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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Enumclaw, Washington: "How did that name come to be?" queried I of the waitress. "Sounds Indian," says she. "Yes," says I. "There used to be a pamphlet published by someone around here," says she, "telling about that. I'll find one if I can."

So the distinctive name Enumclaw is hidden from the residents thereof and no doubt reposes quietly in the libraries far away from the ken of waitresses who are hired to serve food, not information.

At the next booth were a party of five, two men, one 45, one 18, both ages based on observation, not inquiry; three women, one 60, two less, only one young enough to rouge her lips after dinner. She was also the only one who combed her hair before dinner. From observation she might have been the only one who had combed her hair that week.

They were not Americans, their speech being much quicker and without the broad, flat accents of our countrymen. They puzzled the little blond waitress, the one with the sharp, pointed chin and the lips that grew thinner when she smiled, instead of thicker.

In the Yakima valley the speed is 50 miles per hour and the sign says "Radar Check", which is probably a bluff for one huge car rolled by at 70 and was not stopped while in sight. Mostly the drivers stay at 50 and when all do it, it is a pleasant way to drive. No one tries to pass another, all go along at the same set gait. Certainly there is less danger.

Odd, isn't it, how we've let science dictate to us. The word "Radar" on a sign quiets down nearly all the drivers, because they have such implicit faith in science. They know they will get caught. Science that makes the huge electrical installations, perfected the man-killing bombs, developed the kiss-proof lipstick, manufactured the calculating machine, perfected television, is respected, and may be feared.

Exponents of other gods used smoke and fearful faces, made dire threats, called down strange imprecations, incanted odd oaths and often failed to impress. We hold more faith in science than in any gods we ever had.

Enumclaw's 3000 people live on the broad flat of the western valley close to the hills that reach up to Rainier with stony fingers that even in summer are overhung with a veil of cloud. They are rugged, sharp, and nothing in Oregon approaches them for steepness. Weyerhaeuser Timber owns the forest between Enumclaw and the reserve and have a 30-year growth of new timber on it that is thick and beautiful. Only 50 years more and it can be cut and hauled to the big mill just east of town, now closed by strike. On the basis of 50 years the strike seems less important than now when the town is made still by it. Enumclaw has some of the most beautiful residences of any town of its size, homes probably of first and second generation lumber operators.

T T W N
America that developed the executive secretary also developed the executive wife.

T T W N
"One way to judge a man," says uncle Emmett, "is by how long it takes him to find out that he isn't always right."

T T W N
The dress designers may feel it is time to perpetrate another fashion like that of the twenties because post-war emotions will be as they were. But why add to the horrors of war?

FIRE ENDANGERS MILLER PROPERTY
A grass fire started on a small plot to eradicate insect pests was caught up by a stiff breeze and scattered to adjacent dry grass, thereby threatening the buildings and grain fields at the W. C. Miller ranch five miles southeast of Moro Monday afternoon.

A call was made to the Moro fire department, which responded readily, and neighbors and friends rushed to the aid of the Millers. As a result of this cooperation damage was held to the minimum.

Wilson and Root Aid Legislation on Farm Program

Morris Wilson, Condon, Oregon Wheat Growers League president, and Floyd Root, Wasco, Oregon delegate to the National Association of Wheat Growers, recently left for Washington, D. C. to represent wheat producers.

Wilson said "... the trip is necessary because many vital issues affecting wheat growers are being decided in Washington at this time." He also mentioned that "... unlike most farm commodity groups, wheat growers have no permanent representation in Washington, D. C. Oregon Wheat Growers League officers and members are often called upon to speak for the nation's wheat producers on legislative matters."

Final action on the farm bill is expected this week. Wilson and Root are working closely with Oregon's congressional representatives, other members of the farm committees in both houses, as well as many USDA officials. Every effort is being made to encourage a fair and equitable farm program for wheat.

Oregon producers will benefit directly if the league is successful in keeping the summer fallow amendment intact in the farm bill. Passage of the amendment would limit acreage cuts in summer fallow areas to the national average. Estimates indicate that Oregon would be granted an additional 60,000 acre wheat allotment if the amendment is passed.

