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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Oregon women are to get equal pay for equal work; and if that isn't a misnomer we've never seen one.

T T W N

The requirements of travelers are a soft bed, fine food, a swimming pool and night clubs. Scenery is nice but not necessary for travelers (American species) want to live like they would like to live at home.

T T W N

The looking is more fun than the finding.

T T W N

A few years ago disgruntled laboring men were wont to complain that they were treated like work animals and not like individuals. Yet, the tendency of labor unions has been to make the situation worse. Workers are paid who not working, paid after too old to work, have pay raised or lowered to fit the cost of living. All they need is to be fitted with shoes and collars.

T T W N

Milk dealers have found out that advertising in papers sells more milk. Oddity is that it was news to them.

T T W N

Education is a process whereunder one generation tries to make the next generation follow in its footsteps. Inasmuch as there is no other example for the new generation to follow it is surprising that it is so expensive.

T T W N

Wonder where Karl Marx got the notion that it was a little indecent to let private citizens do things for themselves?

T T W N

Two well known newspapermen died last week and conservatives and radicals both lost an advocate in Col. McCormick and Joseph Pulitzer. They knew what they stood for even though it was occasionally extreme.

T T W N

The Hells canyon political road show seems to be more boos than cheers. Maybe it needs a new script—and new actors.

T T W N

It looks as if voters will have to sign the poll book hereafter. That may make it possible to police election procedures better and stop some of the voting by those not qualified by residence; that is if there is liability involved.

T T W N

It used to be said that if Portland lost the first game it would have a good season. If so, now for the first division.

T T W N

The new sign board law isn't going to affect barns which are sometimes painted with advertising of various old fashioned articles. No need to ban barns, the tractor has already done so.

T T W N

The last of the Yalta men, is out of office finally. Let us hope that never again do the people of the world permit three such egotists to get in position to divide up the world according to their own ignorance, selfishness and idea of political gain.

When Mario Lanza didn't appear to fulfill his \$50,000 a week contract he was certainly dreadfully ill. Do you reckon there's a five day week for such salaries?

T T W N

When and if we get a cigarette tax a smoker can cut a king size smoke in two and make a pair of proletarian pills. Maybe they'll call 'em dukes.

T T W N

Odd isn't it. When the "radio" columns of the Portland dailies went to talking about radio they had fewer readers.

T T W N

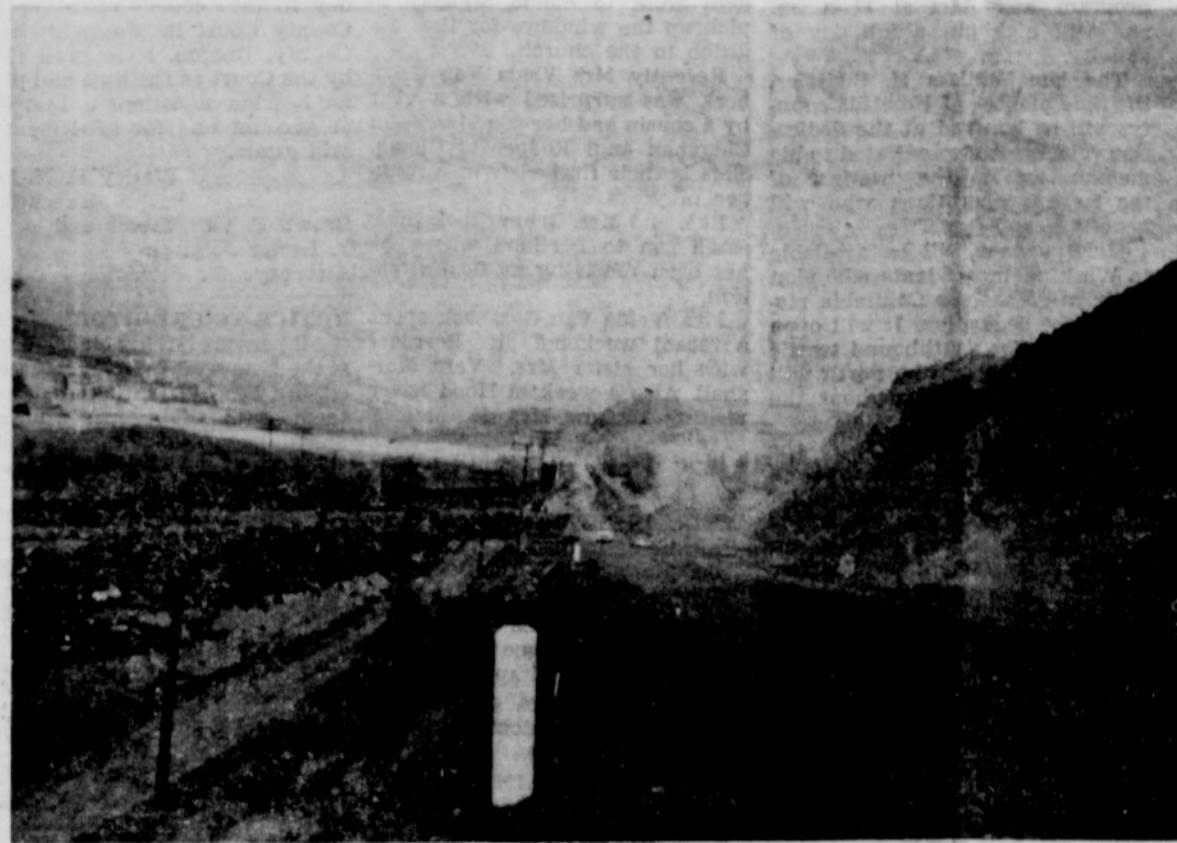
The Americans may have difficulty getting Russian farmers over here and the Russians may have more getting them back.

