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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

The Eisenhower job is so important to the general we wonder if he could return even to be president.

T T W N

Seen on the rounds: God made man and rested; then He made woman and no one has rested since.

T T W N

My, Goodness. Has this country gotten so corrupt that there is not a man honest enough to investigate it?

T T W N

A man writes to a national magazine to say that the commercials are the only cheerful thing on radio. At least he can hear of a cure for his bad breath that is more effective and pleasant than the cure for bad debt.

T T W N

Maybe what the world is doing is testing to see if a dictatorship can stay together longer than democracies can stay afloat.

T T W N

Headline reads: Planning Makes Good Lenten Meals. Humpf. Always found planning pretty tough, myself.

T T W N

The latest book about Truman emphasizes the old dictum about the dangers of diary keeping. Yet for the average it might be helpful to show how time influenced his opinions, age softened his thinking, but for the public man it does him no good to have it known that he favored a policy now found to be unworkable.

T T W N

The earth's heating system the sun, does its feeble best to warm things up and if it wasn't for this air cooling system, the wind, it might succeed.

T T W N

We suppose that spring is soon coming in Iowa and that the grass will be green where she has not been blasted the earth. It may soon be warm enough that soldiers can sit outside dugouts in the sun—as far as the weather is concerned, that is; there may be other reasons for staying below ground. And some one, even though he knows he may not be there tomorrow, will transplant a wild flower in a sheltered spot.

T T W N

Ty Cobb has brought new interest to the coming baseball season by declaring that modern players are not the equal of those of his day and he has been promptly answered by a few managers with more to follow. They do not defend the game, preferring the modern method of attacking Cobb. It is one of those questions that will never be settled. Could the all-stars of 30 years ago have defeated the present ones; was grandpa a better man than grandson; were the girls prettier before lip-stick and bobbed hair; was a horse and buggy more fun than a car. Youth isn't going back to find out and age must rely on distant memory. The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on; nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

T T W N

We suppose that when it looks like spring, feels like winter, sounds like fall and is sunny like summer it is time to go to plowing.

T T W N

Some sort of hero medal should be designed for the officers who have been taking part in the Korean "peace", talks. Their endurance is remarkable. There's no fun in running a race you can't win.

T T W N

Heck. There's going to be so many involved in that \$2,500,000 robbery that it won't be more profitable than hitting a Reno jackpot. But it did sound like a lucrative venture at the time.

T T W N

A Portland minister says there are too many young people going to college. Sounds like the father of five on his last lap.

## OSC Agricultural Conference Looms



Next week's statewide conference at Oregon State College promises to go a long way toward answering the question: What's ahead for Oregon farmers? Holding the poster calling attention to the meeting is F. L. Ballard, associate director of the college agricultural extension service, who says a conference aim is to guide direction the state's long-time agricultural production should take. Farmers and business men alike are invited to attend the three-day meeting and at least 1,000 are expected.

## Gordon Fraser Finds Germany Thankful For Assistance From United States

Germans are appreciative of American help through the Marshall and similar plans and their leaders are saying that it was the most Christian act between nations for 1500 years, says Gordon Fraser, who with his family is here to visit his parents.

Since the war Gordon has been in Europe most of the time and he is now agricultural attaché for the state department and director of food and agriculture under the department of agriculture. He is stationed at Bonn, Germany.

The program is conducted like this: The United States sends wheat, coal or other supplies to a European country which deposits the value of the import in their currency in a fund. This money is administered by American and local authority for the benefit of the European country. Americans have the veto power over expenditures. Aid is given to industry; dams are built for electricity; roads are reconstructed and agriculture aided. The latter is the particular job of Mr. Fraser.

Last year some 20,000 demonstrations were made on German farms to show the farmers there the newer methods of increasing production. An extension service is being built up because although the Germans were good at research they did not have a workable means of giving the information obtained to the farmers.

German farms have 40 percent of them in grass and because of the 25 percent increase in west German population the tilled land cannot produce enough grain to keep up with food needs, particularly the need for animal protein. Better grass production will aid this condition and is one of the aims of the Americans who are working to rehabilitate Germany to full agricultural production.

