

Sherman County Journal

Sixty-Eighth Year No. 12

Moro, Oregon Friday January 20, 1956

County Official Paper

These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

What Secretary Dulles was saying was that if you are going to bluff you have to shove some beans in the pot—all of 'em if necessary. Yet, he should know that anyone who tries to explain methods must be indefinite, better yet, let everyone learn for himself.

T T W N

Experts say that 100 horsepower is enough to drive a car fast enough for anyone. The other 140 horsepower is to roll the windows up and down and make other gadgets perform.

T T W N

This week we note the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin who was one of history's great men. He was a convincing writer, a good printer, a capable scientist, a fine diplomat and one of the sanest of our early politicians, an inventor of many things. Besides all that he was a humorous and delightful companion and philosopher. One has to be good at many things to be really great.

T T W N

It may be possible to grow trees on unused Sherman county land and do so profitably.

T T W N

While we have never been advocates of huge foreign aid it is most foolish to restrict to short term plans if it is to be done at all.

T T W N

Old John Calvin was one of the early protestants who aided Martin Luther establish a different religion. He was a stern man who fathered some very strict theories about personal conduct and he is generally disregarded in these days when the easy life is much preferred over the austere one. Calvin did extend the theory that a man is responsible for his salvation, the doctrine of personal responsibility. That is also disregarded in these times.

Let there be no complaints about this winter. It has been a complete one, one that pulled out all the stops, brought every kind of winter weather, cold, snow, silver thaw, slick roads, frozen ground, run-offs. There may be some more tricks in winter's bag but we wonder what they could be.

T T W N

It is sunny. And among other things it puts an extra sheen on the vegetable pictures in the seed catalogue.

T T W N

We note that big towns do not make big people anymore than small towns make small people.

T T W N

We note that European auto makers try more new things than do American car builders. The high price of gasoline is a part of the reason and we hope that our car makers can get out of their rut without that stimulus.

T T W N

If private insurance companies were running social security at present rates they would be investigated for profiteering.

T T W N

When will Portland discover that if you let the gamblers in the thieves come soon after?

T T W N

They are saying that there isn't room for as many new cars as were bought last year. Last year they said the same thing.

T T W N

Taking pictures in court is like throwing spitwads in school. It wouldn't be any fun if it wasn't prohibited.

T T W N

The theory of dividing responsibility for funds for improvements and services like schools, roads, etc., results in much higher taxes without resulting improvement in the services. The spending agency tends to bleed the contributing agency.

T T W N

Experience has taught that it is as dangerous to believe prophecies of boom as prophecies of bust.

General Ridgeway writes very well and says the same thing that generals always say: that they need more money.

T T W N

We note that a subject in the Linn county robbery was found after he had spent all he could of it on beer. Seems like a man ought to have a better use for money before he steals it.



Second street in Grass Valley was blocked by limbs that were broken from the old Locust trees that line it. End street was also blocked until crews sawed up the fallen trees and limbs.

Silver Thaw In Grass Valley Causes Damage

A little snow fell Saturday, a wet snow. There was a small amount of frost in the ground and most of that on north slopes but farmers were in disagreement about the extent of it.

Saturday night it rained and the rain froze onto trees and wires and fences wreaking havoc with trees in many places and putting power and telephone lines on the ground in a useless mass.

Grass Valley was hardest hit and wasco hardly at all. In Moro the damage was extensive but not nearly so bad as in Grass Valley where whole streets were blocked by fallen trees and limbs. The huge cottonwoods in the city park, the trees planted by Dr. C. R. Rollins when he settled the town in 1880, were broken by the weight of the ice and the ground covered by the limbs, some a foot in diameter. Trees were broken at Kent, also.

The REA suffered several breaks and the loss of at least one transformer. The PP&L was out in Grass and Kent until Sunday afternoon although kept in service in other parts of the county. Telephone service was halted in the south end of the county. The roads were in good shape, the frozen rain being driven off them by traffic. The run-off was serious and damaging to the soft fields where the top of the ground was already soaked by previous precipitation.

No estimate of the damage can be made for no one knows the value of a tree. Locusts stood the weight of the ice best but sometimes had to give up a huge limb to the storm. Chinese elms were badly damaged in many places and the brittle cottonwoods lost many limbs. A few houses were damaged by falling limbs.

Sunday night a chinook came in from the southwest and melted the ice from the trees and wires.



