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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

There is a daylight saving bill on the ballot. It would establish daylight saving from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in September. Ought to save a lot of daylight in that time, too.

T T W N

It's terrible, but you can't buy anything with money except food and shelter and some material comforts. Anything an animal wants.

T T W N

A chart in the U. S. News shows that in 1947 the farmer got 50.4 percent of the consumers dollar, labor got 23.5, 21.8 went for handling, processing, etc. and the profit was 4.3. In 1954 the farmer is getting 43.1, labor 30.9, 23.7 goes for handling, processing, etc. and profit is 2.3. Labor costs are up 31 percent, farmer's prices are down 14 percent. When it gets down far enough maybe farmers will organize.

T T W N

Any generation will eventually have to admit that most of the good thinking has been done by previous generations.

T T W N

"Yea," says the cynic, "you don't have to make bums out of guys, all you gotta do is to give 'em a chance to be bums."

T T W N

When taxes stay high and incomes shrink at the end of an inflation people wish for another touch of inflation—just one. Any old bartender knows the plea.

T T W N

Secretary Wilson was expressing an American concept when he said by inference that the better workers would go after a job instead of waiting for it to come to them. By his comparison with dogs, birds and kennel, he used an unfortunate analogy. Philosophy O. K.; public relations, poor.

T T W N

Wonder what happens to a nation whose people vote for the most.

T T W N

MEASURE NO. 5

Measure No. 5 is an amendment to the present six percent limitation in the state constitution. It amends it so far as the state is concerned and does not affect counties, cities or other municipal corporations.

At the last election the voters approved a similar measure and placed it in the law. Now it is proposed that it be 'put in the constitution.

The history of it is like this: some years ago some members of the legislature saw that the six percent limitation was getting out of hand. Methods of figuring it were so complicated as to be understood by a very few tax experts. A proposal was made to put the limit on millage. A majority could not be obtained to refer it to the people for either a law or a constitutional amendment.

Legislative sentiment changed and in the conference committee in the 1951 legislature it was agreed that a measure would be referred to the people for the measure which the people approved by a good majority in 1952. Increasing sentiment for some tax economy has brought about this proposed amendment.

It will simplify Oregon's tax structure by removing the six percent section that had become so complicated. It will permit the state to levy no more than six mills on the assessed valuation of the state without a vote of the people. It will not be a growing tax increase except as valuations increase; in other words it will be based on the state's wealth, not on its past tax history.

The complications of doing away with the offset provisions of the income and excise taxes were difficult—and made more difficult by those who wanted to keep them although they were no longer effective.

Voters who want a state tax system as simple as possible, who want a definite rein on state appropriations, who would like a check on expenses that they can understand will vote "Yes" on Measure 5. It has already received endorsements from most of the state's tax experts and the newspapers that have studied it.

About the County

being news about people you know or know about

Guests for a few days last week of Miss Vivian Trowce were her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Trowce of Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson of Goldendale, Wn., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent several days last week.

Mrs. Carl Tuggle spent last week with Mrs. Dell Rust who is in a hospital at Olympia, Wn.

The Wasco women's volleyball team meets every Tuesday evening for practice at the new school gym. Turning out so far are Shirley Richelderfer, Helen Hesgard, Joyce Decker, Joanne Buck, Barbara Roberts, Shirley Leck, Catherine Thomas, Darlene White, and coming from Moro to play on the team are Marie Balzer, June Alsop and Marilyn Olsen.

Several cougar have been seen this fall in the canyons east of town. Two were quite close to the George Drinkard sr. home one afternoon. Several men have tried tracking them but have had no luck so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, October 24 at the Rufus grange hall. They are having "Open House" from 2 to 5 p. m. and all their friends and relatives are invited to call during the afternoon.

The Rufus grange met for its first monthly meeting at the hall Thursday night. Harland McDonald, master, presided. William O'Brien, entertainment committee chairman, said a dance was planned for October 16. If this dance is a success it will be followed by others.

Mrs. Bill O'Brien, the Home Ec. chairman, reported the rummage sale held in The Dalles the week before was a financial success. She said they gave what clothing was left to the Salvation army.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson told about their trip to Skyline lodge where Rolland attended a state grange deputy school.

The Rufus Missionary society met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Willis Barney. The topic for the month was retirement and a study was made of the retired missionaries home which is located in California. Mrs. Frank Ward was a special guest.

World Wide Communion Sunday was observed at the Rufus church of the Nazarene.

