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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

There are expandable markets to be filled right at home but not at present prices. If business and labor permits prices to drop we can all be prosperous and busy; if not the consumers will have to freeze them out.

What America needs most is a rest from fear and the incessant blabber-mouths who keep telling us we're going to be blown sky high some day. Ain't nobody got guts no more?

Wasn't it Harry James who said: "The object of a journey is not to reach your destination, but to have a good time going?"

A lifetime is not too long to learn anything well.

Maybe there is some change in human conduct. When someone invented the bow and arrow his side had an advantage over those who had nothing but spears to go to war with. The crossbow provided another aid in the fine art of killing as did gunpowder, the airplane, TNT, gas and the A. H. and C bombs. In the old days men had enough nerve to use the new weapons; now they don't.

A traveling hypnotist put a girl to sleep and didn't stay around to get her awake again. He's got something there.

Portland is hurt because a magazine called it "recession-hit" and we hope it isn't a case of truth hurting.

Wonder if a football player will travel any farther playing all the time than he does walking on and off the field.

Ep Hoyt told the lawyers that justice courts are a disgrace to the legal fraternity. Anyway, they're quick.

Rain in harvest stops the progress of farming more completely than anything else. Other jobs cannot be started because of the necessity of threshing again at the first possible moment.

A doctor says that the reason folks don't live longer is their own cussedness. Seems, though, as we remember as many cussed oldsters as we do the soft and pliant kind.

A man got beat up by three women and sued the place. Grandpa would have been ashamed of that guy.

The farm problem is minor compared to the distribution and processing problem. Maybe we will have to return to simpler eating.

We can think of no activity in which the boasts become apologies faster than in football.

The Portland sports center project is a most interesting development. Not that it is at all impossible but that a city the size of Portland should plan to put so much of its sports activity in one place.

We wonder which is the most dangerous: to be over privileged or under privileged.

Do you suppose that the coming of colder weather will hamper the plan of style-maker Dior for shortening skirts. Or do feminine knees get cold?

Farmers get one break out of the continued rise in cost of living coupled with continued falling farm prices; it will remove him from the criticism of responsibility for the high cost of living.

Fall infringes on summer and winter hangs over into spring so much that the chill barely gets out of the bones the whole year.

We hope never to live in a country where there is no demand for beefsteak.

It is possible that Dr. Kinsey's books will prove that men are men and women are women and even the twin shall meet.

Wisdom is a high brow word for savvy.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

to pick huckleberries returning home Sunday.

Kay Brittain returned to her home in Parkdale last Tuesday after spending ten days with her aunt Mrs. Frank E. Bayer, who took her to The Dalles where her mother, Mrs. Willis Brittain met her.

Mrs. Ted von Borstel, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock and son, Bud, and Mary Ann Koch went to High Rock on Mt. Hood Saturday for huckleberries.

Miss Cassie Holmes, Miss Mabel Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of The Dalles, (Mr. Smith is administrator of The Dalles hospital), spent last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

They rode on the combine and went in town to see the elevator. This was the first time Mr. Smith had ever seen a combine working.

Mrs. B. A. Gates of Tacoma, Washington spent last weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds.

Ted Loeffel of Camas, Wash., came Wednesday to visit his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel. Sunday they all went to the Redmond fair. They stopped at Terrebene and visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhode.

Mrs. Grace Zevely of Moro was a guest at the home of her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. Dick Newman and children of Portland are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holmes. She is helping her mother during harvest.

Lyle Olds arrived from Brentwood, California, and will make his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Musgrave and daughter of Houston, Texas, on vacation stopped Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Esslinger, leaving Monday morning. They took them to Timberline lodge Sunday afternoon.

W. C. Schilling, who is here harvesting, spent the week end in Cottage Grove with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields took L. D. Pike to The Dalles hospital early Saturday morning for medical attention.

Mrs. Harriet Wells and Mrs. Frances Mathews went to The Dalles Sunday where they were over night guests at the home of the former's son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brockway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson took their daughter in law, Mrs. Charles Gray and daughter home to Echo Thursday when they couldn't harvest on account of the rain. The Grays had visited at the Johnson home for a week while Dr. Gray was helping in the harvest at Echo. On their way home the Johnsons picked up a good watermelon at Boardman which they shared with the grangers after the meeting Thursday night.

Bill Greiner spent the weekend

Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday evening with Rolland Johnson, master, presiding. It was the first meeting since July 2nd when the grange didn't meet on account of its harvest and the work season for its members.

Elmer McClure, state grange master, announces that a conference will be held in Sherman county October 28. The conference will be at Harlandview grange hall because Rufus has held it for the past several years.

The Pomona grange date has been changed from August 29 to September 19 on account of so many people being gone on their vacations.

Mrs. Rolland Johnson announced that the next Home Ec. club meeting is September 10 with Mrs. Joe Drinkard, Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mrs. Glen Wallace as hostesses. The meeting will be in the park if the weather is favorable, otherwise it will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Drinkard.

The master reminded the fair booth committee to get their ideas together for the next grange meeting September 3 and present them.

