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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

"McKays Will Eat 36 Pound Turkey" reads a headline. Being governor sure makes for a hearty appetite.

TTWN

"I don't run races any more," said Uncle Emmett, "and I'm glad that the desire to do things declines along with the ability."

This is the time of year when it is popular and perhaps profitable to look backward and ahead and try to plan to correct the actions of the future by the errors of the past. However, man is pretty much a creature of habit and isn't likely to change until he has to. Which is the reason so many perpetuate the same mistakes over and over again. But it is a good time to reform if you need it, know how, and have the nerve.

This nation is fortunate that those who think we should stay home and mind our own business are again articulate. We may have gone so far, and promised so much, that that is no longer possible. Nevertheless it is well for us to check on our international do-gooders who haven't made a very startling success of foreign policy and certainly have acquired few friends by the drunken sailor method. We do need alliances with like-minded nations and probably cannot get them by putting them on our relief rolls and treating them like poor relations. We do not want to be alone in the world although our policy has made us pretty much that way.

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It was said of John Burtner who died last week, that he never missed an issue of weekly news from OSC in all his years as manager of that publication. In these days, as ever, dependability is a major virtue which any man might wish to have written into his obituary.

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We read "an old-fashioned family Christmas". Is there any other kind?

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At Walla Walla police are looking for a man without pants. It might be a poker player but why bother, after the Christmas bills come in there'll be lots of such characters.

Now being arranged is a meeting of the "Big Four". What do you mean "Big Four"? The members come from history, not current events. France and England are decadent and small and weak and while they might properly be included in a conference they are not big. China, India, Germany, even Yugoslavia are bigger in power.

We assume, and hope, that the president used the words properly on his Christmas cards.

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Over in England there is concern over the probable theft of a famous rock that kings sit upon. It is 1100 years old. For my word, old fellow, we've never seen a younger stone, most that we have are as old as the hills.

Is it possible that governments are too big? That their size puts them too far from the governed and that loyalty is lost thereby? That the UN is the best example of that tendency?

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What became of all those high-frown theories about fighting a war with big bombers and a navy with emphasis on the bombers? Now we are getting ready to fight a war on the Chinese pattern—with foot soldiers. If we hadn't killed off all the Indians we might find some good instructors.

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Down in California they're finding bones buried 200 feet below the earth's surface. My land, how deep does a man have to be buried in that state to achieve eternal rest.

And A Happy New Year

Weather Makes Most News In Passing Year

This is the time of year when newspapers, large and small, go through the files for the year and determine what stories have had the greatest impact. There's the biggest story the ten biggest stories and some other sorts.

For this county there seems little doubt after running through the year's papers that the cold weather of last February was the biggest story. A temperature of 23 degrees below zero February 2 broke a 40-year record, tied up transportation, and set the stage for a run-off that the city of Moro hasn't gotten over yet. In a county so dependent on weather as this one that kind of news has a running start over other kinds of news.

The crop made good news by being better than early estimates indicated; there was a shooting fair was noteworthy and on the agricultural front farmers hired their first rainmaker and have been reveling in cloudy skies and soft roads ever since.

Politics was generally uninteresting because there was not enough candidates to make the entry lists full. Another county road bond issue was defeated but it created little excitement. Schools went along in their independent and expensive way.

A marker to commemorate the pioneers who crossed the John Day river over a hundred years ago was dedicated. A new transformer yard is being built by the P&L company. Fertilization trials were made in several wheat fields with varying success. Prices of purebred livestock were up. (what was n't?)

Young men, especially in the Wasco community, died suddenly of accident or illness to sadden and weaken the county.

These were the memorable events of 1950. They made the news, good and bad, worth reporting. Most of them have to do with the effect of a force beyond the control of man on his existence, only a few on his futile efforts to control it.

TUBE GOING IN

With the arrival of Ken Anderson from Beal Tank & Pipe company here Wednesday the work of putting the big tube together in the new ditch across First street began with a crew of local men doing the bolting and Gerber's crane holding the sheets.

The tube will be 203 inches wide at the widest point and 128 inches high, varying slightly from expected measurements. It is a quarter inch galvanized steel and is bolted together with five-eighths galvanized bolts with a shock wrench gauged to 100,000 pounds. Bolts are made to stand that pressure.

Requirements are that the tube be placed on some material like gravel that will give a little. Side packing material will be the silt taken from the ditch which Anderson declares to be very good.

CHECKS FURNISHED

All regular personal checking account customers of the Sherman County branch of the First National Bank of Portland are being offered checks imprinted free with their individual name and address, it was announced today by branch manager C. S. Bennett.