T T W N

The art of governing is to make the people like it; the power of government can be applied whether they like it or not and that is the crude way.

T T W N

There is talk of a yacht club mooring at the mouth of the Deschutes, a project that would seem fantastic to Lewis & Clark, the mountain men and emigrants who found Towonehlooks a rough stream entirely unsuited to mooring anything.



Looking east toward Rufus, the old Blackburne and Langford orchards. New railroad grade will be to the left (north) of the present highway.

PP&L Plans New Switch For County

Pacific Power & Light will spend \$12,655,000 in construction during 1955 to expand and improve its five-state power system, according to Ray Kelso, lineman-agent. The building program calls for \$630,000 to be spent in The Dalles district, which includes Sherman county.

The big system-wide construction program calls for approximately the same amount as spent last year, Kelso pointed out, and brings the total spent by Pacific Power to expand its system since World War II to \$147,655,000.

In addition, Pacific plans to spend an additional \$619,000 during 1955 in investigating and planning for development of new power resources, Kelso said. He pointed out that power studies are under way on the Lewis river, the Santiam, the middle Snake and the Clearwater for the possible development of nearly 1,500,000 kilowatts and in addition atomic power is being investigated by Pacific Power and neighboring power companies.

A service improvement project for customers in the Moro, Wasco Grass Valley and Kent area will be the installation of the sectionalizing switch at Erskine junction. This device is expected to minimize interruptions to service during emergencies, Kelso said.

Indicative of the rapid increase in the use of electricity in The Dalles district is the average annual residential use of 8,295 kilowatt hours during 1954. This is an increase of 977 kilowatt hours over 1953 and represents a 13.5 per cent increase. This was the largest increase on the Pacific Power & Light company system for the year.

Good Friday Observance

Good Friday worship at Moro Community Presbyterian church will be led by the choir as it sings the sacred cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois. In this dramatic work, the words spoken by Jesus on the cross are told and interpreted in chorus and solo. Soloists are Ruth Solomon and Velma McKean, soprano; Russell Belshee, tenor; Frank Sayrs and Alfred Solomon, baritone. Special instrumental effects will be provided by Leo Myers, tympanist. Director is Dorothy Beachler and Helen Sayrs is organist.

Wasco OES Meets

At a meeting of Annie Fulton chapter No. 124 OES the Worthy Matron Mrs. Keith McDonald used for her theme of the evening "Service" taken from the Star Point Ruth when she sponsored the charter members and past matrons and past patrons.

The charter members present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rbot, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, Gordon Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. Each presented with the emblem pin denoting their years of service to the order.

The past matrons and past patrons present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rbot, Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, Mrs. Fred Fortner, Mrs. William Nisbet, Mrs. Augusta Hucken, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Viggo Haufelt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Watkins, Mrs. Charles Everett, Mrs. Estrella Hailey and Mrs. Walter Ruggles, a past matron of Bethlehem chapter at Moro.

Rufus Relocation Job Eliminates Orchards; Will Change Economy of Area Greatly

Rufus will never be the same. Realignment of the highway and the railroad and raising the river has changed things too much to expect it to remain a town interested primarily in fruit and secondarily in wheat.

The highway has been moved a few feet south, not many, but enough that it runs through the orchards. These were probably ruined anyway by the raise in the river level which is expected to make the growing of trees impossible over much of the bottom land.

The service stations west of town and the motels are all off the highway and some of them have been bought for contractors' cabins and will be torn down. Huge holes have been made in the river where gravel was hauled to build the new grades.

