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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Harry has lots of opportunities to go into business, we note. Probably not haberdashery.

T T W N
Proposal to build a \$100,000 residence for Oregon's governors makes us wonder if the faults of prosperity aren't as bad as the faults of depression.

T T W N
We note that the "veep" is going on the radio and wonder if his old stories will get by there as well as in political gatherings and on second thought believe they will. In fact, that is about all the kind of stories there are.

T T W N
A price of \$105,000 for a bull is sufficient reason to change the tax laws regarding sale of breeding stock.

T T W N
Morse was said to have had novocain before making his two hour speech. Hereafter we suggest that the listeners get the novocain.

T T W N
There seems to be a relationship between the money spent for polio aid and for polio cases. 1952 was a high year for both.

T T W N
Apparently no one can afford butter but those getting government aid of one kind or another. With oleo and vegetable ice cream the cow may be on the way out like the horse.

T T W N
We doubt if the restrictions put upon teachers by the community are as handicapping as those put upon them by school organizations.

T T W N
A fashion story has to do with decorated sweaters. Outside decoration, we presume.

T T W N
Some folks have begun to worry about the flooding of Celilo who never slowed down to look at it.

T T W N
Civil rights legislation is in evidence again. We shall immediately print, upon passage of the legislation forbidding any hotel or restaurant keeper to refuse service to negroes, posters saying: "We reserve the Right To Refuse Service To Any White Man."

T T W N
A complaint says that capital punishment doesn't deter crime. Yet, few have committed crimes after receiving capital punishment.

T T W N
The cynic says that man is only interested in food, shelter and procreation. Some of them will also admit that, having these, man will occasionally try to achieve prominence socially, economically, politically or athletically and that the methods used are often over-talking, over-eating, over-spending, over-saving.

T T W N
Back east a new organization has been started, the IGHAT for "I'm Going to Holler About Taxes". If preceded by the preposition But it would be more expressive.

T T W N
There is no limit to things people will think of that they need if someone else will pay for them.

T T W N
It is written in the minds of old timers: A warm January bringeth a cold March.

CHURCH NEWS

Theme of Sunday morning worship at Moro Community Presbyterian church will be "Church Membership". The choir will sing, and Rev. Solomon's sermon will be, "Why Join the Church?"

Beginning Sunday, each week care will be provided at the morning worship hour for babies and small children. This is a service sponsored by the Junior Ladies' club.

Mariners club meets for semi-monthly meeting Sunday evening at 8 p. m. at the home of Virgil and Alice Archer. Two sound film strips will be shown, entitled "Is Your Home Fun?" and "The Christian Family". A short discussion on the films will follow their showing. All young couples of the community are invited to attend.

Possible County Alliance For Mid-Columbia Cascade Locks Tops Development Could Speed Action

The development of the mid-Columbia area is a matter of so great importance that the residents thereof should take an interest in it and not let action remain in the hands of the U. S. Engineers, the Reclamation service and such other public officials who may from time to time become interested.

Except for The Dalles Chamber of Commerce no group has done much toward aiding the development of the Columbia river between Bonneville and McNary. And we suspect that Senator Guy Cordón was responsible for the ultimate success of The Dalles dam although the chamber did present reams of argument for it. The Dalles dam, however, should be only the beginning of federal work in the mid-Columbia. The John Day dam should be built and soon. If wisdom prevails damming of the main stream of the Columbia will precede the damming of its tributaries for more power will be developed by that method. And greater flood control, too.

The irrigation of northern Morrow county is a feasible improvement for the area. That land lays but a few feet above the Columbia and that would be reduced when the John Day dam is constructed. Electricity should be cheap there, either from McNary or John Day. Some of it will be irrigated from McNary dam. Over 200,000 acres of land could be in that project. That is more land than is now farmed in 27 of the 36 Oregon counties. It would add to Oregon's agricultural wealth production greater than that possessed by Yamhill, Washington,

Power Price Surcharge Explained By Utility Official; Some Costs Absorbed

Although the recent dramatic increase in the Northwest's available hydroelectric supply has cut steam power generation to a minimum, it will take several months to recover previously accumulated extra costs through existing surcharges on electric bills, according to George T. Bragg, vice president and general manager of Pacific Power & Light Company.

"We wish to assure our customers, however, that the surcharge will be dropped just as soon as the allowable extra costs have been covered," he said. "Our best present estimate is that this may be about the end of June."

Bragg emphasized that it is only the actual extra steam costs incurred from September to the end of the power shortage period in mid-January that the company will be permitted to recover.

"We absorb approximately \$1,250,000 of steam plant expense in our normal expense base," he said, "and the surcharge is only to cover steam power costs over and above this amount."

"Up to the time of the recent heavy rains, we had incurred more than \$1,500,000 of extra steam power expense, and surcharge billings to the end of January will cover only about one-third of this unusual cost."

The lag in billings results from the fact that December was the first month in which surcharges were allowed to be added to meet the emergency situation. The permitted surcharge rate was calculated to budget cost recovery over a period of months, he explained, instead of in a lump sum.

In addition to extra fuel burned in the company's own plants, the hydro shortage during the dry fall and early winter made it necessary for the company to purchase expensive steam-generated energy from outside, wherever available, Bragg said.

With the resumption of some of the interruptible loads, it is possible that some steam power may be generated for the account of aluminum or chemical plants in the region, Bragg said, but he made it clear that any such steam generation would be paid for by the particular industry requesting it.

Bon Christianson, B. H. Robertson, Clarence Sparling, George Frantz and Elmer Nelson went to Portland Tuesday to see the fights.

Here Is Where The Money Went For January Term of Court

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR DECEMBER, 1952 APPROVED JANUARY 7 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: SHERIFF'S OFFICE

West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$9.15; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$61.00; Norman Fields, \$92.96

CLERK'S OFFICE: Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., \$14.97; Moro Postmaster, \$10.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$16.75

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Burroughs Adding Machine Co., \$61.00; Mary Coons, \$92.95

COURTHOUSE: Pacific Phone, \$35.85; Pacific Light, \$38.67; City of Moro, \$3.05; Service Laundry & Cleaners, \$1.51; Ranch & Home Store, \$57.14; Moro Postmaster, \$2.40

COUNTY COURT: Donald Martin, \$24.00; Lester Wilson, \$30.00; C. A. Tom, \$99.87

JUSTICE COURT: Pacific Phone, \$5.85

DEMOSS PARK: Pacific Light, \$2.00

PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS: T. L. Johnson, \$125.00

GOV'T TRAPPER: \$58.35

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$17.50

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SER.: \$970.00

COUNTY AGENT: \$1775.00

COUNTY PRINTING: \$19.24

MISCELLANEOUS: State Tax Com., \$21.20; First National Bank, \$210.60; National

Hospital Ass'n., \$13.50; State Ind. Accident Com., \$12.27; Social Security, \$61.88

ROAD FUND: WAGES:

Frank Bazzel, \$295.30; E. McPherson, \$242.56; Frank Bayer, \$254.82; Jerry Morehouse, \$204.51; Ora Workman, \$233.37; Lloyd Gosson, \$239.20; Kenneth Zachary, \$273.00; Clayton McCall, \$251.17; First National Bank, \$139.50; State Tax Comm., \$22.37; Social Security, \$23.72; Retirement System, \$58.43

WEED CONTROL: Moro Grain Growers Ass'n., \$12.65

REPAIRS: Joe Drinkard, \$282.62; Arstille Monroe Pontiac, \$19.72; The Dalles Iron Works, \$50.32; Sunset Motor Co., \$9.25; J. K. McKean Co., \$388.10; Twin Bridge Garage, \$421.05

GAS & OIL: Union Oil Co., \$401.39

TIRES & TUBES: Firestone Stores, \$27.05; Walther-Williams Co., \$3.34

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$28.10; Moon Equip. Co., \$17.60; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$20.52; Pierce Trailer & Equip. Co., \$29.58; Montgomery Ward, \$54.25; Ranch & Home Store, \$8.22; Service Motor Co., \$37.30

MISCELLANEOUS: Union Pacific R. R., \$1.38; Pacific Light, \$5.53; Pacific Phone, \$6.65; City of Moro, \$1.75; Dale's Clothing, \$7.90; State Ind. Acc. Comm., \$86.98

BRIDGES & CULTIVATORS: Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$135.08; Tum-A-Lumber Co., \$264.74

RETIREMENT: \$67.54

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 7, 1953 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds allowed with exception of one claim in the general fund.

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

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

County Clerk presents court with road balances as of December 31, 1952, report approved and ordered filed.

Court favors correcting Agreement signed with T. L. Fields for right-of-way to constructing fence along right-of-way and installing two stock passes.

Judge C. A. Tom thanked retiring Commissioner Lester Wilson for work on the County Court during the past years and extending an invitation to him to meet with County Court at anytime he desired.

New Commissioner Kenneth Sather was sworn in by T. Lester Johnson.

The following appointments for 1953 were made: Fair board member for 3 year term—Harold Eakin, Grass Valley; Truman officer, Norman E. Fields; Sheriff, DeMoss Park Supervisor, Road Foreman, Mr. Bazzel; Road Viewers, Lester Wilson, Joe Peters, Joe Yocum; Dog Damage board, W. E. Bruckert, T. Lester Johnson, Arzell Lemley; Official Newspaper, Sherman County Journal; Road Foreman, Frank J. Bazzel; Budget Committee Member, 3 year term, Vernon I. Miller.

Soil Savers Schedule Session, Select Supervisor

The Sherman County Soil Conservation District will hold its annual meeting 1:30 p. m., Monday, February 9, County Court house, Moro, Thomas W. Thompson, county extension agent, announced this week.

W. E. Anderson, range specialist, soil conservation service, will discuss "Dry Land Seedings for Pasture and Hay" during the afternoon program. Consolidation of the United States Department of Agriculture soil survey work was recently accomplished. T. P. Helseth, district conservationist, soil conservation service, has been asked to explain the new soil survey procedure work.

The soil conservation district is operated by a board of five supervisors, Thompson states. W. L. May has served as chairman of the board since initiation. Other members include Charles Kuyers, A. C. Kaseberg, Vernon Miller, and Luther Davis. A business meeting of the board will be held during the program. Election of a supervisor to replace Mr. May, whose term has expired, will be held. Terms are for three years from the date of each annual meeting. The annual report of the district will also be presented dealing with progress and plans for the coming year.

The executive committee of the Moro Booster's club met Monday evening to prepare a program for the next meeting on February 4 and to appoint committee members for the year.

Vernon Flatt was named chairman of the Public and Civic affairs committee and Ivan Kirkelle was appointed as one to serve with him. Wendell Balsiger was made chairman of the Recreation committee with Mike Mulick and B. H. Robertson as members. Robertson was also appointed to fill the place on the executive committee vacated by Carrel Bennett.

The membership committee will be composed of Paul Cyphers, Bob Brishine and Clifford Snow and Norman Fields and Bon Christianson will form the entertainment committee for the month of February. A different committee for program and entertainment will be appointed each month.

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Committees Named

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No School Case Action

An answer in the case of Powell vs School District No. 17 has been filed by the contractors by Ray & Pennington of Eugene. It denies everything.

A motion has been filed by T. Lester Johnson, attorney for the school district, asking that plaintiff to separately state causes of suit.

When the case can get into court is unpredictable.

Bulls To Ontario

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Flowers Are Budding, Weeds Growing, Vernon Flatt and New Council Sworn Into Office

Truman Strong, who usually keeps us informed of the spring-time development of plants and bulbs, already has made his preliminary report. The daffodils are coming up and the tulips are pushing the top of the ground. Pansies are already in bloom and some of the trees are getting ready to put out leaves.

David Richelderfer has finished plowing 800 acres of land in the north end of the county and if it wasn't so wet other farmers would be following his example.

The old council held a meeting and heard reports on the progress being made on the ditch reclamation (which rains have made slow) and the well (which is still awaiting a pump) and on the payment of another \$1000 bond (which no one wants to sell) and adjourned sine die.

Mayor Flatt appointed some committees including Finance which will have Tom Monroe, Paul Cyphers and Ivan Kirkelle as members; Water: Kirkelle, Virtue, Hall; Street and Public Property: Van Gilder, Monroe, Cyphers; Parks: Virtue, Hall.

Ralph Busse was chosen as recorder, that being an appointive job, and it was decided to ask Fred Greer to continue in charge of water and the Ranch & Home store to continue collections.

There was a discussion about the proper use of state road funds and the possibility of getting crushed rock while the crusher is near. A slight debate about possibility of changing from parallel parking to angle parking resulted in no action. Next meeting will be February 10.

Wasco News of Note

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed recently when the Tillamook bridge club celebrated its twenty fifth year with a meeting at the home of Mrs. L. L. Funk. Guest of honor was Mrs. S. J. Brock, the only charter member still active in the club. Mrs. T. L. Fields read an original poem honoring Mrs. Brock after which Mrs. L. E. Dehler presented the gift from the club to the honor guest. Club members were seated at a large table decorated with silver anniversary place mats, nut cups and napkins. Fantasy chrysanthemums in pale orchid shades were used as a centerpiece. The guest of honor cut the beautifully decorated cake made by the hostess.

Bridge was played the rest of the afternoon with high score going to Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder and low score to Mrs. Norma Everett. Club members present were Mrs. S. J. Brock, Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder, Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. James Maddox, Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder, Mrs. Lee Dehler, Mrs. Emma Shearer, Mrs. T. L. Fields, Mrs. Norma Everett, Mrs. W. A. Nisbet and the hostess Mrs. L. L. Funk. The two absent members were Mrs. Mai McDermid, who is confined to her home by illness, and Mrs. George Harris, who was out of town.

