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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

If you think pork is high remember the government is buying the corn away from the hogs.

In another week candidates can relax and be themselves and quit being a friend to all mankind.

Someway we are iconoclast enough to believe that building a zoo and sports center will not change the economic status of Portland very much. More knowledge of and attention to the hinterland that supports it might.

A big dinner raised \$70,000 for the Truman library Saturday night. Just what will go into it worth that much?

An Englishman made the four minute mile and an American threw the shot 60 feet. Youth is getting faster and stronger in everything but father's memory.

Reasoning is not a necessary factor of leadership. A leader may reason from accomplishment, backward instead of forward. Leadership comes from character and will. Being smart does not make a man a leader although it may make him right in his conclusions.

We seem to have assumed that we cannot have security without sacrificing liberty. Perhaps that comes from an abuse of power on the part of governments and from a lack of imagination on the part of officials. Good laws, popular laws, needed laws require little force to administer. The other kind of laws should not be passed.

Years ago someone suggested that the way to lead the very happiest life was to be a child in America and an aged person in China, because in that way one could be where most respected at both ends of life.

Disaster and death, troubles and trials, arrests and assignments make up the news. Editors long for a cheerful item.

What makes a town attractive? Cleanliness? No question about that. Piles of discarded machinery or abandoned automobiles ruin the appearance of anyplace. Neat, well painted houses, well kept yards, clean streets make a town attractive whatever its size.

Women live five years longer than men, and unless they worry too much about not being men, should enjoy it just as much.

Great advancement has been made in recent years in many fields; the greatest, no doubt, in the field of killing human beings.

TV stations are not paying out as well as expected, we read. That may not mean television is merely a time-wasting gadget—and maybe it does.

With a thousand dollars in the bank a man becomes a substantial citizen; with a hundred thousand in cash and collateral he gains in substance and often loses in citizenry.

Moro Places Second In District Meet

Harold Duncan won three firsts in the District 2B track meet in Bend last Saturday and in each event he broke a meet record. He took both the hurdles and the broad jump. Larry Sayrs won the 100 yard dash. Dewayne Duncan was fourth in the pole vault, Gene Knott second in the shot put; Sayrs second in the quarter mile; Adams fourth in the half mile and Danny Duncan third in the broad jump to give Moro 33 points and second in the meet.

Culver took first place with 37 points all but one first place coming from lower place points. A team of 13 boys went to the meet and failed to place. Other schools in the meet were Condon, which was third, Maupin, Sisters, Crane, Fossil and Rufus.

About the County

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Rufus grange was presided over Thursday evening by the master, Harland McDonald.

John Robinson, Pomona master of Wasco county and Cherry Park grange in The Dalles was escorted to the master's station.

Judge Curt Tom gave a talk on local legislation. Rolland Johnson talked on the good of the grange co-ops.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant were given the obligation of the 1st and 2nd degree by Sherman county pomona master Rolland Johnson.

Mrs. William O'Brien reminded members of the Home Ec. meeting at Mrs. Joe Morris' on May 13 at 1:30 p. m. She asked Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Will Huck to prepare a program for that day as Mrs. Walt Bruckert is unable to put on the cake demonstration at this meeting.

Mrs. Grace Medler was elected an alternate for master to attend state grange at Albany June 18. Altee Wilson was elected an alternate for Bill Huck, insurance agent.

The luck of two rufus high school students held good at the district track meet which took place in Bend Saturday. George Fox Jr. came home with two blue ribbons denoting first in discus and shot put. Paul Blackburne came home with two ribbons also. Paul won 2nd place in the 220 yard dash and 3rd in the 100 yard dash. The boys left Friday after school and stayed overnight in Bend. They were the only ones going from Rufus and came home Saturday night with their ribbons.

Next George Jr. and Paul will compete at the state track meet held in Corvallis May 21 and 22.

The last frost seemed to leave some of the leaves yellow on the growing wheat crop, but nothing serious it is thought.

