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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

She was definitely of the back seat driver type, a kindly smile reposing deceitfully within a firm jaw, which was hinged for ready action. She talked easily, readily, constantly. He had the calm countenance that comes from constant contention, placid and unresponsive under the strain of perpetual words. And he was tanned as if his natural desire to be free from her voice had driven him outdoors.

T T W N
Probably that logger who said before a senate committee that passenger cars should get off the highway and leave it to logging trucks, knows more about logs than public psychology.

T T W N
An American workman can buy much more with his wages than can the Russian workman and to judge from the present tendency this is a fine time for us to be bragging about it.

T T W N
Arrest of Clackamas county gamblers by state police may bring on a wave of law abiding all over the state for it seems plainly an indication that the state police have gotten tired of leaving such enforcement to local sheriffs and district attorneys.

T T W N
The people legislators really represent are almost never seen or heard around the capital. Well represented are the groups that want something from government. They do the talking. Common people have no organizations to represent them, otherwise they would be a pressure group like the others. But maybe a good organization of taxpayers could stop some of the spending.

T T W N
Maybe it is wrong to make up budgets in the spring. That is the season in which things grow.

T T W N
Citizens have more government than they are willing or able to pay for and even in this democracy have no ready means of curtailing the amount of either government or cost.

T T W N
A middle aged man stared at a furniture store window showing what a young married couple would need to set up housekeeping and there wasn't a single thing there he had had when married.

T T W N
Hundreds of children visit the state house every week and are shown about by James McGilchrist, the guide. They tramp through the halls, drop briefly into the senate and house galleries, look at the governor's office and rush outside to climb onto the busses for the return trip. Well, it's a vacation and they probably do get a little sun in the going and see some strange country. As education in democracy and its processes it is as useless as trying to learn about a steam engine by listening to the whistle.

T T W N
One wouldn't mind folks going on the water wagon if they didn't brag about it so much—and if they didn't make so much noise falling off.

T T W N
This generation seems to expect the government to do more for it than the passing generation expected to do for itself.

T T W N
Intimate biographies of famous or infamous men who have obtained power are sufficient proof that any power corrupts and complete power corrupts completely. At point is the story of Herman Goering appearing in an English newspaper.

T T W N
The state's tax income is 130.1 millions of dollars of which it will spend a half for elementary and secondary education (along with some 60 million from local sources) and an additional 26 million for higher education. That should go a long way to explain why the state is broke. And it has been 50 years since we produced a generation with moral stamina to feed itself without governmental aid. Maybe we need a different idea about education.



STILL A GOOD FIST . . . Max Baer and Evangelist Curley Owen visit Jack Dempsey in a Baltimore hospital. Jack closes his fist to prove that he can still belt a few if Baer would like to take him on. Max does not accept the challenge.

Foreign Student Panel Billed For Next PTA Meeting

Comparative Educational Systems will be the topic discussed in a foreign student panel at the South Sherman County P.T.A. meeting at Grass Valley school at 8 p. m. April 10.

This program of discussions is one of a series sponsored by the Institute of International Affairs, a project of the general extension division, Oregon state system of higher education. The purposes of this project are to broaden the knowledge of the foreign students in Oregon colleges, especially by giving them "at home" glimpses of life in American towns, families and voluntary, democratic associations such as P.T.A. and civic clubs; and to broaden the knowledge of Oregon citizens by giving them the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives of foreign nations and cultures.

Moderator for the panel is Howard Akers, field representative for the general extension division in Central Oregon.

Participants are: Miss Valli Greiner, German student, who arrived in the U. S. September 8, 1950. She formerly taught agriculture in a professional school for girls in Bavaria, Germany. Miss Greiner's home town. She was one of 475 Germans selected from among thousands of applicants, by the high commissioner's office in Germany for study in the U. S.

Miss Chiyono Matsushima, Japanese undergraduate student. Arriving in the U. S. in September, 1950, she had been a high school teacher in Japan and now is studying home economics at OSC. She was one of 350 Japanese selected from thousands of applicants by the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific for one year of study in the U. S.

Arthur Chiu is a student from Singapore, Malaya. He has been in the United States since September, 1948, and now is a senior in Civil Engineering, OSC. Chiu recently was elected president of Sigma Tau, national engineering honorary fraternity.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting and hear the discussion, even though not P.T.A. members.