Work Night was held at the Rufus church Wednesday. Work was done on the grounds and leveling was done, preparing the ground for lawn seeding. After the work pot luck supper was served before prayer meeting.

The Rufus Sunday school will have a Rally Day program, October 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wallace May Named First County Cattleman; Grass Best Utilized

Wallace L. May, who farms the old Buckley place just north of Grass Valley with enough other land to make a 520 acre farm, has been chosen as Sherman county's first representative in the "Cattleman of the Year" contest.

The contest was started by Herman Oliver of John Day through the Oregon Cattleman's association. Winners in the counties compete for the state title. Selection is based on ranch development and management, cattle management and improvement and on citizenship and community service.

May won the title because he has done so much with so little, said Tommy Thompson, county agent, who, with a committee of the Sherman county cattleman's association, made the selection.

May took over the ranch in 1931 and for a time raised sheep in the bottom land in Grass Valley canyon. The sheep ate down the tall dry grass in the flat, which once grew to a height that, it was said, would hide a man a horseback. In 1948 he bought some purebred cows from Jaeger Bros at Condon and went into the purebred Hereford business.

He now keeps up to 30 cows, which, with their calves make up a herd of 55 to 60 head. They are mostly of Domino and Promino breeding and the herd bull is TT Proud Master 12th, bought from Harold Eakin.

May drilled a well in 1930 and from it he irrigates three small fields along the highway and near the farm buildings. They total 11 acres and are divided for pasture management purposes. The grass

Grass Valley's six-man football team chalked up its second victory of the season last Friday by beating the Rufus six 31 to 19. Grass Valley's speedy backfield combination of Tommy Eakin, Orville Blaylock and James Duncan were hard pressed by a determined Rufus team but put the game on ice in the fourth quarter by a touchdown pass from Tommy Eakin to Orville Blaylock and a pass interception by Blaylock was also good for a touchdown.

Ronald Adams, Ronald Davis and John Sant distinguished themselves in the line for Grass Valley. Davis' work on pass defense was exceptionally outstanding.

Grass Valley has games to play yet with Moro and Wasco and has high hopes of going through the season undefeated.

Mrs. Harry Stark was surprised Monday afternoon when a group called at her home to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. She was making taffy when they arrived so all helped pull the taffy and later played pinocle. Mrs. Stark won high and Mrs. Olan Stark low score for the afternoon. Others present were Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children, Mrs. Claude Bayer and children, Mrs. Elizabeth Trumble and children, Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Melvin Albert and children and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and Terry and Kathy Stark. Refreshments of birthday cake, cookies and jello brought in by the guests was served later.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were hosts at a dinner at their home Sunday honoring their daughter, Mrs. Clair Balzer on her birthday anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Blagg and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger from Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and family.

Mrs. Walter Barry and daughter, Ruth Ann, left Monday for Portland where she will visit her sisters and families before returning to her home in Coos Bay after spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. Kenneth Hatrup were hostesses at a tea at the former's home Saturday afternoon honoring the brides to be Miss Cynthia Nichols of Olympia, Wn., November 3 and Miss Ten Eyck and Bud Kock will be married at Sunday October 23.

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 11 members present. Plans were made to serve lunches of sandwiches, cake, pie and coffee at

Alta Fescue. Another eight acre field will be sown to alfalfa and grass again this fall. There is also 95 acres of Crested Wheat grass. Winter feed is alfalfa and wheat hay supplemented with straw and molasses.

Cattle are carefully graded and records kept of cow and calf production. Blackleg vaccination and spraying for lice and grubs is done regularly.

The Buckley ranch buildings were built by C. A. Buckley over 50 years ago when Buckley wanted to move closer to town than the Kerr & Buckley sheep ranch in the southwest part of the county. At the May garage, which in early days was on the county road, the horse races used to start. The finish was at the old Clemens' barn or near the big trees within the present Grass Valley park. Never in its history has the bottom land below Grass Valley produced so much stock feed as it has under the management of Mr. May for the big dry grass was better protection against storms than against hunger.

Wallace May's record in community service, an important part of the Oliver qualifications, consists of member and chairman of the AAA, director of Mideo Hereford association, and county officer of the Oregon Wheat Growers league. He is chairman of the Rural Advisory council, and of the county Soil Conservation service. He has been school board member at Grass Valley and is now on the non-high school board. He has been a 4-H leader and president of the 4-H leaders' association.

the IOOF hall election day November 2.

