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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We note that the bill to establish the office of state tax commissioner reads "The commissioner shall devote his entire time to the performance of the duties of his office." Gonna get pretty hungry and sleepy.

T T W N  
Some moralist will point to that 68 year old father of twins as an example of the value of perseverance.

T T W N  
It is probably true that more laws are passed because of confidence in the sponsor than because of theoretical agreement with the philosophy involved. Anyone who thinks that a weakness may try to change human nature.

T T W N  
At that, it might be a temporary relief to live in a country where sitting down to a laden table was an accomplishment instead of an admission of weakness.

T T W N  
Demagogues cause us to paralyze and inquire if man was made for democracy or democracy for man?

T T W N  
It surely is surprising how many legislative bills are important solely to the sponsors.

T T W N  
One of the nicest rackets in recent times is the conducting of surveys for some government agency that should do it itself. It pays well, requires little work, provides the wearing of good clothes and has absolutely no responsibility.

T T W N  
Down in Texas Foxhall Johnson writes in his column: "I hate the Democrats for thinking up all these taxes. I hate the Republicans for remembering to collect them."

T T W N  
Wouldn't it be wonderful to be president and be asked to write a letter declaring pruned week?

T T W N  
If legislators and congressmen were called a bunch of worried mamas their dignity would be greatly injured. Yet, the danger of injuring their dignity is the only reason the simile is not marked by editorial writers. Example, a congressman wants a bill to put seat straps in all cars; a legislator wants to ban loaded guns from cars; the state wants to manage all the water; and so on and on, worrying, worrying that little John Q. Citizen may get his dear little fingers burned. A multiplicity of laws is a danger of democracy.

T T W N  
A headline inquires: What will happen to your business when you die? Right now we're worried about what will happen to it while we live.

T T W N  
In the old days those who had spent the winter around Burnside and similar places in Portland began moving out into the bright green countryside anxious to get a farm job after spending their last year's wages. Apparent failure of relief to meet demand (it never will) may cause a similar hehira this spring. Maybe it was the government's turn to fail.

T T W N  
The bill to let school board members attend state meetings at public expense is with the legislature again. It could easily cost \$200,000 a year in small dribbles the taxpayers wouldn't notice. Even at that it is easier to estimate the cost than any possible value.

T T W N  
Among the powers of congress is this one: "To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisals, and make rules concerning the captures on land and water." The president has no such powers but is commander in chief of the army and navy.

T T W N  
Getting rid of Karl Marx was taken care of in the course of nature, but it will take some straight thinking to get rid of his works.

T T W N  
The Oregon liquor commission says that marriage may make a girl feel older, it doesn't permit her to drink liquor at bars.

T T W N  
The theory of inborn dishonesty of opponents got another boost yesterday from Oregon's new senator.

## Soil Conservation Group To Hold Annual Meeting

The Sherman County Soil Conservation District annual meeting was set for February 8 at a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the district, T. W. Thompson, county extension agent and secretary reports. The get together will be held at the county courthouse, Moro, starting at 1:00 p. m.

Conservation practices being established in Sherman county will be discussed and colored slides of these practices will be shown by Henry Grabenhorst, soil conservation service, and T. W. Thompson, county agent. A film "To Conserve Our Heritage" which was put out by the Minneapolis-Moline Company will be shown. The film deals with development of the small water shed programs. Final arrangements for speakers has not been completed, but the program is being planned to meet interest of county farmers.

W. L. May, Grass Valley, has served as chairman of the board of supervisors since its inauguration in 1950. Other members are Vernon Miller, vice-chairman; A. C. Kaseberg, treasurer; Charles Kuyppers and Luther Davis, T. W. Thompson is board secretary.

## RUTH AKERS HOLLOWAY

Word was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews of the passing of a cousin Mrs. Ruth Akers Holloway of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Holloway, a long time Wasco resident was to be buried Saturday. She was a graduate of the Boston Academy of Music and soloed for the Los Angeles Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway visited here last fall and she became ill almost immediately on her return home and never fully recovered.

## New County Court Starts Work On County Business

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 5, 1955

### TERM OF THE COUNTY AGENT

Claims against all funds presented, allowed and ordered paid. Re Justice of Peace—R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace for Sherman county, resigned and Ben H. Galloway appointed as Justice of Peace until next regular election. Road fund and Special Road fund balances presented, court examines same and order filed. Gasoline consumption for month of December, 1954, examined and filed.

