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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Schools are said to be short of money and also short on education.

T T W N

Here we have the Democrats criticizing the farm program they passed and upheld for years and the Republicans defending it. Well that makes about as much sense as national politics usually does.

T T W N

Here's a case of a man divorcing his wife who is an excellent cook, good housekeeper and faithful spouse. Once upon a time women were cherished because they kept a clean house that was warm and comfortable to come home to and because they were good cooks. Usefulness of many of these virtues is not so great in these days when an automatic furnace will keep the place warm, a refrigerator will keep the beer cold, a vacuum will clean the place and the canning industry supply good food of endless variety. Not that it is likely that household appliances will make women obsolete, but it does seem possible that women will be found valuable for different reasons.

T T W N

One wonders whether the Multnomah county fair is for farmers or dogs.

T T W N

The natural gas line rapidly coming to the northwest from two directions is evidence of something very funny. As partisans of private and public power fight to the political death—and power death—over that question another private agency moves in. And it will reduce the need for water power, too.

T T W N

Accountants say that even honest men fudge on their income tax. Thus do we get a new definition of honesty?

T T W N

Good people should be happy that so many crooks are not very smart.

T T W N

"The trouble with school teachers," says Uncle Emmett, "is that they're products of the public school system. Don't blame them."

T T W N

Why doesn't someone say that wheat is a cure for the common cold; a cupful will do it. Would be as good as anything else.

T T W N

Who said this country disliked eggheads: a couple men solemnly testified in court that a certain murderer must have had some "motivation".

T T W N

It seems to us to be as important to divide school children into able and willing and inattentive and dull as to divide them into black and white.

T T W N

We still haven't gotten over the fallacious doctrines of new deal days, the doctrines of scarcity. For instance, we read that if jobs get scarcer, hours worked will be dropped to 35 a week. A better solution would be to buy more and produce more.

T T W N

A government that protects the weak will always have lots of that kind of people; a government that lets the strong develop will have that kind.

T T W N

Writers are now discoursing volubly on "liberalism" and without defining it. It is adherence to the freedom and liberty of the individual and the new deal with its totalitarian doctrines darn near killed it.

T T W N

Somewhat we hope they never find out how to control the weather. Then it would be in the hands of the government and we'd rather take chances on meteorological chance than on governmental opportunism.

T T W N

In Russia, says Maggie Higgins, there is no chance to invest money for gain. So there is no incentive to save (even if it were possible) and no need to work for more than day to day needs, and therefore no use for ingenuity and inventiveness. If Russia, with an economic system like that can be a menace to the world it will have to be by force.

Portland Sherman Countians Loyal To Old Home County

The Sherman County Ladies club met at Marie Barnett Cooper's home in Portland, Monday, December 12. Mrs. Julia Hansen gave a very interesting talk on why we were given a Savior. Mrs. Cooper said she saw the place where our Savior was born when she was in the Holylands on her recent trip.

Those attending were Pearl Williams, Bessie Morrison, Arna B. Shortridge, Etha Schilling, Vie L. Race, Grace E. Bourhill, Mrs. Sid Johnson, Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot, Zetta Rich Carter, Mrs. Guy A. Pound, Mrs. W. E. Moeabee, May Michael, Inez Southwell Hartung, Jessie Myers, Alberta Mills, Effie Birks, Mrs. May Nordin, Mrs. Ira F. Barnett, Florence Barnett Turner, Edna Melzer, Frances Ekstrom, Hattie (Silvey) Kundy, Reatha Lamb, Ethel E. Drake, Ethel Searcy, Nell Burres, Leah Sibray, Opal Smith, Nellie Cushman, Mary Powell Southwick, Georgia Cochran, Esta May Powell, May Barnum, Nina Hennagin, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Jessie M. Robinson, Margaret M. Woods, Alice McGinnis Odeen, Mrs. Geo. Ponting, Wilma Poole, Julia A. Hansen, Lena Seay and Cleo Johnson Henry.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Lutherans To Meet At Grass Valley

The Lutheran church of Grass Valley will have its regular worship service this Sunday (Dec. 18) at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jacob Wassensmiller. This will be a communion service and all the members are encouraged to attend.

Leroy Martin On Student Council

Leroy S. Martin, Kent junior at Oregon State college, has been elected student body senator from the school of agriculture at OSC. Student body senators from each of the nine schools on campus were named in the all-school election. The ASOSC senate includes the senators, student body officers and other campus leaders.

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Martin of Kent, is majoring in fish and game in the school of agriculture at OSC. He is a 1952 graduate of Moro high school.

