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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

The Hunter's Hotel a couple miles north of Lakeview was built for a sanatorium because it was thought that the hot water that creates the geyser on the grounds had medicinal value. May be it has but the only evidence of that possibility is a slight sulphur smell and a certain reluctance to run out of a faucet. Residents of a nearby suburb use the water for house heating and so does the hotel and pressure is low.

There are two wings to the hotel and between them used to be a grass covered place where members of the Order of the Antelope slept when the hotel was full. Now it is concreted and there is a swimming pool alongside of which is a pile of snow still two feet high. The hills around town are half covered with snow and the season is very late.

But snow or flowers the sun has been warm and it is definitely spring. People on the streets talk about the roads getting dry enough to travel. There is more water in Goose lake than usual and it will be weeks before some of the land can be plowed. A large part of the 135,000 tillable acres of Lake county is in what was once a lake bed. They raise Turkey Red wheat but are turning to grass because there is unlimited water a little ways before the surface. Irrigated pasture will be common although more power may be needed before that can all be done.

T W N
One editor said he rewrote an editorial three times Thursday because there were so many firings in Washington. McGrath fired Morris, Truman fired McGrath, having just previously fired himself. Although not according to plan that is a good start toward cleaning up Washington.

T W N
A few geese live in the little lakes around the Hunter's hotel in Lakeview and converse with each other in tones similar to those of an unhappy housewife although they seem friendly enough for a goose.

T W N
Costello is going to jail for ten years for contempt of the United States senate. Something is wrong in a country that has to do that. Guilt should be established if the man is guilty. Capone went to jail for income tax evasion. We need better crime detection.

T W N
We wonder if the 1952 political season isn't going to be too long to retain the interest of the fans.

T W N
Ever think about the beating the human tongue gets. Hot stuff, cold stuff, bitter and sweet, and through it all it must keep wagging.

T W N
Over in England the socialists had a school to teach those who had learned the trick of living without labor to work again.

T W N
Such things seldom work. Witness the vast number of things to cause a balky horse to pull.

T W N
Some of the most expensive members of the legislature are running on a platform of economy.

T W N
"Good Fortune is a giddy maid, Fickle and restless as a fawn; She smooths your hair; and then the jade Kisses you quickly, and is gone. But Madam Sorrow scorns all this;

T W N
She shows no eagerness for flitting. But with a long and fervent kiss Sits by your bed—and brings her knitting"

—Heinrich Heine
The sunrise Easter service will be at 5:00 a. m. Sunday on Gordon ridge. Potluck breakfast after the service in Moro park. Coffee will be furnished by Westminster Fellowship. This service is for Sherman county, all are invited to attend.

148 Sherman Countians Respond To Request For Blood Here Wednesday

One hundred forty-eight Sherman countians answered to the call for blood Wednesday afternoon, April 9, when the Red Cross regional blood unit from Portland set up headquarters in the Moro Community church.

Scheduled to be on duty from 2 to 7 p. m., the unit was not very busy until the last two or three hours, when farm folks and workers began to pour in. Office workers and other townsfolk of the county had responded during the earlier hours.

When the last pint of blood had been drawn it was found that 118 had been collected that other lives might be spared. This was just seven pints short of the 125 sought in Sherman county and those in charge of the bloodmobile unit felt well repaid for the visit here.

Those responding were Wendell and Norma Balsiger, William Don and Stuart Macnab, Myrie and Emmagean Smith, Collis and Dorothea Moore, Harold and Stella Ginn, Robert and Catherine Bish, Ralph and Grace Busse, Chas. and Althea Burnett, Bernard and Margaret Baumgartner, Paulen and Margilee Kaseberg, Lin and Doris Ellis, Virgil and Dorothy Mathia, Harold and Phyllis Adams, David and Henry Richelderfer, Leroy and Helen Heggard, James and Mary Coons, Alfred and Clara Kock, Donald and Grace Earl, Leo and Selma Watkins, Vernon and Virginia Melzer, Darwin and Glenn Van Gilder, C.O. and Mary Higley, Howard and Gwen Ross, Vernon, Thelma & Blaine Miller, Wilbur Kayse, Gene Reynolds, J. K. McKean, Marie Hoskinson, Lena Brown, Lawrence Kenny, Glenn Virtue, Carl Peterson, Bob Marvin, John Buehler, Bob Brinslie, Richard O'Meara, Doug Shull.

