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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Teachers find children deficient in English. Why not? Reading has given way to radio, and television except for comic books.

T T W N

Salem is rated as a "hardship" area by some government bureau. Wait until the 1953 legislators are out of money next spring.

T T W N

Next Tuesday the Pacific coast baseball season will open and weather man or no it will be spring. After all, why should the time of year determine the arrival of spring. Spring is a season, not only a quarter of the annual round, but a season of spirit as well. It is spring when the heart sings, when the flowers bloom, when hope is ascendant over gloom, when the baseball soars away to right field as baserunners and basemen scatter. So it will be spring despite rain or storm because we can have spring with all of them.

T T W N

The way seems clear for Oregon's service men to get their bonus as soon as bonds can be sold. That should end a lot of misunderstanding.

T T W N

The Doukhobors danced naked on the first day of spring. What a climate or what hardship!

T T W N

Someone has suggested a nationwide mail poll to determine presidential candidates. Shades of the Literary Digest.

T T W N

Indians seem to have the Indian sign on the whites. A comparatively short time ago Indians of others dressed in fancy Indian garb visited small towns selling medicines to cure the ills of the body. They often put on the best shows ever presented from the tailgate of a wagon. Now we have taken up with Indians from India, a different race, but with something of the same knack of getting money from us. They lecture in darkened rooms in cities and profess to cure the ills of the mind.

T T W N

Pictures to be used in the Eisenhower campaign are very large. He has a five foot eye and a 17 foot mouth. Excellent for a politician. Eh?

T T W N

Armored truck guards who leave their truck to drink coffee might expect to be robbed. It is a comment on the present value of a job.

T T W N

Noting that a Portland robber was caught as he drove up a one-way street, we began reflecting that other criminals suffer the same fate. Al Capone went to jail for evading his income tax. City police are often much more careful about over parking than about more serious crimes. It is reminiscent of a description of a western town, "You can get drunk and lay in the street, you can commit rape and threaten murder, but you can't park a car over 60 minutes without going to jail."

T T W N

Wednesday and Thursday everyone was remarking on the weather. And pleasantly, a subject that has been brought into conversations with shivers (voluntary or otherwise), has received great praise from those who are mindful of the sun and its beneficial warmth. It is suddenly spring.

T T W N

The word "unusual" is being used to describe the conditions following the flood that closed several central Oregon roads this week. The term so often describes weather that is ordinary but not desirable, that its real meaning may be lost. But when highways in Oregon's arid areas are flooded even in March it is unusual for the loose earth can usually absorb almost any amount of water.

T T W N

Doesn't it often seem that Hell's Canyon is well named?

District Clubwomen Meet In Moro

The club members of the Fourth District were guests of the Moro Woman's club at a 1:00 p. m. luncheon at the Community church, March 20.

Mrs. Hildred Zell, state president; Mrs. George Shane, district president; Mrs. Kelsler, president of the Arlington club; Mrs. Leonard Fields of the Wasco Study club and several from the Cordon Community club were among the guests.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon as director planned an interesting program in which each guest president was given opportunity to speak, and they spoke mostly of the coming state convention in Portland which all clubs of the Fourth District are hosts. Two readings by Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. Vernon Miller were given.

Mrs. Homer Townsend accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayers sang "Laughing and Weeping" and "Impatience", both by Schubert.

Several of the ladies gave the greatest thrill and highlight of their winter vacation to the amusement of the guests. Forty guests and members were present.

Hostesses were Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. Tom Fraser, Mrs. Paul Fraser, Mrs. Mac Bull, Mrs. Maggie Barnum and Mrs. Theodore Johnston.

The tasty luncheon consisted of creamed chicken on hot biscuits, green beans, angel food cake and coffee, served from lovely decorated tables.

Work On New Cottonwood Begins This Week

The Highway Commission approved a bid of \$62,121.85, March 13 at its Portland meeting for 1.97 miles of grading and 5.46 miles of rock surfacing on the West Cottonwood Grade Section of the Wasco-Heppner highway about 13 miles east of Wasco. From the John Day river westerly 3 1/2 miles, the project calls for placing a course of crushed rock surfacing on previously regraded roadbed, and calls for regrading, widening, straightening and surfacing the present roadbed on westerly another 1.97 miles. E. H. Itschner Co. of Molalla was the successful bidder.

