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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Even the flies are bigger this year. An example of one is large enough that the killer requires a hunting license.

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Sherman county isn't so very badly socialized. Probably not over 150 persons derive their incomes from working for the government or about six or seven per cent. There is probably seven or eight times that number who work for the public also, but do it for themselves or for private firms. A comparison of the hours worked might show a difference.

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The way a type of government treats its non-conformists is a means of judging that civilization. In the earlier civilizations, the tribal type, they laughed at them; then some kinds of government tolerated them in silence; some persecuted them; democracy listens to them (and sometimes follows them) and the modern type of dictator government kills them.

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Oregonians who are laughing at the sad experiences of Florida and Illinois and some other states in their troubles with gambling might be a little quiet about it because gambling is quite an influence in Oregon as well as in other places.

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It is said that there's fish in the river, nice fat fish with an occasional hunger, intrigued by a fly, that the days are long and lonely along the river and the sky decorative with stars at night; and that the cares that beset the week are burdensome along the river and that worries succumb to the babbling of the hastening water. Vacations are for the purpose of teaching us that what is of primary importance in one place is of no moment at all in another; the important decision slips the mind as the fly dances over the riddle and the mind comes back to it freshened by the rest. There, we've talked ourselves into it. What are we waiting for?

☞ Coffee is getting about high enough that some one will suggest we put a tax on it. Say a cent a cup of certain density, say such as to float an egg. Then some one else can start a campaign to ban the use of it because it harms digestion, causes sleeplessness, keeps business men from their labors and takes up hours of bridge and canasta playing time. Thus will thousands be kept occupied at their most pleasant pastime: minding the trifling business of some one else.

☞ Man has a camera "fast" enough to stop a bullet in flight, now we need some minds fast enough to stop the shooting of bullets.

☞ Ideas, reasoning and nerve are all necessary. A man with only one of these attributes is a terrible bore, with two he may be dangerous. Lots of ideas and nerve to put them into effect leads to experimentation and reasoning and nerve might take a man back to the 19th century.

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They're talking about giving the Indians the right to buy whiskey in an effort to separate them from the undesirable class of whites who make a living by selling fortified wine to the copper colored brethren. It is probably a good idea, too. Color of skin is a poor method of determining the capacity of a man for alcohol; many a blond gets quarrelsome after a couple of beers and not all Indians go on the warpath after imbibing a bottle of cheap wine— although they should.

TTWN  
Perhaps no wheat had the richness of well ripened Turkey. It was like gold. Then we had the russet period of Federation and Rex and now are back to the colorless club (Elgin or All-cell) which stimulates the pocketbook and not the eye.

## Wasco Buys Fire Truck To Protect Entire Community

The city of Wasco has bought a new fire truck and, because the entire community aided in the purchase, has arranged to fight fires in the northern part of the county. The old truck was retained so that the city will be protected when one truck is out of town.

The new equipment is a reconstructed army surplus truck with a 500 gallon tank, a booster pump in front capable of pumping several hundred gallons per minute and a running board pump for pumping out of open streams or ponds. The cost was \$3600.

The new truck will carry pressure hose for use in rural areas so that wheat fires and grass fires can be put out with a small amount of water and a dense spray. Larger hose will be used in town by the front booster pump.

## Flatt-Nelson Nuptials Observed Saturday

Miss Jane Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nelson, retired Standard Oil employee of The Dalles, became the bride of Robert V. Flatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flatt, Saturday, July 15, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Bob Axtell here.

The bride had her twin sister, Jean, as maid of honor and Bill Flatt, brother of the groom was best man. Rev. W. W. Gearhart of the Moro Community church read the service at 11 o'clock P.M. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a pink and white sheer dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

At the reception following the ceremony the heart-shaped wedding cake was served by Mrs. Grace Henry, aunt of the bride and Mrs. J. C. Nelson, another aunt, poured.

Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nelson of Newberg, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phipps of Newberg, Mrs. Grace Henry of Lafayette, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Curtiss of Mrs. H. H. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Curtiss and Miss Peggy Cloe, of The Dalles, who will become the bride of Bill Flatt next Sunday.

After a short wedding trip the newlyweds will make their home in The Dalles where he works for the Flatt Truck Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Nye of Turlock, Calif., arrived Saturday to visit her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark.

## County Court Pays Health Nurse Expense From Emergency Fund

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 5, 1950 TERM  
Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

Monthly financial reports of County Treasurer and Clerk presented and filed.

