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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We wonder what is the reaction of soldiers in Korea to the new permanent building to house the peace negotiators at Panmunjom.

T T W N

Note to Mr. Truman: Styles in stage humor have changed, people no longer go for Pat and Mike jokes.

T T W N

Washington has found the operation of slot machines unconstitutional. Naturally. The definition of a lottery surely includes them and nearly all state constitutions have a ban against lotteries. The decision is probably an indication of a trend toward public morality which is about due after seven years of post war laxity.

T T W N

Now, we suppose, we have to get excited over TV. However, with the discovery of chlorophyll, it is not likely that we will have to smell them along with hear and see them.

T T W N

Children Monday will begin another lesson in social relationships, by which we mean, learning to get along with each other. If the teachers are able to inject a bit of reading and writing it will be an advantage.

T T W N

The Truman women say they didn't have a thing to do with Harry's decision to retire. The smart ones all say that.

T T W N

We hope some day to find some one living as well on the little dollars of social security as he could have lived on the big dollars he paid into it.

T T W N

Now comes the season of the year when the cry, "There'd ought to be a law", is often heard. May we suggest an amendment, "There'd ought to be fewer laws."

T T W N

If it is proper to assume that the nation is greatest which has the most natural resources the United States is going downhill and will eventually be second to both Russia and Brazil and perhaps later, China. We have the most "know how" but will need something to practice on.

T T W N

Newspapers announce for a candidate on the editorial page and to keep the balance give his opponent the best front page treatment. It is an indication of extreme fairness, excellent business judgment, good newspapering—and poor politics.

T T W N

If McCarthyism is a desire to get the communists out of government, it has many adherents. If it is a habit of blackening reputations of public men without evidence it is detestible. In order to make the best case against McCarthyism its opponents must first prove that he isn' right in his major premise: that there are communists in government.

T T W N

Now both Portland papers have a Behind the Mike or similarily titled column. Its main attraction is that it isn't a radio column but one that keeps the lawyers watching for libel.

T T W N

Joe DiMaggio is said to be scenting the fray from the grandstand seats and anxious to get back into a suit. He might become a legend with a stunt like that since here are no more fire horses to run to fires after being turned to pasture.

T T W N

We wonder why the school age is kept at ages four to 20. No one would let a four year old go to school and no one 20 would go. It is plainly old fashioned, yet not changed by those who are paid to keep us up to date.

T T W N

Time to stop advertising sleeeping bags and start on electric heaters.

T T W N

Some have asked for a good rain before the fair. We think that very risky business but continuously darkened skies do probably mean more than the promise to stop inflation.

Census Figures Show Effect of Taxes On State of Oregon

Census figures recently published show that Oregon citizens paid $463,199,126 to the federal government for direct taxes during the year ending June 30, 1952. This is an increase of more than $100,000,000 over the sum paid in the year ending in 1951. Of this amount $324,149,693 is from personal income taxes and the remainder is corporate.

The Oregon Voter compiles other tax figures to show taxes paid in Oregon totaling $529,000,0000. Added to the above is alcoholic beverage taxes, cigarette taxes, manufacturers excise taxes, Miscellaneous taxes, custom duties, estate and gift taxes and common carrier and payroll taxes.

State taxes, city, county and other municipal corporation levy taxes of $278,000,000 making the total over $807,000,000 paid by the 1,516,000 Oregon citizens to government. This is about $530 per person on an average.

Another interesting figure is that the total income of Oregonians is $2,572,000,000 approximately $1700 apiece. Of the income agriculture provides $206,000,000. Payments by the federal government $363,000,000; payrolls $579,000,000; trade and service $705,000,000 and other sources $720,000,000. The federal government is paying out one and four-fifths as much money as all Oregon's agriculture earns.

Fourth District Women To Come

At the board meeting of the Moro Woman's club it was decided to accept the bid to entertain the Fourth District meeting provided a suitable date could be had. The date has been set for September 24 and will be in the community church parlors.

Registration will be at 9:30 a. m. with a noon luncheon served for $1.25 a plate.

It is hoped that many Moro club members attend as there are several new clubs affiliated.