Wilson and Root are also exerting every effort to keep the two-price plan in the farm bill. If congress approves this provision, wheat producers throughout the nation will vote on the two-price plan next year.

Representatives have been active in Washington, D. C. since last May. Wilson and Root are following up action of Marion Weatherford, Arlington, and Jens Terjesen, Pendleton, who returned recently after working almost two months in Washington on the farm program.

Hermiston Livestock Auction

Hermiston — Volume of cattle consigned was up somewhat, trading was brisk and demand broad at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

Consigned in small lots by 91 consignors were 278 cattle compared with 251 the previous Friday, 106 hogs compared with 145, and 24 sheep compared with 77.

The new high, \$22 cwt., set previous Friday by first grain-fed fat slaughter steers was maintained Friday, and arrival of grain-fed fat heifers Friday raised their price \$4 cwt. to the same \$22 top. Both, totaling about 25 head, were of good quality and finish. Dairy heifers hit \$41, up \$5 hd. Feeder steers of poorer quality dropped \$1.35 cwt to \$18.40. Veal and weaner pigs dropped due to lower quality. Good quality bulls were up 60c to \$15.80 cwt.

Another new high in over a month was the \$21.50 paid for light young sows. Also unusually high was the \$26.90 for good quality. Good quality bulls were up which were in strong demand by farmers completing early harvest operations who planned to feed them cull peas and cracked grain. Weaner pigs were up \$1.25 to \$18.25 hd., fat hogs up 20c to \$24.50 cwt.

Contributing to the brisk demand were Washington and Oregon packers, potato and other feeders and farmers who had completed haying or early harvesting. Needed next Friday are feeder steers, ewes, and grain fed steers and heifers for packers.

Topping the market were O. V. Riser, Echo, 410 lb. sow, \$18 cwt., and 210 lb. white sow, \$21.50; John Glavey, Heppner, 10 weaner pigs, \$18.25 hd.; John McEntire, Boardman, 3 fat hogs, 600 lbs., \$24.50; Elmer Chichester, Huntsville, Wash., 4 feeder pigs, 420 lbs., \$26.90; Tom Harer, Dale, 2 lambs, 200 lbs., 17c per lb.; C. M. Jackson, Hermiston, registered Hereford bull, \$200; W. G. Seehafer, Ione, 1380 lb. whiteface steer, \$22 cwt.; L. M. Nelson, Hermiston, 235 lb. veal, \$18.80; E. F. Rhode, Echo, 450 lb. heavy veal, \$18.30; E. P. Snyder, Hermiston, 755 lb. whiteface heifer, \$22; Lee Beckner, Ione, 1585 lb. whiteface bull, \$15.80.

A WORD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to our neighbors, friends, and the Moro fire department who aided us in fighting fire at our place Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller

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

WASCO NEWS

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobsen were his niece, Miss Elsie Jacobsen and three friends, the Misses Pat Thomason, Sue Tiley and Ruth Randby of New York. They had left home July 2 and traveled out by the southern states. In Texas, Miss Jacobsen received word of her father, Carston Jacobsen's death. She flew to New York for the services and then rejoined her friends in time to arrive here August 4. While here the girls and their hosts drove to the Earl Fields ranch where they saw the harvester in action, two riding a truck and two on the combine. After leaving here the tourists planned to visit Crater Lake, Timberline Lodge, the Oregon coast and then go home by the northern route to see Yellowstone Park and other points of interest. Last year the girls visited and toured Norway on bicycles and next year plan to go to Italy for the summer. Miss Jacobsen is a physical education teacher in New York. The others also teach there.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mrs. George Drinkard Sr. and Carol Drinkard spent Monday and Tuesday in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and daughter, Mrs. John Buck, celebrated Mrs. Watkins' and Mrs. Buck's birthdays recently with dinner at Harold's, near The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terry of Portland visited in Town Sunday. Mr. Terry is district superintendent of the Methodist church. Mrs. Charles Decker and children, Phyllis and Alvin, spent several days last week with Mrs. Margaret Blau and family at Camp Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kitts moved Wednesday to Eugene where he will teach school while she attends college. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Price and children, Bonnie, Glen and Lida Lee, and Mrs. Antonio Kuhnhausen of Glenwood, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Re and children, John and Peggy, of Roosevelt, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe and children, Janine and Ronnie, of Grimes, Iowa arrived Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Howe's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Royse and family. The Howes plan to spend most of August in Oregon visiting relatives.

