

## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The poor horse, once man's noblest animal, is now seldom spoken of except in connection with the odds he carries in some race. He becomes a sort of animated slot machine and a tool for gambling.

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Just think what the automobile has done for the thumb. Because of it young men have learned to use the thumb in a questioning manner and now car doors are made so the thumb must be exercised in order to enter. Yet, it is probable that the strengthening of the thumb is not equal to the weakening of the big toe.

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We Americans seem to have the notion that money can cure everything. We use it to cement international friendships when everyone but us knows that money is a poor cement; we try to settle all our domestic problems by money, more money—schools, hospitals, charities, we give them nothing but money.

In the "Vision of Sir Launfal" the knight rode out to search for the Holy Grail in shining armor and he tossed a handful of gold to a beggar beside the castle gate. When he returned after a long and tiresome search, ragged himself and weary and with all the arrogance worn out of him, he found that the beggar was the key to the grail for which he had searched so long and unsuccessfully.

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"Humph," said the old reporter as he was being criticized for an error in his copy, "all the people read in a newspaper is the mistakes!"

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Science now proclaims that it can foretell the sex of a child before birth 62 percent of the time. Most any observing grandmother could beat that percentage.

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Those who do as the Romans do never achieve any distinction.

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Probably as much trouble arises and as much harm is done by the public trying to run private business as is done by private persons trying to run public business. In older days all government was operated as a private business until they rebelled. It may be just as bad if private business is operated by the public.

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An unlettered writer spells it "suckurity".

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Concern about the amount of water the city of Moro may have this summer will not be allayed by the fact that The Dalles has already invoked restrictions.

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In Spoon River there is a character, Tom Beatty, who had an idea about life that was off the beaten path of thought. "I was a lawyer like Harmon Whitley

Or Kinsey Keene of Garrison Standard,

For I tried the rights of property, Although by lamp light, for thirty years,

In that poker room in the opera house,

And I say to you that Life's a gambler

Head and shoulders above us all, No mayor alive can close the house,

And if you lose, you can squeal as you will;

You'll not get back your money, He makes the percentage hard to conquer;

He stacks the cards to catch your weakness

And not to match your strength, And he gives you seventy years to play,

For if you cannot win in seventy You cannot win at all,

So, if you lose, get out of the room Get out of the room when your time is up,

It's mean to sit and fumble the cards,

And curse your losses, leaden-eyed, Whining to try and try."

## Birth of Twin Colt Sets Record

The birth of fraternal twins, a rare event in the horse world, was the cause of considerable interest and excitement at the Edwin Balsiger homestead, May 16. The colts arrived one a sorrel and the other a mouse color. Information from the college stated that identical twins occur in approximately 2000 births, but fraternal twins are much rarer.

The foal was a brown half thoroughbred, and the sire a registered quarter horse.

Both the twins and the mare are getting along quite well considering the stir they created. Mr. Edwin is quite proud of the event and takes good care that everything goes well. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balsiger of Moro.

## Busy Beefers Study Stock Showmanship

Fitting of fat stock for The Dalles show was the main topic at a meeting of the Busy Beefers' club Wednesday, May 10 at the William Coons home at Moro.

Club members inspected Sharon Coons' 4-H club Hereford steers being fed for The Dalles Wheat League show June 5, 6, 7. Sharon and Edwin Balsiger gave other members pointers in fitting steers for exhibition and showmanship.

W. T. Balsiger, club leader, aided the members in their fitting work. Members present were Gary Miller, Roger Miller, Donald Miller, Arnold Miller, Joann Ross, Lewis Miller, Sharon Coons and Edwin Balsiger. Mrs. Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Coons, V. I. Miller, and T. W. Thompson were also in attendance.

## About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Ellensburg were recent visitors at the home of their son, Myrl Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughters, Geraldine and Phyllis, were dinner guests Mother's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman of Parkdale called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle and Mr. and Mrs. John Buether Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were dinner guests Mother's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters had as over night guests Saturday her nephew, Raymond Folds and family from Lebanon.

Herman Peters and son, Arden, Donald Schilling and Rodney Rolfe were in The Dalles Friday to attend a scout meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson and daughter, Jan of Lyle, Wn., called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins came up from Portland last Tuesday to visit at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel, they left Monday for their home.

Wren Hogue and Mrs. L. W. Amick of The Dalles spent Mother's day at Kent at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Bell Hogue.