Wasco OES Meets At Sargent Home

The Wasco O.E.S. social club held its March meeting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Sargent. Dainty refreshments were served from tables centered with spring flowers and the St. Patrick theme was used.

The business meeting was opened by Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand, president. Reports were given on the Shrine club dinner which was served by the social club early in the month.

After the business session, cards were in play with prizes going to Mrs. Charles Everett and Mrs. Carl Tuggle.

Rebekahs Hold Convention At Grass Valley

The annual Rebekah convention of District 21 met at Wasco March 22, with Marion Rebekah lodge 127 as the hostess lodge. The meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. with 52 present. The state president, Mary Allen, from O'dell, made her official visit and conducted a school of instruction. Each lodge represented gave a different exemplification to help with the program. The contest for the greatest attendance in the afternoon was won by the Marion lodge.

A banquet was served in the lodge dining room at 6:00 p. m. by the Dorcas society. A reading was given by Sadie Rich, piano accordion solo by Bertha Belshe, and tap dancing numbers by Julia Bayer, Mona Eakin, Alva Jean and Lois Payne, accompanied by Nita Ruggles.

The evening session opened at 8 o'clock with 46 members and visitors present with Grass Valley winning the attendance record. President Mary Allen gave her address and answered questions from the question box. Miss Vivian Trounce gave a piano solo, the reports of the committees were heard and the convention officers for the coming year were seated.

The next convention is to be held at Kent, with Hazel Helyer as chairman and Helen Olds as vice chairman. Following the evening session coffee and cake was served.

Mrs. E. E. Barzee Dies Wednesday Morning

Mrs. Elmer E. Barzee died quietly Wednesday morning at the family home in Moro after a long illness.

Nanna J. Silver was born in Riley county, Kansas, October 22, 1869 and came to Oregon with her parents when she was six years old, settling near Turner. She was married to Mr. Barzee August 30, 1891 at Turner, near Salem and they have lived together for over 60 years. They moved to Sherman county in 1902 and have been continuous residents here for 50 years.

Surviving are her widower, a son, Elmer R. of Portland, a sister, Mrs. Fannie Barzee of Fossil, a grandson, Max of Moro, a granddaughter, Mrs. Robert G. Fairfield of Walnut Creek, California, and four great grand children.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 p. m. from the Moro Community church with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Red Cross Trip For Blood Talked By Committee

A school of instruction for those who are going to help with the bloodmobile visit to Sherman county April 9 was held last Thursday at the court house.

Waldemar Sampson explained the Red Cross program saying again that the Red Cross had never sold a pint of blood and that all that was obtained was used for soldiers or needy civilians.

He said that a review taken in 37 counties since December 1950 showed that the average of recruitment has been 4.2 whereas the average in Sherman county in that time was 7.8 which should encourage the local force who, under Mrs. Mildred McDonald, are working to make the April visit a success.

The county quota has been set at 125 pints which will require about 150 volunteers, considering the usual rate of those whose blood is not accepted. The quota for the year is 132 based on the national need which is 2.7 per hundred for civilian use and 3.5 for service use.

The Red Cross would like to build up a bank of blood in case of an atomic attack in which case the need would be for 100,000 pints within a few hours.

The policy of assigning quotas to the several districts in the county was discussed and may be followed by the local committee. The Moro Community church will be the center used for the blood donors and the time will be from two to seven, April 9.

Mrs. John Patjens Dies In Portland

Mrs. Margaret Patjens died at the Emanuel hospital in Portland Saturday, March 22.

She was born in Utersen, Germany, March 12, 1868 and was married to John Patjens in 1889.

They came to Oregon in 1894 and lived in Sherman county until 1942 at which time her husband passed away and she moved to Portland where she resided until her death.

She is survived by two children, Andrew and Mrs. Katherine Jacob, both of Portland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:00 p. m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Portland and graveside services and interment made at I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley Thursday at 1:00 p. m.

County Court Hears Road Improvement Pleas; Underpass Removal; Pays Bills

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 5, 1952 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed as presented.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of February 29, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Clerk's monthly statement showing all General Road Fund Budget balances as of March 1, 1952 - presented, approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents report of gas consumption during February, approved and filed.

