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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

A Pendleton delegation told the highway commission that 50,000 eastern Oregonians would vote for Truman unless certain road changes were made. Not that. Is it that serious?

T T W N

"Honest" Harold Ickes, hatchet man of the new deal is dead after 77 well crowded years. So far as has been discovered he was honest although he boasted of it like a gangster. He "dished it out" and could take it when it came his way. He was a stouter, tougher, and probably better character than is usually found in the too often spineless game of politics.

T T W N

Probably Mr. Newbold Morris, who is going to investigate the government's personal crime wave, has not heard that the only cure for governmental dishonesty is complete extirpation. In other words the disease can only be cured by an operation, not by medicine.

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We wonder what history will say about this era of American existence. Students used to be told of the excesses of the Roman lords and were aghast. When some brown eyed lad in 4000 A. D. reads of "diamond studded shoelaces, fur covered auto seats, \$500 a plate dinners will be told at the same time that these were connected with the fall of America?"

T T W N

In Oregon we are happy enough over the presidential primary system, even though it isn't a very good criterion of what voters think unless every candidate is entered. It beats the old convention system and it may be the only way we know and not the best way.

The old bartender read the ad, "Reading maketh a full man." "Ha, ha," said he.

T T W N

Technically speaking, and holding strictly to the dictionary interpretation, a man who is for higher taxes is a socialist. Because the more money government gets the stronger it becomes and the weaker individuals become. And when the government gets it all we have socialism. When people without power or funds try to oust a government and can't, they have a dictatorship. High taxes are a foe to representative government.

T T W N

There are folks who think that who wins the presidential race is no more important than who wins the Army-Navy football game. We do make a game out of it, a sporting contest.

T T W N

The wholesale price of food is down from a year ago. Retail prices will soon follow. What keeps the index up is the inclusion of many items many families do not want.

T T W N

"I loathe, abhor, detest, despise Abominable dried-apple pies. I like good bread, I like good meat

Or anything that's fit to eat? But of all poor grub beneath the skies The poorest is dried-apple pies. Give me the toothache, or sore eyes, But don't give me dried-apple pies. The farmer takes his gnarliest fruit, 'Tis wormy, bitter, and hard, to boot; He leaves the hulls to make us cough, And don't take half the peeling off. Then on a dirty cord 'tis strung And in a garret window hung. And there it serves as roost for flies, Until it's made up into pies. Tread on my corns, or tell me lies, But don't pass me dried-apple pies."

An anonymous writer of another day had his troubles with-out high taxes, foreign entanglements, speeding cars and the high cost of living.

"Pretty nice weather, ain't it," said the young man. "Looks OK today," replied the old timer.



MASTERPIECE RETURNED . . . This war-damaged early 18th century painting of the assumption of Monte Cassino, Italy, was returned by this country to the monastery of Monte Cassino, Italy. It was discovered among the rubble of World War II by a German soldier and still bears the mark of the siege of Monte Cassino. The German took it to Austria, where it was found by the invading Americans. Our state department returned it, via the Italian consul at Munich.

Stockmen's Association Organization May Come From Meeting Here February 15

All county livestock men will have an opportunity to participate in forming a county association or join with the Wasco county association during a meeting set for 2:00 p. m. Friday, February 15 in the county courthouse. Sherman county has lagged behind other eastern Oregon counties in such an organization, being the only county east of the Cascades not organized.

Roy Foreman, president of the Wasco county association, and E. M. Nelson, Wasco county agent and secretary of the association, will tell of their program and activities. The Wasco county group have 78 members cooperating in county programs in the interest of the livestock industry. The association has work on theft prevention, brand laws, disease control, livestock improvement, 4-H program (sponsoring county auction sale) etc.

All Sherman county livestock men are welcome and urged to attend to formulate plans for organization. The meeting is sponsored by the livestock committee of the County Planning council.

PMA community and county committeemen and Soil Conservation district supervisors will meet February 20 to prepare the 1952 ACP practice payment program. All county farmers are welcome to participate to assist in adopting practices for this year. Practices will be adopted that will get the most conservation work accomplished. The meeting will be held in the county courthouse.

