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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

O Happy Day. We passed the solstice.

T T W N

Somehow we don't seem to have a high regard for those who estimate their value to society in dollars.

T T W N

Wayne Morse says the Eisenhower administration is full of "political immortality". What Wayne fears most is that it may be political immortality.

T T W N

If Christmas does nothing else it does make people feel better. Verily it is more blessed to give than to receive.

T T W N

There's always a battle or a brawl going on somewhere close, and you can take part in any or all of them you choose and can conduct yourself valiantly or cravenly, fairly or unfairly. The only catch is that you will be judged by what you do—and how you do it.

T T W N

An economist now comes up with a formula to prevent depressions. Yet, we suspicion, like the common cold depressions will be with us for a long time. In fact, they have us.

T T W N

We fail to find in our copy of Governor Patterson's Miami speech the quotation the Oregonian used in Wednesday's paper in its effort to enlist the governor on its side in opposition to the Federal Plan. The standard to which advocates of the Federal Plan adhere is the one the United States lives by and has always lived by. It is not a backward step. What sort of an American is he who thinks our federal system is a step backwards?

T T W N

Maybe Dr. Otto John merely wanted to get back to a Christian country for Christmas.

T T W N

Our white Christmas was running down the creeks guised as some very muddy water Wednesday.

T T W N

Wouldn't it be odd and unlikely if the auto makers developed a surplus like the wheat farmers?

T T W N

International affairs now seem somewhat like an old fashioned basket social with two ardent swains bidding for the basket of one favored maiden. We wonder if ability to buy the basket was the deciding factor in the girl's choice.

T T W N

You'd be surprised how few your wants would be if no one suggested them to you.

T T W N

If all the outward Christmas, the lights, the gifts, the programs, was to be turned inward it might do great things for the human spirit.

T T W N

The French must do their election campaigning in 20 days and with very little expense. Probably turns out about the same as it does here where we spend a year and no one knows how much money.

T T W N

A government grant to increase the number of doctors appears to be the only way we'll ever get enough of them.

T T W N

Women's quartets have entered the Barber shop singing contest held annually at Forest Grove. First the barber shop, then the barber shop singing. The only thing distinctive about man is that he gets bald.

T T W N

Parents must have trouble convincing a child this winter that our part of the country remains in one place on the globe. For a few days it feels as if we were sliding toward the north pole and then the sun shines, the water runs and we are half way to the south pole within a few hours.

T T W N

This column may sound cynical at times. But it is not cynical about Christmas. When folks say Merry Christmas, we think they mean it and even on ordinary times many are really better than they sound.

United Fund Has Need For Contributors To Fill Quota

B. C. Pinckney, secretary-treasurer, and Vernon Miller, chairman of the local United Fund campaign to collect contributions for children in need of care, for the needy aged and for service men without adequate other entertainment, report that while collections have been coming in they are still below the quota.

Contributions so far made have been generous, averaging larger than usual, but the small contributors have delayed sending in their contributions.

The committee would like to have the job completed by the first of the year and ask those who intend to give money for this list of worthy causes to do so soon.

Moro OES Installs New Officers

Joint installation of Masonic and Eastern Star lodges was held December 19, Monday night.

Order of the Eastern Star officers installed until March, 1957 are as follows: Mrs. William Hall, WM; Frank Sayrs, WP; Mrs. Ronald Powell, AM; Ray Kelso, AP; Mrs. Joseph Heater, secretary; Mrs. Howard Ross, treasurer; Mrs. B. H. Roberson, conductress; Mrs. Ray Kelso, asso. conductress; Mrs. Tommy Jones, chaplain; Mrs. Tommy Thompson, marshal; Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, organist; Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Adah; Mrs. Mary Eva, Ruth; Mrs. Jack Cushman, Esther; Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, Martha; Mrs. Vernon Miller, Electa; Mrs. Don Martin, warder and Darwin Van Gilder, sentinel.

Mrs. Hazel Foster, past grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, was installing grand matron. She was assisted by Mrs. Robert Hoskinson as installing grand marshal, Mrs. E. H. Moore as installing grand chaplain, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton as installing grand organist and Harry Pinkerton was installing grand patron.

