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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

A legislator has introduced a bill to prevent a man from becoming a barber without a high school education. Pretty soon the only thing a man can do without a high school diploma will be to run for office.

This session will undoubtedly produce a quota of screwy bills; in fact, it would be odd if it did not. Bills in that classification come from a mind so set on achieving an end that any means seem justified. Writers of such bills—and they are often attorneys—forget constitutional rights and even human nature in a fumbling attempt to correct something that to them seems an evil.

T T W N
Pretty soon some optimist will compile a list of reasons why our venture into Korea—and our out-helped world peace, democracy and the struggle of human kind toward a better world. We do so love to gloss over or refute our mistakes.

T T W N
R. G. Calvert is leaving the Oregonian. That is a loss every reader of that paper will notice because while Calvert didn't write of lot his editorials were generally sound and based on correct information. He was naturally an editorial writer.

T T W N
An ex-marine bemoaning the fate of GIs the world over who are jerked with little ceremony from pursuit of individual ambitions to regimented battle stations. He wanted to know why and no one could tell him without a major speech. His attitude did indicate that another generation of disillusioned men is coming to take the place of the World War I veterans who fought to "make the world safe for democracy" and have seen less of it every year since.

T T W N
Take the case of Sinclair Lewis who made his first fame by writing sardonically of American small towns. Eventually Mr. Lewis became famous and moved to big towns (where, no doubt, he found the people much the same) and on to Europe where he died last week alone, two wives, 40 years and many thousands of dollars away from an American small town.

T T W N
Often the man who is getting more than he is worth howls the loudest about salaries.

T T W N
We don't know whose fault it is but newspaper readers are better acquainted with the character and personality of U. S. senators than state senators. Could it be another evidence of over centralization?

T T W N
The game commission says that you can catch fish in the lower Deschutes river. Experience for several years shows that the law is the only favorable factor in the enterprise.

T T W N
How we wish that we perpetrated all our violence in the "funny" papers.

T T W N
Caldwell, the civilian defense boss, says we'd ought to dig ourselves some caves. The old ones, we recall, are still filled with rotten eggs that were too cheap to eat.

T T W N
The man Wheeler, who says the next half century is going to be colder also believes that when the temperature drops people get more independent and harder to handle. That means an end to dictators, he says. That is the best news (if it is news) we've noted recently and we'll stick around for the next 50 years just to see if he's right.

T T W N
Not many realize that there is considerable sentiment in eastern Oregon for joining with Ne-

Fast Relief Job By Sherman Countian

Speed with which a shipment of relief flour was moved from Germany to Yugoslavia, in an operation directed by Gordon Fraser, American food coordinator at Frankfurt, Germany, was subject of a news article appearing recently in the Wall Street Journal.

Fraser, born and raised in Sherman county, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser of Moro.

Two weeks after receiving orders from Washington, the story said, more than half of a 33,000-ton shipment of flour from Germany was at distribution points in Tito's country.

A Yugoslav transportation expert who had predicted the operation would take at least two months was quoted as exclaiming, "Quite a job!"

POLIO FUNDS AGAIN ASKED

This nation has just come through another tragic polio epidemic and we are now calling on you to give your support to the 1951 drive for funds.

The responsibility assumed by the national organization in directing the fight to conquer this dread disease by providing the best of medical care, research and education is deserving of the highest commendation and support.

The local community workers are Mrs. Arden Jordan, Rufus, Mrs. Lydia Darby, Wasco; Dewey Thompson, Moro; J. E. Allen, Grass Valley and Luther Davis, Kent. The county chairman is A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley.

75 FARMERS AT MEET OF SOIL DISTRICT

Seventy-five Sherman county farmers attended the first annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation district at the county courthouse in Moro, Tuesday, January 16, according to T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton branch experiment station, discussed the various erosion control practices, fertilizer trials, and crop rotations being carried on through the Umatilla Soil Erosion Project.