High School Lads And Lassies Get Fall Awards

A banquet was served to 170 persons last Thursday evening at the school house by the mothers of high school youngsters with Mrs. Paul Cyphers as chairman. The event was in honor of the football players and the girls drill team.

Paul Walden of KODL The Dailies, was speaker of the evening and told of his work in radio and its close connection with high school sports which had taught him great respect for athletics as a builder of character and body. Ward Sybouts was master of ceremonies.

Lynn Teadtke, director of the drill team introduced them and spoke of their accomplishments and Coach Ray Howie introduced his players and presented awards. Gene Knott was adjudged the best offensive lineman, Gary Miller the best defensive lineman, Ron Rolfe the best blocking back and Ivan Kirkelle the most valuable player.

Seniors getting their final football letters were Roy Cyphers, Milton Fridley, Gene Knott, Gary Miller, Verne Mobley, Gary Rodda, Ivan Kirkelle and Ronald Rolfe.

Juniors honored were Dale Archer, Jim Belshie, Jim Brady, Gene Cantrall, Harry Eakin, Sterling Gochbauer, Lee Kaseberg, Louis Miller, Keith Mobley, Bob Olson, Jim Rodda and Ed Shoemaker.

Four sophomores, Jim Brown, Tom Higley, Arnold Miller and Lynn Theole, also earned letters and ten freshmen played but not enough to win a letter the first year.

Grange To Meet Saturday

Harlandview grange will hold its next meeting at noon Saturday starting with a pot luck dinner with the meeting following. Rufus will also come to the meeting. There will be a joint installation at Rufus Sunday 18th at 2 p. m. and all elected officers are expected to be on hand to be installed.

Tuesday the 20th the HEComittee and any others who will meet at the grange hall to make preparations for the Christmas party which will be at the hall December 21 at 7:30 p. m. There will be an exchange of gifts.

K. Fridley Elected President Of Weeat League For 1955-59

Kenneth Fridley of Wasco was elected president of the wheat league at the final session with Raphael Raymond first vice-president and Jack Smith as second vice-president. Dick Baum will remain as secretary and T. W. Thompson was elected as assistant to the president. County officers were elected in the counties earlier in the fall.

A. C. and P. W. Kaseberg were honored with other county winners of soil conservation awards. Loyd Smith and son, Jack and son in law, Morris Wilson won the state Oregonian award for their work in saving the soil on their large ranch east of Mayville.

Mrs. William Wallace won third place in the champion cake baking contest and received a prize for her efforts.

Morrow county was the host county and responsible for the banquet entertainment. Rev. R. A. Hutchinson failed to appear and Heppner's lady mayor filled in with song and story aided by an orchestra and some high school performers from Pendleton.

Among those from Sherman county were Messrs and Mesdames Kenneth Fridley, Leonard Fields, Paulen Kaseberg, Albert Kaseberg, Lawrence Kenny, William Wallace, Dewey Thompson, Giles French, Floyd Root, Walt Blau, Stan Colesch, Collis Moore, and Vernon Miller, Don Thompson, Keith Thompson, Tommy Thompson, Elton Medler, Max Barzee, Orlow Martin, Ralph Busse.

Rain Totals 1.29 For December To Date

After being generous with Sherman county the first eight days of December and sending more than half the average rainfall for that month the weather turned cold the first of the week.

Last Thursday it rained nearly all day and all night, not hard but persistently. Tuesday and Wednesday there was a hard wind blowing down the gorge and it was often high enough to chill Sherman county along with Portland at the end of the funnel.

Wednesday night the wind blew itself out and Thursday forenoon a heavy snow fell straight from the leaden skies, starting as if it might keep on forever. The ground is well frozen.

Delaney, Wishram Center, Too Much For Moro Team

By Gary Rodda

The Moro Huskies lost their second game of the 1955-56 basketball season to the "Indians" of Wishram, Washington at the Grass Valley gym last Friday, December 9. When the final buzzer sounded the Wishram Indians were sitting on a slim lead of 67-64. Huck Rolfe proved to be the sharp shooter for the Moro Huskies with 14 points. Followed closely by Kirkelle and Knott with 12 each, and Brown with 9. Loren Delaney, for Wishram, was high point man of the game with 41 points. The Moro Huskies had 22 fouls to Wishrams 11. Moro made 27 field goals in 63 tries, while Wishram made 22 for 39. It was Wishram's free throws that downed the Huskies as they tried for 38 and made 23, while Moro made 10 out of 22.