Mrs. Foster was accompanied from Prineville for the evening by her husband, retired rancher of Prineville, Mrs. Polly Dorn, Mrs. Geneva Berry, both of Prineville and Mrs. Abbie Herringshaw of Madras.

Before the installation Mrs. Hall presented her installing officers and new officers for the coming year with leis, flown from Hawaii for the occasion. An addenda was given in honor of Mrs. Tommy Thompson, junior past matron.

By special request Mrs. Abbie Herringshaw, who is a native of Hawaii danced two Hawaiian numbers for the assembled group.

The Masons served pie and ice cream.

Driver Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, January 3 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Winter of 1861-62 Hard One In Eastern Oregon; Floods Washed Out Bridges, Cold and Snow Kill Cattle; Men Frozen Traveling

The winter of 1861-62 was probably the most destructive of any in this country although it would be hard to find witnesses to prove it, or even to find writings of residents to prove it.

In the first place there weren't many residents and those not given to writing. They were busy caring for stock.

Carson Masiker was nine years old then and in later years he was in the habit of writing and talking. He said, "the winter of 1861-62 was the worst I have ever known in eastern Oregon. There were two freshets in the fall just a week apart; in the first instance about four inches of snow had fallen and then the storm turned to rain and swelled the waters considerably but did not do much damage, but the next one had about 12 inches of snow in the Dufur country. It then turned to rain and accompanied by a warm wind that took nearly all the snow off in one night."

It was this flood that brought eastern Oregon to the attention of the Salem Statesman, down in the Willamette valley which was having floods at the same time. It said, "The Deschutes, on the east side of the Cascades has also been very high and carried away the toll bridge on the road from The Dalles to Walla Walla."

Masiker goes on to say that it turned cold after Christmas and stayed that way until March and

ASC Elects Men To Choose Local Soil Committee

According to the local ASC office the following farmers were elected committeemen from their community for 1956 as a result of the count of ballots cast in the recent election held by mail.

Locust Grove—L. E. Kaseberg, Paul Alley, H. V. Watkins, Leonard Fields, Raymond Van Gilder. Wasco—Marvin Thomas, Delmer Smith, L. E. Dehler, Glenn Van Gilder, Leland Medler.

Kent—Jesse Helyer, Luther Davis, Wm. Buether, Joe Bibby, Hans Bardenhagen.

Grass Valley—Owen Eakin, Bob Holmes, Bob Schilling, Bob Rolfe, Gene Reynolds.

Moro—Mac Hall, Joe Heater, Irving Hart, Paul Fraser, Blaine Miller.

Chairmen of the above committees met at the local ASC office December 16 and voted to reelect the present county committee to serve during 1956. Members of this committee are: Frank von Borstel, David Richelderfer, Russell Belshee, George Wilson and Floyd Rathbun.

The county committee with the assistance of the community committeemen administer the Federal CCC loan, wheat acreage allotment and agricultural conservation practice programs for the county through their ASC office in the courthouse at Moro.

Police Think More Punishment Needed

Oregon chiefs of police think drinking drivers should be more severely fined than at present. Most of the chiefs also maintain that drivers repeatedly involved in serious traffic violations, such as driving while intoxicated, should be required to serve some time in jail.

These opinions were expressed in a survey taken of city officers by the Secretary of State's traffic safety division. Queries were sent to chiefs of police in 95 cities selected as a representative group. Seventy-seven responded.

The chiefs were asked if they thought individuals in their cities who drink and drive should be more severely fined than at present. Fifty-six answered "yes" and 21 said "no."

They were nearly unanimous on the question of whether repeaters of serious traffic offenses should spend some time in the pokey. Seventy-five said "yes," two said "no" and one made no comment.

Teen-agers apparently rate higher with Oregon police chiefs than at least two other categories of drivers. The vote went like this on the question of which group is considered the most "accident-prone": drinking drivers, 34; older driver, 29; and teen-agers, 19.