Pilot farms consisting of 160 acre fields are being established on soils similar to 95 per cent of the wheat producing area in Washington and Oregon Columbia basin areas.

The place of Elmar and Breavor, new white wheat varieties released by Washington State college in 1949, were discussed by George Mitchell, superintendent of the Sherman branch experiment station. Mitchell stressed the importance of keeping Elmar segregated from Elgin and the need for farmers to buy certified Elmar seed. Elmar is a white club variety identical to Elgin in appearance with Hymar smut resistance. Mitchell also indicated the need for farmers to clean and treat their grain thoroughly to keep down the smut infestation.

T. P. Helseth and William Anderson, of the soil conservation service, discussed the relation of the soil conservation service with the Sherman county district and practical application of range management on the land here in Sherman county, respectively.

Wallace May, chairman of the Sherman county district, presided over the meeting. Albert Kaseberg, serving as a supervisor during the last year, was re-elected for a three year term of office by those present. The annual report of the district was presented by T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Larry Warren, work unit conservationist for the soil conservation service working with the Sherman county district was introduced as was Howard Cushman, executive secretary of the state soil conservation committee.

Ababy girl, Janet Caroline, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Newman of Eugene. Mrs. Newman will be remembered here as the former Lois Bryant. Her husband is the postmaster at Eugene.

MORO FOLKS AT CONCERT

A crowd which completely filled The Dalles high school auditorium greeted the Hood River Music association's winter concert here Sunday afternoon, under auspices of the Mid-Columbia Shrine club.

Despite heavily falling snow and slippery highways, many were present from adjacent Sherman county and Klickitat county, across the Columbia river in Washington. The musicians battled several inches of snow on the highway to reach The Dalles.

Among those from Moro attending the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse, Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee, Mrs. Edna Melzer, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mrs. Hazel Belshe, Max Belshe, Elmer Nelson and Carrie Nelson. Director Boris Sirpo called particular attention to the two selections which were composed by Allan Johnson, 18-year-old boy from Mosier. He predicted for him a great future.

Kathryn Oaks, soprano, received an ovation for her group of four numbers, including her encore for "Scottish friends" in the audience, "Comin' Through the Rye."

Other soloists included Susan Eby, 12-year-old violinist, and Edith Kilbuck, pianist.

A public reception for the Hood River group was held in the north hall immediately after the concert by the Mid-Columbia club of Daughters of the Nile.

ROTENONE FOR CATTLE GRUBS

Rotenone is still the only chemical material recommended for the destruction of cattle grubs which are now appearing on cattle herds here in Sherman county, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent. The rotenone material applied should contain 5 per cent rotenone in the ground cube or derris root-form applied as a spray, dust or wash.

Power spraying is the most rapid method of applying treatment to cattle, and should be used on large herds. Seven and a half to 10 pounds of cube or derris powder should be added to each 100 gallons of water. Pressure should be a minimum of 400 pounds per square inch at the nozzle when using.

Dusts are often preferred by owners of small herds of cattle, state Thompson, and are particularly adopted for use in very cold weather. Three ounces of dust should be applied per animal. The material should be distributed from shaker cans, and rubbed into the grub cyst openings with the fingers.

Washes result in the highest grub mortalities and should consist of 12 ounces of 5 per cent rotenone and approximately one half ounce of wetting agent per gallon of water. From one pint to one quart of wash should be applied per animal, depending upon the animal size and length of hair coat. Stiff fiber brushes may be used to distribute material and to insure penetration of the toxicant into the grub cyst openings.

Cube and derris root commercially available contain from 4 to 6.4 per cent rotenone. When powders containing less than 5 percent rotenone, the quantity used should be increased so that the spray, dust or wash will contain equivalent to a 5 per cent product.

For most effective control, treatment should be applied approximately 30 to 45 days after appearance of the first grubs in the backs of cattle followed with another treatment in 30 days. When operators are unable to make two treatments one should be made at the peak of abundance of the grubs.

