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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

An Indian legend is that the gods wanted to make some men. They made them out of wood, and the women out of pith. But they were unsatisfactory men and women, being without spirit. So they were destroyed and some better samples turned out. And if the preacher wants a text for his sermon, here it is.

Eisenhower is reported to have commented some years ago that he had "studied dramatics nine years under MacArthur in Manila." Probably did, too. And considering the masterful evidence of dramatic talent the old general displayed in his keynote address he had a good teacher.

Gov. Stevenson's problem seems to be how to be drafted without having any time-worn Democrats sponsoring him, particularly Truman.

The heat generated by inmates of the convention hall would, it is estimated, fry 15,000 hot dogs. It probably is frying some 6000 humans.

Eastern politicians, especially along the Atlantic seaboard are likely to be pro-Europe in their thinking, probably because of the large foreign populations that elect them and business connections of their constituents. Farther west people and politicians are more inclined to be pro-America.

If we wanted to comment on the perfection of American business relations we might tell about the booklet on water systems that came to Henry Ruggles, some 20 years ago Moro's watermaster.

It is said that mankind may either develop ulcers, become an alcoholic or lead a peaceful existence. Each individual may take his own choice except as between ulcers and alcoholism, although having both is unlikely.

There has to be odd things in climate. One day a week or so ago the ball game at Wasco was rained out while a double header was played in Portland. Tuesday it was 95 in Moro and 101 in Portland. For those persons who think it is hotter, drier, colder, windier in eastern Oregon the above figures may be helpful toward more accurate thinking.

"The reason a lot of snobs get by with their snottiness," says Uncle Emmett, "is that no one wants to associate with them anyway."

Mr. Hoover holds to the notion that we cannot help Europe unless Europe helps us help Europe. It is a little old fashioned in these days when the distribution of money for aid has extended from relief of the ill-fed, ill-housed to assistance on an international scope. Yet, there are lots of people who can remember that not all new things proved to be the right things.

We detect that during the coming campaign writers who have been to Europe as guests of the military and state department will continue their endeavor to break Americans away from the belief that their first interest is America. To which we offer the old advice: "convince a man against his will; he's of the same opinion still."

Harvest begins this week, rather feebly, but begins. Different too, from what it was 40 years ago (from which parity is figured) in that one combine man and a trucker will put almost as much wheat in the elevator as did a crew of 20 used to do.

Hot weather is a nice time to take a vacation—providing one can find a place that is cooler than the place of work. Tourists going by in cars do not look exactly fresh and comfortable.

About the County

A. D. McConaughy left Thursday July 3 for Wray, Colorado to join Mrs. McConaughy who is taking care of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Divine during an illness of Wray, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mason of Cascade Locks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dehler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gord and daughter Sheryl of Portland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillin.

Mrs. Hal Shelton and daughter Nancy of Hood River were overnight guests of her parents, the E. D. McKees.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dutton have returned home from Portland where Mr. Dutton was a patient in Good Samaritan hospital. He is reported as feeling better.

E. L. Stilts has arrived from Portland to reopen the barber shop in the Barnett building.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Crowder of Washington, D. C. called on friends recently while on their vacation trip. Mr. Crowder formerly attended school in Wasco and is now operations manager of the Pennsylvania-New York airline.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg and family were her father P. M. Morse and cousins Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook and family of Eugene and also Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowie of Portland. Lee and Alice Kaseberg returned here with their grandfather after visiting in Eugene.

Theron Richelderfer, Don and Janny McIntyre drove to Mt. Hood Monday for a picnic and a ride on the ski lift.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Liles of Tacoma, Wn., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Mrs. Alma Jean O'Meara and son Michael spent the holiday at Hermiston visiting her mother, Mrs. M. F. Acton. Jimmy O'Meara spent the week at Seaside with relatives.

Gladoli Growers Starting Shows

First of the Northwest's summer series of gladoli shows is that of the recently organized Oregon State Gladoli Society, which will be held July 26 and 27 in Portland.

