

These
Things
We
Note

by Giles L. French

It isn't what you do but how well you do it that counts.

T T W N
One reason there is so much complaint about the price of beef is that cooks these days don't know how to cook anything but beefsteak.T T W N
The state college tells how to build a hoof trimming chute for cattle. A week on the breaks will do the job cheaper.T T W N
From the Hoover report committee: Apathy is a large state. Chief product: Frustration. State flower: The drooping Oh-Well. The favorite diet: Self pity washed down with the good old days. Population: Unwilling and too many.T T W N
It appears that the congressman who inadvertently repeated the number of big bombers this country had is getting more blame than the men who failed to provide more bombers. It often happens that the one who tells bad news is treated worse than the one who made it bad.T T W N
General Crawford read the papers too carefully. That is a poor place to learn public morals these days.T T W N
The Dalles campaign about school levies over the six percent was ended with a victory for the taxpayers who opposed the larger levy. Some costs will have to be cut. Odd attitude about it is that some schoolmen say they will issue warrants after the money is exhausted. Of course, there is no legal possibility for that, but it goes to show what a time taxpayers have in cutting costs.T T W N
Chances of beating the referendum on truck fees will be much better if the plate fee law is not changed. Therefore the governor's decision against a special session is wise.T T W N
"Well," said Uncle Emmett, "I might get killed by an atom bomb but I ain't goin' to get to get grey worrying about it. It beats heart failure as a stepping stone to the hereafter."T T W N
Astorians are upset seriously because some one in New Orleans didn't know there was such a town. Take it easy boys, there's lots of folks in them parts; never even heard of Oregon.T T W N
We wonder if we will live long enough to see a trillion dollar national debt. Then we wonder if we want to.T T W N
The truck fee increase, the school redistricting bill and now the cigarette tax are to be referred. Which means that the big trucks will save between one and two millions dollars, school districts will remain much the same and smokers will save about \$5,000,000, even if all are approved by the people in November 1952. It pays to refer.T T W N
It is about time some one pointed out that the cause of the big Kansas flood was 7 inches of rainfall in one day, rather than the lack of enough dams.T T W N
Indiana will probably be the test state to determine whether a state may publish its welfare rolls. Federal government says no, Indiana, yes.T T W N
Phil Metschan really liked people. His historical memories were about people, he stayed in a business where he dealt with people, and he would rather perform a favor than receive one any day. No wonder he had friends who are sad at his passing.T T W N
If Truman doesn't like the control law he has plenty of methods available to curb inflation by the indirect route which is the only successful one anyway. Cut expenses, raise interest rates, slow credits.Mersinger House
Escapes Destruction
By Fast Firefighting

Fire reached for the Clarence Mersinger house Sunday afternoon but was turned back by the determined and speedy efforts of Moro's volunteer fire fighters.

Smoke was pouring from the ell above the kitchen when the siren sounded and fire was between the walls and under the composition shingles. Firemen chopped off the cornice and discovered the fire before it got into the main part of the roof.

The fire probably started from burning rubbish and was into the porch walls and under the roof in a short time. Household goods were removed to the street and out of the way of water which poured down from the attic. Damage will amount to a few hundred dollars.

County Divided Five
Ways For Road Work

The county court and the committee named to assist it in deciding where to spend the \$50,000 in special road funds raised by the six mill tax has decided to divide the money into five pieces, which will give approximately \$10,000 to an area surrounding each of the five towns of the county. Some work is already being done under contract with Gerber, whose machinery is still at Grass Valley.

The money will not be available until November but road funds are on hand for some work. Arrangements have been made to borrow money from the bank if needed.

The court met Wednesday and paid the bills for the month and transacted such other business as had accrued during July.

MRS. A. ROSE HONORED

Mrs. E. Amidon and Mrs. E. H. Moore were hostesses Tuesday afternoon at the Amidon home at a tea in honor of Mrs. A. Rose who is visiting here from her home in California. Friends of Mrs. Rose when she lived in Moro were present to meet and visit with her again.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday August 7, 1951 from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling Celebrate
50 Years of Matrimony at Reception

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling of Grass Valley were complimented in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, when their children, Mrs. Walter Kindt of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edwards of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Schilling of Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling of Grass Valley entertained for them on Sunday, July 29 at Grass Valley.

