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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Lucky is the man who doesn't find out that railroad ties are too close together for easy walking until he is 50. Such things were a part of the education of some. Some days they are too close together along toward night.

T T W N

Along with the minimum wage would it be unpatriotic or merely anti-union to suggest a minimum amount of work.

T T W N

The "liberal" Democrat wonders whether to be sad over slow business or happy that it can be blamed to Republicans.

T T W N

A gorilla is going to have an operation. So they can't stand civilization either.

T T W N

The reason so many small town newspapers don't carry news of a somewhat scandalous nature about the citizens is that the competition is so great: gossip makes the printable hardly worth reading.

T T W N

What makes people funny is what you think they think from their expressions.

T T W N

Compliments all around us on the new dock construction in Portland would be to the dock commission for selling its revenue bonds, to the purchasing company for getting a good investment, to Kerr-Gifford for obtaining facilities free of taxes and to the wheat grower for having new storage built. All together it adds up to a large slice of happiness.

T T W N

This is the centenary of Sherlock Holmes' birth, assuming a number of things, and crime still goes on. Do you suppose he retarded or increased it?

T T W N

We hope that investigations, politics, coffee, appointments, do not become so important that congress forgets that it is hired to pass legislation for the nation.

T T W N

Lack of jobs is laid to high freight rates; high freight rates are laid to high cost of labor.

T T W N

Moral Note: It is fine to see Klamath Falls take the veil, although it may soon be dancing in it.

T T W N

The theory that man can make armaments so fearsome that there will be no wars isn't much good. Gunpowder, airplanes and TNT are examples. Atomic warfare may speed the end but nothing has daunted the ambition and avarice of mankind when he thinks he can win.

T T W N

We are touched by the columnist's story about a wife who wanted to show appreciation of her mate and bought him a cemetery lot so he would perpetually be in good company.

T T W N

Spring isn't far off. We heard a group of women talking about housecleaning.

T T W N

We have been making our money by gambling, gambling on increasing prices, taking advantage of federal tax provisions, betting on continued inflation. Now it seems we are getting more stability in which money will be made by work, by enterprise, management.

On The Wheat Front

Dewey Thompson and Floyd Root were in Portland at the dock commission meeting at which it was decided to build new storage for wheat amounting to five million bushels. The new facilities will be leased by Kerr Gifford and will provide more modern methods of handling wheat in Portland as well as the storage, now badly needed in the northwest.

Floyd Root, Wasco, was elected vice-president of the National Wheat Growers association in Wichita, Kansas, last week during the annual meeting. Resolutions indicate a decision on the part of the assembled wheat men to hold to the rigid price support program and not pursue the two price system favored by Oregon producers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel were in Portland Sunday January 31 where they attended the wedding of her nephew, Robert Loeffel of Washougal, Wash., and Miss Shirley Ellis of Troutdale at the Waverly Heights Congregational church. Enroute they stopped in The Dalles to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel. They also visited his mother, Mrs. Carsten von Borstel at Gladstone and his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koch at Oregon City before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and son, Tony, of Moro spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin were in The Dalles Wednesday where the men attended the ball game and the women attended a show.

Among the callers at the Ted von Borstel ranch Friday to visit Mrs. C. J. Kulick and daughters of Gary, Indiana were William Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. vonBorstel and Phil, Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen, Mrs. Frank vonBorstel, Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCourcey and sons of Prineville and Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family.

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the church Wednesday afternoon with ten ladies present. Mrs. Don Earl, president, conducted the business meeting. Following the business meeting Mrs. Ed Fritts presented the first of a series of Bible studies on the book of Daniel and Revelations.

The young adults group of the Baptist church had a Valentine party at the church Friday evening. Games were played under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Don Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg were voted the Sweetheart couple and Ivan was presented with a birthday gift from the group. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and daughter, Nancy, and Mel Alberty were in Portland over the week end to be near their father, S. Alberty who is ill in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper and son, Floyd Arnold, spent Sunday in Maupin visiting his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mayhew.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike moved to Portland Friday where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrall and children and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan went to Portland Sunday to the Auto Show.