Following members have been named chairmen and accepted: Mrs. Inez Thompson, luncheon; Mrs. Josephine Gentry, waitresses; Mrs. Lucille May, tables and decorations; Mrs. Rose Amidon, afternoon coffee; Mrs. Vernon Miller, registration; Mrs. Cecil Hockman and Mrs. Joy Parker, auditorium arrangement.

Members please place your reservation for luncheon with Mrs. Thompson or Mrs. Parker.

Gordon Orput, prominent Oregon insurance executive and civic leader, heads up the Oregon for Eisenhower committee after appointment from national Citizens for Eisenhower New York headquarters. He plans non-partisan committees in every county and most cities.

Gordon Orput, insurance executive of Portland and Mrs. Lesley Miller of Gearhart, have been appointed chairman and vice-chairman of the Eisenhower committee. The committee will not confine itself to partisan matters but will try to attract the support of all voters who would like to see Eisenhower elected president. Whether they do so because they think he can come nearest to assuring peace; whether they want him to work toward reduction of taxes; whether they think his administrative ability is what the country needs; or whether they want Eisenhower because they feel a good house-cleaning is overdue in Washington the Eisenhower committee will welcome the Oregon voter.

Orput has done much civic work around Portland such as heading the community chest, war bond committee and Rose festival. Mrs. Miller has been head of PTA, Red Cross and Girl Scouting and was president of the Clatsop county League of Women Voters.

School Starting With Teachers Ready To Work

School begins in Moro Monday morning as it does all over the county. This week has been busy with preliminary football practice, teacher's work shop, bus drivers' instruction. Next week, with all adults freshly primed for the fray they will be ready to meet the children.

On Monday there will be but a half day of school although buses will make the regular runs. Drivers will be Tommy Jones, William Edwards, Ralph Brisbine and James Dyer.

There will be a hot lunch program at the school this year with Mrs. Ralph Brisbine and Mrs. John Gilman cooking the food, which will cost 30 cents per lunch.

Teaching in the grades will be Donald Anderson 7-8; Miss Helen Steenkolk, a graduate of Mt. Angel who comes from Toledo, 5-6, Mrs. Doris Ellis, 3-4; Miss Betty Banks, a graduate of Mt. Angel and from Silverton, 1-2.

In high school Miss Phyliss Eberhart, Pacific U. will teach girls' athletics, home economics, biology and social studies; Mrs. Shelley Roberson, English and typing; Gerald Disch, coach, math, science. He comes from Willamina and graduated from Linfield; William Byrd, U. of O., comes from Salem, teaches commerce, English, social studies and is librarian. Miss Dorothy Beachlet, will teach music, is a graduate of Willamette and lives at St. Helens.

Homer J. E. Townsend is superintendent of both grade and high school again this year and John Gilman has been promoted from janitor to custodian.

Charles Everett Buried At Wasco

Charles Everett, marshal of Wasco, was buried in that city Tuesday afternoon following his death Friday in a Portland hospital where he had been but a few days. He underwent an operation for perforated ulcers and died without coming out of the anaesthetic, probably from uremic poisoning.

Charley Everett was born in Tumway, Iowa, March 2, 1883, and had been a resident of Sherman county since he was a boy, his father having a farm near the head of Biglow canyon. He worked at farming and harvesting and at the age of 33—36 years ago—became marshal of Wasco, a position he had held continuously. He pumped the water, policed the streets, jailed or cautioned the law breakers and was custodian of city services and behavior.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Wasco and the Methodist church. Survivors are his widow, Idah, a daughter, Mrs. Helen Walcott of Salem; three brothers, Carl of Wasco; Lee of Bend; Perl of Coos Bay; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Funk of Wasco; Mrs. Iva Downey of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mattie Ross of Salem.

Funeral services were in charge of Smith Callaway and interment was made in Sunset cemetery at Wasco.

Sherman Riders To Meet Sunday

The Sherman Riders will meet at the county fair grounds Sunday at 2:00 p. m. according to Miss Connie Wilson to determine what to do with a challenge received from the Tywana club of Tygh Valley to a riding contest during the fair.

There will be drill practice and all riders are expected to attend.

MILK BOTTLES LIGHTER

The fibre milk containers produced at the new plant of the American Can company of ficially opened in Portland last week (August 22) will relieve housewives in the Pacific Northwest of a yearly burden of more than 285,000,000 pounds in carrying their milk supplies home from grocery stores.

