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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

"This is the first time I remember," said the old Republican, "when Christmas was put off until January."

T T W N
Tomorrow will be longer than today.

T T W N
A kindly dealer has sent us a desk thermometer and we are thankful for the remembrance, not minding the commercial aspects a particle. We do wonder, though, what use we can possibly make of it. If its hot we will know it and similarly if its cold. But we'll have to go on working just the same. Were we in the unfortunate position of renting an office we might annoy the janitor with it; fortunately or unfortunately, as you will, we are in the "every man his own janitor" class and can blame no one. There is no room on our editorial desk for gadgets and it is, in fact, a dangerous place for them especially at this time of year for there may be a clean-up before long when the waste basket suddenly bulges from the flood from above.

T T W N
Sugar Ray Robinson is to quit the prize ring to become a dancer. It will be more of a change for him than for some.

T T W N
America is a great country and so far as we know the only one where dogs get a balanced diet and humans stuff on carbohydrates.

T T W N
Samuel Goldwyn has been in the movie industry for 40 years, we note. He has made money. And surely no one has helped to liquidate the potentials of an industry so completely.

T T W N
When the calendar is reformed we have a personal wish that so many holidays do not fall on Thursday.

T T W N
Radio, probably for commercial reasons, did not repeat the traditional Christmas songs so much this year.

T T W N
Those who sing so plaintively about a "white Christmas," be it known, are expressing their own ideas and not necessarily those of this writer. Snow adds nothing to the Christmas spirit.

T T W N
It is reported that Eisenhower plays the harmonica. We're glad he didn't play it in the campaign, but we do admit a certain liking for the old fashioned mouth organ which is the common and rather ambitious name for the instrument. It has been a great comfort in days past to miners, cowboys and homesteaders who lived alone in primitive conditions and even, in these times of presumed civilization would be an improvement on most radio programs. Some men were masters with it and could play a jig that set the feet to flying or a hymn to bring more solemn thoughts.

T T W N
In point of interest, and probably of "students' football" may be the most popular basketball taught in high school. Basketball would come in second, perhaps. Which is not all to the bad for some good lessons are incidentally learned in the study of them, but we think there should be room enough left for the pupil to learn to write and speak English, to be able to compute his income tax in legible mathematical figures and to know the background of the civilization in which he lives.

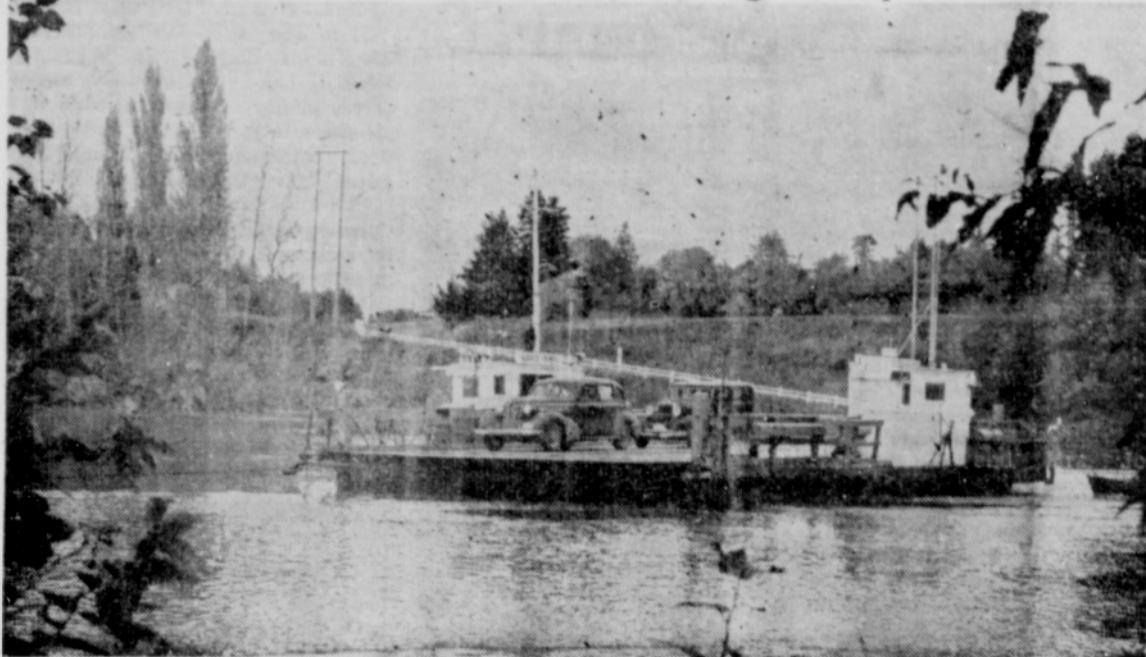
T T W N
The radio announcer calls it government, the new deal would have it government and most of us hope that it becomes government.

