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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Might it not be time for Oregonians to throw away their watches and work when they had to, as long as they need to and spend the remainder of the time in play. If it weren't for watches—and the great respect we have for time—daylight saving wouldn't be a problem.

T T W N

Political candidates may now get some sleep; after, of course, either wondering at the extreme generosity of the voters or their very considerable lack of understanding.

T T W N

Eisenhower, Warren, Taft to win, show and place is the odds concocted by the Associated Press. Show and place odds are close. Step up to the window, folks, and place your bets.

T T W N

Look what civilization has done to the match, now a limber, weak, unreliable shadow of its former self.

T T W N

Sometimes it seems that more effort is used in getting people to vote than to vote right.

T T W N

The president is enamored of the idea of comparing himself to a criminal whose epitaph is that "he done his damndest." There is a certain poetic justice to that, too.

T T W N

It seems that administrative corruption is not going to be an issue in this campaign, at least, that there is not going to be any more information about the matter.

T T W N

Sometimes one wishes the schools taught more posture and less art.

T T W N

Voters this year may decide—unless the supreme court does it first—whether this country is going to let the president become a dictator or not. That sounds pretty serious. It is.

T T W N

Overheard: "He couldn't sell a sandwich to a starving millionaire"—"He walks because he has to; to keep from falling flat on his face"—"Mountains so high the sun goes around them"—"Lost so much public esteem he couldn't deliver his own vote"—"As worried as a nervous candidate with six opponents"

Townsend Chosen To Head County Ed. Unit

The Sherman county teachers' association held its final meeting of the year in the form of a family picnic at Grass Valley Tuesday evening, May 13.

A business meeting followed the picnic which included the election of officers for the next year. Elected were: Homer J. E. Townsend, Moro, president; Marian Buchanan, Kent, vice-president; Shelly Roberson, Moro, secretary-treasurer; Gerald Parsons, Rufus, representative to the national legislative council; and Mrs. Lin Ellis, Moro, delegate to the national education association convention to be held June 29-July 4 in Detroit, Mich. She will represent district eight, which consists of Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam, Hood River and Wheeler counties at the 90th annual convention.

4-H CLUB NEWS

By Wilma Gentry.
The 4-H sewing club met at the school house May 12 for a regular business meeting and work period.

Plans were discussed for the annual picnic which is to be held at Warm Springs at a date to be set later.

Next Monday, May 19 will be the final meeting and every one that has been at every meeting during the year will be awarded.

Evelyn Kirkelle of Moro has been notified that her scholarship in teacher education has been renewed for another year. Scholarships were renewed for eight other students and eight new awards have also been announced at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande.

Grass Valley Entrant For Miss Sherman



The only aunt to enter the Miss Sherman county contest and show here Sunday, June 8, is 16-year-old Carolyn Lemley, a pretty Grass Valley prep student.

The winner of the affair and her court of two princess misses will preside over the 1952 Sherman County Fair Sept. 12, 13, and 14.

Miss Lemley, who was born at Grass Valley on October 5, 1935, has the dubious honor of being nicknamed "Butch" which wasn't so bad until a niece and nephew came along to make it "Auntie Butch." However, the nickname is highly misleading since she acquired it as an infant when she was fat and full of pep and energy.

Today, the 'mighty mite' is a trim-fringed brunette who enjoys family life on her parent's ranch, 14 miles west of Grass Valley. From there Carolyn commutes 60 miles to high school in Moro every day and takes part in many school activities.

Carolyn, the vivacious daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley, is an all-around girl who rides for recreation and possesses outstanding beauty and personality.

But her most notable claim to personal satisfaction, at least, is from her knowledge that in the role of homemaker she already has gained much experience and success. Mrs. Lemley, who has suffered from a lingering illness, proudly relates how Carolyn assumed the role of expert homemaker during the long period of her ailment.

At school, Carolyn is secretary of her class and was vice president of the sophomores. She was named queen of the junior prom this year and was princess of Winter Wonderland, a school ball, two years. She was elected to the yell leaders this year and has been a member of Future Homemakers of America for two years. She also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Young People's social club of the Baptist church at Grass Valley.

Miss Lemley started doing things when she was still in grade school. An example is a scholarship she won as a seventh-grader to attend the Oregon State College summer sewing school class at Corvallis.