With the announcement of the program being met with enthusiastic response by First National customers, Bennett stated that "the imprinting of the individual customer's name and address free of charge on regular personal checks is an improvement that will benefit everyone coming in contact with them. The increased ease of identification and additional speed of handling will be appreciated by businessmen and customers alike."

This new service is available immediately and initial supply of checks will consist of four books of 25 checks each. A reorder blank is attached to the back of the book to insure a continuous supply of checks.

About the County

Recruit James D. Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler, of Grass Valley, Oregon, recently arrived at Fort Hood, Texas and is presently finishing his sixth week of basic training with a combat unit of the famed 2d Armored Division.

Divine worship next Sunday afternoon December 31 at 3 o'clock in the Grass Valley Methodist church.

Friends and relatives are honoring Walter and Ola Ruggles on their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 31 at their home in Wasco from 2 to 5 p. m. The Ruggles are old time residents of Sherman county having been born and raised in this community.

Everyone is cordially invited to come. No gifts.

Mrs. Elizabeth McLenon of Naples, Florida left Thursday by plane for her home after spending the holidays in Wasco with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Striker.

Mrs. Pat Squire and children of Wheeler spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Kee being her sister. Other members of the family were also present to make it a family reunion for the Crofots.

Students home from college for the holidays are Herman, Carl and Ina May. Ziegler and Lois Kelley from EOCE at LaGrande, James Hartley from Willamette at Salem, David Bayer from OSC at Corvallis and Robert Ziegler, Ed and Scott Fritts from the Mulnomah school of the Bible in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrie Smith and son, Lowell, motored to Ellensburg, Washington and spent Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stalock and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Marquisee and Christmas day, Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith came home with them Monday evening to spend a week.

Miss Natalie Wassmiller arrived Saturday from Portland to spend the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Wassmiller.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Marx and family of The Dalles were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrill.

Social Security Manager Tells About Book On New Tax Law For Employers

Vernon A. Welo, Mgr. of the LaGrande social security office. Since I first wrote about household employers coming under social security next January, the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue have brought out a small booklet, issued jointly and entitled "Do You Have A Maid?" It is, I think, a model of clarity and brevity. It enables the household employer to determine quickly whether her worker comes under social security. It's back cover is an addressed and postage-free card to be torn off and mailed by those whose workers will be eligible for old-age and survivors insurance. In response to this card, the employer will receive the special form and the few instructions she will need for reporting her employees' wages and for remitting the social security tax.

As I have said, not all domestic employees will be eligible for social security; consequently not all household employers will need to mail in the postcard contained in the booklet. Those who have a maid not more than one day a week will not make a report on that employee. Housewives who have a household worker on at least two different days a week, however, need the report form.

I say an average of two days weekly because that would add up to at least 24 days in a three-month period. Any household employee who works for you on at least 24 different days in a calendar quarter meets the days-of-work condition for social security. They need not be full days. For instance, if you have a maid one morning to do the laundry, and on the afternoon of another day in the same week to clean house or get the dinner, she will have worked for you on two different days

in that week. If that is her regular weekly schedule, she will have worked for you on at least 24 days in the calendar quarter.

Does the reference to "calendar quarter" puzzle you? Well, it won't once you've seen the little explanatory diagram in the "Do You Have A Maid?" booklet. What it means is simply this: The year is divided into four quarters. These are the three-month periods, January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. Each is a calendar quarter. Your maid must be employed by you on 24 different days in a calendar quarter, not just in any three consecutive months like March April and May.

If you employ a maid on 24 different days in a calendar quarter, and pay her not less than \$50 in-cash wages for work in that quarter, she will come under social security and you will need to have the special report form that the post card from the "Do You Have A Maid?" booklet will bring you.

Just one thing more. The word "Maid" in the title to the booklet means more than it says. It means any kind of household employee, male or female. A gardener or a governess, a chauffeur or a nursemaid will be eligible for old-age and survivors insurance protection beginning in January wherever their work for one employer meets the 24 days—\$50 cash wages conditions of the new social security.

If you have a household employee who is covered, get your copy of "Do You Have A Maid?" It is available now at social security offices, internal revenue offices, and at post offices everywhere.

In my article, I shall tell about the provisions for dependent widowers under the amended social security law.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox were Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Huck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yocum were hosts to a group of relatives at their home near Rufus Christmas day. Coming from Bend were Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen and children, Sharon and Danny; from Stanfield Mrs. Edith Baragar; from The Dalles Mrs. Leah Jensen, Mrs. Shirley Jensen and daughter Sarah Mae; from Rufus Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mobley.

During the afternoon the group was pleasantly surprised with a telephone call from Mrs. Yocum's niece, Mrs. Peta Bayus, who lives in San Bernardino, California.