Miss Peggy Re of Roosevelt, Wash. was a guest of Judy Watkins for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock and Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Brock, Karen and Joe drove to Cook's, Wash. recently to visit Sam's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brock and family. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seargent drove Jackson Hole, Wyo. to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neville and family, who are vacationing there. On the trip they visited Yellowstone Park, Du Bois and over the Teton to Jackson Hole and home. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Bruner arrived Wednesday, July 28 from Ohio. He is the new pastor of the Wasco Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews are visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews in Portland. Mrs. Idah Everett is in Salem visiting her son-in-law and daughter. Mrs. Charles Neville and family arrived Monday evening to spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seargent. Cap Scott is getting along nicely at the Veterans hospital in Portland. He expects to be released soon.

Quite a number of the farmers are expecting to finish harvest this week. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seargent and grandchildren, Jane and Paul, and Miss Vivian Trowce visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck at Rufus, Sunday. Rev. Walquist who has been

supply minister here since early in June is to go on to Idaho to a church there. Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace were their son-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Glenz of Umatilla, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kruson of Lyle, also their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and children, Debbie, Helen and Bill Jr. of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker and family of Wasco.

GRASS VALLEY NEWS
Mrs. Frank E. Bayer was hostess at a demonstration party at her home Thursday afternoon with 15 women and a number of children present. Nick Lafrenz of The Dalles was the demonstrator. Games were played and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Harold Eakin and Mrs. Kenneth Todd. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Clair Adams, Mrs. Donald Cloffelter and Mrs. Donald Marsh called at the home of Mrs. Gordon Lemley Saturday afternoon to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent playing scrabble. Refreshments of birthday cake brought by the guests and coffee were served later.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts and family of Corvallis arrived here Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox a few days. Ronald and Rodney will stay for a longer visit with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartman of Wasco spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. Louise and Ellen Davis returned to their home in Condon Monday after spending several weeks here with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis had as their guests last week-end her sister, Mrs. Helen Dempsey and daughter Joan, of Portland. Mrs. Kenneth Sather of Kent is in the Emanuel hospital in Portland where she underwent an operation Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Rust took their daughter Phyllis to The Dalles Sunday where she took the bus for Portland after spending the week-end here with them. Mrs. Bruce Alley and daughter Karen were business visitors in The Dalles Monday. Bruce Alley went to Prineville Sunday to the rodeo. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sobers of Glendale, Calif. spent last week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blaylock. Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and son Carsten, George and Carl von Borstel and Miss Pat Johnson went to Prineville Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey and to attend the rodeo. Miss Barbara Alley and Dale Ferris of Portland came up Saturday to spend a week with Miss Alley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds. Mrs. Alfred Payne and children took their hired man, Bill Kidder to The Dalles Monday for medical attention.

Bob Becker of Ferdinand, Idaho and Miss Vivian Harder of La Grande spent Sunday visiting John Alley at the Earl Olds home. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall had as week-end guests her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everett and family of Portland. They left Monday for Payette Lakes Idaho to spend a week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McLachlin and sons Delbert and Jimmy of Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and children, Joy, Cathy and Carsten, and Mrs. Bill Pausch went to Portland Wednesday on business. They returned home Thursday leaving Joy and Cathy with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins for a visit. Mrs. Bertha Matthes, The Dalles spent the week-end here with Mrs. W. D. Barnett.

Dalles-Rowena Jct. Highway Open to Travel

Scheduled for construction this fiscal year is the section of express route that will bring the new highway from Chenoweth into the west city limits of The Dalles. The old Columbia river highway between Rowena and Chenoweth is designated as a secondary state highway. Westbound traffic from The Dalles enters the old highway by driving south on Chenoweth Loop road a short distance, then turning onto a newly-opened connecting road.