Germany has pursued a free economy since the war, says Mr. Fraser and this has resulted in some large fortunes and some poor people but more progress has been made than in any European nation. The tax system is not such as to limit huge incomes. England has followed a more socialistic theory since the war, has not improved so fast as Germany, but does have better food supplies through strict rationing. Europeans are not badly fed.

Europe could probably continue fairly well without American aid if it were not for the demands of rearmament, in the opinion of the foreign aid director. With that extra burden which is being urged on Europe by America it will be necessary to continue help or have rearmament fail because the nations of western Europe cannot continue to feed themselves and make arms at the

same time. Germany's reluctance to build an army to help defend Europe comes from fear of the army. The military in that country has made it tough on civilians before and most Germans do not want that to happen again. However, Germans hate Russia and would fight to keep from being over-run.

Younger Germans favor closer economic alliances with other European nations and the Schuman plan is popular in Germany where Adenauer recently won an election as backing it. The Frasers will be here for several weeks before returning to Germany. They find no deprivation from living at Bonn and can obtain ample foods, mostly from German sources.

## City Budgeteers Set April 8 As Date For Budget Work

The city budget committee will meet with the council the night of April 8 to make up the budget for 1952-53 according to a vote of the council Tuesday night. Members of the budget committee are Carrel Bennett, J. K. McKean, Mike Mulick, Willy Knighten, John Foss, Vernon Platt.

The council also decided to post the city park with signs reading: NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING, an action that will prevent its use by trailer occupants.

Another dozen meters were ordered and repairs for the city fire truck auxiliary pump decided upon.

## Birthday Meeting Held By Wasco OES

The anniversary birthday cake was served at the close of the meeting. O.E.S. held a stated communication, March 11. The charter members, past matrons and past patrons were jointly honored by a candlelight ceremony and the reading of the minutes of the institution of this chapter in 1916. Booklets containing the names of all charter members, past matrons and past patrons were given each honored guest present.

There were four past worthy matrons belonging to other chapters who were, also, escorted and honored. They were Mary Frances Gilbert and Georgia Kinsley of The Dalles; Mrs. Roy Belshee and Mrs. Truman Strong of Moro.

## CERTIFICATION IMPORTANT

The purpose of seed certification in Oregon is to maintain and make available high grade seeds, explains Thomas W. Thompson, county extension agent, who adds that only superior varieties are eligible for certification.

Eligible varieties may have been in use many years, or they may be new varieties produced recently by plant breeding. But whether a variety is new or old it may be lost unless it is very carefully handled through growing, harvesting, cleaning and marketing. The rules of certification are set up to make sure seed is properly grown and handled. Seed is not certified until the tag is sealed on the container.

Thompson says varietal purity is the most important point. Certified seed must be true to variety. It must also have high germination and be quite free of weeds and diseases. Weeds and diseases are often spread in low grade trashy seed. Using certified seed is a good way to prevent the spread of weeds and seed carried diseases.

## Sherman Countians Draw Many Old-Timers To Portland Luncheon and Program

The Sherman County Ladies club held its annual get together Sunday, March 17, with a turkey dinner in the green room of the Imperial hotel. Mrs. Zetta Carter, president of the club was hostess. Mrs. Julia Hansen was toastmistress. Mrs. Hansen told some very interesting events that had taken place in the early days in Sherman county. She called on W. H. Ragsdale, Lena Searcy, Georgia Cochran, May Michael, Roy Belshee, Marie Barnett Cooper and Fred Hennagin, who in turn gave very interesting talks about Sherman county and things that took place in the early days. The afternoon was spent visiting and looking over the old pictures that had been brought in by different ones.

