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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We have not read Mr. Taft's book but we are intrigued with its title. "A Foreign Policy for Americans". It's about time?

T T W N

May we suggest one of those government grants to determine whether an ant can actually support a grasshopper or not.

T T W N

Anyone can plainly see that the American press has a most excellent esprit de corps. If a person desires to be plunged to the depths of infamy all he has to do is intimate that a newsmen is less than the soul of honor and discretion. That's a fight.

T T W N

Did you ever look at a picture of a large group of Americans listening to a speech or in a convention, and note how serious they look (except those who smile for the camera). We would like to see pictures of Mexicans, Italians and Russians to see if they take life, and speeches, so seriously.

T T W N

When—and if—we get our armaments up to par we may have a drop in business; that is, unless we decide to sell them all again as we did before.

T T W N

Trapping of beavers is going to be permitted in Oregon again. Good idea. We're tired of having such an example of labor around.

T T W N

There is a project to send several thousand goats to Korea. From reading letters from soldiers already there we have come to the conclusion that all Americans there feel themselves goats.

T T W N

Almost every day some one makes some comment on the weather and the persistence of the rain, a bit of which falls nearly every day. This is a fine time for the rain, with no frost in the ground, and the ground at its driest condition of the year and before winter. We do not, therefore, take these comments as criticism of the weather but as a sort of back handed praise. At least we think it improper to criticize rainy weather inasmuch as that kind has had a large part in our increased production since 1940.

T T W N

Wayne Morse says that a majority of U. S. Republican senators do not represent the party. Who does then, you inquire? Give you one guess.

T T W N

This is the time of year when football players are being given watches and awards and baubles of one sort or another in token of the esteem in which they are held. It is reminiscent of a once famous athlete who kept all his medals in a leather bag wherein a dozen watches, gold, bronze and silver medals from clubs to Olympic games rubbed democratically together. "You can't eat 'em", he said showing that his enthusiasm for athletic fame was as badly tarnished as his medals. But it is fun to get them.

T T W N

Have you a frog in your basement. If not we recommend one, preferably a friendly frog who will croak pleasantly in the evenings and provide a daily reminder that spring is expected and that the biological process of mating is not forgotten.

T T W N

The story about the income tax scandals wouldn't be so bad if those accused didn't so much like people who would grab a loose-buck whether it was theirs or not.

T T W N

The wind blew in Sherman county this week and some folks called it a breeze, but it was nothing like that endured along the coast. We used to think this a windy country until we learned to read and started to travel.

