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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

The man or the government that tries to take the right to feel abused away from others is in for trouble.

T T W N

If you never do anything you've never done before you never learn.

T T W N

One acquires good judgment by developing the ability to exchange bad ideas for good ones.

T T W N

Wonder what causes the most trouble a wolf in sheep's clothing or a sheep in wolf's clothing?

T T W N

And to think that before another week the sun will have turned around and started north again. We hope it does better that way.

T T W N

Khrushchev is said to both drink and talk too much. Sounds reasonable. If a man drinks he often talks too much and if he talks too much he might as well drink for no one will pay attention to him anyway.

T T W N

Prices of labor and materials are going up, say the prophets. The consumer has always the last word.

T T W N

We must say for Senator Neuberger that he can punch a typewriter with one hand and pat himself on the back with the other in agile fashion.

T T W N

A reader of the Portland papers must wonder how merchants ever lived without the benefit of pinball revenue.

T T W N

The difficulty of properly assessing orchard trees seems to come mostly from lack of desire to do so.

T T W N

Two brands of arrogance in competition are occasionally amusing. The ways and means committee told the board of higher education to charge more for out of state tuition; the board now exercises its own arrogance by sticking out its chest and saying, "Who are you to tell me?"

T T W N

The proposal to pay women so much a head for children is indicative of a form of governmental thinking we want no part of. Hereafter the production of children has not been considered a commercial enterprise.

T T W N

The theory of a once-was baseball manager that "nice guys" do not win pennants is sometimes carried into politics. And it is found just as senseless there.

T T W N

Famous next to last words: "I am the state," "I, and only I, represent the people."

T T W N

There are no tattoo artists in Portland, we read. Tut, tut, how civilized can you get?

T T W N

Meat inspection in Oregon is coming in time in all probability. In theory it is wonderful; in practice it will be an expensive nuisance.

T T W N

We gotta get some new symbols. A bewhiskered elder with a scythe means nothing to this generation.

T T W N

A man was in a box car between Chicago and Philadelphia for 5 1/2 days. He'll never believe American trains run fast.

T T W N

What makes me madder than anything is a politician giving my money away and taking all credit for it and buying votes with it.

T T W N

Haircuts up to \$1.50 make more noticeable one of the pleasures of baldness.

T T W N

Adults who play at bombing their cities into oblivion shouldn't be too critical of boys who wear space suits and carry atom guns.

T T W N

It is said that Adlai is going to run again. Just as well, he's not doing much of anything else and he'll meet a lot of nice folks.

T T W N

One wouldn't think to look at all the fancy modern gadgets and to read about newer things to come that, after all, a man has to do in this world is to obtain food and shelter and procreate himself. He wants to do it the easiest way.

Picnic of County Historical Group Held at DeMoss

With a crowd shortened somewhat by other attractions the Sherman County Historical society gathered at DeMoss-Springs park for its tenth picnic Sunday at noon.

Food, that great attracter, was the first consideration and after men, women and children had been filled Willy Knights called attention to the program which included the flag salute by the Moro Troop Boy Scouts, the invocation by Rev. Alfred Solomon, a welcome by himself, the report of the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Allie Ruggles, Tom Fraser sang "Sweet Oregon", Henry DeMoss' nostalgic song about his native state and a male quartet. Don Leach, Ed Fritts, Don Earl and Russell Belshie, sang. Giles French read some excerpts from the history of the county.

State Director Talks

Thomas Vaughn, director of the Oregon Historical society, told of the work of the society and the plans it has for the perpetuation of the events in the memories and records of the elders. The changes that come through inventions make other methods obsolete and unless the record is kept we may lose track of the process of our growth, he said.

Mrs. Helen Bruckert reported for the betterment committee and told of the former recommendations that had been adopted. Giles French said that unless there was opposition the marker committee would paint signs on rocks and as historian reported that a history of the county had been written and when put in shape for publication would be sent to a publisher to see whether it was any good or not.