Tom Jacobsen, Marie Hattrup, Floyd Rathbun, C. Wynkoop, Carrel Bennett, Allan Pinkerton, W. W. Gearhart, Maud Kirkelle, Helen Martin, Marie Watkins, Norman Fields, Mary Cook, Walt Bruckert, Clyde Stradley, Jerry Barnett, Linnie Serfling, Della Lindsay, Catherine Thomas, Bon Christianson, Clarence Sparling, Harvey Thompson, Bill Andrews, Josephine Gentry, Mildred Drinkard, Lloyd Royse, Ronald Bishop, Pauline Douma, Connie Wilson, Clair Balzer, Hans Bardenhagen, T. Lester Johnson, Mary Eva, Lois Steward, Adeline McDonald, Gwen Mitchell, Fay Brackett, Alice Fridley, Nerine Fields, Don Smith, Gordon Lemley, Geraldine Tatum, Donald McDermid, Leslie Hinkley, Virgil Brock, Joe Yocum, Gerald Nisbet, Verna Roberts, Michael Mulick, Chester Coats, Virgil Larmore, Ruth Fields, Harold Crocker, Peter Welk, Keith McDonald, Mary Fridley, Marie McCall, Emery Ferguson, Howard Pratt, James Tate, Robert Davis, Ethel Horner, Don von Borstel, John Shipley, Don Thompson, John Martin, Anna Jacobsen, L. E. Kaseberg, Mary Rehr, William Esselty, Norma Gene Martin, Lewis Hastings, John Robinson, Stan Coelsch, June Alsop, Clara Houston, Cecil Hockman, Dell Rust, Sophia Dodson, William Hall, Marian Johnson, Claude Bayer, Chuck Wallace, Dick Holdaway, Bob Holmes, Helen Sayrs.

Mrs. Keith McDonald, chairman, wishes to thank all who came and also the canteen workers, Girl Scouts, and all those working in the rooms to help things move along. Mrs. McDonald stated the next blood program for Sherman county will be in November.

Sale Of Veterans' Bonus Bonds In Oregon Due Soon

Date of sale of \$46,000,000 of Oregon World War II veterans' bonus bonds has been set for April 23, William F. Gaarenstroom, state director of Veterans' Affairs, announced Wednesday.

The bonus bond bids will be opened in the office of the veterans' affairs director at 10:30 a. m., April 23. Gaarenstroom said that if an acceptable bid is received, bonus payments should get under way by July 1.

These are the steps which must be taken between now and July 1:

1. Advertising the bonds.
2. Opening the bids on April 23.
3. Printing, sealing and examining the 46,000 bonds, which will be in \$1000 denominations. This will take approximately two months time.

As soon as the bonds are delivered and the bond syndicate turns the cash over to the state treasurer, bonus payments will start, because the secretary of state has assured the veterans' department of his cooperation in preparing checks for as many of the approved claims in advance of July 1 as possible.

None of the veterans whose claims have been or will be approved, have been so notified, according to Gaarenstroom. Therefore, in most cases the veteran who has applied and received a bonus number and who receives no further communication from the bonus division can assume that his claim is approved.

SIX PER CENT GAS TAX OVER \$32 MILLION IN 1951

The state's six cents per gallon gasoline tax brought in \$32,462,143 during the year, of which approximately 11 percent was returned to non-highway motor fuels in the form of refunds. About 66 percent of the total refund went to farmers and loggers for fuel burned in equipment operated off the public roadways.

Net consumption on the public roads was enough to push total motor vehicle travel to an estimated 6,350,000,000 miles also a new all-time high.

At least matching the increase in car travel was a gain in traffic accidents, expected to reach 80,000 when all reports are compiled. These accidents injured between 13,500 and 14,000 persons and brought death to another 428, according to a preliminary count.

Two New Residences Started on Farms

More evidence of rural prosperity is seen in the announcement this week of the construction of two new residences in the county, one in the Harmony district and the other at Kent.

Details relative to type and size were not given for either house, one of which is being built on the Irving Ranch tract and the second one being built by John Decker.

Residential construction has not been very extensive on the farms but additions and alterations have been numerous. States Michael Mulick of the Moro Lumber & Fuel company, which is nearing completion of a new building to house its business.

4-H CLUB NEWS

By Wilma Gentry
The 4-H sewing clubs met April 7 in the school cafeteria. After the regular business meeting we had an Easter party.

Games were played and Joy Lane won the first prize and Kay Kirkelle the consolation prize.

The clubs are sponsoring a food sale on April 26 to raise money for the Foreign Exchange student fund.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cupcakes were served by Jean Ross, Kay Kirkelle and Wilma Gentry.

About the County

A committee was appointed to serve refreshments at the Rufus school spring dance May 23. Mrs. Robert Byrd, Robert Davis and Mrs. Allen Tom are to serve on this committee. The president announced installation of officers at next meeting, May 5.

The school athletic award banquet will be April 22. Donald Brinslie and Gerald Parsons are to have charge of the program.