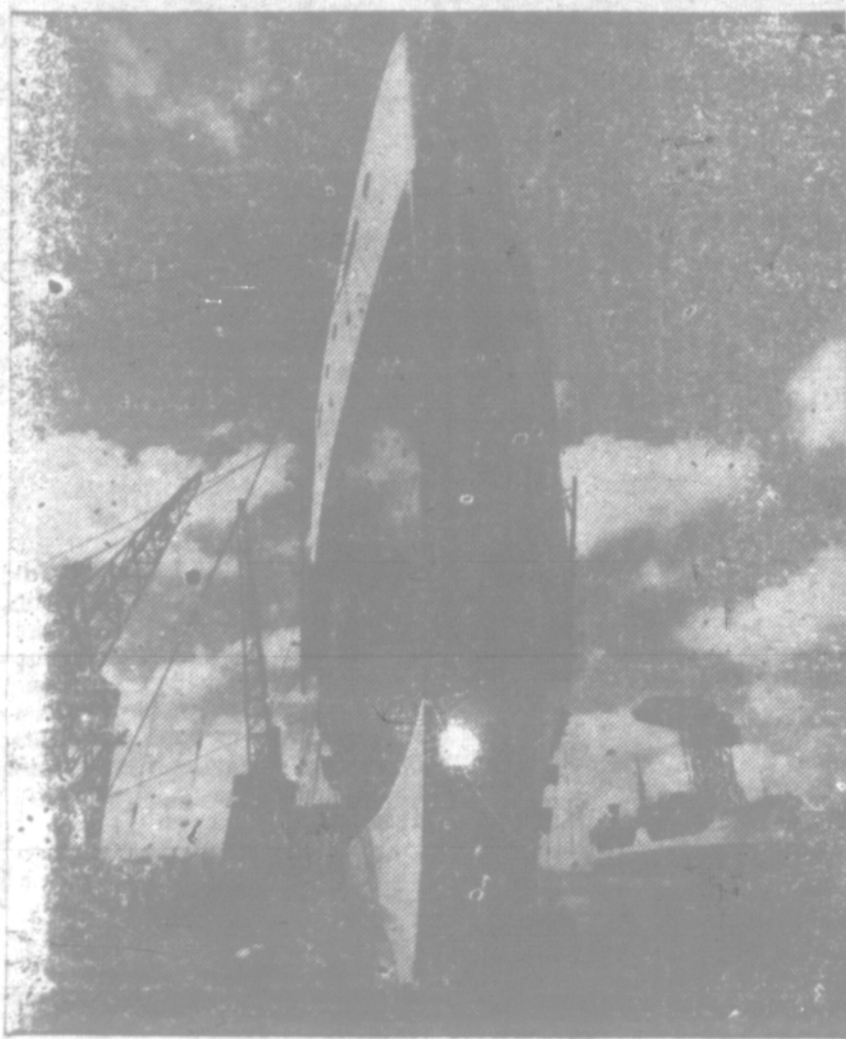
T T W N

It does seem that state officials might have made their decision about moving state business all to Salem before building that new office building in Portland.

T T W N

Down south they're trying some newspaper men for saying that some crooks were crooks. So far it seems OK to call a spade a spade.

America's New Challenger



This is a man's-eye view, head-on, of the new superliner UNITED STATES at her outfitting dock in the Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company yard. The sleek lines of the vessel, largest and fastest passenger ship ever built in this country, make a colorful pattern against the late afternoon autumn sky. The ship, now 85% completed, will be 996 feet long, 101½ feet in beam, and will have a speed in excess of 30 knots. She will be delivered to the United States Lines in New York early next summer and will join the present flagship of the line, the AMERICA, in transatlantic service.

Testing Bulls, New Wheat All Interest County Agent For Weeks Report

The aim of the Gilliam County Beef Cattle Improvement association bull testing program is to determine the relative rate of gain and efficiency of calves on test. The ability to gain weight rapidly on fairly small amounts of feed is inherited. This test picks out the beef animals that are good gainers which produce fast gaining offspring. This is a new program and certainly on the right track. Livestock raisers are selling for total pounds which is the emphasis in this program, coordinated with efficient gains.

Considerable interest has been shown by some county farmers in regard to Idaed, a soft white spring wheat. The variety is not a new one. Original cross was in 1920 at Davis, California with a large selection and increase for distribution from the Idaho station in 1938.

Idaed has been grown for a number of years here at the Moro station. Yields have been the same of a little less for all practical purposes. The variety has not yielded up with Federation or Hard Federation 31 for the two years under test at Kent. Condon tests have shown it superior to other spring wheats for that area.

Idaed is an early variety maturing seven to ten days earlier than other spring varieties. The variety is sometimes spoken of as "The Ninety Day Wonder". It is a beardless, white chaffed variety, resistant to lodging and shattering.

All indications point to further reduction in availability of steel for the manufacture of farm machinery. Foresighted farmers will see that necessary repair parts are ordered early.

Greater returns can be had by maintaining all pullet flocks on the farm. Recent tests conducted indicate where all pullet flocks average \$3.05 per bird those with less than 60 percent pullets had return above feed cost of only \$1.68 and flocks averaging 60 to 99 percent pullets had an average return of \$2.44 per layer.

Ammonia odor in chicken houses or feed sheds spells lost fertilizer. By addition of phosphate fertilizer (super phosphate) it is possible to check ammonia loss and add to value of natural fertilizers. Action of the phosphate is to "tie-up" the ammonia.

Annual conference of Oregon State college staff members will be December 11-14. (This means that George Mitchell and Bill Hall of the Sherman branch station and the county agent, will be away from the county.)