The show, scheduled for the Portland Women's club building, 1220 SW Taylor street, will feature a division for junior exhibitors under 18 years, and a section for seedlings. Professional and amateur hybridizers from Oregon and other Northwest states will have some of their choicest new originations on display.

Show details may be obtained by writing to Mrs. J. George Eisenhauer, 3453 NW Thurman street, Portland 10.



THIS TIGER'S A WORKHORSE . . . You don't have to believe this if you don't want to, but that does look like a tiger pulling the plow. It seems that Melvin Coontz, a gentleman farmer of Chatsworth, Calif., also is an animal trainer. He is, in fact, so proficient in the latter calling that he has been able to teach a tiger to help him plow the land for springtime planting. This doesn't necessarily mean that the tiger will ever replace the horse.

being items of neighbors you know or know about

Lloyd Roysse and Carmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Guy are parents of a 8 pound boy named Mark Edward. Grandparents are W. H. Richards of Springfield and Mrs. and Mrs. B. W. Guy of Portland. Mrs. Alice Lamborn, The Dalles, is the baby's only great grandmother. The Guys also have two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nisbet are parents of an 8 pound 12 oz. girl named Elaine Yvonne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy.

Miss Ginger Laughlin was guest of honor on her 7th birthday June 30 at a party given by her mother, Mrs. Dale Laughlin. A lovely three tier cake was furnished by Mrs. Pat O'Meara. Guests were Albert Dean and Maxine Dormaler, Sandra and Michael Foss, Mrs. Clem Weik, Ronney, David, Jeanney and Kathleen and Mrs. Stephen O'Meara and children.

COUNTY RAMBLIN'S

T. W. Thompson, County Agent. The big question to many Sherman county folks these days is: under what conditions can we use nitrogen fertilizer? Dick Yocum farming, near Rufus, has demonstrated the use of nitrogen fertilizer on his farm by increased yield and build-up of fertility of his soil.

Dick farms in an area subject to wind erosion. One field however contained about seventy acres that could be considered a severe wind problem, where yield was little and straw growth was not enough to protect the land. This problem has been changed by the use of nitrogen fertilizer.

The fall of 1950, 100 pounds of actual nitrogen (300 pounds of Ammonium Nitrate, a 33.5 percent nitrogen material) was applied to the fall crop. Yield figures were astounding with 62 bu. being produced on this land and 30 bushels on adjacent land unfertilized. Dick says the fertilized ground due to past history, would not have yielded 30 bu.

This summer-fallow season a heavy covering of straw is available to protect the soil under a stubble-mulch system where little existed in past years. Two and one half to three ton of straw per acre has been incorporated in the top surface of the soil. Applications of nitrogen fertilizer on this land is planned this year to compensate for the heavy stubble crop of two years ago.

Russian Knapweed, a serious perennial weed with a deep taproot, was found between Kent and Shaniko in Wasco county, recently. This weed is present in other portions of the county but its presence in this location indicates the need for all farmers to be on the alert for plants unknown to them. Please call on us for plant identification.

So that you may make satisfactory measures prior to a heavy infestation.

Alfalfa hay prices are about five dollars a ton higher than a year ago. Movement has been heavy from all important producing areas. Those planning to secure hay for winter use should make their arrangements now.

Grain waterway seeding can be made to advantage prior to harvest. This practice has proven quite desirable by many growers here in Sherman county, originating with L. P. Haven. Better results can be had by having a flat ditch bottom. This forces the water to spread over the entire bottom and discourages concentrating the water whereby deep ditches result.

Sherman county farmers renting Taylor-Grazing land, who have small range improvement projects can get some assistance through the Bureau of Land Management. Those interested in cross-fencing, water developments, reseeding, or other range improvement practices may contact Hugh Thayer, district range manager, Box 37, Prineville, or contact the soil conservation service or the county agent's office in Moro.

Wheat Price Set At \$2.16 Here With Complication

The government has set the price of wheat for the 1953 season. It is \$2.44 in Portland. For Sherman county the price will be \$2.26, the freight on a bushel of wheat now being 18 cents.

