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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Klamath Falls, although the largest town in eastern Oregon, still tries to be a small town and is a little proud of its success. Citizens take pride in knowing each other and aiding public affairs of many kinds. It is a friendly place.

It is probably the only city in Oregon with a main street running as completely at variance with the directions as Moro. Both of the principal streets run southwest by northeast. Moro, however, doesn't go in for major bends in streets although its numbering system would confuse Klamath residents.

An area that one time derived its greatest income from timber it now looks to agriculture for its best support. Water taken from Klamath lake runs 100 miles through irrigation ditches only to wind up a mere 12 miles from its starting point. The basin is that flat. It is hard to pin down this area to Oregon for a third of the income comes from California and the incomes, the business, the interests are impossible to divide.

T T W N
Main street in Klamath Falls appears to the casual observer to have more shoe repair signs than barber shops, an oddity. Perhaps folks wear out at the bottom in Klamath.

T T W N
As in the days of the horse, Klamath streets are washed every day, or night, and are clean. Noticeably clean without an accumulation of cigarette packages, candy bar covers or the other junk that humans often leave as marks of their disorder.

T T W N
Klamath has a male chorus of some 60 that gives a concert each year, inviting quartets and choruses from other towns to participate. The largest theater in town is sold out for the occasion. They are informal in practice and have fun singing, men of all ages and all occupations take part. Money goes to local charities.

T T W N
The state officials have proposed a \$2,000,000 a year building program which may be justified considering the growth of the state. It does seem, however, that simplicity could be more seriously in construction. Some of the recent public buildings resemble oriental palaces in spots.

T T W N
A columnist reports that Kefauver is the sort of a senator who grabs the limelight and fails to do his share of the committee work. That is about the worst accusation that can be made of a representative of the people. Ability and desire to work on the public's tasks is the first requirement of anyone who wants to have a place in government.

T T W N
Jake Bennett, who likes a battle, is being fully accommodated by citizens of Portland. His recall will probably be the most interesting political fight the city will have. And the accusations will be tremendous and memorable.

T T W N
Right now it seems that perhaps the 1952 system of weather is alright: winter through March and then real spring. It didn't look so good in March when snow hung on the hills and the furnace was going full blast.

T T W N
There have been changes in many things this year with more promised, but the Portland Beavers go on in the same losing habits.

WHERE IS 523 SPAULDING STREET, MILLER, OREGON?

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Pvt. Richard A. Sanders, whose wife, Rosalie, lives at 523 Spaulding St., Miller, Ore., is serving on the mud-bogged eastern front in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division. His unit, with its attached Turkish brigade, has been holding down a battle line northwest of the Punchbowl. A rifleman with the 35th Regimental Combat Team, Private Sanders entered the Army in August 1951. He arrived in Korea in February 1952.

County Exceeds Red Cross Fund Quota

Vernon Platt chairman of the recent Red Cross drive for Sherman county reports \$1869.75 for a quota of \$1690.00.

Mr. Platt wishes to thank all workers for their efforts and all contributors who made it possible to go over the top.

Two merits of citation were received, one for the chapter and one for the fund chairman, which can be seen at the Sherman county branch First National Bank.

Growers Advised To Get Latest Advice on Seed Certification

Not all crops grown in Oregon are eligible for certification. County Agent T. W. Thompson suggests that growers who intend to plant crops for certification check in his office for the latest information.

As superior crop varieties developed they are added to the list. The older varieties which the new ones replace are removed. Advance notice of at least one year is given before being dropped from the eligible list.

The OSC certification committee may or may not accept for certification varieties recommended for production in Oregon by the Oregon experiment station. Many crops produced in this state such as alfalfa clover and common ryegrass do not require a certification program.

Crop varieties developed in other states must be approved in Oregon for certification here. Wheat varieties eligible for certification are Golden, Federation, Idised, Brevor, Rex, Rio, Elmar, Baart 38, Lemki, and White Holland. Those not eligible are Elgin and Orford. Growers interested in certified seed production are advised to visit the county extension office where a complete set of certification rules and application blanks are on file.

Rufus Basketball Star On First All-Star 5

A grand high school athletic career was ended in fine style March 8 when Jack Steward, erstwhile ace of the Rufus basketball squad, was honored by the coaches of the district tournament by being named on the first five All-Stars chosen.

Jack, one of the highest scorers in the area, gained his recognition through four years concentrated effort. During his senior year he compiled 382 points while enjoying a 50% percentage. His highest single game point total was 37 racked up against Mosier but his sparkling performance was against Condon when he drove the opposition crazy with shots that were unstoppable.

