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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

"Ps-sst," said the reporter to the senator, "Your size is showing."

T T W N
There is a new concept to the effect that a man has a right to keep a job if he wants to. Formerly a man had a right to a job until the boss fired him. Eventually the new concept might lead to keeping a man on a job by giving the boss a right to his services.

T T W N
For our side the radio programs are better timed with Oregon on standard time.

T T W N
Voluntary daylight saving is fine. Another name for it is grand father's admonition: "early to bed and early to rise."

T T W N
The legislators' strain and struggle, the bills roll through in an unguarded stream until the presiding officers rap their weary gavel "without setting a day" and another session is all over. The sound and fury depart, murders, accidents and foreign entanglements take up the newspaper space and believe it or not the world goes on alone and unescorted by elected attendants.

T T W N
From a people who used to boast that the only good Indian was a dead Indian we have gotten mighty meticulous and made it a crime to beat one out of a few acres of timber. Gad, maybe it was wrong in the first place!

T T W N
We're getting back to normal as far as our economy goes with interest rates going up, prices stabilizing and inflation nearly stopped (except for state and local appropriations). Well, we don't like that either, anyway it appeals to different people. Salaried workers, those retired on income should like it; speculators, gravy train riders, won't like it.

T T W N
Poor the man who cannot prove to his own satisfaction that his is the most important work in the whole world.

T T W N
A man cannot borrow so easy or so much or so cheap. In a way that is bad although being able to borrow easy and lots and cheap has put many a nose on the grind stone.

T T W N
The mother of the year was really a ghost-writer after all, it appears. We guess that's official.

T T W N
We shudder to think what the Russians will say about our plans to hospitalize such GIs who have succumbed to communistic doctrines while prisoners. Does that make communism a disease? And would a beefsteak be more effective?

T T W N
[We note that the person or persons who wrote the disputed labor bill (HB 663) should take a course in expression in English.

T T W N
Cuts are being made in federal government costs and its like taking a pop bottle away from an adolescent, possible but noisy.

T T W N
Plans to segregate automobile drivers for insurance payments is long overdue. Perhaps a good way to reduce wrecks and to reduce wreckless drivers is to make each one pay in proportion to his costs.

T T W N
We understand there is an organization called "Fat Girls Anonymous". Yea, they are.

T T W N
Proposal to sell the government's hydro-electric plants overlooks some pertinent facts: none were built for electricity production alone; most of them are part of an integrated system that should be kept together; no one has money enough to buy and develop.

T T W N
It isn't oneself that gets old, it's other things that get old and tiresome.

T T W N
May: it starts off with a communist holiday, opens the fishing season, graduates youngsters, ends with an American memorial day.

T T W N
Weather prophets say the next month will be cold and dry, which probably means sunny. That will be alright for the wheat which has enough moisture for awhile.

Boosters Vow City Will Shine At Clean-up End

Next Wednesday morning at six o'clock (correct) the sterling citizenry of Moro, accompanied by such yeomen from rural regions as care to participate will sit down to breakfast viands at the Moro hotel and prepare themselves for the arduous labors of clean-up day in the village.

There have been times when such occasions required much stoking for great deeds have been done on clean-up days in Moro. Men have been buried, houses have vanished in a puff of smoke, trees have been uprooted.

The list of committees has been published and every man knows his place, chairmen have made plans and the town is to be polished so the traveler will remark on its cleanliness. All in half a day, too.

That's the program: something to eat, something to do, something of which to be proud.

Kent Gets Phone Service From G. V.

Part of Kent has telephone service direct to Grass Valley, the 20 phones in town. Another 27 farm telephones will be connected later, this year if possible, announced Cal Horn, district manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company Thursday.

Connection was made possible by abandonment of a toll line from Grass Valley to Kent. It is a copper circuit and dial phones are used with patrons able to call Grass Valley numbers by dialing. Purchase of needed equipment and work of installing will go on as weather and time permit and the entire area, long without adequate telephone service, will be connected with the remainder of the county as soon as possible.

Expert To Plan Decker's Yard

A landscape planning demonstration will be held at the J. J. Decker farm, Kent, Tuesday, May 5, at 2:00 p. m.

Donald J. Martel, head of the department of landscape architecture at OSC, will conduct the program. A landscape plan will be laid out for the Decker's new home.

Mr. Martel will cover the basic principles employed in landscaping farmstead or home grounds and things to observe in regard to making the landscape attractive. Landscaping for private outdoor living area, general farm buildings, parking areas, service drives, and fuel storage areas will be covered. Slides will be shown and selection of plant materials will be outlined.

Bill O'Brien says his wife is able to be up for fifty minutes in the morning and fifty minutes in the afternoon now. Mrs. O'Brien is getting over a case of yellow jaundice.

