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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

On December 30, 1950 L. P. Haven cut his lawn.

TTWN

This is another year and one that inherited all the troubles of the old one. Although we make quite a to-do over the passing of a year, it is merely a bookkeeping transaction and worthy of celebration only because we want an excuse for revelry.

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It is not uncommon for us humans to have the feeling that we would like to stop the world for a few days until we could catch up with it.

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The magazine TIME tells tearfully of Georgia schools, many of which have no running water in the school house, heat buildings with wood stoves, children sometimes come to school barefoot. Probably the most self-reliant and reliable part of this nation's population attended similar schools. But they must not have been successful to have produced a generation with a point of view as fatuous as the magazine expressed. We Americans are getting to the point where we worship the gadgets of our civilization and consider the lack of them a sign of mental and moral weakness or downright degeneracy.

In Oregon we have established standards for schools that almost entirely have to do with material things—not with education. Schools must have "proper" lighting, heating, fire escapes, libraries (although there is no specification about reading the books).

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The legislature must determine who's boss of the family. It may be papa (the taxation committee) which, fatherlike, provides the money or mama (ways and means committee) that spends it. Mama has been running a little wild in recent sessions and has spent all of papa's cash. Maybe he can talk, or beat, a little sense into her head.

TTWN

We wonder if discussions of lobbying will include an appraisal of the milk lobby that has been successful on a tipple of buttermilk.

We note that the 1951-53 Oregon budget is appropriately bound in red.

When we are young we look ahead because there's nothing behind us and when we are old we look behind because there's nothing ahead of us.

TTWN

This business of three billion for civilian defense and bomb shelters reminds us of a basketball coach who refused to let his athletes wear knee pads. The theory was that a player should stay off the floor with his knees. Maybe three billion dollars worth of planes and pilots would remove the necessity of bomb shelters.

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There may be something wrong with our grapevine which tells us that no Russian or Chinaman is striking while his country is at war. This is such a fine, free country, so we'll enjoy it until it falls apart.

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We don't know whether Mr. Truman is right, or Mr. Hoover, or Mr. Dulles or Mr. Kennedy—and neither do they. But we do think it is a fine thing that the whole country is talking about what we should do instead of sitting supinely and letting the government go ahead without either criticism or direction.

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Additional authority given the rules committee is poor kind of government because it permits control by a small part of the entire congress. It is good politics to get all the control possible and probably that was foremost in the minds of congressmen.

MHS Wins Easily From The Dalles JV's 50-26

The Moro high school basketball team having won over Maupin by a 32 to 23 score took a rest for the holidays and engaged The Dalles JV's in a preliminary game Saturday night chalking up another win. The score was 50 to 26 and several subs had a chance to show.

The Moro team was really hot making 391 percent of their field shots and 466 percent of the foul shots. This was much better on field shots than in the Maupin game. Individuals had fine records Rust and Bucholtz averaging 400, Roberson, L. Martin and Lane 333, Edwards 600 and Bob Martin a phenomenal 1000 and von Borstel 300.

The team will play Dufur here Friday night, Klickitat there Saturday night and next Tuesday Culver will be here.

Line-ups were:

Moro	JVs
Rust 11	West 4
Roberson 4	Berry 0
Bucholtz 11	T. Haynes 2
L. Martin 4	Williams 5
von Borstel 8	Hyde 5
Kaseberg 0	Haynes 4
B. Martin 4	Ziegelman 6
Alley 0	Bode 0
Lane 2	Emerhart 0
Edwards 6	Walsh 0
Rolf 0	Larsen 0

Wasco Masons, Star Install Officers In Full Ceremony

Tuesday evening, January 2, members and friends gathered at the Masonic hall in Wasco for joint installation of officers of Taylor Lodge No. 99, A.F. & A.M. and Annie Fulton Chapter No. 124, O.E.S.

The evening opened with a program by students of Mrs. Eleanor Borg. Aerobic and tap dance numbers were by Sherrill Fields, Joan Fridley, Janice McIntyre, Katherine Hunt, Sally Fields and Lois Ann Everett of Wasco. Steve McCown, Billy Hamilton, Geraldine Holzappel, Eddie Hamilton and Sharon McCown from The Dalles also provided numbers.