Steward has been acclaimed by both friend and foe as a versatile workman both on defense and offense. Rufus school will miss their Jack Steward next year.

OPS BUSINESS ANALYST TO BE IN MORO APRIL 22

Business analyst, Simon C. Berry of the Portland district office of Price Stabilization will meet with operators of food and drink serving establishments from the Sherman county area, April 22, at 2:00 p. m. in Moro at the court house in the court chambers.

The OPS clinic is scheduled to outline details of a new regulation which requires food and drink establishment operators to post ceiling prices by April 25. The regulation freezes menu prices as of the week of Feb. 3.

MORO SENIORS TO USE CAMPUSES AS GUESTS

Seniors of Moro high school have been invited to join students from all other secondary schools of Oregon as honor guests of the state system of higher education on the campus of the state institution of their choice, April 25 and 26.

Seniors planning to attend are Leroy Martin and Bob Martin going to Oregon State college at Corvallis, Roger Miller and Arthur Buether, University of Oregon at Eugene and Barbara Alley, Eileen Duncan, Dorothy Kelley, Juanita McClain and Geraldine Rust to Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande.

In France One Responds To Invitation To City Hall . . . Seeks Miss Sherman County Title . . .

Yes, in France you don't necessarily do as the Romans do—you do what the mayor of the village bids you to do, for if you don't he sends his gendarmes to bring you in. That was the experience of a group of American club women last August when they visited the land of popples and champagne in the course of a good will tour of Europe.

The story was related at a banquet Wednesday evening at the Moro hotel by Mrs. Hildred Zell of Wasco, retiring president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs who, due to her position was eligible to make the trip and was invited by the president of the American Federation of Women's clubs to be a member of the party.

The schedule of the tour included a visit to a children's hospital in the little town of Gauches where special treatments are administered to polio victims. Because much assistance has been given the hospital by American groups, including the club women, the visitors spent more time there than had been planned. During their visit they received an invitation from the mayor to be his guests at the city hall. Occupied with their inspection of the hospital they were at the time little concerned with the mayor's wishes, although the invitation had been brought to them by a squad of motorcycle police. Failing to get response from the Americans the mayor next sent a squad of his gendarmes with orders to bring the ladies in. That was that. The hospital visit was cut short and they accompanied the officers to the city hall. After much bowing and scraping on the part of the mayor he delivered a short speech which the women took to be a word of welcome but which when interpreted proved to be an apology on the part of the mayor and begging for an

explanation of how he had defended, inasmuch as the guests had not at first accepted his invitation. Elaborate preparations had been made for their reception and the ladies entered into the spirit of the occasion, removing any doubts in the mind of "his nobs" about their sincerity and making him feel that he had upheld the honor of France and the dignity of his office.

This was but one of many humorous incidents related by Mrs. Zell, whose story began with the invitation from the national president, how not until the last moment it was decided she could make the trip. Her husband postponed purchase of a new combine, giving her the unusual distinction of going to Europe on a combine and the flurry of getting ready, obtaining her passport and other necessary papers, assembling a traveling wardrobe, and finally arriving at the airport in Portland on time after a mad dash by car from the ranch where before she could leave she had to wash the separator and do a bit of cleaning up around the house.

The trip to Europe was made by plane. First landing was in Ireland, which she described as a land of charm, both as to landscape and the people who inhabit it. Much more time could have been spent on Emerald Isle than the itinerary called for but all were grateful for the time they had there.

In her most charming manner, Mrs. Zell told of the places visited in France, how some of them attended the opera and still others, herself included, attended the follies. From France they went to Italy—Rome, Naples, Capri—where evidences of recovery were on every hand. Then to Greece where conditions are still bad but where a brave people are fighting to hold on and are making some gains. There

was a trip to Cairo and the Pyramids and on return a stopover in Spain where numerous other ventures and experiences were had. Final European point was Lisbon, Portugal, where, aside from running into many American service men, some of the touring party witnessed a bull fight.

Mrs. Zell assured her listeners that the tour had its serious side and she stated candidly that groups such as the one she was with are doing more to establish harmony and a better understanding between European peoples and Americans than our American foreign policy. This, she believes, is due to the fact that unofficial visitors have a more down-to-earth approach and have nothing to offer but friendliness.

The Moro Rooster club sponsored the dinner in honor of Mrs. Zell, it being the desire of the community to give recognition to one who through her fine record as president of the state organization has brought signal honor to Sherman county.