The latest link in the watergrade Columbia river highway—the 5.7-mile section between Rowena and Chenoweth—was open to traffic today. The state highway department opened the express route Monday and diverted traffic on the old highway to the Chenoweth loop road. Opening of the new route further shortens the distance between Portland and The Dalles and brings the rebuilt highway to a point about two miles west of The Dalles.

Mrs. Roy Barnett of The Dalles spent the week-end at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jefferies and with Mr. Barnett who is helping Mr. Jefferies in harvest. Mrs. Ivan Blagg and Mrs. Don Leach and children were business visitors in The Dalles Friday. Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Alfred Kock and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap were in The Dalles Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preece and children, Tommy and Cathy, of Weaverville, Calif. were callers Wednesday at the Frank von Borstels.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins of Wasco and her mother, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap drove to Condon Sunday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson and all were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flatt, Mr. Roberson in Condon this year. Mrs. Lee Gordon of Pilot Rock and her sister, Mrs. Louis May of Hermiston brought their mother, Mrs. I. D. Pike home after spending a week with her daughter at Hermiston. Another daughter, Mrs. Leona Baker of Springfield was here to care for her father while Mrs. Pike was gone. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Esslinger of Moro were dinner guests Sunday at the Marcus Esslinger home. Mrs. Marcus Esslinger and daughters spent Sunday afternoon at Wasco visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wright. Clarence May, with the navy stationed at San Diego and his wife and son of Portland are here for two weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May. Alfred Switzer, a navy friend of Clarence, is here at the May ranch for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and son, Willey, and Miss Betty Thurman were business visitors in The Dalles Monday from Kent. Broughton Arney of The Dalles spent Sunday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family enjoyed a picnic dinner and swimming at the John Day Sunday. Miss Doris Larsen of Portland is here helping Mrs. Donald von Borstel during harvest. Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, took her son, Danny and George Miller of Moro to the grange camp near Bend last Sunday for a week. On Saturday Mrs. Martin went to the camp and took her son Danny to Eugene where he was met by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grubbe of Roseburg and went home with them for a visit. Mrs. Martin returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were business visitors in The Dalles Monday. Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter Deanna and Mrs. Owen Eakin and sons Terry and Ray, went to Portland Tuesday for dental appointments. Howard Garland of Wasco was here over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preece and children of California were dinner guests Tuesday at the A. von Borstel home. Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and daughters Julia and Helen, spent Friday until Monday visiting her sister, Mrs. Willis Brittain and family. Mr. Bayer and Linda Ferrigo took them to Parkdale. Byron Bayer came home with his mother after spending a week with his aunt and uncle, Kay Brittain came home with her aunt to spend a week. Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mrs. Owen Eakin and daughter Susan were in The Dalles Monday for medical attention for Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and son Carrel stopped here Tuesday evening and were over night guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer, on their way home to Portland after a vacation spent in southern Oregon and northern California.

LIBRARY BUSY PLACE
The Moro public library is about the busiest place in town on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons during the summer vacation from school. Younger children are enjoying the story hour on Wednesday evenings. Many interesting new books have been purchased by the library board for children, teen-agers and adults. GUESTS FROM CALIFORNIA
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christianson had as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kelso from Los Angeles. Mr. Kelso is Mrs. Christianson's twin brother.

Body of Golash Boy Recovered From Deschutes

Recovery of the body of 15-year-old Wesley Golash, Portland boy who lost his life in the swift waters of the Deschutes river the past week-end, was reported Tuesday evening. Officials of both Sherman and Wasco counties participated in the rescue.

The boy fell into the river from off a raft on which he and other boys were playing. Attempts to save him were futile and it was several days later that people walking along the bank of the river discovered the body. While a member of the party went to a phone to report the discovery to Sheriff Fields of Sherman county and to the Wasco county sheriff's office, others followed along the bank to keep track of the body. It is said this course was followed for upwards of two miles before the body was washed toward shore close enough to be reached with grappling hooks.

Wesley was the son of J. M. Golash, 5121 NE Davis street, Portland.

GRASS FIRE HITS BIGGS CANYON AREA

A grass fire in Biggs canyon, presumably started by sparks from the brakes of the Sherman branch freight, was brought under control in about two hours Wednesday afternoon.