Court Calls Road Meeting For Tax Levy Session

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL 1, 1953 TERM OF COUNTY COURT
Claims against all funds presented and allowed.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of March 31, 1953 presented approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents court with report of gasoline consumption during month of March, reported, approved and filed.
County Clerk presents court with road balances as of March 31, 1953, report approved, and ordered filed.

Application read from Chas. Logan for Auditor, July 1 1953—June 30, 1954.

Application accepted and clerk instructed to notify Mr. Logan of appointment.

Court notified by letter from Highway Commission that oiling of Highway No. 97 to Cottonwood grade in Sherman county not in state program this year.

Court presented with petition of freeholders in Road District No. 1, asking for a special meeting asking for additional road tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on taxable property in road District No. 1. May 11, 1953 at 2 o'clock p. m. set as time for such meeting. Notices to be prepared and published.

Commissioner Sather reported a powder man had been hired to "shoot" the first pit for the rock crusher.



Miss Vaneta Peck is the Rufus candidate for queen of the county fair, a daughter of Mrs. Robert Morris and James Peck of Portland.

She is 16 years old and is a junior in Rufus high school where she is circulation manager of the "Spearhead" and member of the

volley-ball team. Miss Peck's hobby is horse back riding which is fitting for a candidate for county fair queen which entails much of horseback riding that being the talent on which half of the decision is to be made.

She also likes to sew and is contemplating a career of home economic teaching or nursing.

Moro Station Credited With Development Of Most W heats Grown In Northwest

Nearly three-fourths of the multi-million dollar annual income from wheat in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho is the outgrowth of wheat developed by the Moro experiment station.

Elgin, Rex, Federation, Golden, and Rio—all leading varieties in the Northwest wheat belt—first sprouted in nursery trials at the OSC Sherman branch experiment station.

During the past five years, these five varieties yielded 70 per cent of the annual 90 million bushel harvest in the region. In Oregon they made up nearly 90 per cent of the 20 million bushels annually, according to a recent survey by the industry.

Elgin, which has held top spot in Oregon and the Northwest for the past five years, this year will bow out to its off-spring, Elmar, a smut resistant strain recently developed at Washington State college. Last year, Elgin alone accounted for one-fourth of the regional production and nearly one-half of Oregon's harvest.

Original work with this variety was made in 1919 at the Sherman station. It evolved as Elgin through plant selections at the Pendleton branch station in 1932 and, following extensive tests, was distributed to farmers in 1942. Rex, number two in Oregon,

was released by the Sherman station in 1933. Rio and Federation are imports from Argentina and Australia, respectively, and underwent 10-year nursery trials and development before being released for commercial use.

New names and varieties are in the offing as OSC continues the search for smut resistance, winter hardiness and better milling and baking qualities. Varieties from all over the world are now being screened at the Pendleton branch station for possible crosses with present commercial strains.

Townsend To Tell Of New School

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Townsend will be guests speakers at the 11 a. m. worship hour at Moro Community Presbyterian church Sunday. Mr. Townsend has recently been appointed superintendent of Menaul high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, under the Presbyterian board of national missions, and with Mrs. Townsend leaves Moro in July to take up the new work. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend will speak on the work of Menaul school.

DIST. ATTORNEY: \$23.00
COUNTY PRINTING: \$47.40
MISCELLANEOUS:
State Tax Com., \$20.40; First National Bank, \$189.10; National Hospital Ass'n., \$13.50; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$12.27; Social Security, \$59.42.

ROAD FUND:
WAGES:
F. Bazzel, \$11.86; E. McPherson, \$288.78; F. Bayer, \$314.84; J. Morehouse, \$292.84; O. Workman, \$303.84; L. Gosson, \$303.84; K. Zachary \$414.74; C. McCall, \$337.24; K. Dunlap, \$429.90; First National Bank, \$310.10; State Tax Comm., \$31.09; Retirement, \$33.04; Social Security, \$41.03
REPAIRS:
Service Motor Co., \$8.30; Will Huck, \$294.75; Arstall-Monroe Pontiac Inc., \$3.10
GAS & OIL:
Standard Oil Co., \$37.10; Union Oil Co., \$351.40
TIRES & TUBES:
Walther-Williams Co., \$8.90
GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Int. Tractor & Equip. Co., \$125.72; O'Meara Supply & Inc. Co., \$3.35
BRIDGES & CULVERTS:
Tum-A-Lum Co., \$361.01; Mid-Col. Supply Co., \$67.50; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$29.96
MISCELLANEOUS:
Pacific Phone, \$9.75; Pacific Light, \$2.26; State Ind. Acc. Com., \$120.42
RETIREMENT: \$65.81

Eastern Star 50th Anniversary Celebration Due

This week end promises a crowd of Masons and Eastern Stars for the seventh annual Moro got 7 big receptions that will be held. First will be the reception in honor of Mrs. Hildred Zell, Wasco, member of the grand lodge whose home lodge members are entertaining her and with her many members of the grand lodge of Oregon. That event will be Friday night. Saturday the visitors will be taken to Maryhill castle for a trip or may play bridge if that is preferred.