Mrs. Tom Buce left Thursday morning for Walla Walla, Wn., to attend her grandmother Irbys' funeral. Mrs. Buce left her two children Alana and Mike with Mrs. Frank Adams in Arlington for the day.

The threatening rain of last week didn't amount to much in regards to moisture. Saturday and Sunday looked like more rain was coming, but by Monday it had all blown away, leaving a blue sky. The cheat grass is heading out and already has a parched look on the south slopes. The rivers are on the rise too due to the warm spell.

Dr. Wilson Foote and Dr. Bob Metzger of Oregon State, were overnight guests Sunday at the George Fox residence. After they visited the experiment station in Moro Monday morning they were on their way to Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster were parents on April 21 of an eight pound son. The boy was called William Carl, and has an older brother named Mike. Mrs. Della Patterson of The Dalles is the only grandparent living. The LeMasters formerly lived here, but now reside in Portland. Mike stayed with his great aunt Mrs. Bill Macnab for a couple weeks, then they went to Portland to see the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Church left Wednesday for a well deserved vacation which they plan to use first to see a new grandson two months old, then on to see the rest of their children living along the coast.

The Church's operated and owned the Rufus Motel for eight years and sold out their holdings here to Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. The Church's said they have been tied down for over forty years with working obligations and want some free time to enjoy fishing and hunting as they wish in their retirement from work. Afterwards they plan to settle in a home in Portland. They stored their household furniture here and will get it after buying a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buce will run the Rufus Motel. Buce also holds down a job in Arlington as a mechanic at Empire Machinery. The Bucses moved into the motel last Wednesday as the Church's left.

The Rufus high school started Monday to decorate for their spring dance which will be held Saturday night May 15. The students go all out in this decorating, so will spend most of their evenings this week getting the work done. Ken Knott is furnishing the music. The dance is semi-formal.

The community pinocle club met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Chet Coats. Every member of the club was present. Mrs. Coats used tulips for decorating the rooms.

Property seems to be changing hands at Rufus this spring. Besides what people the government is buying out.

It is reported Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson have sold their Arrowhead Motel to Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris. The Morris' also bought the property and house owned by the Harold Smiths. The Carl Thompsons' bought some property from Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields on which they plan to erect a home. The property is east of Fields' house.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers also bought some land west from the Trace Fields house.

In the meantime work on the relocation of the highway and railroad is gradually going east from The Dalles. Many more residents of Rufus, Biggs and along the Columbia river will soon have to find new homes and methods of making a living.

Mothers day was honored at the Rufus church of the Nazarene Sunday by a short program. Corsages were given to special mothers. Mrs. Mary Wilson was given a corsage in honor of being the oldest mother present. Mrs. Glen Thompson was given a corsage for the mother with the most children and Mrs. Paul Blackburne a corsage for the youngest mother.

Mrs. William Macnab received the high prize at cards while Mrs. George Fox got low. After the card game a lunch of banana cream pie and coffee was served by the hostess.

The club presented baby gifts to Mrs. Elton Medler and Mrs. Morris Burnet, who have had babies recently. Others present were Mesdames Don Macnab, Leland Medler, Tom Macnab, Harry Adams, Pete Macnab, Kenneth Fridley, Dewey Thomas and Frank Reid.

Mrs. Leona Baker arrived last Tuesday from Springfield to help her mother, Mrs. I. D. Pike, take care of her father. Mrs. Louis May of Hermiston came Thursday and took Mrs. Les Gordon to her home in Pilot Rock after spending several weeks here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Pike.

The King's Daughters, the girls club sponsored by the Baptist church, entertained their mothers and other friends at a tea and program at the church on Mothers day at 6 p. m.

The girls sang a welcome song and the girls orchestra played "Mansions Over the Hilltop", followed by two Mother's day poems by Julia Bayer; Mrs. Charles Myers explained the King's Daughters ranks to the mothers; Florence Crews read one of the Psalms; badges were presented to the following girls Karen Alley, Julia Bayer, Peggy Reckman, Deanna Martin, Florence Crews, Diane Schilling, Jocelle Blaylock and Ramona Davis; the girls sang several theme choruses after which Mrs. Orville Ruggles and Mrs. Ed Fritts served coffee and cookies from a table surrounded by a white fence and flowers with a bouquet of pink and white tulips and narcissus.