Clerk authorized to make the necessary transfers in balancing out the accounts in the 1949-50 budget.

Court approves gravel purchase made by road foreman from M. C. Leninger and Sons, contractors.

Clerk authorized to draw \$100.00 warrant transferring to suspense account for purchase of office fixtures.

Clerk directed to contact state highway official re: speeding up completion of Rufus Scott canyon road.

Fred Cox appears before court re: purchase of reject rock for graveling of road. Matter referred to road foreman.

Request of John Buether for road improvement, referred to road foreman.

Court issues orders for posting of notices re: closure of roads as petitioned for by George Wilson et al and Kenneth Sather et al.

Order issued directing Clerk to pay Indemnity Claim for Bang's diseased animal slaughter.

District Attorney advises Court re: proposed transfer of ownership of Kent Legion hall. Court issues Certificate of Ap-

Scratch, scratch, scratch is the popular thing to do at Rufus these days. There are mosquitoes and more mosquitoes here right now. It makes no difference if the exposed parts of the body are covered with anti-mosquito medicine, the critters bite through it and even through the clothing. The stagnant water left from the high water of the Columbia river is the cause of the mosquitoes being so bad, and no steps have been taken from any source to relieve the situation.

George Fox and sons pulled their combine into the wheat field to begin harvesting Monday afternoon. They report the wheat is of good quality and not pinched as it was feared earlier. However, the bulk of farmers in this vicinity won't be threshing until the first of August.

The Rufus grange dance Saturday night was the only dance in Sherman county that night and a large crowd attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The next dance will be July 29.

The Nazarene church soft ball team of The Dalles who played Rufus earlier, came to Rufus Thursday to tangle with a different group of players. Rev. Adrian Roberts umpired the game which Rufus won by a score of 14 to 4. The line-up for Rufus was—Ray Brown, Ernie Engles, Fay Brackett, Ted Reid, Harvey Hanson, Jack Barger, Vincent Rice, Bill Smith and Dick Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Guilford of Beaver Creek and Miss Velda Guilford who is in nurses training in Portland visited friends in Rufus Sunday, returning home the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis and daughter Jauneta of Portland were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett.

Lafe Barnett of Hood River visited at the home of his son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett for a few days the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg of The Dalles attended the dance in Rufus Saturday night and were overnight guests of Engberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydron are now stationed at The Dalles where Hydron works for the railroad. Hydron was injured in an accident on the railroad last winter and was able to go back to work just two weeks ago. The Hydrons are a son in law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson of Rufus.

Miss Dolores Fox of The Dalles spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting her folks in Rufus.

Miss Elizabeth Kuypers was a guest Monday of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers out on their ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson of Kent went to Portland Sunday where Mr. Wilson will remain to take treatments for polio.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson and son Dick, Orren Schadewitz of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett and grand daughter Johnetta of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family went to East Lake Friday and Saturday fishing and picnicking.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilkins of La Grande were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. They went to Madras, the men attending an 40 & 8 meeting and the ladies going to Bend to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer were hosts at a dinner Sunday honoring the sixth birthday anniversary of their grand daughter, Linda Perrigo. Other guests: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughter Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bayer and son, Keith and David Bayer, Mrs. Guy Vinton and daughter Luella from Carlton, Wn., and her granddaughter, Mary Vinton and Mrs. Scott Whitworth and Judy Anne and Mike Finley of The Dalles.

Mrs. Dora Clester who is a sister of Herman Brackett spent Sunday visiting at the Brackett home. Mrs. Clester lives at Eagle Creek.

Mrs. Basil Bains is spending her vacation and helping her folks Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields get settled in their new home in Rufus. Mrs. Bains lives in Portland.

Miss Patty Mason left by bus early Sunday from Rufus for her home in Spokane. Wn. Patty has been a houseguest of her aunt, Mrs. Andy Engberg the last several weeks.

Mrs. Harland McDonald is enjoying a trip through Canada as a guest of her sister who just got a new car, and her mother from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson have their two grand daughters visiting them for a while. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Miller.

Mrs. Art Bibby and daughter, Janice and Mrs. Herman Peters were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday. Janice stayed and left the next day with some of the The Dalles girls for Jennings lodge for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb went to Vancouver, Wn. last Tuesday and visited relatives until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz had as their guests last week end Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sawyer and Mrs. Elmer Sawyer of Brush Prairie, Washington.

## about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Boy Scouts of Sherman county returned Sunday having arrived in Portland at one o'clock that day. They were met by parents anxious to see what travel had done to their sons. They gained in weight and experience and are full of tall tales told them by boys from other states.

