Lois Everett, Cherril Fields, Sally Fields, Ivan Kirkelle, John Lamb, Jim Lamb, Sharon Laughlin, Frank McKay, Arnold Miller, Gary Miller, Beverly Moore, Tonal Miller, Joan Ross, Jean Ross, Vaughna Rothery, Dayanne Sayers, Sherry Woods, and Margaret Scherrer.

Winning awards for second year work were Margaret Baumgartner, who was also given a special prize for fine cake baking, Keith Barnett, Joy Lane, Carol Burnett, Donald Benson, William Coats, Barbara Blaylock, Danny Duncan, Gordon Helyer, Bill Root, Bud Root.

Those given three year pins were Joan Eakin, Norman Fridley, Donald Miller, Milton Fridley, and Roger Miller. Four year: Douglas Alley, Larry Kaseberg, and LeRoy Martin.

For those who had been longer at club work pins for five years were given to Roger Ball and Edwin Balsiger and for seven years work to Diane Christlanston and Clarence May.

After the awards were given three clubs gave a program. Taking part were Mrs. Busse's cooking club, Mrs. Thompson's cooking club and Mrs. McIntyre's cooking club which presented "Cinderella".

Cookies made by the participating clubs were served with punch to sustain the ever hungry youngsters on their way home.

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