The farmer will not get \$2.26 on his loan because he must pay the storage. Until July 19 the storage charge will be 11 cents per bushel. From July 20 to August 18 the storage charge will be ten cents. From August 19 until September 17 the storage charge will be nine cents.

The rate goes on down until spring when the charge from March 22 to April 10 will be one cent. The loan rate is the same for all the county and counties to the west have a higher rate and those to the east a lower rate.

Costs high. Last year the deduction for storage was a flat ten cents. The change is of little importance to the farmer because most of the wheat will come in between July 19 and August 18 in this county at least.

It will make loan figuring more difficult because it is probable that at the end of each period farmers will take out a loan for that period and at the given rate. Warehousemen will have to be very alert to keep the figures straight.

It is possible that the government is anxious to encourage farm storage, which, if done, would merely handicap the elevators on which the government holds loans. Certainly the income of warehouses, the government, or the farmer is going to be little affected by the change. The bookkeeping will be increased.

Sage Removal Improving

Glimpses of possible future developments on the ranges of eastern Oregon were shown at the annual field day of the Squaw Butte-Harney range and livestock experiment station recently.

Success with sagebrush spraying and seeding of crested wheat grass for range improvement was reported. Preliminary results of fertilizer experiments on native meadows caught the eye of many field visitors.

Donald Hyder, range conservationist, indicated that chemical spraying of big sagebrush to reduce competition and improve forage production may be the key to tremendous future development of the vast eastern Oregon ranges. Hyder announced successful attempts to kill sagebrush with 2,4-D sprays. An 86 percent kill was reported using an oil emulsion of butyl ester of 2,4-D in Mky. Water emulsion of the same chemical gave 84 percent kill.

Another avenue for range improvement was pointed up by demonstrations of successful seedlings of crested wheatgrass on land cleared of sagebrush. Experiments have shown that heavy rollers can be used effectively to get higher germination and survival in dry land seedlings. Both drilled and broadcast seedlings were improved by rolling. Best results came with rolling before drilling and after broadcasting.

Game Commission Setting Regulations

Recommendations for Oregon's 1952 hunting regulations will be discussed Friday, July 11, beginning at 9 a. m. standard time in the game commission's Port and headquarters at S. W. 16th avenue and Alder street.

All parties interested in regulations regarding seasons, bag limits, and methods of taking game animals, game birds, and furbearing animals are invited to attend. It is requested that all important facts and statements be submitted in writing.

Tentative regulations will be set after the hearing and the commission will reconvene Friday, July 25, to set the final 1952 hunting regulations.

All Bids Rejected On Bank Building; More Asked

All bids for the construction of the new First National Bank building in Moro have been rejected and new bids have been called for, according to word received this week from Portland.

Reason for rejection of the bids was not given but bank officials still expect to have the building constructed by November so it can be occupied.

Local Bank Has Nearly Two Million

Quarterly statement of condition figures released by the Sherman county branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on June 30, 1952, deposits at the branch were \$1,902,089 and loans were \$319,300. The figures were released by Carrel S. Bennett, manager of the branch.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for June 30, 1951. On that date deposits were \$1,345,073 and loans were \$326,313.

Further figures show that on June 30, 1952, deposits at the First National Bank of Portland with its 46 statewide banking offices were \$284,150,608 and resources were \$596,020,154.

In releasing these figures, F. N. Beigrano Jr., president of First National, reported that all three figures represented increases over a year ago. Over June 30, 1951, deposits at First National have increased \$28,051,849, and resources have increased \$48,278,117.

Republicans Pick New Officers

Sherman county Republicans have a different set of officers since the organization meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Howard Conlee, who had been chairman for 12 years decided that it was time to retire and Mrs. Collis Moore was elected chairman.

L. P. Haven of Wasco was elected vice-chairman and Allen Tom of Rufus was made secretary replacing Giles French who had served for 24 years in that capacity and who declined to run for pre-inct office this year.