Assessed Valuations For Livestock Made At Prineville Session

Assessor Clair Balzer attended the meeting of eastern Oregon assessors at Prineville last week and aided in the annual task of that group of setting the values to be placed on livestock. Mr. Balzer is secretary of the group and Harold Langslet of Lake county, chairman.

Valuations agreed upon, subject to the same percentage assessment of other property, are:

Calves under 6 mo. \$25 were \$30
calves 6 mo. to 1 yr. \$50 were \$50
steers 1-2 yrs. \$80 were \$80
steers 2 and up \$110 were \$120
heifers 1-2 yrs. \$65 were \$85
heifers 2 up \$80 were \$80
bulls \$180 were \$180
cows \$80 were \$80

Sheep: lambs, 1 yr. \$10 were \$10
ewes 6 mo. to 1 yr \$12 were \$12
ewes 6 yrs up \$2.50 were \$2.50
wethers \$8 were \$8
rams \$25 were \$25

Swine: hogs 9 mo. up \$30 were \$50
3-9 mo. 12 lb. were 20 lb. pigs \$5 were \$5

Chickens will be assessed at one dollar, turkeys at \$4.10, ducks at \$1.25 and geese at \$2.10. Horses whether saddle, work or other are worth \$50 in eastern Oregon and range horses are worth two cents a pound.

Cash Grain In Holiday Slump

Cash grain markets were generally slow during the week ended December 15, the department of agriculture reported. The usual pre-holiday dullness was in evidence at some markets and the general commercial demand was limited. Hard winter wheat prices were mostly unchanged to 1 cent per bushel lower at Chicago and export demand was more active.

Sherman Riders Meet At Wasco

The Sherman County Riders met December 12 beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 at the little Legion hall in Wasco with 21 in attendance. The table decorations gave out the atmosphere of Christmas. After a bountiful dinner, a business meeting was held. A report by Fritz Watkins stated on the 7:40 Remington automatic the tickets were ready for sale which the club is raffling.

Election of officers for 1956 resulted in the following: Bill Alsup, president; Curly DeMoss, vice-president; Sadie Rich, secretary; Doris Coelsch and Marjorie Van Gilder, directors. Delegates to the MCSCA are Curly DeMoss and Fritz Watkins with Helen Watkins at alternate.

At the end of the meeting a talk was given by Lynn Douglas, president of the MCSCA, who was a guest of the club. Next meeting will be January 30, 1956.

County Collects \$500,000 In Taxes For Year 1956

The various tax collecting agencies of the county are richer by \$502,359.22 this week following the turn-over of taxes from the sheriff to the treasurer who in turn credits the agencies. This half million 11 c m represents nearly 95 per cent of the taxes levied by the county, the school and the cities for 1955-56.

A total of \$517,866.10 was discharged from the roll of which \$15,506.88 was in rebates given to those who paid up in full by November 15.

The county gets \$62,442.14 for the general fund, the rural school board gets \$242,422.95. The special school tax for district seven, Wasco, is \$11,022.23 and for Kent is \$6,078.19. The Union High district gets \$50,451.93 and the per capita school tax, county school tax amounts to \$6,427.69. Total for schools is \$316,402.99, for county government \$62,442.14, for roads \$11,192.12, for cities \$13,321.97.

Of the road fund \$102,080.79 goes to the county roads, \$3282.16 to Wasco, \$2544.43 to Moro and \$2284.74 to Grass Valley. The towns get half of this sum, the county the remainder.

The city of Wasco receives \$5442.76, Moro \$5937.00 and Grass Valley \$1942.21.

Total roll was \$540,811.69 and additional tax money is being collected and it may be that much of the still delinquent tax of some \$23,000 will come in by spring.

Annie Fulton Chapter Has New Staff

Installation of officers for Annie Fulton chapter was held at Wasco with Rosalie White as installing matron and Gordon Harper as installing patron. Chaplain was Ethel Van Gilder, marshal, Gladys Zell, warder, Ida Everett, organist, Allen Tom.

