

## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Once upon a time there was a woman who thought her husband was working too hard (believe it or not) so she told him to be careful.

He jocosely replied, "Don't worry, when I'm worn out you can get a good husband."

The lady being gracious, replied, "I don't want a good husband, I want you."

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It was the sort of a city where there was lots of juvenile delinquency, but no one could park his car over the nickel limit.

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Stanley Earl, member of an old Oregon family and one-time secretary of the CIO, is getting his knoxes right now. He was in Korea for a year or so and came back critical of the administration's policy there. He said that he dealt almost exclusively with the top political brass and paid no attention to the workers who therefore had no loyalty to our nation. Other foreign travelers have said the same thing. It sounds reasonable. And if that is Stanley Earl's considered opinion we'll think it's correct until some one more and better informed than the state department denies it.

The census didn't enumerate the snufflers and sneezers from ragweed but in any event it seems likely that a very small minority is moving to lot of governmental machinery. It is now proposed that there be a state law which could entail a ragweed inspector a ragweed sprayer, a ragweed tester, an enforcement officer, a secretary and four typists (one to each copy) and ragweed taxes. Wasn't grandpa crude. He just dug it out.

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Some one has stolen a public address system from a church. Now, by gosh, he can sleep through the sermon.

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The style in Miss America candidates appears to favor the smaller varieties. A few years ago the judges preferred the big rangy type, comparable to the German coach or the Cleveland Bay, a useful all-purpose animal to be sure but for show purposes hardly equal to the smaller, more compact, livelier, more spirited Arabian or Thoroughbred.

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He was the sort of a person whose words did not express either his convictions or his thoughts, but only what he wanted his listener of the moment to think.

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Aren't we a bunch of optimists? When we enlarge the size of the pensions (so-called) we report People Get Higher Pensions when we might as well say Tax-payers Get Bigger Bill.

The president asks for all-out unity at home. Yea, good idea. When faced with a similar situation the old time boss used to fire both and hire new ones. We mean Mr. Acheson and Mr. Johnson for apparently there's going to be no unity there.

The increases in prices, especially on articles not remotely affected by war, reminds us of a World War I story. It was about the Indian who had raised the price of huckleberries to \$1.00 (remember this was World War I—now they're \$3.00). When asked why the raise from four bits the reply was "Hell of a big war in Europe."

The growing of moustaches is on the verge of becoming a common practice again—the modern version of the bearded warrior, we suppose. But there should be some regulation on them, some social restriction, so that the short lipped blond youth could not aspire to the possession of a moustache. We are reasonably democratic in America and one can get along with a poor car, out of date clothes, a shabby, if modern, house. But there is no forgiveness for a pale, immature, poorly planted, poorly watered moustache. There must be a good stand or the whole crop abandoned.

## Safety Tips for Safe Living



IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, July 23-29, a half-million 4-H Club boys and girls point out timely do's and don'ts for safe living. Safety is their No. 1 Crop. It is a 52-week-a-year farm and home safety program directed by the Cooperative Extension Service. General Motors honors the 4-H's annually with county, state and national awards valued at \$10,000.

## Farm Safety Week May Protect Workers

Oregon farms continue to make news for their owners, operators and hired hands throughout the year in a steady stream of news accounts published in local papers relating farm accidents that result in death, permanent injury or work time-loss for their victims, according to the Oregon Farm Safety Council, which adds that this week, July 23 to 29, is National Farm Safety Week.

A news clipping survey kept by the council recorded 36 deaths from farm accidents during the calendar year 1949 as compared with 34 deaths for the year previous. Tractors continue to lead as contributing factors for accidents, accounting for 15 of the 36 deaths counted.

Purpose of National Farm Safety week is to encourage all farm residents to learn and obey farm safety rules.

The dubious honor of being involved in the state's most unusual 1949 farm accident goes to an individual who received painful cuts resulting from kicking out a window.

Overturning accounted for nine of the tractor deaths, two of them involving children. James E. Wiles, farm representative of the state industrial accident commission, says that fatalities covered by the state workman's compensation law are continuing unchanged; time loss accidents have shown a decided increase during the past five years. The commission he represents handles about 11,000 agricultural accounts, a small percentage of the state's total farm population.

## Grain Exports Down As Europe Recovers

Exports of grains and grain products from the United States for the last 12 months period ending June 30 are running under a year ago, according to the weekly grain markets review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA and other data.

The total exports of these commodities for this period amount to approximately 479.2 million bushels. This is nearly 207 million bushels less than was exported for the same period a year earlier. The big drop was in wheat and wheat products. Other grains are totaling more in exports than a year earlier.

