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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Sunday morning housewives of Moro found little May baskets on their front porches, little cans filled with spring flowers. The Camp Fire girls distributed them after spending weeks covering the cans with paper and painting the face of a demure maiden on each one. We think it is one of the friendliest gestures that has been made around here in a long time and we thank the girls for their kindness.

T T W N

The legislature has passed a bill that requires five school directors for all districts and election hours from two until eight o'clock. That we submit is statesmanship.

T T W N

There's an art in being smug, yet, with practice some can get far ahead of others in smugness.

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There may be poorer people and certainly poorer people but there are no poor people.

T T W N

It isn't hard to start a pressure group. See how simple it is. A few citizens met the other night and decided to again propose that Sherman county hire a home demonstration agent. Now citizens all over the county who, we believe, are against it 6 to 1, will have to organize or pay for something they neither need or want.

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They say that atomic power will permit a ship to sail on indefinitely without stopping. But who wants to sail on indefinitely without stopping?

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A magazine has asked the nation to look back and see who we were mad at ten years ago. Good idea for anyone.

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Some one is always figuring out a new way to make food taste good. A few hours work does the same thing.

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A fisherman we know thinks he has made a discovery. He says a fish is no smarter than a man because if he is not hungry enough to bite a hook he can be caught by entertainment with some gaudy bauble.

T T W N

"Poor old Bill!" they said of him. "He knew enough to pet his horse and not enough to praise his wife."

T T W N

Talk of helping little farmers instead of big farmers may tend to divide farmers and weaken their political influence.

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Don't worry about grandpa. He didn't have much money, no car, no pumpling, he had to split wood and he wore wool clothes to keep warm. But he didn't have to pay much money in taxes, nobody worried him about wearing out his soil, he planted what he chose and took his chances, he wasn't expected to know anything that happened over five miles away.

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If farm representatives in congress trade a vote on higher wage minimums for higher parity prices it will be time to elect some new ones. Neither is any good.

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We have only an academic interest in it, but what is going to happen when all the surplus ships and all the hangars are filled with grain?

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Prophecy now is for an average income of \$6180 per family by 1960. Fine deal. \$2000 in taxes makes it about like 1940.

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We would be glad to say something nice about the arrival of the sun if not afraid that it would get self-conscious and hide itself again.

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Two pupils who finished their high school work in three years are being denied the privilege of graduating with the class down at Powers. There are handicaps at Powers, there are handicaps at falling to be mediocre, especially if better than mediocre.

Moro Wins Flag In Baseball By Beating Maupin

By Gary Schilling

The Moro Huskies blew the game wide open last Friday at Dufur. In fact, they ended it officially in the top half of the initial inning by scoring 11 runs and went on to whip the Rangers 20-2 in the four innings played in the Cascade league baseball game.

Veteran Earl Griggs pitched a no-hitter for Moro, striking out nine and walking three.

Sixteen batters came to the plate for Moro in the first inning. Eleven of them scored. They drew five bases on balls. Kirkelle was hit by a pitched ball and Smith, Benson, Cyphers and Eakin singled for the Huskies' four hits that inning.

Moro gathered four runs off four hits in the second inning, one for one in the third and four runs off one hit in the fourth for their total of 20 runs off 10 hits.

Dufur scored their two runs in the fourth off two bases on balls and a series of errors.

The Moro Huskies blanked the second place Maupin Redsides 6-0 at Grass Valley Tuesday to clinch the Cascade league baseball title. This is the third championship won this year by the Huskies, having taken both the football and basketball titles of this district.

Moro's Earl Griggs had the Redsides eating out of his hand by pitching some of the best ball of the season. The only serious trouble came in the first inning when Maupin got the bases loaded but Griggs bore down and put out the fire. After this threat, only two others reached second base; one in the fourth inning and one in the fifth. Griggs seemed to grow stronger as the game went on, facing only six men in the last two innings. The Moro pitcher gave up five hits, all singles, while striking out nine and walking only one.

The entire Moro team played good ball behind Griggs. Eakin, on third; Smith at short and Rolfe on second; all came up with sparkling plays to keep their pitcher out of trouble. In fact, in the sixth inning Moro came up with a beautiful double play, the second of the year.