HUSKIES

	FG	FT	PF	TP
R. F. Kirkelle	6	0	4	12
L. F. Brown	4	1	2	9
C. Knott	5	2	5	12
R. G. Rolfe	5	4	2	14
L. G. Eakin	2	0	1	4
Subs, Moro: Cyphers (4), G. Miller (4), Griggs (1), L. Miller (2), Cantrall (2), Gilman.				

INDIANS

	FG	FT	PF	TP
R. F. LaVigne	1	1	3	3
L. F. Wilde	5	1	3	11
C. Delaney	12	17	2	41
R. G. Ashbree	3	2	1	8
L. G. Evans	1	2	3	4

The "B" squad had an easy victory over the Wishram "B" squad with a score of 64-18.

HUSKIES DROP THIRD STRAIGHT

By Lee Kaseberg

The Huskies dropped their third straight basketball game like a red hot potato to the Wishram Indians 59-40, on the Wishram floor last Saturday.

Wishram scored first and never were behind as they were pulling away despite the desperate shifting of players by Coach Howie. Moro shot often and hit a very good 42% of their shots but Wishram hit a remarkable 52% of theirs.

The halftime score was Moro 16, Wishram 24. After the half Moro got cold and Wishram scored at will to win by 19 points.

High scorer for the evening for the second straight night was Loren Delaney with 24 points, (he had 41 the night before) followed by Elwood Wilde 20 and Gary LaVigne with 13. High men for Moro were Brown, Eakin, and Griggs with 9, 8, 7, respectively.

The "B" squad won their second game of the season by defeating the Wishram J.V. 38-17.

Announcements Made Of Political Plans

Santa Claus is having to share the limelight with politicians this week as candidates for office announced their plans for the spring primaries.

Senator John Housell of Hood River who was elected from Wasco and Hood River counties and who, by reason of the iniquitous apportionment law, now represents those counties and Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler as well, has announced that he will file for the Republican nomination for the six county district. Senator Stewart Hardie of Condon has been representing the same district having been elected from Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties. He has not reached a decision about running again.

Al Ulman of Baker announced that he would run against Sam Coon again come summer which means that he will file for the Democratic nomination in the spring primaries.

4-H Clubs Meeting For Organization

An organization meeting for 4-H clubs in the Moro community will be held at Harlandview grange hall Sunday, December 18 at 2 p. m. Everyone interested is asked to come including members, parents, club leaders and the public.

There will also be a discussion of the advisability of organizing clubs that will include members with different kinds of animals instead of pig clubs, sheep clubs, etc. and the advice of a large number is desired before this change is made.

Wheat League Members Hear Peterson Tell of USDA Plans for Wheat

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Erwin L. Peterson told

the wheat growers in convention at Pendleton that the department was working on the wheat problem with all the tools at hand and was in search of any other tools that would help, but he warned against turning backward to a program that would center the decisions in Washington instead of on the farms.

Freedom lost, independence bartered away, can only be regained after long sacrifice, said the secretary, a former Oregon director of agriculture.

Peterson prophesied that a soil bank bill would be introduced next winter but did not say whether the department would sponsor it or not.

In his talk, the major speech of the convention, Peterson recounted what had been done for wheat since 1953 including aids to export, a huge storage problem. The aim is for broader markets and higher incomes. "It begins to become dramatically apparent that there is no program which can be successfully substituted for a market," he said.

Review Made of USDA

He reviewed what has been done and the conditions under which it was done and his speech bears reading and re-reading by those who want to be informed on the background of the wheat problem.

Wayne Morse, senior senator, did not appear at the meeting as scheduled, pleading illness, and his speech was read. He explained what has happened to the two-price plan in congress. He made a plea for more use of wheat for "humanitarian" purposes and said that supporters of the plan would have to do a great deal of work in order to win. It was a less combative speech than the senator has been making.

John Stephenson, president of the Washington wheat growers, told of the efforts of his organization to obtain a wheat commission law in that state and the need for coordination between wheat men of the northwest.

C. H. Keador, president of the National Wheat Growers league, of Nebraska, talked about the problems of wheat in the great plains. He said that the greater part of Nebraska wheat was grown in the eastern part of the state by corn farmers who voted like corn men and not for wheat men. Few farmers in Nebraska are in compliance, he said.

Baum Talks of Japan

Dick Baum, league secretary, who has just returned from Japan told of marketing wheat in that country with more understanding than after his last trip.