Individual attempts to reduce cattle grub infestations are unsuccessful but can be accomplished by control program on a community or area basis. Such a program should involve all cattle in an area of not less than a township.

Twenty members and guests of the Moro Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Gladys Morrison on Tuesday, January 16. A dessert luncheon of apple salad and hot muffins with coffee was served by the assisting hostesses, Mrs. Maggie Barnum and Mrs. John Parker. The leader for the program was Mrs. Ted Thompson and she chose for her topic, "India and the Near East."

FATHER TO SON TRANSFER



LeRoy Belshee (right) accepts the gavel of authority for presiding over the Wasco Masonic lodge during 1951 from his father, Past Master LeRoy Belshee. Both have long been prominent in Sherman county Masonic activities. Optimist Photo.

Miss Gwendolyn Nisbet Wed to Lloyd Gosson

At a candlelight ceremony, January 4 at 7 p. m. at the Wasco Methodist church, Miss Gwendolyn Nisbet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet of Wasco, became the bride of Lloyd Gosson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gosson also of Wasco. The Rev. H. Gravenor read the service in the presence of a small group of friends and relatives.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. H. Gravenor played several numbers and accompanied Laurence Nisbet, brother of the bride, who sang "Because."

Miss Janet Workman, wearing a floor length blue gown and a corsage of pink carnations lighted the candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding dress belonging to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet. It was of white nylon marquisette with a short train and a headdress of white nylon, net held in place by a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a white Bible with a white orchid.

The bride's only attendant, Mrs. Donald Thompson of Moro, wore a yellow taffeta floor-length gown and a corsage of Talisman roses.

Charles Wallace was best man and William Nisbet, Robert Nisbet, Gerald Nisbet and Loyal Pratt ushered.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. L. L. Funk cut the wedding cake, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet poured, and Mrs. Robert Nisbet and Mrs. Loyal Pratt cut the ices. The Misses Janet Workman, Betty Dornier, Irma Wallace, Joanne Watkins and Mrs. Albert Dornier served.

Out-of-town guests present for the occasion were Mrs. Laurence Douthett of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbertson of Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gosson, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Pratt and Miss Jean Shull, all of The Dalles, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson of Moro.

After a honeymoon at the coast and in northern California the young couple are at home at the Hotel Sherman in Wasco.

Moro Personals

Mrs. Hazel Belshee was pleasantly surprised on her birthday last Saturday night, when a group of her neighbors came in with their arms full of presents and refreshments. Those present were her son, Max, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Toni Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christianson, Elmer and Carrie Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell left Thursday, January 11, for Pendleton where they remained until the following Sunday. While away, Mrs. Mitchell was the main speaker at the Helix Woman's Club, her topic being on gardening.

A family dinner party in honor of the birthday of Mrs. A. B. Christianson, was held at the home of Mrs. Daisy Byers on Monday evening, January 15.

MORO TOWN CAGERS ARE UNDEFEATED

Moro's town basketball squad has chalked up three more wins in the past ten days, to run the total to six wins and no losses. On January 11, Moro won easily from the Arlington team at Arlington with a score of 82-55.

Again on Monday, January 15, at Grass Valley, the local boys, running hot and cold managed to outscore Heppner in the closing seconds, 70-68. This game was, no doubt, one of the most exciting of the season and had the large crowd on their feet most of the time. Johnson of Moro, was high point man of the game, with 34 points.

January 17, the Moro team outplayed Hood River, at Hood River, winning 49-46. A return game with Hood River will be played on Tuesday, January 23, at Grass Valley. The game time will be 8 p. m.

Stuart Johnson at Top in 1950 Business

State leader for Sun Life Assurance company is Stuart Johnson of Salem, well known in Sherman county, and now in his 23rd year as a Sun Life underwriter. The company reports this is not the first time during this period he has been at the top for a year's business.