New court members, Vernon I. Miller and C. F. Kuyppers sworn in by Clerk as County Judge and County Commissioner, respectively. Retiring County Judge Tom thanked members of his court for their cooperation during his regime and wished good luck to members of new court. Hon. Vernon Miller took chair and proceeded with business.

County Treasurer's monthly balances of funds presented, examined and approved and ordered filed. 1955 appointments made or follows:

Budget member 3 yr. term, A. C. Kaseberg; budget member 1 yr. term, Wallace L. May; fair board member 3 yr. term, Phillip G. O'Meara; official newspaper, Sherman County Journal; truant officer, Sheriff Norman E. Fields; dog damage board, W. E. Bruckert, T. Lester Johnson and Arzell Lemley, road viewers, Lester Wilson, Joe Petersand J. R. Youcum.

I. Blagg appears before court and pledges support of Grass Valley P.T.A. for more nurse and doctor power in Sherman county. County court to meet with Wasco county court in near future or work out better program.

R. Boynton appears before court and asks for road work to be done by county on road to John Day River this year, matter taken under advisement.

Due to lateness of hour adjournment ensued and to convene January 7, 1955 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Special meeting of court held January 7, 1955.

Oil contracts opened. Court signs gas and oil contracts with Shell Oil Co. and Standard Oil Co. Also lube oil contract with Standard Oil Co.

Re: Fence court house yard—Road supervisor instructed to remove fence from in front and east of courthouse yard.

County Treasurer presents semi-annual report of receipts and disbursements for period of July 1,

## Wasco Study Plans To Make Town Better Place To Live

The Wasco Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs. Oral Gosson January 18 with Mrs. Bert Watkins as co-hostess.

Roll call of current events was answered by Mrs. Charles Decker, Mrs. Roe Decker, Mrs. Lloyd Gosson, Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mrs. Bertha Moon, Mrs. Tom Striker, Mrs. Cliff Fridley, Mrs. Harold Winegar, Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mrs. Clarence Odell was a guest and also there were six children present.

Refreshments were served after a lengthy business session at which the club discussed ways of improving the community. The next meeting February 1 will be at the home of Mrs. Merlin Shields with Mrs. Van Gilder co-hostess.

## NANCY MCKEAN HONORED

The Moro Camp Fire Girls met at the home of Nancy McKean on January 25, for a birthday party in Nancy's honor. They had a regular meeting and discussed honors for their ranks. Meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments of lemonade, cake and ice cream were served by Mrs. McKean.

## DANCING CLASS MEETS

Members of the Harlandview grange and guests turned out in numbers to accept the instruction and direction in dancing by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lane Wednesday evening at the grange hall. The dance was one of the regular Wednesday evening dances.

## LICENSE EXAMINER

A drivers license examiner will be on duty Tuesday, February 1, 1955 in Moro at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

## Moro Basketeers Win Another Pair From Maupin, Mosier

The league leading Moro Huskies topped Maupin, 40-37, and thumped Mosier, 67-48, last week end to add two more wins to their record.

Moro blowing first hot then cold, squeezed out over Maupin by three points, 40 to 37, at Maupin Friday night.

The Huskies trailed, 20-24, at halftime but by the end of the third quarter had rallied and held a seemingly safe lead of 36 to 29. In the final frame, Maupin began creeping up and finally evenged the score, 37-37, with two minutes to go. Harold Duncan sank a free throw and Larry Smith connected for a field goal to bring the Huskies out on top.

Harold Duncan led the scoring for Moro with 13 points. Don Miller added 11 and Norman Fridley tallied 8.

Niswender led the parade for Maupin with 14 points. Paulson gathered 10 and Ziegenhagen had 6.

Top ranking Moro Huskies forged into an early lead and romped to a 61-48 Cascade league victory over the Mosier Tigers on Mosier's home floor Saturday night.

The Huskies piled up their winning margin in the first half. They had a 19-12 lead in the first go; a 34 to 23 lead at intermission and outscored Mosier 17 to 11 in the third frame. The Huskies rang up 10 more points and Coach Ditch cleared his bench in the final minutes of the game. Mosier scored 14 counters in the last period to narrow Moro's lead a trifle.