The big trees in the Grass Valley park were badly broken by the silver thaw of Sunday and cords of cottonwood litter the ground under the 75 year old trees that have been a landmark for two generations.

Fairs May Not Receive Usual Dog Money

Fair board secretary, Mary O. Coons and president, Charles Burnett attended the board meeting of the Oregon Fairs association in Portland last week end.

The fairs association finally took steps toward incorporation as a non-profit organization. A much more lengthy debate occurred over the possibility that there may be no dog racing this year.

If and when that occurs fair budgets all over the state will undergo a close scrutiny and a severe slashing.

Knott; Kirkelle Named To East Squad For 'B' Shrine Game

Gene Knott, tackle on the 1955 Moro high school football team has been chosen as a contestant in the annual east-west "B" struggle at Pendleton next August.

Ivan Kirkelle was picked as an alternate back on the east team and will probably earn a spot on the team.

Both boys are seniors that being the only class from which members are chosen and both have played their entire high school careers on the Moro team. Knott is from Kent, Kirkelle from Moro.

Fridley Finds USDA Working On 2-Price Plan

Kenneth Fridley returned Friday from Washington, D. C., where, with Robert Taylor, administrator of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, he conferred with officials of the department of agriculture, including Secretary Ezra Benson. Fridley is president of the league.

He found that the department, including Benson, is interested in the two-price plan and is going to give it a good look. Heretofore, it has allowed it to be examined by its economists who have not been particularly sympathetic.

The president talked about two phases of the soil bank in his message about agriculture: the acreage reserve which means that farmers could let land stay idle (above their allotment) and receive payment for it from the government; the conservation reserve under which farmers could contract with the government to put land into trees or forests in order to save its resources for future use. It is hoped that an additional 20,000,000 acres could be diverted by these methods and actually if an additional 10,000,000 was taken from wheat acreage it would suffice.

The wheat growers are having a brief prepared to set forth their program for the two-price system and it will be presented to the department within two weeks.

It is Fridley's feeling that farmers must do three things: increase the use of wheat, feed it and export it and the league is putting major effort on those things this year.

We have shipped from the northwest some 31 million bushels in the past six months and it is hoped to ship 60 million bushels this year. Ala has been accepted by the Japanese Feed ministry as a staple food. They would like it whiter but it is estimated that eventually the Japanese could eat 75 million bushels of Ala if they had the exchange to buy it.

The annual meeting of the National Wheat Growers will be held in Portland February 1-2-3 and Secretary Benson will be there to confer with northwest wheat men about their plan and other problems of their agriculture.

Moro Loses Another Pair At Basketball

Roy Cyphers

The Moro Huskies seemingly plagued with the idea that they can win a game showed the local fans a fast night of basketball even though losing 62-55.

Maupins big Ron Paulson stole the show by scoring 12 points the first quarter, 8 the second, 11 the third and 12 in the fourth, making a total of 43 points. Moro was in the lead at halftime by a three point margin 29-26. This they could not hold as the powerful Redwides took over the game.

The Huskies play Culver Friday night at Culver. Both "A" games start at 8:00 p. m.

By Sterling Gochbauer

Friday the 13th proved to be unlucky as the Moro Huskies lost their third league game in a row to the Maupin Redwides by the score of 72-54.

The Huskies jumped to a very early lead but lost it never to regain it. The Redwides lead by a very definite score at half time 38-19. The Huskies were placed in the scoring column by "Chuck" Kirkelle with 13 points on four field goals and five free throws. Maupins 6' 7" center, Ron Paulson dropped in 26 points on eight field goals and ten free throws. The Moro five hit 40.1% from the field.

March of Dimes Drive Started In County

The campaign for contributions under the March of Dimes fund dedicated to polio research and relief started in Sherman county this week with appointment of local chairmen to collect the donations.

These will be Mrs. Harry Justesen at Kent; Mrs. Clyde Stradley at Grass Valley; Clair Balzer at Moro; John A. Foss at Wasco; Mrs. Harland McDonald at Rufus.

Each of these is empowered to recruit such helpers as is deemed advisable so that all persons in their respective areas may be seen which follows the program that has been successful in the past.