G. A. Mitchell, president of the Boosier club, called the meeting to order following a sumptuous turkey dinner, asked for a report on the city budget by Vern Ajstall and announced the forthcoming clean-up day for which committees have been appointed. Announcing the purpose of the dinner he assigned the task of welcoming the guests to Roy W. W. Gearhart and gave Mrs. Collis Moore the privilege of introducing Mrs. Zell.

Mrs. Moore said that Sherman county club women had gained recognition on a statewide basis on two previous occasions and that the crowning achievement was having one of their own number selected to head the federated group.

Booster Club Chooses Wednesday, May 7 For Cleanup Event

Wednesday, May 7, is the date chosen by the Moro Booster club for the annual cleanup of the town. The job will be headed by club members and work will start immediately following the semi-monthly breakfast at 6:30 a. m.

At the dinner meeting Wednesday evening, George Mitchell president, reported that he had appointed five committees to direct the cleanup job, naming the chairman who will head the upwards of 60 committees. The chairmen and their assignments include Tom Monroe, whitewash committee; Darwin Van Gilder, main street; Paul Cyphers, alleys; Carrel Bennett, corner lot, and picnic lunch. Lloyd Johnson.

In announcing the cleanup day Mitchell extended an invitation to the ladies to participate.

The chairman also announced that he had selected a new committee to prepare copy for and attend to the printing of a Sherman county booklet. Headed by Carrel Bennett the committee includes T. W. Thompson, Dewey Thompson and Willy Knighten.

relatives, returning home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds visited Thursday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews, Mrs. Olds remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford spent the weekend at Vancouver, Wn., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wedding.

Dell Olds motored to Stevenson, Wn., Monday to get Mrs. Olds and took her to Gresham for medical aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son Larry spent Easter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alley motored to Portland Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg spent Easter in Portland with relatives. Stephen Bibby came home from school in Portland to spend Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby.

The Grass Valley Rebekahs are having a food sale at C & C Food store Saturday, April 19, at 2:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gordon and son Irwin of Pilot Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Louis May and children of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and daughter were Sunday guests of the I. D. Pikes.

Building Consultant Meets P-T Committee On High School Plans

Coming to Moro for the purpose of meeting with the special building committee of the Moro Parent-Teacher association, James Turnbull, building consultant for the state board of education, spent Tuesday here in conference relative to the proposed new high school building.

Plans of the local group were discussed with Turnbull and he offered nothing but encouragement to the proponents of the project. He said it was feasible as well as desirable inasmuch as the present building not only is inadequate to serve both grade and high schools but is reaching the point where it will have to be completely renovated or retired from service.

The building committee, headed by Carrel Bennett, is preparing a report to submit to the P-TA on April 25. Discussion of the project is being more or less withheld pending the recommendations made by the committee at that time.

CANDIDATE HERE

J. P. Steiwer of Fossil, Republican candidate for nomination for state representative, was looking over the political situation in Sherman county Thursday.

REAPPOINTMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

The reapportionment interim committee of the state of Oregon is holding a series of meetings over the state. There will be one at The Dalles April 18, 10:30 a. m. at the city council hall. Anyone interested in this vital subject of reapportionment of the Oregon legislature is invited to attend.

LOUISE BROWN DIES

Louise Brown, a resident of Wasco for many years died in The Dalles Monday at the age of 61 years.

Mrs. Brown was born February 5, 1891 at Albany and moved to Wasco in 1905. Survivors are her widower, Ray Brown of Wasco; one son, Marvin Thomas of Wasco; two daughters, Mrs. Mable Overholtz of Marion and Mrs. Mary Williams of Astoria; one brother, Sherman Whiting of Oswego and five stepchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday April 17, at Smith Callaway chapel 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Gravenor of the Wasco Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in The Dalles IOOF cemetery.

Grass Valley

(By Mrs. A. F. Balzer)

James Hartley, Joe Harvey and Herman Peters arrived home from Willamette university at Salem to spend Easter vacation with their parents and friends.

Ina May and Carl Ziegler, and Lois Kelley arrived home from LaGrande to spend their Easter vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perrigo visited Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and the Charles Perrigo family who were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelper spent Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson and family.

P-TA will meet at the Grass Valley school house Friday night April 18, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Irma Whitehead of Portland arrived Saturday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and family and returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Payne were in Portland for the Easter week end visiting relatives.