J. C. Willson of Portland was a visitor Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, were in The Dalles Sunday to visit her parents, Mrs. Bud Coon at the hospital and Mr. Coon at the home of his son, Florin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manning came up from Portland Saturday to spend the week end at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman of Parkdale were over night guests Saturday of Mrs. John Engstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cratty of Portland came Friday to visit at the home of her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox.

## Annual Reception Proves Popular

Eighty mother and daughters were present at the annual Mother-Daughter reception sponsored by the Moro Woman's club and held Monday night at the Moro Community church.

Naomi Van Gilder, chairman of the program committee opened the meeting. Mrs. Elsie Jones gave the welcome to the guests with the response for the daughters given by Sherry Woods.

A skit "A Fantasy" written and directed by Mrs. Vinson of Oswego, was given by the club members. Some elaborate costumes dating as far back as 1860 were modeled. Bathing suits of forty years ago as well as the 1950 version were also in the skit as well as some beautiful Spanish, Gypsy, Chinese and Japanese costumes.

Appropriate music for each scene was furnished by Olive Young on the violin.

Helen Sayrs played organ selections after which Mrs. J. C. Huntley of Cannon Beach told of the accomplishments of her club.

After the program refreshments were served. The table was decorated with red and white tulips.

Hostess committee was the Mesdames Earl Gentry, Henry Barnum, Paul Fraser, Chas. Burnet, Orlow Martin and Lloyd Henrichs. Program, Naomi Van Gilder and Dorothy Moore.

The last meeting of the year will be held Thursday, May 25, when the new officers will be installed. The annual pot luck dinner for members and their families will precede the meeting. It will be at 12 o'clock standard time.

### TAKES TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson of Kent left Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles left Tuesday for Astoria where they will attend Grand lodge.

## Two W. P. Vacancies For 2nd Oregon Dist.

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the 2nd district of Oregon will have two vacancies at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, for the class beginning July 1, 1951, and one vacancy for the same class at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Applicants for these vacancies must be residents of the 2nd district of Oregon and competitive examinations conducted by the Civil Service Commission will be Monday July 17, 1950, to aid in the selection of nominees for both academies.

All boys interested and qualified write to Congressman Stockman, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., to receive additional information and be admitted to the examination.

## County Court Officials Meet in The Dalles

Representatives of the Gilliam county court were in Moro last Friday together with officers of the Gilliam county chamber of commerce, who, with Judge Ward Webber of Wasco county and local county court members, prepared a resolution to be presented to the Oregon state highway commission requesting completion of Highway 206, the Cottonwood grade.

The resolution thanks the commission for the \$75,000 appropriated for work on Highway 206 and are in favor of completion of this highway and shall ask the commission to consider inclusion in its budget for the next biennium an amount sufficient for the completion of Highway 206.

Reports of those who have traveled this road this year and last are that work is needed to make it usable for ordinary traffic.

## Divine worship will be held in the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday May 21 at 3 p. m. year term of office if satisfied.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer of The Dalles spent Mother's day at Kent with their son, Durward Helyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles had as dinner guests Mother's day Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinley and family of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Among those enjoying a picnic dinner in the city park Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and children, Gary and Kay from Tygh Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and children, Julia and Byron, Olan Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blaylock, Boyce Stradley and sons, Richard and Gall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sawtell and children, Sharon and Douglas from The Dalles, Mrs. G. L. Gordon of Berrington, Washington and Mrs. Celestia Coale of EL Dorado Springs, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike motored to Hermiston Saturday to spend Mother's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike. Mrs. Andy May of Moro accompanied them and will spend several days visiting her son Louis May and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle had as dinner guests Mother's day Mr. and Mrs. James Manning of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rust playing pinocle and canasta.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. Maggie Barfum of Moro left Saturday for The Dalles from there they will take the train for Astoria where they will attend Grand lodge. Mrs. Rolfe will go on to Seattle after the lodge meeting to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mathews and family a few days.

## Wheat Fed Stock To Be at Show

More than twice as many wheat-fed animals, as were displayed at the 1949 show will be exhibited at this year's annual Oregon Wheat Growers League show and sale in The Dalles, June 5, 6, and 7. predicted Eugene Courtney, chairman of the operating board.

A survey indicates 60 head of stock will be shown by FFA youth, with the operation of this division of the show for the first time this year. About 300 head of livestock will be shown by 4-H club boys and girls, including 141 baby beeves.

About 250 young exhibitors, accompanied by parents and club and project leaders, are expected for the three day event. Special entertainment will include a banquet for all groups at the Elks Temple the evening of June 6, with a fireworks display later from a Columbia river barge. A boat trip on the yacht, Frances, by courtesy of the Inland Navigation company, is planned for the afternoon of June 7, with the auction sale that night, Courtney said.

