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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

It sorta feels like spring. Odd how it can feel like spring at 30 degrees whereas it felt like winter when it was 30 degrees last fall.

T T W N

We know we'd ought to feel sorry for someone in this latest crime in Portland but we are not sure who it should be.

T T W N

The old poets were also philosophers and often their words have been preserved because of what they said. Instead of how they said it. Oliver Goldsmith, the poor, pock marked Irishman, who wrote, "The Deserted Village," may be remembered for many years for these lines: "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates, and men decay; Princes and lords may flourish or may fade; A breath can make them, as a breath can make them, as a bold peasantry, their country's pride, When once destroyed, can never be supplied."

T T W N

The proletarian advocate will not be surprised at the connection between mink coats and dishonesty. He always did maintain that wealth came from crookedness and never work.

T T W N

"Folks ought to move on in a while," said Uncle Emmett as he looked over the announcements in the paper. "Otherwise they stay too long in one place or in one job. If they're good they ought to move on and if they're bad they'd ought to move out."

T T W N

Anyone contemplating a crime should arrange to give it an angle of sex. In that way public sympathy is enlisted and the criminal has a good chance to wind up in a nice clean hospital instead of in a rough and cheerless cell.

T T W N

To Patricia, the blonde bull-fighter. They're not bulls at that age, Patricia, they're little calves and killing them is work, not sport. But you got the publicity.

T T W N

Oddest thing about the raise in postal rates is the picture of old Ben Franklin in a bright red.

T T W N

We wish some one would tell us what good the Office of Price Stabilization does. Some prices go up every week, few go down and if they do there is a change. It keeps thousands employed and if they were all producing something other than confusion the quantity of goods would go up and probably the price down.

T T W N

Frost is going out of the ground, baseball players are signing contracts, buttercups and marbles will be next.

T T W N

Whether contemplated or not it was handy that the tax returns be made about tax paying time. It won't be long out of the hands of the government.

T T W N

The argument made by a Democrat that an Oregon supreme court judge should not take part in partisan politics seems a little late. It is possible to recall similar activity on the part of federal supreme court judges.

T T W N

Potatoes are a dollar a pound if bought in the form of chips. It can be cold in February; it can be cold in March. But no one can look forward to the possibility of so long a cold spell on February first as on January first.

T T W N

When we hear one of those individuals who tempers his decisions with soft words and a hesitant manner we often think of the two kindly old ladies who insisted on having a soft log on which to deceptate their chickens.

T T W N

Bankers listen to many reasons why customers have to spend money. Taxpayers listen to reasons why governments must spend money. Difference: bankers are not impressed.



HE WAVED GOODBYE TO FREEDOM . . . Detective Frank Farrel phones for pie wagon while Detective Arthur Damick holds gun on Joseph Ricciardi in New York apartment. They saw Ricciardi, carrying a fur coat and a radio, leave the apartment. He saw them too, and, as a ruse, turned to wave goodbye to someone in the apartment. There was no one inside. The detectives said Ricciardi took furs, radio and jewelry from the apartment to the value of \$1,000.

Farmers Expected To Produce More In '52 No Candidate

Farm production goals for 1952 aim higher than ever.

Farmers are being asked to increase farm output sharply above that of a year ago; about 50 per cent more than before World War II, says E. Harvey Miller, state production and marketing administration committee chairman. First importance in Oregon, he adds, is production of feed grain to keep pace with expanding livestock numbers.

Barley and oats are Oregon's principal feed grains. Eastern Oregon is where most of the feed barley is produced, but this year a shift to wheat is noticeable. Farmers there have planted about 953,000 acres of fall wheat, a 14 per cent jump as compared with the year before. The state's 1952 wheat goal is 1,000,000 acres and will be met and surpassed easily unless a large acreage normally planted to spring wheat is shifted to other crops.

The state PMA committee, Miller, explains, is asking for 450,000 acres of feed and malting barley with little likelihood that it will be grown. Barley seedings in 1951 totaled 362,000 acres. Miller warns that if the shift to wheat continues, the barley will be even less than that of a year ago.

