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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

One of the funniest things we know is a second class letter marked "Important."

T T W N
"I'm so weary" she said, "that I'd welcome a case of sleeping sickness."

T T W N
Stuffed back in a corner of a cubbyhole in an old-fashioned desk we found a part of a packet of Sen-Sen which sold by the thousands in its hey-day. It was a sort of fore runner for chlorophyl. The boys used to chew it to hide the taste of liquor in the halcyon days when "lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

T T W N
We think it will be better if the Democrats talk about what they will do if elected and the Republicans do the same. Mr. Sparkman's prophesy of doom if Republicans win is not a very factual statement.

T T W N
Bertie McCormick of the Chicago Tribune is supporting no one for president, none of the contestants coming within the scope of his qualifications. He is starting a new party. Bertie might learn from a bit of natural history. When a buck gets old and sort of cantankerous and finds it impossible to get along with the young of either sex he may take to wandering off alone as if expecting the remainder of the herd to eventually follow him. It never does.

T T W N
It is apparent that we must have war or the threat of war to continue inflation. Inflation is causing what passes for "good times" which, if continued, would be disastrous. As for us we'll take stability.

T T W N
It would be nice if everyone voted and much nicer if everyone who voted knew why he was voting that way.

T T W N
Senator McCarthy has made himself a flock of enemies by speaking his opinions without sufficient evidence. He has, however, kept the issue of communism in government before the people and has thus served a purpose. His evidence might be better if he could get behind the administration's veil of secrecy. Sen. McCarthy is not the first to be accused of making accusations without proof. As for ourselves we are no more ashamed of being a Republican with McCarthy than of being a newspaperman with Drew Pearson.

T T W N
Inflation is like the weather. Everyone talks about it and no one does anything about it. Any government can stop inflation overnight if it wants to; it can turn prices downward, set interest rates, control profits. But this administration doesn't want to. We are not arguing that it should, only that it should quit hollering about prices or take steps to reduce them.

T T W N
Wonder if Truman is going to be as lucky as the last president who declined to run again—and just missed a depression.

T T W N
We note that a good part of the increase in costs is an increase in profits.

T T W N
We are glad to note that so far the producers of food are not conducting a campaign of hate against labor although all labor papers are screaming about the price of food. Investigation would prove that the larger part of the cost of food comes from the high cost of labor.

T T W N
"My," said the fat man, "I wish I could eat as much food as I pay the government for taxes."

T T W N
In the 18th century humans made a religion of everything; in the 19th century they make a science out of it.

T T W N
Adlai doesn't seem to think much of the Republican party. In fact, he couldn't keep his job if he did.

T T W N
Now we have "love-madness" which is presumably a disease. Cure is said to be matrimony.

Cattlemen Sponsor 4-H Livestock Auction Saturday of Fair

The 4-H Fat Stock Auction sale sponsored by the Sherman County Cattlemen's association will be held Saturday, September 13, following the rodeo, A. B. Christianson, chairman, of the auction sale committee, has announced.

Plans were laid for the forthcoming event with a meeting Wednesday evening at the court house. Advertisement and operation of the sale were planned by the auction sale committee and executive committee of the cattlemen's association.

The Sherman County Cattlemen's association has arranged an auction sale of some 15 or 20 4-H beef, five hogs and six sheep to be held immediately after the fair program Saturday, September 13 at the judging pen. Slaughter facilities for folks buying stock will be handled by the C & C Food store, Grass Valley.

Market prices will be supported by a Portland buyer with resale possible by bidders. Animals will be sold in a 12 hour shrink with weight by a tested and sealed scale.

The auction sale committee of the association has as members: Delmar Smith, Vernon Miller, Bill Jefferies, Tony Miller, Jim McWilliams, Elmer Lierman, J. K. McKean, A. B. Christianson, chairman, and T. W. Thompson, secretary. Executive committee members are assisting in the auction sale arrangements.

Better Be Late Than Lamented

With the approach of another week-end, the Oregon State Motor association today urged motorists to drive sanely wherever they go over Labor day.

Many people will have a three day break from their work. August 30 through September 1. This means many will take advantage of their time off to take a short trip, the AAA club pointed out.

Oregon's highways, already overcrowded, will be lined with Labor day week-end travelers, the association said, and extreme caution on the part of all drivers will be required if everyone is to get back home safe and sound.

Don't drink if you drive, be especially careful while driving at night, be patient in heavy traffic, and don't try to "make good time", the Oregon AAA club asks.