While the work is going on there are trailer courts all over the place but this will not last for long although it may all begin again when, and if, the John Day dam is built.

Little land has been sold and

while some lots brought \$700 apiece and other land has brought \$1000 per acre for building purposes the number of exchanges have been few. Old timers won't sell and hoped for fabulous profits may exist longer than life.

The short stretch of highway immediately east of Dinty's is not being rebuilt as it is well above high water. Unless the state changes it, it will remain as it is. Neither is there a highway change east of Rufus which is also above projected high water.

There could be such a thing as Rufus will have a boom equal to that of one-time Grant that flourished in the '80s as the county's principal railroad point. It handled most of the wheat and the wool and was a business center with hotels, livery stables, warehouses, stores, and gallon houses of a quality and quantity unheard of in its time.

Unless some one can be persuaded to establish a factory near the John Day dam and use the cheap electricity Rufus may become a dam headquarters town. It is doubtful if it will ever again produce as much fruit as it did in older days when its early peaches and apricots supplied the uplanders in Sherman county and was a factor in The Dalles' market.

Bloodmobile Unit At Wasco April 21

The Bloodmobile unit will be in Sherman county Thursday, April 21, with a quota of 80 pints to be obtained from well fed and full blooded Sherman countians.

Headquarters will be at Wasco in the office building occupied by John Foss and T. L. Johnson and the hours are 3:00 to 7:00 p. m.

Different method of using cards will prevail. Sponsors are the American Legion and its auxiliary. The former meeting place, the Moro Community church, is going to be occupied at the time of the visit is the reason for the change in location.

Wheat Men Tell Story At Coon Reception

Representative Sam Coon emceed meeting for representatives of the National Association of Wheat Growers. The two-price or domestic parity program for wheat would give greater freedom to Northwest farmers while protecting farm income, two Oregon wheat ranchers told thirty congressmen and three senators at meetings here yesterday.

The congressman, members of the House Agricultural committee and others from the northwest, attended either a breakfast or a social hour at the invitation of Rep. Coon.

Marion Weatherford, Arlington, chairman of the Oregon Wheat commission and Jack Smith, Condon, special representative of the National Association of Wheat Growers, discussed the domestic parity program, long favored by the Oregon Wheat league and commission and the National association.

March Cold; Wetter Than Average

March was cold but not as cold as either January or February. It just seemed colder because more was expected of it. The average mean temperature for March was 36.1 which is 5.7 degrees colder than normal. For February the average mean was 33.8 and for January 31.2. Coldest night of the year was on the fifth when the mercury got down to 8 above.

For moisture March was the first month since September when more rain fell than the average. At the station 1.06 inches were recorded and that is .18 above average. Since September 1 and the beginning of the crop year the precipitation has been 5.85 inches, a good 3.08 below the average for that period.

Easter Service To Mave Music

Easter morning worship at the Moro Community Presbyterian church will be marked by the retelling of the resurrection story in spoken word and in sacred music.

Several people will unite with the church on confession of their faith in Christ, and the sacrament of infant baptism will be administered. The choir will sing "Easter Call to Worship" by Grosvenor, "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" by Dickinson, and "Methinks I Hear the Heavens Resound" by Bedell. Sermon theme of Rev. Solomon will be "He Is Risen!"

At 9:45 a. m. the Sunday church school Easter program will be presented. Presentations by the various departments will conclude with numbers by the junior choir: "The Palms", "Were You There?" "We Will Be Merry, Far and Wide" and "The Lord Hath Arisen". Soloists will be Lana Jean Paulson, Maureen Myers, Nancy McKean, Arlene DeMoas, Barbara Gilman and Vee Busse.

Baseball Season Starts Favorably For Moro High

By Gary Schilling

Moro's Huskies tucked a second win under their belts Tuesday when they defeated Wishram, 8-4, in a baseball game played at Wishram.

The Moro J. V.'s edged the Wishram team in the second game of the twin bill, 9-8.

The first game of the afternoon was highlighted by a homer and triple by Harold Brown, while the Huskies collected eight runs off Wishram.

The Huskies scored one run in the first inning off two singles, a passed ball and an error. In the second inning, Cyphers singled and Brown slammed out a homer to score two runs.

Moro held scoreless and hitless in the next two frames, but scored two more runs off two hits in the fifth.

In the sixth inning, Brown poked out a two run triple and scored on Duncan's single.

None of Wishram's runs were earned. The first came in the third inning on a base on balls, a single, a passed ball and an error. Their three runs in the sixth inning were the result of three errors, a passed ball and a lone single.