The shift to wheat, says the bureau of agriculture economics, is being felt in the Willamette valley where twice as much wheat was seeded last fall as was the case in 1950.

On the national level, no goals are being set for livestock production because the number that can be raised is tied in directly with the prospective feed supply. The national barley goal is 290,000,000 bushels on 12,865,000 acres compared with 254,668,000 bushels harvested from 10,840,000 acres planted in 1951—a 14 per cent increase over 1951 production; a 19 per cent acreage increase.

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Boosters Can Hear FBI Agent Wednesday

Program for the Wednesday, February 6, meeting of the Moro Boosters club will be a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation staff from Portland who is expected by program chairman Norman Fields to speak on "What the Government is Doing About Communism."

It will be the first meeting of the club under the 1952 officers and it is expected that new committee members will be appointed at the meeting.

RALLY SCHEDULED

The Westminister Fellowship of the Moro Community church will be hosts to a county wide youth rally to be held this Sunday night from 4:00 to 8:30 p. m. All high school age young people are invited to attend. The evening will include a social hour, refreshments, singingspiration and a worship service. The Rev. Martin T. Larson of the Methodist church of The Dalles will give the evening meditation.

Grants Was Once Largest Town of Area Before Fire and Flood Removed It Entirely

The town of Grant is in the process of being forgotten. It is gone and even the landmarks that were about it are changed; the reasons for it no longer exist. There is nothing but memory to sustain it.

Grant, or Grants, was a town, once the largest in the county, located on the new Oregon Railroad and Navigation company line about where Charley Wilson's service station is now situated.

When the railroad builders put their line down the Columbia a station was established there and called Villard, because Henry Villard, a German capitalist, had much to do with building the OR&N. Reason for the station was that the town of Columbus on the Washington side of the river did quite a bit of business and received freight on the new railroad. It was then carried across by ferry from Grant's landing on the Oregon side.

Eventually the name of Grants succeeded that of Villard. The town grew rapidly because it was on a railroad and in the early eighties, when the town flourished, settlers were coming into the new wheat country that became Sherman county. What wheat they grew was hauled to the railroad at Grants, whose merchants also supplied plows and harness and supplies.

Old timers remember Grants as something of an oasis, a place where men gathered to tell stories, exchange experiences, and learn about the new country. Some of the residents were characters such as William Grant, himself, Fox & Scott, who later started the first Moro store had a store at Grants.

Grants was a shipping point for wool and an outfitting point for sheep men of which there was a good number in the area between the Deschutes and John Day river.

But Grants was a hard-luck town and after some three years of growth and activity the town burned on June 18, 1883 and the loss was estimated to have been between \$150,000 and \$200,000 which, considering the value of a dollar in those days, indicates that Grants was quite a town.

Burned was the OR&N depot, Cooper's Hotel, William Grant's warehouse and lumber yard, stores of Fox & Scott, A. Scherneck, Lovengart & Sichel, Cummings & Dixon, William Burnet. Several wool warehouses were also burned and sheepmen lost their crop that had not been shipped. Murray Bros. Harvey & Clark, Cochran & Downing were all wool warehouse firms that were burned.

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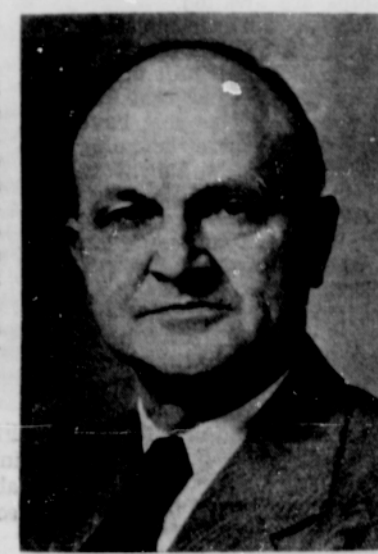
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Candidate



Giles L. French, Moro, this week announced that he is a candidate for congress in the following statement which bore a release date of January 31.

