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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

He not only did much talking about his being right, but insisted that everybody else admit it.

T T W N

It is said that there was very little fighting even among the Hatfields and McCoys as long as each stayed on his own side of the hill.

T T W N

From what we read about the mail received by our congressmen nearly everyone is against Hoover but the people.

T T W N

Sherman countians need have no guilt complex over turning around in the middle of the block. A KSLM (Salem radio station) truck just turned around and parked across the street here in Salem.

T T W N

He was a dishonest man. It wasn't so bad that he was dishonest with others because they knew he would be, but he was dishonest with himself and wasn't so good a judge of character as the average.

T T W N

No, Matilda, everything has not gone to pot. June is still the best month for dairy products and strawberries, roasting ears and fried chicken are both plentiful in August and ham and eggs are not as badly inflated as steak.

T T W N

The reactions to the conduct of Mr. Oakland Billy Smith, who hastily left a prize ring when it seemed there was no future in staying, are amusing and enlightening in relation to present foreign affairs. If we are to assume that a gladiator should not leave the field of battle until definitely knocked out or the final gong intervene, our army will have to stay in Korea. If we assume that the experience should suffice to restrain Mr. Smith from similar ventures we might well stay out of Europe until we are strong enough to prevent a repetition of Korea.

T T W N

The senator said, "I thought I was getting deaf until I found a hotel pillow in one ear."

T T W N

Inability to find a dead animal around the office has led to the conclusion that it was business.

T T W N

The administration objects to re-examination of our foreign policy which indicates that it doesn't realize that there was an election last fall. That's what the election was about.

T T W N

Missing from this legislature, so far at least, are C. C. Chapman, an aging editor of Oregon peculiar political magazine who has been writing about government and the men who make it for more than half a century.

Chapple will probably be back now and then but not to compile records of figures for the ways-means committees steadily and competently as in the past. Ralph Watson, former political writer for the Oregon Journal, retired a few years ago and now working for the highway mission as publicist, who will not attend regularly by which the state newspaper readers will be deprived of his philosophically written, sardonic comments on human frailty in high places. O. B. Robertson, self proclaimed lobby power who practiced and preached vindictiveness, with such effectiveness that he was feared. He was probably the last of the men who could fit into the popular conception of a lobbyist. And here it may be said that the carrot has replaced the stick as a motive among the lobbyists, meaning that aid and support for things desired are more often promised than are threats of political destruction uttered.

T T W N

People seem a little tired. It Continued on Page Two

News Resume Of 1950 Reprinted

July 7—Wheat price set at \$2.05 for 1950. Reapportionment plan on ballot. Field day at station one of biggest.

July 14—Barley loan rate up. Wasco beats Condon in wind storm.

July 21—Wasco buys fire truck to protect community. Moro finds money short, limit now \$8,000.

July 28—Fair board names new superintendent. Harvest starts off with good yields. O. G. Hilderbrand dies of heart attack.

Aug. 4—Barge line assessment raises county valuation. Civil defense organization started. No hunting for Sherman county.

Aug. 11—Moro passes bond ordinance. Schools to open Sept. 11. Wheat yielding well.

Aug. 18—2,700,000 crop estimated.

Aug. 25—Rainmakers hired for fall season. Fair plans getting on as date nears.

Sept. 1—Judges picked for fair. County valuation climbs. Drafting men to begin.

Sept. 8—Elmer Merritt shot by son. Schools ready to start on Monday.

Sept. 15—Fair opens with wonderful weather, good program. Fewer districts, less money recipe for better schools. Moro on standard time again.

Sept. 22—Horse race resume reports close ones. Leon Smith suffers fatal heart attack.

Sept. 29—County taxes go to \$316,000. Moro wins first game from Fossil. 1950 found hot as well as cold.

Oct. 4—Moro wins from Paposes 46-7. School vote postponed. Rain makes seeding safe.

Oct. 11—Youngsters win awards at P-I. John Day crossing marker dedicated Sunday. Maupin wins from Moro. VFW meets here.

Oct. 18—County club hears measures discussed. Health association elects Marvin Thomas. Gov. School carnival to pay debts.

Oct. 25—McKay tells about state problems. Midco sale all arranged. Politicians calling names.

Nov. 3—Big wind blows down trees, removes roofs. Wheat men plan meet here with commission.