Their real wedding day was July 24 but as Sunday is an easier day for friends and relatives to travel and to get together, that day was chosen and open invitation was extended to all to come and greet the couple at the I.O.O.F. hall between the hours of 2 and 5.

Mrs. Wallace May was at the door to greet the guests, who then went on to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Schilling.

Mrs. Schilling wore a suit dress with an orchid corsage. Mr. Schilling wore a yellow carnation boutonniere to contrast his navy blue suit.

The three tiered golden wedding cake was the centerpiece of the lace covered table. Frosted in white and topped with a flower garland golden arch holding a wedding bell over the numerals "50" and surrounded with white doves. On either side were crystal bowls of pink carnations and yellow anemones. The small white napkins were inscribed in gold with the names of the couple.

Mrs. Otto Luchterhand presided at the table after the couple cut the first piece of their golden wedding cake. Mrs. Shelton Fritts also served. Mrs. G. N. Ruggles presided at the coffee urn and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen served the punch. Mrs. W. C. Todd and Mrs. Amelia Peterson assisted. Mrs. Sam Stark and

Harvest Yields
High In Most
Areas; Few Low

Harvest is still good and reports from Grass Valley although not quite so marvelous as the majority of those from farther north indicate a good crop in that section, too.

Reports of bounteous yields are not so unanimous as previously and some crops have been disappointing. Weather disappointing because lower than the 1951 average or because under previous normals is not known.

There are fields running 44 to 46 bushels around Wasco, lots of them making 40 and nearly all of them above 30. Highest yield reported to date is 53.5 bushels cut from the Holman quarter farmed by Carroll Sayrs. Those who reseeded last spring are paying the penalty for their ambition for reseeded ground is generally several bushels below others left alone in its apparent thinness.

Intake of wheat is slower at Hay Canyon this week as farmers in that section finish cutting. Wheat from Gilliam county will come in for a time and the upper Hay Canyon crop is still coming in. At Wasco the harvest is more than half through.

Women Taking Over
Library Duties

Mrs. Orville Hockman and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton spent Wednesday afternoon putting the women's club building in shape to receive the library, which will be located there early this fall. It will be moved from the council room.

Several books are out and those who have them may return them to the Mogo Hotel where Mrs. Eslinger will care for them until the library can be moved.

A new committee has been appointed to manage the library with a representative from the civic groups interested. Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. MacBull will represent the Women's club, Willy Knighten the Boosters club, Mrs. James Dyer the Eastern Star, Mrs. Orlo Martin the Rebekahs, Mrs. Lamer Sayrs the Junior Ladies, Mrs. Jennie Martin the Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. Larry Warren the Grange. Mrs. Giles French is treasurer.

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Mrs. A. F. Balzer cut the ices of LaVelle Schilling. Duella Edwards and Martha Bardenhagen helped serve. Mrs. Bert Cox assisted about the room.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. W. Schilling had charge of the gift table and Duella Edwards, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schilling, had charge of the guest book.

Early in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles sang, "Silver Threads Among the Gold", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. L. Kintner. Otto Luchterhand, brother of Mrs. Schilling, read several passages from the Bible and a prayer. He also told about their wedding 50 years ago at which he was best man. Mrs. Luchterhand reminisced on the life of Mrs. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilling were married at Loyal, Wisconsin, July 24, 1901 and came to Sherman county in 1905.

They have twelve grand children, all were present except Diane Schilling from Grass Valley and Gloria and Gordon Kindt from Eugene.

Out of town relatives and friends attending were Mrs. Walter Kindt of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edwards and children, Duella, Sharon and Duane from Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Schilling and daughters, LaVelle and Linda Rae from Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Luchterhand from Creswell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alley, Mrs. Lee Woolwine and her mother, Mrs. Frances Bibby of The Dalles, Mrs. Woolwine's mother in law from Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullard and daughter, Miss Florence Brown 276 million produced in 1950 and Mrs. Edith Burnett from while the winter wheat crop Moro and Mr. Mrs. Walter estimated at 707 million compared with 751 million in 1950.



P.O.W. NURSE AIDS G.I. . . . A Chinese nurse, a prisoner of war, is very happy to be back at work, but this time it's with the United Nations forces. She is allowed to work at the 8076 hospital in Korea. The G.I. has named her Yvonne. Here, the cheerful P.O.W. nurse helps Private Jack L. Hightower of San Diego, Calif., who was wounded in action. He is attached to the 19th battalion, 24th division. UN officers gave her special permission to nurse.