This big figure, a can company spokesman explained, is the difference in weight between the one-trip paper milk containers that will be produced at the Portland plant during the year and the weight involved in carrying an equivalent number of other types of containers home and then returning them to stores.

City May Have Struck Water, Savs Well Driller

Boyd Bennett, who has been drilling for water for the city for some nine months, announced Thursday morning that he thinks he has struck a supply that might be enough to suit the city fathers, who will have the job of deciding that question.

He is at a depth of 448 feet. He struck the stream of water at 438 feet. The water in the well dropped to 320 feet and cleared up, indication, say drillers, that a good stream has been hit.

A test will be made of the flow as soon as a tester can be obtained from Portland which will not be later than the middle of the month.

School Committee Named To Plan

At a recent meeting the school board appointed a committee to advise the board on floor plans for the new high school building. They will be advisers only.

Named were: James L. Turnbull, of the state department of education, Jack Annard, architect, Wily Knighten, county superintendent, John Orr, Arlington principal, Ernest Woods, Paul Fraser, Donald Anderson, Shelley Roberson, Doris Ellis, Dorotha Moore, Maude Kirkelie, Carroll Sayrs, Harvey Thompson, Giles French, Vernon Miller.

A meeting of the committee has been called for Tuesday afternoon, September 9 at three o'clock at the school house.

Wheat Loans Over $2,000,000 Made

The PMA office for the county has made 314 loans on the 1952 wheat crop up until September 2. These were for 1,224,031 bushels of wheat valued at $2,624,387.00. In addition some wheat has been sold earlier when the price was above the loan. Now the price and the loan are about the same.

In addition 12 loans on 76,966 bushels of farm stored wheat have been made totaling $172,818.

4-Hers To Exhibit In Force

One hundred twenty 4-H boys and girls will exhibit their years projects at the 1952 Sherman County Fair September 12—14, County Agent T. W. Thompson has announced.

Projects exhibited will be sewing, cooking, electricity, beef, sheep and swine. Boys and girls enrolled in club work and completing their years work are eligible to exhibit. Several divisions of each project will be exhibited by Sherman county youngsters.

Friday, September 12, is judging day for 4-H exhibits. Home economics and electricity exhibits will be on display in the fair pavilion. Beef, sheep and swine will be found in the livestock barns. Judging starts at 9:00 a. m. in the livestock and home economics projects. Bread and cake baking contests and style review will be held on Friday.

Leaders and parents serving as superintendents of the various 4-H projects and exhibits are: Sheep and Swine, M. V. Miller; Beef, Leonard Fields; Electricity, Lewis Hastings; Livestock Showmanship contest, Paul Alley; Cooking, Mrs. Thelma Trimble; Cake Baking contest, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley; Clothing, Mrs. Virginia McIntyre; Style Review, Mrs. Ralph Eakin; Home Economics Judging contest, Mrs. Paul Fraser and Mrs. Orlow Martin.

Entry blanks for club members exhibiting at the fair are due in the county agent's office not later than Wednesday, September 10. Entries must be in place by 9:00 a. m. Friday, September 12.

TAX MEN TO MEET

County Judge C. A. Tom, Assessor Clair L. Balzer and Sheriff Norman E. Fields, will journey to The Dalles, Monday, September 8, for the tax commission's Regional In-service Training school. Assessor Balzer announced today. Also attendng this regional meeting will be officials from Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow and Wheeler counties.

Dangerous Pass Elimination On Highway Program

Word has been received from two sources that the state highway commission is planning to improve the underpass two miles south of Moro where Federal Highway 97 goes under the Union Pacific railway.

Carrel S. Bennett wrote in May on behalf of the Moro Booster club asking that improvement be made in the underpass which is considered dangerous, even by those who use it daily. He received a reply last week from H. B. Glaisyer, secretary to the commission, who said, "I am pleased to inform you that the commission authorized an expenditure of approximately $50,000 to provide a new permanent type structure at this point as a replacement for the existing narrow underpass. According to present plans the work will be done during the 1953 construction season."