MORO EXCEEDS QUOTA IN RED CROSS DRIVE

The Red Cross campaign for the Moro district has ended with a total of \$508.50 collected and some more promised which will no doubt be in soon. The quota asked from Moro and vicinity was \$400 and the local chairman, Edna Melzer, and her helpers are pleased that this has been topped and wish to thank everyone who helped so generously.

Lloyd A. Myers, machinery repairman, third class, USN, of Wasco is serving with the Navy's Industrial department, Naval Operating Base, Guam, M. I., which supervises 11 specialized shops and three floating dry docks. The floating dry docks are capable of servicing and repairing any ship in the Navy's Pacific fleet.

From the air Sherman county looks, and is, much leveler than adjoining counties. Fields do not look very green, probably not so green as during the earlier winter but the grass is growing on the breaks and plowing is being done. It is warmer than in the valley.

Banquet Honors Moro Athletes At School Gym

Lettermen of Moro high school were guests of honor Friday evening at a banquet at the school gymnasium. About 110 students, parents and friends attended. An excellent ham dinner was prepared under the auspices of the American Legion Post, sponsors of the affair, and served by high school girls. Tables were decorated with spring flowers and orchid and purple streamers.

W. T. Balsiger was master of ceremonies for the after dinner program, presenting each person with a humorous introduction.

Sharon May and Susie Woods entertained with a tap dance and Jim Roberson played two piano numbers, a classical selection and a popular piece.

In the absence of Commander H. A. Van Gilder, B. H. Roberson gave the address of welcome. The response was by his son, Jim, president of the lettermen's club. Other students who expressed their appreciation for the banquet and the fine community support behind the school athletic activities all the past school year, were Fred von Borstel, captain of the football team, and Terry Bucholz and Dick Rust, co-captains of the basketball team.

Homer J. E. Townsend, new school principal, was introduced. He expressed confidence in the students, the school and community for continued progress in the scholastic and athletic programs that have existed under his predecessor, Geo. H. Koehler, and for development of some new plans.

Coach Jim Johnson gave the main talk of the evening, stressing the values boys receive physically, morally and socially from school athletic programs. His advice to the juniors and seniors was to continue their school work as long as possible before their call to serve Uncle Sam because he believes that the boys who have started college work will be more likely to continue their education after the service interruption, than those who have made no start.

Mother Of Local Resident Dies

Mrs. Wilhelmina Louise Reeder of Shaniko, mother of Mrs. Elsie Jones of Moro, passed away Saturday morning at the age of 70 years. She was one of the pioneer residents of Wasco county but had lived at Shaniko the past 53 years. She was born July 8, 1880, at Eureka, Mills, Cal.

Married to Gustav H. Reeder April 30, 1900, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last summer.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Jones, Moro, Mrs. Elma Lindsoe, Fargo, N. Dak., and Mrs. Marguerite Starr, Albany, two sons, Ralph Reeder, Portland, and John B. Reeder, Shaniko; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Bordwell, of Petaluma, Cal., Mrs. Edith Whipp, Redding, Cal., and Mrs. Freda Miller, Victorville, Cal.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at Spencer and Libby chapel with burial in The Dalles Odd Fellows cemetery.

Tea At Church Well Attended

About 60 women attended the annual silver tea given at the Moro church Friday afternoon by the Junior Ladies club. A program was given consisting of two vocal solos by Shirley Spikerman Sawyer of The Dalles, a piano selection by Diane Christianson and a reading by Priscilla Melzer. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Francis Keyes, club president who presented Mrs. Claude Mays, program chairman.

Those presiding at the tea table during the afternoon were Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Ted Thompson, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mrs. Mac Hall, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. Edna Melzer and Mrs. Russell Belshee.

Booster Club Organized By Moro Citizens

At the American Legion hall in Moro a group of 24 business men and property owners met Wednesday night and organized the Moro Boosters Club. The purpose of the club will be to stimulate civic projects and arouse civic pride.

The club was organized as an outgrowth of many uncomplimentary remarks concerning the general untidiness of property within the city and the inability of individuals to progressively improve the city's appearance. One of the primary aims of the club will be to make Moro a cleaner and better place for people to live and rear their children.

It is the desire of those present at Wednesday's meeting that the organization of such a club will meet with the approval of local residents. Membership is open to everyone. Dues were set at \$1.00 per year per member.

W. T. Balsiger, acting chairman, was elected to serve as temporary chairman of the organization until regular officers are elected at the first regular meeting called for April 18.