Nov. 10—Election results not surprising. Midco sale brings good stock prices. Bell talks for wheat commission. Moro wins from Heppner and schedules Jefferson.

Nov. 17—94 pints of blood donated by Sherman countians. Moro takes Jefferson 27-6. UP train coming again.

Nov. 24—Wheat league program being made by grass root farmers. Kenneth Blau killed in accident. Yakima boys take five cars in one day.

Dec. 1—Elmer Merritt dies after three months in hospital. Local wheat leaguers make up program.

Dec. 8—New PMA committee-men chosen. Rain freezes, roads slick. Wheat league meeting finds many topics.

Dec. 15—Moro wins first basketball game. Simpler tax system advocated by tax study committee. Gordon Reid buried.

Dec. 22—City trying to finish ditch. Crop moisture big for crop year.

Dec. 29—Moro 358, Wasco 300; Grass Valley 195 says census. Cottonwood road improvement contract let.

GAY JACKETS FOR WINNERS

Resplendent in their new warm-up jackets, which were furnished by the city business firms, the Moro town basketball team outfooted the Centerville, Wash., team, 61 to 56 at Grass Valley, Monday evening, January 8, before a large crowd.

At no time during the game was there more than seven points difference.

Moro was trailing 7 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but due to the eagle-eye of Jim Johnson, they were able to come from behind to win in the closing seconds. Johnson was high scorer for Moro, with 31 points; and Kayser for Centerville with 15 points.

The Moro town team will play the Heppner team next Monday, January 15, at Grass Valley at 8 p. m.

OFFICERS OF ANNIE FULTON CHAPTER, OES, IN WASCO



New officers of Annie Fulton chapter 124, Wasco, installed recently, from left, front row: Mrs. Inez Sargent, Mrs. Mildred McDonald, Mrs. Marvella Hildebrand, Mrs. Ernest Shull (worship matron), Ernest Shull (worship patron), Mrs. Vivian Rust, Mrs. Alice Goshner, Mrs. Margaret Blau; second row, Mrs. Rosalie White, Mrs. Nerine Fields, Mrs. B. Estelle Halley, Mrs. Astrid Tuggle, Leonard Fields, Mrs. Helen Bruckert, Mrs. Betty Ann Thomas, Mrs. Mary Pratt, Miss Jean Shull and Walter Bruckert. Optimist Photo.

COMMITTEES NAMED AT RUFUS MEET

By Mrs. George L. Fox

RUFUS — The Rufus grange met in regular session with Master Andy Engberg presiding. It was announced Home Economics club members would entertain their husbands at a 12:15 p. m. dinner at the grange hall January 11. A social afternoon followed.

Mrs. Margaret Leff who lives in The Dalles asked for a demit, and expects to join a grange at The Dalles. Mrs. Luther Steward sent in her resignation as chaplain. The grange is putting on a membership drive.

For the program, Mrs. Harland McDonald asked each one for a New Years resolution. There was a quiz game in which E. C. Eaton won the prize. Mr. and Mrs. Will Huck, with the help of a map and pictures, told of their recent trip to Detroit for a new car, and then on to Alabama before coming home via the southern route. They also showed articles which they purchased in Old Mexico.

The master announced the appointment of the following committees: E. C. Eaton, C. A. Tom and Sam Brock on legislative; George Fox, Leo Watkins and Robert Davis on Agriculture; Mrs. E. C. Eaton, Curtis Neal and Atlee Wilson on finance; Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mrs. Will Huck on entertainment; Mrs. Rolland Johnson and Mrs. Grace Medler on home economics; Mrs. Elizabeth Kuyper, Mrs. Curtis Neal and Harland McDonald on relief; Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mrs. Joe Morris on membership; Will Huck and Atlee Wilson on resolutions; Mrs. George Fox as youth chairman and on the card party committee. Atlee Wilson, Mrs. Harland McDonald and Rolland Johnson.

