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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

When you see a guy that's doing better than you are it is probable he's trying harder.

T T W N

They say the modern automobiles will withstand severe shocks in accidents. Yet, accidents increase. Suppose we try making a car that will fly all apart in case of accident and see what happens.

T T W N

Did you read about the report of fireballs in central Oregonian one night lately. In Sherman county they showed December 31.

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A civilization based on "what's in it for me" has never yet been successful. Both history and religion teach that it cannot be.

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There's nothing harder to live with than a clear conscience—even if it is your own.

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Grace Kelly could have become queen of a larger tract of land if she had married almost any Sherman county farmer. Monaco has 377 acres. And some of them are just as good looking, too.

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What the politicians are looking for is a long range farm program with short range benefits.

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Electricity is a handy gadget and very useful but it sure reduces the resourcefulness.

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A liberal doesn't vote for restrictive laws, a conservative may, a totalitarian does.

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Marijuana, whiskey, heroin, all make a person feel fine for a time and are habit forming. Inflation does the same thing for a nation and is habit forming.

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Anyway it's been safe to save money for the past three years. Before it has gone down faster than interest.

T T W N

Uncle Emmett read about the order telling flyers in Germany to reduce. "Humph," he grunted, "I remember when they did the same thing in the cavalry."

T T W N

We predict they'll never change the motor car as long as they can sell the kind they make now.

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Looks like one of the best ways to solve the farm problem would be to sell every doctor a piece of land. Maybe then they wouldn't be so sure everybody should be as thin as a fence post.

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The segregation issue has been brought about by those who think such things can be settled by passing a law. It can't. Aiding the negroes to develop into better citizens, cleaner, more ambitious, dependable, would work in time. A mere law will not make them more acceptable nor capable of carrying out their duties as citizens.

T T W N

Paying taxes is like a man buying mayonnaise. He has to do it but he's paying for something he doesn't want.

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If you want to test your thinking powers see if you can find as many reasons for what you don't want to do as you can for what you do want to do.

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A shortage of newsprint is threatened. Perhaps it is time for readers to begin making pleas for retention of their favorite "comics."

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We hope that farmers don't overplay their hand.

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Just maybe there's something else wrong other than kids when a teacher is hung in effigy.

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Look at it this way for a change: In the United States the government has to take care of the aged; prices are so high that foreign goods must be kept out by a high tariff; farmers have to be supported at public expense; business is taxed up to 90 per cent of profits; labor and most of the professions have established a monopoly.

T T W N

If we get a tax cut it will be motivated entirely by politics.

## Reappraisal Job Starting Slowly As State Sends Men

Vic Hurst, who is the state tax commission man in charge of mapping, was here this week to survey the reappraisal proceedings in Sherman county. Aerial maps of the county are in Salem where a craftsman will make county maps for them. Accompanying Mr. Hurst was Robyn Godwin, who is the farm appraiser. Work on the reappraisal of the county is expected to get started in earnest within a few weeks.

## Power Fails When Wire Breaks on Hill

There was no electricity in Moro and a large part of Sherman county for the better part of Friday forenoon due to a line break on the hill on this side of the Deschutes river. Electricity was fed back from the east for a time until transformers became too hot and Moro and Grass Valley were cut off again. Weight and wind were given by repairman Ray Kelso as the cause of the break.

## Moro IOOF, Rebekah Lodges Install

Joint installation of new officers for the IOOF lodge and for the Rebekah lodges of Moro and Wasco was held Tuesday night, January 10 at the Moro hall of the orders.

Installing officers were: Earl Gentry, Helen Martin, grand marshals; Carly DeMoss, grand master; Althea Burnet, president; G. Douma and Florence Bruckert, grand secretaries; A. Douma and Naomi Van Gilder, grand treasurers; Orlo Martin and Jo Gentry, grand wardens; Maggie Barnum, grand chaplain.

Installed for the Moro Rebekahs were: Laura Grabenhorst, NG; Grace Lane, vice-grand; Vada DeMoss, secretary; Althea Burnet, treasurer; Irma Johnson, warden; Ann Miller, conductress; Florence Bruckert, inside guardian; Mollie McLachlan, outside guardian; Helen Martin, RSNG; Jo Gentry, LS-NG; Laura Sather, RSVG; Lila Bull, LSVG; Maggie Barnum, chaplain; Leona Douma, musician.

Installed for the Wasco Rebekahs were: Irene Rhinehart, Past Noble Grand; Flossie Haines, NG; Sadie Rich, VG; Alice Wilkinson, secretary; Leo Watkins, treasurer; Juanita Long, warden; Ruth Fields, conductress; Floyd Haines, inside guardian; Sam Brock, outside guardian; Selma Watkins, RSNG; Grace Medler, LSNG; Evelyn Reeves, RSVG; Lena Brock, LSVG.

