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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

In Prineville Remy Cox, editor of the Central Oregonian, died Tuesday morning. By that night newspapermen from the towns nearby had edited the news for that week, written guest editorials and columns and made the paper ready for printers. As a newspaperman we are proud of that—and of them.

T T W N
We hope that whoever sold or gave the beer and whiskey to that car load of teen-agers at Lebanon is found and removed from business.

Senator Paul Douglas says that at the national party conventions the nominees will be named by a very few persons. He's learning.

T T W N
Maybe there's something to this Coloradoan's notion of having the funeral while the subject still lives. Maybe a better way to do it would be for people to occasionally express the kindly sentiments they reserve for after death.

T T W N
It is a bit hard to believe that things are so bad in these United States when we look over the things we are fighting about. Where to put dams, who shall sell liquor (state or bootleggers), truck taxes, Jake Bennett.

T T W N
Los Angeles, we read, is becoming doubtful over achieving size. Anyway it appears it has accumulated conditions that the name is no longer applicable.

T T W N
Someway we can't read about Whittaker Chambers without wishing he could be punished for stealing government secrets as well as having Alger Hiss punished for relaying them.

T T W N
We're glad to note that all fears that Truman would become insolvent as a president have been allayed. A magazine now says he is worth \$200,000, a tidy sum, and sufficient to make him think the Democrats are a great and successful party.

T T W N
About three times as many Russian officials are living in the United States as we have officials in Russia. Even a Russian knows when he is well off.

T T W N
The total cost of the United States budget for Oregon is given by the U. S. chamber of commerce as \$914 million or \$1873 per family. One thing it may do is to make state officials think they are economical with a mere \$180,000,000 budget. One way to cut it would be to vote local taxes which are deductible and improvements thereby obtained are sometimes enjoyable.

T T W N
Do you remember when a two dollar bill was considered unlucky?

T T W N
Things get so mixed up. Here's Kefauver running for president because he owns a con skin cap and has been on television. Something—old and something new.

T T W N
Senator Taft says he would get a new set of joint chiefs of staff more on the MacArthur style. That won't excite many voters, but many would like to know why we have to have as many soldiers in the pentagon as there is on the front line.

T T W N
Billy Graham is reported to have said that the people are so convinced of his type of Christianity that they would elect him president. Well, now let's see. If that be true we don't need to waste him as president; if it be untrue he couldn't be president anyway.

Luxury On Korean Front



Carrol Noonan before a Korean his company has been for a dug-out on the front line where large part of the winter.

Wheat Market Good; Other Grains Down

Pacific northwest market for wheat turned independently strong reflecting light producer selling, a moderately active demand from all classes of trade and diminishing stocks of Pacific northwest wheat. The export movement of Pacific northwest wheat continued at a record rate and inspected wheat for export from Pacific northwest ports during January 1952 totaled 8,797,000 bushels. This brought the July-August total to 60,519,000 bushels or over double the 27,771-million bushels exported the same period a year ago.

Receipts of wheat at principal Pacific northwest terminals increased to 1,695 cars during the week against 1,319 last week and 416 a year ago. As usual, arrivals were mostly applied on previous orders with very light open market offerings. Cash demand for wheat turned quite active with exporters and mills both seeking supplies to protect forward requirements as well as to cover earlier commitments. At the same time, country marketings became quite slow and the market tone strengthened. Diminishing supplies were reflected in the lighter marketings with Hard Red Winter wheat particularly scarce. While there were no new export sales confirmed, trade sources indicated Egypt was actively bidding for around 100,000 tons for April-May delivery.

Feed grain markets declined sharply. Corn declined about 3 cents per bushel at most markets but dropped 8 cents at Kansas City. Oats declined 4 cents, barley 6-9 cents per bushel, and grain sorghums 4 cents per 100 pounds. Oil seed markets were unsettled with flaxseed 20 cents per bushel under the previous week's close and soybeans about unchanged.