Glenn Perry of Glenwood, Wn., took Mrs. Perry to the hospital in White Salmon Saturday for medical attention and brought their daughters, Donna and Glenda, over here as Donna will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and go to school while her mother is in the hospital and Glenda will stay with her grandmother in Portland. Mr. Perry returned to his home Sunday.

The Kent Stags went to Arlington Thursday evening where they were defeated by the Arlington basketball team. Among the wives who accompanied their husbands were Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mrs. Claud Bayer, Mrs. Everett Cantrall and Mrs. George Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. James Easter also attended the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown made a business trip to Cathamet, Wn., Thursday and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Gerry E. Woolf and daughter, Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and son, George and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Tate all from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens went to The Dalles Sunday and brought their baby boy home from the hospital.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 met at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening for their regular meeting. Mrs. John Rust, noble grand presiding with 22 members present. After the session a party was held at which time the mystery sisters were revealed. Refreshments were served late by Mrs. Harry Hooper and Mrs. Kenneth Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were hosts at a surprise party at their home Thursday honoring their son, Ivan Blagg on his birthday anniversary. The evening was spent playing pinochle. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alsup from Moro. Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

The Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday evening with Harland McDonald master in the chair. The members were reminded that the Pomona grange meets at Moro February 27. Roland Johnson, Pomona master, is going to hold a degree work practice for the officers about the middle of the month.

As February 25th is the Rufus grange birthday, it was decided to have a party after a short meeting at the next regular meeting which falls on February 18. A 6 p. m. pot luck dinner is planned for that evening. The grange hopes to get a lot of members out for the celebration. It was nineteen years ago that Rufus grange was first organized.

Harland McDonald was to see about siding for the grange hall. This has been the Home Economics project for the past year, and the club has funds to pay for it.

Mrs. William O'Brien, chairman of the club, said members will meet at Mrs. Harland McDonald's home February 11 with herself as co-hostess.

The master said he attended the Pomona grange meeting at Cherry Park. Hood River county opened and closed grange for the tri-county visitation.

For the lecturer's hour, Mrs. Harry Adams read a poem on "Love". This was followed by a Valentine game in which all took part. Grangers enjoyed a social hour over supper which was served by the women.

The Rufus grade school basketball team went to Grass Valley Friday afternoon where Rufus boys were victorious over them by a score of 34 to 32. Vincent Belloni and Jimmy Fox tied for high honors for Rufus. The Grass Valley girls beat the Rufus team in a volleyball game.

Wasco school came to Rufus Wednesday for games. The Wasco girls scored a win and the Rufus high school boys scored a win. Lunch was served at the end of the games to the students.

Fossil high school boys came to trounce Rufus in basketball Friday night at the Rufus gym. Before the basketball game the womens town volleyball team defeated the high school girls by a small margin.

Tuesday night the Rufus women's volleybal lteam were defeated by thee Wasco team.

Ray Brown coaches the women. Those playing are Mrs. Kenneth Spagle, Mrs. Eugene Eaton, Mrs. Paul Blackburne, Mrs. Bob Byrd, Mrs. Bill Meyers, Mrs. Bob Morris and her daughter, Vaneta, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Harvey Hansen and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup. The ladies costumes are navy slacks, white blouses with red ties.

A man and wife with a small child reportedly working for the railroad have moved to the house on the old Garlington place. They formerly lived at Church's Rufus Auto court.

Nettie and Ida Mae Smith, a senior and eighth grade student, respectively, have withdrawn from Rufus school. They lived at Fleck Orchard while going to school in Rufus.

The high school and grade school besketball teams went to Condon Saturday night where Condon beat both of the Rufus teams.

Three boys from Rufus broke the hum drum everyday routine by obtaining three saddle horses from the Fay Brackett ranch Sunday and riding down Biglow canyon to the John Day river where they ate a packed lunch then rode on down the river a couple of miles, and back over the hill by the old Happold place, a trip of about ten miles. Quite a ways for boys not accustomed to riding. They were Russell Blake, Jack Steward and Neal Eaton.