Mr. Alberty et al appear before court and ask for general improvement of county roads in their district to aid school bus travel.

Dewey Thompson & Vernon Flatt appear before court on behalf of Booster club regarding over-head crossing on highway south of town. They recommend County Court present to highway commission the matter of making improvement. Mr. Flatt also announced the Red Cross drive.

Lester Barnum appears and asks if his road is on road program this year, matter referred to road foreman and county commissioner Martin.

Sheriff Fields & Howard Pratt present material before court re ambulance for county. Action deferred.

James E. Brown & Ralph Rust ask court for authority to close road in their district. Court orders District Attorney to draw up resolution closing such part of road. Court signs resolution and Road Foreman instructed to make report next court meeting in April.

Mr. Charles Logan application for county auditor read; court appoints Mr. Logan as auditor for period of July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953.

Four members of the Special Road Board met with county court in afternoon and discussed balance of available funds for road work in various parts of county.

Mr. A. Kock et al appear before court and discuss the matter of fixing road into Mr. Kock's farm. After much discussion it was decided to contact Mr. Kee for an easement for a private road for Mr. Kock. Janitor asks court for purchase of machinery for work in court house yard. Court authorizes such purchase.

Vacancy filled in Monkland precinct on election board. Bid on tax foreclosed property located in City of Wasco read and matter referred to District Attorney.

No further matters at issue court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1952 APPROVED MARCH 5, 1952 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Norman Fields, \$60.00

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Kihnam stationery & Printing Co., \$3.95

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co. \$19.75

Clair L. Balzer, \$6.86

COURTHOUSE:

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$38.20

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$28.32

City of Moro, \$3.30

Ranch & Home Store, \$0.90

Mausler Lumber Co., \$6.50

COUNTY COURT:

Donald Martin, \$12.00

Lester Wilson, \$15.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$16.89

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: \$110.25

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BOND: John A. Foss, \$5.00

Fair Board Member

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Tax Commission, \$19.94

Public Employes Retirement System, \$69.48

State Industrial Accident Commission, \$12.12

First National Bank, \$204.20

National Hospital Association, \$8.00

Dalles Green House, \$4.75

RETIREMENT FUND: \$52.11

COUNTY PRINTING: \$89.70

LAW BOOKS: \$20.00

DEMOSSE PARK:

Pacific Power Light Co., \$0.95

SPECIAL ROAD FUND:

Frank Bazzel, \$293.00

E. McPherson, \$219.36

Earl Rehr, \$126.40

Frank Bayer, \$235.24

Jerry Morehouse, \$198.42

Ora Workman, \$169.30

Claud Bayer, \$124.99

Lloyd Gosson, \$210.36

First National Bank, \$139.60

Foot-Fox Wedding Held March 16 At St. Peters Catholic Church In The Dalles Before Friends of Couple

Miss Eleanor Patricia Fox and Dr. Wilson H. Foote, both of Corvallis exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony Sunday, March 16, at St. Peters Catholic church in The Dalles.

The Rev. William Quigley performed the rites before a setting of tall beauty baskets of orchid and white stock and lighted tapers in floor candelabra. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox of Wasco, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Foote of Nephis, Utah.

Miss Susan Steed of Corvallis sang "Ave Maria" and Mrs. Burdette Day was the organist. Mrs. Day also played the wedding march and incidental music. Tapers were lighted by George Fox Jr., brother of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin wedding gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and a full skirt made entrain. Her full length veil of imported Italian lace was held by a headress of ruffled lace and clusters of tiny seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink roses with white feathered ornaments.

Mrs. Earl Weatherford of Arlington, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. Her gown was of light blue organdy with scalloped trim at neck and sleeves and a full skirt. She wore a light blue picture hat with satin ribbon streamers, and carried daffodils in ribbon to match hat.

The bridesmaids, Miss Gwen Cahill of Portland, Mrs. Robert Affolter of Salem and Mrs. Ralph Weekly of Coquille, college class mates and sorority sisters of

the bride, wore similar dresses vallis. Mrs. Cahill wore pink, Mrs. Affolter Nile green and Mrs. Weekly yellow, each with matching hats and bouquets of daffodils with ribbons to match their dresses.