Installed were Mabel Haven as worthy matron, Mildred Zell, worthy patron, Augusta Huckin, asso. matron, Gordon Harper, asso. patron, Gladys Zell, sec., Marjory Shull, treas., Jean Richardson, conductress, Catherine Bish, asso. conductress, Rosalie White, chaplain, Mildred McDonald, marshal, Estrella Hailey, organist, Ethel Van Gilder, Adah, Gwendolyn Gosson, Ruth, Marguerite Kaseberg, Esther, Betty Thomas, Martha, Belva Galloway, Electa, Mayme Elliott, warder, Ben Galloway, sentinel.

Carmen Roysse and Betty Haven played a piano duet, Sharon Laughlin sang a solo and Geraldine Holzapfel gave a tap dance for the musical part of the program which was interspersed with talks by the incoming officers.

Beef Cattle Equipment Not Too Expensive

Beef cattle handling equipment on farms need not be expensive, according to a new Oregon State college bulletin that includes building plans for everything from spray corrals to molasses feeders.

The bulletin, "Beef Cattle Equipment", was prepared by OSC extension specialists in agricultural engineering and animal husbandry. Copies are available from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk.

Well-planned corrals and other devices make handling of cattle easier, save labor, and most of all, cut shrinkage to a minimum, the specialists state. The bulletin includes a list of detailed plans available through the Oregon farm building plan service at OSC—cattle feeding shelter, wood or reinforced concrete cattle guard, squeeze chute, hoof trimming stand, salt box and self-feeders for chopped hay, grain, and meal and mineral.

Also included in the booklet are tables showing required floor areas for all types of beef animals, feed requirements for breeding cows and weaners, recommended storage capacity for various feeds and dimensions for feeding equipment.

Illustrated arrangements for corrals and chutes can be applied in principle to any size operation. They provide facilities for branding, dehorning, loading and unloading, separating or cutting, weighing, spraying and holding.

New Ambulance Program Gets Boost From BPOElks

Plans for the purchase of a real ambulance to replace the usable but somewhat makeshift ambulances that have been used are going on apace and strides were made last week when a delegation from this county attended the weekly meeting of the Elks lodge in The Dalles.

Members of that order, always interested in aids to health, referred to the executive committee an item of \$1800 to aid the purchase of a new ambulance for this county. The present vehicle has a trade in value of an estimated \$900, the budget committee allowed \$1000 and the remaining amount is being pledged by citizens. Total cost is estimated to be \$5118.

The new body will be commercially made in Indiana on any good sized chassis, will have room for four little patients and contain oxygen tanks and respirators, reports Norman Fields, who has been working on the project.

Sherman County Girls Get EOCE Honors

The Sabers, women's service honorary at Eastern Oregon college, pledged the following EOCE women during the fall term:

Verla Garner, Weiser, Idaho; Jo Anne Glenn, Summerville; Donna Snow, Pilot Rock; Sandra Spickerman, The Dalles; Donna Talbott, LaGrande; Charlotte Vanderveldt, Brownsmead.

Heading the invitational honorary this year are Evelyn Huston, president, LaGrande; Dorothy Kelley, Grass Valley vice-president Joanne Glenn, secretary. Miss Jean Neely, assistant professor of women's physical education, is Sabers' adviser.

A panel of Future Teachers of America from Eastern Oregon college discussed "Human Behavior: Its Implications for Education", in a broadcast over the La Grande radio station Tuesday, December 6. The panel members included Carol Kopp, Kent; Lorraine Tarpening, Milton-Freewater, and Patsy Yoneyama, Nyssa, chairman.

Paulen Kasebergs On Trip With Children

Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg left Tuesday of last week, for Detroit, Michigan, to pick up a new Buick. From there they planned to motor to Washington, D. C. and other places of interest and to spend Christmas with a cousin of Mrs. Kaseberg in Connecticut.

The Kasebergs' three children, Lee, Terry and Alice and a friend of theirs Darlene Gochbauer are with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews were called to Portland to help out on the farm of his son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews while she is hospitalized.

Mrs. Hazel Boyd underwent surgery at Emanuel hospital in Portland last week. She is doing as well as can be expected, so they say.

Wheat Leaguers in Spokane

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root attended the Washington Wheat League at Spokane, recently. The Fridleys' daughter, Barbara, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields and family.