Lester Barnum was reelected director for five years and Mrs. Ruggles consented to serve as secretary for another term.

Grass Burned Near Rufus Monday

The first grass fire of the season broke out about 5 p. m. Monday on the Pete Cazier place just east of the town of Rufus. The strong west wind which was blowing quickly took it eastward. The fire burned past the state gravel pile and up the south towards the Elizabeth and Charles Kuypers places. A crew of men armed with shovels and wet sacks kept it from harming the Cazier buildings. The Wasco fire truck came to see that the fire didn't jump the Columbia highway, and also helped out on top of the hill as the fire raced that way. It is fortunate that the wheat was too wet to burn. The black naked hills east of Rufus is a grim reminder of what fire can do. The exact number of acres is not known at this writing.

Cockburn-Douma Wedding Held In Portland Attended By Many From Sherman County

An event of Sunday, June 12, at St. Michaels and All Angels in Portland, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Gloria Fae Douma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aurelius Douma of Moro, to Dr. Robert M. Cockburn, son of Mrs. G. S. Cockburn, and the late Mr. Cockburn of Milton, Oregon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an imported Chantilly lace dress with chapel length train and finger-tip illusion veil falling from a lace and pearl cap. She carried a white prayer book topped with white baby orchids.

Mrs. Alan Chalmov of San Francisco, was matron of honor. She was dressed in a Nile green patterned crystalline ballerina frock and carried yellow daisies. Bridesmaids, Miss Jean Burns, Eugene; Mrs. Richard Baker, San Francisco; and Miss Jane Peterson of Portland, wore identical dresses and carried similar bouquets.

Mr. Keith Cockburn of Eugene was best man for his brother, Ushers were Mr. Robert Chiapuzio, Mr. Clayton deBruin and Mr. Richard Bylund, all of Portland.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Douma chose a rose lace afternoon dress with matching accessories. Mrs. Cockburn was dressed in blue lace with pink accessories. Both ladies wore orchid corsages.

At the reception afterwards in the parish hall, the bride and

N. W. Haner Company Field Day Crowd Promised Full Day Of Program

The engineering firm of N. W. Haner and associates of Portland has been awarded the contract of making the survey for Sherman and Kilckit counties and the states of Oregon and Washington of the feasibility of a bridge at Maryhill. They are affiliated with Frederick R. Harris, Inc., of New York City.

The contract calls for making a traffic survey to determine the business such a bridge would attract and also the preliminary engineering for finding footings and designing a bridge.

It is expected that the traffic survey will require at least a month's time and it may be expected that men conducting the survey will be in the county at any time for that purpose. The four principals are sharing equally in the cost.

Swimming Classes Starting Soon

Dr. F. D. Reid, chairman of the Red Cross, says that 126 have enrolled in swimming classes so far and more are expected, 46 are from Wasco, 37 from Moro and 34 from Grassy Valley with the other towns yet to report. More than half have no swimming experience at all.

There is still time for those not signed to register. All that is required is to be present when the bus leaves and have parental permission. Details may be obtained from Dr. Reid and Leonard Jordan at Rufus; Mrs. Floyd Rathbun at Wasco; Mrs. Paul Cypfers at Moro; Don Leach at Grassy Valley; Mrs. Bob Helyer at Kent.

"In some localities there seems some difficulty in finding bus drivers and chaperones," reports Dr. Reid, who also says that "he hopes that the parents of children participating in the program will cooperate in every way to bring this opportunity to each girl and boy in the county. Since providing bus, driver and chaperone is a local responsibility each parent should take a part in seeing that it is done, otherwise some children might not be able to go. Although the county Red Cross makes this program possible, it is really a community project in its fulfillment. If it results in the saving of the life of one Sherman county boy or girl from drowning, it has been successful and worth while."

LOAN RATE SET AT \$2.08

The loan rate for wheat for the 1955 crop was announced this week in Portland by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is based on 82 1/2 per cent of parity and on the new parity plan although the latter figure cannot change but five per cent in any one year.