Ritchie Cowan of Corvallis was best man or the groom and ushers were James Klaun of Madras, William Smith and Charles Rogers both of Corvallis, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Foote of Nephis, Utah.

Mrs. Fox chose a two piece frock of navy blue with white accessories and Mrs. Foote wore a blue and white print with matching accessories. Both had corsages of pink rosebuds.

A reception was held in the blue room of Hotel Dalles. A three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with pink roses, silver leaves and topped with bride and groom figurines, centered the table. Green fern and pink carnations and white tapers flanked the cake. Mrs. Leo Gerding of Corvallis, cousin of the bride, served the cake after the newlyweds cut the first piece.

Mrs. Melvin L. Stinson of Coos Bay, aunt of the bride presided at the coffee urn. Miss Kitty Boyd of Hillsboro, sorority sister, passed the guest book. Miss Gloria Kraxberger of Canby and Miss Kathleen O'Leary of Lakeview, sorority sisters, served the punch and ices. Assisting was Mrs. Ritchie Cowan of Corvallis.

Wasco Study Club Hears About How To Kill Rodents

The Wasco Woman's Study club met at the home of Mrs. Harley Dutton Friday afternoon, March 21. Mrs. Walter Bruckert was co-hostess. Members enjoyed the dainty floral arrangement of spring flowers about the room.

Reports were given on the food sale which had been held March 15, in co-operation with the Wasco Tuesday club. The proceeds are to be used for the coming state convention expenses. Plans were made for another food sale March 29 for the same project.

An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Walter Bruckert on the new rodent exterminator now available on the market. Mrs. Bruckert told of its benefit on the farms.

The afternoon had been designated as "Girl Scout Day" in the club and members were entertained with several vocal numbers by the Wasco Girl Scout troop. Jannie McIntyre who is also a member of the troop favored with two accordion numbers.

At the close of the afternoon members enjoyed refreshments served by the hostesses.

ROAD FUNDS IN DANGER

State highway construction projects, as distinguished from federal aid projects, have been thrown out the window of the 1952 program to the tune of approximately \$1,350,000 by the referendum filed against the truck license bill of the 1951 legislature, according to the summary of programmed construction filed by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock at the March 13 meeting of the Commission in Portland. Since the counties and cities also share to the amount of an additional \$650,000 from the same source, their 1952 road and street financing funds will likewise be reduced.

Bond projects and federal aid allocations scrape the barrel so far as funds for the construction or reconstruction of roads on the 1952 strictly state highway program is concerned, at least until after the voters have handed down their verdict at the November election for or against the law now in referendum's cold storage.

HOME COMING DAY All former members of the Moro Woman's club and friends will be guests at a potluck dinner at 1:00 p. m. in the Community church dining room April 3.

Mrs. Carroll Sayers is director and has secured Mrs. T. Lealand Brown of The Dalles as guest speaker.

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Field Work Well Started As Sun Replaces Clouds

Plowing is general in Sherman county and some have already finished that job. Conditions varied considerably over the county this spring and some sections found the ground drier than others. Erskenville farmers are just starting this week whereas east of town the plowing is well under way.

Crop conditions are generally considered good and fields that looked spotted earlier are now filling up to become an even green. No frost damage of importance is noted. Moisture conditions are good but there is variation in depth of moisture in the stubble ground. There are some complaints that moisture is deficient but reports from weather stations show that slightly above normal rainfall has been received.

The weather has been cold during March and for nearly all of February but since the equinox there has been wind and sun and much warmer weather.

Application of chemicals to kill weeds is going on where such operations are necessary and fertilizer applications are also planned. There will be a few experiments on annual cropping with fertilizer additions and these will give residents of different parts of the county an idea as to the feasibility of that much discussed program.

An experiment of interest to those farmers who are interested in annual cropping is being started at the experiment station near Moro. There are several plots which are being treated with actual nitrogen at rates of 30, 45, 60, and 75 pounds per acre. These will be cropped annually and within a few years farmers should have some definite information about the practical aspects of the theory.

Spring seeding on the station was finished this week and new tillage experiments are under way.

Weather Control Bill Probable

The interim committee on weather control met in Arlington Friday and Saturday and heard opinions of cherry growers and wheat growers about rain making. It was announced after the meeting that the attorney general would be asked to write a bill giving the state control over weather makers.

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