Moro scored one in the second inning, added two in the third, one in the fourth and two in the sixth. Rolfe led the batting attack with three singles. Kirkelle followed with a double and a single.

Hansen, the starting pitcher for Maupin, gave up four hits, walked five and allowed three runs before being replaced by Cearns in the third inning. Cearns allowed three runs, five hits and walked one.

The Huskies travel to Cascade Locks today for the last league game.

Moro took third place in a track meet held at Heppner last Saturday. Pilot Rock placed first in the meet and Heppner, second. Stanfield, Lexington and Helix finished fourth, fifth and sixth.

Moro's Harold Duncan, who was out for track for the first time this year, took first in both the low and high hurdles and placed second in the broad jump.

Results for Moro: High Hurdles—Duncan, 1st, Time 15.8; Centrail 4th, Time 20.1; Pole Vault—Rolfe, tied for 2nd, Height, 9 feet; Shotput—Knott, 3rd, distance 39 feet, 3 inches; Mile—Rolfe, 4th, Time 5:39; Archer, 5th, 100-yard dash—Moble, 5th, Time 10.9; Broad Jump—Duncan, 2nd, distance 19 feet, 2 1/2 inches; Kelley didn't place with 17 feet, 3 inches; 440-yard dash—Kirkelle, 4th, Time 23.2; Discus—Kelley 4th, distance 98 feet, 10 inches; 220-yard dash—(won in 23.6) Kirkelle, 4th, Time 25.6; Rodda, 5th, Time 25.7; 880-yard run—(won in 2:08.3) Benson 2nd, Time 2:21.5; High Jump—M. Fridley, tied for 4th, height 4 feet, 10 inches; Moro placed third in the Relay race.

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Tour agenda: Hildred Zell, 9:50 a. m., Wildlife habitat improvement planting, quail roost, and water guzzler. Paulen Kaseberg, 10:10 a. m. Strip cropping with alternate strips of grain, summer fallow and grass, which will be rotated each five years to one of the other strips. Pete Macnab, 11:05 a. m., Trashy fallow or stubble on surface of soil made by sweep-type tillage implements. Carroll Says, 11:30 a. m. Pubescent wheatgrass to carry excess water from the fields. Charles Burnet, 12:00 Fertilizer trial using nitrogen at various rates of application in the fall at seeding time and as top dressing in the spring.

Lunch 12:15, Sherman branch experiment station. Afternoon 1:30 p. m. tour of experimental work conducted on station grounds. Inspection will be made of various items including tree and shrub plantings, tillage methods, annual cropping trials, grass waterway, fertilizer trial, rate and date of seeding, and etc.

New Red Chaff Club Wheat Release Expected; Yield Equal To That of Elmar

Prospective release of another new wheat variety this fall will put the Pacific Northwest temporarily in the lead again in the running battle against smut.

The new variety, a soft white winter wheat slated to replace Elmar, is a red-chaffed club. A near relative of Elmar, the new variety combines Elmar's good qualities with stronger smut resistance. It was developed by O. A. Vogel, U. S. department of agriculture plant breeder stationed at Washington State college.

F. E. Price, Oregon State college dean of agriculture, said present plans provide for joint release of the new variety by WSC, Idaho, and OSC stations after the 1955 harvest. He added that any such release must, of course, meet the standards of the individual stations.

Tests and selections of the variety under Oregon growing conditions were conducted by W. E. Hall, superintendent of the Sherman branch experiment station at Moro, and Charles Rohde, USDA agronomist at the Pendleton branch experiment station.

Dean Price said release of the seed to certified growers in this state will be handled by the Oregon seed allocation committee, D. D. Hill, OSC farm crops department head, is committee chairman. Seed for commercial planting of the unnamed new wheat will not be available until 1956 or later.

Yield of the new hybrid appears at least equal to Elmar. The straw is medium short which normally means a range of between 3 and 3 1/2 feet in the main club wheat

Conservation Tour Planned For Children

Conservation week has been proclaimed May 1st to May 7th by Governor Paul Patterson. Sherman county boys and girls in the 7th and 8th grades are having the meaning of conservation drawn to their attention by special study this week and a tour of conservation practices next week, reports T. W. Thompson, county agent.