Grub control time is at hand. Why not cut down on loss caused by grubs and spray? High pressure spray rigs (400 pounds pressure) are recommended but it's better to do the job with equipment available than to leave it undone. Rotenone at 7 1/2 per 100 gallons of water sprayed on the backs will do the job. Two treatments thirty days apart are advisable. Grub control can only be done satisfactorily at this time of the year.

Frank von Borstel, David Richelderfer and Russell Belshee, county PMA committeemen, Ralph Busse, assistant secretary county PMA and I will attend the PMA conference at Gearhart February 11, 12, and 13. The meeting will cover topics of special interest to farmer committeemen, extending assistance for carrying out the county program.

A state-wide meeting of rural people interested in agriculture and rural homes will be held at Corvallis on the Oregon State college campus March 27, 28 and 29. Committees of farm people, assisted by technical consultants, will present reports giving their views as to the needs and opportunities for the development of Oregon agriculture and rural living for the next ten to twenty five years. Sherman county folks who have participated in the committee work have been Floyd Root, W. L. May, Allen Tom, state chairman of Land Economics committee,

Giles French, Paulen Kaseberg, state chairman of Farm Crops committee, Dewey Thompson, Harold Eakin, and Mrs. Virginia McIntyre. Eleven committees are now working on their reports. All Oregon farm people are welcome and encouraged to attend this conference.

Water Rights Explained By State Engineer

Information about the law regarding water rights has been obtained by Louis Sather at the request of the Pomona Grange. State Engineer Charles Stricklin writes as follows:

"Our Supreme Court has held that rights may be obtained to the use of any waters flowing in a natural channel. In the case of Simons v. Winters, 21 Oregon, the Supreme Court held that the term watercourse does not include water flowing from hills in ravines only in times of rain and melting snow; but that a stream flow is a watercourse if it originates from rain and melting snow accumulating in large quantities in hills or mountains, descends through long, deep depressions upon lower lands, carves out a distinct channel which unmistakably bears the impress of frequent waterflow, and has so flowed from time immemorial. According to this differentiation, rain and melting snow may constitute the source of a watercourse, but the accumulation must be considerable, there must be an immediately discernible waterworn channel, and the condition must have existed for a long time."

Tom, Steiwer File For State Representative

Candidates like crocuses are popping into sight with the warm spring sun. The 22nd district, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties, in the state house of representatives will have at least two Republican candidates to vote for in the May primaries.

This week Allen Tom (Charles Allen officially) filed for representative from the 22nd district. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom, his father being county judge. He is 39 years old, father of three, MS from Cornell, graduate student at OSC another year. He is a farmer on the ancestral acres above Rufus. He served 42 months in the U. S. Naval Reserve as a lieutenant during the war, is chairman of the Land Economic's sub-committee of the state college planning conference, member of the Sherman county planning council and of the Rufus school board. He is also active in support of the John Day dam. He farms a ranch in Morrow county in addition to his Sherman county holdings.

J. P. (Jack) Steiwer, son of former state senator W. H. Steiwer announced his candidacy this week. He is a Wheeler county product who graduated from the University of Oregon in 1949 and is now running a real estate and insurance business in Fossil in addition to helping around the Steiwer sheep ranch at the mouth of Butte creek. He served during the war and is at present a member of the American Legion, the Fossil city council, Wheeler-Gilliam stockmen's association and the Fossil Community club.

Taft To Speak At Pendleton Feb. 14

Mrs. Howard Coulee, chairman of the Republican central committee has received word from W. E. Hanzen, who holds a like position in Umatilla county, that Sherman countians are invited to come and hear Senator Robert A. Taft, candidate for the Republican nomination for president, who will speak at Vert Memorial hall in Pendleton at 9:30 a. m. February 14. No charge will be made for admission.

Busse Again Named Recorder Again

Appointment of Ralph Busse as recorder for the year and granting of a card room license to Ernest Eslinger were the principal actions taken by the Moro city council at its meeting Tuesday night. New parts were ordered for the broken fire truck pump.