Harold Brown was the pitcher for Moro and struck out 12, while giving up three walks and four hits. Kirkelle was the catcher. LaVigne and Miller were the batters for Wishram in this game. Moro committed six errors to three for Wishram.

The Moro J. V.'s got nine runs from nine hits and posted the winning score in the seventh inning to edge the Wishram team, 9-8, in the second game of the double header.

Wishram, thoroughly warmed up from the first game, jumped into a 5 to 1 lead in the first inning and scored three more in the second to lead into the top half of the fifth, 8 to 3. Moro held them scoreless for the rest of the game.

Moro put on a five run rally in the top of the fifth to tie up the game and drove in the winning run in the seventh. The rally began when Smith went in for Rodda and singled. Jim Brown drew a base on balls. Norm Fridley, in for Harold Brown, was safe on first on a fielder's choice, and Duncan, pinch hitting for Milton Fridley, lashed out a single to score two runs. Rolfe, hitting for Adams, got a one run single. Kirkelle, batting for Gochauer, singled driving in another run and Griggs, who went in as pitcher to replace Thompson, singled in the tying run.

Moro went ahead in the seventh when Eakin drew a base on balls and Kirkelle singled to score him.

The Moro Huskies nicked St. Mary's for six runs off six hits to down the Gaels 6-1 in the first baseball game of the season played at The Dalles last Friday.

Earl Griggs, veteran Husky pitcher, gave up only three hits, one in the second inning and two in the fourth, issued two bases on balls and struck out 14 Gaels.

Moro gathered two doubles and two singles in the third inning; a lone single in the fourth and a triple in the top of the seventh for their total of six hits. They committed one error, while the Gaels made four.

St. Mary's single run came in the second inning off an error. After McCormick fied out to center field, McDonald hit a two bagger and Wilhelm struck out. Mackenzie came up and blooped a ball straight through third base to score McDonald. Merrick struck out to end the inning.

Moro staged a rally in the third inning to go ahead in the game 2 to 1. Duncan led off with a double. Kirkelle was hit by a pitched ball and Rolfe singled, scoring Duncan. Kirkelle was out on this play. Smith then hit a two bagger, scoring Rolfe. Fridley singled; Benson struck out and Adams fouled out to catcher to end Moro's scoring threat.

The Huskies took advantage of three errors by the Gaels and H. Brown slammed out a triple to score four runs in the seventh inning to bring the final score to 6 to 1 for the Huskies.

The Moro Huskies meet Dufur on the Grass Valley diamond today.

FIELDS BUYS STORE

C. W. Fields and wife bought out the Alley Confectionery at Grass Valley and have taken depending on the supply. A reduction. Doctor's order to get off of 100 million bushels could the oil truck caused the change in affect the support level as much as 4 percent or 10 cents a bushel.

Miller, Roberson Get Interstate Bridge Plan at Olympia

Judge Vernon Miller and B. H. Roberson went to Olympia, Wn., last Monday to talk with William Buggs, head of the Washington Toll bridge authority, W. C. Williams, assistant state engineer of Oregon and officials of Klickitat county about the bridge across the river at Biggs or Maryhill.

It is now estimated that the cost of the survey will be \$22,000 divided into two sections. The survey of traffic and economic justification will cost an estimated \$12,000 & will be undertaken first. Should the report be adverse it will not be necessary to have the engineering survey which would cost \$10,000. Work will begin in three or four weeks on the economic study. It now seems possible that the Tudor Engineering firm of San Francisco, builder of the Umatilla and The Dalles bridges will do the work.

When the bridge is paid for it will revert to Klickitat and Sherman counties which may turn it to the states as a part of the highway system or they could operate it as a toll bridge if desired at that time.

Grass Valley Masons Have Homecoming

Thirty-five were present at the dinner held last Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall by Sherman chapter in honor of Master Masons and the chapter anniversary and homecoming.

The tables were decorated with red roses and greenery by Mrs. Owen Eakin. Mrs. Vernon Eakin, worthy matron and Owen Eakin, associate patron presided at the table. At the close of the dinner and invocation by Owen Eakin Mrs. Vernon Eakin cut and served the huge decorated birthday cake and "Happy Birthday" was sung by all. Mrs. Harry Justesen and Mrs. Lester Wilson served on the entertainment committee and also assisted Mrs. Frank von Borstel on the supper committee. A program of musical numbers was presented consisting of accordion solos by Deanna Martin; trumpet duet by Everett and Gene Cantrell and a trumpet solo by Everett Contrall. Mrs. Orville Ruggles was the accompanist. The evening was spent visiting. Among those out of town present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Eakin of The Dalles, Mrs. Ernest Eslinger of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel from Kent.