And she started riding horses on the ranch when she was in the fourth grade. At about the same time, she became interested in horses as a hobby, collecting horse statuettes, now resting on the living room mantle piece.

Her riding ability is tops and she is just as likely as not to ride into the contest on a horse that's bucking for all he's worth. Her show horse is a black Cayuse pony, not yet broken, purchased from the Yakima Indians, who has tots of fire, is described by Carolyn as being very tricky and smart.

The local society are very pleased with their new tables and have ordered two more.

Citizens Authorize School Board To Set Election Date

A new school building for Moro was given added impetus Tuesday evening when approximately 100 citizens of school district 17 met at the high school to discuss the feasibility of the project. So intense was the interest that numerous people sidetracked other engagements to be on hand to have their say regarding the proposed building and to learn what they could about the possibilities of getting it.

Notwithstanding the fact the move has opponents who spoke their minds freely, there was no rancor. Either side was ready with arguments either for or against, but there was no evidence of attempts to form blocs or otherwise hinder a discussion.

Purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not the school board should be authorized to call an election for the purpose of deciding the issue of a new building. After the discussion had about run its course, a vote was called for and resulted in 54 votes in favor of the authorization and 44 votes against it. The board will set the date for the election at which time more citizens will be given an opportunity to express their wishes.

Should the voters of the district sanction the authorization, the board will be empowered to study building plans and means of financing but will not have authority to proceed with building operations. That authority will call for bond election after the type of building and cost have been determined. Then, and only then, will there be a chance for straight out expression on the question of build, or not to build.

Guest Day Brings Many Visitors Here

Moro Women's Missionary society observed guest day Wednesday at the church. Mrs. Parsons, president of the Portland Presbyterian society was guest speaker. Two cars of ladies came from Portland to be in attendance at the noon-time luncheon of which 45 ladies partook.

Two of the Portland group are former residents of the county and greatly enjoyed contacting their friends. One was Mrs. Scott Fortner, the former Doris Blake of Moro and the other was Mrs. John Shasen who lived in Kent at one time.

Hostesses for the luncheon included Mrs. Inez Thompson, Mrs. Lila Bull and Mrs. Lucetta Adlard. Mrs. Maggie Barnum, president of the society was in charge of the program.

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Story Bit Garbled

In reporting the injuries sustained by Earl Rehr last week there were some errors which should be corrected. While Rehr is an employee of the Gerber Construction company, he was not driving a company truck but his own car at the time of the accident. He bumped into an oil truck on the Rowena loops, all but demolishing his car and causing some injury to the truck. Rehr suffered a badly cut tongue and some cracked ribs.

Equalization Board Meets To Consider Annual Tax Problems

The county board of equalization met Monday at the courthouse to begin the annual three weeks session, with Dewey Thompson as chairman. Other members of the board were Bill Holmes and Judge Curt Tom. Bill Holmes acted as secretary.

There were no petitions presented for the board to act on, but taxpayers have until the 17th of May 1952 to present a petition. A motion was made and seconded to contact the budget committee and suggest that an item be placed on the budget to furnish the assessor with a deputy to free the assessor for more field work. The motion was carried.

There being no other business for the day, the meeting was adjourned.

Budget Election On Menu For Monday

School patrons and all entitled to vote are reminded that the rural school district budget election is scheduled for Monday, May 18.

The total estimated tax levy is \$227,196.53, to which is added non-high school, \$1,046.60 and superintendent's office, \$7,700, for a total of \$235,943.13. From this amount is subtracted the basic school support fund of \$77,934.61, leaving the amount in excess of the six percent limitation, \$158,008.52, for the voters to approve.

Council Hears No Budget Complaints

Moro's city council met Tuesday evening to hear complaints or objections to items in the proposed city budget and hearing none the budget will be presented to the voters as published.

The council meeting, like other events scheduled for Tuesday evening, was forsaken in the interest of the school meeting called to discuss the proposed new building.

A report of progress at the new city well was heard showing that the depth as of Tuesday evening was 268 feet. The driller was authorized to continue drilling until water is reached.