Brevor and Elmar Possible Smut Preventors
Among New Available In Coming Season

Farmers who may be afraid of smut or who have been growing Elgin and have smut or who might have soil infection from smut, will be interested in a comparison made between Brevor and Elmar wheats. Both are more smut resistant than Elgin. Brevor "has exhibited moderate to high resistance to all the known races of common smut" reports a pamphlet published by Washington State college in May of this year.

"Elmar is highly resistant to approximately half of the known races of common smut," says the pamphlet. Authors are O.A. Vogel who developed Brevor, S. P. Swanson, who bred Elmar and C. S. Holton.

Brevor is a cross with the following wheats in its ancestry: Turkey, Florence, Forty-Fold, Federation, Oro. There are two parentages of all of them giving

Wheat Crop Fills
Nation's Bins Again

Domestic wheat supplies for 1951-52 will total 1,465 million bushels, if current estimated yields are realized which would be about 12 million above last season's supplies. The increase in the crop more than offsets the reduction in stocks. Stocks of old wheat on July 1 totaled 395 million bushels. The crop now being harvested was estimated as of July 1 at 1,070 million bushels. This would equal the 1950-51 disappearance which was 46 million above the previous season, reflecting a sharp increase in exports January thru June. Wheat prices at the principal markets averaged \$2.31 per bushel in July this year or about 6 cents above a year ago.

A national production goal of 78,850,000 acres for the 1952 wheat crop was announced recently by the secretary of agriculture. This compares with 78,507,000 acres planted for the 1951 crop.

If this years wheat crop totals 1,070 million bushels as estimated in July it would be 4 percent above the 1950 crop but about the same as the 10 year average. Only in the 5 years 1945-49, when the harvested acreage was large were the crop totals above the current estimate. The total acreage of all wheat for harvest this season was estimated at 62,576,000 acres. This is 1.4 percent more than the 1950 harvested acreage but 12 percent below the 1945-49 average. Abandonment of winter wheat due largely to drought in South west was the heaviest since 1935 amounting to almost 27 percent of the estimated seeded acreage. Of the spring wheat acreage for the spring wheat harvest, estimated at 363 million and bushels in July compared with 363 million produced in 1950 and Mrs. Edith Burnett from while the winter wheat crop Moro and Mr. Mrs. Walter estimated at 707 million compared with 751 million in 1950.

Geologist Says Water
May Be Found In
Small Quantities

The city has been playing ends against the middle, gathering as much geological information as possible while trying to get downers to witch for a well or wells. Those who believe in either method of finding water have adherents on the council and the committee.

Word from the federal geologist is that in this county the strata tips about two degrees toward the Columbia, that the rocks are basalt and are in layers. Water seeps into them and is found in cracks or pockets between them. Wells are inclined to decline in volume to about 25 to 50 gallons per minute. (Moro's wells have always done so).

There is an anticline southeast of Moro where water may be held by impenetrable rock and this might, if found, serve the city for a long period of time.

Because a well may exhaust the water for several hundred feet around it the geologist recommends that wells be separated by several thousand feet and intimates that perhaps the only solution will be to drill several wells as the chances of hitting a really big well are remote.

System Instituted
To Try To Equalize
Water Use

The city council, on recommendation of Ken Zachary, acting water superintendent, inaugurated a system for water pumping at its meeting Tuesday night. The pump in the city well will be turned off from nine to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 until 4:00 p. m. also from 10:00 p. m. until 4:00 a. m. so that water will be available for hill residents at meal times. The fair ground water will be pumped at night as usual and in the afternoons the well in the flat will be pumped.

Residents of the hill part of town protested that they were not getting water when needed and this method may alleviate the situation.

The council also voted to buy new pressure hose for the pump and to inspect the big hose to see if replacements are needed.

E. E. VanNuys Dies
At 69 Years

Ernest E. VanNuys, 69, died Wednesday at his home in The Dalles. He had been ill for some time although not seriously. Funeral services were conducted from Callaway's with interment in the Grass Valley cemetery.

Mr. VanNuys was born April 20, 1882 in Marion county and moved to Grass Valley when a young man to work at the carpentry trade with Tom Claxton who became his father-in-law with his marriage to Frankie Claxton. They moved to The Dalles during World War I.

Survivors are his widow, a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Howard of Salem; three brothers, Archie of Stayton, Frank of Eugene and Earl of West Stayton. Ernie VanNuys will be remembered by old timers as a left handed baseball pitcher of the good old days when every town had a ball club worth supporting with voice and money.