Installed for the Moro and Wasco Odd Fellows were: John Shipley, NG; Lloyd Johnson, VG; Leo Watkins, sec.; J. E. DeMoss, treasurer; Jack Cushman, warden; G. Douma, conductor; C. O. Burnet, RSNG; Charlie Sisco, LSNG; O. L. Martin, chaplain; Ernest Houston, inner guardian; Floyd Lane, outer guardian; Earl Gentry, RSVG; A. Douma, LSVG.

## Soil Conservation, Credit, Grasshoppers C.A. Topics

The Sherman County Soil Conservation District will hold its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon, January 17, at the county court house, Moro. An interesting program has been planned and all farmers and others interested are invited and encouraged to attend.

Commercial spray operations, including ground and airplane, will receive special instructions during the fifth annual spray operators shortcourse at OSC January 30, 31 and February 1. The course is sponsored by the state department of agriculture and OSC. Special consideration will be given to using spray drift and volatility ways of obtaining better weed kills with chemicals, new developments and fungicides insecticides and herbicides, when to apply fertilizers for best results, and how much can we pay for sagebrush control.

Oregon State college will again sponsor a series of two day sheep shearing short courses throughout the state. Any one from Sherman county interested in participating in this sheep shearing school should contact the extension agent's office. There is no charge for the school. It does give an opportunity for an individual to get good instructions in sheep shearing. We are lacking in sheep shearers in the county and some one interested in developing this ability would be of much benefit

## Farm Legislation Subject of Talk By Jackman

E. R. Jackman, long time extension specialist, OSC, will discuss prospective federal farm legislation Tuesday afternoon, January 17, during the annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District, starting at 1:15 p. m., county courthouse, Moro. T. W. Thompson, district secretary reports.

W. E. Hall, superintendent, Sherman branch experiment station, will report on "Soil Research Results of the Station". Research results on the station for the past 40 years has recently been compiled and presentation at this time is quite appropriate. Mr. Hall will stress soil management, conservation and fertilizer work conducted during tenure of the station.

Enactment of new farm legislation is forthcoming in this session of congress. Soil bank proposal is high on proposed legislation. Jackman will comment on this and other farm legislation and its relation to conservation and land use.

Hank Grabenhorst and Frank Judah, local U. S. department of agriculture, soil conservation service personnel, will present information on their survey of the recent runoff. Comparison of soil and water loss from various tillage practices have been calculated which they will report.

Two films "The Steelhead Story" and "Earth at Your Feet" will be shown. Harold Winegar, biologist, Oregon game commission, will discuss the game habitat improvement program being conducted in the county. Mr. Winegar is in charge of the local county program.

W. L. May, chairman, board of supervisors, will preside. Other supervisors are A. C. Kaseberg, Charles Kuypers, John Shipley and Luther Davis. The annual report of the district will be presented by T. W. Thompson, sec.

## Woman's Club Hear Federal Plan Talk

The Moro Women's club met at the home of Mrs. Maggie Barnum last Thursday. After the business meeting, Giles French talked to the members on the Federal Plan of reorganization for the State of Oregon. Mrs. James Dyer was program director and the hostesses were Mrs. Barnum, Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Howard Conlee. Mr. French pointed to some of the practical benefits that might accrue from adequate representation for the rural counties of Oregon and mentioned briefly the dangers of economic and political centralization. The Federal Plan, he said, is designed to give the state a political organization as close to that of the federal government as is practicable and to preserve the rights of minorities in an identical manner as does the federal constitution. Members signed the petition to put the plan on the November ballot.

## Bill Hall Chosen Mavor By Council; Roberson on Council

Moro's city council met Tuesday night and accepted the resignation of Tom Monroe as mayor because he has sold his business and will be leaving town in a few weeks. He has served as mayor since the resignation of Darwin Van Gilder.

Bill Hall was elevated to the mayor's chair from the councilman position he has occupied since 1952. To fill Hall's place on the council members chose B. H. Roberson, motel owner, to serve for the remainder of the term which expires at the end of this year.

## Secretary Ezra Benson To talk In Portland

Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture, has a date with America's wheat farmers in Portland, Oregon on February 2. He is one of several high-level speakers scheduled to appear before producers during the National Association of Wheat Growers sixth annual meeting, February 1, 2, and 3.

Other noteworthy and wheat-dignitaries slated to share the rostrum with Benson include Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas, Governor Paul Patterson of Oregon, Claude Gifford of Farm Journal publications, and Gwynn Garnett, administrator, foreign agricultural service, USDA.

With wheat in the national and international limelight, but good, this U. S. wheat meeting has all the earmarks of being an interesting one. February 1, 2 and 3 will record the first time this organization has held its confab outside of the great plains wheat area.