The first meeting this fall of the Community Pinocle club was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Reid. Mrs. Allen Tom and Mrs. William O'Brien were guests. Receiving high prize was Mrs. Chet Coats, while the consolation went to Mrs. Bill Macnab. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served late in the evening. The club decided to raise the dues to fifty cents instead of a quarter as it has been since they organized. Mrs. Kenneth Fridley will entertain the club November 8th. Others present were Mrs. Morris Burnet, Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Leiland Medler, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Elton Medler and Mrs. Tom Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien are now settled in the house on the old Garland place, now owned by Mrs. Marion Medler. They moved here from Biggs after school started this fall. There hasn't been any interruption in school attendance for the four O'Brien children who came here from Echo five years ago.

Moro football followers may see movies of University of Oregon games each Sunday night at the school house through efforts of the local alumni association. Last Sunday the Stanford-Oregon game was shown.

The Grass Valley grade school football team beat by a big margin the Rufus boys Friday afternoon when they came here for a game.

Mrs. Bernard Martin received word Friday that her mother, Mrs. Frank Grubbe of Roseburg, was hit by a car at Cottage Grove and was taken to a hospital in Eugene where she died before Mrs. Martin arrived. Funeral services were held at Roseburg Tuesday, October 12.

Mrs. Deen Olds of Portland and son, Donald Olds of Salem, drove up to The Dalles Sunday to visit Dell Olds at the hospital and on up to Grass Valley to visit her mother, Mrs. Lydia Wassensmiller before returning to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelly had as their guests last week her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fairchild and their grandson, Monte, from Grants Pass.

Ralph Balzer and Bob Sweet arrived Friday night from Portland and spent the weekend with the A. F. Balzers.

Vernon Eakin returned home Saturday from the hospital in The Dalles where he spent several days for medical attention.

Mrs. Oscar Lemley returned Thursday from Springfield, Ill., where she was called because of the illness of her father. He is home from the hospital and is feeling better.

About fifty members and friends gathered at the Baptist church Sunday after the morning services for a potluck dinner to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Donald Leach and family to the community. They also gave them a food shower and presented them with a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds returned home from a two weeks vacation trip that took them to Pasadena, California where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Rogen spending several days at Las Vegas, Nevada, returning by way of San Francisco where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles went to Portland Friday and brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles home after spending several weeks there for medical attention for Mr. Ruggles.

LeRoy Stradley and son, Robert, of Portland was an overnight guest Saturday of his brother, Clyde Stradley and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith and son, Gordon, and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and son, Carsten, were business visitors in Portland recently.

Wallace May went to The Dalles Wednesday and brought Mrs. May home from the hospital where she spent fifteen days for medical attention for her broken ankle.

Mrs. Frances Matthews and son, Teddy, arrived Friday from Seattle and spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Thirty two boys and girls are enrolled in weekday religious education classes being held at the Moro church. Parents have requested that they be released from school for one period weekly for this purpose. Those in grades 5 and 6 are studying "The Hebrews Learn to Know and Live With God" and those in grades 7 and 8 "The Beginning of the Christian Church". Teaching the class is Rev. Alfred Solomon of the Moro church.

Moro Keeps Record Intact By Beating Bend JV

Moro overcame a team of Bend reserves on the local field Saturday afternoon and the score would indicate that they did it with ease. Such was not the case. Although the Bend boys were not able to stop the locals they did have a good offense and made yardage when they had the ball in most cases. Final score 26-6.

The score was 13 to 6 at the end of the half. On the last play of the first half Cannon, Bend quarter was injured in his back and was taken to a hospital in The Dalles. Coleman, an end, played quarter the last half which weakened the Bend team.

Two fumbles resulted in Moro's first score. Smith took the kick off and ran back to the 31. Duncan plunged to the 40. A fumble gave the ball to Bend and immediately Bend fumbled and Benson recovered. Duncan and Rolfe made a first down on three drives, and with Kirkelle sometimes alternating the team marched down the field for the first score, Kirkelle going over. Score 7-0.

Moro kicked off and Bend tried a pass which Rodda intercepted going to the Bend 32 and the Moro backs went through the Bend line for steady gains until Duncan scored. The kick was missed. Score 13-0.

Moro kicked off to Bend who got away only to be caught by Rodda. A pass Cannon to Maus gained to the ten and Bend went over for their score and didn't make the point good. Score 13-6.