Wasco Association Seeking Addresses of Former Residents

The Wasco Cemetery association is this week publishing a list of names of former residents and others having an interest in the cemeteries of that place with the hope that readers of the Journal may be able to offer some assistance. Anyone recognizing any of the names and knowing the whereabouts of the parties will be conferring a great favor upon the association by communicating at once with Joe Hilderbrand of Wasco.

Andrews Mrs. S. J., Andrews Mrs. C. M., Atwood R. C., Adait C. A., Andrews Mrs. Agnes R., Buschke A., Biggs, W. H. Brock G. A., Brook Iva M., Benefield Frank, Brown F. E., Bayless W. A., Brownlee W. G., Burmester, Dill F. B., Draper M. E., Ellsworth H. A., Everett R. D., Fuller Lulu, Gray William, Glasco E., Greenleaf E. A., Gwynne Q. E., Hull John, Hammond R. C., Howard Thomas, Hobson George, Hull J. H.

Isacs Mrs. H. P., Lewis J., Large J. A., MacManigal B. H., Medler Mrs. N., Meyers Mrs. J. Mersinger W. H., Miller Mrs. W. E., Mott, Charles, Pitts Harry, Ramsey John, Shay Walter, Sias B. M., Stone Harvey, Sagawel Bertha E., Smith Orville, Stewart L. H., Thompson P. H., Tupper W. A., Thompson G. L., Tuel M. G., Webber Lulu, Walker William, White W. S., Williams W. W., Woods J. M., Wilson L. L., Byers D. J., McLelland Geo., Long O. W., Taylor S. L., Meader J. H., Fritz M. L., Steinger Joe, Bafford Ed, Savage J. E., Eakin S. E., Nunn E. P., Williamson Leslie M.

WSB Representative Due in Moro Tuesday

A representative of the Wage Stabilization Board will be available to help farmers prepare individual requests for wage adjustments at the courthouse in Moro May 20. T. W. Thompson announced this week.

The Oregon Wheat Growers has requested county visits by the wage board to simplify compliance with farm wage regulations. At the present time a farmer may pay his labor only 15% more than he paid in 1950. Those now paying a greater percentage than allowable should make individual contact to the wage representative for wage adjustment.

Communit hours have been set up to allow a greater contact with the board. Moro 8 to 10 a. m., Kent 10 to 12 noon, Grass Valley 1 to 3 p. m. and Wasco-Rufus 3 to 5 p. m.

A recent meeting in Pendleton resulted in abandonment of an area wage rate. Individual counties may set up whatever they choose to handle the wage regulation. Representatives of the Oregon Wheat League and County PMA committees will meet with the wage board representative in an effort to set up a local county committee whereby wage problems can be settled locally.

Polls To Open At 8 O'clock A. M. This Friday For Oregon Primaries

Forman Ranch At Antelope Site For Field Day Event

A statewide conservation field day to which the public is invited will take place at the Roy Forman ranch, 9 miles south of Antelope, Monday, May 26, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

Forman was the 1951 conservation farmer of the year in the annual contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the Portland Oregonian. The Oregonian provides a beautiful rotating plaque for the state winner and a smaller plaque that the county winners each year may keep.

The wheat league for several years has recommended at its annual meeting in December that a statewide conservation field day be held the following year to show others the various practices that accounted for the top placing in the contest. The contestants include county winners from all Oregon's principal wheat-growing counties.

Forman himself had served as a judge in the statewide contest five years ago, but had declined to serve since then.

The selection committee found Forman to have practically stopped soil erosion by his farming methods and practices adopted on the 4380-acre ranch in southern Wasco county. With 1600 acres of farm land, of which 800 acres are in wheat and 800 acres summerfallow, he farms in a way to stop nearly all of the water runoff, using six dams and three miles of diversion terraces through the fields. He also uses three miles of sodded waterways to carry water from the diversion. All of the rubble is left on the surface to further stop water runoff and to improve the texture of the soil.

The wheat seeding is done in the fall with deep furrow drills. The rows are 14 inches apart instead of the conventional seven inches and form a ridge between each row. This method of seeding has a dual purpose, according to Forman. The ridges permit snow and water to collect from the winter precipitation and by seeding deeper, the grain comes in contact with soil moisture to start germination before the onset of fall rains. The drills are equipped with hydraulic lifts for ease in handling while crossing the grassed waterway.

