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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Congress is expected to pass a law to help mental health. Cause and effect, eh?

T T W N

The quality of a legislator's opinion is greatly increased when he has a vote; if he controls enough votes his opinions are unassailable.

T T W N

Probably there is no group so arrogant about the perfection of their ideas as those who call themselves "liberals".

T T W N

Note to "educators": An elderly man signs his checks with an "X". But the checks are good.

T T W N

To the populists, historical and actual finance was easy; just make twice as much money and everyone had twice as much. Simple. Only trouble is that everything costs twice as much.

T T W N

Overheard: I'm afraid to advise him for fear he'll take my advice—and I might be wrong.

T T W N

We don't know what that fellow Matusow is training for but we hope it isn't politics.

T T W N

Action of the ways and means committee to reduce the budget by ten percent is hereby applauded. It should be possible for the tax committee to meet them half way without upsetting the state's economy.

T T W N

The farmer needn't feel jealous. He is better off to have others well off and himself comparatively poor than to be well off and have his customers poor.

T T W N

We hope some day to have a government wise enough to reward the ambitious instead of the indolent; the doer not the do-nothing.

T T W N

Anyway it is encouraging to find political parties vying with each other over tax cuts.

T T W N

The days are warm enough for lettuce and the nights too cold for radishes, so the garden waits.

T T W N

Churchill is talking of retiring, and that makes us feel a little easier. He was so adept at talking our leaders out of things.

T T W N

Late one evening the conversation turned to public affairs and what ought to be done to properly spend the greatly increased incomes of the citizenry. They have the time and the money but are not sufficiently directed in the expenditure thereof. It was felt that the government should plan (program is more modern) recreation, instruct in it, and eventually make it compulsory. Make everyone learn to ski, swim, golf, not let folks waste recreational resources by lack of use. As the idea works backward to daytime conversation it will become serious.

T T W N

Governments were made to help the weak, the strong didn't need it. In fact governments were often against the strong by combinations of the weak. Strong governments should be no exception.

T T W N

The self-anointed watches of public conduct have been jumping all over Socony-Vacuum for publishing a bulletin to college boys in which it said: "Personal views can cause a lot of trouble. Remember then to keep them always conservative. The isms are out". Criticism was wide from those who do not prefer conservative thinking. To us it seems that perhaps even Socony-Vacuum should be allowed to determine the kind of young men in whom it is interested.

T T W N

Newspapers have a hard time reporting a legislature. They publish what seems important today and often find that it is unimportant tomorrow.

T T W N

A headline: "Smith Spurs G.O.P. Women." How cruel.

Wasco Cemetary Ass'n Purchasing Pump-Sprinklers

The Wasco Cemetery association which is interested in improving the Sunrise cemetery at Wasco by putting in a pumping system in the recently drilled well and leveling and planting of grass on the entire tract, has bought the pump and laid the foundation for its erection.

The sprinkling system has also been bought and paid for and there is remaining in the fund around \$8000 for additional work and for an endowment fund. The money is in government bonds and co-op certificates.

Additional money received by the association, and more is needed, says Hildred Zell, secretary, will be used to build up the endowment and for ground work and seeding of grass.

Mexican Missionary Speaks At Wasco

Friday night, February 18, Mr. Jerry Watkinson of the Western Mexico Christian mission was at the church and showed slides about his work and the ways of living of the people of Mexico. The needs of the people in food and clothing in a land of poverty and superstition was presented. A display table of typical articles made by the people of Mexico created even greater interest in a mission field so close, yet so far away.

Prayer meeting this week will be on Wednesday night rather than Thursday, because of the missions meeting in Eugene.

Mr. Shields sermon titles for the next two weeks are: "The Garment" (one can belong to a hundred churches, but unless he has the garment, he cannot get into heaven); "Do Not Neglect" (the Bible says a Christian must be in God's house each Lord's day).

Sunday nights at 8:00 p. m. Bible study.

Paving Contract Up

The state highway commission will receive bids March 2 on paving 0.15 mile in the city of Grass Valley to a width of 60 feet or from curb to curb.