Taylor lodge officers were installed with Roy Belshee opening the ceremony by installing his son, LeRoy Belshee, as worshipful master after which Vern Dutton, installing master and Gordon N. Harper, installing marshal, proceeded with the installation of Walter Bruckert, S. W.; L. E. Kaseberg, J. W.; Kenneth Fridley, secretary; Carl Tuggle, S. D.; Leonard Fields, J. D.; Francis Watkins, marshal; T. Lester Johnson, S. S.; Norman Gochbauer, J. S. and Joe Morris, Tyler. LeRoy Belshee presided to install Vern Dutton as chaplain.

A "Rainbow Trail" addenda was put on by the 1950 officers, honoring Mrs. Vern Dutton and Carl Tuggle, retiring matron and patron. Officers gave the 1950 floor drill during which they passed under the rainbow, on either end of which was placed a "pot of gold". The pots of gold were presented to the honored officers and in them were found gifts from the chapter officers.

Officers of Annie Fulton Chapter were installed with Mrs. Hugh White and LeRoy Belshee installing matron & patron. They were assisted by installing officers, Mrs. H. M. Zell, marshal; Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, chaplain; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, organist; Mrs. Lydia Darby, warden; and A. J. Smith, sentinel.

Those installed for the ensuing year were Mrs. Ernest Shull, W. M.; Ernest Shull, W. P.; Mrs. Walter Bruckert, A. M.; Leonard Fields A. P.; Mrs. Keith McDonald, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Sargent, treasurer; Mrs. Marvin Thomas, conductress; Mrs. Carl Tuggle, A. C. Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand, chaplain; Miss Jean Shull, marshal; Estelle Hailey, organist; Mrs. Leonard Fields, Adah; Mrs. Norman Gochbauer, Ruth; Mrs. Margaret Blau, Esther; Mrs. Howard J. Pratt, Martha; Mrs. Hugh White, Electa; Mrs. Vivian Rust, warden and Walter Bruckert, sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shull expressed appreciation to the chapter for the honor to serve in the East together and declared the theme for the year to be "Friendship."

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News Resume Of 1950 Reprinted

The following news was recorded during 1950 in the Sherman County Journal.

Jan. 6—Weatherman promised colder weather after a night of nine above. Kenneth Fridley talked to county club about school needs. PMA rules on conservation practices.

Jan. 13—Court hears case of Locust Grove school separation and hopes for peace. Republicans hold policy meeting. PMA permits payments up to \$1000.

Jan. 20—Blizzard hits county, closes roads, temperatures 10 below. New soil conservation district ready to function.

Jan. 27—After some thawing more snow falls making a foot on the ground. UP farm train has good crowd. Wallace May heads soil conservation district.

Feb. 3—Twenty three degree cold breaks long record. Sherman countians increase E bond holdings.

Feb. 10—National Wheat organized. Weather warmer, slightly. Soil conservators want all diverted acres conserved.

Feb. 17—Wheat League's bill introduced. Snow holding. Water mixed spray urged for spring weed killing.

Feb. 24—Snow still holding. Candidates filing for office. Bill Hall wins Hyslop scholarship.

March 3—When snow ran off two buildings in Moro were undermined and street was caved in. Donald Martin files for county commissioner. Court calls for road talk.

March 10—Court wants another special road levy. Harry Hydron saves train after wreck.

March 17—Soil moisture high in wheat fields this spring. School budgets made up—and up.

March 24—Moisture keeps soaking. Soil conservation district program set for year, including 30 farm plans, two tours, one demonstration, 4000 acres trashy fallow.

March 31—Fair board starts work. Seeding of waterways urged.

April 7—City finds ditch job bigger than thought. Court asks road levy of five mills for two years. Kaseberg talks about national wheat league.

April 14—Reapportionment petitions here. Crop insurance pays more than cost here.

April 21—Moro Community church dedicated by group of dignitaries. Michael Breadner dies in spray plane accident. Tax group holds meeting in The Dalles with local men present.

April 28—District women's clubs meet at Grass Valley. Mrs. Hildred Zell chairman.

May 4—H club children receive pins for labors. County still on local time. Farmers visit soil conservation man of the year at Mikalo.

May 12—Eugene Eaton made weed supervisor. Moro council asks for \$15,000.