Mrs. Willard Barnett was hostess at her home at a layette shower in honor of Mrs. Mark Bird Wednesday afternoon. She was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Present were Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Dell Olds, Mrs. Marcus Esslinger, Mrs. James Easter, Mrs. Harold Owens, Mrs. Wallace May, Mrs. Joe Hammond and Mrs. Edgar Alley. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison went to Portland Thursday on business, the women stayed a few days. Mr. Gilkison went down Saturday and brought them home Sunday. He also brought Jim Jones home from the hospital where he spent forty days for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers had as their guests Sunday his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Myers and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Godbold from Portland.

Bruce Eccles of Dee came up Thursday evening and took his son, Stephen, home after spending some time here with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Mrs. Earl McKinney and son, Leland of Ione, were overnight guests Saturday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles. They went to the junior rodeo at Moro Sunday where Leland took part.

Mrs. Eva Landry of Portland spent Thursday here visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles. She went to Heppner to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup moved back Monday from Rufus to the Ted von Borstel ranch. Mr. Hattrup will work for Donald von Borstel and Mrs. Hattrup will help her mother, Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Harold Eakin and son, Tommie, Tom Coyle and Henry Barnum returned home last Tuesday from a trip to South Dakota where they attended a cattle sale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Moro and Mrs. Sam Alberty were in The Dalles Saturday where Mrs. Taylor entered the hospital for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gordh and daughter Sheryl of Portland spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillin.

Richard Stradley entertained the boys of the 5th and 6th grades at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley last Tuesday from bus time until 9 p. m. They played games and watched television and later Mrs. Stradley served refreshments in the living room.

Charley Belshee was taken to a hospital in The Dalles Monday night by Darwin VanGilder in the county ambulance. A report on his ailment or condition has not been received.

Charley Wilson, ex-sheriff of the county, was in Moro from Rufus this week reporting that he is one of the service station owners along the Columbia whose place has been taken by the government for the new highway and railroad right of way.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bibby had as their guests from Wednesday until Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Briedwell from Tacoma Washington.

A 4-H livestock judging day will be held at the Fred Cox ranch near Grass Valley Saturday May 15 to which clubbers interested in learning to judge cattle, sheep and swine are invited. L. J. Marks, Fossil, will be judge. The hour is 11:30 a. m. and a potluck meal will precede the judging contests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Myers sr. of Turner visited here last week end with their son, Leo Myers, school superintendent, and family. With them was a half-sister of Superintendent Myers, Mrs. Ray Hill of Wichita, Kansas who flew out to visit her relatives.

The W. R. Reids and Glen Wallace have completed plans for a new trailer court to be located in the lots behind the Reid buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard sr. and daughter Mrs. Bob Brinslie and her small daughter, Marilyn visited most of last week with Mrs. Charles Weber, Wayne Smith, the Jim Drinkards and other relatives in and around Halsey.

Mrs. W. R. Reid caught two of her fingers in her electric mixer Monday afternoon and while not seriously injured quite painful.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krusow jr. of Liye, Wn., spent Mother's day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace.

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Primary Election Unexciting With Voters Apathetic

Primary election day, which comes next Friday, May 21, will mean more to a few candidates than to the voting public. There isn't much to vote on.

Democratic voters in Sherman county do not have a single contest for nominations. On the Republican ticket there are three contests. In the other spaces on the ballot are single entries or no names at all.

Guy Cordon, United States senator since appointment to that office by Earl Snell, has a noteworthy slogan "Present Senator. Shall continue to do the best I can," noteworthy because it expresses a note of humility not common to politicians. Sam Coon only candidate for the federal house says that "government close to the people is better government" which expresses a philosophy of government well known to Sherman countians.

Earl T. Newberry, secretary of state, and Paul L. Patterson, governor, are contestants for the Republican nomination for governor. Little interest has been aroused. Newberry says he is popular; Patterson says he is a trusted worker and the statements are indicative of the type of campaigns.

