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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

We don't know who is right in the McCarthy-Pearson feud, but we suspicion both are.

T T W N

How much taxes would a big dam pay if a big dam—paid taxes? We suppose, however, that that is as academic as worrying about how much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck would chuck wood.

T T W N

We hope our agrarian reformers don't follow the Chinese pattern.

T T W N

The Oregonian in naming David P. Thompson as one of the 100 men influential in the Oregonian century reported that he surveyed the Dalles-California military wagon road. The paper probably surely meant that Thompson surveyed the Dalles Military road company which ran from The Dalles to a point across the Snake river opposite Fort Boise. Praise might also be given Thompson for a fast survey. The legislature approved the deal in October and the road was accepted the next June having been surveyed and built and inspected. Let modern contractors match that one. Of course, most of it had been used for years by Wells-Fargo. Thompson did, however, make a nice map.

T T W N

It appears that the government can set the price for a car but the manufacturers won't deliver. So, if the same condition applies to wages what do we have? Anarchy?

T T W N

Overhear—"so drunk he stuttered when he walked?" "as big as a victor's opinion of himself?" "he drives like a roving maniac."

T T W N

Columnists are now writing that there may be a change in our foreign policy. It is said that we're going to drop the drunken sailor role and instead of being so effusively affectionate with all nations stuffing bills in their pockets, hugging them at the bar, etc., we are going to sober up somewhat. It doesn't mean that we will adopt the penny pinching, aloof attitude that portrays the isolationist. But we may become realistic and think about ourselves now and then inasmuch as other nations haven't been doing a very good job of looking after our interests and seem to expect that we will do it.

T T W N

Wonder what Dr. Krick would take for the umbrella concession in territories where he operates.

T T W N

You can still buy "surplus" war material, good stuff of the kind that doesn't depreciate. Your price may be from ten to 25 percent of the present price.

T T W N

The Communist delegates from China came to insult and berate America and did a fine job. When they left they were loaded with clothing, radios, books and gadgets of all kinds made in America and obtainable in no other country. General Wu hates America's political system but has a relish for the goods that have been manufactured under that system. He objects to our method but likes the end products. It just has to appear that both General Wu and the United States leaders are not doing a complete job of thinking because Wu has admitted by his actions that he liked some things about us and our leaders might learn perhaps that there could be an element of jealousy in the actions taken against us.

Under the circumstances there is nothing bad about the declaration of an emergency except the fear that it may not be administered in the best manner.

T T W N

General Eisenhower is probably as good a diplomat as he is general and his capabilities as a diplomat will be his greatest need on his new job. It is not often that a general is appointed until there is an army or assurance that there will be one.

T T W N

And now, Merry Christmas.

Crop Season Moisture Close To Record 1947

Since September 1 an even eight inches of rain has fallen at the experiment station according to records kept by George Mitchell, superintendent. As wet as that eight inches has made the earth it is not a record for as short a time ago as 1947 more rain came in the first four months of the crop year.

In that year we had 1.95 in September, 3.48 in October, 2.52 in November and .55 in December, for a total of 8.50. There is still time to get another half inch this year and tie that mark.

Rainfall to date for the crop year has been .15 for September, 3.53 for October, 2.11 for November and 2.21 for December. Normal for this month is 1.61.

The Krick prophesy of a warm wet winter has been realized to date for in addition to heavy rainfalls there has been almost no freezing weather, in fact, 22 degrees is the coldest recorded for the winter so far. That was on December 2 and it was up to 50 on the 17th.

But farmers must have something to worry about and there have been some conversations and reminiscences about December of 1924 when, after a spell of weather like we have been having, the wind turned to the east and froze out all the wheat in one chilly night. Farmers dug wheat and put it in basements tried different samples for signs of life, examined it with microscopes, talked and waited and found it all dead. Everyone was broke. The legislature was asked to loan money for seed wheat after banks said the loan was too much for local credit facilities. This was done and the resultant crop was profitable enough to repay the state.

LOAN DATE EXTENDED

The Sherman County PMA committee has announced this week that Commodity Credit loan and purchase agreements on the 1950 crop will be available until January 31, 1951.

This is a continuance of the recent policy of granting loans until the first month in the year making it possible for farmers to accept cash in either year for tax purposes.

BASKETBALL SEASON HERE

The Moro town team drove over to Condon Tuesday night and won handily over the Condon Rover Boys by a score of 63 to 37. Center Jimmy Johnson was high point man with 26. Don Thompson made 14 and Keith Thompson 15 to show a pretty strong forward line. Dean Pinkerton and Claud Bayer were starting guards. Others playing on the town team are Ted Thompson, Keith Nelson, Johnnie Shipley and Keith Bayer.

Want Ads

WHAT are your plans for 1951? A good Rawleigh business is hard to beat. Big line well established make good profits. No experience required. Write today for information. Rawleigh's Dept. ORL-81-254, Oakland, Calif. p7p

LOST: Later part of September small shepherd-Collie dog named Lady. Please notify Bill Hall 2728 Van Buren, Corvallis, if whereabouts or position known. 6-7p

LOST or STOLEN: Car key and miniature license plate 225-615 Oregon. Return to Mrs. G. L. Buck, Wasco Bakery. 6-7p

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Bring them in any day but Sunday. C & C Food Store, Grass Valley, Oregon. 21tc

FOR YOUR WILLYS 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP, JEEP OR STATION WAGON contact Willis Motor Co., West Columbia River Highway, The Dalles, Ore. Also Willys Station Wagons, Jeepsters, Sedan Deliveries and 2-Wheel drive Pickups 1 ton equipped with the new F-head HURRICANE motor. Used civilian and military Jeeps. Willys-Overland Parts and Service. 35tf

About the County

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. A. L. Kintner Thursday afternoon for their Christmas party with twelve members and friends present.

Mrs. O. N. Ruggles presided at the meeting. The women finished sock dolls for home missions, nominated officers, and packed two boxes to send to home missions. A program was given consisting of a reading by Mrs. W. F. Schilling; singing of Christmas carols; Mrs. Orville Ruggles sang "Silent Night"; Mrs. Amelia Peterson read the Christmas story, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Jack Horner as co-hostess.

About fifty members and families and friends of the Eastern Star and Masons attended the pot luck dinner and Christmas party at the Masonic hall Friday night. The hall was decorated with red candles. Mrs. Owen Eakin was general chairman. A short program was given with Mrs. Clair Balzer singing, "White Christmas" and "Silent Night", accompanied by Mrs. Elton Eakin at the piano. Mrs. Balzer also led in group singing; a poem by little Lowell Smith followed by an exchange of gifts completed the program. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Del Eakin and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Wilson entertained the high school play cast after the play Saturday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins at Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg went to Portland Saturday on business and to take their daughter in law, Mrs. Harold Blagg and daughter, Sandra to their home after spending a week here. Art Bibby left Tuesday for Portland to spend Christmas with his family.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap gave a dinner Wednesday evening honoring the birthday anniversaries of her husband and daughter, Mrs. Verne Mobley. Other guests included Verne Mobley and children from Kent, Mrs. Harry Hood from Hazelton, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins from Wasco and Connie and Dorothy Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Florin Coon of The Dalles visited a while Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling. Mr. and Mrs. Coon will move to Wasco where he is the barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Archie Cantrall, Mrs. Kenneth Crews and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Tom Garrett were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel attended the Christmas luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Edward Seufert in The Dalles recently. Members of the Mosler unit were invited. Mrs. Von Borstel showed her slides of the national convention.

The Sunday school Christmas program of the First Baptist church of Grass Valley will be given Friday evening at 7:30. There will be a surprise for the boys and girls.

Herman Peters Jr. and Keith Bayer came home Saturday from Salem to spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds, a son, December 14 in The Dalles.

A group of young people from Grass Valley and Kent held their sing-spiration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles Sunday evening. Refreshments were served later by the postess.

Last Thursday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lemley were returning from The Dalles their car was badly wrecked on Nigger Ridge. Mrs. Oscar Lemley was taken to The Dalles hospital suffering two cracked ribs, cuts and bruises and shock. The way it happened: a big truck had stopped to put on chains as it was foggy and the pavement covered with ice. Another truck was coming down so Mr. Lemley stopped behind the first truck. He saw the moving truck sliding all over the road so he got out and went to help his wife out of their car when the truck hit and knocked it over into the field.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman and family will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thompson at Walla Walla, Washington. The women are sisters.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Foster, Saturday, December 16 in The Dalles, a son. Tommy was given a ten day furlough from Camp Ord, California to come to The Dalles to see his new family.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss left Saturday for Arizona taking a trailer house with them. It looked pretty slick and frosty when they left but was better soon.

