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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

The erstwhile candidate sat on the edge of his disheveled bed in wrinkled pajamas as the bedstand radio blared election results. "Richard B. (Dick) Doakes 23,719; Joe Blow 22,975". The candidate looked through red eyes at his shoes upturned by the bed and noted the holes in the soles and felt gently of his aching feet. A pile of dirty shirts tumbled from his half opened traveling bag along with campaign "literature", and a few broken cigars. His wife called from the kitchen to say, "It does look like you could pay some attention to the children. They haven't seen you for weeks."

"New returns", reported the voice on the radio, put Joe Blow ahead of Richard B. (Dick) Doakes by 24, the count being Joe Blow 25,301 to 24,277 for Doakes". The candidate thought of his car with two of the paper-thin tires flat and glanced at the check stubs lying beside his bag and dreaded to meet his banker. He tried to think of the name of the chairman of his campaign in Center county and here Sunday June 8. Previously, the telephone number he supposed to call. The radio blared forth again, "Doakes, Richard B. (Dick) 26,343; Joe Blow 26,279" and the candidate feel back into bed and mumbled, "I wonder which one of the guys is me?"

T T W N
Observed: Car driven fastest is the Chrysler, then the Pontiac-Fords and Mercurys are also pushed to good speeds; Oldsmobile only occasionally are used for speed. Cadillacs and Buicks are often owned by elder people and do not average fast time. The work horse is the Chevrolet which plugs along at moderate speed, often filled with kids.

T T W N
The big trucks roll along the highway at 50 miles per hour as if each driver was in a hurry; the trains take two shifts to go 100 miles. Which is going to have the business?

T T W N
There are a number of famous gripes: "We wuz robbed"; "The other horse was doped"; "I was misquoted" and now that of the one time constitutional Republican Wayne Morse. "Editors is crooked".

T T W N
We would like to call attention of all wives to the unfortunate accident which befell a Portland man this week as he was washing windows.

T T W N
A man is being considered for appointment to the Portland council who at Christmas time acts as a store Santa Claus. Question is whether a part-time Santa-Claus is sufficient, we suppose. The people have gotten used to the full-time variety in government.

T T W N
Jake Bennett is honest but in-temperate. He is definitely not a politician. His recall may serve as a guide to budding office holders, teaching them to be the reverse. Although the voters condemn politicians they vote for the soft indefinite word.

T T W N
Could some psychologist tell us how much politeness it takes to overcome integrity.

T T W N
The other night we noted in recollection the once famous cartoon depicting a fond mother encouraging a daughter of tender years but tough sentiments to eat a vegetable. "It's broccoli, dear", said the mother. "I say it's spinach, and I say to hell with it", replied the daughter.

T T W N
So many words need defining. The grange wants stiffer penalties for drunk drivers (define drunk); we need good candidates (define good).

T T W N
If a student could learn what makes people tick, what makes them do the things they do; what motivates them it wouldn't make much difference whether he knew anything else or not.

T T W N
If you will pardon a purely personal note: I am very proud and appy over the vote that was given me in Sherman county.

Joan Fridley In Queen Contest



Another Wasco girl, blue-eyed Joan Fridley, has entered the Miss Sherman contest and show, scheduled for the fairgrounds in Center county and here Sunday June 8. Previously, the telephone number he supposed to call. The radio blared forth again, "Doakes, Richard B. (Dick) 26,343; Joe Blow 26,279" and the candidate feel back into bed and mumbled, "I wonder which one of the guys is me?"

Joan, a sparkling blonde sophomore, Saturday night, accomplished a rare feat in being crowned queen of the Wasco high school junior prom. The answer is the junior class is short on girls, all members are boys, and taking part in stage productions.

This is her fourth year of piano lessons and she is quite talented on the ivories. She faithfully shows up for her instruction at St. Mary's Academy every Saturday afternoon. As part of the contest, Miss Fridley will play, "Bells of St. Mary's" for her talent number.

Outside of school, Joan has taken part in church, girl scouts and 4-H club work. She is a member of the "Standard Bearers" of the M. E. church, a social group.

Joan is not without an interesting family background. Her grandfather, Clyde Fridley, a retired rancher now living in The Dalles, came to Wasco at the age of nine months, his family settling on a ranch nine miles east of town. Great-grandfather George, came to Oregon in 1849 by covered wagon.