Court Pays Game Commission for Predator Hunter

CONDENSED REPORT OF GENERAL FUND: PROCEEDINGS OF AUGUST 6, SHERIFF'S OFFICE: 1952 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and allowed.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of July 31, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Road Foreman pro-tem presents court with report of gasoline consumption during month of July, report approved and ordered filed.

County Clerk's annual report of budget expenditures and unexpended balances for period of July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952, inclusive; also annual report of fees collected and disbursement of same for period of July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952 presented. Report approved and ordered filed.

County Treasurer's Annual Report of receipts and disbursements from July 1, 1951 to June 30, presented. Report approved and ordered filed.

Court signs order directing Clerk to issue Warrants in the sum of \$695.00 to State Game Commission and \$575.00 to State Treasurer for predatory animal control program.

Mr. Merritt of Klondike, Oregon appears before court and asks for road improvement before winter. Matter taken under advisement.

Mr. McPherson road foreman, protem asks for wage adjustment during harvest for road employees. Employees to get ten cents an hour raise during month of August.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1952, APPROVED AUGUST 6 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Schools Start September 8 After Week of Testing

All schools in Sherman county will open Monday, September 8, with all teaching positions filled.

County School Superintendent Wily W. Knighten, has arranged for a school of instruction for school bus drivers for September 3. Paul G. Warren, supervisor of driver education and transportation, state department of education, will be in charge. Inspectors from the secretary of state's office will be here to inspect all buses the same day. All bus drivers should attend the school and bring their buses for inspection. The meeting will be held at the Moro school at 9 a. m. Wednesday Sept. 3.

A preschool workshop for all teachers in the county will be held Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5 at the Moro school. The program will be devoted to use of visual aids in the classroom, both mechanical and non-mechanical. C. V. Henkle, school specialist in visual instruction, general extension division, will be in charge of the secondary work and Prof. Virgil Bolen, Eastern Oregon College of Education, will be in charge of the elementary division.

Football Fever Gets 27 Boys On Field

Football practice started Tuesday for the Moro High school team after a meeting of prospects Monday night with Coach Jerry Disch giving an outline of his type of play.

Twenty seven boys answered the first call, pleasing the coach who thought they look rugged and large enough. Disch is a 1952 graduate of Linfield college where he was a half back and 440 yard runner. His home is at Willamina.

Scrimmaging has begun with two teams working on details of the flanker T system followed by Disch. Backfield men have Dewayne Duncan (who will play defensive guard) Harold Duncan, Rodney Rolfe and Larry Kaseberg. The linemen candidates are many and enough to fill the holes left by last May's graduation.

The first game will be September 11, Thursday, with Maupin as the opponent in a regularly scheduled game but not one to effect league standings. The game will be played on the Moro field.

Norval Lane Out With Injured Knee; May Need Operation

Norval Lane, Moro entry in the East "B" team of the Shrine benefit game at Pendleton Saturday night, will not play. He sustained an injury to the knee that bothered him during his high school days and will have to have an operation, it was reported.

His loss leaves the east team somewhat weakened as Lane weighs 190 and is the crashing kind of a half back coaches can always use. Also he is a passer. The participation of Lane had stirred interest in the game in Sherman county where he was a favorite during his high school years. His place will be taken by Gardner of John Day.

PMA's To Elect

Community PMA elections will be held in each of the five county communities during September according to an announcement from the local PMA office.

At these elections farmers in each community will vote for three farmers to serve on the community committee, for a delegate to the county convention to elect a county PMA committee for 1953, and for alternates. Voting will be by mail. The effectiveness of agricultural conservation program operations and of price control and marketing programs will depend a great deal on the community committees who are elected at these elections. The concentration of agricultural conservation program operations in 1953 on the problems of individual farms adds to the need for able committees. Committees will be expected to help each farmer in determining the conservation needs on his farm and in making the most effective use of ACP assistance and available services in carrying out most needed practices. Each farmer is urged to look over the field carefully and make sure that farmers are elected who are best qualified and who will have the time to devote to the job.

MRS. AURELIA DEMOSS

Mrs. Aurelia DeMoss died at Eugene Monday night at the age of 72. As Aurelia Davis she married George DeMoss and lived in Sherman county until his death in 1933. She was born in 1879 in Iowa. Graveside services will be held at the DeMoss cemetery east of that station Friday at 11 a. m. Funeral services were held Thursday in Eugene. A son, Elbert, survives.