Wily Knighten Jr. is home from Lewis & Clark college in Portland and Priscilla Melzer is also here from the same school. David Moore arrived Tuesday from the university and Allan Pinkerton and Gloria Douma will spend their Christmas vacations here as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger went to Portland Tuesday to spend a few days on business.

James Dyce left this week for Klamath Falls where he will remain a couple of days before going on to Phoenix, Arizona to spend a few months where the sun shines.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, December 26, 1950 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heater came up from Corvallis Sunday to visit friends here for a time. Joe just finished OSC except for calling for his diploma next June.

Richard O'Meara (Beefo) upset his car Sunday night while going home to Wasco. Beefo has a bruised shoulder and is banged up in general and the car has several loose joints not usually found in cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee went to Portland Sunday, Dec. 17 to attend the wedding of Mrs. Belshee's nephew Richard Harlow to Miss Lois Frink at St. Barnabas Episcopal church in McMinnville.

Mrs. Leon H. Smith and sons, recently of Wasco, are now making their home in The Dalles.

The Eastern Star will entertain the Masons at a pot luck supper December 28 in the Moro Community church. The dinner will be followed by joint installation of officers at the lodge hall. Dinner at 6 o'clock and installation at 8 o'clock.

Harlandview grange had a successful Christmas party last Friday night when 81 came for the program which was on old-time Christmas party with trimmings. Regular grange was held Saturday night with 11 present.

Mrs. Wallace May went to Hood River last Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. A. Walter, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen and daughter, were dining guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley.

The Harlandview grange held its Christmas party Friday night. Sandra May of Moro and Dean Martin tap danced with Mrs. Orville Ruggles playing for them.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty and daughter, Peggy, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and daughter.

Mrs. Kenneth Fridley entertained the Community card club at her home Wednesday evening. It was also the club's Christmas party, and there was an exchange of gifts. Pinochle was played during the evening with high honors going to Mrs. Elton Medler. Lunch was served late in the evening.

Charles Williams of Valdez, Alaska, who two weeks ago flew from Alaska to Detroit to pick up a new car then collected his wife and two sons at Missoula, Montana where they were visiting relatives. The Williams spent several nights visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox and will visit other relatives in the valley. After getting their household furnishings ready to ship to Alaska, including their chow dog, they will leave by boat from Seattle January 15. Charles Williams is a brother of Mrs. George Fox, and has been employed by the federal highway department in Alaska since his graduation from Oregon State college last June.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel attended the American Cancer society meeting held in Portland recently.

Miss JoAnn Clodfelter of Oregon State college is home for the holidays.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

HOME EC. CLUB MEETS

The Home Economics club of Rufus grange met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Roland Johnson with Mrs. Leo Watkins as co-hostess. Dessert luncheon was served from a linen covered dining room table upon which white asters were used for a centerpiece. Reindeer and Christmas decorations with long lighted red tapers and Christmas napkins were used. The lunch was original with ice cream colored Santa Clauses with various Christmas cookies and coffee being served.

A gayly decorated tree on top of a drum table and other holiday displays made the living room cheerful for the business meeting which followed the luncheon. The salute of the flag was given. Roll call was answered by each one reading a Christmas verse, or a saying from the Bible. The United Nations flag kit was shown, and the work on it discussed. Mrs. Grace Medler volunteered to begin work on it.

Mrs. Joe Morris, a past chairman, assisted by Mrs. Harland McDonald, installed the new chairman, Mrs. Roland Johnson, who then took over for the rest of the meeting.

The club decided to have a pot luck dinner at 12:30 p. m. January 11 at the Rufus grange to entertain their husbands. This is the clubs regular meeting date in January.

For the program all sang, "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells". Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Roland Johnson gave readings. The Secret Pals exchanged Christmas gifts. Mrs. Harland McDonald received the gift in the drawing.

Meeting for the occasion besides the hostesses were Mrs. Walter Morris, Mrs. William Huck, Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs. Trace Fields, Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Luther Steward, Mrs. Curt Tom, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Alta Smith, Mrs. George Drinkard, Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Altee Wilson.

The Rufus Sunday school program will be held this Friday at 8:00 p. m. Everyone is invited. Miss Jessie Dice is home for Christmas vacation. She is attending college at Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, Idaho.