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the second district of Oregon.

I was born in Sherman county and it has been my home all my life, except for absence to attend high school, University of Oregon and serve in the chemical warfare service in World War I. Occupations have been raising wheat and cattle, nine years, selling machinery and groceries, four years, and editing the Sherman County Journal, 21 years.

For 17 years I have been a member of the Oregon house of representatives from Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties where interest has been in taxation; have been a member of three interim taxation committees, was chairman of reapportionment committee in 1951, have served on education, labor and industries, land use committees; have been consistently for economy, for strong local government as opposed to centralization of power, was among first five in newspaper poll of house members.

Have been mayor of Moro since 1932, member of local civic clubs, chairman of bond campaigns—in which Sherman county made best record in sale of "E" bonds of any county in the United States, member of state and county historical societies, Old Oregon Trails association, American Legion, Oregon Wheat Growers league, former president of Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, local chairman of committee for Hoover Report and Oregon Chest.

I believe that the first duty of a congressman, or a state legislator, is to learn as much as he can about his district, be able to explain its problems effectively, be willing and able to work every day in behalf of his district and his nation.

The welfare of eastern Oregon depends on the continued development of Columbia river basin power together with transportation and irrigation; upon getting grass to grow on its sage covered range lands; upon further utilization of timber resources; upon a foreign policy that will permit the development of markets in the Pacific; upon keeping as much of our power at home as we can use, upon keeping all of our water, upon a tax policy that will permit citizens to buy and improve property.

The federal government owns 70% of eastern Oregon. As a landlord it should develop its property or let some one have it who will.

The nation must be kept strong militarily and that means large sums for the airforce, the army and navy; it must be kept strong economically and that means no spending for non-essentials.

I will work actively, constantly and aggressively for the welfare of the second district and the nation. What benefits one will benefit the other.

SHORT COURSE COMING
A short course given by extension will be presented to Sherman countians this spring beginning early in March. Classes will be held probably Wednesday nights and will last for three hours. A teacher will come from OSC to hear the class.

The course is in Natural Resources, which will be the first given by any college or university reports the state college. It will be a four year course at Corvallis and the short course also will deal with soils, range management, forestry, minerals wildlife, botany, geography and economics.

Those who want to enroll may see Wily Knighten, school superintendent.

Snow Melting; Creeks Running; Spring Coming?

The snow that came December 26 has been on the ground 37 days today. Weather has been cold enough to keep it but not below zero in many parts of the county. Winds have drifted part of the snow but not enough to bare the ground, thus the wheat has been protected.

This week the snow is leaving, early in the week from the effect of soft westerly winds and bright spring like sun. Thursday there was intermittent rain.

On the fields the snow is soft, where packed there is a layer of ice on the ground. How much is going into the ground is being debated and will be for all time.

Some is running off. Wednesday Hay Canyon was roaring with dark, mud-packed water that loosened some bridges and did some damage to fields as it started on its way. Wednesday night, when there was little frost, water started in Barnum canyon though Moro and no doubt on other creek beds.

Weather prophets say that temperatures will drop again in a few days and if this happens it may stop the run-off before it removes all the snow. As it is we are having a bit of spring, too early perhaps, but spring nevertheless that will stir the long chilled roots and start the buds to swelling in preparation for another vernal season.

\$565 IS OREGON'S PER CAPITA COST OF TRUMAN BUDGET

Oregon's share of President Truman's \$85.4 billion federal budget, would be \$860.6 millions, or \$565 for every man, woman and child in Oregon's 1950 census, Oregon Business & Tax Research reports.

This requested spending, if approved, plus actual \$176 per capita cost of all state and local government in Oregon for 1952 fiscal year, would total \$741 per person cost of all government during 1953. This assumes that 1953 cost of state and local government in Oregon will not be less than in 1952.

Total cost of government in Oregon next year, federal, state, local, will be twice what was spent in 1950 for food per person by anyone earning about \$8000, or \$741 for food, the taxpayer association estimates.