T T W N
Do you get a little thrill over the news that some men have escaped from a penitentiary and have a chance to be free again?

T T W N
The cost of living may be very high but the cost of government is higher, actually costing the average family more.

T T W N
And a very Merry Christmas.

The Last Veteran Fading Away



Alphonso Boone, grandson of the great Daniel, trekked west to Oregon in 1846, settling with his family on the banks of the Willamette across the river from where Wilsonville was to grow. In 1847 the eldest son, Jesse V. Boone, built himself a ferry boat to bridge the water gap for those rugged pioneers wanting to make the then long journey over what became known as the Boone's Ferry Road between Portland and Salem. Jesse was killed in 1871 and his younger brother, Alphonso D. took over the job and for 100 years the old ferry and its successors have carried the public and its vehicles, from ox-drawn to diesel-driven. It will continue faithful to its century-old task until Jan. 1, 1954, when it is expected that the new Boone four-lane bridge will take over the burden. Then this last of the Highway Commission's "fleet", except the Astoria-Megler ferry, can take its rest and become another memory in Oregon's book of pioneers and their history.

Stockmen Plan Election and Old Time Dance January 10

The Sherman County Cattleman's association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, January 10 at the county courthouse in Moro, Ronald Powell, president, has announced. An evening program of square dancing called by Merton Sauer, Tygh Valley, will be held Saturday evening in Grass Valley.

Dwarfism in cattle will be discussed by Jim Ellings, extension livestock specialist OSC, during the afternoon program.

Cattle outlook for 1953 and marketing methods will be covered by Ed Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist. An additional speaker and film is being planned, Powell says. Election of officers and plans for the coming year will take place during the business meeting. Present officers other than Powell are Leonard Fields, vice-president; George Fox, Albert

Kaseberg, Howard Ross, Lester Barnum and Durward Helyer, executive committeemen, and T. W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

All interested folks are invited to attend the afternoon meeting and evening entertainment. Dues for the association are \$2.50 plus 5 cents per head of growing stock. The association has been formed to advance the livestock interest

Bills Paid, Money Transferred, Crusher Bought

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 3, 1952, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and allowed.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all funds balances as of November 30, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents court with report of gasoline consumption during month of November, report approved and ordered filed.

County Treasurer appears before court and asks for transfer of certain road funds to General Road Fund and Post-War Road Construction Fund. Court orders such transfer of funds as requested.

Renewals of beer applications approved and fee turned to County Clerk.

Judge Tom presents court with report from road viewers re: vacating portion of Gherkin road. Report of road viewers accepted and County Road Foreman instructed to have said road on winter program.

Re: Rock Crusher: Afternoon session was taken up by discussion of purchase of rock crusher. Judge Tom reported that while at Judge's and Commissioner's convention in Portland, he and Commissioner Wilson & Chas. Kuypers (member of five man advisory road board) visited Howard-Cooper plant and rock crusher was purchased from Howard-Cooper Corp. for sum of \$28,506.00. Motion made and seconded that the action taken by above named members

of Court be accepted. Motion carried by a two-thirds vote of court members.

No further matters at issue. Adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER, 1952

APPROVED DECEMBER 3 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$26.47; N. Fields, \$153.48

CLERK'S OFFICE:

C. C. Chapman, \$4.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Craig Office Supply, \$1.64

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$13.29; C. Balzer, \$25.80

COURTHOUSE:

Pacific Phone \$45.25; Pacific Light, \$25.91; City of Moro, \$3.10

CIRCUIT COURT:

Mrs. White, \$14.85; Mary Rehr \$57.00; Jurors, \$261.96

COUNTY COURT:

Donald Martin, \$72.00; Lester Wilson, \$75.00; C. A. Tom, \$64.87; Mrs. Norma Everett, \$5.00

JUSTICE COURT:

Pacific Phone, \$5.80; Charles R. Logan, \$50.00

CORONER'S OFFICE:

The Dalles Clinic, \$25.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

District Attorney's Ass'n \$10.00; T. L. Johnson, \$80.00

LAW BOOKS:

Shepard's Citations, \$18.00

COURTHOUSE INSURANCE

W. T. Balsiger, \$248.25

ELECTIONS: \$398.35

GOVT TRAPPER, \$58.33

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: \$1174.25

COUNTY AUDIT: \$235.06

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Tax Com., \$20.10; First National Bank, \$196.30; National Hospital Ass'n., \$13.50; State Ind. Acc. Comm., \$12.24; Social Security, \$58.52

ROAD FUND:

WAGES:

Frank Bazzel, \$283.66; E. McPherson, \$217.70; Frank Bayer, \$235.84; Jerry Morehouse, \$213.04; Ora Workman \$233.37; Lloyd Gosson, \$230.68; Carl Shelley, \$10.92; Kenneth Zachary, \$346.42; Clayton McCall, \$271.60; First National Bank, \$132.10; Social Security, \$49.88; Retirement System, \$53.76; State Tax Com., \$22.64

REPAIRS:

Service Motor Co., \$50.20; Sunset Motor Co., 22.18

GAS & OIL:

Standard Oil Co., \$74.20; Union Oil Co., \$271.09

TIRES & TUBES:

V. P. Brock Co., \$1.50; Sunset Motor Co., \$111.00; Walther-Williams Co., \$100.96

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Ranch & Home Store, \$2.37; Pike's Garage, \$80.45; Howard-Cooper Corp., \$26.50; Interstate Tractor & Equip Co., \$2.45; J. K. McKean Co., \$14.74; Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., \$37.83; Firestone Stores, \$240.42; Service Motor Co., \$59.74; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac, \$7.80

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:

Tygh Sand & Gravel Co., \$631.30; Mid-Columbia Supply Co., \$50.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

State Ind. Acc. Comm., \$87.96

Pacific Phone, \$5.40; Pacific Light, \$23.39; C. Davis, \$7.00; J. Harness, \$112.60; City of Moro, \$1.75

RETIREMENT: \$40.32

County Court Debates Minutes Of Past Meetings

There was little in the way of Christmas spirit afloat at the meeting of the county court Wednesday morning when judge and commissioners met apparently to do some things to the November 5th minutes that had been suggested by the district attorney and county auditor. November 5th was the day the court agreed to buy a rock crusher. The county clerk, who usually keeps minutes was excused to look after election returns which were of primary importance that day. The judge kept some minutes. Tuesday they were officially incorporated into the minutes that had been written by the clerk.

Don Martin, commissioner, contended that the correct figures of bids of different companies were not in the minutes. Judge Curt Tom and Commissioner Lester Wilson said the figures were correct as of that date but some minor changes had been made afterwards at the suggestion of Charles Kuypers who represented the five man board of road advisors in dealing for a rock crusher. The amendatory minutes were approved by a two to one vote.

Other matters were discussed, including, occasionally, intimation that action had been taken improperly, that members had been inconsistent, negligent, high handed. While these matters were debated with some spirit most of them did not seem to a casual observer to have a direct bearing on the point for which the meeting was called.

The original minutes say that the meeting was called to buy a crusher. The minutes of October 8 note agreement that a crusher be bought. A reading of the recent minutes would therefore indicate that the court and five man board agreed on the policy of buying a crusher early in October and in November the court and Kuypers met to hear salesmen for crushers.

Three presented bids and the minutes note that Tom and Wilson agreed to buy the Howard-Cooper offering. The minutes are not entirely clear as to the prices. Final purchase of the crusher was ratified at the December meeting although the contract was signed in Portland at the county judges and commissioners meeting, or it is so charged.

Martin said that citizens were going to protest the action, perhaps in court, and that he wanted it straight although he would not oppose the purchase of a crusher if it was done properly. It seems possible that there may be a lesson on the value of accurate minutes in this imbroglio before it is finally settled.

WATCH PARTY SET FOR NEW YEAR

There will be a watch night party and service at the Moro Community church on New Year Eve. It will begin with a potluck supper at 8 o'clock, followed by a social get together and time of games. Some interesting sound motion pictures will be shown later. As the hour of midnight approaches, there will be a brief service of worship in the church sanctuary.

Moro 50, Mosier 48, School Building Ends Close Game Job Let For \$274,000 plus

Moro defeated Mosier last Friday night at Grass Valley by a score of 50 to 48, doing so in the last minute by means of a long shot from mid-floor by Harold Brown. Score had been tied at every even figure from 40 all when Mosier caught up with Moro which had racked up 24 to 13 score at half time. Rod Rolfe, Moro guard, took fire and held the score even with a couple of field goals and a bit of good luck at the foul line.

Mosier had the better ball handlers in Preston, Kennedy, Herman and Calvery and they could get in for a shot when need arose. Trouble was that in the first half they couldn't hit the west basket.

Moro had the same difficulty in the second half and nearly lost the game by poor shooting. Rolfe for Moro had 16 counters and Brown 13. Kelly Wilson and Don Miller had eight apiece. Moro's back board men, Alley and Duncan scored but four surrounded by Mosier boys under the baskets. High point man for Mosier was Calvery (8) with 15 and Herman (3) had 11 and Preston (6) 10.

March of Dimes Starts January 2

For the second time since it was inaugurated a decade and a half ago, the March of Dimes in 1953 will run for a full month, from January 2 through January 31.

This decision was forced by the record number of polio cases reported in 1952 and tens of thousands of patients stricken in previous years who still needed financial aid from the March of Dimes.

Another factor which led to the extended campaign period was the considerable expense of carrying the research fight against polio out of the laboratories and into the ranks of man himself.

Of the more than 55,000 persons treated for polio in 1952, approximately 44,000 were assisted in whole or in part by the March of Dimes.

Prices Charted In New Booklet

Grain and hay production, prices, and value of sales in Oregon from 1925 to 1952 are charted in a new extension bulletin just released by Oregon State college.

The bulletin edited by B. W. Coyle, extension agricultural economist, points out that grain and hay are Oregon's most important crops in terms of acreage and value of sales.

Although wheat acreage has shown little change throughout the period—roughly one million acres annually—production hit its peak with an estimated 30 million bushels in 1952. This exceeded by 8½ million bushels the harvest from a comparable acreage in 1929.

More than 90 percent of Oregon's 1951 wheat crop was harvested east of the Cascades with Umatilla county accounting for 27 percent of the state's total acreage.

It is realized that this premium audit for one fair for one year does not give sufficient information on which to base a program for improvement of county fairs. It does seem to indicate that exhibitors can be increased by larger premiums; that despite opposition of judges some classes or lots can be combined to achieve larger premiums. The general farm exhibit, for instance, has prizes totaling \$75. It is a difficult exhibit to prepare and display but most of the money was taken. It pays more than the whole flower class and more than the entire canning class without jellies, etc.

Nine bidders vied for the job of building the Moro high school building when bids were opened last Friday night. There were several alternatives left to decision of the board for inclusion so that the total cost of the building and equipment would come under the bond sale of \$310,000.

Winner of the bid for the building was Wall, Bartram and Sanford of Junction City, a firm of young men who are also foremen on the job. They are just finishing construction of the Jefferson school, also built with Annand, Boone and Lei, as architects.

Building bids for the school house were for the main building with alternates of omitting the gravel parkway, the dressing room walls, the cooling coil and paint on the exterior walls. Separate bids were asked on the shop building with three alternates provided.

The Wall, Bartram and Sanford bid was for \$280,983 but elimination of the gravel parkway the cooling coils and exterior paint brought it down to \$274,943. There was wide variation in the bids top one being for \$385,045 almost \$105,000 more than the lowest.

On a square foot basis the cost will be \$8.20 per square foot including the full size basement under the gymnasium.

The school plant will contain six classrooms and a library and office for superintendent. There will be an 80 by 100 foot gymnasium and an auditorium, designed to serve in part as a cafeteria.

The shop building will not be constructed now. Bids on it ranged from \$14,616 to \$21,641, oddly the low bidder having the highest bid for the shop. Wide variation in bids is shown by the bids for painting the concrete walls outside. These ran from a low of \$842 to a high of \$5205.

Bids for equipment for the new building were opened and some will be accepted. They were in ten classifications and included furniture, science tables, chairs, theater seats, stage curtain, basketball back boards, rolling bleachers, lockers and a kitchen range. Equipment to be bought will run close to \$10,000.

With the additional cost of the well and incidental expenses of bond sale, land and architect fees the total bond issue will be stretched to the limit to cover the costs.