Balsiger appointed Carrel S. Bennett, Robert Brisbane, Paul Cyphers and William W. Gearhart as a committee to draw up the constitution and by-laws to be presented at the next meeting. Bon Christianson and Ron May were appointed the contact committee for attendance.

The success of the Moro Boosters Club is dependent upon the participation of everyone. The club backers ask "Why don't you join."

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foss will be honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open house on Sunday, April 15, at their Moro home.

Hosts for the occasion will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg, Mrs. F. A. Hellberg and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matteson of Washington, D. C., will be unable to attend.

Friends of the honored couple will be cordially welcome to attend the affair between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

Judge E. H. Howell of Canyon City was in Moro Wednesday and Thursday for the court session.

LEGISLATIVE COLUMN

By Giles L. French

When will it end? Guesses run until early in May but some old timers, press, lobby and members think that it may end rather suddenly not later than late April. Reasons: the taxation problem is pretty well solved as far as agreements can be reached although there may be delays, the ways and means is about ready with its long list of bills, the highway program should be well started in another week and the members are not going to let lesser things keep them here indefinitely.

Economy won a round last week when a motion that came as a partial surprise sent the first ways and means bill back to that committee with a suggestion that it should be cut. A majority of the committee were pleased over the move feeling that it strengthened their hand in dealing with the "money-wanters" and the minority who were angry at first soon saw the possible benefits that could be derived from knowledge that the house was economy minded. Already the move has caused many budgets to be revised downwards. Everyone realizes the practical difficulty of cutting expenses very greatly in times of inflation but nevertheless the legislators feel that state expenses can be cut by withholding of funds so that there will be greater efficiency in the management of public affairs.

The tax program will probably include an amendment to liberalize the six percent limitation (already passed) some means of preventing a state property tax although it may not be possible to get HJR 12 out of the senate committee, the use of the \$31.9 million surplus, a small increase in income taxes is possible, as well as some closing of loopholes in the corporation tax. There will probably be no sales tax bill passed although there is a pretty good one that will be improved as much as possible by the house taxation committee so that if some one wants it it will be available and perhaps better checked for bugs than one might if written from the point of view of one group.

The house highway committee will get out HB465 which will raise truck rates, especially on larger trucks. Its bill on truck weights is having hard sledding in the senate because loggers insist on being allowed to haul large loads. Then there will be the matter of bonds for highway construction which will have much harder going in the house than in the senate.

Demands for state money for counties and cities, for buildings, for civilian defense may increase the budget from its original 180.4 million dollar point, but economies are being forced in some places at the same time. This is particularly true in welfare and higher education.

Reapportionment bills are still in committee which is working on the several factors involved. Observers are saying that no agreement will be reached on any of them but this is not at all certain and a formula may be found that will satisfy the majority.

The reorganization of state government bill is due on the floor this week and will create a big fuss because it makes the governor directly responsible for more things, especially finances. Another move from the ways and means committee is for an analyst to study office management in state offices with an eye to more efficiency.

Education bills are moving slowly mainly because the senate committee is trying to meet the objections of rural people who at first thought that reorganization meant consolidation of schools. It doesn't. Each county is to make its own reorganization plans. What is sure to bring more state control is the distribution of state money through the basic school bill. It is a fact that the Holy report bills might serve to give local schools more authority than they would have otherwise. Holy believes in local control instead of state.

Spring weather prevails in Sherman county this week.



POLIO PREVENTIVE? . . . Dr. Louis Gebhardt, University of Utah bacteriologist, has announced isolation of three types of polio virus. The discovery is expected to lead to a polio vaccine. It climaxed two years of research.

Funds Allocated Sherman County For ACP Practices

Sherman county farmers received their agricultural conservation program handbook for 1951 this week, reports Frank von Borstel, chairman of the county PMA committee.

The agricultural conservation program or ACP, operates as a government-farmer partnership for the benefit of the general public and the farmer, states von Borstel. The Sherman county and community committees have selected and adopted these practices from the national and state programs to meet some of the conservation needs of the county.

The PMA chairman announced that \$45,000 has been allocated this county to carry on approved conservation practices. The allocation is Sherman county's share of funds provided by congress for the 1951 agricultural conservation program under the supervision of the county and community committees.

Farmers were reminded by von Borstel, that all practices must receive prior approval by the county committee. Operators must make a formal request or application for approval of each practice through the local county PMA office in Moro before any practice is carried out.

Following approval and completion of practices the operator must file his final report of performance. The operators copy of the prior approved form must be signed and returned to the county office accompanied by receipts as evidence of purchase showing quantities and costs.