Sam Sargent Explains Region's Ribs To Clubbers

Sam Sargent, geologist for the U. S. Engineers on The Dalles dam and a student of geology outside immediate area of his work, spoke lengthily to the Sherman County club at Grass Valley Monday night.

Method of his talk was to show slides of rock formations and explain them. They were in a carefully placed sequence so that he developed the history of the rocks of the Columbia basin from the basaltic ribs of the land.

The Columbia river, he said, is peculiar in that the bed of the stream is below sea level well over a 100 miles from the sea. There is a sort of underground river far down where the dam is being built. These deep holes were caused, he estimated, from old watersheds which moved upstream as they eroded the channel.

As is apparently a prerogative of geologists, Sargent disagreed with others who have written about this area in several matters. He felt that the great Spokane flood that brought millions of tons of earth down from up-river might not have been over 15,000 years ago instead of the most often estimated 45,000; the Columbia fault, he said, could not be traced for as great a length as had been stated.

His audience grew in the darkness of the hall as people came in from other meetings and listened raptly to scientific explanations of how the country came to be shaped as it is. Mrs. Sargent accompanied her husband and operated the slides.

Dinner, a bounteous turkey dinner, was served by the ladies of George Bell unit.

Shush! It May Rain

Farmers were looking hopefully at the sky Thursday because of the presence of a few dripping clouds that might, under favorable auspices, dropped a little moisture on the land which is still dry at the end of the period that normally brings the most precipitation.

Bridge Study Making Satisfactory Progress

Status of the Maryhill bridge is that the entire \$18,000 has been allotted for the economic survey of it and that work may start any time.

Some details may need to be cleared before actual work begins. The Oregon highway commission will be asked to give its formal assent to the survey and to give what information it has to those who conduct the survey. Inasmuch as the Oregon commission has already given its part of the money this is considered an easy hurdle.

An economic survey will include traffic information the Oregon highway commission has available, information on demand for revenue bonds, some engineering facts about costs and site and undoubtedly a complete study of the trend of traffic over Highway 97 from California to Canada.

Fathers-Sons Dine At Grass Valley

At the father and son banquet held at the Baptist church Monday evening about 120 enjoyed the baked ham dinner, presented by the women of the church and served by Ramona Davis, Sandra Sant and Nancy Hibbs.

The program included several trumpet duets by Everett and Gene Cantrall, vocal solos by Sidney Schmidt, a student at the Western Seminary in Portland; the quartet, Don Earl, Don Leach, Ed Fritts and Bill Todd, sang several numbers; trumpet solo by Everett Cantrall and vocal solo by Don Earl. Mrs. Elton Eakin was the accompanist for the evening. Speaker of the evening was Dr. Neal Winegarden, a professor at the Western Seminary.

CLUB TO MEET

The Moro Woman's club will hold its annual Guest Day on Thursday, March 3rd in the Moro Community church at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Janet Knowlton of Oswego, International Affairs chairman of OFWNC, will talk on her recent trip around the world and will display objects of interest which she brought back from various countries. There will be musical numbers and tea will be served. Women of the community are invited.

Huskies Hammer Foes In Final Basketball Games

By Gary Schilling

Moro's Huskies completed their Cascade league basketball season Saturday when they went to Culver and beat the Bulldogs, 62-58. The Huskies sport a perfect record of 12 wins against no defeats in league play this year.

This game was in direct contrast, foul-wise, to the one with St. Mary's where only 14 fouls were called in the entire game. At Culver there were 16 fouls tooted against Moro and Culver was called for 18.

In contrast, too, was the way the Huskies, sans the services of veteran Don Miller, took the lead in the first quarter and never relinquished it. Moro led at all stops 14-12 in the first quarter; 28-25 at halftime and boasted a 17 point lead 52-35 in the final frame. Culver narrowed the gap in this quarter by outscoring the Huskies 23-10.

Harold Brown posted 21 points to lead the scoring for Moro. Norm Fridley gathered 14 and Harold Duncan 10.

R. Youngs of Culver held honors for the game with 25 points. Herringshaw with 10 was the only other Bulldog to enter the double column.