National sales under the International Wheat Agreement for the week amounted to only a little over 3 million bushels bringing the total since the opening of the quota to 236.5 million and left only 18.6 million to be supplied under the quota. The export subsidy from the Gulf Coast on February 8 was 66 cents to European ports, 63 cents to the Far East, 61 cents to the West Indies and Latin America, 68 cents from the East Coast to all destinations, and 64 cents from the West Coast. Inspections for export amounted to over 9 million bushels and brought the total since July to 234 million bushels.

Rebekahs Install 1952 Officers

Lupine Rebekah lodge No. 116 is installing new officers—Tuesday night with members of the Wasco have banded themselves together to lodge coming to be installed as the Oregon Register & Vote at the same time. Inducted into Inc., to see what can be done office were: Josephine Gentry, about it. NG, Thelma Miller, RSNG, Marie Peters, LSNG; Mollie McLachlan the campaign organization had VG; Laura Sather RSNG; Florbeen broken down into congressence Bruckert LSVG; Gladys sional districts with the follow-Morrison Past NG; Helen Martining district chairman; first, Ex-sec; Ila Gene Bennett, treas; governor Charles A. Sprague, Lucile May, chaplain; Erna Salem; second, Clarence J. Johnson, warden; Althea Burnet Briggs, Bend labor leader; third, conductor.

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New Experiments Started At Moro Dry Land Station

Something new has been added. The experiment station at Moro will venture into several new fields this year and thereby become more useful to the Columbia basin farmers who depend on it for information about the business of grain growing.

Experiments in killing morning glory and Russian knap weed will be tried in at least one area in this county. Tests will be conducted with 2-4-D to determine the best time and best rate for most effective kills. Also to be tested are several soil sterilants. These will kill all growth in the soil for periods of time yet to be determined and may prove the solution to perennial weed eradication.

Experiments have been tried before to find a way to kill cheat grass in wheat. Use of trashy fallow makes this more important as cheat grass often grows in fields plowed without moldboards. Such experiments have been tried heretofore have resulted in kills of both wheat and grass, but new chemicals are on hand to be tried.

And in addition to the two above experiments the station has obtained a few pounds of Krillium. Krillium is the new chemical that will make any land friable and loamy. Even hard clay soils can be worked when treated with the new Monsanto chemical. Costs are now far too high for practical application but may be reduced when use increases. Only enough for one small plot is available but, because of interest in the chemical, it will be watched with interest.

PMA Head Calls Meeting February 20 To Discuss Program

Frank von Borstel, chairman of the Sherman county PMA committee, announced that he has scheduled a meeting to establish the 1952 Agricultural Conservation program for the county.

This meeting will be held at the courthouse in Moro Wednesday, February 20, at 1:30 p. m. All interested farmers are urged to attend and make known their views on these agricultural conservation practices for the county.

Taxes Coming In For Second Period

The sheriff's office reports that collection of taxes since November 15, the deadline for full discount on tax payments, has been in excess of \$4500. Another turnover will be made today, February 15 as that is the end of another discount period.

A very high percentage of the county's largest tax bill was collected November 15.

Karen McLachlan Buried Sunday

Funeral services for little Karen McLachlan who died in a hospital in Portland during an operation for a brain tumor, were held from the Moro Community church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with W. W. Gearhart in charge.

Karen was born in The Dalles September 12, 1949, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McLachlan. A brother, Donald James McLachlan, also survives. Grandparents are Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Max Samson of Washougal, Washington.

Everybody Vote

A statewide campaign to register and get out the vote in 1952 will be kicked off Saturday with opening of the Oregon Register & Vote, Inc., office in the Portland chamber of commerce building, 824 SW 5th avenue, Portland 4.

Radio commentator Lawson McCall, 1952 committee chairman, announced selection of the office site today. McCall disclosed at the same time that the campaign executive secretary would be Mrs. Virginia Friend of Portland who was a key worker in the taking of the 1950 federal census in the Portland area.

"Oregon ranks 38th among the states in the percentage of eligible voters who go to the polls," McCall said. "This ratio is nothing short of disgrace."