Items sure to get the full treatment include politically potent agricultural terms under the general headings of soil-bank proposals, cost-price squeeze, effects of so-called modernized parity, revision of U. S. grain standards, 90% supports versus flexibles, changes for a two-price system for wheat, and "what should wheat farmers do about it?" During 1955, the National Association of Wheat Growers as an organization supported a program calling for full parity to wheat producers for that portion of their crop used for domestic food consumption.

## Church Showing "Martin Luther" Film

The feature-length film "Martin Luther" will be shown in two local churches next Monday evening, January 16. Time is 8 p. m. and showings will be at Grass Valley Baptist and Wasco Methodist churches. This is the Louis de Rochemont production that has been running in commercial theaters, now made available in 16 millimeter form. These showings, to which the public is invited, are sponsored by the Sherman County Ministerial association.

## Wasco Auxiliary To Help Veterans

The Wasco American Legion Auxiliary of the Frank E. Brown Post No. 49 met at the little Legion hall in Wasco January 9. Mrs. Grace Medler presided. Eleven members answered roll call. The unit voted to send \$10 to the fight against infantile paralysis and \$10 to the Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave Fund.

The president asked the members to bring to the February meeting articles such as ditty bags, gum, shaving lotion, cigarettes, etc., to be sent to the veterans hospital.

## U. S. National Bank Gains In Past Year

The United States National Bank has increased deposits more than 33 million dollars in the last 12 months according to the banks year end report. The growth in U. S. National deposits during 1955 brought the new total to \$781,492,594. Last total stood at \$748,300,328.

The Dalles branch reports deposits in the amount of \$17,904,886.71, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager, and Dufur branch reported \$2,019,108.29, according to Rodney Cooper, manager. Growing with the state it serves, the U. S. National also showed a move ahead in total resources which rose from \$810,873,029 a year ago to a new total of \$847,711,491 as of December 31, 1955. Loans and discounts for the rapidly expanding, state-wide banking system increased more than 38 million dollars. The 12-month gain gives the U. S. National a loans and discounts total of \$309,103,253. Loans and discounts for The Dalles and Dufur branches now total \$5,547,147.16 and \$197,977.51, respectively.

## Moro Continues Losing Streak Two More Games

By Louis Miller  
The Moro Huskies lost their fifth game without a win Friday night to the Sisters Outlaws on their home court, by a 55-46 count. Moro jumped off to an early lead of six points before Sisters could even get a basket and led at the end of the first period 15-9. At one time in the second quarter Moro held a 12 point bulge, but the Outlaws closed the gap to 27-23 at the half.

Going into the third period Sisters began pecking away at the Huskies lead and held a 39-34 margin at the end of the third period. In the fourth quarter Sisters pulled into a nine point lead which was their winning margin.

Kirkelle was high for Moro with 13. Rolfe followed with 11. Phillips led Sisters with 19.

Gary Miller  
The Huskies played their third home game of the season last Saturday only to be downed by the Sisters Outlaws 47 to 55.

Sisters took off with an early six point lead before Moro could roll. While Phillips, the 6' 4" pivot man from Sisters, was dunking the points with ease which forced Moro into a zone to try and bottle him up. The defense tightened up for Moro but they never got their offense to going to close the gap.

Phillips was high point man for the game with 23. High for Moro was Brown and Eakin with 10. The Huskies will play Maupin there Friday and Maupin here Saturday.

## 4-H Leaders To Hear Miss Gillen

Sherman county 4-H leaders will meet at the court house in Moro, Friday, January 13, at 10:00 a. m. Lenoard Fields, president of the 4-H Leaders association will preside. Mrs. Winnifred Gillen of the state 4-H club office will be present. B. C. Pinckney, Mrs. Kenneth Sather and Howard Ross will make comments on record keeping. There will be the usual business meeting with election of officers at the general session.

During the afternoon Ina B. Hanson and T. W. Thompson, county extension agents, will meet with the home economics and agricultural groups respectively. This will give the leaders an opportunity to discuss their problems and exchange ideas.

## Tractor Maintenance Course Starting

By Jim Rodda  
The 4-H Tractor Maintenance club met in the Moro high school library at 7 o'clock Monday night for the purpose of organizing the club and electing officers. The purpose of the club is to learn how to repair and operate tractors.

There were four members present. Election of officers was held with the following elected: Jim Belshe, president; Sterling Gochnauer, vice-president; Bob Olsen, secretary-treasurer; Jim Rodda, sergeant-at-arms and news reporter; and Tom Higley, song leader.

Doug Alley is to be the leader and Jack Cushman will serve as an assistant.

Meetings are to be held the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

The project for the next meeting, Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 at the Moro high school library, is to name the club.

## Missionaries Elect New Officers

The January meeting of the Moro Missionary society was held Wednesday afternoon at the social room in the church. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton presided at the business meeting, assisted by Mrs. John Parker, secretary-pro-tem.