Don Miller was high scorer for Moro with 20 points. Larry Smith collected 13 and Harold Brown got 10.

B. Cumford paced the Mosier Tigers with 19 and Roberts got 11 points.

The Huskies meet the Sisters Outlaws in a non-league game at Grass Valley tomorrow night.

## About the County

Boy Scouts of Troop 362 of Grass Valley spent an enjoyable day at Bear Springs last Saturday skiing and sledding down the hills in the almost too wet snow. Scoutmaster Jim Jones took his pickup. Boyce Blaylock drove a school bus and Slim Thompson a truck to take the boys and their luggage to the mountain resort.

## WINNETT ON HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Hattie Spencer has received word that her nephew, Max Winnett of Dayton, Wn., who attends the Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls, was on the honor roll for winter term. Max spent several months at the Clarence Spencer ranch helping the boys with their farm work.

Wily Knighten Jr. is here with his parents for a rest after finishing his term of service in the air corps.

## Church Fellowship To Conduct Program

Westminster Fellowship Sunday will be observed this Sunday at Moro Community Presbyterian church, as members of the junior high and senior high youth groups take complete charge of the 11 a. m. worship service.

The sermon based on the Westminster Fellowship Statement of Purpose, will be brought in four parts by members of the Senior Fellowship: "What is a Purpose?" Joan Gilman; "What is Westminster Fellowship?" Susie Woods; "What is a Disciple of Christ?" Nina Belshae; "What is God's Will for Our Lives?" Dale Archer.

Presiding at the service will be John Matteson, and the Responsive Reading will be led by Maureen Myers. Eva Kirkelle will read the Scripture Lesson and the prayer will be offered by Sherry Fraser.

## Crop Prospects Snows Increase

Heavy snow blanketed most of the winter wheat area to ease the drought situation. This had a weakening influence on the market, offsetting good export prospects and political tension in China. Any heating up of the Cold War has an immediate effect on wheat prices, since wheat is always in demand during wartime. Fighting over a couple of small islands on the China coast was enough to make wheat traders optimistic. Price changes were limited to 1 cent or less, however.

## Foreign Buyers Strengthen Local Wheat

At Portland, ordinary protein wheat was steady to 1 cent higher at \$2.35 to \$2.37 a bushel. Improved export demand was the big reason for local strength. Japan, India and the Vatican were buying and Formosa is expected to be in the local market soon.

## What License Letters Mean Told

Those mysterious letters appearing on Oregon's new gold and blue passenger car license plates have a simple explanation, says the Secretary of State's motor vehicle division.

They correspond with the month the plate was issued. All plates issued in January have the letter "A" following the first numeral. February plates will have a "B", March "C", and so on through the remaining months. The letters "I" and "O", however, will be skipped because they resemble the numbers one and zero.

The system is necessary, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry says, because Oregon's steadily increasing motor vehicle count will eventually exceed the highest number that can be stamped on a license plate and still be visible from a reasonable distance.

The plate size is pegged at six inches by 12 inches, the nationally recommended standard, which provides space for a maximum of six figures. Gold and Blue, incidentally, are the official state colors of Oregon.

Plates expire each year in the month embossed on the upper left portion. While the letters match the months in logical sequence, Newberry urged car owners to check the month as it appears in abbreviated spelling on their plates to remind themselves when registration must be renewed.

About 700,000 sets of the new plates will be issued in 1955, Newberry said, which means an average of 68,000 each month. They will stay permanently with the cars for which they were issued and will be renewed in 1956 by validation tabs attached to slots in the upper right portion.

## Wheat Yields Increased By Better Varieties

In 1916, the commonly grown wheat variety in the Columbia Basin of Oregon was local Turkey. The Sherman branch experiment station had grown wheat varieties in field plot experiments since 1912. As shown below Local Turkey had an average yield of 27.0 bushels per acre. This was better than Fortyfold but less than a new turkey variety named Kharkof.

Average yield of certain winter wheat varieties grown in field plot variational trials from 1912 to 1916 at Moro, Oregon.

Variety	Yield (bushels per acre)
Local Turkey	27.0
Fortyfold	24.7
Kharkof	31.2

At the Wheat Growers Economic conference of 1926, (birth of the Wheat Growers League) the recommended winter wheat varieties were: Turkey, Hybrid 128 and Rex. The yield of these varieties is shown below.