Trace Fields, Curtis Neal, Leland Medler and George Fox attended the Cattlemen's and Rural School Board meeting held in Moro Wednesday.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the school gym where Colonel Hugh Elder, resident engineer of The Dalles dam, set up a projector to show slides of the work done so far on the dam.

Dr. Frank Reid, chairman of the entertainment committee, introduced Colonel Elder who gave facts and figures about the project before showing and explaining the pictures which were in color. After that Colonel Elder answered questions and a very enjoyable and educational evening was had, as Colonel Elder was a very good talker.

The Wasco PTA opened its February meeting Thursday Mar. 4 with the pledge of allegiance led by President Lloyd Royse. Mrs. LeRoy Hesgard, secretary, read the previous meeting's minutes. The treasurer's report gave a balance of 227.19 and communications consisted of an announcement of an open meeting at Rufus Monday when Col. Elder spoke on The Dalles dam. It was also announced that a PTA and OEA district conference would be held in The Dalles April 3. The founder's day cake made by Mrs. Clarence Spencer who decorated it beautifully and put on a large 6 for the number of years Wasco PTA has been in existence.

Mr. Hesgard had lo[illegible] having the Walla [illegible] band or quartet or bo[illegible] a concert engagemen[illegible] them last year. The [illegible] was talked about and[illegible] decision until the nex[illegible]

Under new business [illegible]tion of having our grade students sell magazines brought up by Norman Gochnauer was discussed and answered by Mrs. Morrison and Max Crocker.

Mrs. Bruce Kitts announced a sixth grade operetta would be given later in the school year.

The family square dance party was announced by Mrs. Morrison and PTA members and friends were invited to attend.

After some group singing the guest speaker of the evening Mrs. Audrey Hanna was introduced. She gave an interesting talk on the purpose of PTA, its object and intents. We were told in Oregon there are 500 PTA's with 106,000 members and in the USA 38,000 PTA's with 7,000,000 members. Mrs. Hanna gave a short time to the PTA in Japan and told us it is the first time Japanese women were allowed in the room and take part in a public meeting.

The state convention dates are April 21-23 at Salem.Three keys to the future will be the theme of this year's convention and they are "Better Homes, Better Schools and Better Communities". Our organization was urged to send delegates.

Mrs. Oral Gosson and Mrs. Tom Jacobsen were hostesses for the Tuesday Study club at the home of Mrs. Gosson February 2. The members present were Mesdames Cliff Fridley, Lee Hines, Ernest Shull, Tom Striker, Leo Watkins, president, Dell Wright Lloyd Gosson, Raymond Van Gilder, Darlene Hoyt, Charlie Decker. Guests Mrs. Jose, Mrs. John Buck and Mrs. Roe Decker who was accepted into the club as a new member.

A collection was taken and over $20.00 given for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Watkins gave a reading "The Wagon Wheel Speaks" by Mr. Davis of Moro; and Mrs. Shull gave a report on a club meeting at Moro.

The four upper grades of the Wasco grade school under Mrs. Earle Morrison sponsored the second square dance Friday evening. A large number of parents and friends attended and four to six sets were on the floor doing the several dances thru the evening. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mrs. Glen Wallace and Mrs. Bob Nisbet, We are all looking forward to more of the family square dance parties and other family events in the future.

Mrs. Dell Wright surprised her husband with a midday birthday dinner on his 78th birthday Saturday February 6. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Striker, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. John Royse. After a delicious fried chicken dinner the afternoon was spent visiting.

After playing Dufur, The Dalles B team and Rufus, the Wasco Women's volley ball team remains unbeaten. There are still several games to play and the group is having a lot of fun. The next games are Dufur here Wednesday February 10 and The Dalles B team in The Dalles Feb 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lutje of Maupin were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lutje. Also afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard Jr. and Mrs. George Drinkard Sr. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weber and Wayne Smith at Halsey, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid and Mrs. Jack Rothery spent Friday Saturday and Sunday in Portland on a business and pleasure trip. Mrs. Rothery visited her mother Mrs. N. W. Ward and the Reids visited Mr. and Mrs. Verne Nelson.