The Huskies warmed the hearts of their many followers February 16 when they came from behind to win over the St. Mary's Gaels 51-48, in a Cascade League basketball game held at Kurtz gymnasium in The Dalles.

The Huskies were as slow to start as molasses and wilder than March hares the first half of the game. St. Mary's jumped to an early lead and had a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter. Moro tied the score four times in the second frame but the Gaels held a 24-22 lead at half time.

Moro came back in the second half and took command of the action and led at the end of the third period 34-33.

At the beginning of the fourth frame, St. Mary's tried a full court press and the Huskies left them standing flat-footed and built up a 11 point lead. The Gaels soon went back to their familiar zone defense and Moro, content to coast from here on, allowed St. Mary's to close the gap to three points by the end of the game.

Harold Brown of Moro stuck to McCormick. St. Mary's scoring ace, like a burr and proved to be a thorn in that Gaels' side by holding him to 18 points, the lowest score of the season for the Irish lad.

Norm Fridley racked up 16 points for Moro. Don Miller accounted for 14 points.

Coach Jerry Disch's reserves, sporting a 32 to 24 half time lead, went on to wallop Wishram 78-61 in a basketball game held at Grass Valley last Friday.

Wishram led at the end of the first quarter, 14-12, but Moro soon closed the gap and showed the visitors their heels for the rest of the game.

Although eight Huskies scored for Moro, Gary Miller with 26 points and Ivan Kirkelle with 20 were the only ones to hit in the double column.

Delaney, showing the most versatile shooting skill witnessed this season, hit for 22 points for Wishram. LaVigne gathered 16 and Wilde got 17 for the visitors.

The Moro girls trounced St. Mary's 41 to 14 in a volleyball game held in The Dalles Civic auditorium Wednesday night, February 16.

Moro held a 25 to 8 half time lead and increased their margin throughout the second half. Gerturde Buether and Nancy Decker led the scoring for Moro with eight point apiece.

Boasting a 20-5 half time score, the Moro girls downed the Wasco Townies 27 to 18, in a game played at Grass Valley Friday. Joy Lane scored nine points to take scoring honors for the game.

The Moro girls held only a one point lead, 16-15, at half time in the game played at Culver Saturday, but came back in the second period to swarm their opponents under to the tune of 36 to 22.

Shirley Sather got 13 points to lead the scoring for both teams. Joy Lane and Sherry Woods each added seven points for Moro.

Amendment Offered To Remove Objection To School Bill

A bill that has aroused many Sherman countians is one introduced by Allen Tom on behalf of some residents of Gilliam county who were in the lone high school district, to which they sent their children and also in the County high school district of Gilliam county. It permits withdrawal of such districts from the county high school district.

It now seems probable that the bill will be amended in the senate to limit the extent of the law to a stated period, which will allay fear of critics in this county and Wheeler.

Wasco Club Plans April Tea Day

Wednesday, February 16, the Wasco WSCS met at the home of Mrs. Art Smith with 16 members present.

In the regular business session, it was announced that the annual spring tea would be held April 20, at the home of Mrs. Will Reid at 2:00 p. m.

The members were asked to meet the following day at the church to discuss plans for the new kitchen in the church basement.

Mrs. Robert Bish led the devotionals and Mrs. Hildred Zell presented the program.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Delmar Smith and Mrs. Richard Bruner, assistant hostesses.

Sherman Riders Hear Call of Spring

The Sherman County Riders met at the Moro Hotel Feb. 17 for the annual meeting. New officers elected are: Bill Alsop, president; Curly DeMoss, vice-president; Sadie Rich, secretary-treasurer; delegate at large, Kenneth Sather.

A meeting date was tentatively set for March 25, the place yet to be selected.

Moro PTA Will Hear Traffic Man

The Moro Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday night, February 28 at 8:00 p. m. in the Moro high school gym.

Charles U'ren, state police sergeant will be speaker for the evening.

The third and fourth grades will take part in the program and Mrs. John Paul will sing.

Refreshments will be served by the third and fourth grade room mothers, Mrs. Ernest Woods and Mrs. Kenneth McKean.