The July 1949, through June, 1950, exports of wheat and wheat products total around 299.3 million bushels. This compares with approximately 501 million bushels that were exported the previous year.

## O. G. Hilderbrand Dead From Heart Attack Friday

Ormand G. Hilderbrand, 51, life time resident of the Wasco community, died last Friday morning of a heart attack while an ambulance raced from The Dalles to take him to a hospital. He had been preparing for harvest on the place he farmed, his own, the Marie Barnett Cooper place and the Barnett Estate place, totaling about eight sections.

Ormand Hilderbrand was born near Wasco June 25, 1899, a son of George and Rebecca Hilderbrand, early settlers east of Wasco. He attended Wasco schools and the University of Oregon. He married Lois Barnett and to them was born two sons, John and Gordon, all of whom survive.

Mr. Hilderbrand was active in the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers having been president for several years. He had served as a member of the school board, was chairman of the county PMA committee. He was an Elk and ATO fraternity member.

Other survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Vesta Matthias of Sunnyside, Washington, Mrs. Clara Bingham of Minneapolis, Minn; Mrs. Grace Medler of Wasco; two brothers, Joe of Wasco and Walter of Sunnyside, Wash. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Wasco Methodist church with interment in the Sunnyside cemetery at Wasco.

## Drivers Licenses Often Lost

Drunken driving convictions in Oregon during the first six months of 1950 increased 22 per cent over last year at the same time, according to figures released by the secretary of state's office.

The first six months of this year, 1,103 Oregonians had licenses revoked for driving while intoxicated. Last year during the same period 907 revocations were handed out for drunken driving. A total of 19,168 traffic convictions resulting in revocation of 1,340 licenses and suspension of 252 other licenses, were recorded for the January through June period.

Reckless driving, violation of the basic rule and other serious traffic offenses resulted in 248 of the suspensions. These suspensions were issued upon recommendation of the courts.

Over-all convictions resulted in only a six percent increase over last year's figures when 18,124 convictions were reported.

## Foster Martin Says Koreans Have No Political Affiliations

Foster Martin drove down from Pendleton Tuesday to have his last official look at the nursery plant breeding experiment work here. The Pendleton station, as far as the development of new wheats are concerned, is to be closed.

Mr. Martin spent nearly two years in Korea returning home in 1948 and knows the country over which the fighting is going on. Agriculturally the crops are rice and other grains and cotton. Koreans are strictly oriental in their outlook toward life and seldom work when they can talk and are never honest in the western manner. Martin agrees with Stanley Earl that high government officials see little of Korea and know little about actual conditions because they never see them on trips when they are being lavishly wined and dined.

## Loan Rates and Discounts Given

Latest government loan rates, showing discounts for smut and grade have been received. The terminal price on loans and purchase agreements is \$2.21 and may be taken until January 31, 1951. Final date for loan payment is April 30, 1951.

Loan rate on wheat is \$2.05 in Sherman county with a one-cent discount for No. 2; a three-cent discount for No. 3; a six-cent discount for No. 4 and a nine-cent discount for No. 5, with the two latter grades made by test weight only. Mixed wheat bears an additional two-cent discount. The smut dockage is 1 cent for 1 of 1 per cent smut and three cents for all over 1 per cent.

The loan rate on barley is \$1.25 with discounts up to 15 cents on No. 5 barley.

The government assumes the storage on wheat and gives seven cents per bushel to farmers who store their own grain. On barley the owner has to pay storage charges. Barley price is roughly \$56.00 per ton and some good crops are reported.

## Rain Making Thought In Experimental Stage

Leo Horrigan, Prosser, Wn., wheat farmer, who has engaged Irving Krick and his Water Resources Development Corporation, to increase rain fall in the Horse Heaven section by artificial nucleation, met with the directors of the Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., in Arlington, Monday evening. Horrigan is quite pleased with the work done in June on his farm.

This work is still in the experimental stages, Horrigan told the group. He felt many of the answers now needed will not be available until 10 years of additional experimentation has been completed.

Directors of the Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., have engaged the Water Resources Development Corporation to prepare a survey of potential increase in rain fall through artificial nucleation in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties. They will also secure detailed weather forecasts from Krick's group. All members of the organization will receive copies of these forecasts.

## Bank Makes Money

Directors of the First National Bank of Portland today declared a dividend of \$600,000. It was announced by F. N. Belgrano Jr. president. Constituting \$1.00 per share on all outstanding stock of the bank, it is payable at two periods: fifty cents payable on October 1, 1950 to stockholders of record September 24, 1950, and fifty cents payable on January 1, 1951, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 24, 1950.