Mckean's Hold Open House In New Home
About 300 persons drove to the J. K. McKean's new home a mile south of Moro Sunday to attend the opening house celebration. The new and modern home was completed last December and the McKean's have gotten settled so that it seems like home.

Visitors went through the home from serviceable service room to nicely furnished bedrooms and ended at the play room and patio where they were served refreshments by some of the 43 women who assisted in seeing that all were served French pastry and coffee or punch.

Five small girls, Kay and Eva Kirkelle, Helene and Shirley Sather and Mavis Miller took charge of the small children who came and kept them busy with food and games.

Guests came from all over Sherman county, from The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin came from Portland and Douglas Craike from Corvallis.

Moro Council Reduces Budget By \$6,000.
The Moro city council sitting as the levying board reduced the published city budget by \$6000 and instructed the recorder, Ralph Busse, to proceed with notification of a special election for approval of levy in excess of the six percent limitation.

The cuts were made by eliminating \$4000 from the fire department fund which was placed there to purchase a new fire truck and by putting \$2000 in cash into the budget figures.

The budget to be voted on will total \$9055.19 above the six percent limitation, about \$800 more than last year. The millage will be approximately 51, a reduction from the probable 76 of the published budget. The budget to be voted on will give the city \$12,000 with which to pay for the well, install a pump and connect with the mains and to repair the flood damage in the ditch. Council members did not feel that a smaller sum would insure performance of these improvements.

The well was down 378 feet Tuesday and drilling was in a hard stratum. It is probable that a test will be made of the hole when this stratum is penetrated as the water now stands 157 feet from the top of the hole and may be sufficient for city needs.

Club Meets For Breakfast
The Moro Booster club met Wednesday morning with few members feeling pert enough to arise at 6:30 a. m. No formal program had been prepared but some report was made of the latest meeting. Discussion of city business and a report of the pamphlet committee occupied the minds of members while the ham and eggs settled.

GRANGE DEPUTY COMING
The Rufus grange had its regular meeting Thursday evening with Master Johnson presiding. It was announced that Vern Lantz will conduct a school on county grangers May 24 at 8 p. m. There will be a potluck supper afterwards.

Connty Budget To Be Made May 27; Taxpayers Welcome

The county budget meeting will be held at the county court room on Tuesday May 27 at ten o'clock when Dewey Thompson, Albert Kaseberg and Vernon Miller will assist the county court in making up the estimates for the coming fiscal year. All persons who are interested in the possible tax levy for next year may appear and be heard if they desire.

The contested divorce case of Dams vs Dams was heard before Judge E. H. Howell Tuesday with Sam Van Vactor representing Mrs. Iva Dams and Dick & Dick her husband.

The jury was called in Thursday to hear the case of William Ford, 309, followed by Tom with 250, once a janitor at the Kent school versus the Kent school district over payment of wages.

Dr. Griffith Will Be Speaker at Picnic
Dr. Thomas E. Griffith of The Dalles will be the main speaker at the meeting of the Sherman County Historical society at DeMoss Springs park Sunday, June 1. Dr. Griffith, long a student of Indian habits and customs particularly relating to foods and military organizations, will utilize this information as a background for his talk.

Another feature of the afternoon program, to be given after the members and visitors have filled their plates and stomachs from the always laden tables, will be Tom Fraser singing "Sweet Oregon", a locally well known song written by James M. DeMoss, for whom the park was named.

Singing by others including the Rufus quartette patriotic presentations by the Boy Scouts and the enjoyable visiting and recalling of older times will be a part of the program.

Committees have been named by the executive committee for showing of pictures, preparation of the grounds and tables, making of coffee and punch.

Grade School Music Students Have Meet
The music festival held at the Kent school house Friday evening was well attended. The program was conducted by Eugene Knott assisted by Mrs. Etta Buchanan and Miss Marian Buchanan as follows: four band numbers; square dance by the lower grades; a song by Aaron Wilson, Maryvyn Foster and Ronald Mobley, instrumental solos by Nancy Wilson; flute accompanied by Deanna Bekkedahl and Nancy Decker; clarinet accompanied by Nancy Wilson; square dance by the intermediate grades; group singing by grades 3 to 8; instrumental solos by Helene Sather, trumpet accompanied by Nancy Decker and Gene Knott, clarinet accompanied by Helene Sather; Indian songs in costume by grades 1 to 3; instrumental solos by Keith Mobley, drums accompanied by Karen Wilson, saxophone solo by Karen Wilson accompanied by Kay McKay; accordion solo by Kenneth Bekkedahl; square dance by the upper grades; five band numbers by the symphonette band; instrumental solos by Kay McKay; coronet accompanied by Mrs. Ben Mansfield, trumpet solo by Verne Mobley accompanied by Gene Knott; accordion solos by Ed Dunrud conducting the program with five band numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knights and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Townsend of Moro were among those attending.

Fair Board Announces Another Work Day
There will be another work day at the county fair grounds Monday May 26 announces the fair board through Harold Eakin, president, who also says that there will be a pot-luck dinner brought by the wives of the volunteers. The board is well pleased over a previous work day on Thursday the 15th when much work was accomplished at the grounds. The fair board is making ready for the September fair.

Steiwier, Tom Nominees Get Nominations For Legislature

Seventy-four percent of Sherman county's registered voters marched to the polls last Friday to mark their ballots. The result was similar in most cases as in other parts of the state and district although local contests differed.

Of major interest to Sherman countians was the four way race between Collis Moore, R. B. Rands, Jack Steiwier and Allen Tom for Republican nomination for legislative seats. Steiwier and Tom were the choices in the four county district but in Sherman county Moore led with 158, followed by Tom with 158, Steiwier with 169 and Rands with 158.

In the district Steiwier had 1241 Tom 1232, Rands 1081 and Moore 857.

Other race of local interest was that for the Republican nomination for congress in which Giles French, local publisher was a candidate. Sam Coon, Baker real estate man who won with 17,370, French had 10,249 and Ernest Hinkle 6,185 in an incomplete count. In Sherman county the vote was French 393, Coon 87 and Hinkle 56.

Ben Musa of The Dalles, trying for the Democratic nomination obtained 246 Sherman county votes against 31 for John Jones his opponent although Jones won the district race by 15,266 to 10,318.

Lester Johnson for district attorney, Kenneth Sather for county commissioner and Clair Balzer for assessor won uncontested Democratic nominations while Lester Wilson, for county commissioner, Marie Hoskinson for clerk won Republican nominations none of which were contested.

In Sherman county, as in the state, Jess Gard, was elected national committeeman for the Republicans and Monroe Sweetland won the Democratic side.

The long list of delegates did not scare voters who waded through them quickly and chose Belton, Powler, Hatfield, McAlister, McKay, Morse, Scott, Elliot and Toozie the greater part of whom were chosen by state voters as well. Dent and DeArmond won here and in the 2nd district.

Francis Lambert received the majority for Democratic state treasurer and Sig Unander won the Republican nomination in both county and state. John McCourt won the race in Oregon but was bested here by Stadler of Bend who apparently appeared to be closer home than the Portland man.

Precinct committeemen and women include C. A. Tom and Minnie Morris of Rufus, L. P. Haven Klondike, Sarah Belle Conlee Monkland, Frank and Floye von Borstel at Kent, J. E. Alley and Elizabeth Hartley at Grass Valley, Collis and Dorothy Moore at Moro and E. D. McKee and Mrs. B. Estrella Halley at Wasco. Other were tied.

Democratic precinct officers chosen were Herman and Pearl Brackett at Rufus, Helen Bruckert at Klondike, Wynona Wilson at Kent and Bertha Brinkert and Tom Garrett at Grass Valley.

Weather Makers Meeting Today
The Tri-county weather research association will meet at Arlington May 23 for a discussion of three questions 1) should the weather experiments be continued, 2) should the district join with Horse Heaven, Big Bend and Blue Mountains areas, 3) report on last year's operation.

It will be an open meeting so all may come and will follow a Morrow county meeting the day before. On June 5 another meeting will be held at Condon when speakers will come to discuss weather making.

An office has been established at 220 SE 3rd St. in Pendleton with Don Wiebe, meteorologist in charge says J. D. Dyer, field man for the association.