His leadership was "all the more impressive," because the branch as a whole showed a 19.6 per cent gain in business for 1950, said A. M. Weaver, branch manager. Johnson now has upwards of 2,000 policy holders and several million dollars of business in force in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee spent last week in The Dalles and left again on Wednesday for a few days stay in Portland.

About the County LODGES HOLD GRASS VALLEY INSTALLATION

By Mrs. A. F. Balser

GRASS VALLEY—The Grass Valley Odd Fellows and the Grass Valley Rebekah lodges met at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening for public installation.

Officers installed for the Odd Fellows were: Kenneth Crews, noble grand; Bruce Alley, vice grand; Willard Barnett, secretary-treasurer; Ross Fields, warden; Ralph Rust, conductor; Claude Bayer, chaplain; supporters to the noble grand, Orville Ruggles and Boyce Blaylock; supporter to the vice grand, Art Schilling and Bill Pausch; inside guardian, Archie Cantrall; outside guardian, Fritz Rohweder.

Installing officers were deputy grand master, Orville Ruggles.

Christopher Taylor, Pioneer Rancher, Dies

One of the longtime residents of Sherman county, Christopher T. Taylor, 85, died January 17 at Moro. For many years a rancher at Grass Valley, he had lived in that community from 1884 until his retirement last year.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Spencer & Libby in The Dalles.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. B. M. Laird of Berkeley, Calif., and nephew, Kenneth V. Laird, also of Berkeley.

Funeral services at Grass Valley, Monday, Jan. 22 at 2 p. m. Rev. E. E. Taylor will officiate.

MORO, WASCO HARD LIQUOR SALES NOTED

The report of the Oregon Liquor commission gives the low down on consumption of potent waters in this state by revealing the amounts spent for hard liquor for the fiscal year that ended last June.

The Moro store sold \$34,147.00 and at Wasco patrons invested \$30,923.70. Net profits from the stores are \$6,672.34 at Wasco and \$7,850.02 at Moro.

Gross sales in nearby towns were Condon \$48,668.30; Heppner, \$110,776.85; The Dalles \$376,204.75; Arlington \$50,343.35. In the state total sales dropped from \$39,615,307 to \$36,536,890.

Committee Jobs Given To East Oregonians

Committee assignments given to local representatives at Salem were announced this week. Henry Peterson is chairman of the Bills and Mailing and Enrolled bills committee and a member of Agriculture; Giles French is chairman of Elections (expected to handle reapportionment also) and a member of taxation.

In the senate Stewart Hardie is chairman of Rules and a member of Financial, State and Federal Affairs, and Public Welfare and Institutions.

Deputy Collector to Visit Moro and Wasco

A deputy collector from the Office of the Internal Revenue will be in Moro at the court house on Feb. 6 to 8, inclusive, and in Wasco at the City Hall on Feb. 9. He will be at these places on the above dates for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in preparing their Federal income tax returns for the year of 1950.

Mrs. Belshe and Son Attend Levant Concert

Mrs. Hazel Belshe and son, Max, drove to Portland Sunday night and attended the concert of the Portland Symphony orchestra with Oscar Levant as the guest pianist. They reported that it was well worth their trip to hear and see Levant in action.

Mrs. Ernest Woods left Saturday, January 13, for a week's visit in Portland and with Mr. and Mrs. Paul May at Long Beach, Wash.

Donald Martin and family have moved into their new ranch home which has been under construction since May.

About the County

giles; deputy grand marshal, Willard Barnett; deputy grand warden, Boyce Blaylock; deputy grand secretary, Alfred Payne; and deputy grand chaplain, Frank T. Bayer.