This dividend brings to \$1,080,000 the total First National cash dividends declared this year Belgrano said. In addition to the cash dividend, a 66 2-3 per cent stock dividend, amounting to \$3,000,000, was approved last May 29.

## Fair Officials Named To Handle Exhibit Divisions

Many activities of the Sherman County Fair will be in different hands this year as new persons are put in charge of divisions of exhibits.

Dewey Thompson remains as superintendent of the horse division, and A. B. Christianson of sheep and swine. Others are Leon Smith, superintendent of cattle, Howard Ross, poultry, Mrs. Helen Bruckert, fruits and vegetables, Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, household arts, Mrs. Gwenn Mitchell, flowers, T. W. Thompson, 4-H livestock, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley, 4-H home economics.

Mac Barbour will have his rodeo string here for the show coming from Lewiston, Idaho, to make the date, which means that he will have the best of his long list of hard bucking horses on hand. His entire outfit will come meaninging Brahma bulls, bareback horses, saddle broncs, calves and men to handle them together with contestants for the events.

There are always horse races at the Sherman county fair and they are always exciting. Local horses will fill the race where possible and the race makers know how to arrange close contests.

Judge for open class and 4-H livestock classes will be Russell McKennon of Pendleton, former county agent of Gilliam county and Mrs. McKennon will judge home economic divisions. Robe Long of Silver Lake will again judge horse classes.

Dances will be held at Grass Valley Friday night and at Wasco Saturday night with Johnny Reitz playing for both.

A special contest for crocheters has been scheduled with a neat cup already received as a prize for the winner. The winner may also enter the national contest for substantial prizes.

## Flatt-Cloe Wedding Event of Sunday

Miss Peggy N. Cloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cloe of The Dalles, became the bride of William L. Flatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flatt of Moro Sunday July 23 at the home of the bride's parents in The Dalles. Rev. W. W. Gearhart of Moro read the ceremony.

Mrs. Malcolm McDermid of Wasco was the matron of honor wearing dark blue with violet accessories. The bride's father led her to the altar. She wore a dark blue sheer afternoon dress with pink hat and accessories of the same color. Mrs. Grace Gavin Lewis played the wedding march and accompanied William Pen-gra who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly". Bob Flatt, brother of the groom, was best man.

A reception was held following the ceremony with Mrs. Frank Palo pouring and Mrs. C. H. Lowry serving the cake. The couple left for a brief trip after which they will reside in Moro. Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sugg of Portland, the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cloe of John Day, Dr and Mrs. W. B. McKenny of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Axtell and children, Judy and Vernon (Skipper), Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brisbane, Mr. and Mrs. Bon Christianson and Mr and Mrs Jack Lawrence of Moro.

## 4-H Clubbers Win Judging Contests

Seventy-four 4-H club members from Wheeler, Gilliam, and Sherman counties attended the annual Columbia Basin Livestock and Crops tour July 20 and 21.

Joann Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, Moro, placed first in the livestock judging contest held during the tour. Sherry Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woods, Moro, tied for second in this contest where club members judged classes of beef, dairy cattle, and hogs.

During the tour, club members visited the George Webb ranch where Mr. Webb is raising Hereford beef cattle. A tour through the Kinzua Pine Mill company plant was one of the high spots.

## Swimming Classes Arranged For County Children

Swimming classes at The Dalles pool for Sherman countians will start August 7 according to Mrs. Ernest Woods, chairman for Moro. Mrs. Harold Eakin is chairman for Grass Valley, Marvin Thomas for Wasco and C. A. Tom for Rufus.

Buses will leave Moro at 8 a. m. DST driven by Ralph Brisbane. The lessons will continue for two weeks and the instructor will be the same as for previous classes this year. They will be held five days each week.

Those wanting children to go may register with any of the above or Mrs. Marie Zachary. Bus cost is paid by the Red Cross and the pool fee is ten cents a day.

## GIs May Borrow Direct On Homes

Sherman is one of the twelve counties in which a veteran of World War II can obtain a direct four percent housing loan from the Veterans' Administration. Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Wasco, and Hood River are other such counties.

The VA emphasized that applications for direct loans would not be accepted from veterans living in any area not on the list.

Direct housing loans for veterans were authorized by Public Law 475, 81st Congress, to help veterans living outside metropolitan areas where it is difficult for them to obtain loans through established private lending institutions, and \$150,000,000 was provided for this purpose.