Knott and Kelly blocked a Bend kick and took over at mid-field and made consecutive first downs to near the goal line where Smith went over with a quarter back sneak and again didn't make the point. The final score came late in the last quarter when Duncan came around his own right end and spread eagled himself in a final jump to score by a foot. This time his kick was good.

Lily Coon Dead In Klamath Falls

Lily Nyquist Coon, 51, was found dead in a hotel room in Klamath Falls Tuesday with indications that she had died from beating as her body was covered with bruises.

Her husband, Florin Coon, was held until after the inquest on an open charge. He said the pair had been drinking heavily for several days and had been fighting.

Florin Coon is a native of Grass Valley where he married Mrs. Coon who came there from Colton to teach school, at which occupation she made herself an enviable local reputation.

U. S. Bank Deposits Increase In Summer

Total deposits at the United States National bank have increased more than 37 million dollars since the end of September, 1953.

Total deposits for the state-wide system stand at \$675,805,650 as of October 7 as compared with \$633,789,631 on September 30, 1953.

The Dalles and Dufur branches reported a combined deposit total of \$20,599,993.64, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager of The Dalles branch.

The U. S. National now shows loans and discounts in the amount of \$245,898,881. Loans and discounts total for The Dalles and Dufur branches was \$8,948,439.27.

Laymen Urged To Attend Church

Sunday will be laymen's Sunday at Moro Community Presbyterian church. Five men of the church will conduct the 11 a. m. worship service on the theme "A Time For Decision". The choir will sing "Rise Up, O Men of God".

Reading the scripture will be Glenn Virtue. Harold Melzer will speak on "A Time For Decision About My Time"; Don Thompson: "A Time For Decision About My Possessions"; Vernon Miller: "A Time For Decision About My Influence". A story, "A Time For Decision" will be brought by Dewey Thompson.

A special invitation is extended to the men of the community to attend this laymen's Sunday worship.

Television Group Will Tax Rate 40.6 Wire In Service From Mills; Cities More, Biggest Tax Ever

A Moro Television club was organized this week for the purpose of bringing television to Moro by putting a high aerial on the hill by the reservoir and wiring it to homes of subscribers. A charge of \$100 is contemplated to meet expenses but it is organized as a non-profit enterprise.

President is Harry Benson, vice president is Ray Kelsa and secretary is George Geiser. They obtained permission from the council to use a part of city land and to run wires in town. Wires will be on telephone company poles.

The high aerial of Bud Powells will be moved Sunday and changed to get three stations so subscribers will have a choice. Only VHF can be obtained here, but both Seattle and Portland stations can be brought in satisfactory say the sponsors.

Nominations Made For City Offices

The city caucus, held Tuesday night, made nominations for city of Moro officers. Darwin VanGilder for mayor, a job he has filled for over a year by appointment.

For four year terms as councilmen, three to be elected, the nominees were Bob Brishbine, Paul Cyphers, Tom Monroe and Clarence Huls. For a two year term to fill a vacancy the nominees were Harry Benson and Ivan Kirkelle. John Parker was the only one nominated for treasurer.

Dr. Vincent Bennett Again In County

Dr. Vincent Bennett, noted Bible teacher and evangelist, will hold four meetings in Sherman county next week, Tuesday through Friday. The first two nights, October 19 and 20, Dr. Bennett will be speaking in the First Baptist church of Grass Valley and the next two nights he will be speaking in the Legion hall in Kent under the auspices of the Community church of Kent. Dr. Bennett was formerly assistant to the president at Wheaton college and university pastor and professor of Bible at John Brown University. Although he is highly qualified as an evangelist and Bible expositor, Dr. Bennett is known most widely for his many gospel songs. Many of his songs are published and appear in the later hymnals.

These meetings will afford all of the people of the county an opportunity to sit under the teaching of an outstanding teacher of God's word. The meetings will begin at 7:30 each evening.

Junior Class Puts Play On Boards

The Junior class started early to fulfill its obligation to present a play to the student body and assembled parents and patrons performing that duty Saturday night when "Uncertain Wings" was on the boards at the school auditorium.

The story was about some adolescents who gathered at the malt shop of Earl Griggs and concerned a conflict between the more serious type, portrayed by Dayanne Sayrs, and the more frivolous which included most of the others.

Others taking part were Marquita Koepke, Tonal Miller, Sandra Sant, Nancy Serles, Verne Mobley, Roy Cyphers, Karen Kelly, John Gilman, Gary Miller, Ronald Rolfe, Ivan Kirkelle, Milton Fridley, Gene Knott and Beverly Helyer.