After the meeting the ladies served a bountiful supper.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams and sons from Colton spent New Years weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller in Moro. On Sunday the Williams family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

The weather couldn't have been nicer during the holiday season, with the roads open for traveling. However, when Mrs. George Fox returned home January 2 from Portland, water was going over the highway (up to running boards of the cars) in several places between Parkrose and Troutdale. The wind was blowing a gale up the Columbia gorge, leaving limbs of trees on the highway around Crown Point. There was also a heavy rain that morning and the night before which loosened some good sized rock and caused them to fall on the highway at this point.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg spent the Christmas holidays visiting in Spokane at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kieffel and family. While there they attended a family reunion honoring Mrs. Andy Engberg's mother, Mrs. Mason who celebrated her 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dutton and sons Don and Douglas of Klondike were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

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GRAND JURY IN SESSION

With Judge E. H. Howell presiding, the circuit court met on Tuesday and selected the grand jury. Those chosen were: LeRoy Belshee, foreman; S. A. Wilson, John H. Shipley, Margaret Decker, Hazel Helyer, Ina M. Byrd and Vernon C. Melzer.

District Attorney T. Lester Johnson presented to the jury the case of Fred Merritt charged with shooting his father, Elmer Merritt, on September 2, 1950. The elder Merritt died at The Dalles on November 27.

The jury returned a true bill charging young Merritt with manslaughter, and a bench warrant was issued. Sheriff Norman Fields arrested him and brought him to the county jail where he will remain until his trial.

Merritt was arraigned before the grand jury Wednesday night and pleaded innocent to the charge of manslaughter. The trial was set for March 26, opening at 9 a. m., at the Sherman county courtroom.

5TH WIN FOR MORO HUSKIES

By Edwin Balsiger

Moro high school played the Dufur high school Friday, January 5, at Grass Valley. Moro won the game 44 to 20 with a lot of hard fighting. Norval Lane and Jim Roberson tied for high point man, each having 12 points. This was the fifth straight win in the 1950-51 season. The Huskies were not able to hit the basket with regularity during the first half. After the intermission the Huskies came back strong and walked over the Dufur Rangers.

The Moro defense was very good with Von Borstel and Bucholtz completely dominating the boards.

ALL STARS WIN

The Sherman County All Stars played a game of basketball Friday evening with the Rufus high school boys. The All Stars won by one point with the score ending 30 to 29.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

John Parker went to Portland Sunday night and spent Monday in the city on business, returning that night. While in Portland he joined the Northern Wholesale Dealers Association which will make his an associated store.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles L. French left Saturday afternoon for Salem for the session of legislature. Mrs. French was expecting to go on to Imperial Beach, Calif., to visit their daughter, Mrs. William Frees, for a time before returning to Salem.

Lawrence Warren took his son, David, to Portland Friday January 5, for medical examination.

Tall Culver Cager Doooms Moro Squad

By Edwin Balsiger

Moro was defeated by Culver Tuesday, January 9, after a very exciting game. Culver's high point man was six ft. 6 inch Norman Wiseman with 21 points.

Moro was very slow starting but gave Culver quite a bit of trouble after getting started. Moro was ahead of Culver in the second quarter but couldn't hold them back. Again in the fourth quarter Moro had Culver worried but they held the Huskies to win the game.

The score at the first quarter was 10-5 Culver, the second quarter 28-18 Culver, and the third was 38-42 Culver's favor. Both teams fought hard and played a very clean game.

Legion Auxiliary of Wasco Has Session

By Mrs. George Fox

WASCO—The Frank E. Brown Unit No. 91 of the Wasco Legion Auxiliary met Monday afternoon, January 8 instead of the usual Monday at the home of Mrs. John Foss with Mrs. Gordon Johnson and Mrs. Alma Jean Omeara as co-hostesses.

The business meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Margaret Blau. The salute to the flag was given and one verse of the Star Spangled Banner was sung with Mrs. Alma Jean Omeara at the piano.

It was decided to have one food sale in January which will be January 20, and all members are to contribute.

The stainless steel silver which Mrs. Howard Pratt purchased for the Auxiliary was shown. It is enough for four dozen places. The same committee is to get dishes for the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Robert Bish, chairman of Girls State was instructed to send in for reservations. It was decided to subscribe for the legislative bulletin.

The Auxiliary are sponsoring a drive of usable toys and clothing to be sent to the underprivileged children of Europe. Anyone who wishes to contribute can leave the things at the Pratt Motor Co. in Wasco where they will be taken care of.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

FIRST ANNUAL MEET OF SOIL UNIT AT MORO

MORO — Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton branch experiment station, will speak on the Umatilla soil erosion project during the first annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation district, Tuesday, January 16 at 1:30 in the county courthouse, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

The program will also include a discussion of the new wheat varieties by George Mitchell, superintendent of the Sherman branch experiment station and T. P. Helseth, district conservationist, who will speak on the relation of the soil conservation service to the district. Arrangements are being made for another speaker. Colored films regarding the effects and control of soil erosion will be shown.