May 19—Plans for wheat league fat stock show bearing fruit. Twin colts born at Bal-siger menage.

May 26—Primaries bring no surprises. Roy Harvey elected student body president. Kenneth Walker killed in farm accident.

June 2—Mac Barbour hired for fair again. Talk of rainmaking starts. Four Sherman countians finish OSC.

June 9—Voters approve city's \$15,000 bond issue. Historical society has successful picnic, elect Jay Price. County kids win at wheat league show.

June 16—County budget balanced within 6% limit. Sherman riders win in horseman meet. Summer school for 4-H starts.

June 23—Sixteen boy scouts leave on Valley Forge trip. Annual stock tour finds good cattle. School patrons decide on course of action.

June 30—Wasco continues with successful baseball season. Council talking bridge on First street.

DOUGLAS P. ALLEY BUYS ANGUS

Douglas P. Alley recently purchased a purebred Aberdeen Angus bull from Ray A. Frazer of Amboy, Washington.

Circuit Court Session Set For Tuesday With Cases Due

Circuit court will be in session in Sherman county Tuesday January 9 with Judge E. H. Howell presiding. A new grand jury will be chosen from the list and charges will be presented to it for possible indictment.

The jury list includes: Alonzo Albert, Ralph Eakin, Bob Davis, Arzell Lemley, Glen Virtue, S. A. Wilson, Pauline Alley, Harry Young, John Shipley, Marvin Thomas, Howard Pratt, Lester Barnum, John Q. Robinson, Margaret Baumgartner, Clarice Bekkadahl, Bertha Brinkert, Marguerite Decker, Grace Medler, A. B. Christianson, Max Barzee, Albert Dornaler, E. L. Woods, LeRoy Belshee, Clyde Fridley, L. P. Haven, Hazel Helyer, V. C. Melzer, Ida Byrd, Nina Pinkerton, and Dolores Rolfe.

There are some criminal and civil cases that may be tried at the coming term, depending on indictments and the attorneys.

Shriners Arrange Musical Concert

Boris Sirpo will present his nationally famous Hood River symphony orchestra and chorus in a concert at 3 p. m. Sunday, January 14, at The Dalles high school auditorium under the auspices of the Mid-Columbia Shrine club, club president.

Numbers by featured soloists also will be presented in the concert, which will be the same as that offered at Hood River Sunday afternoon, January 7, under sponsorship of the Hood River Music association.

A reception for the musicians will be provided at the home economics rooms at the high school at 5:30 p. m., immediately following the concert, by the shrine club, with Floyd Cook as chairman, and the members of Mid-Columbia club, Daughters of the Nile.

L. A. Duncan is general chairman for the event. Assisting in the project are Walter L. Van Horn, public relations; Jack Keeler, ticket sales, assisted by all Shriners; R. A. Brouhard, financial secretary.

Fred Cox Celebrate 40 Wedded Years

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home Thursday evening when a buffet luncheon was served.

The rooms were decorated with yellow mums and pink and white carnations. The table was covered with a handkerchiefed white lace cloth and centered with a cake baked by their daughter, Mrs. Al Roberts, and decorated with white frosting and pink rosebuds and silver dots, and flanked by lighted white tapers in crystal holders.

The guest list included their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts of Corvallis, their son, Don Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. James Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horner, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Amelia Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds. Dell Olds, who acted as best man at their wedding, was the only one present who attended the wedding forty years ago.

Seven Killed Per 100,000 Miles

Death struck seven times for each one hundred million miles of travel on Oregon streets and highways during November, according to the secretary of state department.

The figure shows a slight drop from the October death rate and was accompanied by a drop in gasoline sales. The death rate is arrived at by computing the number of deaths per one hundred million miles driven.

Although the November gallonage was lower than the preceding month, it did show an increase of 1,104,856.20 gallons over November of 1949.

County Court Appoints Staffs Of County Boards

Organization of county business for the coming year was before the county court at its January meeting Wednesday. Donald Martin was sworn in as county commissioner; succeeding Vernon Miller whose term expired December 31.