Tax on Property Next Big Bill To Come Due

While wheat growers are feeling good over a fine wheat crop the problem of taxes interposes itself into the scene to remain until November when property taxes are paid. Federal and state taxes will be larger.

All taxpayers in rural Sherman county will pay 37.8 mills on the valuation of their property as determined by the assessor. These valuations are low inasmuch as tillable land is assessed at \$21.22 per acre on the average. Merchandise stocks are comparatively valued higher than other property in all probability. This is because of the campaign to obtain a more factual valuation on stocks which were notoriously low in the state.

Of this 37.8 mills the rural school board will take 22.3; the county 5.5 and the two road programs 10.0 of which 6.0 is for special road tax.

At Rufus taxpayers will pay an additional 2.1 mills for local school purposes. At Kent they will pay 2.3 more and at Grass Valley 0.8 mills more than the 37.8 base.

In the towns there will be no special road tax as the towns do not participate in that tax. Yet, the city levy in Wasco is 15.9 for a total of 47.7. In Moro the city tax is 40.5 for a total of 72.3. In Grass Valley the city tax is 9.4 for a total of 42.0.

That is about all there is to taxes for local purposes in Sherman county. The total tax is \$420,576.08. The state off-set will be \$219,985.38, that being the state tax which is raised by the income and excise tax. It would amount to 20.33 mills.

The amount raised locally for schools is \$233,333.68 to which must be added the income from the basic school fund which will bring the total to approximately \$300,000. This is approximately \$900 per census child.

The total levied for roads is \$100,824.53 showing that the one-time balance between costs for roads and schools has changed.

Percentages figured by the assessor show the distribution of property in the county. Real property is 67.0 percent of the total, local personal property 17.8 percent and utility property 15.2 percent.

Rufus News

(By Mrs. George L. Fox)

Rufus grange met Thursday evening with Rolland Johnson, master, presiding. Seventeen members answered roll call. It was announced that Vern Lantz, state deputy of the Oregon state grange who lived at Redmond is on call but will not make his periodical visits as before.

The master announced Pomona grange will be at Harlandview September 20. For the lecturers hour Mrs. William O'Brien had a quiz on car driving. It was a tie between the men and the women. Supper was served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson received word their son Stacy signed up with the army for three year term. Stacy who is married and has two children has been working in Portland the last few years.

A group of friends gathered on the John Day river Sunday at the James Fox ranch and enjoyed the day picnicking and swimming. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Macnab, and Denny and So. McMillan.

The Pomona grange held an executive meeting Sunday at Bear Springs. They were discussing when to have Pomona grange. The regular date Saturday August 30 fell when a lot of parents were away vacationing before school started. The new date is September 20 and will be at Harlandview.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Foote of Corvallis arrived at the Geo. Fox residence Sunday night. They took George Jr. and Jimmy Foote up in the Bend country for a few days camping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dummer and son Denny of Salem arrived Saturday night at the Leland Medler place. They together with Frank Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and family left Sunday morning early on a vacation trip which will take them up as far as Canada on the coast.

Boosters Breakfast, Boost Banner for Fair Advertising

It doesn't take many boosters to start something to judge from the activity of the few who attended the specially called breakfast meeting Wednesday morning.

Purpose of the meeting was to get a start on plans for advertising the fair, it being feared that the regular meeting next week would leave too little time.

As a consequence Vernon Flatt as a committee chairman (and he has authority to pick his helpers) has already started collecting money to pay for street decorations which have already been ordered. By the time this is in print it is likely that some boosters of the feminine variety will be sewing on the banners. They will be yellow and red and vari-colored and bought to give the old town a bit more color than usual.

Regular meeting of the club will be held September 3 at 6:30 in the evening. It will be the annual fair meeting and fair board members, queen and princesses, secretary, race horse men, to say nothing of spectators are expected to attend.

Buck-Watkins

Ceremony Observed

In an impressive double ring ceremony, Sunday August 17, at 3 p. m., Miss Joanne Watkins daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and John Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck, exchanged marriage vows.

The Rev. H. Gravenor solemnized the simple ceremony before the deep pink gladiolus banked altar in the Wasco Methodist church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a creamy white slipper satin gown, with ruffled neckline, fitted bodice and full skirt extending into a court train. Her lace edged finger tip veil was held in a coronet of white stephanotis blossoms surrounding a purple orchid and cascading down white streamers. Her simple adornments were a pearl necklace and matching earrings, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. Eugene Gosson, sister in law of the bride, acted as matron of honor and wore a regal dress of Nile green taffeta. She carried a nosegay of white and pink carnations.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Sharon Laughlin, dressed in bluish pink taffeta, sang "Because" accompanied by Mrs. Gravenor, who also played the wedding march.