Officers installed for the Rebekahs were Mrs. Archie Cantrall, noble grand; Mrs. Alice Smith, vice grand; Mrs. James Easter, secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Crews, treasurer; Mrs. John Rust, warden; Mrs. Art Schilling, conductor; Mrs. Bruce Alley, chaplain; supporters to the noble grand, Mrs. Herman Ziegler and Mrs. Eben Kee; supporters to the vice grand, Mrs. Willard Barnett and Mrs. Ross Fields; inside guardian, Mrs. Jack Adams; outside guardian, Mrs. H. O. Dugger; and Mrs. Donald von Borstel, musician.

Installing officers were district deputy president, Mrs. Frank T. Bayer; deputy marshal, Mrs. Eben Kee; deputy secretary, Mrs. Clyde Stradley; de-

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BIGGS SLIDE DETOURS ALL 30 TRAFFIC

Mosier tunnel was closed at 4 a. m. Wednesday when rocks the size of "baseballs and up" began raining down on the highway at the east entrance, state highway department officials said, and meanwhile workmen treaded softly in a dangerous slide area one-half mile east of Biggs Junction.

At that location, a major slide at 7:40 p. m. Monday completely blocked the highway and two motorists, proceeding in opposite directions, narrowly missed being engulfed in the falling earth and rock.

The Mosier tunnel closing was to protect traffic from the falling rocks and furthermore to prevent the hazard of a collision of cars and trucks on hand constantly to remove the rocks.

The tunnel was opened to traffic at noon Wednesday, but a truck was kept at the scene to pick up rocks still falling. Motorists were advised not to travel the area, said Sgt. Charles U'Ren of state police.

Slide Work Slowed

At Biggs Junction work was halted at the west side of the slide because of the hazard of an additional major slide at that point but was going on Wednesday on the east side. With no more trouble developing, engineers estimated the 3,000 cubic yards would be cleared away by the end of this week. Thursday, however, a powder expert was brought in to bring down more of the loose rock at the west side of the slide and it was then predicted the road would not be open before Monday "at the earliest."

One motorist headed east, reported he had been following the tail lights of the car ahead of him when they were suddenly blotted out by the slide, which damaged his car.

He returned to The Dalles for repairs, where he said he was not sure whether the car ahead of him was far enough ahead to escape the slide.

William Powell, state patrolman, headed west, narrowly escaped the slide. Warned by the rocks hitting guard cables, he stopped his patrol car in time to see the whole face of the cliff give way and topple onto the road.

Powell said he skidded his car to a stop, then backed up, blinded by the cloud of dust. His car was battered by rocks, but escaped major damage. Powell said he couldn't remember meeting or passing any other car before the slide, but pointed out the car thought to be missing could have turned south off the Columbia River highway at Biggs Junction.

R. R. Uses Flagmen

No rocks fell on the Union Pacific main line, but trains were slowing down near the spot and guards were posted along the track.

All heavy traffic is being detoured via the ferry at The Dalles to the Evergreen highway on the Washington side, thence back to the Columbia river highway on the Maryhill ferry. All light traffic is flowing east from Biggs to Wasco, thence back to highway 30 at Rufus and vice versa for westbound traffic.

Between The Dalles and Hood River cars and trucks were ferrying to the Washington side and crossing the bridge at Hood River.

Roy Benson, formerly of Moro has been very ill in a Portland hospital.

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Husbands Entertained By Rufus H. E. Club

By Mrs. George L. Fox

RUFUS — The Home Economics club entertained their husbands at dinner Thursday on their regular meeting date at the Rufus grange hall. Twenty-three people sat at a long table. Mr. and Mrs. Will Huck had gone to the grange hall early that day and fixed the tables.

The men played cards while the ladies had their business meeting. Mrs. Rolland Johnson, chairman, presided at the meeting. Roll call was answered by each one telling one of their embarrassing moments. The chairman said she mailed the box of gifts to the State Hospital at Salem. A thank you card was received from officials there in acknowledgement of the gifts.

The curtain committee was reorganized with Mrs. Andy Engberg as chairman and Mrs. Joe Morris as helper. The committee is to order the material and

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