Appointments made included A. J. Bucholtz to be a member of the fair board; the county court to be the DeMoss Park board; J. M. Wilson, Joe Peters and J. R. Yocum to be road viewers; W. E. Bruckert, Tom Garrett and Kenneth Sather to be the dog board; the Sherman County Journal to be the official county newspaper; Frank Bazzel to be road foreman.

Dewey Thompson, A. C. Kaseberg and A. A. Dunlap were re-appointed as budget directors with terms expiring in the order named.

A Rufus telephone line, represented by Charles Kuypers and James Tate were given permission to construct a line on the county road right-of-way. Beer licenses were granted to Evelyn Carlisle, H. H. Willard and C. C. Wilson. Charles Kuypers bought the old horse grader from the county.

Judge Tom intimated that the court might ask for another vote on a special levy for road purposes.

Oil contracts were signed with the Union and Standard agents for gasoline and diesel during the year.

There was a discussion of salaries to be paid county officials. In Oregon the state must pass on all salaries of elected officials of the counties. In practice the county courts, with the advice of the budget committees, make a resolution about salaries which legislators almost invariably follow. Thus, county salaries are in fact, set by the county court.

Salaries of Sherman county officials now are \$2880 for sheriff, clerk, and assessor, \$1440 for treasurer and \$1500 for judge.

Mr and Mrs Ruggles Married 40 Years

A host of friends and relatives from different places in Oregon gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles on their 40th wedding anniversary at their home in Wasco, December 31, 1951.

The time passed quickly, receiving old and new acquaintances and visiting until late in the afternoon.

The family gathered in the evening for a buffet supper.

Those from out of town were Mrs. Lenora Cauthers, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huls, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mrs. Gladys Morrison, Charles and Connie Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, Mrs. Ernie Moore, Mrs. J. J. Schaffer, Mrs. Henry Barnum, Mrs. T. H. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higley and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Haufelt, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Martin, Mrs. Gladys Espey, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Wodick, Mrs. G. H. Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Adkisson, Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. Edna Melzer.

Welcoming the guests were Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. T. H. Fraser and Mrs. Henry Barnum. Serving the cake was Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mrs. Joe Peters and Mrs. Hugh White.

Pouring was Mrs. Gladys Morrison, Mrs. Truman Strong and Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand.

Serving the guests were Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Clarence Huls and Mrs. J. C. Peterson.

Miss Connie Ruggles tended the guest book.

NEW BANKER
Miss Dorothy Wilson, who has been staying here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, moved to Moro Monday and will stay at the Peetz home. She attends high school and will work in the bank afternoons.

1950 Wettest Year Since Records Kept At Local Station

The record for calendar-year precipitation was broken when the weather books were closed at the experiment station. Here before the greatest rainfall for a calendar year was 15.83 in 1948. For 1950 there was 16.04 inches of rainfall.

Although the calendar year brought the largest rainfall the crop year precipitation failed to reach the mark set in 1947. In that year the rainfall from September to December inclusive was 8.50 and this year it was 8.25 inches. Average for that period is 5.00. Rainmaking will be credited with some part of the increase from the normal of 3.25 inches which is 165 per cent of normal.

The average calendar rainfall for this station is now 11.41 inches having been raised a little by the record breaking year just passed.

Driest year was 1939 when there was but 6.43 inches recorded here and even 1949 had but 7.21 inches in the calendar year. Trying to figure a pattern for rainfall is a hopeless job. Some years it rains, some it doesn't.

Moro Masons Install; OES Has New Leader

Officers for the Masonic order and the Eastern Star were installed last Thursday evening in a formal ceremony held at the lodge hall following a dinner at the Community church.

With Naomi Van Gilder as installing officer and Elsie Jones as marshal and Anna Moore as chaplain the officers of the Star were inducted into office. They are: Gwen Ross W.M.; Gwen Mitchell, A. M.; George Mitchell, W. P.; Willard Coons, A. P.; Naomi Van Gilder, secretary; Pauline Douma, treasurer; Nina Pinkerton, chaplain; Bonnie May, conductress; Orville Coons, assistant conductress; Helen Sayrs, organist; Diane Christianson, Adah; Marie Hoskinson, Ruth; Cathie Thompson, Ether; Irene Fraser, Martha; Dorothea Moore, Electa; Edna Melzer, warden; Howard Ross, sentinel.