Mrs. B. H. Roberson was director of the play and Miss Dorothy Beachler played for the singing numbers of which there were several.

Fellowship Again

Westminster Fellowship at Moro church has been newly organized and in operation for several weeks. New junior high moderator is John Matteson; high school moderator is Arnold Miller. Sunday evening meetings so far have consisted of games, refreshments, worship and planning.

Programs scheduled for the near future will include movie planning, games, the filmstrip "Boy Dates Girl" and a hay ride. Adult advisers to the two groups are Vernon Miller and Alfred Solomon.

The tax rate for most of the rural residents of Sherman county is 40.6 mills. Exception is the Wasco school district where the millage is 49.9 because of a special school tax.

In the towns the tax rate will be 64.5 for Wasco, 75.9 for Moro and 45.6 for Grass Valley. Towns get some tax advantage from not having to pay the special road tax which is levied on Road District No. 1 only.

Tax notices will be out this week; says Sheriff Fields and with them will be a statement by the assessor, Clair Balzer, which gives tax information about the county and shows why the taxes are what they are.

Total tax for the county is \$430,472.19, highest within memory. Last year it was \$421,276.77.

The general fund gets \$62,132.58, the road fund \$46,596.18, the special road fund \$59,618.47, the rural schools \$221,361.64. There is a special tax for all towns totaling \$17,374.09 and divided into \$5052.27 for Wasco, \$9473.31 for Moro and \$1948.51 for Grass Valley.

The Wasco school district is also raising \$23,675.43.

Assessments have changed. Horses are worth \$14.91 instead of \$33.43, cattle are worth \$26.76 instead of \$57.33, sheep are worth \$3.43 instead of \$7.04, hogs are worth \$8.09 instead of \$9.40 and poultry is worth 36 cents instead of 50. Tiltable land has gone up to \$21.31 instead of \$21.25.

Overall real property is down to \$7,067,880 from \$7,194,680 and personal property is down to \$1,144,100 from \$1,656,090. The value of public utilities is down to \$1,500,743 from \$1,562,078. Total value of the county is \$9,708,483 and last year was \$10,407,508.

Taxes will be due November 15 with a three percent discount allowed to those who pay the full amount at that time.

Wasco Teachers To Be Welcomed

A reception for the teachers at the Wasco grade and high school will be held October 21st, according to Ernie Christopherson, president of the Wasco Rural PTA at a meeting held Thursday, October 7, at the Wasco school.

This was the first meeting of the year and there was a discussion of possible projects for the PTA. The coach, Robert Leck, suggested putting a turf on the playing field behind the school. He also asked for contributions for the high school metal scrap drive to be held this fall.

Mr. Christopherson announced the PTA committees for the year: Program: Mrs. Clarence Spencer, Mrs. Leroy Hesgard, Mrs. Lewis Hastings; Entertainment: Mrs. E. Christopherson, Mrs. Tom Moore, Mrs. Earl Morrison; Ways and Means: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson; Membership: Mrs. Arthur Van Gilder, Mrs. Al Dormaier; Room Mothers: first grade—Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Chet Coats; second grade, Mrs. John Foss; third grade, Mrs. T. L. Johnson, Mrs. Harold Engberg; fourth grade, Mrs. Virgil Brock; fifth grade, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley; sixth grade, Mrs. Leonard Fields; seventh grade, Mrs. Delmar Smith; eighth grade, Mrs. Lloyd Royce.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Floyd Rathbun and Mrs. John Kellogg.

Mrs. Richelderfer Host To Bridge Club

The Thursday evening bridge club met October 7 with Mrs. David Richelderfer. Enjoying the evening were Mesdames Gerald Nisbet, Dewey Thomas, Stuart Macnab, Pat Macnab, John Foss, Pete Macnab, Al Dormaier, who held high score and a guest Mrs. Ira Fridley. Mid-night refreshments were served.

Mrs. Jean Richardson entertained for her daughter's third birthday Friday afternoon, October 8. Guests were Mrs. John Hilderbrand and children, Jeff, Jill and Ormand, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Dave Miller and son Scott, Mrs. David Richelderfer and sons Dave, Dick, Don and Dan. Mrs. Ernest Shull and Mrs. Bob Boyington and children from Moro. Christy opened her gifts and refreshments of ice cream and cake appropriately decorated were served.