TUESDAY CLUB MEETS

The Tuesday Study club met recently with Mrs. Harry Allen with Mrs. Dell Wright as co-hostess. There were thirteen members present and two guests who were Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder and Mrs. Jack Rothery.

Mrs. Allen, president opened the meeting with the club song, flag salute and America. Club collection was recited and the leader, Mrs. Leonard Lutfje read a scripture passage. Roll call, was favorite hymns. Funds were appropriated to contribute to the March of Dimes drive.

BRIDGE GIVES OUT

As a result of last weeks rain a bridge in Wasco, near the city park, gave way on one corner and is blocked off until it can be repaired. The detour is around the park by the Ed McKee residence. A sewer pipe was broken when the bridge broke but has been repaired.

NEW HOUSE ABOUT READY

Mrs. Andy Engberg accompanied her husband to Kent Sunday and planned to leave Monday morning for Portland to pick out drapery materials for the Decker's new home which is nearing completion. Mrs. Engberg is to make the drapes.

THERE ALL THE TIME

Three month perfect Sunday school attendance pins were passed out at the Christian church to Brent, Arlyn and Margery Van Gilder, Judy, Donny and Selma Watkins, Beverly, Robert and Phyllis Lutfje, Mrs. Elmer Hill, Joe Brooks and Rev. and Mrs. Merlin Shields.

Red Cross Meets

The Red Cross met Wednesday at the hotel to listen to Dorothea Bargelt, representative from headquarters in San Francisco. Mrs. Keith McDonald resigned from management of the blood bank. Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder will assume the post; Alfred Solomon will be home service director; Doris Ellis, secretary and Leta Eslinger, treasurer. Vernon Flatt is still chairman. Discussion of finances may result in some curtailment at the next meeting, March 2.

Rufus Rain Springlike

This month has brought us a lot of rain. With the rain came warmth to bring the wheat and grass. The fields are showing abundance of green, looking like a velvet carpet. Up to this time, most of the shallow planted wheat lay dormant in the earth. Now, we have prospects of a good crop for this year.

Along with the starting of the wheat, comes the pasture lands. It's the first time since early last summer the stock have enjoyed a green pasture of native grass. The grass is responding to the warmth too, to shoot ahead, and the cattle are going wild over it.

The salt and pepper flowers are out in the hills. The daffodils are peeking through the ground, too. Everywhere the vegetation shows signs of a coming new season.

The John Day is clearing up after being so muddy for a couple of weeks.

RUFUS LOSES ONE

By one basket, the Rufus high school boys lost their basketball game to the Arlington Honkers Friday night. Rufus got in the first basket at the start of the game, then the Arlington boys did some good playing and gained a small lead. By the time the half rolled around the score was even with 32 to 32. The enthusiastic crowd cheered their favorites on, and it was first one side making a basket, then the other. At the first of the third quarter, Arlington gained a nine point lead. Then the Rufus boys staged a successful comeback to within two points when the whistle blew. The last couple minutes of play neither team made any points. Arlington had the ball, but the Rufus boys had the basket so carefully guarded they were unable to enter to get a shot. The score ended with 63 to 61 points.

MUMPS MAKE VACATIONS

Mumps is the main topic when people get together these days in the Rufus community. There's been so much talk all the children at school think they have symptoms. Four more cases are reported this week. Among them are Fay Brackett. He was going to run some cement for a concrete foundation Saturday. When Gordon Johnson and Clifford Trumbo went over to help him Saturday morning they found him in bed with the mumps. So the men went ahead and did the foundation by themselves.

Jerry Brackett who had the mumps three weeks ago, isn't in school yet. However, he is able to be up a little but the seige leaves the patient pretty weak.

EVERETTS BID GOODBYE

Robert Davis, Mrs. Roland Johnson and Mrs. Grace Medler gave a surprise farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Everett at the Rufus grange hall Monday night.

First, Robert Davis took the Everetts out to dinner, then to the grange hall where fifty three people gathered to offer farewells. The crowd enjoyed, cards, and dancing until 11 o'clock. Carl Everett and C. W. Johnson called some square dances. Then a delicious supper of sandwiches, salad cake and pie and coffee was served.

Carl Everett has lived in this community for sixty seven years. At that time this area was Wasco county instead of Sherman county. The Everetts are moving to a place on Rock Creek at Olex where they recently bought a ranch.

No further matters at issue adjournment ensued.