For the lecturer's program, Mrs. Johnson read a "Brief History of The Oregon State Grange". Mrs. George Fox played several numbers on the accordion. Mrs. Ben Galloway ended the program by reading "Too Busy To Live."

The lightning flashes were more prominent than the thunder which followed during the storm here Wednesday night. The flash lit up the terrain for a half to a mile away doing a much better job than man could, ever hope to accomplish. The rain which followed the storm came down in large drops but there wasn't very much of it.

It was the cloudy weather condition which followed the shower that kept the wheat men from continuing their harvest. The delay which meant only a day or two in the fields for some of the outfits to finish was hard to take. Even by Saturday, the wheat contained more moisture content than it should be to safely put in the elevators.

A few more drops of rain fell Sunday night. The men were lucky if they could get in the field Monday afternoon. With September most upon us, which means school some of the farmers aren't going to have much time for vacations. However, the Sherman county schools aren't starting until September 14, so that will give them more leeway.

Members of the Tate family who attended the funeral services for Worth Tate were Ernie Tate, former Wasco postmaster, Mrs. Florence Murdock, Mrs. Bess Whittenberg, Mrs. Mary Barbour, Mrs. Rogers (a sister) and a school friend, Mrs. Laura Offenlock of Chicago.

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visiting in Condon and Mayville. Glen Adams returned to Hood River after working in the harvest here for Don Macnab.

Frank Medler was accompanied by his grandson Wally Dummer when he left for Salem Tuesday. Wally has spent the summer working for his uncle Leland Medler. Wally lives at Salem; his school doesn't start until September 21 so he has time for a vacation with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox.

This week and next week will see quite a few from this area leaving for the beaches and trips east together with their families for a vacation. That's the nice thing about the work season to think about the change which will follow. We need something else to think about in our lives except our small world of every day living and work. If it weren't for trips, how could we understand how people live elsewhere.

When it's all summed up when we get home, we Oregonians have a pretty nice place to live. It takes a change to open our eyes to that fact and make us appreciate it more.

Quite a few from this area attended Worth Tate's funeral held in The Dalles last Friday. Jim Tate a son of Mr. Tate lives in our midst on the home ranch.

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Rain Keeps Combines Quiet Nearly a Week

Rain continues to keep combines immobile in wheat fields of Sherman county and farmers agitated at the weather. Rain has fallen nearly every day since the storm began.

Harvest was halted last Wednesday night by a fall of .38 inch which fell Thursday morning. Some cutting was done Saturday and Sunday and Monday when it rained again and no one has been able to thresh since. Neither is it expected that there will be much cutting done before Monday.

That means a delay of approximately ten days. Neither is it expected that anyone will be able to start before nine o'clock when the grain is dry enough again. The straw has been tough all season and threshing less easy than usual.

Drop Year Very Wet

Rainfall for August has been .79 inch which includes a slight rain on the 6th of .03. The .38 fell on the 20th; .02 on the 24th; .01 on the 25th and then a big .35 on the 26th after which the skies cleared for a time, whether for good or not.

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Moro Teachers Gathering For Start Of School Sept. 14

Moro Public Schools will open the 1953-54 session on September 14 at 9 a. m. On opening day buses will pick up the pupils at their usual times and leave Moro for the home trip at 11 a. m. Moro bus routes will be the same except in individual instances and these homes will be notified of changes by letter.

Kent and Grass Valley buses will leave Moro for the return trip home at 11 a. m. on opening day.

There will be no school lunch served on the 14th; the lunches will start on Tuesday, the 15th. The price per lunch will be 30c as at the beginning of last school year and this price will continue unless the government surplus allowances are such that a reduction can be made.

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Levies Established For Tax Payment On November 15

Valuations and millages have been figured for Sherman county taxes for the tax payments due November 15.

The valuations are set by the assessor and equalized by the board of equalization. The assessor figures the millages which are based on the taxes to be paid by property in the taxing unit. The more money the people vote the higher the taxes are.

This year Sherman countians will pay 5.6 mills to the general fund of the county, 4.0 mills for general county roads and .5 mills for the per capita school tax. That is a total of 10.1 mills for county.

In addition for Sherman county is the special road tax voted by a gathering of citizens last May. It calls for 6.0 mills and does not include the property in incorporated towns. That makes 16.1 mills for county regular and special funds.

The rural school board voted 24.2 mills for schools and everyone will pay their part of that. She total, therefore, that everyone outside the towns will pay is 40.3 mills. A man with property, real or personal, assessed at \$1000 will pay \$40.30 tax.

In the Rufus school district there is a special tax, voted by the people of 15.9 mills. The millage there will be 56.2 mills.

The Nonhigh school district voted a special levy of .6 mill. The only districts in that district are No. 1 Biglow, No. 4 Emigrant and No. 23, Grass Valley. In those districts the tax will be 40.9 mills.

In the city of Wasco there is a special tax of 17.9 mills so that property owners there will have a total millage of 52.2 mills. In Moro the special levy is 44.5 mills so Moro property holders will pay 78.8 mills (the highest in the county), in Grass Valley the levy is 10.4 so the total tax there will be 45.3.

Anyone can figure his tax bill if he will find out his valuation and multiply it by his millage rate.