The rate for Sherman county is \$2.08 which is 20 cents below the rate at which money was loaned on wheat last year. Some wheat will draw a higher figure.

More Fish Turned Loose For Anglers

Anglers now have more than 1,200,000 additional chances toward making limit catches, thanks to the work done by liberation crews, Oregon State Game commission.

According to Reino Koski, chief of fish liberations, this is the number of trout and steelhead of legal size which have been planted so far this spring in the streams, lakes and reservoirs of the state. An additional 538,000 fry and fingerlings have also been planted with most of these fish released into lakes and reservoirs.

Liberation crews will continue operations in most of the major streams throughout the summer, moving into the high Cascade areas as soon as weather permits. During the month of June, streams west of the Cascades will receive their heaviest plantings. Legal cutthroat and steelhead are now being released in most of the coastal streams.

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May Accidents Fewer

May traffic accidents took 30 lives in Oregon, the secretary of state's office reports.

The May count, four fewer than the number of fatalities recorded in May a year ago brings the toll for the year to 133. Traffic deaths totaled 148 at the end of May, 1954.

The number of persons injured has edged up this year, through April, 4,034 injury cases had been reported as compared to 3,989 at the same time last year.

Field Day Crowd Promised Full Day Of Program

The Sherman Branch Experiment Station Field Day is to be held Monday, June 27. The program is being expanded this year from the usual half-day tour of the station to a full day affair starting at 10:30 a. m. Another change is the inclusion of a program for the women. Guest speakers will include Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college and Dr. J. S. Butts, head of the Agricultural Chemistry department.

The program starting at 10:30 on the station lawn will include talks by Miss Niada Whybark, home economist for the Oregon Wheat League and Dr. J. S. Butts. Dr. Butts has recently completed a tour of service with the Atomic Energy commission and will tell of agricultural research with atomic energy.

A "buck-a-plate" lunch will be served by the women of the Grange Home Economics club. Dr. Strand will be the luncheon speaker. At 1:30 the men will start a tour of the station and Miss Whybark will give a demonstration and discussion for the women on the use of wheat products in the kitchen. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Lois Sather, food technology department, will tell of research on food being conducted at OSC.

On the tour of the station the men will see summer fallow plots prepared by sump, disk and moldboard plows where fertilizer has been applied at plowing and seeding time. Fertilizer plots to be visited include width of shank spacing and depth of application of anhydrous and aqua ammonium. Up to 120 pounds of nitrogen has been applied to Rio wheat to determine the effect on protein content and the result of over-fertilization.

The preceding dry winter and spring are reflected in the appearance of the annually cropped plots of spring wheat and barley. Safflower was grown in large sized plots last year and the yields will be discussed. The field in safflower this year looks very good at this date and will be of interest to many farmers who have heard of this new crop.

The new hard red wheat variety which is being increased with the expectation of releasing this fall will be seen and the method of release discussed. In the cereal nursery potentially new varieties will be seen, including the dwarf varieties from Pullman, Washington.

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Health Department Gives Schedule

The Wasco-Sherman County Health Department staff remind parents of prospective first graders to get their children's physical examinations completed as early as possible. The goldenrod forms for the doctor's use are available in the county school superintendent's office, as well as the Health department office in The Dalles. They will also be found in all of the doctor's offices in The Dalles.

Summer public health nurse schedule, July through August 27, Mrs. Lucy Mullins and Mrs. Metra Lee. Full schedule to be announced later.

Mrs. Lucy Mullins:
Monday The Dalles 8:30-10 a. m.
Tuesday The Dalles, Dufur area
Wednesday Tygh Valley, Wamic
Thursday Maupin, Pine Grove and vicinity
Friday Dalles and vicinity, a. m.
Office: 3-5 p. m.

Mrs. Metra Lee:
Mon., Office: a. m. Chenoweth p. m.
Tues., The Dalles a. m.; immunization clinic, p. m.