Eugene Allen, state senator, and H. E. Barker would both like to be nominated on the Republican ticket for state labor commissioner.

Charles Allen Tom is unopposed as candidate for representative to the legislature from the 22nd district. He will be the only one, the people having passed a new reapportionment bill cutting the representation from this district in half.

Donald Martin, county commissioner and C. A. Tom, county judge, are both asking for nomination for the county judgeship and both have been doing some work to obtain preference. Voters of the party are well acquainted with both men. Robert V. Rolfe will get the nomination of the Republicans for county commissioner.

Democrats will have an opportunity to vote for Richard Neuberger, writer and state senator, who wants to go to the United States senate. Albert Ullman will get the nomination for representative in congress. Both are damning the ins with the fervor of the outs.

Joe Carson, once Portland's mayor, will be nominated for governor. Norman Nilsen will be named for labor commissioner, and Glady's Zell will get the nomination for state representative, all being unopposed.

For county office Vernon Miller is running for judge, C. F. Kuypers for county commissioner, Norman Fields for sheriff, Naomi VanGilder for treasurer, all without opposition in the party and the last two without opposition of any kind.

No change was made in the general fund except the addition of \$50 for the library. The park fund was reduced from \$400 to \$200, the power account increased from \$1500 to \$1800 and the fire department made \$1500 instead of \$3000. For new mains the budget calls for \$2500, the same as last year. Emergency fund was increased from \$400 to \$1000.

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City Budget Totals \$17,850 for 1954-55

A budget committee for the city Tuesday night approved a total budget of \$17,850 for expenditure during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1955. Receipts of \$8385 will be deducted from the total and a special election will be held for passage or rejection of a special levy of \$8800.71. The city's base is \$664.29.

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Friendship Night At Wasco Lodge Held

Friendship night for neighborhood star chapters was Tuesday, May 11 at Annie Fulton chapter of Wasco. Each guest who came was greeted at the door and presented a flower corsage for ladies, or a carnation boutonniere for men, these having been made for the occasion by the worthy matron, Astrid Tuggle.

Visitors for the evening who were escorted to the East were: Daisy Thomason, grand chaplain; Ethel Eakin, grand representative of North Carolina; Stella Bryant, worthy matron from Evergreen chapter at Goldendale; Hazel Adams, worthy matron of Sherman chapter at Grass Valley; Lola Dixon, worthy matron and Dale Dixon, worthy patron from Columbia chapter of The Dalles. Visitors were also present from Jasmine chapter at Arlington, and Bethlehem chapter at Moro.

A candlelight ceremony given for friendship was the main program for the evening. A May basket of sachet was presented to each visiting sister, and a gift to each brother.

Refreshments were served from a flower decked table covered with pink organdy. The committee was: Mabel Haven, Metta Kaseberg, Marguerite Kaseberg and Margilee Kaseberg.

Coming Again



Gov. Paul Patterson To Be Speaker At Historical Picnic

Governor Paul Patterson will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Sherman County Historical society when it is held at DeMoss Springs Sunday, June 13. This was announced at the meeting held Friday to make up the program for the event. President James Tate, Willy Knighten, Mrs. Allie Ruggles, Theodore Johnston, Walter Bruckert and Harry Pinkerton attended.

The governor, who was a visitor at the county fair last fall, expressed an interest in the history of Oregon and of this section in particular because of its intensive agricultural production and coming importance in power production. He will come as a student, he said, and not an authority.

A change is to be made in the type of program offered to the members. The program will be shorter and will contain a re-enactment of some of the scenes that have been important to the history of the county.

Committees to manage the feeding and recording of the visitors were also named.

Rodeo Program Pleases Spectators With Speed, Thrills

Little Tommy Stephenson of Mitchell walked away with the most points and the cattlemen's belt buckle at the close of the first ju or rodeo sponsored by Sherman County Cattlemen's association here Sunday. Tommy won the cow riding and second in the bareback riding to make his points.