County Judge Curt Tom wrote to say that the highway commission had tentatively approved an allocation of federal aid primary highway funds for the construction of a new type under passage on U. S. 97."

Although the underpass has been there since the highway was built 30 years ago it has seemingly become more dangerous every year and drivers who have been under it literally thousands of times grow more fearful of it each year. Several accidents have occurred as two meet in the pass. It is possible for two cars to pass, but, because of the conditions few cars do pass in it.

Judge Tom further says that the Root corner-Wasco road will also be on the 1953 highway program although there is still a question of where the money is to come from. Division of state and federal moneys within the counties has not been decided definitely. County officials have made a proposal which the highway commisson has not accepted. It is expected, nevertheless, that the project will be included in the 1953 appropriations.

Mrs Aurelia DeMoss Buried In Family Plot

Graveside services were held Friday at the DeMoss cemetery for Mrs. Aurelia DeMoss, widow of the late George DeMoss. Here in addition to members of the family living here were Elbert DeMoss and sons Lewis and Elbert; Homer DeMoss and daughters Evelyn and Virginia, and son, Jimmy; Hershell Davis and wife and daughters, Walden and Sandra of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Blackwell (Arvilla Davis) of Powell Butte; Mrs. Nita Precon and Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss of Hansville, Washington.

Veterans Must Hurry

Only three months remain for an estimated 27,000 Oregon veterans to apply for their World War II bonus, the state department of Veterans' Affairs warned today.

Carl Cover, claims chief for the department's bonus division, reminded late filing veterans that December 1 is the deadline for making application. This date can only be extended by constitutional amendment, approved by vote of the people.

On the last day of August approximateely 108,000 veterans or families of deceased veterans had applied for the bonus. The department expects to receive in the neighborhood of 135,000 applications, so this means about 27,000 have yet to apply.

Slightly more than 90,000 bonus checks have been mailed, as of the close of August, for payments totaling over $37,000,000.

Cover said payments would be made faster if veterans would be patient and not inquire about the status of their claims.

The department has had to answer an average of 175 letters and 150 phone calls a day in response to these inquiries, Cover said, which takes the full time of three persons plus portions of the time of several others on the bonus staff. Many times, he said, such inquiries mean pulling an applicant's file out of order and sending it back to the end of the line delaying his payment several more days.

Memorial Window Dedication Scheduled For Sunday

The stained glass window of the Community church will be dedicated next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, the time for the regular church service.

The memorial window was presented to the church by Mrs Carrie Jackson in memory of her parents, Theodore and Annie Kaseberg, pioneers of this county.

Appropriately the sermon for the day will be "The Fine Arts in Worship" given by Rev. W. W. Gearhart, who is leaving this month for a new pastorate at Ojai, California.

Dedication will be made also of the communion table in honor of the memory of E. H. Moore; the cross and candle sticks in memory of Mrs. L. D. May; the pulpit chairs in memory of George and Annie Williams. Other furniture of the new church will be dedicated in the same ceremony.

Alcan Highway Good Traveling Now

Traffic on the Alaska highway so far this year has increased by nearly 50 per cent over 1951, the Oregon State Motor association reports.

At the present rate, it is expected that more than 50,000 vehicles will use the highway during the year. Last year's total was 23,406 vehicles, according to the AAA-affiliated club.

Though not yet paved, the highway is a good graveled all-weather route on which it is possible to cover 300 miles daily in unhurried travel, the motor club's officials say. Latest in a series of improvement projects on the 10-year-old highway is the new Donjek bridge 200 miles northwest of Whitehorse.

Donna Sparling Gets Job Advising

Donna Sparling of Moro, junior at OSC, has been appointed rookess counselor chairman of New Student week.

This week, scheduled the first week of fall term, is to help in coming freshmen and new students become acquainted with OSC. Planned events include library tours, freshman mix and a picnic.

Miss Sparling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling of Moro, is enrolled in lower division of liberal arts. As rookess chairman, she will work with the 62 women counselors to orient them to their work with the freshmen.

Livestock Sale Has Good Stock Listed

Four-H livestock club members will sell fat beef, sheep and swine, Saturday, September 13, following the rodeo and race meet of the Sherman County Fair..