Section crews and a truckload of track workers from the crew presently stationed at Moro were dispatched to the scene. The area, about two and one half miles south of the mouth of the canyon, was not seriously damaged, although grass was burned off to the top of the hill and several fence posts were destroyed.

Town, Country Church Conferene Oct. 18-21

The eighth annual Oregon Town and Country Church conference has been announced for October 18-21 on the Oregon State college campus, Corvallis. The "Town and Country Church" is interpreted to include all churches that have a responsibility for serving rural people. The purpose of the annual get-together is to make religion vital in enriching all phases of rural life and improve rural living through the development of religious leadership.

Sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, National Council of Churches, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Home Economics Extension Council, and Oregon State College extension service, the conference is open to ministers, church laymen, educational leaders, members of farm organizations, and all rural community leaders. Any and all folks are welcome to attend.

HOGS 5 PER CENT ABOVE PARITY ON JUNE 15
U. S. farm price index lost 10 points (four percent) between May 15 and June 15. The parity index dropped two points. Hogs accounted for about half of the price decline. A large proportion of sows in the marketing helped to lower hog price averages. Even so, hogs were 5 percent above parity on June 15.

Harvesting of Ten Fertilizer Trial Plots Completed; Results Hinge on Grain Cleaning

Harvest of the 10 fertilizer trials was completed last week with the 40-inch combine built for fertilizer trial work, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent. Al Hunter, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Corvallis, has been operating the combine in Gilliam, Wasco and Sherman counties. Another combine has been working in the Umatilla and Morrow county area. Each of the 10 fertilizer trials has 60 plots which consist of 15 different fertilizer treatments duplicated four times. A swath 40 inches wide and 40 feet long was taken out of each treatment. Grain was placed in 20 pound bags. Some plots went 60 bushels, which would make about 12 pounds of grain in a plot. The combines do not have cleaners so bagged grain has to be cleaned at the experiment station prior to weighing and determining the yield on an acre basis. This cleaning work takes considerable time but it is hoped all can be completed to give out yield information on this year's trials by fall. Generally, fertilizer trials were

Three Sherman Boys on Shrine Benefit Squad

Three Sherman county high school boys have been drawn for the Eastern Oregon football team that is scheduled to meet the western Oregon team in "B" competition at Pendleton on Saturday, August 28. The game is being played as a benefit for the Shrine hospital.

Two outstanding players on the Moro high school team, Bucky Brady and Larry Says, and George Fox Jr. of the Rufus-leave for La Grande Sunday to put in two weeks of intensive training for the big event. The western Oregon squad is in training at Pendleton. Additional local interest in game centers in the fact that Moro's coach, Jerry Disch, is assistant coach for the eastern Oregon squad.

Being chosen as a player on the team means a real financial sacrifice to the Sherman county boys. Due to the late wheat harvest they will be giving up several days work in the fields which, at the current rate of pay, isn't what is referred to as "peanuts."

ASC OFFICE GIVES PARTICIPATION RULES
The local A.S.C. office announced this week that farmers who intend to do any conservation work under the 1954 A.C.P. should sign-up prior to start of such work. Payment for noxious weed control using sodium chlorate, 2,4-D, etc., is 50 percent of the cost of chemical. Agricultural conservation program funds will be obligated for payment as available and only on practices which have received approval of the county committee.

Cutting Horses To Feature Wasco Fair
Entertainment features at the Wasco county fair, which opens Thursday, August 26 at Tygh Valley, will be somewhat different to the program presented last year, announces J. W. Dodd, secretary of the fair board. In place of the high wire, or trampoline, act, feature of last year's show, there will be exhibitions by professional cutting horses. For this feature, the fair board has signed up the best horses in the state, with stock coming from both Salem and Portland. Included among the animals are present and former champions such as Satan, Handy Pat, Lucky Boy A and others. Dodd states that exhibits in all departments will be extensive.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN
To some, the above heading may recall the yarn about Finnegan the railroad man, but it is used to call the attention of readers to the fact that the publishers of this staunch advocate of freedom are off again on another sight-seeing tour. This time Mr. and Mrs. Giles L. French are touring British Columbia for a few days and their absence naturally calls for the presence of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford who are "on again" for a couple of weeks.