Mr. Oveson, for 20 years at the Sherman branch experiment station, will discuss the erosion control pilot farms now in operation in Umatilla county. One of these farms is situated on soil similar to the bulk of land here in the county with comparable rainfall according to Thompson. These erosion control projects were started through action of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and will prove to be extremely valuable to farmers in this area in coming years.

W. L. May, chairman, board of supervisors will preside over the afternoon program. A short business meeting will be held to present the district annual report and election of a supervisor to fill the expired term of Albert Kaseberg.

Other members of the board of supervisors are: Vernon Miller, vice chairman; Charles Kuyper and Luther Davis, directors and T. W. Thompson, county extension agent, who serves as secretary of the district board of supervisors.

A member of the state soil conservation committee will also attend as well as personnel from the soil conservation service.

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BUDGET MEET SET; OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

With the advent of the New Year school administrators and board members find their schedules well filled.

The County Rural School board met for its regular monthly meeting at the office of the County School Supt. Willy W. Knighten the first Wednesday of the month at which time they made plans for their annual budget meeting, scheduling it for 10 a. m., Wednesday, February 7.

Members of the board are Floyd Root, chairman; Charles O. Burnet, Lester Barnum, Donald MacInnes, and George L. Fox. Budget committee members called are: Leland Medler, Ronald Powell, Roy Schilling, J. J. Decker, and Paulen Kaseberg.

The board also called for a special meeting with all school board members in the county for 2 p. m., Wednesday, February 7, to discuss transportation, and other problems.

Principals Meet

The principals of the Sherman county schools met with the County School Superintendent in his office, Thursday evening, January 4, to discuss various school problems, and to make plans for their spring program. It was agreed to ask all school boards to extend teachers' contracts for the coming year to include nine and one-half months, in order that the teachers be on the job to plan their school work at the beginning of the year.

A two-day pre-school clinic is being planned for early September, and plans were worked out, and tests selected for both the elementary and secondary testing program. The principals decided to put greater emphasis on the teaching of reading, on vocabulary and on library use.

Library Funds

It was pointed out by Supt. Knighten that the Rural School Board had allowed the schools the following sums for library books for the coming year: Rufus, \$300; Wasco, \$300; Moro, \$400; Grass Valley, \$200; and Kent, \$150. Many items of importance will receive study and further consideration at their next meeting which were also discussed. Those in attendance were Eugene L. Knott, principal at Kent; Donald Keiper, Grass Valley; George H. Koehle, Moro; Clifford J. Winkoop, Wasco; Mrs. Martha E. Brady, Rufus; and Willy W. Knighten, county school superintendent.

The Non-High School board was convened Friday, January 5, in the office of the county superintendent to take care of some of its problems, and to set a date for its annual budget meeting. Members present were Wallace May, chairman; Willard Barnett, Bernard Martin, Roland Johnson, Kenneth Fridley and Willy Knighten, secretary. The budget meeting has been called for 10 a. m., Monday, February 5. Budget committee members who will meet with the board are Chester Coats, George L. Fox, Harold D. Eakin, Art Schilling and B. C. Baumgartner.

ANNUAL MEET FOR CHURCH

The annual congregational meeting of the Moro Community Church was held Wednesday night, January 10, following a potluck dinner in the church dining room.

Ted Thompson, chairman of the board of trustees, presided at the business meeting and Carroll Bennett, was clerk. The various church organizations gave reports and a budget for 1951 was presented and accepted.

New church officers elected were: Ted Thompson for three year term trustee; Helen Sayrs and Norma Barzee for organist and assistant; a music committee consisting of the organists and Frank Sayrs, Edna Paulsen and Dorothy Moore; ushers, Glen Virtue, Claude May, Keith Thompson and Vernon Melzer.

Sunday School officers chosen were: superintendent, Russell Belshee; assistant superintendent, Donald Thompson; secretary and treasurer, Hope Belshee; pianist, Edna Melzer; superintendent of the cradle roll, Eva Virtue; home committee, Edith Burnet.