Saturday evening the 50th anniversary of Bethlehem Chapter O.E.S. will be held in Moro with Elton Schroeder, worthy grand patron; Mrs. Lela Wimberly, worthy grand matron and Lloyd McRae, R.W.A. grand patron and some 30 members of the grand lodge attending to bring congratulations of the order to the local lodge. Martha Logan, associate grand matron of Idaho will also attend. Of the Moro lodge only three remain who were charter members, Mrs. Mary Southwick, who will give the history of the lodge; Mrs. Bertha Logan of Seaside and Mrs. May Barnum of The Dalles.

During the program Harry Pinkerton will welcome the visitors and Mrs. Wimberly will bring official congratulations. A women's trio, Mrs. Alfred Solomon, Mrs. Homer Townsend and Miss Dorothy Beachler, will sing; Tom Fraser will sing a solo, little Nancy Conlee will dance and the 37 remaining matrons and patrons who are present will be introduced.

When the lodge was instituted Mrs. Minnie Hadley was worthy matron; J. M. Parry, worthy patron; Miss Elsa Poole, a. m.; Mrs. Bertha Logan, secretary; Julia Meader, treasurer; Mrs. Shandy, conductress; Mrs. Croft, associate conductress; Mrs. Elizabeth Cushman, warder; S. S. Hayes, sentinel.

The evening will start with a dinner at the Moro church and end with a lunch at the school house where the program will be held. Officers of the lodge this year are Mary O. Coons, worthy matron; Howard Ross, worthy patron.

Tygh Valley Fair To Build Dormitory

The Wasco county fair board met and decided to recommend the construction of a quonset type dormitory to the Wasco county court. The proposed building would be used to house junior livestock exhibitors, with separate quarters for boys and girls.

Building committee members and the board have in mind the construction of a number of new stalls for horses at the west end of the grounds as a second project. Removal of the old box stalls between the lower and main entrances to the fairgrounds may be possible this season if matters progress in satisfactory fashion.

Around \$10,000 of funds is available for use. An additional amount will come during July, 1953 from this season's horse and dog racing.

This year's fair dates are August 27-30.

Liquor By Drink Coming May 11

Population of a city or county does not necessarily determine the exact number of liquor-by-the-drink licenses to be issued in that locality, the Oregon liquor control commission said this week in answer to inquiries regarding distribution of dispenser licenses. Although the law limits the number of premises selling or serving distilled liquor to not more than one per two thousand population, this restriction applies to a state as a whole. The distilled liquor control act does not limit the number of licenses which may be issued in a city or county, and the new dispenser privilege will be issued according to each community's needs.

Not more than 70 premises may be licensed to sell or serve distilled spirits, this including the 540 public restaurants and private clubs already licensed to mix and serve liquor from customers' bottles. However, inasmuch as the limitation applies to "premises", each of the 540 will account for only one of the 760 limitation, while holding just one license or a dispenser license plus a restaurant or club license. Of the remaining 220 licenses, 114 will be withheld for future licensing, leaving 106 for current distribution. First liquor-by-the-drink licenses become operative May 11, welcome.

Moro Beats Maupin As Pitching Improves And Fielders Hit

By Jim Griggs
Maupin was disintegrated under the strong bats of the Moro nine. Coming from behind in the seventh inning Moro got 7 big runs to beat Maupin 10-5. Maupin had been leading up to the seventh inning, 5-3, but in the rally two Maupin pitchers were blasted, Cheek and Ambrose. Moro played one error ball, behind the steady pitching of Danny Duncan. Moro's last league game was played at Cascade Locks Tuesday, April 28.

Gilliam Beef Trials Inspections Dated

The Gilliam county third annual Field Day of production testing beef bulls and heifers will be at the Condon fairgrounds, May 9. The program gets underway at 10:30 a. m. according to C. K. Barker, president of the Gilliam County Beef Improvement association.

Complete records of feed efficiency and rate of gain have been kept on fifty bulls and ten heifers since December 1. Stockmen will have the opportunity of seeing bulls and heifers who have demonstrated their ability to gain rapidly and economically.

This year the bulls will again be indexed with consideration given to grade, rate of gain and efficiency. Statisticians from Oregon State college are helping the association index the bulls.

Dr. Carl B. Roubicek, Denver, Colorado will be principal speaker at the noon luncheon. Roubicek will tell of recent experiments to determine feed efficiency by blood tests.

Dr. Fred McKenzie, Oregon State college, who recently returned from a year of study in Australia will tell of the Australian livestock industry.