No loan can exceed \$10,000 and in order to qualify a veteran cannot previously have used any part of his GI loan entitlement.

Application forms can be obtained from the Loan Guaranty Division, VA Regional Office, 208 S. W. 5th Ave. Portland.

## Mrs Hulda Nish Buried Saturday

Mrs. Hulda Natalia Nish, long time resident of Moro, died at a hospital in The Dalles Thursday, July 20th, following a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Nish came to Sherman county in 1912 and had resided in Moro most of the time since. She was born in Goteborg, Sweden, February 3, 1874 and came to America at the age of 18 years.

Survivors include her husband, David W. Nish, a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd A. Grimes, and one grand daughter, Lloydena Grimes.

Funeral services were held at the Moro Community church, of which she was a member, Saturday, July 23. Burial was in the Moro Odd-Fellows cemetery.

## Reapportionment Directors Meet

The bi-partisan committee for the "Balanced Plan" met in Salem, Monday July 24, starting work on the election campaign to reapportion the Oregon legislature.

The committee is headed by Marshall Swearingen, who said, "The committee's aim in the campaign is to tell the voting public what the 'Balanced Plan' is and what is at stake in reapportionment. We intend to board-cast the four basic points of the 'Balanced Plan'. They are: 1. Regular and fair apportionment for all of Oregon. 2. A representative for every county. 3. Senators to represent no more than three counties. 4. Any county limited to one-quarter of the seats.

Committee members attending the meeting were: Charles McCulloch, Baker, vice-chairman; Ed Boehnke, Eugene; Freeman Holmer, Salem; Judge Earl Day, Medford; Giles French, Moro and Henry Buehner, Portland.

Swearingen said that additional members of the state committee will be appointed in the near future. Re-activation of the county committees who obtained the signatures to put the 'Balanced Plan' on the ballot is already taking place, Swearingen said.

## Grain Harvest Starts With Encouraging Note

Harvesting is on in Sherman county with nearly every farmer in the field on the east side of the county and in the north end. Others will probably start this week, a few days earlier than they expected, before the hot weather of this week speeded up the ripening process.

Information on yields is still sketchy and unreliable as is often the case at this period of harvest, but early indications are that the crop will meet expectations. That means an average of over 20 bushels for the county. Reported yields of over 20 bushels on the point lead to the belief that the county will average above that. There is about 124,000 acres of grain in the county. A 22 bushel average will produce a very satisfactory crop.

Yields at Rufus are reported to be as high as 40 bushels in some favored fields and the west side of the county may yield in the thirties.

There has been some possible damage to the spring wheat in the south end of the county which was later. It ripened very fast during the past week and is apparently injured to some extent. How much is not known.

## Rufus News

By Mrs. George L. Fox Mrs. Leo Dumler and sons Wally and Denny of Salem who have been visiting relatives here left Friday for Bend to visit some of their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Medler and daughter, Mrs. Darrel Gutzler and son of The Dalles, were dinner guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Macnab and family. Medler is a brother of Mrs. Macnab.

Miss Eleanor Fox spent the weekend in The Dalles as the guest of her sister, Miss Dolores Fox.

Mrs. George Jensen and daughter Sharon and son are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard while her husband is driving tractor for Dick Yocum during harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams of Salem were at the home of Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Grace Medler over the weekend. They came up especially to attend the funeral Monday of Mrs. Adams' uncle, Ormand Hilderbrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langford of The Dalles visited in Rufus Sunday and attended church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shields who had planned on settling at Wenatchee, Wn., changed their plans, and have moved back to San Francisco, where they have been living. Mrs. Shields is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts.

The young folks who run the Maryhill Motel are the parents of a son born last week.

Ray Brown is taking advantage of a harvest job during his vacation from his regular job on the state highway. Ray is driving truck for Dick Yocum.

Towards the end of last week saw a few farmers harvesting in the area north of Klondike. Dick Yocum's outfit got going last Wednesday which was about as soon as any of them. There were others that started up Monday, but it will be another week before all the farmers are in the fields.

The orchards at Rufus are finishing up picking the apricots, and the apples, too, are plentiful and right in the midst of the cooking apple season.

The warm days the community has been having the end of the week and first part of this week, is speeding the ripening of the grain as well as the fruit at Rufus. The temperature has been hovering around the 100 degree mark.

## CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted until mon, 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 dwelling; 2) barn; 3) equipment; a slide and giant slide.

Mrs. Catherine Thomas, clerk Wasco, Ore.