Mrs. J. E. Norton and son and Mrs. Eugene Knott and family of Kent were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, served picnic style on the lawn. Mrs. Marcus Esslinger and daughter Alice were callers in the afternoon.

W. C. Schilling left Sunday for his home in Cottage Grove after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett went to Portland Thursday on business returning Saturday. Fred Peters accompanied them for medical attention and had to remain a few days longer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer and Mrs. Clair Balzer went to Portland Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They also visited her brother, Harold Blagg and family while there.

In connection with the regular services of the Baptist church there will be a baptismal service Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m.

Miss Joan Clodfelter was an overnight guest Friday of Jackie Helzer in The Dalles honoring her birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson of Astoria arrived last Wednesday to spend several days visiting Mrs. John Engstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly came Saturday from Portland to spend a few days visiting her daughter Mrs. Willard Rolfe and family.

Mrs. Amelia Peterson and son Chester Peterson of Bend were dinner guests Wednesday at the W. F. Schilling home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reed of Spokane, Wash., were visitors Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett, Mrs. Rhoda Barnett and Mrs. L. W. Amick of The Dalles were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Smith and daughter Linda from Tacoma, Wash., spent last week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries. Mrs. Lottie Hampton and Willie Young of Portland were dinner guests there Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mrs. John Rust and daughter, Phyllis, Mrs. Bert Cox, Mrs. Bernard Martin and Deanna, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall were among the business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Herman Ziegler went to Lexington Saturday to spend the week end.

## Grange Arranges Youth Camp

Juvenile grange members from all over the state will assemble at the Skyline camp, 12 miles west of Bend, August 1-6, for their annual state grange summer camp. Any juvenile grange member, 10 years of age or over, is eligible to attend the camp. Fee for the 5 day period is \$9.00.

Classes in handicrafts, wood working and first-aid, as well as hiking, swimming and planned recreation occupy the days with an evening program of grange demonstration work, lecture program and recreation completing the day.

Campers supply necessary clothing, toilet articles and bedding. Cots and mattresses are furnished, with all campers sleeping in tents. A fine lodge houses the kitchen and dining rooms. Applications for camp must be sent to Mrs. Helen Roberts, Reedsport by July 25th.

## McKay Appeals For Farm Safety

Governor Douglas McKay, supporting national proclamation of Farm Safety Week for July 23 to July 29, today declared the same period as OREGON FARM SAFETY WEEK.

Governor McKay issued this statement: "Oregon farmers and farm workers are being killed, maimed or otherwise hurt at a rate alarming to those who want this state to progress safely toward new records of agricultural and industrial production.

"May I emphasize that claims filed with the Industrial Accident commission for covered farm firms or farmers for the calendar year 1949 ranked seventh in volume among the 25 hazardous industrial categories of Oregon.

"The theme of Oregon Farm Safety Week—to learn and to obey Farm Safety rules—could not be a better instructional guide for farmers and farm workers to follow during Oregon Farm Safety Week, nor for the year to come.

"Let us make Oregon a better place to live and a safer place to farm."

## SMUT LOSSES HUGE

The Pacific northwest's number one wheat bugaboo, smut, cost farmers in this area about ten million dollars in 1949, according to Rex Warren, OSC extension farm crops specialist. The amount of wheat grading smutty has steadily increased from a low of 3 percent in 1942 to approximately 20 percent last year, he adds.

Warren believes the seriousness of the smut problem in 1951 will be determined, for the most part, by control methods followed before planting time. He says the chances of having smut-free wheat at harvest time are increased materially by following these practices:

1. Plant only wheat which has been thoroughly cleaned before treating. Cleaning removes smut balls which cannot be thoroughly treated.

2. If available, plant only smut-free seed.

3. Treat all wheat planted even though it is supposed to be smut-free, using one of the following approved smut treatments: Ceresan M (slurry treatment), New Improved Ceresan, copper carbonate, or basic copper sulphate.

4. Allow 24 hours between treating and planting. This is to gain full effects of the fumes in the case of the Ceresan products.

5. In fields which are known to be smut infected, plant only smut-resistant varieties or plant spring wheat. Smut-resistant varieties are Rex, Wasatch, Hyman or spring seeded Orford, Federation, Marfed, and Idahead.

Dwarf smut, the type which cannot be controlled by seed treatment, is comparatively new in Oregon. As the name implies, infected plants are small—one half to one-fourth normal size—and excessive stooling generally accompanies it. The dwarf smut variety is long lived in the soil; while common smut contaminates seed and soil on an annual basis.