Alternates to the chairman and vice-chairman are E. D. McKee and Mrs. Frank vonBorstel. The treasurer is Mrs. B. E. Halley. Congressional committeeman and woman are Frank von Borstel and Mrs. Howard Conlee. The nominating committee is Collis Moore, Frank von Borstel, J. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Walter Morris and L. P. Haven.

Government Tells How To Keep Grain

Good housekeeping is the first step in stored grain insect pest control and can be accomplished prior to harvest, T. W. Thompson, county agent, stated this week.

Millions of dollars are lost annually by insect, rodent, and bird damage to stored grain. The Pacific Northwest Grain Sanitation committee has initiated a program to reduce losses of stored grain. Sherman county farmers storing grain for seed, feed, or sale on the farm need to take proper grain sanitation measures.

Five sanitation measures will aid the farmer in conserving and preserving wheat as human food.

1. Good Housekeeping. Clean up around storage space including surrounding area and drive.
2. Walls and floors of bins should be sprayed with DDT or Methoxychlor. Emulsifiable concentrates available as 25% material using 10 gallons of the concentrate to 100 gallons of water is desirable.
3. Bird-Proof your grain storage space.
4. Prevent rodents from getting into your grain.
5. Inspect your grain at least once a month for birds, rodents, and insects, and fumigate or poison as required.

Wheat is human food—keep it clean by eliminating rodents, insects and birds.

First School Site Turned Down; Bucholtz Elected

The new high school building will not be built on the site first proposed by the school board. In fact, the school board members themselves did not favor the site by the time came for vote. The price seemed high, the view seemed unfavorable and only four of 82 voters liked the site.

The eighty some voters of the Moro school district who gathered to elect a new director and pass judgment on a site for the building voted without vocal dissent to hold the next election on approval of a site southwest of town along the highway. It is on land owned by J. K. McKean, can be bought for \$100 per acre and will be within less than a mile of town.

In fact, if the board chooses the part of the land nearest to town the distance will be little more than half a mile, short enough in the minds of old-timers to preclude necessity for a school bus. The site farther up the highway and across from the old slaughterhouse site is more sandy although level, but is in danger of being used to straighten out a rather bad kink in the highway.

On election of directors Art Bucholtz was chosen with 38 votes to seven for Harvey Thompson, five for Lamer Sayrs and 26 for Dean Pinkerton with some write-in votes. Thompson refused to serve if elected.

It will require two weeks notice to obtain a vote on the second site, according to Lloyd Henrichs, chairman, who presided at the meeting. Architects have been chosen.

A well and a sewer system may be necessary for the McKean site and probable cost will have some bearing on approval in all probability. However, should the closest part of the land be chosen it would be possible to pipe city water to it and also to connect with the city sewage system if thought desirable.

ANDREW M. PATJENS. Graveside services were held Tuesday at 4:00 p. m. at the Grass Valley cemetery for Andrew M. Patjens, who died in Portland July 4.

Mr. Patjens was born in Uteresen, Germany, December 13, 1893 and was brought to Oregon by his parents when a year and a half old. He lived in Sherman county until 1942 when he moved to Portland.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Katherine Jacobs of Portland. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a. m. in Portland.

RAIN MAKING CONTINUES. Control of rain will be tried another year by the farmers of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties whose organization for farmers, the Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., signed a contract Tuesday at Arlington with the North American Weather Consultants of Pasadena, Calif.

Payment for the service will be passed on a sliding scale designed by Robert Beaumont of OSC who has been studying rain making for the college for several years. The contract will begin September first of this year.

The firm headed by Dr. Irving Krick, and several others, had applied for the job at a previous meeting. Francis Watkins of Wasco is the chairman of the local weather makers.

U. S. BANK INCREASES. An all-time high in total deposits was marked up by the United States National Bank in its mid-year report. Deposits now stand at \$594,580,475, the highest for any banking system in Oregon.

This represents an increase of \$47,952,119 during the past 12 months. The Dalles branch reported deposits totaling \$13,287,657.62, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager.