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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Grandpa sure slipped on his public relations. He taught that work was noble and necessary. His son ruled out the noble and his grandson invented social security and ruled out the necessity.

T T W N

Harper's magazine whose editor usually adheres to the socialist or new deal line, has broken out in a fit of independence and from whom, do you suppose: women. We quote, "The measure of their success (in bossing men) is the number of Walter Mittys in our society. Again, never in history has any country contained such a high proportion of cowed and eunuchoid males, drilled with Prussian thoroughness to shun all household sins. . . They endure their married lives in mute docility, and die mercifully early in life from ulcers and high blood pressure."

It is indeed a pleasure to read the editor of Harper's revolt against authority but maybe he should have criticized himself or men in general instead of women.

T T W N

When anything gets standardized it becomes uninteresting and ready for the discard. Wonder when this will be applied to the ordinary run of political columnists.

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As a car owner we would be pleased if Mr. Reuther's boys did a better job now that they're getting more pay.

T T W N

The list of things congress failed to do makes us fully as happy as the things congress did do.

T T W N

"Time's fatal wings do ever forward fly; To every day we live, a day we die."

—Thomas Campion

Automobile companies have made a smooth, streamlined, powerful car for motorists and what do they do; go and buy a square built station wagon that looks as if they had built it themselves.

T T W N

Higher wages or higher prices are but temporary help to either labor or business. Net result is to depreciate the value of the dollar at home. For instance, have you thought about buying an English car?

T T W N

We think it fitting that Oregon should pay its respects to Herbert Hoover. He lacks resilience as a politician but has the principles of a statesman. When and if Americans quit raiding the federal treasury for personal gain we will reverse him more.

T T W N

Some national publicity helps governors learn about what not to say—although it is sometimes too late.

T T W N

If the merchant marine academy heads will read the constitution they will discover that they cannot withhold a diploma to Cadet Landy, who was turned down after graduation because his mother was a communist.

We doubt if the Russians, any more than any one else, are capable of sudden change of attitudes. They still want a communist world, we suspect.

T T W N

This member of the ungentle sex is amused at the members of the gentle sex at Hillcrest who tea up their furniture.

T T W N

Gallup, the poll-taker, says English schools are better than American. Those bullheaded Englishmen insist that children learn something, not maybe, that it makes so much difference what is learned but the discipline is wonderful.

How long will it be before someone starts an organization of working men to protest against the attitudes of labor unions?

T T W N

What sort of a wife has the guy got who names hurricanes after women?

T T W N

When you look back, backward you go; when you look ahead, you go forward.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Recent overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathison were Norman Coote and his friend, Larry Ediger of Dallas. Coote is a nephew of Mrs. Mathison.

Cecilia Belloni, a nurse at The Dalles Clinic, spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Belloni.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan left Saturday for Paulina lake where they spent the weekend camping out and fishing. The Jordans arrived home saying the weather was wonderful at the lakes and also that they caught their limit of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and sons, Frank and Grant of Arlington, spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson were in LaGrande Monday where they attended the wedding of Buck Molier's oldest daughter, Buck is a son in law of the Wilsons.

Rev. Franklin and family are now living at the parsonage in Rufus and having regular services at the Church of the Nazarene.

J. Baker who runs the garage in Rufus went to Portland Monday where he traded his light airplane for a heavier model. Baker says it takes thirty minutes to come from Portland in the new plane.

Mrs. Eugene Eaton spent the weekend visiting her folks at Trout Lake, Wn.

Miss Carol Grant representing the Wasco Legion auxiliary at Girls State held in Salem, reported what a wonderful opportunity this gives the girls to learn about the functions of our government.

The Monday night coolness was welcomed after the couple of hot nights of last weekend. The wheat farmers anxiously watched the dark threatening clouds. They do not want rain to hamper their harvesting of the wheat which is in full swing this week.

Dr. Al Hunter of OSC experiment staff, stopped briefly in Rufus Sunday morning. Dr. Hunter, coming from Pendleton, was on his way to the Moro experiment station to check the yields of wheat.

John Foss is in a hospital in The Dalles where a check can be made on his physical condition.

Weekend guests at the Bob Hoskinson and Gene Amidon homes included Mrs. Eva Reihl of Traverse City, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kingston, St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Joyce Williams of Water town, S. D., Mrs. Paul Goddard and daughter Karen, and Miss Doris Amidon from Portland.

Joining them on Sunday were the Bud Amidon family from Goldendale and Joe Narkaus of Helix.

Mrs. Reihl and Mr. Kingston are cousins of the Amidon family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Amidon spent Tuesday and Wednesday with their daughter in Portland.

Mrs. Meldora Hanson Buried in Portland

Mrs. Meldora J. Hanson, widow of Rev. Henry G. Hanson, and a long time resident of Sherman county before retirement, died in Portland Friday after a long illness.

Mrs. Hanson was born July 10, 1877 and graduated from OAC with the class of 1900 becoming a home economics teacher. She married Rev. Trublood Smith, a Sherman county minister and later Mr. Hanson.

Surviving are a son, LeRoy, now superintendent of schools at Tillamook, a sister, Mrs. James A. Smith and two grandsons. Funeral services were held at the Calvary Presbyterian church with interment in Lincoln Memorial.

Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Mrs. John F. Foss and Mrs. Gwen Matteson.

Special Speaker At Grass Valley Church

Sunday, August 14, the Baptist church of Grass Valley will have as featured speaker, Mr. Robert T. Griffin. Mr. Griffin works with Jungle Aviation and Radio service which is considered the "Wings of Wycliffe" in their work of translating the Bible into many languages. Mr. Griffin has been doing his missionary work in Central America and will use some of his many interesting experiences in those countries to show what God can and will do for those who will serve Him.

With Mr. Griffin will be his wife and three little girls. The Griffins were college and Bible school classmates with several from the Grass Valley church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buck and family of Grants Pass spent the weekend recently with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck and visited other relatives. They took their daughter, Georgiann home with them from a visit here.

Linda and Susan Van Gilder, children of the Raymond Van Gilders, are spending a week with an aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Webb at Dufur.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Judy and Dorine, and Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and son, Johnny, celebrated the birthdays of Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Watkins, with a picnic at Brooks Memorial park near Goldendale. They met Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pierce and Mrs. Antonie Kuhnhauser of Greenwood there.

Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand and Mrs. Howard Pratt and two children were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent last Wednesday. They also visited other friends while here.

Mrs. Paul Patrick and Mrs. Bob Dunn drove to Seattle to meet Mrs. Patrick's son, Kenneth Kinder, who came in on the USS Queenfish. He is in the submarine service. The trio visited Lake Washington, Union Bay, and saw the Gold Cup boat races. They drove to Montesano to visit Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Spencer, who are the son in law and daughter of Mrs. Dunn and stopped at Graveland Beach on the way home.

Cap Scott is reported doing fairly well but quite lonesome. He is still in Portland.

Mrs. Arthur Van Gilder was burned on both arms and her hair singed when a gas stove she was using to cook for harvesters at their ranch in Gilliam county, blew up while they were changing tanks. The oven was still hot, causing the explosion.

Mrs. Kathryn Eastman of Honolulu, Hawaii, is here visiting her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Striker. She has spent the past four months touring the states and into Canada and is on her way home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen drove to Hermiston Sunday to attend to a few chores on their place. Mr. Allen is driving truck for Earl Fields in harvest.

Mrs. Fred Merritt is in The Dalles general hospital with symptoms of polio. However, so far it is not definite.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buck and son Danny of Fort Campbell, Ky., are spending his 27 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck. Gordon is in an army paratroop unit. Sunday a pot luck dinner was held and enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and son of Moro, the Gordon Bucks, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder and family at the parents home.

Verne Mobley Jr. was chosen all-around champion at the Mollala Junior Rodeo. He placed first in steer decorating and second in calf roping. Keith Mobley placed first in calf roping. They were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Verne Mobley and brother Ronnie over Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur Cratty was honored Sunday with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Colley. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cratty of California, Mrs. May Haines of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and daughter, Mrs. Nelma Arbrit and sons, Marquita, Helen and Terry Koepke, Jessie Jewel of Roseburg, Mrs. Emma McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley and Sally McDougal of Portland.

The Merry Stitches sewing club held a meeting Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffries.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox were visitors Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Terry Bucholtz was among the students at Washington State college for the spring semester who made the honor roll by making 12 hours of "A" grade.

Mike Mulick and family and Paul Cyphers and family drove to Warm Springs Thursday for a day's outing around the hot springs and swimming pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Needham of Wilton, California and Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett of The Dalles were dinner guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen, Kerrie Streater of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. John Roife and Gary Baker of Prineville went to Warm Springs Wednesday.

W. R. Reid won a three day trip to Niagara Falls at the Wasco Pharmacy. The contest was sponsored by the McKesson and Northwestern drug companies.

First Threshing Done With Horse-power Outfits; Traction Engine Came in '90s

The first threshing of wheat done in Sherman county was in the 1870's and was for the purpose of getting seed for another hay crop.

A few bushels was all that was needed and ripe grain was spread on a floor or a canvas and trampled by horses or even by men and then the straw thrown aside and the grain and chaff winnowed by the wind. Jess Eaton and the Fultons both did this.

In the latter part of that decade Fultons brought a small thresher across the river at Sherars from 15 mile and did some threshing for grain to feed. The machine was powered by horses which was the common mode in those days.

A horse power was a small round machine with as many as six sweeps attached to it. Around the bottom were holes by which to stake it down solidly to the ground. Horses in pairs were hooked to the sweeps and driven around and around. A heavy gear which turned the threshing machine cylinder.

Horses became dizzy in a short time and another set was hooked on to last as long as they could. The driver stood on the machine in the center and wielded a whip. It was not until many years later that Morrow Bros brought in the first traction engine but steam engines that had to be hauled around were used for a time. Grain was cut with a header but inasmuch as it was grown in small patches no setting was very large. Threshing a modern crop with such equipment would be impossible.

Because of the shortage of power the grain was pitched into the feeder of these early day machines and the straw was carried away by a straw carrier. No blower was possible until steam engines were in use for horses could not produce that much power.

There was a little tread-power thresher sold in the county in the early days, two horses being used for power. Not many were sold as most farmers preferred commercial threshers to so small an outfit.

30 years ago there was more

County Gets First Home Extension Agent Sept. 1

Mrs. Ina Hanson will become Sherman county's first county extension agent in home economics, September 1, it has been announced by F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension service at Oregon State college.

The new agent will be office at the Sherman county courthouse in Moro and will work with both adults and the home economic phase of 4-H. County agent T. W. Thompson will continue to handle all other 4-H projects along with his adult programs in agriculture.

Mrs. Hanson comes to Sherman county from Tillamook where she has been the home economics county extension agent for the past two and one-half years. Because of Mrs. Hanson's fine work in Tillamook and her experience in program development, Ballard said, she was invited to transfer to the new position in Sherman county. The appointment is subject to approval by the Oregon state board of higher education.

Mrs. Hanson is a native of South Dakota. "The wheat fields of Sherman county, are so much like home," she reported on her first visit to the county in July. She is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and has also taken graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and Colorado A. & M. college.

Extension work has been a family affair for Mrs. Hanson. Her husband had been an extension agent in Spink county, South Dakota. After his death, Mrs. Hanson joined the South Dakota extension staff in 1945 where she served until joining Oregon extension service in 1953.

Mrs. Hanson developed the home economics and 4-H club program in Tripp and Spearfish counties in South Dakota. She also taught high school home economics courses in her home state for several years.

Thompson said the new agent will be on hand to assist with home economics exhibits at the Sherman county fair, September 8 to 11, and will start meeting with 4-H clubs and women's organizations in October. She will maintain a complete office file of home economics extension information that is available to home-makers.

Thompson invites the women of Sherman county to stop in at the extension office to meet their first extension agent in home economics.



New Principal Here To Begin Duties

Ward Sybouts, new principal of Moro High school, with his wife and two daughters 14 and 33, has arrived in town and he is getting acquainted with the work at the school house and with the county.

With the latter he is generally familiar having been a Gilliam county product before moving to Prineville when a youngster and attending high school there before going to Oregon State. He finished at the University of Oregon to get his training in education. For the past five years he has taught at Butte Falls, a logging town in Jackson county.

School will open the week after the county fair which will give boys and girls a chance to participate in 4-H club activities there without being concerned with school duties.

Mai McDermid Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Mai McDermid passed away Monday morning after an illness of several years. She had been a resident of Wasco and Sherman county since early times.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Lena Jones of Rufus and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, 2 p. m. at Smith-Callaway. The Rev. Richard Bruner officiated, followed by Eastern Star services in the chapel. Bearers were Art Smith, Albert Kaseberg, Guy Andrews, George Drinkard Jr., T. Lester Johnson and Harry Van Gilder.

Inheritance and Gift Tax Income Up

Revenues received from state inheritance and gift taxes during the last biennium totaled \$6,076,142.75, amounting to \$1,576,142.75 in excess of the estimated legislative budget of \$4,500,000, according to State Treasurer Unander.

The million and half dollar increase in collections by the state treasurer's office is attributed by Unander to improved administrative practices installed by Unander shortly after he took over the office.

At the suggestion of Treasurer Unander, the 1955 legislature authorized the employment of 15 field men for the inheritance and gift tax division of the treasurer's office.

Through the work of this staff, plus the continued efficient operation of the inheritance tax department, the goal for the present biennium without any increase in tax rates is \$6,750,000.

The Oregon department of Veterans' Affairs observed the tenth anniversary of its creation by the 1945 legislature this month, and Director H. C. Saalfeld noted these accomplishments by the agency in the decade since the close of World War II:

1. Since the first loan was made in October, 1945, a total of 14,703 World War II and Korean veterans have borrowed \$73,585,539 at 4 percent interest from the state to acquire homes and farms. Of this amount, veterans have paid \$28,335,978 in principal and \$7,068,781 in interest.

The loan program is self-sustaining, with the 1.87 percent interest cost on \$53,000,000 in bonds issued to finance the loans more than offset by the 4 percent interest charged to borrowers.

2. Since September, 1945, the department has granted educational aid benefits to 7,649 World War II and Korean veterans amounting to \$1,873,328, for an average payment to each veteran of nearly \$245.

3. Charged with the temporary responsibility of paying the World War II veterans' bonus, the department officially closed its bonus division operations on June 30 after paying out \$50,375,828 to 126,718 veterans and next of kin.

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Even clean grain with a safe moisture content cannot be stored and forgotten. Occasional inspection is necessary to detect leaks, insect infestations, and moist, molding, or caking grain.

Remember, too, Teal cautions, that buyers may refuse to pay food-grain prices for grain that has been contaminated by rats, mice, birds or insects. The specialist's final reminder is that farmers should protect grain against mold hazards whether holding it for on-the-farm use or for government loan.

Wheat Yield Good As Harvest Gets Well Started

The 1955 wheat crop is going to be a good one.

Threshing is getting along in the north end of the county with yields around 40 bushels from many fields. Lighter land is not producing as well but still is making satisfactory crops.

In the central part of the county threshing did not get started before the rain and this is the first week of general harvesting. First returns are 35 to 40 bushels with indications that the average will be around that figure. Only verified figure so far is 37 bushels east of Hay Canyon.

There will be variation in yields because of fertilizing practices. Those who fertilized on the best land exclusively are reporting improved returns from it while heavy applications on poorer land did not always result in better yields.

There is some threshing going on at Grass Valley and returns are generally good although some fields are not going to break records.

Spring sown barley is much better than the fall sown and in the area around Moro barley is usually heavy enough to be loanable, which means 40 pounds to the bushel.

The weather forecast is for a wetter than usual August and farmers are hoping that it isn't true.

PGE Head Points To Need Of Power

Portland General Electric company board chairman Thomas W. Delzell today hailed a "partnership" approach as the only possible answer to the critical power shortage which is facing the Pacific Northwest.

In a statement to PGE stockholders, Delzell said the full facilities of both the federal government and nonfederal local utility groups would have to be used if the region is to avert a dim-in-the-chief 1960's.

The chief executive officer of PGE said that the teamwork idea is the basis for the "partnership" power policy of the national administration. Delzell said the idea is one of principle rather than rigid practice.

"Partnership," he said, "refers simply to the cooperative efforts of all interested and responsible parties in the coordinated development of the nation's water resources."

Delzell said partnership could apply to projects developed by the federal government, nonfederal public agencies, private companies or any combination of the three.

Storage Still Problem In Northwest

Although 1955 wheat and barley production in Oregon is expected to be one-fifth less than last year, suitable on-farm storage will continue to be a problem, says Ray Teal, Oregon State college seed and grain marketing specialist.

Farm storage of the two grains July 1 was about the same as a year earlier. Farm-stored barley supplies were three times greater than the previous year which closed the gap left by smaller wheat supplies in farm storage.

Teal reminds farmers that safe, acceptable farm storage is needed to meet commodity credit corporation requirements to qualify grain for government loans. He says grain can be stored safely on the farm for more than a year, providing a few precautions are taken.

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Eddie Shoemaker Enjoys Scout Trip

Eddie Shoemaker went to the Boy Scout air patrol encampment at the Portland air base a few weeks ago, going from The Dalles with Dick Carson, scout executive, and another boy from The Dalles.

His record of the things he did and the things he saw shows the extent of the training the boys obtained in the four day encampment.

They visited a parachute shop to see how it worked and how they are packed, then went to the tower to see how it was operated while bringing in a plane. Afterwards they were in the shop to see a jet engine overhauled and were told how it produced power.

The next day they listened to a lecture by a base official before going to Blue Lake to spend the day swimming.

Wednesday they heard a talk about navigation and inspected some C-46s and C-47s and took part in an air alert.

The boys also were sent to look at the Portland Ground Observer filter center where records of all planes moving in the area are noted and heard a talk about civilian aviation. The final day all of the boys at the camp were taken up for a 35 minute ride in an AC-216 and later had a short hop in a helicopter.

Although it was an exciting week for the party of air scouts who had an opportunity to take part in it.

Health Nurse Here

Mrs. Metra Lee, Wasco-Sherman county public health nurse will be in her office at the Moro courthouse every Wednesday between 1 and 2 p. m. for nursing conferences.

Miss Dorothy Prinzing, consultant public health nurse, crippled children's division, University of Oregon medical school, will confer with the Wasco-Sherman health department staff, Friday, August 12. Problems relative to the crippled children's program in the two counties will be discussed.

JOHN PAUL TO MOVE

John Lee Paul, who has been land surveyor and soil analyst for the Sherman county soil conservation district for the past two years, will go to Silverton in the same capacity as of August 22. His work here is pretty well finished and the new location gives him an opportunity to test different soils and broaden his experience.