It is timely that all Oregon citizens have it called to their attention the importance and the wise use of management of Oregon's natural resources. Our basic wealth and the very lifeblood of our economic existence is derived primarily from these resources. Forestry, the most important, contributed in the neighborhood of one billion dollars, agriculture about one-half billion, fishing and mining contribute approximately fifty million. With the exception of the money brought into the state by tourists and other visitors our natural resources are the basis of our economic wealth. Thompson encourages all to join together this week and throughout the year in learning something about the conservation of our natural resources.

The 7th and 8th grade students, throughout Sherman county, studied wise use of our soil and other resources and were shown a picture "The World at Your Feet". Next week on May 11, a conservation tour has been planned where these boys and girls and others interested will inspect various conservation practices being utilized by Sherman county farmers and inspect the work being conducted on the Sherman branch station.

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areas. This also means the straw is short enough to resist lodging under most growing conditions.

Weather conditions have not permitted a good test of winter-hardiness but breeders expect it to be at least as resistant to winterkill as Elmar. The red chaff will make it easy to distinguish the new variety from otherwise similar club wheats, especially Elgin, Alicel and Elmar.

Vogel made the original cross between Elgin-19 and Elmar.

Martha Bardenhagen To Graduate May 23

Martha Bardenhagen will graduate with her class from Johns Hopkins hospital nursing school in Baltimore, Maryland, May 23, with honor grades. She spent so much time in Oregon this spring it was feared she could not finish with her class but the board has permitted her to do so. It will be necessary for her to make up time lost which will keep her in Baltimore until July.

Street Lights Cost Company \$3700

A \$3,700 commercial street lighting modernization in Moro has been completed by Pacific Power & Light company, according to Ray Kelso, lineman-agent for the power firm.

The new installations are the very latest in modern street lighting facilities and will provide about four times the light of the former system. Of the 10 units placed in service, five of them are 20,000-lumen mercury vapor lamps and the remaining five are 10,000 lumen incandescent lamps.

Gordon Harper Heads The Dalles NFLA

Gordon Harper was elected president of The Dalles National Farm Loan association at the meeting of the new board of directors held after the annual meeting last month. J. R. Wood of Wheeler county was made vice-president and T. F. Whiteman was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Earl Moore of Hood River and Mr. Wood were re-elected to the board.

Wasco County Pioneers To Meet Saturday

The 3rd annual meeting of the Wasco County Pioneer association will be held in The Dalles next Saturday, May 7. The usual program will be followed including registration at 9:30 in the morning, a salmon dinner at noon and a program in the afternoon. This year Col. H. B. Elder, resident engineer of The Dalles dam, will speak and show colored slides of the progress of the dam. There will be the big old-fashioned dance in the evening.

Eligible to membership are all those who have lived in Wasco county 50 years. Harry Whitten of Dufur is president for the 1955 session.

County Fair Board Has Work Day

The first work day of the season for the county fair board was held Tuesday and the men who came to participate built a new fence from the bleachers south of the grandstand to the ramp gate and beyond. This was formerly a picket fence and was not in good repair. A new fence was built north of the stands along the outside of the track. Next Thursday some more work will be done so the grounds will be ready for the rodeo.

Young People Will Entertain Parents

Young people of Moro Presbyterian church will entertain their parents at a Mother's Day tea, to be held at 4 o'clock at the church. Decorations and refreshments will be provided by the 7th and 8th grade group, and program by the high school group. Main feature of the program will be a panel discussion of young people and parents on the theme "Getting Along at Home". Louis Miller is in charge of the panel.

New Land May Be Sown To Wheat

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for all of the years 1953, 1954, and 1955 may apply for a 1956 wheat acreage allotment, according to Frank von Borstel, chairman of the Sherman county ASC committee. Application must be made by June 30, 1956. Blank application forms are available at the Sherman county ASC office in Moro.

Historical Society Picnic Announced For June 12

Plans for the ninth picnic of the Sherman County Historical society were made at a meeting of the board of directors at the office of the president, Wily W. Knighten last Friday evening.

This organization was organized at a Fourth of July meeting in the Moro city park in 1945 and has held a picnic and meeting at DeMoss Springs every June with plentiful food and a program to gather with visiting by the elders who come for that purpose.