Miss Barbara Buck, the groom's sister, carried a candle amid pink carnations to light the tapers on either side of the altar. Her gown was pastel pink taffeta.

Best man for his brother's wedding was Gordon Buck. Ushers were Eugene Gosson, The Dalles, and Leo Roberts, Grass Valley.

The bride's mother was dressed in a white afternoon frock with a green and white design, white accessories and red rosebud corsage. Mrs. Buck's gown was white with a lavender floral design, lavender accessories and a red rosebud corsage.

A reception followed at the Leo Watkins' home. The table covered with a hand crocheted lace cloth, was decorated with pink gladiolus blossoms, white and pink candles and a three tier white bride's cake.

Mrs. Margaret Watkins continued cutting the cake after the couple cut the traditional first piece.

Mrs. Glen Virtue and Mrs. Art Watkins assisted at the punch bowl and coffee urn. Serving about the rooms were Janet Workman, Luetta Esslinger and Carol Briggs.

Miss Betty Dormaler was in charge of the guest book. The bride's going away dress was of pale pink nylon, with a white celet hat and white accessories.

Following a short trip to the coast the couple will make their home in Wasco. John Buck is employed by the state highway department.

Fair Briefs Tell Of Details Being Settled Finally

Things are going to happen pretty fast concerning the county fair from now until the closing hour, September 14. Decisions will be made and they will of necessity be final decisions. Things will move.

Advertising posters are going out to other towns and it is expected that a group of fair boosters, including board members, will travel around to talk about the fair sometime next week.

The boosters are talking about cleaning up the town and if they keep it up will have to do something about that. Burning of leaves that have prematurely fallen and washing the streets is already planned.

Harold Eakin hauled the hay early this week and straw will be hauled right away. Horses are at the track although some Sherman county horses have been taken to Hermiston, Tygh Valley and Salem to get some training for the local races. The Coelsch and Coons horses have been away.

Ken Khott, band and orchestra leader for the afternoon shows and the dances, writes of his experience as an arranger of music for radio stations and lists his present engagements other than the one here.

Dances are arranged for Grass Valley Friday night and for Wasco Saturday night.

It is likely that there will be starting gates at the fair grounds this year. Horsemen who have been using them at other race meets are asking for them and they can be obtained on a rental basis. They were tried once before with little success, but may prove more satisfactory this time.

The Sherman Riders were at Tygh Valley Saturday and Sunday, with the queen and princesses, and all took part in the Wasco county fair.

Wasco News

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hines were called to Portland last week on the word of the death of Mrs. Lizzie Moffat who was their daughter in law's mother. They were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hines. Saturday and Sunday they attended the Day family reunion at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wright in Milwaukie. There were seventy-one present. Their great grandson, Ernie Watson, accompanied them home Monday and will remain for a week's visit. He lives at Vancouver, Washington.

Peter, Michael and Walter Johnson of The Dalles are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Rust this week.

Miss Rita Jean Smith of The Dalles was an overnight guest of Janet Workman recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney G. Northrup, missionaries from Saultillo, Coahuila, Mexico, spoke and showed pictures of their experiences in Mexico. They also taught some choruses in Mexican. They were at the Wasco Church of Christ last week.

Mrs. Mamie Elliott and Mrs. A. B. Potter of Klondike were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Welk and family.

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannel of Gresham were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Mrs. Chas. Neville, Miss Susanah Morgan and Miss Josefa Wynam all of Corvallis were here to attend the Kaseberg wedding. They are Delta Gamma sorority sisters of Patricia. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Mrs. T. M. Roife and daughter Mrs. Frances Mathews of Grass Valley called the G. A. Sargents Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder and infant daughter are home from the hospital.

Charles Everett, long time city marshal, is ill in a Portland hospital, having been taken there from Salem where he was visiting. His condition was considered serious for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laughlin and daughters Sharon and Ginger have returned from a weeks vacation at the coast. Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg were Miss Marilyn Wise of Fortuna, Calif., Mrs. Beverly Orion of La Grande, liner, taking their daughters, and Miss Barbara Kaseberg and Miss took delivery on a new car which Phyllis Briggs of Portland and they are driving home through Miss Mary Chambers of Corvallis the southwest.