## Moro Has To Revise Plans; Money Short

The city of Moro found itself in trouble this week when its officials were informed that the bond issue of \$15,000 which the voters had passed June 2 could not be issued in entirety. Total possible indebtedness of the city for street or drains is \$11,321. Inasmuch as \$3000 worth of bonds are already in existences for that purpose the total amount of the \$15,000 that may be issued would be \$8321. The opinion was from John W. Shuler.

The council Monday night revised previous plans in the hope that it may be possible to get the drainage problem solved in a manner that will work even if not so satisfactorily as was planned when more funds seemed available.

It was decided to order a galvanized iron tube for the crossing of First street. It will be 52 feet long, 16 feet wide at the bottom and 10 1/2 feet high, having a capacity of 138 square feet. (The old tunnel had about 64 square feet opening.) The city will install the tube and dig a ditch of such size as funds permit.

Problem of getting the sewer line under the ditch may be solved by a vacuum system now in use in some Oregon towns and which would permit those on the southeast side of the new ditch to continue use of the sewer.

Cost would be \$4000 for the big pipe, an estimated \$1000 for head walls and installation, \$500 for the sewer connection leaving some \$2500 for digging the ditch. This is approximately half the amount estimated by several contractors.

The city has some money from sale of the old Legion hall to B. H. Roberson for \$2000.

If the job is done in the now proposed manner and at or near the estimated figures it will not be so complete nor so good a one as originally discussed by the city. But it should come close to the sum the city may bond for the purpose of streets and drains and might be satisfactory.

## Unemployment Checks Larger This Year

Unemployment payments to Oregon's covered workers dropped 41.4 per cent last month from the previous month, but the total of \$696,568 was slightly above the \$683,617 in June, 1949, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reported today.

Payments for the benefit year just ended reached a new high of \$25,962,116 or slightly more than double the \$12,905,998 distributed to the unemployed in 1948-49. The number of checks however, increased only 6.8 per cent from 753,596 to 1,241,515. Because of the higher benefit schedule approved by the 1949 legislature, the average weekly check set a new mark of \$20.91 as against \$17.13 the year before.

More than 144,000 workers filed claims during the past year—a new high and comparing with 103,000 during 1948-49. Nearly 126,000 claims proved valid and 113,000 drew at least one check during the year. Maximum benefits were paid to 11,500 claimants—a record exceeded only in 1938.

## CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted until noon, August 14, 1950 for the school buildings and equipment of the Emigrant school district No. 4, located 9 1/2 miles northeast of Wasco. Bids will be accepted separately for, 1) school house remodeled for a dwelling; 2) barn; 3) equipment: a slide and giant slide.

Mrs. Catherine Thomas, clerk Wasco, Oregon

Grain harvesting has started in Sherman county with a few machines already in the field. Some of it is on an experimental basis to see if the grain is really ripe enough and some have stopped. Barley will be the first cut. Determination of yields will have to wait until more grain is threshed but expectations are for a good crop.

DEMOSSE PARK:	E. C. Eaton, \$198.00; J. K. McKean Co., \$40.49; Mac's Welding Shop, \$10.35; Wasco Motor Co., \$1.50
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:	Wasco County Clerk, \$1200.00
EMERGENCY:	Wasco County Clerk, \$1685.88; Lloyd L. Royse, \$8.00
ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS:	The Frank Shepard Co., \$20.00; West Publishing Co., \$108.00; The American Law Book Co., \$100.00; Bancroft-Whitney Co., \$127.50
COUNTY JAIL:	\$19.80
COUNTY PRINTING:	\$133.80
AUDIT OF BOOKS:	\$225.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY:	\$7.50
GOV'T TRAPPER:	\$50.00
RETIREMENT FUND:	\$64.89
MISCELLANEOUS:	State Industrial Accident Commission, \$9.75; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.32; Public Employees Retirement System, \$163.21; National Hospital Association, \$10.50.
ROAD FUND:	
WAGES:	Frank Bazzel, \$285.00; E. McPherson, \$211.12; Earl Rehr, \$200.00; H. A. Shields, \$223.34; Frank E. Bayer, \$232.38; George DeMoss, \$226.40; Joe Drinkard, \$240.67; Jason Glenn, \$221.86; First National Bank, \$65.80; State Tax Commission, \$22.22; Public Employees Retirement System, \$93.91
WEED CONTROL:	