The crowd was small because the day was windy with threatening rain causing temperatures rather low for comfortable spectating. But at that the sponsors broke about even on the venture. Cattlemen officials have expressed their appreciation of those who aided in putting on the show and those who donated prizes.

Sonny Bain brought a bunch of tough little cayuses down from Antelope for the boys to ride. Bob Brown furnished the cows and fast little calves for riding and roping. Many of the riders were thrown but all tried and kept the show moving. Howard Johnson, Condon and Ferrel Friday, Antelope, were pick-up men. Jay Burres, Condon and Don Griffith, Heppner, were judges and Bernice Nogel, Kent and Neva Friday, Antelope, were timers.

Eddie Palmer was injured and taken to the hospital by ambulance when a cow stepped in his face. He was released the next day after a few stitches were taken.

Prize winners were:

TIE DOWN CALF ROPING
1st. Leland McKinney, Ione \$47.75
2nd. Ralph Lange, Mitchell 28.65
3rd. Tom Norton, Ashwood 19.10
13 entries - \$50 prize money plus entrance fees.

COW RIDING
1st. Tommy Stephenson, \$63.50 Mitchell
2nd. Ivan Keirkelle, Moro 38.10
3rd. LeRoy Britt, Spray 25.40
22 entries - \$50 prize money plus entrance fees.

BAREBACK RIDING
1st. Mack Griffith, Heppner \$51.25
2nd. Tommy Stephenson 30.75
3rd. Keith Grover, Bend 20.50
15 entries - \$50 prize money plus entrance fees.

STEER DECORATING
1st. Verne Mobley, Kent \$46.00
2nd. Gary Miller, Moro 27.60
3rd. Keith Mobley, Kent 18.40
12 entries - \$50 prize money plus entrance fees.

COW CUTTING CONTEST
1st. Tom Norton, Ashwood \$18.00
2nd. Ralph Lange, Mitchell 12.00
2 entries - entrance fee plus chaps donated by J. K. McKean Co., Moro.

ALL AROUND COWBOY
Tommy Stephenson, Mitchell \$40 belt buckle - donated by Sherman County Cattlemen's Asso. (1953 - 2nd. Cow Riding John Day)

MUSICAL CHAIRS
1st. Dale Edwards, Condon
Bradley left, donated by PP&L Co.

MUSICAL ROPES
1st. Jack Amen, Redmond. Bridle donated by Moro Grain Growers.
2nd. Dale Edwards, Condon
Pair Levis, donated by Herman's Men Store, The Dalles.

BOYS RACE \$25.00 prize money
1st. Gary Miller, Moro \$12.50
2nd. Verne Mobley, Kent 7.50
3rd. Dale Edwards, Condon 5.00

GIRLS RACE \$25 prize money
1st. Sally Fields, Wasco, \$12.50
2nd. Elaine Brinkert, G.V. 7.50
3rd. Sherry Woods, Moro 5.00

KIDS PONY RACE
1st. Jim Coons, Moro
Saddle blanket, donated by Moro Grain Growers.

Thirty-eight entries from 17 towns in Central Oregon entered 64 events.

Voters Must Be Dry Election Day

Sale of beer, wine or distilled spirits for consumption on the premises is not legal during the hours the polls are open on election day, the Oregon liquor control commission reminded licensees this week. However, sale of packaged beer and wine by unlicensed premises is permitted by Oregon law, which supersedes any local laws to the contrary, the commission reported in answer to inquiries from licensees and local officials.

State retail liquor stores and Salem office of the liquor commission will be closed May 21 in accordance with the Oregon liquor control act.

Club Members Meet; To Seek Support

A few members of the Moro Boosters club met Wednesday night and decided to canvas the citizens of the community to see if there is sufficient interest in a civic club to merit an attempt at reorganization.

If there is that interest a meeting will be held Monday, May 23 at the American Legion hall. There was no question in the minds of those present that a club is necessary for the progress of the Moro community; the question was whether enough are interested in the community to make the effort worth while.

Four Blocks Paved In Residence Areas

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