Wednesday Sherman county
Thursday Mosier and Rowena
Friday The Dalles

Belshees Celebrate

The Belshee family had a family gathering in The Dalles Tuesday, the occasion being the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshee who married Ethel Wright back in 1905. All of the nine Belshees met at the Methodist church to help celebrate. The range in age from 78 to 62 the nine of them who grew to adulthood are still living. Belshees present were Robert, Roy, Charles, Howard, Stella (Benson) Edith, (Burnet) Homer, Frank and Cassie (Mason).

Bible School Ends

Vacation Church school at Moro church is over today, ending this year's two week session. The final day will be marked by the annual sharing program this evening at 7:30 at the church, to which parents and friends are invited. At this time the kindergarten, primary and junior departments will each give a brief program based upon the work they have been doing, and there will be a display of the work done.

Boys and girls whose attendance has been good will be recognized with certificates, and recognition will be made of the teachers and helpers whose work has made the Vacation Bible school possible.

Also on display will be the "health kit" assembled by members of all the departments. This is a collection of toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, combs and similar items, to be given to agricultural migrants in the Milton-Free-water area served by the Migrant Ministry of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Assessment Roll Shows Local Valuation To Be \$8,325,930 For Current Tax Year

The summary of assessment rolls has been prepared by Assessor Clair Balzer for transmittal to the State Tax commission. The form differs slightly from the one presented taxpayers but contains much the same information.

All land outside cities is valued at \$5,995,200 and that inside is valued at \$67,590. Improvements inside cities are worth \$370,120 and outside \$716,680 making a total of \$7,149,590 of real property.

Merchandise is assessed at \$146,690, a slight drop in the year; furniture and equipment \$22,350, also down a little, farm machinery is up to \$697,650 and other machinery is up to \$44,340. The 24 trailer houses are valued at \$7,410.

Farmers Get Information About Wheat Situation Preparatory To Election

A small number of farmers, considering the importance of the election coming June 25 on retention of allotments, were at the school house Monday evening to hear Ralph Beck of the extension service, Harvey Miller of the ASC office and Paulen Kaseberg talk about the condition of wheat and give other pertinent information concerning wheat.

The law under which the election is held is a 1938 law which states that when the total supply (carryover plus estimated production plus imports) is 120 percent of the normal supply (domestic use plus exports plus 20 percent) the secretary of agriculture must call an election to see if farmers will approve acreage restrictions. This year the total supply is 1,860,000 bushels (some figures are higher) and the normal supply is 1,120,000 bushels, much over the 120 per cent, 166 percent, in fact. If it were not for the legal limit of 55,000,000 acres the country could produce all the wheat it needs on 13,000,000 acres.

Charts Show Surplus

Ralph Beck showed charts about the wheat supply. There is enough wheat for 12 bushels for each of us and we eat but three and use another one otherwise. In 1952 our carryover was 256 million, in 1953 563 million, 1954 was 902 million and is now 1,030 million.

We are producing a little less and imports are only three million but the supply has grown, according to his figures to 1,878, 000,000 bushels. Exports are going up because of our foreign programs but we are not using more wheat as food, 485 million bushels this year compared to 491 million in 1950-51. Our other uses are diminishing. Only back in 1943-44 when wheat was sold at reduced

Wasco Miss Wins \$100 Scholarship

At the last monthly meeting of the Sherman County unit of the Oregon Education Association, Miss Cherrill Fields, 1955 graduate of Wasco high school, was awarded a one hundred dollar (\$100) scholarship by John DeFigh, president. Miss Fields expects to enter Oregon State college and major in physical education and recreation.

This scholarship was offered to an outstanding senior from the high schools of the county who plan to enter the educational field.

40 et 8 Elects Bob Rolfe, Chef

Mid-Columbia voiture, 40 et 8, met at Antelope Wednesday night in a session dedicated to the late Bonnie Rooper, long a resident of Antelope. Dr. Thomas E. Griffith gave the eulogy.