Weather Continues Perfect But Yet Monotonous

There has been no change in the weather. Fog or low cloud[illegible] hide the sun, nights are wi[illegible] a few degrees of freezing[illegible] days eight or ten degrees. The snow remains and is[illegible]ly the kind of weather grower wants. There[illegible] no complaints other[illegible] grounds of monoto[illegible]

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T[illegible]weather say there change immediately.

[illegible] Krusow Dead After 97 Years

Fred Krusow died Tuesday morning on High Prairie, near The Dalles, after 70 years spent in this area, mostly in Sherman county. By his own account he was born in Wisconsin, June 24, 1856, son of German inmmigrants who later took him to Minnesota where he grew to manhood. He was not strong and doctors advised him to seek a different climate. He came to The Dalles, worked on Tygh Ridge for a time and settled in Sherman county five miles south west of Grass Valley in 1884.

He hauled crooked lumber from Lake's mill above Wamic and straightened it for his house and barn, he forked for threshers and tilled his acres so successfully that by 1904 he was able to retire to Grass Valley where he bought the A. Scott residence.

Fred Krusow became county commissioner and county judge where he advanced the roads program and kept the county on an even financial keel.

He was married in 1898 to Agnes Scott, of New Brunswick who preceded him in death. They adopted a son, Stanley, with whom the old judge made his home in recent years.

Mr. Krusow was long a member of the Grass Valley IOOF lodge, The Dalles Elks. Funeral services were held Thursday at 1:00 p. m. at Smith1Callaways in The Dalles with interment being in the Grass Valley cemetery later in the day.

Fred Krusow was a huge man physically, of strong will, prompt in his dealings, helpful to his friends, a lover of hard work and one who respected honest achievement in others.

Moro Club Hears Of Conservation

The February meeting of the Moro Woman's club was held in the church social room. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Vernon Miller, conservation chairman, County Agent T. W. Thompson showed colored slides and told of soil conservation practices in Sherman county. Mrs. Cloyd Duncan sang two delightful songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Max Barzee. The tea table was decorated in a Valentine motif and coffee, tea and cake were served by the hostess Mrs. A. Douma.

Congressman Sam Coon of Baker, who represents Oregon's second district in Congress, announced today that he will be a candidate for reelection.

When first elected, Sam Coon was named to the Appropriations committee. Expressing himself as being devoted to the idea of reducing government expenditures, which he says will lead further to tax relief, emphasizing the fact that the committee last year cut the budget estimates of the previous administration by more thah 13 billion dollars.

Church Speaker Starting Sunday

"The Christian Answer to Life's Urgent Problems" will be the theme of the "Spiritual Life Mission" to be held at Moro Community Presbyterian church starting this Sunday. These five evening meetings, concluding Thursday, will emphasize the practical help for daily living to be found in the basic Christian way of believing and living which all denominalnos hoid in common.

The Moro church believes that in being the community's only church it has a special responsibility to serve the community in this way, and so it is emphasized that an invitation is extended to the community to come and share in these gatherings.

Speaking each evening on various phases of the main theme will be Rev. Robert E. Williams, pastor of the Community Presbyterian churches at Redmond and Tumalo.

Meetings will start at 7:45 each evening, and will be over before 9 o'clock. Care will be provided for small children and transportation will be available for people who live in Moro, by calling the church office. There will be special music each evening, and pastors of Sherman county churches have been invited to take part.

On Wednesday evening, February 17, there will be a potluck supper at the church at 6:30. At this evening's meeting, the church choir will sing, directed by Dorothy Beachler, with Norma Barzee at the organ.

PTA Hears Skit; Talk On Wheat

The Moro PTA's meeting Wednesday was enlivened by a skit depicting the beginning and history of wheat growing in Sherman county with Kenneth Fridley as narrator, Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Belshee, Don Anderson, and Virgil Archer as actors and with Tommy Thompson providing the background music. Mr. Fridley also told of his observations at Wichita, Kansas, at the national wheat league meeting.

Mrs. Paul May, presiding and refreshments were served by parents of Wasco students attending the Moro school.