There were 93 present: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flynn, Effie M. Birks, Dorothy Barnett Hilderbrand Blakney, Leslie, Tom & Richard Blakney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin, Jessie Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Curry, Homer Belshee, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Carrigh, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Lottie Lee, Harry Ragsdale and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Nordin, Mrs. Frank

## Stockmen Hear About Diseases From Veterinary

Calfood vaccination for the control and eradication of Bang's disease in beef cattle was advocated by Dr. Walter E. Thistlewaite, assistant veterinarian, T. B. and Bang's eradication division, at a Sherman County Cattlemen's Association meeting Monday evening in the county courthouse.

Dr. Thistlewaite indicated the present Oregon brucellosis law does not give beef men protection from infected herds, except when a compulsory testing program is initiated. Procedure to initiate a Bang's control county requires a petition of 100 signers or 60 percent of cattle holders and a favorable hearing by the county court. Morrow is the only eastern Oregon county which has created such a brucellosis control district. Increased serological testing of the county was accomplished.

Constitution and by-laws of the County Cattlemen's Association were accepted by the membership during the business portion of the meeting. The organization also approved sponsorship of the 4-H Fat Stock Auction Sale at the 1952 Sherman County Fair. Committee assignments will be made during the next meeting of the executive committee.

Under semi-range conditions a program of calfood vaccination coupled with testing and removal of reactors is the most practical program. Vaccination should be done only by county, state, or Bureau of Animal Industry veterinarians using Strain 19 vaccine between the ages of 6 to 8 months. A program of calf vaccination without testing may be employed in beef herds with approval of the county court according to state law. Foot and mouth disease, the most infective disease in animal or man, was briefly discussed by Dr. Thistlewaite. The disease is a filterable virus disease and can be killed only by boiling or use of quick lime. The work of the Bureau of Animal Industry is to protect the nation's stockmen against this disease. Symptoms of the disease are temperatures of 106 degrees, vesicles occurring around mouth, nose and feet, and lameness.

## VFW Offers Aid

The Sherman county VFW held its meeting Monday night at the Moro hall. The auxiliary had the pleasure of initiating two new members, Connie Wilson and Marie Balzer. It was decided to have one meeting a month on the third Monday, instead of the usual two a month. The auxiliary wishes to assist the present sponsors of the Red Cross tuberculosis x-ray unit with its work here.

## PTA Plans Meeting With U of O Group March 27

The next regular meeting of the Moro P.T.A. will be held at the Moro high school Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 p. m. Items of importance to be discussed at the meeting will be recommendations for school picnics and the findings of the "Athletic Advisory Committee". It will also be necessary to elect delegates, and their alternates, to the state P.T.A. convention to be held in Pendleton April 7-8-9.

The program for the evening will be a symposium group from the University of Oregon whose topic will be "Ethical Aspects of Government."

## Rufus PTA Holds Special Meeting

About 42 people attended the P.T.A. meeting Tuesday night. The other fell on the night Rufus school played in the tournament. Mrs. Charles Wilson, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Allen Tom, who was chairman of the food sale reported \$48.45 was taken in. The president gave out the membership cards to all paid up members. A nominating committee was elected to present names for the new officers. Mrs. Harvey Hansen, Mrs. William O'Brien and Mrs. Robert Byrd were selected.

Mrs. Sarah Glannonatt, the primary teacher of Rufus school, had charge of the program. There were two Boy Scouts in uniform, Michael O'Brien and Russell Blake, who sang several songs. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. William O'Brien. A play by the primary room with Bobby Byrd as the doctor, and Joan Brackett as the nurse. Carolyn Tom gave a recitation. Wally Morris and Jerry Brackett demonstrated a science problem. All of the school pictures taken for the Annual were on display. Mrs. Leland Medler, Mrs. Fay Brackett and Mrs. George Fox served pumpkin pie with whipped cream, lemon pie, and coffee or punch to the group.

## Rainmakers Arrange Arlington Hearing

A weather control hearing will be conducted at the Vendome hotel, Arlington, Saturday March 22, starting at 10 a. m. Senator Ben Day of Gold Hill, chairman of the Oregon legislative interim committee on weather control, states that all interested individuals or representatives of farm groups or organizations are invited to attend the hearing. The purpose, according to Day, is to hear complaints or to receive suggestions as to whether or not state legislation should be enacted for control or regulation of those who attempt interference with the weather.