E. E. Price, dean and director of research, extension and resident instruction staffs in agriculture, had this to say on our program agenda. "A state, like a nation, is strong in direct proportion to her human and physical resources. The wise use of these resources will maintain her

strength. Unwise use and exploitation will easily impoverish her. Oregon is particularly fortunate in that her principle resources are renewable. Power from flowing streams, agriculture from fertile soils, and forests from majestic mountains can be kept productive indefinitely.

The maintenance and use of these resources are of particular concern to Oregon State college. We are charged with the dual responsibility of conducting basic research in the field of physical and human resources, and of educating people throughout the state in the wise application of these research findings. Knowledge is the key to successful management of Oregon's resources so as to maintain today's economy and enrich tomorrow's heritage."

Guy Walton Buried In The Dalles

Guy Walton, former resident of the Kent community, died at Yakima Saturday morning. He was born in Indiana, September 29, 1878 and had lived for many years in Sherman county.

He moved away several years ago to The Dalles and then to Oregon City. Survivors are his widow, Maude, two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Carrothers of Yakima, and Mrs. Orma Nelson of Dufur, a son, Garth of Cannon Beach, a brother, L. V. of The Dalles and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at The Dalles with interment in the cemetery at that city.

Civil Defense In Need of Help

Today, December 7, is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and Sheriff Fields, head of the local civil defense program feels that it is an appropriate time for some additional attention to civil defense, inasmuch as the Pearl Harbor disaster was caused by a lack of both civil and military defense.

The civil defense leader would like to have a group of eight or ten appointed as a sheriff's reserve who could be taught by the FBI to carry on defense work as well as some criminal work.

He visualizes a time when this county can have more adequate fire fighting equipment from Moro south, the new Wasco fire engine being adequate for the north end area. Also needed, in the opinion of the sheriff is some additional ambulance equipment. Both may be needed very badly in case an enemy drops some bombs of inflammable material on this county.

PMA Elects New Board By Ballot; County Board Next

The Sherman county PMA office announced that the following farmers have been elected to serve as committeemen during 1952. This announcement is a result of the count of ballots of the recent election held by mail to fill positions for the coming year. A delegate and alternate have also been elected from each community. These delegates will meet at the courthouse Monday to choose the county committeemen for the 1952 year.

Locust Grove Community: Chairman H. M. Zell, M. McDermid, W. L. Blau, Ted McCoy, R. Van Gilder. Delegate and alternate, F. L. Watkins and Floyd Root.

Wasco Community: Chairman Dewey Thomas, L. E. Dehler, V. W. Dutton, John Hilderbrand, C. F. Kuypers. Delegate and alternate, L. P. Haven and Stuart Macnab.

Moro Community: Chairman Chas. Burnet, R. Powell, R. Bruckert, Blaine Miller, Don Thompson. Delegate and alternate Howard Ross and Carroll Sayrs.

Grass Valley Community: Chairman N. Glikson, A. W. Schilling, Frank Ketter, D. Clodfelter, Lester Barnum. Delegate and alternate, W. L. May and Dell Olds.

Kent Community: Chairman Ted von Borstel, Bill Jeffries, D. W. Helyer, Don MacInnes, John Reckman. Delegate and alternate G. C. Young and John Schade-witz.

Court Expresses Interest in Book About County

The county court indicated Wednesday at the regular court meeting that it would be favorable to paying for a pamphlet written about Sherman county and issued for purposes of information. The cost was estimated to be around \$300. The Moro Booster's club is sponsor of the idea and in its argument pointed out that it has been over ten years since the county has published any information booklet or other sheet about the county, that because of coming development of the Columbia basin at The Dalles and John Day there will be greater interest in this area, and that such a book would answer questions asked by travelers better than individuals.

Agreement between the county and the cities was reached on the matter of moneys raised by the special road levy of 1948-49 which have been held in abeyance since collection. Whether or not the cities should share in the distribution was settled by giving them the amount raised in their boundaries for the final year and letting the county have all funds for the first year of the levy.

The road master reported to gravel hauling being done and bills were paid for men employed and to Gerber for hauling being done by his crew. It is expected that a large part of the county's rock will be hauled by the time winter sets in.