He said that Japan is the largest market we have for export of wheat and that per capita consumption of rice there has declined from 330 pounds to 264 pounds and that consumption of wheat is up from 36 pounds to 92. However, when rice is available it will be favored because Japanese prefer rice. In fact, they want a white food and the wheat is often made into a white food for them. Pearl barley sells also.

There are not many facilities for baking in Japan as they usually boil or fry their food. This is a handicap to wheat which is better baked.

There are many projects to get the Japanese to use more wheat but not many of them are expected to succeed very rapidly. He had no explanation of how the Japanese could pay for wheat from their own earnings.

Glen Purnell, assistant secretary, read the report of the financial standing of the league, money spent and received which will be better understood when printed in the annual proceedings. The league, however, is solvent and carrying on many activities.

Smouse Tells of Work Done

President Kenneth Smouse, reported on the activities of the league and reviewed the year's work, which included a great number of things done, committee work, legislation favored and opposed, meetings attended, research aided. Floyd Root, chairman of a special committee, reported that the national association will meet in Portland February 1-2 and 3 of next year.

Dr. D. D. Hill talked about wheat quality and the efforts to determine what it is and how to breed a kind of wheat to meet the demands. Milling quality comes first after the qualities needed for actual production of the grain; baking quality which means stretchable gluten for bread flour and other qualities for cake flour. Machines are being invented to make it possible to test wheats before they have been so long in the plant breeder's nurseries and thus save time.

Don McKinnis reported for the wheat commission of which he is a member. Aid to research which the commission aids to get started, work on reducing freight rates, efforts to introduce wheat into rice eating countries were all considered among the things being done by the commission.

Reports of committees were made both Friday and Saturday and while they show the continuing policy of the wheat growers, were not exciting in recommendation of changes.

The taxation and legislation committee want road monies to be distributed on a basis of road mileage as well as number of cars; better trained personnel in assessor's offices, taxation of profit making, religious and educational institutions, a sales tax for public schools, no change in basic school allotments, support of the Federal plan of legislative apportionment, stronger voting qualifications for bond voters, a lobbyist at the next session of the legislature.

The production and land use committee of which Elton Medler was chairman wanted better seed, additional research for better wheats and better weed controls, direct payments for weed control methods that require soil sterilization, a program to encourage production of better wheat and better wheat grades through improved sanitation.

Committees Report

The wheat disposal and transportation committee wanted quicker movement of freight cars including heavier demurrage charges, higher grain standards, more use of wheat in industry, seeding of half wheat and half barley on diverted acres, opposed user charges on waterways and the report that would reduce government control of freight rates, voted support of Inland Waterways association of at least \$2500, more barge unloading facilities.

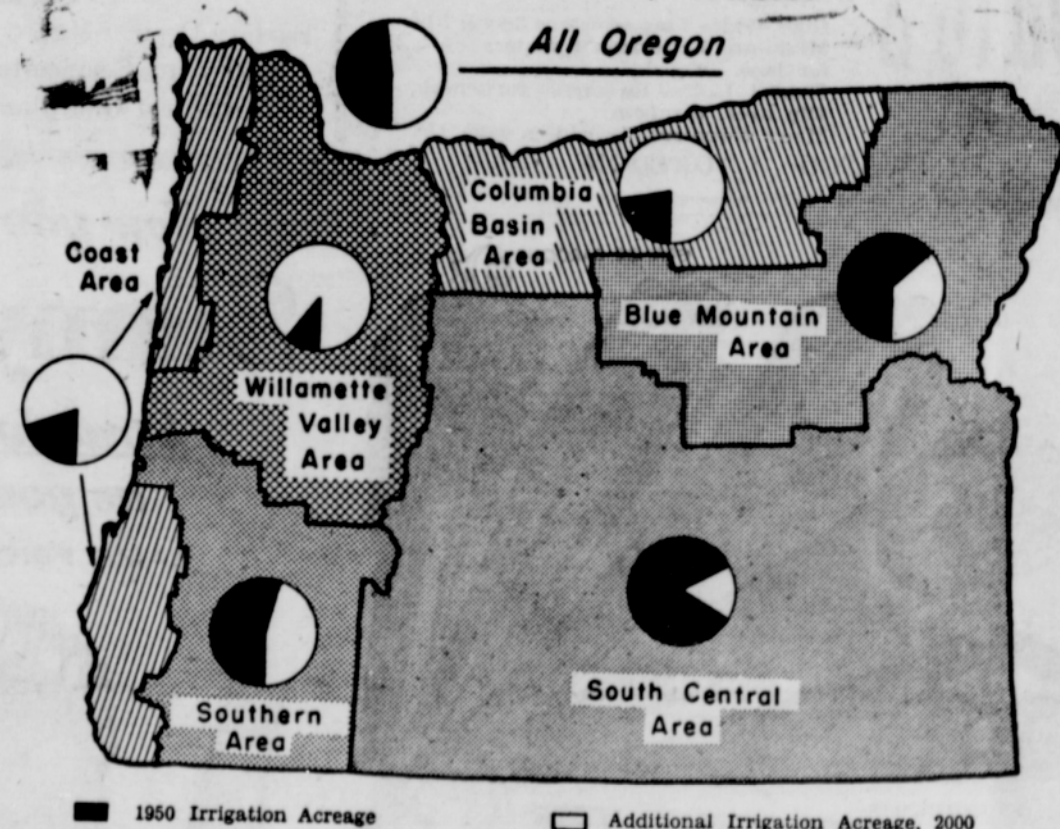
Mrs. Gladys Raymond and Miss Naldi Whybark reported for the Domestic Wheat Utilization committee that quality recipes be distributed, that missionaries be told about wheat so they could instruct in its use, that institutions be asked to serve wheat products, that CARE packages contain Ala instead of wheat flour, called attention to the advertising program for wheat use, but wanted more investigation before advocating enrichment of flour products.