City Computes Cost
Of 1950 Flood

Cost of the flood of February 1950 to the city to date has been \$12,001.38 according to a compilation of expense made by Ralph Busse, city recorder. Of this amount \$9,825.33 has been paid to the first of August and \$2,176.05 was still owing, mostly to the county.

The voters approved a bond issue of \$15,000 for the purpose of repairing the damage but legal difficulties reduced this to \$8000. Other funds had to contribute the remainder. There is still work to be done which includes sewer connections and removal or leveling of the accumulated dirt and perhaps some revetment work in the ditch to prevent washing that may endanger the whole new construction.

Larger items in the compilation are \$3908.84 for steel tube; laying tube \$1721.00; digging ditch and gravel to county \$1730; labor \$1652.33; concrete material and labor \$1788.32.

It seems likely that original estimate of \$15,000 was not far from actual needs.

NEW REGULATIONS

FOR VETERAN LOANS

The eligibility requirements for obtaining a World War II veterans' state farm or home loan are as follows, effective August 2, 1951:

1. An honorable discharge.
2. At least 90 days of active duty between the dates September 1, 1940 and September 2, 1945 both dates inclusive.
3. (a) A resident of the state of Oregon at the time of entering active service.
- (b) A resident of another state at the time of entering active service with at least two years of residence in Oregon following discharge and before December 31, 1950.
4. Residence in Oregon at the time of making application for the state loan.
5. Applicant must not have received a loan as a veteran of World War II from any other state.

Utility Valuation
Made By State
Tax Commission

The state tax commission has sent Assessor Marie Hoskinson the valuation of public utilities within Sherman county in order that she may combine that information with the local valuations for purposes of assessing property taxes.

The ratio of this county was reduced from 62 to 57 for the year which will have the effect of making property pay a bigger percentage of the taxes than before. The utilities defeated a measure at the last session which would make them pay excise taxes because they were able to prove to a majority of the legislators that the ratios were unfair. Therefore the state tax commission has lowered county ratios throughout the state in an effort to be able to prove their valuations of utility property. Utility property is valued by the state tax commission and not by county assessors.

Although the ratio has been changed, still on a one hundred per cent basis the utilities are valued higher here than in 1950. The actual valuation for utilities in this county for 1951 is \$1,730,543.01 which, with a ratio of 57 will make the true cash value \$3,036,040. Last year with a 62 percent ratio the true cash value of utilities was \$2,883,545.

Valuation of the Union Pacific railroad in this county is \$1,297,149. Private car companies have \$2,767.03 here; Pacific Telephone \$142,294; Tidewater Shaver \$35,311. Inland \$10,260.

Taxes rates have not been computed so far as they are awaiting some local budgets.

Cities, County Move
To Stop Speeding

In an effort to curtail speeds in the cities of the county, city officials, the county court, the sheriff and state police met Wednesday and agreed to check truck speeds through municipalities, and to also halt passenger car drivers who are going at an excessive rate.

It is not the intent to make a speed trap of any city but still to protect children and others who may be on the streets. If necessary warning signs will be located in better positions or other signs may be put up. State police and the sheriff will be responsible for truck speeds and will assist with car speeds.

RIGHT TURNS AGAINST RED
LIGHT MADE LEGAL

Is it legal to make a right turn at an intersection after stopping even though the red traffic light is still on and there is no sign posted permitting such turns?

The answer to this frequently-asked question is yes after August 2, reminds the secretary of state's traffic division. That is, if you make your stop before you reach the nearest crosswalk and if you yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians who may be in that crosswalk. You may then cautiously turn right while the red light is still on.

So says a new law adopted by the 1951 session of the state legislature which went into effect August 2. The law also permits right or left turns after stopping at intersections with one-way streets controlled by traffic lights; turning whichever direction the traffic is moving, of course.

The law reverses the present method for handling right turns at intersections controlled by traffic lights, the division pointed out. Right now, such turns may be made only where signs are posted expressly authorizing them. After August 2, you may make the turn at all light-controlled intersections except where signs are posted expressly prohibiting them.

The new law is expected to help ease congestion at such intersections by expediting the flow of traffic. The division stressed, however, that pedestrians still have the right of way in crosswalks, and that drivers must make certain both the crosswalk and the traffic lane are clear before attempting to turn.