## S. B. Holmes, 92, Passes Away

Samuel Brookman Holmes one of this county's early pioneers died Tuesday, May 16, at the home of his daughter, Miss Cassie Holmes in The Dalles, where he was moved following a recent attack of pneumonia which sent him to the hospital.

Mr. Holmes was born December 25, 1857 at Cape Brittain, Nova Scotia. He crossed the plains by wagon going first to Tacoma, Washington, and later back to Oregon and Sherman county to settle in 1885 on some of the land he first passed up but did not forget. He took up a homestead nine miles southwest of Grass Valley, which he still owned at the time of his death and has been farmed by his son, William Holmes, since his retirement to Grass Valley many years ago.

Mr. Holmes was married August 15, 1889 at Nicholville, New York to Carrie Ella Sherar, who preceded him in death.

Survivors are three daughters Mabel and Cassie Holmes of The Dalles, Mrs. Theodore von Borstel of Grass Valley; one son, William Holmes of Grass Valley; two brothers, Harvey Holmes of Bay Head, Nova Scotia and Weymouth Holmes of Oakland, Cal.; 19 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Baptist church in Grass Valley, of which Mr. Holmes was a member. Interment will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery there. The time is auxiliary.

### LEGION AUXILIARY ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Donald von Borstel entertained members of the American Legion auxiliary at her home Wednesday afternoon also had a birthday party for her daughter, Joy, who celebrated her third birthday anniversary. There were twenty-six women and twenty-one children present. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Harry Young, president; Mrs. Bob Tatum, first vice-president; Mrs. Charles Perrigo, second vice-president; Mrs. Frank Sayrs, secretary; Mrs. Gene Reynolds, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Norton, historian and Mrs. Donald MacInnis, assistant historian. Officers will be installed at the next meeting held at the home of Mrs. Glenn Perry Wednesday June 14. Members elected to attend the state convention at Grants Pass were Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. Ted von Borstel and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by the hostess.

### VOTE CARRIES

The Rural School District election held Monday to determine whether the six percent limitation shall be exceeded resulted in the following vote:

Kent: 9 for, none against; Grass Valley 9 for, none against; Moro 9 for, none against; Wasco 8 for, 3 against; Rufus 8 for; Biglow 5 for; Emigrant Springs 4 for; making a total of 52 in favor of exceeding the limitation and 3 against.

## Mothers Day; Theme Of 4-H Club Meet

The Baker's Eight 4-H Cooking club in Moro held its Mother's day tea Friday May 12, at the Community church.

Sherry Woods, club president, welcomed mothers and guests and was in charge of the program. Joan Eakin spoke on "What 4-H Club Work Means To Me." Ronald Benson discussed what the club has done during this year.

Members exhibited Angel Food cakes which were judged by their mothers and Mrs. Catherine Thompson, their leader. Carol Burnet's cake was chosen as the choice cake for this event.

Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent, was introduced by Thomas W. Thompson, county agent. Mr. Monroe complimented the club on its progress and the development of 4-H club programs in the county.

Refreshments were made and served by the club members. Mrs. Ernest Woods and Mrs. Charles Burnet, mothers of the pred D sletnandvewWVm.fttu president and vice-president of the club, respectively, poured.

Mothers, guests and members present besides those already mentioned were: Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, Mrs. Edith Sayrs, Mrs. Lamer Sayrs, Mrs. Ralph Eakin and son, Mrs. Lawrence Kirby, Mrs. William Edwards, Mrs. Alice Scherrer, Orlena Kirby, Elmira Edwards, Dayanne Sayrs, Margaret Scherrer and Ivan Kirkelle Jr.

## Auto Mishap Puts Man in Hospital

Chester Smith of The Dalles was injured Saturday night at Biggs on his return from a trip to Moro. He pulled away from Dinty's service station into the path of a truck going east and driven by Thomas LeSarge of Portland. Both vehicles were badly damaged. At last reports Chester is recovering satisfactorily from his sustained injuries.

### McDonald Hospitalized

William H. McDonald Jr of Rufus was also injured in an auto accident near Biggs Tuesday when he lost control of his car and rolled over in the road. John Belloni, according to his father, was traveling behind McDonald and stopped to give him aid. A Consolidated Freight Line truck and trailer came around a curve upon the scene of the accident hitting the Belloni car when he quickly applied his brakes which caused his trailer to swerve. Both cars were demolished and McDonald was taken to The Dalles hospital.