Appointed to do the work necessary for the affair were Theodore Johnston, Charles Belshee and Allie Ruggles to gather pictures of old times for display that day. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Wallace May will make up the program.

Mrs. Helen Bruckert is to be chairman of the betterment committee with the duty of choosing her aides for that work.

Miss Cassie Holmes, Mrs. Charles Burnet, Mrs. Wily Knighten and B. C. Pinkney are to be the membership committee and to see that visitors sign the book for the record of the day.

Former presidents, Don Martin and Helen Bruckert are to nominate new officers which includes a secretary and a board member to succeed Allie Ruggles, who wishes to retire as secretary, and Lester Barnum, board member.

Clara Kock will mix the cold drinks. Lester Barnum and Orville Ruggles will make the coffee. Dewey Thompson and Walter Bruckert will arrange the grounds with what help they can enlist and the Truman Strongs will be asked to bring flowers.

Giles French, Albert Kaseberg and Orville Ruggles are on the marker committee and are expected to report on the condition of markers.

Coon Trying To Get Hearings Speeded

Congressman Coon said today has been "making every effort" to expedite hearings on his bill which calls for prompt federal development of the \$310,000,000 John Day project on the Columbia River.

Coon said he had written Congressman Buckley, chairman of the House committee on on Public Works, and had requested an early hearing on this legislation. "This bill," said Coon, "is one of the most important pieces of legislation to come before this session and it is of critical importance to the people of my district, the state of Oregon and the entire Northwest."

Coon said he had also written to the Secretary of the Interior, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of the Budget and the Federal Power Commission requesting early reports on this legislation.

"It's not widely known," he said, "but those reports from the various departments are necessary before the committee will take action on any bill."

Coon's bill calls for federal development and ownership of the John Day project but provides that local interests may advance enough money to pay for the portion of the dam. It is estimated that the power part of the project will cost about \$273,000,000, about ninety percent of the total cost.

Coon has said that all his bill provides for is, "advance sale of the power so the project can be built now rather than at some distant date in the future when congress might see fit to appropriate money."

Grange Masters Hold Tri-County Meet

Past masters of granges in Hood River, Sherman and Wasco county met at Harlandview grange Saturday night for a quarterly meeting with Earl Moore of Hood River in the chair and Everett Olmstead of Wasco county, secretary.

Report on agriculture was made by Roland Johnson and on legislation by Walter Bruckert who called on Giles French who told of some of the problems on which the three counties have similar interests.

A program of songs and readings and colored pictures followed. The meeting was preceded by a dinner.

Junior Roder Plans Maturing As Date Of May 15 Nears

Ten events are listed for the Junior Rodeo scheduled for Sunday May 15 at the fairgrounds. For the 15-18 age group, there will be tie-down calf roping, bareback riding, cow riding, steer decorating, cow hide race and a quarter mile race.

For the 9-14 age group there will be breakaway calf roping, calf riding, barrel race and a quarter mile race. Horses in all races must be stock horses.

Sonny Bain was here from Antelope to meet with the stockmen's committee Monday night. He will bring 25 head of wild horses for the show and Luther Davis will bring 30 yearlings for riding and decorating purposes. There will be calves for roping also.

The junior class will have the concession at the grounds. Harry will bring his sound truck and Kenneth Grossmiller will be announcer.

Bill Abel To Talk About Argentina



Bill Abel, Astoria, a winter international farm youth exchange delegate to Argentina, will be featured speaker during the monthly Moro PTA meeting, Friday evening, May 13, Moro school, T. W. Thompson, county agent, has announced. Russell Belshee, president, said any and all folks are invited to attend and hear of Mr. Abel's experiences.

Abel was one of two Oregon delegates to South American countries last winter under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. He left for South America last October and lived with three farm families in several parts of Argentina. He returned to Oregon in late April.

Abel documented his visit to Argentina with colored slides which he will show during the PTA meeting. He will also speak to high school students at Wasco at 10:00 a. m. and to Moro high students at 12:35 a. m. during the day Friday. Young Abel is giving a series of talks to Oregon farm and civic groups as part of the IPYE program to foster world understanding.