Oregon people had a total 1952 estimated income of about \$2.3 billions. On that basis about 37.1 per cent of all income of all people in Oregon will be earmarked for federal expenses alone. If 1953 incomes do not decline, about 49 per cent of total income of all people will be consumed by Oregon's share of all government costs, federal, state and local. F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business & Tax Research reported.

Globetrotters Billed Friday At The Dalles

The famous Harlem Globetrotters will play in The Dalles Friday night with an Allstar team from The Dalles as competition. Also on the bill will be a game between White Salmon and the Kansas City Stars, a Globetrotter farm club.

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Stewart Hardie Will Run For Senator

Stewart Hardie, state senator from this district, comprising the counties of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election at the Republican primaries next May.

Senator Hardie has served on the Ways & Means committee, state and federal affairs and public welfare committees during his two sessions in Salem. He majored in business administration at OSC, was county clerk, publishes Condon Globe-Times and Fossil Journal.

Moro Women Invite Husbands For Dinner

Saturday evening, January 26, the Moro Women's club entertained their husbands at a potluck dinner. Rev. Gearhart gave Divine Grace.

President Mrs. Hockman gave a few opening remarks and then turned the program over to Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, program chairman. Mrs. Henrichs cleverly introduced the following: Mrs. John Parker, who gave the welcome and Mr. John Parker who responded. Mrs. Francis Keyes, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Keyes sang two numbers, "Calm is the Night" - Bohn and "La Donna E Mobile" - Verdi (woman is changeable).

Since Mr. Bolton of The Dalles was unable to be present, Mr. Dewey Thompson ably took over. He showed films, consisting of their trip trip east, to the bathing beauties on the Oregon coast.

The tables were nicely decorated with candles in pastel shades and evergreen.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs and Mrs. Mac Bull.

The next meeting of the club will be February 7 with Mrs. A. Douma as director.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday February 5, 1952 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.



Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, who has been congressman from the second Oregon district since the 1942 election announced late Wednesday that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself at the primary election to be held in Oregon May 6.

Mr. Stockman was mentioned last spring as a contender for appointment to federal office, particularly the Federal Reserve Board, to which Abbott Mills of Portland was recently named. It has been thought generally that Mr. Stockman would run again although some have felt that unlikely.

In making his statement the congressman said that he wanted to return home and take care of his own business and that he would serve the district to the best of his ability during the remainder of his term which expires in January 1953.

MORO 54; CORBETT 43

By Larry Kaseberg
The Moro Huskies played a strong Corbett team on the Grass Valley floor last Friday night with Moro winning 54-43.

Corbett bounced into the lead in the first quarter, 12-10, then held a 27-26 half-time lead. The Huskies came back with a surge of power in the third quarter to take the lead 42-36 and held out through the remainder of the game.

Bob Martin rolled in 22 points to lead the scoring attack with Harold Duncan helping with 16, Leroy Martin scored 9, Norval Lane 4, Don Miller 2.

Lyn Crouser for Corbett was high with 11 points.

The officials were Tullin and Bughan.

MORO 31; MOSIER 29

The Moro Huskies squeezed out a close decision from the Mosier team Tuesday night at Mosier 31-29.

The low scoring game was largely on the part of the small floor and lighting and that the basket just wasn't big enough that night.

Moro held the half-time lead of 13-11. The game was close all way through right up to the final buzzer. The game was won on foul shots with Moro making 11 of the 15 attempts.

The Moro Huskies have a league standing of five wins and three losses.

Treasurer?



Fred E. Robinson, candidate for Republican nomination for state treasurer, is a native Oregonian, living in Jackson county.

He is a firm believer in sound and well planned state economy, in making every dollar count, demonstrated in the building of his own business by applying the formula of "a dollar saved is a dollar earned."

He is married and has three children; he is a home owner and a large taxpayer. He believes that efficient and economical state government can only be achieved through greater individual interest and service in the state's political make-up. With the latter aim in view, he is taking an active part in Republican party activities, is sergeant-at-arms and chairman of the fourth congressional district of the Oregon Republicans clubs.