The legislative interim committee is considering the need for legislation in Oregon and the provisions of such legislation if laws are enacted. There are those who maintain that man should be allowed to experiment in the field of weather modification to determine possible effects, but it is generally conceded that laws should provide for some measure of responsibility and control. Other members of the committee in addition to Day are Senator Art Lindberg, Pendleton; Rep. Roger Loennig, Haines; Rep. Frank Farmer, Rickreall; Rep. V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; Ralph Crum, Ione, chairman of the Tri-County Weather/control group; and E. M. Nelson, extension agent, The Dalles; secretary; and John Day, Corvallis, executive secretary.

## Mariners Meet

Several members of the Mariners club of the Moro Presbyterian church enjoyed refreshments and a social hour at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Gearhart Sunday evening after the Lenten services held at the church. Such social gatherings are being substituted for regular meetings of the organization during the pre-Easter season.

## Historical Marker Location Decided By Society

A marker of the same type as the highway commission erects at other historical spots will be placed near the point Highway 97 crosses the Old Oregon trail. That is just south of the Richelderfer place.

Decision to this effect was made Monday night when the marker committee reported to the executive committee of the Sherman County Historical association. Three other locations were considered, on the Deschutes, at Emigrant Springs and where the Canyon City road crosses Finnegan canyon. These may be marked later.

The marker will be built by the highway department and the inscription written by the local group and approved by the state historical society. Wooden markers of this type are found in many places throughout the state and are easily read from a distance.

Arrangements were made for the annual meeting which will be held the first Sunday in June. Committee appointments are as follows:

PICTURE: (these are made by families) Walter Bruckerts, Oscar Ruggles, Theodore Johnstons, Sam Brooks, V. B. Eakins, Charley Belshees. PROGRAM: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston. FLOWERS: Gwen Mitchell, Myrtle Barnum, Truman Strong. COFFEE: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles. GROUNDS: Walter Bruckert who will choose his aides. LEMONADE: Mr. and Mrs. James Tate, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Belshee, Mary Brackett. NOMINATING: Herb Root, Helen Bruckert, Roy Belshee. MEMBERSHIP: Millie von Borstel, Althea Burnett, Cassie Holmes, Carrel Bennett. SPEAKER: Giles French. BOY SCOUTS: Jim Jones. BETTERMENT: George Mitchell, Harry Pinkerton, Marie Watkins, Fred Cox, Nellie Fields.

## Veterans May Apply For More Land

Forty-two more farm units are being offered to World War II veterans in the Columbia Basin irrigation project in Washington, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs disclosed today. Veterans must apply before April 6, to the Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata, Washington.

The 42 farms in the current offering range in size from 51.8 to 115.3 irrigable acres, and in price from \$708 to \$2266. A drawing will be held shortly after the application deadline date to determine successful applicants.

To qualify, applicants must have served honorably in World War II military service, must have had at least two years of farming experience, and must have \$4500 in cash, convertible assets, or farming equipment.

The farm units lie within two to ten miles south and west of Othello, in Adams county, Wn. The irrigable portions of the land are quite variable, with surface soils ranging from loamy sands to sandy loams which are often underlaid by gravel and cobble at depths of two to four feet. The climate is considered favorable for efficient production of a wide variety of crops under irrigation. Irrigation water from Grand Coulee dam is scheduled to reach these farms in 1953.

## WASCO METHODIST CHURCH

In co-operation with all Methodist churches in Idaho, Oregon and Washington in their united Evangelistic Mission, the Methodist church of Wasco will be holding official meetings beginning this Sunday March 23 and continuing all week until Friday, March 28. Sunday service will be at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Week day meetings 7:30 p. m. Rev. Arthur Hanson of Portland will be the preacher and will conduct a visitation mission to the homes of people inviting them into the fellowship of the church.

Service of Divine worship will be held in the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday afternoon, March 30 at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. Gravenor