Robert Davis on behalf of the American Legion gave a talk on the blood bank which is to be in Moro April 9, between 2 and 7 p. m. at the Moro Community church. Dr. Frank Reid gave a talk on his experiences in Korea and how much the blood is needed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rand of



COP IN SKIRTS . . . An elaborate trap set by Cleveland detectives to nab a man who sought \$5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potts in exchange for alleged information about their 18-year-old daughter, who disappeared August 21, nets ex-convict Frank Davis (left). Detective Bernard Conley (right), dressed in feminine clothing to pose as Mrs. Potts, kept a rendezvous with the extortionist in downtown Cleveland while police lurked nearby.

Change of Party Faith Shown in Some Registrations

Sherman county voters evidently have not been misled by the error in the closing date for registration prior to the primary election as shown in the Journal last week. Marie Hoskinson, county clerk, reports that registrations are coming along satisfactorily and thinks the party rosters will be quite complete by April 15.

Mrs. Hoskinson commented that there has been numerous changes in party faith, or at least party membership, with the Republican party showing the largest gain. The record as of Monday this week showed 677 of the county's voters in the ranks of the GOP and 570 still holding faith with the Democratic party.

It is not expected that a noticeable change in the present ratio will be made by the closing-day of registration, April 15.

Cancer Fund Drive In Sherman County Due To Start Soon

The drive for funds for cancer research and education will start soon in Sherman county, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman. Others who will assist in the drive are Mrs. B. Estrella Halley, Wasco chairman and assistants whose names will be listed later; Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county vice-chairman, assisted in Moro by Mrs. Mollie McLachlan; Mrs. Ralph Busse and other members of the auxiliary of the V.E.W.; Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Grass Valley chairman assisted by Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Lester Barnum, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mrs. Jim Brown and Mrs. John Rust; and Mrs. Robert Tatum, Kent chairman assisted by Mrs. Harley McKay and Mrs. Al Bekkedahl.

Last year the sum of \$960.15 was contributed in Sherman county. The goal has been set for \$1000 this year to be raised during April.

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Last Of '51 Wheat Leaving Elevators

Approximately 175 carloads of grain remain in the elevators of the Moro Grain Growers association, according to W. T. Balsiger, manager. This represents the unsold grain in the four elevators of the association including Moro, Eskine, Hay Canyon and DeMoss Springs.

Car-loadings have been tapering off in recent weeks and now average about five daily. It is expected this average will hold until the elevators are emptied of the 1951 crop. The condition prevailing in the Moro association affects the other elevators of the branch with the result that the local freight has been running somewhat lighter than formerly.

The 1952 grain appears to be getting along well and if sufficient moisture falls the prospects are good for another big crop.

Moro Womans Club Hears Dalles Speaker

Twenty-five members and friends of the Moro Woman's club met at the Community church for a pot luck luncheon Thursday, April 3, the special guest being Mrs. T. Leland Brown.

The tables were attractive with the colors of yellow and medium blue. Hostesses were Mrs. Paul Fraser, Mrs. Donald Martin and Mrs. Mac Bull.

After the luncheon, they retired to the social room for the short business meeting and program.

Mrs. Carroll Sayrs as director introduced Mrs. Brown of The Dalles, who gave a very inspirational talk on the Madonnas and symbolic meanings of the religious paintings.

Mrs. Townsend sang two numbers.

The next regular meeting of the club will be April 17, when Mrs. Howard Conlee will be director. A work day will be held on Friday, April 11 at the club rooms in the afternoon to work on corsages for the convention. The club has 60 to make.

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about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Fay Brackett home. They came to The Dalles to attend the wedding of Jessie Rice. They expect to return home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Evans and children of Howard, Idaho were visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts over the weekend. Rev. Evans preached at the Rufus church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lester Colvin and daughter Lila attended church in Rufus Sunday. Lila Colvin was bridesmaid for her cousin Jessie Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts were in Portland Friday, going for medical attention for Mrs. Roberts.

Sherman county has a television set. It is at the Mac Hall residence and is working satisfactorily, according to George Moon who installed it.

City Budget Oversteps 6 Per Cent Limitation; Special Election Slated

More Financial Aid Needed For War on Smut

More money is needed to find smut resistant types of wheat for the Pacific Northwest immediately, the president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League told the agricultural subcommittee of senate appropriation committee in a hearing March 31 in the nation's capital.

Floyd Root, Wasco wheat grower, urged appropriation of an additional \$20,000 of federal funds for the vital project to bolster the estimated \$17,000 thought to be budgeted for the work—the same amount budgeted last year.

Besides representing all Oregon wheat growers, Root is a voting delegate to the Pacific Northwest Farm Council and a director of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products Assn.

Also appearing before the subcommittee to support smut research was Don McKinnis, Summerville, Ore., president of the Farm Council.