Sunday evening services for the Rufus church, December 24 have been dismissed and an early service will be held between 6:00 and 7:00 Sunday evening.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Thos. P. Zimmerman, deceased. SS. Notice to Creditors. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed as Administrator, of the Will annexed, of the estate of Thos. P. Zimmerman, deceased.

Any person having a claim against said estate is hereby required to present same with the proper proof annexed to the undersigned at the law office of Roy J. Baker at Grass Valley, Oregon, duly verified as by law provided, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice.

First publication being December 22, 1950.

Fred C. Zimmerman Administrator with the Will annexed. Roy J. Baker Attorney 7-10c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Chester R. Andersen, deceased. SS. Notice to Creditors. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled Court, Administratrix of the estate of Chester R. Andersen, deceased, and she has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present their claims duly verified, to the undersigned, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice at the office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley.

Date of first publication being December 22, 1950. Catherine M. Andersen, Administratrix

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Estate

High School Seniors Present Play About Modern Problem

It was like this: The Herbert Gage family played by Fred von Borstel the papa, Carrie Nelson, the mama; Darlene Macheel, the bubbling teen ager; Dorothy Wilson, the marriageable daughter; Viola Edwards, the littlest one; Diana Christianson, the maid; had settled down in an old Connecticut house so Herbert could write a book.

Jonathan Rockwood, as stern as the rockbound coast of his native New England, (Carl Schilling) and his wife (Evelyn Kirk-elle) had the right to occupy the house for life and returned early in the play to do so.

The conflict in the way of life and thought between the older, more self reliant, Republican, simpler Rockwood and the more modern, affected, Democratic, Gage made the play, "January Thaw" given by the senior class of the Moro High school at the gymnasium last Saturday night.

There wasn't much love interest in the play and Dorothy Wilson and Terry Bucholtz, the bride groom-to-be got little practice from the play. Alfred Kock was a promising lawyer, Leslie Edwards a convincing native character, Roy Harvey, a spoiled son, John Alley, an officer.

Darlene Macheel, effervescent suitably, Carl Schilling's scorn of modernity and city bred ignorance was a match for the tactics of Fred vonBorstel and Carrie Nelson as the Gages. Oddity of the play was telling of the background in the form of a prayer.

Mrs. B. H. Roberson directed the play which was well attended considering the softness of wet weather roads.

RUFUS WEATHER WET

This week the north end of Sherman county had fog. It was a fairly nice day Tuesday, but early that evening the fog crept in. It was reported by the late travelers that it took them two hours to travel ten miles to their place from Wasco. It was bad along the highway at Rufus, too. The vicinity really had fog the farmers couldn't see their barns from the houses. During the fog, there was an influx of goose hunters, with some kills reported.

City Ditch Job In Final Phase; Advisor Delayed

Job of completing the waterway through the city of Moro has been going on at a faster pace recently and the ditch has been finished as of this week. C. C. Gerber's shovel dug the final portion.

The street is necessarily closed and the detour via Hansen street is being used and because of the continued rains this made the application of several loads of gravel to Railroad street but this was needed as it was recently filled after the 1949 washout.

A majority of councilmen approved putting in the tube immediately while the crane is on hand and men are available. The company engineer who was to have been here to direct the erection of the big tube had a burned out motor at Lewiston and was delayed. In the meantime preparations for putting up the concrete headwalls and laying the base for the tube have been going on.

The tube must be placed on eight inches of gravel and have a slope of 6 to 12 inches for the 52 feet of length. In order to drain the ditch a ledge of rock farther down the creek was blasted out.

WASCO WOMEN HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Wasco Womens Study club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Walter Ruggles, whose home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Gifts of toys and money were brought for the Doernbecher hospital, a card and gift of money was ordered sent to our Pan American student who is ill in a hospital in Salem and gifts were exchanged by the members. A belle of the 1920's was delightfully portrayed by Mrs. Huelin and an Eugenie hat was modeled by Marian Johnson.

Our state president, Mrs. Hil-dred Zell, introduced Mrs. Hugh White as state chairman of conservation. A program of songs, readings and tap dancing was presented by Mrs. Trace Fields.

Winter Wonderland

Dance

Moro High School Gym Hanson's Ork

Dec. 23, 9 p.m. Formal Please

Annual

New Years

DANCE

KENT LEGION HALL

Saturday, Dec. 30

Hanson's Orchestra Novelties Supper Served In Hall