Mrs. Vleda Van Gaasbeck left Saturday for Blalock to spend two weeks with her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Van Gaasbeck and family.

Bridge Club Meets

The Thursday bridge club held its two December meetings on consecutive weeks because of the holidays ahead. The first was at the home of Mrs. John Foss. Present were Mesdames Ira Fridley, David Richelderfer, Stuart Macnab, Dewey Thomas, Al Dormaier, Gerald Nisbet, Pete Macnab. Prizes went to Mrs. Fridley, Mrs. Dormaier and Mrs. Nisbet.

The Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Stuart Macnab with all members present. Christmas decorations were used about the rooms and carried out by serving Tom and Jerrys and in the later refreshments. Gifts were exchanged before settling down to an evening of bridge. Prizes went to Mrs. Nisbet, Mrs. Richelderfer and Mrs. Pete Macnab.

Mrs. Elizabeth Potter was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital Friday, December 16 with a gall bladder attack.

Rain Takes Snow In One Day and Topsoil With It

A day of steady rain that totaled 1.01 coming on a few inches of snow and on hard frozen ground cleared the earth in Sherman county and sent 1.47 inch of moisture galley-hootin' down the creeks—a complete waste.

The cold weather of the first of the week had frozen the ground to an estimated depth of six inches before the snow fell. In the snow was .46 inch of moisture.

A high chinook came down from higher elevations after a few days of slick roads and an almost blocked Columbia river route and with it came a steady, persistent rain. By noon Wednesday the water was running everywhere. The creek through Moro boomed and the gutters along the streets were black with muddy water.

By Thursday morning the rain was over, the ground was still frozen and the inch and a half of moisture was gone to the sea without helping the 1956 wheat crop a bit.

No estimate of the erosion can be made so far. Pessimists will say it is bad and optimists not material. The ground is still frozen and ditches washed were usually shallow. It is reported, but tons of soil went down the creeks from someplace.

Moro Personals

Bob Hoskinson is here from Corvallis to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson.

Kenneth Hart drove to Moro from Seattle last week to spend the holiday season here. He is a freshman at the University of Washington.

Jim Brown of Cathlamet, Wash., was here last week to visit his brother, Max and family and transact some personal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten drove to Portland Sunday to take her sister, Ruth MacGregor, to the airport bound for San Francisco. Her flight was slow in getting there and the Knightens were slow in getting back over the frozen highway.

Mrs. Bob Boynton came home Sunday from the hospital with her infant daughter.

Gordon Ridge 4-H Club Gets Started

By John Fields

The first meeting of the Gordon Ridge Beef club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields, November 9.

Election of officers was held as follows: Terry Kaseberg, president; Freddy Dormaier, vice-president; Marilyn Smith, secretary; John Fields, reporter; Jim Thomas, sergeant at arms; Lee Kaseberg, song leader; Sally Fields and Lee Kaseberg, junior leaders.

There were 17 members present and 12 adults. There are 21 members in the club: Douglas Bish, Fred Dormaier, John Fields, Sally Fields, Virgil Fields, Barbara Fridley, Gene Fridley, Alice Kaseberg, Lee Kaseberg, Terry Kaseberg, Mike Lane, Karen Macnab, Janice McIntyre, Douglas Medler, David Reid, Douglas Reid, Marilyn Smith, Billy Smith, Takano Haroshi, James Thomas, John Thomas, Gary Van Gilder.

Name Changed

It was decided to call the club the Gordon Ridge Livestock club, and include all the 4-H livestock projects in one club.

Tommy Thompson was present to give out the record books and help with the meeting. The meetings will be held at 2:00 p. m. the first Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley. Virgil Fields will give a report on lice control on livestock.

The Gordon Ridge Livestock club held a meeting at the home of Kenneth Fridleys, December 4. All the members were present except three.

Virgil Fields gave a report on lice control. Calf care and feeding was discussed. Also the possibilities of getting pigs and sheep for the members. The president appointed a committee of three to see about a movie for the next meeting, which will be held January 8, 1956, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Smith.