Mrs. Alfred Solomon led in the devotionals, with Mrs. Max Barzee at the piano. Rev. Solomon installed the officers selected by the society for the year 1956, as follows: Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, president; Mrs. Ted Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Vernon Miller, secretary; chairmen for various departments, Mrs. Maggie Barnum, Mrs. Max Barzee, Mrs. Gwen Matteson, Mrs. Edith Burnet, Mrs. Ted Thompson and Mrs. Zella Dyer. Not present, but to be installed later are Mrs. Eugene Amidon, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Andrew Paulson, Mrs. Earl Gentry and Mrs. Anna Moore.

An interesting program on National Missions was presented by Mrs. Ted Thompson. Dessert was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. T. W. Thompson and Mrs. Norman Gochnauer.

## Kuhn Buys Monroe Welding Shop; Will Continue Same Lines

Tom Monroe has sold his welding shop in Moro to Virgil J. Kuhn and gave possession the first of this week. The Monroes will move to Portland for the time being.

Mr. Kuhn is a native of the Grand Ronde valley near La Grande and has 20 years experience in shop repair and welding at Walla Walla and two years with Atkinson-Ostrander as welder and repair man on The Dalles dam. He and his wife and two daughters will move into the Monroe house which they will enlarge. Mr. Kuhn states that he will continue the repair and welding shop on much the same basis and will sell the same line of machinery in connection with Art Muller.

The plan is that Virgil Kuhn will work on sales and on field repair with some shop work. His brother, Marvin, will handle parts and shop work and Hugh Arstall will continue as independent motor mechanic.

Name of the new business will be Virgil Kuhn's Welding & Repair Shop and the location will remain in the Ginn Coleman building.

## Marian Medler Dies At 79 Years of Age

Marian H. Medler, widow of the late Ernest Medler, died at Hood River Friday, January 6, after a long illness, at the age of 79. She was born Marian Myers and had lived in Sherman county since very early days.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Arthur Lowell of Bickleton, Wn., Mrs. D. W. Byrd of Hillsboro, Mrs. C. R. McMullin of Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Carl Nelson of Salem, a sister, Mrs. Elsie Medler of Portland, a brother, James of Sacramento, Calif., eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Wasco Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 with interment at Sunrise cemetery.

## Weed Controllers Call Meeting

The weed control committee of the Sherman County Rural Advisory Council will meet 1:30 p. m., Thursday, January 19, county courthouse, Moro, T. W. Thompson, county agent, announced.

The group is made up of representatives of the various communities with Gene Reynolds, Grass Valley as chairman, and Joe Heater, Moro, vice-chairman. The committee will review weed work in the county this past year and make suggestions for the year ahead. Jack Ross, farm crop extension specialist, Corvallis, will attend. Anyone having particular ideas or suggestions on the weed program along the county roads or information on weed trials conducted by the extension service or experiment station is welcome to attend.

## Family Incomes Grow As Prosperity Gains

The number of families making \$5,000 to \$10,000 increased 80% in the past five years, according to the Kiplinger Washington Letter. In 1950, there were 8.7 million such families, just 9% of all families. In 1955, there were 15.7 million families in this income bracket, and they represent 32% of all families.

Kiplinger editors point out that this expansion of "middle incomes" is largely responsible for the boom in sales of autos, houses and appliances.

Correspondingly, the number of low-income families is shrinking. Families with incomes of less than five thousand dollars have decreased by 5.2 million, a drop of 15%. There is still poverty, but it is diminishing progressively.

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Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for December 31, 1954. On that date deposits were \$2,757,275 and loans totalled \$2,669,036.

Record high deposits for the 71 First National offices on December 31 were \$821,125,576, loans were \$420,674,522, and resources totalled \$903,435,045, the bank president said.

## Fair Board Hires Max Barbour For Rodeo Next Fall

An agreement was made between the fair board and Max Barbour last Thursday night that assures fair goers of a program much similar to the ones in recent years. The change will be the addition of at least two acts for junior rodeo performers.

The board has been interested in getting a junior rodeo for the fair and has found some difficulties. It is not known that such a move would be possible or that the junior rodeo association will function. The job of getting horses and calves for a junior rodeo is no little one. Barbour agreed to furnish without charge to the board, the stock for two or three events of junior rodeo in addition to his usual professional show and the board agreed.

An invitation was given to the Soil Conservation service to display material giving information about the soil in the county and the game commission to make a display of its work.

New chutes are being built by Ken Zachary with six chutes and stronger sides and bracing, a different kind of advertising will be tried instead of bumper strips that were said to be too common.

The board plans to be host at a meeting of superintendents some time within the month so that work can begin on planning for the fair at an earlier date than usual.

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