## Sherman County Club Hears Medical Expert

The Sherman County club met Wednesday evening for a dinner meeting at the Moro Hotel.

President Bill Hall presided at a short business meeting, reading the report of the non-installment committee which was unanimously adopted. He explained that the directors will henceforth be elected on a staggering basis from the various areas for a one year, two year and three year term of office if satisfactory to the club, which it was.

After the business meeting the president introduced Dr. Ethel Reuter, medical director of this area for the American Cancer society. Dr. Reuter's subject pertained to the work of the Sherman-Wasco Health association and she expressed the feeling we should take more advantage of the various services they have to offer and which this county contributes toward financially. She also told the group a few pointers in cancer detection for early diagnosis and checking with your physician.

### WHETMORE COMING

The Junior class of the Moro high school has hired the famous Jimmie Whetmore and his orchestra to play for a dance in the Grass Valley pavilion Friday, April 19, 1950.

This is the same orchestra that played during the Sherman county fair last year at their dances and his music proved very enjoyable for both dancing and listening pleasures.

Everyone is invited to attend this dance which will be at 9:00 p. m. standard time.

## Plan Underway For S. C. H. S. Picnic, June 4,

Committees for the meeting of the Sherman County Historical society at DeMoss park Sunday, June 4, have been appointed by President Heien Bruckert, who says that she expects a crowd equal to that of previous years at the annual picnic.

Theodore Johnston will head the marker committee and will have Why Knigheten, D. L. Reynolds, Mrs. George Merritt and J. E. Norton as committee members. An effort to finally complete the marker this year is to be made, reports the president.

Music for the event will be in charge of Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, Mrs. Orville Ruggles and Mrs. James Tate. The reliable team of Lester Barnum and Orville Ruggles are again named as coffee makers, and for lemonade Mrs. W. A. Morris and Mrs. Joe Morris.

The men to arrange the tables and prepare the grounds are Dewey Thompson, Charles Burnett, Eugene Ammon, Charley Beisnee and Roy Beisnee. Mesdames and Messrs. O. N. Ruggles, Theodore Johnston and Sam Brock will gather and arrange pictures of old times.

Cassie Holmes will again be in charge of registration and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Carrell Bennett and Mrs. Charles Burnett will be the membership committee.

On the betterment committee which is charged with the duty of planning improvements for the county, H. B. Pinkerton, Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey, Mrs. Arton McIntyre, Bob Beisnee, Geo. Mitchell and A. A. Dunlap will serve.

Willy Knigheten and Herbert Root will make the nominations and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong and Mrs. George Mitchell will advance for flowers for the day. The program committee will be Theodore Johnston and Giles French who plan on obtaining a speaker who will both interest and inform.

## Oriental Use of Wheat Explained by E. J. Bell

The annual meeting of The Dalles Farm Loan association was held at the Cherry Park grange hall, Friday May 12, with President Wm. D. Ketchum presiding. Board members re-elected are Wm. D. Ketchum, The Dalles; Gordon W. Harper, Wasco; Earl A. Moore, Hood River; J. R. Wood, Fossil; Wm. L. Hulse, Dufur; and at the director's organization Earl A. Moore was named president; J. R. Wood, vice-president; T. F. R. Wood, secretary; treasurer and Irene C. Bigham, assistant secretary-treasurer. Report of the strong financial condition of the association and also the Federal Land Bank of Spokane was given by Whiteman.

The main speaker was Mr. E. J. Bell administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission, who recently returned from a tour of The Philippines, Japan, Hongkong and other far eastern points. Bell said wheat was definitely favored as a second choice grain throughout the whole region covered, rice being first, perhaps because of the fuel shortage which forces them to depend on bolting as major means of preparing food.

### SHOWERS GIVEN

Mrs. J. E. Norton and Mrs. Robert Tatum were hostesses at a stork shower for Mrs. Donald MacInnis at the Legion hall in Kent Friday afternoon. After Mrs. MacInnis opened her gift packages for the pleasure of all, refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Kenneth Crews and Mrs. James Easter were hostesses at a stork shower for Mrs. Frank Ketter at the former's home Thursday afternoon with twenty seven present. Mrs. Crews presented Mrs. Ketter with a corsage. Games were played appropriate for the occasion. After Mrs. Ketter opened the many lovely packages, refreshments of frosted sandwiches, molded salad and coffee were served by the hostesses.