4-H Leaders Banquet Dated For Monday

Sherman county 4-H Leaders will be honored at a banquet meeting, 6:30 p. m. Monday, February 15, Moro Hotel, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

C. A. Root, commercial manager, Pacific Power & Light companw, Portland, will be guest speaker. Mr. Root is active in promoting 4-H club work over the state and developing the present 4-H Electricity project. hTe Pacific Power & Light company will also sponsor the banquet for the leaders.

Recognition pins for service as 4-H club leaders will be presented by Elmer Lierman, U. S. National Bank, The Dalles. C. W. Smith, assistant director, extension service, will represent the state 4-H club staff. Anyone interested in 4-H club work is invited to attend. Those desiring to attend should make reservations with the county agent's office.

Benson-Brown Wedding Observed

Relatives gathered at the Moro home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown February 7 to witness the marriage of their daughter Dorothy Brown to George Benson Jr., whose parents also live in Moro. Sherry Woods and Harold Brown attended the young couple. The Reverend Earl Hastings, former Kent pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. George Benson Jr., will be at home to their friends on the Krusow farm out of Moro on the base line road.

Committee Asks Water Group For Few Requests

Erosion control dams should be given preference over irrigation dams for seasonal run-off water was recommended by farmers meeting Monday in consideration of Oregon Water Resources for long time use. The meeting was sponsored by the Land Use and Crops committee of Sherman County Rural Advisory Council to formulate recommendations for the State Water Resources committee hearing in Arlington, February 15.

Domestic and livestock water supplies should be given prior preference over all other uses of water. To determine our water resources and plan for long time use a ground water survey was recommended for Oregon. Maintenance of a stable underground water level was voiced and recommendation of controled adjudication of available water supply for ground and surface water was made to insure our underground water level. Checking stations on ground water throughout the area to keep tab of our underground water was recommended.

Maintenance of minimum stream flow during dry seasons to protect fish life and public health was felt to be an important consideration in regards to our water resources.

Recreational uses of water were also considered. The group decided to recommend each county adjacent the Columbia River have access privileges with boat ramp facilities for recreational purposes which would be maintained by the State Highway.

Recommendations formulated will be presented to the State Water Resources committee. This committee is charged with a critical analysis of the water resources of the state and the formulation of a statewide coordinated system of water resources development to be presented to the 1955 state legislature.

Stockmen To Hear McKenzie of OSC

Fred F. McKenzie, head, department of Animal Husbandry, OSC, will highlight the annual meeting of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association, 10:00 a. m. Thursday, February 18, Odd-Fellows hall, Grass Valley, with a discussion of "Is Artificial Breeding Workable with Beef Cattle."

"Feeding Beef Cattle", will be the topic of Harry Avery, superintendent Eastern Oregon Livestock Branch Experiment Station, Union. This is an appropriate subject with surplus grains facing Sherman county farmers. Feeding experiences of the Union station and use of some of the newer feeds will be outlined by Mr. Avery. Other speakers will be M. E. Knickerbocker, head, department of Animal Industry, state department of agriculture, will comment on the brand laws of the state and the herd laws as it applies to Sherman county. Activities of the Oregon Cattlemen's association will be presented by Frank Beeson, executive-secretary of the association.

The program of the annual meeting has been planned to meet the interest of county cattlemen. A noon luncheon will be served by ladies of the Rebekah lodge, Grass Valley. Folks planning to attend the get-together are asked to drop a card to the secretary or notify one of the officers in your community so a closer estimate of those eating luncheon can be made.

Liquor Money Being Distributed

Licensing operations of the Oregon liquor control commission during 1953 resulted in distribution of $654,080.50 to cities, counties and the general fund of the state. The commission reports that warrants totalling $391,483.95, representing 60% of license fees collected, were distributed to cities and counties in January. Sherman county and incorporated cities therein received $693.70.

Forty per cent of the earned license revenue, or $260,989.30, is being channeled to the general fund, plus revenue from out of state licenses and sale of lists, bringing the total distribution to the general fund to $262,596.55.

Distributions are made in accordance with the liquor control act which specifies that 60% of license fees return to the locality in which the licensed outlet is located, and the remainder go to the general fund.