A. F. Balzer and son, Clair, went to Portland Saturday to get Mrs. Balzer who has been in a hospital there for some time. Mrs. Balzer says she is getting along as well as can be expected. Mrs. Lotus Kenny of Portland came home with her to help for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bayer and children, Jim Mc Donald, and Mrs. Alta Crowley spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain at Parkdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son motored to Fossil Sunday via Antelope and came home through Arlington.

Mrs. Mac Schilling and son Donald went to Grants Pass Friday to meet her son, Carl, who is in the navy and came home for a 10-day leave, he returns to his base at San Diego April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughters, Mrs. Irma Whitehead, Ina May Ziegler, Carolyn Lemley, Dell Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler Jr., of The Dalles had potluck dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler sr., and son Carl were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle and family of Moro. Charles Perrigo arrived Friday from Leavenworth, Wn., to get his family who has been visiting here and to spend Easter with



A granddaughter of pioneer settlers who is as much at home in the saddle of her favorite horse as she is being an efficient secretary, is the first entrant in the Miss Sherman County contest and show to be held at the fairground here Sunday, June 8.

She is Connie Wilson, the comely 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. Doris Watkins of Wasco.

A typical western girl Connie has chalked up an outstanding record in her school and 4-H club activities. For instance, if she is chosen to reign over the 1952 Sherman County Fair on September 12, 13 and 14, it would not be the first time such an honor was bestowed here.

In 1949, Connie was voted the outstanding girl of her school by the Moro high student body. That was the year she graduated from prep school. She previously had served as president of the Moro student body and queen of "Winter Wonderland" which is an annual high school ball.

Active in 4-H affairs, her 1940 club calf was awarded a first ribbon at the Sherman County Fair. She has also showed at the Pacific International at Portland.

A Sherman county native—born in The Dalles, Miss Wilson is considered one of the top young riders in the Mid-Columbia area. She has ridden practically all her life and joined the Sherman County Riders five years ago, an organization she serves as secretary. She also belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

Following graduation from high school, Miss Wilson attended Oregon State college at Corvallis after which she returned to Moro to serve as a secretary in the Sherman county agent's office, a position she now holds.

Connie's grandparents, on both sides of her family, settled in Sherman county giving her a solid western background. J. M. Wilson pioneered to the Kent community as a rancher and still lives there, is her grandfather and her maternal grandfather was the late A. A. Dunlap, manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers elevators for many years before his death last winter.

Statewide Community Chest Conference Set For April 22

Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon Chest, announced today that the first annual, statewide, Community Chest conference will be held in Salem on April 22, at the Marion hotel.

The conference will be under the joint sponsorship of the Oregon Chest, the Marion County Chest, the Salem Community Chest and the Salem Community Council.

The program will give major emphasis to the discussion of united fund campaigns, how they are set up and operated. Sprague states that interest in unification of fund-raising appeals is at a high pitch, since nearly every community is plagued with a veritable rash of drives throughout the year.

Sprague suggests that any community desiring to find a solution to the problem of multiple drives ought to send one or more representatives to the conference.

U. S. National Bank Statement Shows Substantial Increase

The United States National Bank, in its March 31 report to the Comptroller of the Currency, shows an increase in deposits of more than 23 million dollars since the corresponding call date in 1951.

Deposits for the statewide system now total \$576,137,335. The Dalles branch reported deposits of \$13,191,382.45, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager.

Loans and discounts have also increased during the past year until they now aggregate \$190,573,894. According to Reynolds loans and discounts for The Dalles branch total \$4,178,764.59.

Rural School Board Cons Budget Items Wednesday Meeting

There was some cutting of estimates submitted by school districts when the rural school board met Tuesday in the office of Willy Knighten, county school superintendent. The board weighed the axe only when amounts asked for certain items appeared to be too high or unnecessary and sought to adjust the individual budgets to the over-all county budget.

A second meeting of the board will be held to adopt the revised budget and prepare it for submission to the voters.

Except for the cuts-in items there was little change in the budget affecting the operation of the county's school system, and the superintendent is satisfied that each school unit will be amply taken care of during the next fiscal year.

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

A citizens educational conference is being held Saturday, April 26 in the Civic auditorium in The Dalles under the joint auspices of the Oregon Education association and the Parent-Teachers' association.

The purpose of the conference is to stimulate people to be more deeply interested in school problems that face children and parents in Oregon. This particular conference is for the benefit of Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler, Gilliam and Hood River counties. All interested persons will be welcome at the meeting, to include a luncheon at noon, and may contact Mrs. William Webster, teacher at Colonel Wright school in The Dalles, for reservations.