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RESIDENCE SERVICE				
Grade of Service	G. V.	Moro	Wasco	New Rates
4 party	20	20	20	2.70
2 party	25	25	25	3.25
1 party	30	30	30	3.80
Subur'n	20	20	20	2.95
Farmer	05	05	05	.80
BUSINESS SERVICE				
1 party	75	75	75	6.00
2 party	50	50	50	4.25
Subur'n	25	25	25	3.50
Farmer	05	05	05	1.30

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, February 19 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

"If we do not make common cause to save the good old ship of the Union on this voyage, nobody will have a chance to pilot her on another voyage."

Lincoln



Reappraisal Work Going In Some Counties Now

Citizens of some Oregon counties are much exercised about the projected reappraisal program of the state tax commission. Grant, Harney and Baker in eastern Oregon have sent committees to Salem to learn about it and the Oregon Wheat Growers League made protest about the methods used.

The Oregon Farm Bureau federation has asked that in each county a committee of property owners be named to help the work and see that appraisals are kept at a reasonable figure.

Back of all this is the program itself. For years the tax commission has been aiding county assessors to reappraise property. Last session of the legislature an appropriation was made to permit the tax commission to speed up the work. It will take ten years at least and more money more help becomes available than is now to be found.

Real property in Oregon has not been reappraised for years and changes that have been made are hardly indicative of present values. Sherman county land averaged about \$15 per acre in the 1909-1913 period. It was \$19 in 1927. It dropped to a little above \$13 in 1938 before it started to rise again. This year the average valuation is \$21.20, valuation in relation to present values.

As long as there is no state property tax the valuations within a county are unimportant if there is equality between different properties. When there is a state tax it becomes necessary that there be equality in valuation all over the state. To obtain this the state tax commission has long used a ratio system whereunder each county is given a figure to indicate the percentage of true cash value each county has attained.

Utilities Valued Differently

Utilities are revalued each year by the state tax commission and their valuations are kept current. By the ratios it is assumed that all property, utility and other, is eventually assessed at the same percentage of true cash value. Utilities deny this and the state tax commission sometimes intimates that they may be correct.

The state tax commission is trying to reappraise at the values that were current in 1948 and presumably reduce these by a uniform percentage, perhaps 30 at present. Land owners are protesting and saying that present values are indicative of inflation. Result will probably be a lower valuation, either by appraisal or by a larger reduction figure.

It doesn't make any difference what the appraisal is as long as it is equal within the county and state. Valuations do not make taxes. Taxes are voted by the people or permitted to be assessed by not attending budget hearings.

The list of property valuations in Oregon is truly funny. Land is worth \$33.15 in Polk and \$57.26 in Yamhill which join; \$14.27 in Gilliam and \$21.20 in Sherman. Chickens 20 cents in Clatsop, 60 in Columbia.

These are some of the things the state tax commission is charged with correcting. Probably a perfect job will never be done, but there is room for improvement as anyone can see who will study the annual assessment record.

Rural School Boards Meet At Condon

Rural school boards of Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties met at Condon Monday to listen to S. E. Brogott of Helix, president of the association of Oregon school boards and member of the Umatilla county rural school board and to hold a discussion about school problems from the county level.

The law regarding limitation of hours for janitors, insurance appraisals for replacement, need for school board associations, industrial accident for bus drivers, procedure on budget forms and use of emergency funds were all subjects considered.

Going from here were Lester Barnum, Charles Burnet, Phil O'Meara, George Fox and Willy Knighten.

Personal Property Shrine Hospital To Self Assessments May Be Revised

Clair L. Balzer, county assessor, announces that the State Tax commission reports a sampling of personal property returns in various counties discloses some personal property taxpayers, particularly those reporting merchandise stock-in-trade, are not reporting the full value of their property for this year's assessment. Assessor Balzer urges every taxpayer who may have filed incorrectly to file an amended return before the March 2nd dead line.