The Youth Activities committee reported through Leonard Fields saying that the price support program be changed for the annual show at The Dalles. Counties can support their own livestock if desired. Half wheat for stock feed for the show was recommended, official weight be the off-truck weight, show dates to be June 5-6-7 with an appropriation of \$3000.

The federal farm program committee asked that individual allotments be made by February 15, import controls on wheat and feed, appointment of a base acreage committee. Perhaps the most important recommendation was that the new parity formula be postponed as it applies to wheat and that the league spend money to have parity studied. This committee stood pat on the domestic parity (two-price) system which, it was said, stands a better chance of passage than before, but did also recommend that other plans be studied.

Two committees reported on the soil bank idea, explaining it as it appears in its preliminary stages, and saying that it should apply to all land and all crops if to be successful. As between compulsory and voluntary the committee thought that a voluntary program would work if payments were high enough. It might work along with the two-price system.

Oregon's Irrigation Potential, 1950-2000



Oregon's irrigated acreage will more than double in the next half century, a group of Oregon State college agricultural water resources experts has predicted.

The group figures the number of irrigated acres will jump from the 1,367,707 total of 1950 to 2,833,877 by the year 2000.

Increases will be largest in the Coast, Willamette Valley and Columbia Basin areas. Compared to 1950, the group estimates irrigation acreage by 2000 will increase almost 10 times in the Willamette Valley, almost 5 times along the Coast, 4 1/2 times in the Columbia Basin, nearly double in Southern Oregon, a half in the Blue Mountain area and a fifth in Central and Southeastern Oregon.

About half of the total increased irrigation acreage will be in the Willamette Valley and almost a fourth in the Columbia Basin counties. The remaining acreage will be distributed as follows:

Central and Southeastern Oregon, 11 percent; Blue Mountain area, about 10 percent; Southern Oregon, 5 percent; Coast area, 3 percent.

Total acreage figures for the 1950 total listed first and the 2000 forecast second: Willamette Valley, 80,195, 782,995; Columbia Basin, 93,842, 431,592; Central and Southeastern Oregon, 854,959, 1,023,879; Blue Mountain area, 260,003, 403,753; Southern Oregon, 75,658, 142,188; and Coast area, 10,050, 49,470.

Estimates were based on 1950 census reports of land under irrigation, and a 1942 report on resource development published by the national resources planning board. Adjustments were made from recent survey figures of the U. S. army engineers and the bureau of reclamation. Data was projected to estimate water requirements and acreage under

irrigation by 2000. For their estimates, the group assumed that present water sources and amount will not change, that federal and state water development policy will remain about the same, and that demand for farm products will push agricultural prices high enough to overcome most irrigation costs. No increase was predicted where the group figured irrigation costs would be prohibitive.

Group members who conducted the study were Grant Blanch, agricultural economist; H. B. Cheney, head of soils; J. G. Moore, extension conservation specialist; J. B. Rodgers, head of agricultural engineering; and M. N. Shearer, extension irrigation specialist.

Detailed findings are reported in a new OSC publication entitled "An Estimate of Oregon's Irrigable Land". Copies are available from the OSC bulletin clerk or county extension agents.