WASCO JUNIORS MEET AT M. E. CHURCH
The Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship held its annual tea for mothers and friends May 15 in the afternoon at the church basement. The group with Sally Fields leading presented a sample meeting. They play games 1/2 hour, have devotional 1/2 hour and then sing. A short skit was given with John McCall, Betty Haven, Sterling Gochauer, Lee Drinkard and Jeanette Belshee taking part and Carmen Royce reading. Betty Haven was official piano player. Rev Gravenor led the singing with two songs the group had practiced and one new song to show the audience how group singing was taught. Refreshments were served by leaders Mrs. Lloyd Royce and Mrs. L. P. Haven. Pouring were Mrs. Francis Watkins and Mrs. Leonard Fields. At the punch bowl was Lee Kaseberg and John McCall. Some of the MYF girls helped serve.

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Sherman County Schools Ending With Graduation

Graduation of seniors from from Sherman county high schools will take place next week beginning Monday, May 16 when Moro high school and Rufus school will watch the ending of the school year. Wasco will hold services the following night.

Moro's seniors will listen to an address by Dr. Roderick Langston of EOCE and the valedictory by Roger Miller and salutatory by Leroy Martin with musical numbers also listed.

The class consists of Barbara Lucille Alley, Arthur C. Buether, Mary L. Cook, Eileen Ruth Duncan, Doran Earl Fritts, Dorothy Alice Kelley, Norval D. Lane, Leroy Sommer Martin, James Benson Robinson, Roger Vernon Miller, Juanita Cornelia McClain, Geraldine Ella Rust.

Rufus will graduate two from high school: Norman Brand and Jack Steward and four from grade school: Wally Joe Morris, Jerry Brackett, Russel Blake and Elaine Eaton.

Wasco will graduate ten from high school including Gordon Buck, Betty Dormaier, William Nisbet, Leo Roberts, Verna Roberts, Charles Wallace, Joanne Watkins, Janet Workman, Joe Yocum and LuEita Estinger.

Wednesday the 28th the 8th graders of Moro and Kent will have graduation exercises at Grass Valley when Beverly Healyer, Marquita Koepke, Earl Griggs, Eugene Knott Jr., Verne Mobley and Ronald Rolfe will finish Kent school and Roy Cyphers, Charlotte Benson, Dayanne Sayers, John-Gliman, Tomni Miller, Clarence Kirby, Milton Fridley, Harold Saxton, Ivan Kirkelle, Karen Kelley and Gary Miller will graduate.

Sherman County Vote Very Heavy
Sherman countians voted 74 percent of the total registration which is not quite correct because some have moved away and not re-registered in other places. Republicans voted 82 percent of their registration and Democrats 64 percent due, no doubt, to the greater number of contests on the Republican side.

Moro precinct voted the heaviest with 87.4 percent of the Republicans going to the polls and 65 percent of the Democrats. At Wasco it was 80 percent and 54 percent; Grass Valley 80 percent and 56 percent; Kent 74 and 73; Monkland 87 and 74; Klondike 82.3 and 86.3; Rufus 80 and 61.

Moro School News
By Roger Miller
Commencement exercises for the graduating class of 1952 will be held Monday evening, May 26 in the gym at 8 p. m. Dr. Roderick Langston, president of EOCE, will give the address "Chrome Plate for a Human Heart". The valedictory and salutatory addresses will be given by Roger Miller and Leroy Martin respectively.

Homer Townsend has recently accepted a three year appointment by the president of the OEA to serve on the retirement committee of that organization. The retirement committee is one of the most important in the organization, and it is concerned with legislation affecting the Oregon state employees retirement program.

Baccalaureate services for the class of '52 will be held Sunday, May 25 in the Moro Community church at 8 p. m. The Rev. Paul Bayles of Kent will preach the sermon.

Semester examinations are scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. Any student who does not have exams on either of these days need not come to school; however, the school bus schedule will remain unchanged. All seniors will be exempt from these tests.

There will be no school next Wednesday, May 28, which is teacher's day.

The high school picnic which is the last day of school, has been set for Thursday, May 29, at the Warm Springs swimming pool.

Don't forget class night for the class of '52 in the gym Friday, May 23.

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Candidate	Rufus	Klon	Monk	Kent	G. V.	Moro	Wasco	Total
Moore	16	15	22	19	77	112	64	309
Rands	27	7	13	6	61	31	37	158
Steiwier	16	8	18	14	37	42	40	169
Tom	41	15	12	24	31	37	88	250