Wink and Son of The Dalles will cry the sale of these fine quality livestock. The sale will be held in the cattle juding ring under the sponsorship of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association.

These high quality livestock are available to the public. Slaughter facilities will be handled by the C & C Food Store, Grass Valley. Buyers may resell animals if slaughter is not desired.

Club members planning on making sales at this years event are as follows: Everett Royse, Janice and Don McIntyre, Gene and Milton Fridley, Terry and Lee Kaseberg, Wasco; Jimmy Belshe, Jean and Joann Ross, Tommy Higley, Edwin Balsiger, and Steve Burnet, Moro; Florene Crews, Tommy and Harry Dean Eakin, Grass Valley and Leon and Gordon Helyer, and Frank McKay of Kent.

Greyhound Takes Over

The Greyhound corporation has announced that on October 1 it plans to assume complete control of the Union Pacific stages. The Union Pacific has owned two-thirds of Union Pacific stages and the Greyhound corporation one-third.

The company states that complete ownership will permit it to give more efficient service along its routes.

Joann Ross Wins Fat Lamb Award At State Fair

Sherman county sent one steer and two sheep to the state fair. All were taken by Joann and Jean Ross.

One of the fat lambs was made Grand Champion, the steer was Reserve Champion and the other lamb was fifth in its class.

Calf Second Best

Grand Champion of steers was a Shorthorn owned by Merle Eakin of Powell Butte, himself a former Sherman countian.

Besides taking the top spot in the sheep class Joann's lamb was named first in the Southdown class. It weighed 92 pounds. Jean won 5th for fat lamb and also third in junior sheep showmanship. Joann was 5th in the senior sheep showman class.

The Ross steer was the grand champion Hereford of the show in order to get into the grand champion competition, her 1050 pound steer being the best in that group.

In team judging the Sherman county team of Edwin Balsiger, Gary Miller and Joann Ross were winners of a blue award, which is the first class. There were contestants from 33 counties, each having three members of the team. Joann placed fourth in individual judging with 809.2 points out of a possible 1000.

Thirty 4-H Steers Ready For Fair

Thirty head of 4-H fat steers will be shown at the 1952 Sherman County Fair, T. W. Thompson stated this week.

Club members will exhibit fat and breeding stock in the beef, sheep and swine divisions. Animals will be in place Friday morning September 12 and will be released Sunday evening September 14. All animals shown must be owned by the club member. Club members are eligible to compete in open class competition providing proper entry fees are paid.

Gray Thompson, county extenson agent, in charge of 4-H club work in Umatilla county will be 4-H livestock judge. Ron Davis, Olex, former Harney county extension agent, will judge open class stock and assist in the 4-H judging.

Livestock club members to exhibit at the 1952 Sherman County fair are: Jim Belshe, Joann and Jean Ross, Gary Miller, Steve Burnet, Edwin Balsiger, Tonai Miller, Tommy Higley and Sharon Coons, Moro; Sally Fields, Janice and Don McIntyre, Douglas Alley, Terry and Lee Kaseberg; Gene and Milton Fridley, Larry Kaseberg, Everett Royse, Wasco; Florene Crews, Tommy and Harry Dean Eakin, Grass Valley; and Frank McKay, Gordon and Leon Helyer, Kent.

Ed Bell Finds Orient Eating Wheat

Edward J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission Pendleton, nearing the termination of his year's leave of absence from that position, said today indications are that rice economy nations of the Far East are in the market for an increasing amount of wheat and flour.

Bell was back in Pendleton Thursday after directing for a year the efforts of the U. S. to strengthen the agricultural economy of the Philippines. He left today (Saturday) for Washington, D. C., where he will make his report on the year's activities. On August 31, he will be back in Pendleton to assume his former duties as administrator of the wheat commission.

Bell noted encouraging trends in the increasing use of flour in the Philippines and in Japan. In the former nation—he resided in Manila for a year—he said many Philippinos had developed a taste for eating bread in the form of hard rolls ("pande-sal") for breakfast and were eating an increasing amount of cake and other confections on holidays.

In Japan, Bell said Japanese millers had told him that wheat continues to be an important substitute for rice, which is becoming more difficult to obtain. Many Japanese, who formerly ate rice three times a day, now eat wheat once daily and like it, he said.