Unander Announces For State Treasurer

Sigfrid B. Unander of Portland until recently the state Republican chairman, announced that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer in the May primary elections.

Member of a pioneer Oregon family, the 38-year-old Unander has been active in Republican circles since completing his work for a master's degree at Stanford university's graduate school of business. He also received his bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford.

He spent four and a half years in the army during World War II starting as a first lieutenant in the field artillery and rising to the grade of lieutenant colonel. He saw service in the South Pacific, North African and European theater of operation.

Unander was decorated with the Bronze Star by the U. S. Army, the Croix de Guerre of France and the Order of the British Empire. He was also honored by the French Foreign Legion, being made an honorary private, first class, in that organization.

For two years immediately prior to entering military service, Unander served as assistant to Governor Charles A. Sprague.

GLADIOLUS GROWERS MAY ORGANIZE

The president of the State Gladiolus society is anxious to get more members into his organization. He is Therman Evans of the Oregon Journal. He says that Oregon growers are very good inasmuch as they won the prizes at recent shows. Sherman county gladiolus growers are also good and they may wish to join in order to show their supremacy.

Work on Cottonwood To Continue; Warco Told To Club By Agent

Judge Curt Tom attended the meeting of the Oregon highway commission in Portland last Friday and learned that the commission is planning a survey of the Wasco west road to Root's corner this spring. Work on the road may be expected thereafter.

The commission, says the judge, expects to continue the construction of the Cottonwood road and \$80,000 will be expended on this side of the John Day this year.

Supervisor Explains Standardization

Miss Irene Hallberg came up from Salem to talk to the assembled school boards at the court house Wednesday afternoon. She spoke about standardization and the necessity of schools meeting the requirements set forth by the state department.

There are four classifications, the standard school, the standard school with advice (it gets the money anyway but has some uncontrollable defects), a conditionally standard school (in which the board has plans for standardization) and the non-standard school.

Factors involved are in order of listing: site, five acres; buildings, which includes rooms, lighting, window shades, water supply, drinking fountains, wash-basins, flag; furniture; custodial service which says that the janitor should have a hammer, saw, pliers and a screw driver.

Next 'division is administration including the school board, principal and a staff, supervisors, community (it should be wholesome and cooperative); class load, not over 30, must teach 170 days per year; transportation.

Third division is instructional program, curriculum, library service; general spirit and tone of school, described as a condition in which "the entire school reveals an air of efficiency and happy expectancy as the progress of learning proceeds."

Representatives of school teachers met with the boards and made recommendations as to contract length and requirements and asked for an increase in pay of \$300 per year for cost of living.

Rev. H. Gravenor King George came to the throne by accident and without desire on his part. He has served England well, has been a dignified symbol of authority, the function of English kings. His death will make no change in governmental policy.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH - Sunday evening, February 10, Family Night 6:00 p. m. pot luck dinner; 7:00 p. m. pictures and program.

FBI Organization Told To Club By Agent

Explanation of the organization and history of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was made to members of the Boosters club Wednesday morning by J. B. Poster, agent in charge of the Portland office.

First federal investigation group became involved in politics and it was not until the appointment of J. Edgar Hoover in 1924 that the FBI started on its present course. There are now some 6000 agents and the budget is 103 million dollars, said Mr. Poster.

The FBI does not enforce all federal laws and no state or local laws he said. It does have 120 federal laws to enforce mostly those involving crimes of violence such as kidnapping and extortion. Espionage in wartime takes many men, also. The atomic energy commission is protected by the FBI as well.

Decisions about prosecution of those investigated is made by the heads of departments, not the FBI. It is an investigatory agency only. It has 57 agencies in the United States, only one in Oregon and representatives are so scattered over the state that one can be at any place within an hour. Some 320,000 investigations are carried on each year.