Average yield of certain winter wheat varieties grown

Variety	Years Grown	Bushels per acre	% of Check
Local Turkey	1924-36	21.6	100
Kharkof	1924-36	22.0	102
Rio, new red variety	1924-36	21.5	100
Goden, replaces Fortyfold	1928-36	19.4	102
Rex, new white variety	1930-36	17.3	102
Fortyfold x Hybrid 128	1934-36	21.5	118

By 1946 the new hybrid Fortyfold x Hybrid 128 had been named Alice and released to the farmers of the area. This was replaced by Elgin and because of its high

Average yield (expressed in percent of check) of certain winter wheat varieties grown

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Local Turkey	33	26.6	100
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Rex	10	29.8	103
Elgin	3	33.4	115

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Variety	Years Grown	Average Yield	% of Check	1954 Bu.-Acre
Local Turkey	41	27.0	100	28.2
Kharkof	31	25.7	100	31.4
Rio	27	25.7	102	32.2
Golden	18	29.9	106	26.7
Rex	6	37.8	123	35.8

In 1954 Elmar yielded 7 bushels more than Karkof, in 1916 the highest yielding variety. This increase of 25 percent is about the same as the six year average yield in percent of check. It represents an increased return of over \$14.00 per acre for this one year. This is one dividend payment for the investment of taxes in agricultural research.

Metta Axtell Dies At Advanced Age

Funeral services for Mrs. Metta Gertrude Axtell, wife of Perry C. Axtell, were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in The Dalles with interment there.

Mrs. Axtell died Saturday after a long illness at the age of 81. She was born June 25, 1873 in Illinois and had lived in Sherman county since the eighties until she moved away about ten years ago. With her husband she farmed land near Hay Canyon.

Surviving are her widower, a sister, Mrs. Jerusha Hollenbeck of Oakland, California and several nephews and nieces. Members of the Lupine Rebekah lodge of Moro assisted with the services. Mrs. Axtell was also a member of the Christian church.

## FEW BANGS CATTLE

The report of the state department of agriculture on Bang's disease testing in Oregon shows that more cattle were tested and fewer reactors found than in any year since testing began. A total of 295,107 cattle were tested and 1620 reactors found. In all 74,868 calves were vaccinated.

The Sherman county record was 2300 cattle tested and four reactors found. Calves tested were 211. This compares very favorably with other counties listed.

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Hybrid 128	32.3

Hybrid 128 had increased the average yield of wheat by four bushels per acre.

By 1936, two new varieties had been released and a new hybrid was being watched anxiously. Rex was a new high yielding, smut and shatter resistant, white variety and Rio was smut resistant variety. The new hybrid was from Fortyfold x Hybrid 128 and had been grown only two years. The yields of these varieties are shown in the following table. Because most of them were grown a different number of years and the newest had been grown only in the low yielding years 1929 to 1936, it is necessary to express the yield in percent of check.

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## Rufus Grange Hears Committee Reports

Harland McDonald, master, called the Rufus grange to order Thursday evening. Legislative chairman, George Fox, said he had heard from Representative Tom who said he'd keep the grange informed of any bill affecting this community. Agricultural chairman, Roland Johnson, reported there was numerous bills before congress on agriculture. Also he stated that 34% of all the wheat grown is on farms of fifteen acres or less.

Mrs. Mae Morritt said there will be a box social and dance at the grange Saturday February 12. At that time the hope chest will be drawn for. The siding and building on an addition to the grange hall was discussed. A committee will get some plans to submit to the grange.

Mrs. Roland Johnson acted as secretary pro-tem because Mrs. Atlee Wilson is in Portland with her son Stacy Wilson who is ill. It was reported Mrs. Charles Wilson is in the hospital suffering from a broken arm, and a back injury suffered in a fall on ice that necessitated a body cast.

For the lecturer's program Mrs. Will Huck had a candle lighting ceremony with all taking part. Then she read a poem called, "The Measure of Success". Mrs. Harland McDonald read "So". Also a skit "John Sees No Difference" by Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Harland McDonald told of attending the State grange discussion on Heils Canyon dam on January 17 in Portland. Mrs. Sadie Rich gave a report of attending the National Cattlemen's association held in Reno last week.