Presbytery Entertained

Young people of Moro Presbyterian church were hosts to a group of Presbyterian youth leaders from Portland over the last weekend. Nine high school and junior high boys and girls and two adult advisers, sent by the Portland Presbytery Westminster Fellowship council, arrived Saturday afternoon, and were taken on a tour of the country surrounding Moro by Lee Kaseberg, Nina Belshee and Joan Gilman. After a waffle supper for local and visiting young people, and informal games, an opening worship service was conducted by Sterling Gochnauer.

Sunday morning the visitors took part in Sunday school and church activities, and were guests at a potluck lunch to which the entire congregation was invited. Informal discussions on youth in the church were then held, and slides were shown of the Westminster Fellowship National assembly, held last summer at the University of Oregon City and Myrna Knoll of Oregon City and Myrna Murdock of Portland. After a closing worship service by the visitors, the weekend ended with light refreshments.

Wasco Clean-up Day

Clean-up day in Wasco was a successful event for a number of reasons. The food was good, the sun shone warmly, neighbors worked together in friendship, the streets were washed and some cleaning was done.

County Budget Preparation Up Monday May 9

The county budget will be made up next Monday, May 9, with budgeteers Albert Kaseberg, Dewey Thompson and Wallace May giving their aid to the members of the county court in estimating expenditures and income for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The usual costs for salaries and general maintenance of government will be made. In road matters a change has been proposed by Judge Vernon Miller. It is that instead of having a special election for a millage for roads that road money be put in the budget and the vote be on an increase over the six percent limitation. This is the proper procedure for expenditures over the six percent limitation.

The county is required to match state money up to \$6800 if it is to share in the major road program and another \$3000 will be needed to maintain the macadamized roads in the county.

There will be a second effort to have the county hire a home demonstration agent, an effort that was defeated last year. Around these or some of these will come the arguments of the day.

Cattle Testing Now Possible

Sherman county farmers with cattle that have not been tested for Bang's can do so during the period May 10 to 21. They are asked to contact the county agent's office, Moro, to make arrangements for testing.

Dr. George Marugg, federal veterinarian, who replaced Dr. L. L. Taylor, upon his retirement will be available as will Dr. Rust who will be here temporarily to concentrate on testing work. The testing work is in line with the Bang's control district and the increased emphasis of the federal government toward eradication of brucellosis or Bang's disease. The testing work is a government service. T. B. testing is optional, but will be done if desired by the operator and time is available.

Folks that are planning to handle their cattle or can do so are asked to get their testing done at this time, Thompson indicates. A card or phone call to the county agent's office should be done to arrange a time. Folks in a community are asked to get together for the work so travel time will be reduced and efficiency results. The veterinarians will be staying at the Moro Hotel and can be contacted personally during the evening.

The Sherman County Cattlemen's association have a squeeze chute to rent for any that do not have these facilities. The chute is available by contacting the county agent's office, phone 201, Moro.

MORE DEDUCTIONS MAY 1

Workmen's contributions to the Industrial Accident Fund have been increased by act of the legislature from one to two cents per day upon the signing of House Bill 555. It was announced by the Industrial Accident commission. Effective May 1, 1955 employers under the Workmen's Compensation law will be required to retain from workmen's wages two cents for each day or part of a day worked and forward these contributions monthly to the Industrial Accident commission. The workmen's contribution for volunteer firemen, and for employers and corporate officers who have filed elections to become entitled to benefits as workmen, is also increased—from 30 cents per month to 60 cents per month.

One half of the workmen's contributions under the amended law are to be placed in the "Retrospective Relief Reserve". This reserve is to be used to increase monthly pension payments to widows of fatally injured workmen, and to totally disabled workmen, above the amounts specified in the law in effect at the time the fatal or disabling accident occurred. Initially, some 1,470 individuals will benefit by having their pensions restored to the July 1, 1947 level. These individuals are entitled to pensions under various benefit schedules in effect from 1913 to 1947. The 1949 legislature initiated a system of increasing these benefits from surplus funds accumulated by the Industrial Accident commission. In March of 1955 the Attorney General ruled that the method of increasing these benefits which had been utilized since 1949 was unconstitutional.