Election of officers resulted in the naming of the following: Robert Rolfe, chef de gare; Claud E. Parrot, chef de train, Rodney Cooper, commissaire intendant; William Speilman, conductor; George Johnson, Garde de la Porte; Henry Rooper, Commiss voyageur; Georg Wernmark, Correspondent; Dr. T. E. Griffith, medicin; W. N. Rooper, aumonier. Frank von Borstel, Dr. James Odell, Claud Parrot and C. E. Johnson were elected delegates to the state convention at Redmond; Robert Hastings, John Buetter, Henry Rooper, Dewey Thomas were named alternates.

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The 485 horses and mules are valued at \$20 each or \$9,700, a mere ten per cent of the one-time number; cattle are worth \$242,050 and the assessor found 11,017 of them. Only 1287 sheep and goats were counted and they were valued at \$4,100 and only 462 hogs for a valuation of \$2,960. Residents have 6,088 chickens and other poultry valued at \$2,010.

Minor items and reducing exemptions bring the total local valuation of the county to \$8,325,930 to which will be added the utility valuation made by the state tax commission which will bring the entire valuation to an expected \$10,000,000.

ed price did we use 700 million bushels for feed and other purposes.

As solutions we can expand markets, subsidize export, subsidize feed, promote use for food, lower prices or discourage production. Nearly all of these are being done, said Beck, still the surplus grows and there is little chance for big incomes from wheat as have prevailed for the past ten years.

Harvey Miller said the USDA was neutral in the election but was giving complete information. He explained the law, told about who could vote, how county and individual allotments were made and said the new parity prices would be lower but not more than five percent lower a year until the new parity was reached. The old parity was based on 1909-1914 prices and the new is based on the last ten years.

Price Depends on Quantity

Under the flexible price plan the price must be reduced in proportion to the supply and the supply (as figured by the department) is 130 percent of normal (actual 166 percent) which makes the 1955 price 76 percent of parity.

If marketing quotas lose there will still be acreage allotments and co-operators may borrow up to 50 percent which is now \$2.39. There will be penalties for over production.

However, a farmer may seed all his land and sell in the open market for whatever price he might get.

There is not expected to be any limit on use of diverted acres although the support prices may not be high. Voting in Sherman county will be done at the Wasco city hall, the courthouse and the Grassy Valley Grain Growers.

Politic Influence Noted

Paulen Kaseberg noted that wheat had gotten into politics which was sometimes bad and sometimes good and that some voters would be guided by their political prejudices in voting on wheat allotments. Farmers he said might find it hard to "go it alone" in an economy where labor had a set wage, many firms had subsidies and the tariff protection for others.

If quotas carry no legislation is expected, farmers would comply, production would be too high, the surplus would grow and disposal plans would continue and wheat would continue to be priced out of the market.

"It" Questions Pondered

If quotas fall congress might act to raise acreage limit, support all wheat at 65 percent. It would be doubtful if the two-price plan would be adopted and support above 50 percent under the law would be doubtful; there would be a greater spread between farm prices and consumer prices; there would be more use of wheat.

Tommy Thompson, in closing, said that it had always taken a war to make it possible to use all the wheat the nation could produce and made suggestions about the use of diverted acres: barley, pasture, grass and alfalfa, waterway strips and perhaps safflower.

Union Station Will Show Stock Studies

Latest research findings in livestock breeding and management and in crops production will be presented to the public, June 17 and 18, at the Eastern Oregon branch experiment station at Union.

H. G. Avery, station superintendent, says the program both days will start at 9:30 a. m. with lunch served at the station picnic grounds. The June 18 lunch is through courtesy of the Union county livestock association.

Profit comparisons between fattening weaner calves for spring markets and the following fall markets will be reported June 18 by Cecil Pierce, station animal husbandman, who kept records last year on 45 fall-weaned calves. The trials are being continued this year.

Another special feature planned for livestockmen is a demonstration of cow and calf "families" to illustrate effects of selective breeding for more and faster-gaining calves.