GRASS VALLEY OES

INSTALLS OFFICERS

Sherman chapter No. 132 Order of Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening, December 16 for installation. Officers installed were Mrs. Ernest Blaylock, worthy matron; Owen Eakin, worthy patron; Mrs. Jack Adams asso. matron; Eugene Knott, asso. patron; Mrs. Vernon Eakin, conductress; Mrs. Owen Eakin, asso. conductress; Mrs. Wallace May, secretary; Wallace May, treasurer. Appointive officers installed were Harold Eakin, sentinel; Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, marshal; Mrs. Dean Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. Harold Eakin, Adah; Mrs. Eugene Knott, Esther; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Martha; Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Electa; Mrs. Myrl Smith, Ruth; Dean Reynolds, warder; Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, organist. Installing officers were Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. V. B. Eakin, Mrs. Ernest Eslinger and Mrs. Elton Eakin.

An addenda was planned by Mrs. Owen Eakin, worthy matron, for the new worthy matron. Mrs. Vernon Eakin played the violin and Mrs. Elton Eakin the piano during the addenda.

An addenda was given by the retiring officers for the retiring matron, Mrs. Owen Eakin, who was presented with a past matron's jewel. Mrs. Frank von Borstel, grand representative of North Carolina, presented her with a gift.

The hall was beautifully decorated with tinsel streamers with large Christmas bells, holly and Christmas candles with a Christmas arrangement on the piano.

Refreshments were served buffet style from a lace covered table with Christmas decorations to about forty persons present, by Mrs. Eugene Knott, Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

Audit of Premiums Paid Shows Some Oddities About Exhibitors At County Fair

This is an article about the fair premium list and as such editorial as news.

An analysis of the premiums paid from the 1952 fair book shows that with some exceptions that book is pretty well adjusted to the demands of exhibitors of the county.

This year's fair brought out almost no fruit for reasons known only to fruit growers but it does seem that some changes might be made to make that division fit county production better. That might bring out more of the county's good fruit.

In the purebred horse classes the fair board offered \$1575 in premiums of which \$360 were paid to exhibitors, one of the low percentages although there are not many of some classes in the county. Of Palominos, Thoroughbreds and Arabians there are many and of Quarter Horses and American Saddlebreds there are few.

In grade horses \$225 in prizes were offered of which \$207.50 were paid. If there are always going to be more grades than purebreds this class could be expanded. In saddle horse classes all premiums were taken except for gaited saddlers of which there was none.

Cattle prizes were not heavy, a comparatively small number of the premiums being claimed, largely because no Shortorns, Jerseys, Guernseys or Holsteins were exhibited. Angus and Herefords filled the classes pretty well.

The county has almost no sheep and except for club children none is exhibited. The same is true of swine, a type of live stock that has been in perpetual change as to preferred conformation for some years. Exhibitors are club children.

No exhibited turkeys, geese and only one lone duck were listed in the premium paid list. The chicken class is over-heavy with Bantams and several breeds are exhibited that are not recognized by name in the book.

The board offered \$60 in prizes for wheat and paid out \$23. Both are entirely inadequate. A wheat county should exhibit more of its principal product and the premiums should be larger although in defense of the board it may be said that a few years ago a big sweepstakes prize was offered that brought out few exhibits. Sheaves of barley and oats were shown in greater number than exhibits of the grains of those classes. No one brought any grass, either in seed or sheaves.

Farm women brought in a good number of vegetable exhibits and nearly all lots were paid except squash and lettuce and popcorn. Apples and pears are not usually ready for exhibit in mid-September and some fruits are not in season then. Nevertheless the exhibit could have been much larger. Of the

\$108 offered only \$20 was taken. Women also brought many flowers and took prizes in nearly every lot which indicates a possible field for expansion. The canned fruit class was well filled and the canned vegetable and meat class, too, except for asparagus and corn, which may be more often frozen these days. And that leads to a possibility: prizes for frozen foods.

As an indication of what higher prizes will do the sugar offered for jelly, jam, preserves and butters brought dozens of exhibits so many that of the \$192 offered in prizes \$107 was taken although not all the fruits listed are usually used for all the classifications. The sugar was an extra added attraction.

Sherman county housewives make pickles and bake bread, white not dark, and they take all the cake prizes offered and most of the other pastry prizes as well. They do well with embroidery, crochet and knitting needles but not on big articles