Mosier Boy Gets Odd-Fellow-Rebekah Trip

A Mosier high school student, Kendall King will join others this summer in the annual United Nations Pilgrimage for youth sponsored by the IOOF and Rebekahs. Judging of the contest was based on a 1,000 word essay. "Is the United Nations Fulfilling Its Purpose?" and a five to seven minute speech on "Why I Wish To Visit the United Nations". The contest was limited to sophomore and junior high school students in the district.

CCC Get Power To Shift Wheat

The Commodity Credit Corporation, our biggest wheat owner, is now permitted to consolidate and rotate" its stocks by selling its wheat and buying other wheat. To consolidate its stocks, the CCC will sell wheat at market prices at country or inland storage points and buy wheat of equal amounts or value at terminal markets. This would allow CCC wheat to be moved into trade channels more easily. Rotation of wheat stocks is sometimes necessary because of the age or condition of the wheat.

Hope For Next Year

Another government step brightens the price picture for 1956 wheat. Another 100 million bushels of government stocks have been set aside from the marketable supply of wheat. This brings the total "set-aside" to 500 million bushels, the legal limit. The "set-aside" is important because it affects the marketable supply, which in turn regulates support prices. As grain is added to the "set-aside" it cuts the saleable supply, cushioning the price cut in prospect for next year. Prices after 1955 can vary from 75 per cent to 90 per cent of parity depending on the supply. A reduction. Doctor's order to get off of 100 million bushels could the oil truck caused the change in affect the support level as much as 4 percent or 10 cents a bushel.

Union High Plan Beset With New Set of Difficulties

Efforts to build a new high school building for the students of Sherman county, or a part thereof, seem most sorely beset with troubles.

After a long case in court that was finally won after delay of a year or more, a new union high school district seemed to be amicably formed with no prospect of organized dissent.

It appears, however, that it will be impossible to bond the union high school district if formed officially April 11 unless there is a remonstrance filed and an election held. John Shuler, the man who must pass on the bonds, doubts the constitutionality of the law providing for the formation of union high school districts. He will not approve bonds unless there is an election.

Therefore, it will be necessary to arrange a remonstrance, have it filed with the county boundary board and call an election to decide on the formation of the district.

Inasmuch as no remonstrance has been filed by volition of the citizens of any of the three districts it may be assumed that the opposition is scattered in that it has not taken any steps to prevent the move.

So some one will circulate a remonstrance petition and in effect set up some formal if not sincere opposition to meet the demands of the bond attorney. And an election will be held probably in May.

Wheat Growers Plan Spring Session

Plans for the spring meeting of the Sherman Wheat Grower's association were laid, Thursday evening, at a meeting of the executive committee, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

Tentative arrangements are to hold the spring meeting Thursday evening, April 21 at Wasco. The final program will be announced next week. Plans are to include two speakers and a report of committee action since the annual state meeting in Portland.

Executive committee members include: John Hilderbrand, Don Thompson, Dewey Thompson, Elton Medler, Kenneth Fridley, Howard Ross, LeRoy Belshee, Bob Schilling, L. E. Kaseberg, Norris Gilkison, Ted Thompson, Hildred Zell, Bill Todd, Gladys Zell.

Cancer Research Funds Sought In County

The annual campaign for funds for cancer research and education is being held during April, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Sherman county chairman.

Among those assisting in the campaign are: Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county vice-chairman; Mrs. Earl Gentry and Mrs. Loy Cochran, county chairmen of the Moro area assisted by Mrs. Bob Belshee, Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. Lawrence Kenny, Mrs. R. E. Marvin, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs; Mrs. B. E. Hailey, chairman of Wasco and Rufus area assisted by Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Dewey Thomas and others whose names will be announced later; Mrs. Eben Kee, chairman of the Grass Valley area assisted by Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. John Rolfe and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter; Mrs. Art Bibby, chairman of the Kent area assisted by Mrs. Harley McKay, and others whose names will be announced later.

Last year \$1710.00 was contributed in Sherman county. The goal this year is \$1652.

This campaign against cancer has been endorsed by Gov. Paul Patterson and many fraternal, patriotic and church organizations.

Horseback Riders Get Set For Spring

The Mid-Columbia Saddle club association (an association representing twelve member saddle clubs in the Mid-Columbia area, met for a potluck dinner and business meeting at the Fort Dalles Rider's club house on Sunday, March 27. Lynn Douglas, president, conducted the meeting, when plans for the major horse show were discussed.

Tentative plans for this show indicate that it will be held June 19, at White Salmon, Washington with the Cayuse Saddle club of Husum, Washington as hosts. The possibility of holding three horse shows this year rather than two was also discussed.