Stinking smut last year cost northwest wheat growers at least 6 1/2 million dollars through reduction of yield and downgrading of wheat when marketed, Root asserted in pointing out the need for research. Most productive northwest wheats—Elgin & Alcei—tested more than 60 per cent smutty last year, he said.

Hopes had been pinned on a new wheat, Elmar, which is beginning to show smut in some fields in its second year of commercial production. Root said if new types of smut cause Elmar to grade as smutty as Alcei and Elgin, "we are lost."

Federal funds would fill out the program now supported by the Oregon Wheat Commission with \$5,000 for smut research and \$6,000 for necessary wheat quality evaluation work. The Commission last year put \$11,500 in to the project at the U. S. department of agriculture experiment station in Pendleton and spent another \$5,000 for Northwest work.

Root indicated the Commission spent this money because of urgent need to speed up the smut research program and knowing that no additional federal money would be available before July 1 of this year.

The Commission felt that in spending the money to complete research plant facilities, one year could be gained on the smut problem, said Root.

Federal funds would be used for research at Penleton, Pullman, Wash., Moscow, Idaho, and in Montana where the problems are the same. Root said Monday in Pendleton the money would probably pay for the service of two more professional researchers in the Northwest and possibly an assistant.

Wheat people in the Northwest feel that "nowhere do we get a greater return from our dollar than from our expenditures for agricultural research," said Root, although acknowledging the need for reducing federal expenditures.

Root said research money now used in the Northwest for "control of the common and dwarf smut is merely scratching the surface." More money will not only help the Northwest but the nation and the world through a better standard of living he averred.

MISS JOANN ROSS WINS UP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Among the 13 Oregon boys and girls who will receive the \$100 scholarships from the Union Pacific railroad, is Joann Ross, 16, Moro, Sherman county, announces T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Miss Ross is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross and has been very active in 4-H club projects for several years.

Four-H boys and girls who have completed three years of club work and are juniors or seniors are eligible to compete for this award. The scholarships must be used in Oregon to study in the field of agriculture and home economics.

With Harry Kunsman acting as mayor in the absence of Mayor Giles L. French, the city council Tuesday evening took up the matter of the city budget and before adjourning had decided to hold a special election some time in May to give the citizens of Moro an opportunity to pass on the city's expense account for the fiscal year. This decision was reached after the council scanned the budget and found that the six per cent limitation had been exceeded by approximately \$16,000.

Two items calling for the urgent consideration of the taxpayers, at this time are the town ditch and much needed fire equipment. The ditch ran into a bottleneck in passing the Moro Grain Growers garage and it is necessary to run pipe around the building to avoid washing out under it. An item of \$2000 was included in the budget for this purpose.

To cover numerous items of equipment needed in the fire department, the budget committee estimated \$4,000 for the purpose. The items and their respective costs were not available before press time but it was indicated that the state of present equipment is such as to warrant purchase of sufficient materials to bring the department up to a state of efficient protection.

A committee from the Boosters club was present to speak in behalf of the proposed city-rural fire truck. It was not stated that this item was included in the amount set aside for fire fighting equipment. Inasmuch as the council had previously set a limit of \$1500 for the city's participation in the purchase of the truck, that amount might be appropriated from the \$4,000.

The balance of the \$16,000 covers city operating expenses and emergency funds, for improvements and to meet increased labor and material costs. While the new well is being drilled through funds obtained by sale of bonds, and the balance on hand warrants the belief at present that no additional funds for that purpose will be needed, other money will have to be raised to pay for installation of a pump when the well is completed. This will require approximately \$1600.

After passing on the budget the council instructed City Attorney George G. Updegraff to prepare a notice for a special budget election.

Councilmen present Tuesday evening were Harry Kunsman, John Parker, Clyde Gilmore, and G. Douma.

Wily W. Knighten was elected chairman and Carrel S. Bennett secretary of the budget committee. Other members included Vernon Platt, Mike Mulick and Ivan Kirkelle.

Traffic Smashups Expensive In Both Lives and Property

Traffic smash-ups in Oregon cost more than 33 million dollars during 1951, reports the secretary of state's office. The figure, which represents losses due to deaths, injuries and property damage, tops 1950 accident costs by \$173,820.

Economic costs are computed on the basis that each traffic death averages \$21,800; an injury, \$950, and a property damage accident, \$180. The averages are computed by the statistical division, National Safety Council.

A breakdown of the Oregon figure shows that injuries cost \$12,825,000. The state's 428 traffic deaths resulted in loss of \$9,330,400; while property damage accidents amounted to \$11,740,680.

These figures should make it clear that traffic accidents are not only a tragic loss of human life, but a "tremendous economic waste."

The costs include wage loss, medical expenses, overhead cost of insurance and damage to vehicles and other property, but do not include money paid on insurance claims.

Terry Bucholtz is home from Washington State college this week for spring vacation.