Precipitation Under Normal in County

Precipitation in Sherman county as registered at the Moro experiment station has been .45 of an inch up to Thursday, May 15, according to the station director, George Mitchell. This is a little over one-half of the normal rainfall of .77 of an inch.

Temperatures are still radical, which may have something to do with the lack of moisture. On May 10 the mercury soared to 79; on two other occasions it has dropped to 26 above.

Total precipitation since Feb. 1 is 2.17 inches. Normal for the period is 3.69, or 1.52 short.

Six Mill Road Levy Approved Wednesday

Representatives of the several areas of the county numbering between 25 and 30 met in the court room, at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon and voted the six mill road levy of District No. 1, which is all of the county exclusive of incorporated towns. Commissioner Lester Wilson of Kent presided and Norris Glickson served as secretary.

The group voted to retain the five man advisory committee which includes Harold Eakin, W. S. Holmes, Russell Betashee, Albert Kaseberg and C. F. Kuypers.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. DeMoss arrived in Moro Monday after a two weeks stay at Hansville. He states Mrs. J. M. Eddy is getting around with the aid of crutches. She fell and broke her leg before Christmas. Her address is Kingston, Wn.

By the time the Journal is in circulation an army of candidates for political offices will have just about fired their last round of campaign oratory and political hand grasping and will settle back to await the results of the voting in the Oregon primaries.

From a local stand point, the campaign is over, but in the larger centers there will be campaigning right up to the very last hour. This is particularly true of the presidential aspirants and their workers, as well as the congressional candidates, who hope to win over a few more votes before resigning their respective fates to the "will of the people."

Of local interest was the return Tuesday night of Giles French, who, with Mrs. French, covered a large area of eastern Oregon since May 4. They visited important points from Pendleton to Klamath Falls via Le Grande, Baker, Ontario, Burns and Lakeview, returning via Bend and Redmond, spending one day at the Cattlemen's convention at Prineville. Mr. French left Wednesday morning for Heppner, making a circuitous trip up the line to Shaniko, thence over to Fossil and on through Condon to the Morrow county capital. He wound up his campaign at Hood River Thursday.

Republican candidates for representative in the 22nd district have been scurrying around the past few days and this, with the feverish last-minute bid by candidate for convention delegates, electors and state offices have brought to a close a campaign of unusual activity so far as the Oregon primary is concerned.

No changes have been made in polling places in the county, says Mrs. Marie Foskinson, county clerk, who suggested that Moro folks keep in mind that precinct No. 10 votes at the courthouse.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

An invitation to the public has been issued by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McKean to attend open house at their new home one mile south of Moro. Date and time for the occasion are Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. The McKeans recently completed the residence, one of the finer homes built in Sherman county in recent years.

WASCO NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Zell Attends Women's Convention

Mrs. Hildred Zell left Wednesday for Minneapolis where she will attend the western Federation of Womens clubs and the General Federation of Womens clubs. Mrs. Zell expects to be gone two weeks. She is secretary to the dean of presidents.

Mrs. Sadie McKean has her sister Mrs. J. O. Lower visiting from Los Angeles. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCully also of L. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil O'Meara and children were Sunday guests of her parents the Wm. Booth at Gresham.

Leland Schwendel, Madras grade teacher, was a Mother day guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schwendel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swett and son attended the funeral of Kenneth Flecher at St. Helens Friday. Their daughters remained at the Joe Drinkard home.

Mrs. Susie Mason is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Andy Engberg. Mrs. Engberg and Mrs. Mason expect to leave for Astoria Friday for the week.

Mrs. Cliff Fridley in the Dalles General hospital is reported a little better and is permitted company in the afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Nisbet was honored with a stork shower May 9, at the home of Mrs. Art Macheel with Mrs. Gerald Nisbet co-hostess. A bassinet filled with flowers decorated the table. Gifts were in a bassinet and place cards were small umbrellas under which small paper diapers were placed. Mrs. Clyde Fridley sister of Mrs. Nisbet was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dormalier spent the weekend with her father Andrew Halverson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg returned from California where they attended a golden wedding celebration of Mrs. Kaseberg's brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Matteson also a sister of Bert and Everett Watkins. The Kasebergs were held Christmas. Her address is Kingston, Wn.

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