Maximum payment to any person for performing approved conservation practice is \$1,000, states the Sherman county PMA chairman, Farmers desiring information in regards to operation of the ACP program should contact their county or community committees or visit the county PMA office in the court house at Moro.

The 1951 county committee for Sherman county were elected as follows: Frank von Borstel, chairman; David Richeldefer, vice chairman; and Russell Belshee, member.

SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Ted Thompson was hostess at her home Tuesday evening for a meeting of the Junior Ladies Club at which time there were 15 members and four guests present.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder who gave an interesting talk on her hobby "Wild Flowers" and told of some of her experiences while gathering them.

It was planned to have guest night at the church April 12 when Mrs. R. B. Rogers of Portland will speak on "Guiding the Little Child in the Home."

Refreshments of strawberries, ice cream and angel food cake were served by the hostess.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held at Mrs. Lamer Sayr's home on April 17.

POWER SWITCHED TO NEW P&L TRANSFORMER

The new P. P. & L. Co. transformer for the city of Moro has been completed after several months work, and the workmen switched the power to it around noon Wednesday. The old transformer on the highway street has been dismantled and will be removed soon.

Sheriff's Office Made Agency For Motor Licenses

Through repeated efforts of Sheriff Norman Fields, his office in the Sherman county court house has been designated a field office by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, and is now authorized to handle the registration of all vehicles.

Plates and tabs for renewals now may be secured here in Moro. Temporary permits will not be needed for registration of vehicles and there will be no additional charge, as in the past when temporary permits were issued.

R. W. Petterson, a representative of the secretary of state's office was here Tuesday making final arrangements with Sheriff Fields for the new set-up.

There are 25 such field offices in the state. The establishment of the agency in Moro will materially benefit residents of Sherman county who were obliged to secure temporary permits here, mail applications directly to Salem, or travel to a station outside the county, any of which usually caused some additional expense or delay.

Cancer Crusade Chairmen Named For Sherman County

Organization of solicitors for the 1951 Sherman county Cancer Crusade is nearly complete, it is announced here this week by Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman. Her appointment was made last fall by Mrs. Wm. Kietzer of Portland, chairman of the Oregon division of the American Cancer Society, Inc.

The quota of \$300 for this county will be exceeded, Mrs. von Borstel believes, in line with recent campaigns running to approximately \$1,000. Last year's total for the cancer drive was \$786, she reports.

Mrs. Ernest Esslinger who was county chairman the past two years, has consented to be chairman for Moro and is also county vice chairman. Assisting in Moro and community will be Mrs. Mollie McLachlan and Mrs. Mac Hall.

Mrs. Max Brown, Grass Valley chairman, has chosen Mrs. John Beuther and Mrs. W. O. Brinkert as helpers; Mrs. Bob Tatum is chairman for Kent, and Mrs. Estelle Haley as accepted the chairmanship at Wasco, to be assisted by Mrs. Dewey Thomas and possibly others. Mrs. Al Bekkedahl will also assist at Kent.

In the fight against cancer, the money is used for research in scientific fields, information services of various kinds, fellowships and scholarships, educational programs, consulting conferences, studies and purchase of facilities. Out of every dollar, 60 cents remains in this state.

While many types of cancer can be cured—and are being cured—treatment to be successful should begin in its early stages, the cancer society stresses. It is estimated that one of every five persons will eventually develop cancer.

This disease is a major problem and the fight deserves your support, Mrs. von Borstel declared. The cancer crusade will continue through April, or until the workers complete contacts in their districts. Donations may be mailed to the county chairman or any of the local helpers.

PERSONALS

Mrs. T. W. Thompson and children came home last Friday after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCrea at Helix. Her small son Kenny was in a Pendleton hospital six days suffering from inner-ear infection for which he is still receiving treatment at home.

Mrs. Herschel Killinger and two children and Mrs. Lyle Barclow and three children of Moses Lake, Wn., called at the home of Mrs. Edna Melzer Wednesday. Mrs. Killinger is an old time family friend and Mrs. Barclow lived at the hotel here a number of years ago while her husband worked with a bridge crew in this county.



BATTER UP . . . Singer Denise Darcel (left) and Comedienne Dagmar set up a target for James Farley at a theater tennis tournament in New York. The tennis racket in baseball-bat pose reminds us that Farley was mentioned to take over the post of baseball commissioner if Happy Chandler were replaced. Celebrities from the worlds of stage, screen, video and society were on hand for the tourney to benefit ANTA.