Carrel Bennett installed the new officers for the Masons with Darwin Van Gilder acting as marshal and Harry Pinkerton as chaplain. Put in office were Donald Martin, W. M.; Clyde Gilmore, S. W.; Bob Belshee, J. W.; Harry Pinkerton, secretary; Howard Ross, S. D.; Frank Sayrs, J. D.; Clarence Higley, Tyler.

Tom Fraser sang two numbers accompanied by Mary Eakin and the members of the Star gave a lively skit during the program period.

Soil Conservation District To Elect

The Sherman County Soil Conservation district will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, January 16, at the county courthouse in Moro according to T. W. Thompson, county extension agent. Farmers are invited and encouraged to attend.

The annual report of the district will be presented and plans for the coming year outlined. An educational program is being prepared and films on conservation will be shown. Personnel from the Oregon State College Experiment Station, Soil Conservation Service, State Soil Conservation Committee, and Oregon State Extension Service will be present to give information on land and water conservation.

W. L. May, Grass Valley, is chairman of the Board of Supervisors with Vernon Miller, Albert Kaseberg, Charles Kuypers, and Luther Davis completing the board of five farm operators.

Election will be held to fill the expired term of Albert Kaseberg. Supervisors originally elected by the farmers serve a three year term. Charles Kuypers and Luther Davis were appointed by the Governor.

Soil conservation districts are farm groups controlled by county farmers states T. W. Thompson. Farmers would support the district and enter into the operation of the district by attending the annual meeting.

Wind Shakes Warehouse Down Releasing Wheat

The high wind of Tuesday night warped the old warehouse on the southeast side of the tracks so that it collapsed spilling some grain out onto the track and dropping some onto the ground.

The foundation had been strengthened some years ago and cribbing erected within the side walls and it contained 65,000 bushels of wheat. Force of the wind apparently shook the building until it gave away. A part of it is off the foundation, the side cribbing is pulled and broken and the roof collapsed for over 100 feet. Neither end of the building fell in.

Wendell Balsiger, manager of the Moro Grain Grower, owner of the house, said that there was complete coverage for wind damage to the house and contents. Either the insurance company or the grain growers will pick up the grain for which there is storage capacity in the elevator at this time. Unless weather becomes very wet little will be lost.

Whether the house will be rebuilt or not is not known. Since the new elevator has been built there is less need for flat storage, but the shortage of storage in the northwest may make it advisable to rebuild.

Reconstruction of cribbing is rather difficult but it has been done in other houses. Damage will not be known until the job is finished.

Bank Deposits Hold; Loans Increase

Figures released by Carrel S. Bennett, manager of the Sherman county branch of the First National Bank of Portland at Moro show that on December 30, 1950, deposits for the branch amounted to \$2,156,043 and loans totaled \$1,726,667.

A year ago, on December 31, 1949, comparable figures for the branch were, deposits \$1,893,685 and loans, \$1,622,648.

At the same time, the First National Bank and its 46 statewide banking offices reported total deposits on December 30, 1950 of \$525,335,111, loans of \$241,624,159, and resources of \$570,746,196.

According to president F. N. Belgrano Jr., these figures represent an increase over December 31, 1949 of \$48,907,930 in deposits, \$90,569,097 in loans, and \$53,942,339 in resources.

Civilian Defense Program Coming

Oregon's 260 cities and towns and 36 counties will prepare civil defense plans under one of the recommendations of a state master plan for civil defense which is now rolling off the state printing presses at Salem.

The 125-page guide for coping with natural and war-caused disasters at local and state levels will start going into the mail Saturday, state civil defense headquarters said. Copies will be sent to state and county civil directors, mayors, county courts, newspapers, radio stations, city officials, all state and territorial governors, and members of the Oregon legislature.

It recommends that cities prepare their own complete plans, although specifying that smaller towns may, by agreement, merge theirs with the plans of the county in which they are located. The master plan includes a chart for local organization and a full description of the functions of the model city or county organization. It carries 12 annexes, including eight that cover, in detail the security, fire, medical, aid and welfare, engineering and heavy rescue, communications, transportation and military aspects of civilian defense.

Once the governor declares an emergency, the chain of command for all civil defense activities in Oregon will be from "state to county and from county to each city, town and area within the county," the plan provides.