The law requires every person, firm, corporation or association owning or having possession of taxable personal property to make a return thereof to the assessor. "Authorized forms of the return contain space for a full listing of all such property and the true cash value thereof, with an affidavit or affirmation of the person making return that the statements therein contained are true. The return must be filed with the assessor on or before the second day of March of each year.

If a person, managing agent or officer, with intent to evade taxation refuses or neglects to file, he is subject to a fine of \$10 for every day that such negligence or refusal continues. If a person, managing agent or officer intentionally falsifies the return, he is subject to prosecution for perjury.

Water Tests Show Improvement In 1951

Examination of water samples from the Wasco-Sherman district, exclusive of The Dalles was, oddly, the same for 1950 and 1951. The number was 181.

During 1951 60 samples failed to meet the standards giving a percentage of 33 per cent that were bacteriologically unsatisfactory. In 1951 only 33 samples were unsatisfactory of 18 per cent. At least 12 samples were sent in from Biggs, Rufus and Kent indicating some doubt about the water there which has probably been corrected.

THE DALLES J.V.s. DROP MORO HUSKIES 47-33

The Huskies lost a rugged game Tuesday night to a tall and fast The Dalles five. The game was not a league game. Moro, just couldn't seem to hit the basket or handle the ball right. It was a very fast game with many fast breaks and lay-ins.

Bob Martin and Harold Duncan tied for high points with 14 apiece, next in line was L. Martin with 9 counters. High point man for The Dalles was Cal Callaway.

Moro 47 The Dalles 53
B. Martin (14) F.
L. Martin (9) F.
H. Duncan (14) C.
N. Lane (3) G.
R. Rolfe (0) G.
Subs - Miller (5) Smith (2) Kaseberg.

Shrine Hospital To Benefit From Basketball Games

The Sherman County All-Stars have scheduled two games for the coming week and both will be for the purpose of aiding the Shrine hospital in Portland. Saturday night the All-Stars will meet the Condon Airbase team at Grass Valley and except for the expenses of the Airbase team the returns will go to the hospital.

Monday night at Rufus the All-Stars will meet the Wasco county All-Stars and all income will go to the Shrine hospital, everything having been donated to the cause.

Players picked for the Sherman county team are Jerry Wilson and Johnny Buether of the Kent Stags, Harry Stark of Grass Valley, Jim Johnson and Dean Pinkerton and Claud Bayer of the Moro team, Al Dorfner, Bill Esselstyn, George Macnab and David Richelderfer of the Wasco team.

Mrs Carrie Morrow Buried At Salem

Mrs. Carrie Morrow, widow of the late Frank Morrow, died in Salem January 27 and was buried in Hillcrest cemetery there. Surviving children are Mrs. Gladys Laidlaw of Salem and Ross Morrow of Hubbard. Mrs. Morrow was a Hull and had lived in Sherman county for some 60 years before she moved to Salem after the death of her husband, who was manager of a garage in Wasco for years.

Moro Beats Leaders; Parkdale 51, Moro 58

The Moro Huskies did what no other Cascade league team has been able to do all season, defeat Parkdale.

The Huskies jumped to an early lead of 19-8 at the end of the first quarter. At one time Moro was leading by a lopsided score of 17-3.

Norval Lane led the Moro attack with 18 points. It was the smooth ball handling and backboard work by the whole team that proved a victory. Harold Duncan scored 16 points to press Lane for high honors.

Both teams were hurt with fouls, Moro losing three and Parkdale losing three starters. The fouls were nearly even between the teams with 23 against Moro and 24 against Parkdale.

At half time Moro led 32-24, then held a 44-36 margin at the end of the third period. The Moro B squad won its game from the Parkdale B squad by a 46-38 margin.

Moro (58) (51) Parkdale
B. Martin (9) F. (3) Blumenthal
L. Martin (11) F. (8) Parker
Duncan (10) C. (17) Higgins
Rolfe (3) G. (12) Porterfield
Lane (18) G. (8) Cunningham
Subs - for Moro - D. Duncan, Miller, Kaseberg
Subs for Parkdale - Wiseman (2) Peck, Hanada, Elders, Elliott.