Dr. Ralph Bogart, Oregon State college geneticist, will explain cross breeding vs. line breeding in beef cattle improvement.

U. S. National Bank Has More Deposits

Deposits at the U. S. National bank increased more than 31 million dollars during the past year, according to the bank's report of April 20.

Deposits now total \$607,710,901 as compared with \$576,137,335 on March 31, 1952. The Dalles branch reported deposits in the amount of \$15,866,416.26, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager. The U. S. National marked up an increase in loans and discounts to \$236,208,485. The spring statement call in 1952 showed a loans and discounts figure of \$190,573,894.

Loans and discounts for The Dalles branch now total \$5,531,916.57.

Total resources for Oregon's largest bank stand at \$661,053,669, which represents a gain of more than \$36,741,000 during the past 12 months.

Bureaus Hard To Get Rid Of

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) today pointed out a request in the 1954 budget for funds for the continuing liquidation of the National Recovery Act as proof of the fact that it is easy enough to establish an agency of government but almost impossible to get rid of it.

"This act was passed about 20 years ago," said Norblad, "and dissolved by order of the U. S. Supreme Court in 1936, a very few years after the program was started and yet we are still paying for it."

"While the money requested for next year is trivial it is still a good lesson to us to exercise extreme caution in establishing additional agencies or branches of our government. Establishing them is easy enough but putting them out of business seems to be a lifetime matter."

MARINERS TO MEET

The Mariners club will have its annual Mother's day party this Sunday night, when husbands entertain wives at a dinner to be held at the home of Jo and Lamer Archer, Lamer Says and Ted Miss Steenkolk's room. For details call the local leader, Bertha Belshe, telephone 812.

April Showers Bring 1.29 inch Moisture By 30th

Rain that fell over Sunday and the first of the week brought .89 inch of rain to the experiment station and comparable amounts to other parts of the county.

This boost brought the crop year rainfall up to 11.93 inches, a good two inches more than normal which is 9.55 inches for the end of April. That is enough to surprise anyone for there has not been much rain for the past two months, .74 in March and 1.29 in April. The big rains of December and January and the comparatively wet February put the country so far ahead it still has water to go on.

If we get no more until the first of September we still have a normal year for the 11.93 is about normal for the entire crop year. But the average precipitation for May is .77 and for June is .75. Should averages be realized the crop year will end with a very satisfactory amount of rainfall.

Crops are looking better every day. Ten days ago many fields looked as ragged as a shedding camel with some high wheat and some barely emerging from the ground. The south end of the county looked better although not quite so far along. Now wheat has been growing so fast it is getting more even.

Grass Valley PTA Elects Jack Horner

The Grass Valley PTA met at the school house Friday, April 27, with thirteen members present. Mrs. Jack Brady, president, presiding. Officers for the following year were elected: Jack Horner, president; Mrs. Vernon Eakin, vice-president; Mrs. Ivan Blagg, secretary; Vernon Eakin, treasurer.

It was decided to have a pot luck supper at the May meeting which will be held Friday, May 8 with Mrs. Wayne Kelley in charge of food, Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner in charge of entertainment and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter in charge of flowers.

Don Keiper asked the women of the PTA to take charge of the school picnic. Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder of Moro showed a 20-minute film on the journey of one pint of blood from the donor to where it was used in Korea. Refreshments were served later in the cafeteria.

Jimmie Whetmore Coming To Wasco

Jimmie Whetmore was born in Columbus, Ohio, March 9, 1913. The family moved to Hollywood, California, where Jimmie's mother was and still is affiliated with the Los Angeles city school system. His father passed away in 1944.

Whetmore's first professional use of his music came in June of 1928, when three months after his fifteenth birthday he became regular organist at the old "Amusu" theatre in Los Angeles, playing the accompaniment for the then silent pictures, while still attending high school.

After graduation from high school Whetmore began his studies in musical arranging at the Hollywood conservatory of music, graduating in 1935.

By the use of a number of ingenious musical "tricks" in the writing of the orchestra's arrangements Whetmore has been proving that an extremely large number of musicians is not necessary to the production of completely danceable and full sounding music. All of the orchestra's recordings and transcriptions to date have been made with the use of only six musicians, rather than the usual fifteen to twenty. No electrical re-recording is done—the recordings actually are the playing of the six Whetmore musicians.

The Whetmore orchestra plays at the Wasco American Legion hall Saturday night May 2.

PHEASANT CLUB ORGANIZED

The 4-H Pheasant club met April 29 at the school house.

Plans were made for another meeting on Monday, May 4, at 5 o'clock. It isn't too late to become a member. If you are interested, please come to this meeting. The meeting will be held in the Miss Steenkolk's room. For details call the local leader, Bertha Belshe, telephone 812.