On Christmas eve the family met at the home of Mrs. Leah Jensen where they opened their gifts. Mrs. Jensen also entertained this group at dinner Tuesday. Sharon Jensen of Bend will stay for the week with Mr. and Mrs. Yocum and her folks will come after her this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yocum were in Heppner last week end where they went especially to see Mr. Yocum's father, J. M. Yocum who hasn't been very well lately.

Bill Greiner spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greiner in Mayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wichey of Idaho spent the weekend and were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrd and family.

Rufus school let out Friday after the students had their Christmas party. The teachers left Friday evening for their respective homes to spend the holiday season. The mothers of the primary room children were present to enjoy their Christmas party. Friday morning vacation will last until January 2.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and son Bob and daughter Joan were guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster of Portland spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughters spent the week end and Christmas day visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Herin in Prineville. Mrs. Macnab and Mrs. Herin are sisters.

Contract Let On Cottonwood Road

The contract was let December 19 for additional work on the Wasco-Heppner road. All work will be done in Gilliam county it being the 10.37 miles from the top of Cottonwood canyon to the York ranch. There will be 4.47 miles of grading and the entire ten miles will be surfaced.

There will be a new alignment on a part of the road and when completed it will bring a gravel surface to the entire part of the road in Gilliam county. The highway commission has agreed to oil the road at a later date.

Inasmuch as there is to be continued improvement of the road part in Sherman county, particularly the Cottonwood grade section, may be improved within a few years, if local persons keep working to obtain that improvement.

COUPLE WRECK CAR

Alvin E. Sanders of Kennebec was asleep in the back seat of a car he had recently bought in California. His wife was driving and when she also went to sleep the car left the road turned over and over in a field a short distance north of Grass Valley. No one was seriously hurt although the Sanders daughter did get a bloody nose. The body of the car is bent in every way possible with all windows but one shattered.

CHRISTMAS WARM

Christmas day in Sherman county could easily have passed for St. Patrick's day except that it otef blows on St. Patrick's day. Christmas was balmy and warm with a bare touch of frost in the morning, and hardly enough of that to chill the springlike air. Perhaps it was not the warmest Christmas residents have seen but it will be one to be remembered and talked about for years as a dramatic relief from stories of the coldest, snowiest, most blizzardous holiday season.

Guests present included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frazer, Mrs. Alta Crowley, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. Leonard Martin at 1 V. B. Eakin.

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ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS: Shepard's Citations, \$15.00; Bancroft-Whitney Co., \$23.60

COUNTY SCHOOLS: \$800.30

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about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS Sherman Chapter No. 132

Order of Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening December 19 for installation of officers. Mrs. Myrie Smith was installed as worthy matron; Eugene Knott as worthy patron; Mrs. Owen Eakin, associate matron; Owen Eakin, associate patron; Mrs. Wallace May secretary; Wallace May, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Knott, conductress; Mrs. Jack Adams, associate conductress; Mrs. Dean Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, marshal; Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, organist; Miss Ethel Hansen, assistant organist; Mrs. Harold Eakin, Adah; Mrs. Vernon Eakin Ruth; Mrs. Ernest Blaylock, Esther; Mrs. Frank vonBorstel, Martha; Mrs. W. O. Brinkert, Electa; Mrs. J. W. Blagg, warder; Harold Eakin, sentinel.

Mrs. V. B. Eakin acted as installing matron, Mrs. L. D. Eakin installing marshal, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter installing chaplain and Mrs. Elton Eakin installing musician.

Corsages were presented to the installing officers, the worthy matron and the junior past worthy matron. Tom Frazer furnished a vocal solo; "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Mrs. Elton Eakin. An Hawaiian addenda was put on in honor of the junior past worthy matron, Mrs. Frank von Borstel and the junior past worthy patron, Harold Eakin, telling them goodbye from the East.

Mrs. von Borstel was presented with a piece of sterling silverware as outgoing matron gift. Refreshments of chicken salad and hot rolls and coffee were served by Mrs. L. D. Eakin as hostess.

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There are many oddities and many drastic changes in populations, especially in small towns. New ones spring up and others fade away. For instance, the town of Harney, over in Harney county, has doubled its population having six inhabitants now instead of its three in 1940. It is still incorporated although not active. Shaniko increased from 55 to 60. Hardman dropped to 58, Crane to 98.

Condon has 966 and is growing rapidly. Heppner jumped from 1140 to 1625 in the decade and Arlington went to 681, Fossil to 637.

Huge gains were made by lumber towns like Empire with a gain of 232.6 percent and Sutherlin with 324.2 percent which now has 3783 instead of 803 recorded in 1940; Madras made a growth of over 200 percent which may be more stable. It is now a town of 1247.

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