The bond of Marie Hoskinson, county clerk, was accepted, and she was formally inducted into office. The resignation of Art Bucholtz as a member of the fair board was accepted and appointment of a successor delayed until the January meeting.

Don Ellis Has Chance With Joe Louis

Don Ellis of Moro will probably have the doubtful honor of boxing two rounds with Joe Louis when the Brown Bomber appears in Hokkaido, Japan, November 30 and December 1.

Ellis, heavyweight boxing champion of the 17th Infantry Regiment, was selected for the "honor" by 2nd Lieutenant Owen D. Austin, El Reno, Okla., who is handling arrangements for the exhibition bouts.

Louis, former world's heavy weight boxing champion, is making a Japan-wide tour to raise money for a Japanese Shriners crippled children's hospital.

Beware of Closed Windows in Winter

Cold weather and carbon monoxide fumes can be a fatal combination during winter months. Many times accidents in which a driver has apparently fallen asleep might be traced to carbon monoxide poisoning, the Oregon State Traffic Safety Division warns.

Best way to avoid this possibility is to keep a window slightly open to permit fresh air in the car. If fumes seep in through loose floorboards or defective exhaust equipment, failure to have an open window could mean poisoning.

Although the concentration of fumes may not be strong enough to be fatal in itself, the colorless and odorless gas induces drowsiness, and drowsiness at the wheel can result in a serious traffic mishap, the office concluded.

Well-drilling Start Expected This Week

Although the city council of Moro did not come to complete agreement with Boyd Bennett, well driller, about methods of payment, he is expected to be here this week prepared to begin drilling a new well for the city on land in the Greer property south of town.

The council heard reports—some given in the dark because of power failure due to wind—about work being done on drains and sewers and made plans for some future work to be accomplished. This consists of repairing the drainage system around the school house, cleaning other drains, seeding the land in the flat, repair of the main sewer.

Licenses were granted to Beeto and the Tavern for the coming year, bills were paid. The city paid the last of the bills incurred in digging the ditch and putting in the new culvert on First street, having received \$10,000 in tax money.

GRANGE INITIATES

Harlandview grange initiated some new members Saturday night when the first and second degrees were given to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Little. Twenty-six members were present as well as 24 visitors.

The Christmas program of the grange will be given Saturday night December 15 and will be combined with the 25th anniversary of the Harlandview grange. The regular grange meeting will begin at seven that night so that the special programs can begin at eight. Old timers are especially urged to attend.

Clair Balzer Named Assessor By Court Wednesday

Clair Balzer of Grass Valley was appointed county assessor by the county court at the close of its Wednesday meeting. He will fill the place left vacant when Marie Hoskinson resigned from that position to become county clerk on the resignation of Ross Ornduff.

Mr. Balzer is a native of Sherman county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer and a graduate of the Moro high school. He served in the army during the war. He was married to Marie Blagg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, two years ago and lives in Grass Valley. Mrs. Balzer is employed at the PMA office.

One Act Plays Vary In Theme

Junior ladies, some of them posing as junior gentlemen, amused townspeople Saturday night with presentation of three one-act plays with varied plots and characters.

"Even Exchange" had an amusing plot in which Lucille May (Andy Paige) attempted with the aid of Patty Moore (Mrs. Winslow) to discipline and hoodwink his wife, Carole Thompson, and failed.

Alice Archer (Veronica Pell) a widow, was on stage every moment of "If the Shoe Pinches" and portrayed a persuasively domineering woman convincingly by bossing her sister, Grace Busse; a lace-selling Russian princess, Josephine Sayrs; and a woman physician, Lynn Serfling, amusingly. Some lines were funny.

"The Twelve Pound Look" was by Sir James Barrie and was easily the best written of the plays presented. Beulah Townsend was Sir Harry Sims and appropriately pompous, an emotional status that suffered severely when his former wife, Mary Sayrs, confessed that she found life with him boring and had left to take a job typing. His cup of dismay was filled when his present wife, Betty Keyes, indicated a similar inclination. Lucille May, a properly stiff servant, completed the cast.

Mrs. Helen Sayrs directed the plays and was presented with an evening bag by the members of the casts. The Moro Community church choir sang between plays.