The finger prints gathered by all law enforcement officers are kept in the bureau's files in Washington together with those of persons who have had their's taken for identification purposes. These are not used in criminal investigation. The crime laboratory, said the speaker, can determine almost any fact about a crime from the smallest bits of evidence. Several examples of scientific crime solution were given.

Committee appointments were announced as follows: Program: Norman Fields, Tommy Thompson, W. T. Balsiger. Membership: Vernon Flatt, Clifford Snow, Bob Martin, Mike Mulick. Recreation: Vern Arstall, Ivan Kirkelle, Lawrence Kirby. Civic Improvement: B. H. Robertson, Bon Christianson, Darwin Van Gilder. Community Welfare: W. W. Gearhart, Ralph Busse, Dewey Thompson. Education: Homer Townsend, Wily Knighten, Carrel Bennett.

Mrs W M Edwards Buried Here Tuesday

Mrs. Marguerite Edwards, 43, died Friday in The Dalles after an illness of several weeks caused by cancer. She had been a resident of Sherman county for most of her life although born in Tacoma, Wn., December 18, 1908.

Surviving are her widower William, seven daughters, Mrs. George DeMoss, Moro, Mrs. Don DeMoss, Viola, Rosa, Elmira, Emma and Joyce and two sons, Leslie and William, all of Moro; a father, Fred Dickenson of Terrebonne and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. from the Moro Community church with Rev. William Gearhart officiating and interment in the Moro cemetery.

Land Drawing For Veterans Due Soon

Three more land openings comprising a total of 81 farm units are scheduled for the immediate future in the Columbia basin project in Washington, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs announced today. Veterans of World War II have priority in purchasing the farms.

While the Oregon veterans' department expects to have supplies of application forms when issued, veterans were advised to write direct to the reclamation office at Ephrata, in order to get on the mailing list for later announcements.

Drawings to determine winners of the farm units are ordinarily held from two to three weeks after the filing deadline. Winners, to qualify, must have had honorable service in World War II, must have had farming experience, and must have at least \$4500 in cash, assets which can be converted to cash, or farm machinery and equipment.

Jay Price Remembers First Roads That Brought Fmigrants Across The County

I would like to tell about some early history of that country between the Deschutes and John Day rivers, before it became Sherman county.

As far as I know, I am the oldest early settler in that country, dating back to 1866. From what I know, and have been told by those that have gone on, I am sure that I can tell many things that should be of interest to those that live there now.

The first mark of civilization, in that country, are the two emigrant roads, the first one, that in 1843, crossed the John Day river, where we placed the monument October 8, 1900. From there the road went up the hill and near the old Emigrant Spring, and west across Chimn Hollow, Spanish Hollow, on in to Mud Hollow, down nearly to the big mud spring, (Dave Fulton place), then over the hill and down the hill near Biggs, where a monument was placed in 1940, by the old Wasco County Pioneers, then to the mouth of the Deschutes river. The other emigrant road left the one mentioned, at the top of the hill, going near Webfoot Spring, and in to Grass Valley canyon near where Nish is now, and followed it to about its head, and crossed the Deschutes some where near the present Shearer bridge.

I do not know just what year this road was first used. The

only monuments on these roads, are the ones at Biggs, and John Day. Some years ago, Walter Meacham, and I, and several Sherman county people placed temporary markers along these roads. Several permanent markers should be placed along these roads, and since Walter Meacham, the spark plug of this important work is gone, it would seem to be the duty of the Sherman County Historical society to carry on this work, so that the future generations will know about the early history of that good country.

The first to locate in that country, was the Graham family, who crossed the Deschutes in 1858, or 1859, and lived at the mouth of the river. They either built the first toll bridge or owned it for some time. They sold to C. S. Miller in 1876, and moved to Dayton, Washington. In April 1862, George Masiker located at Sand Spring. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Masiker, William, Esther, Charles, Elmira, and George B. Masiker. Their youngest son, Martin was born there May 22, 1863. Mr. Masiker died there in 1863, and by his request, was buried on the old place. My father, Samuel Price, crossed the plains in 1860, and in 1864 he and Mrs. Masiker were married. I was born February 3, 1866.