Civil Case Called Non-Suit By Judge

The civil case Leton vs Barger was dismissed as a non-suit by Judge E. H. Howell here Wednesday after a jury had been impaneled and some of the testimony heard.

The case grew out of a situation in which Jack Barger, owner with his mother, Pearl Barger, of Rufus Tavern signed a real estate listing with Leton, a real estate dealer. After sale was made Barger refused to pay the commission. He was upheld because his mother, a co-owner, had not signed the listing. The non-suit resulting.

Original Settler Buried At Hood River

William L. Mercer passed away at a rest home in Hood River February 13 at the age of 93.

He came to what is now Sherman county with his parents from California about 1882 and homesteaded at the mouth of Saltmarsh canyon. He at one time carried the mail from Eaton's to the post office that his parents had at their home at that time.

Mr. Mercer later farmed at Hay Canyon for several years and then moved to Wasco and run the Phal-lamont livery barn coming to Hood River about 1912 where he remained until his death.

William Mercer was a son of William and Nancy Jane Mercer who settled near Grass Valley canyon at its junction with Hay canyon in the 80s. Both were keepers of the postoffice of Grover which was in their home in the canyon from March 20, 1888 until September 18, 1890.

Road Paving Plan Gets Attention of County Court

THE county court was out Wednesday morning to view the road east from the corner to the Hay canyon road. The road will be the next to be improved under the federal aid project.

Under the federal aid project for secondary roads the federal government puts up 60 percent of the money, the state gives 20 percent and the county another 20 percent. In addition the county furnishes the right of way and does the grading and rockwork. The state does the engineering. Standards are made by the federal government.

Allocation for this county for 1956 and 1957 totals \$34,000 per year of which the state and county provide \$6800 and the federal government \$20,400.

Any change in alignment of the road to Hay canyon will be made by state engineers who are responsible for the surveying. Presumably some will be made.

After the Hay canyon road is finished the Lonerock road will be oiled, then the Rutledge road and the Dobie Point road east of Kent. Other roads are on the program but unless allocations are increased it will be years before the program is finished.

The county crew is rocking the road from Wasco to the Gerking-Scott canyon junction and Medler lane and is rocking the Striker road, now rebuilt and the Reid road and also constructing culverts in that part of the county. The rock crusher is at the Reid place but will be moved to China Hollow on Richelderfer land within a few days.

Wheat Loans Made On 3,000,000 bushels

The Sherman county ASC office reports that 1033 CCC loans totalling 3,154,389 bushels for a loan value of \$6,910,287 have been issued by that office on the county's 1954 wheat crop. Ralph J. Busse, office manager, states that there were 993 loans on warehoused wheat in the amount of 2,837,704 bushels and 40 loans on 316,685 bushels of farm-stored wheat.

Loans on barley totaled 636 for 1,192,717 bushels at a loan value of \$1,420,633. March 31 is the maturity date of the wheat loans and April 30 the maturity date of the barley loans.

The market has not been too favorable for redemption of the 1954 crop under loan and it is expected that CCC will take over most of the grain under loan on those dates.

World Day of Prayer Scheduled

"Abide in Me" has been chosen as the theme for the Sherman county observance of the World Day of Prayer. The one hour service will be held Friday, February 25 at 2:00 p. m. at the Moro church.

Women leaders in the Protestant churches of the county will lead in the service of prayer, scripture and music. A dramatization has been planned with Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder as the director. Solos will be presented by Mrs. Merlin Shields and the Rev. Richard Bruner. "The Lord's Prayer" will be sung by a quartet composed of Mrs. J. K. McKean, Mrs. Andrew Paulson, Russell Belshee and Frank Sayrs.

The offering will be used to give Christian training to American Indians, to help in agricultural migrant work, and to aid interdenominational colleges in the Orient and Africa.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service and to remain for the fellowship tea which will be held in the social room with Mrs. Maggie Barnum as chairman of arrangements.

Meeting Calendar

Friday, Feb. 25, 2 p. m. World Day of Prayer, Church Sanctuary.
Tuesday, March 1, 8 p. m. Junior Ladies Club
Sunday, March 6, 6:30 p. m. Lenten potluck supper. Mariners Club leads discussion.