Ernest H. Moore Dies At 87 Years of Age

Ernest H. Moore died Saturday afternoon at his home in Moro at the advanced age of 87 years. He had been seriously ill for about ten days although he was physically handicapped for over 40 years.

He was born at Cherokee, California, August 1, 1864 and came with his parents to Sherman county in the spring of 1882. (There were three of the elder Moores who took up land and entered business in and about Moro. With his brother, Leon, the deceased was the oldest continuous resident of the Moro community.)

Mr. Moore was married May 24, 1893 to Anna Powell, who survives him. Also surviving are two sons, Collis and Roscoe and three grandchildren and his brother, Leon.

He was a member of the local Masonic lodge and Eastern Star, was a member of the Moro Community church.

Funeral services were held Monday from the church with Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiating and interment made in the Moro Odd-Fellows cemetery.

P-T-A ORGANIZED

Organization and election of officers for the new Moro Parent-Teachers association was completed at the Friday night meeting at the school house.

Chosen were Carrel Bennett, president; Clarence Sparling, vice-president; Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, secretary; Mrs. Edna Paulson, corresponding secretary; Don Anderson, treasurer. Mrs. A. S. Williams of The Dalles, vice-president of the state P-T-A, spoke on the aims and work of the organization.

Meetings will be held monthly on call of the executive committee between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Wheat Group Speaker Tells Club of Work

"The operations of the Oregon Wheat commission are divided roughly into two parts", said Paulen Kaseberg, member of the Oregon Wheat commission, who spoke to the Boosters club Wednesday morning.

Among the items that come under the classification of Education, the first of the two classifications, the premiums for the fat stock show in The Dalles, the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association, a group of farmers, buyers and millers of wheat, interested in low freight rates; support of the National Wheat Growers association; the Crop Improvement association; the wheat baking contest and publicity about Oregon wheat and its qualities.

Those which are listed under Research, the second of the two classes of Expenditures, are in Western Wheat Quality laboratory in Pullman where was developed the method of testing wheats for milling qualities by a micro-mill which reduces to one year the time needed to find the milling qualities of new wheats; evaluation of rainmaking, smut research and nursery thresher at Pendleton station, these being in the category of one year items which need not be costly after one appropriation is made.

Travel Valuable

Also among the expenditures are those to send a group of men to Albany, California, where testing for protein quality of wheat is being conducted to determine if some industrial use can be made of wheat, if not now at some time when the price is lower. Officers made a trip to Canada to learn about wheat growers of the western dominions and their problems. Support has been given to the SCS project being carried on in Umatilla county by sending two men to Washington to inform congress about the problems of soil erosion in the summerfallow region of the northwest. Mr. Kaseberg said that congressmen, even those on the agricultural committee, were not acquainted with the method of agriculture carried on here.

A program sponsored by the club for the purpose of raising money for school athletics was held sometime in January by president, Wendell Belsiger, who also gave notice of election of officers at the first meeting in January.

RAIN ABOVE NORMAL

Rainfall for November was 2.17 and the average for that month is 1.71. For the three month period of the beginning crop year the average rainfall is 3.39 and for the three months, September, October and November of this year the experiment station registered 4.19 inches.

It didn't quit raining until after the first of December and the total to date is 4.34 including the rain Tuesday forenoon.

NEW STORE STARTED

Work has started toward construction of a new store building for the Moro Lumber & Fuel company. It will be on the railroad track side of the driveway will be some two feet higher in elevation than the present store. The store building will be over 30 feet wide and about 40 feet deep which will give much more space for stock. It will be on a concrete foundation and modern in appearance. Work is being done by Clarence Huls and his crew.

CLERK TAKES OFFICE

Marie Hoskinson moved into the clerk's office last Saturday when the resignation of Ross Ornduff became effective. Mr. Ornduff moved to The Dalles to be with his wife who cannot live at this altitude and to prepare for an operation later this winter. He has served as county official for some fifteen years since coming here as deputy sheriff. Some years ago he served in that capacity.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 11, Family night, 6 p. m. pot-luck dinner, 7 p. m. pictures and program.

Sunday, December 16, Christmas services, 7:30 p. m., Sunday school Christmas concert.

Rev. H. Gravenor