Boulders Discovered In Nigger Ridge Highway Cut

A huge pile of boulders on Nigger ridge will surprise natives who did not expect the Houck road makers to find any such thing in the hill through the King ranch. Roy Houck, in charge of the grading for the new Grass Valley-Moro section of Highway 97, says that the boulders lay in a narrow streak and that there were also many smaller boulders that were encased in volcanic rock. His guess is that there was once a stream bed there that was elevated and filled with lava that flowed up from the earth at some time in the geologic past. Oddly it is that such a body of rocks should have been found so close to the top of the earth. Geologists are usually agreed that the covering of volcanic rock was much deeper than the ten or twelve feet below the surface at which these were found.

Cattlemen Plan Convention At G. V.

The Sherman County Cattlemen's association annual meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31, starting at 10:00 a. m., Odd Fellows hall, Grass Valley. Bill Jefferies, president, has announced.

Giles French, Sherman County Journal editor, will speak on the Federal Plan of reapportionment of the state legislature during the morning session. The proposed beef commission for the state of Oregon similar to the Oregon Wheat Commission will be discussed by a representative of the State Cattlemen's association. Report of the County Cattlemen's association president and films will fill the morning session. A noon luncheon is planned.

Meat cutting, wrapping, identification and preparation will be a special feature during the afternoon session. John Landers and Dorothy Sherrill, extension specialists, OSC, will conduct the demonstration using a half of beef. Homemakers and town folks as well as producers are invited to this free demonstration. Proper cutting for cuts desired and wrapping will be stressed.

Prior to the afternoon demonstration all are invited to participate in a "Meat Identification Contest". Prizes will be given by the Cattlemen's association for contest winners.

Cowbells from Wasco county will meet with interested county women, 10:00 a. m., Masonic hall, Grass Valley. The Cowbells is a better half organization of Cattlemen's association.

Sherman county women interested are asked to meet at this time to discuss organizing a similar organization in Sherman county and hear of activities of the Wasco county group.

Oregonians Pay \$405 Each To Federals

Oregon taxpayers will be called upon to pay an estimated \$671.8 million as their share of the \$65,865 billion which President Eisenhower's budget message estimated will be spent by the Federal government in the new fiscal year (1957) beginning next July 1, it was stated today by Wm. Bade, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research. Oregon taxpayers provide an estimated 1.02% of the budget total, based on computations for determining the distribution of the Federal tax burden.

Oregon's share of the new budget amounts to \$305.00 per capita, which compares with a per capita income figure for Oregon residents of \$1,754. in 1954.

"Although Federal expenditures in fiscal 1957 will be substantially below the fiscal 1953 peak time high of \$74.3 billion," Oregon Business and Tax Research noted, "new spending proposals now being widely discussed threaten to reverse the downward trend of recent years in Federal expenditures."

William Nisbet In Army In Germany

Army Pvt. William A. Nisbet, 21, son of William A. Nisbet, Wasco, recently took part in a field training exercise held by the 4th Infantry Division in Germany. Private Nisbet, a rifleman in company G of the division's 22d regiment, entered the army in January 1955 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He was graduated from Wasco high school in 1951.

Soil Conservation Gets Assist From Winter Run-offs

The annual meeting of the Sherman county soil conservation district brought together a list of speakers with something interesting to say about conserving the soil and a wider fund of information from local sources than has been available in the recent past. Three run-offs already this winter have centered attention to soil conservation to a greater degree than usual.

"It's not the crop we grow that reduces the fertility or structure of the soil, it's the cultivation that is done the fallow year," said Bill Hall, whose talk was to the effect that trying to save nitrogen and to save soil were opposites. Tillage methods that save nitrogen (clean cultivation, early plowing) are the methods that lose soil.

Frank Judah, new soils man for the SCS estimated that 80-100 tons of soil had run off in the steeper land in the Wasco and Locust Grove districts and that this contained some very valuable soil nutrients the loss of which materially affected the value of the land. There had been less run-off on stubble mulched land and on deep furrowed land, only 4-5 ton having been lost there.

Harold Winegar said that the objective of his department was to make living better to reverse the usual boast of making better living. He explained his work and had pictures shown of the structures he has built.

E. R. Jackman, the old conservationist, was billed to speak on new farm legislation and inasmuch as such legislation is still in a nebulous state could not tell what has happened but did speak on what has been proposed.

He explained the soil bank idea as proposed by President Eisenhower. It is divided into two classes. First: Acreage Reserve. This, said Jackman, is solely for wheat and cotton growers who may take land out of production and collect stored wheat for the amount of their average yield. Whether it will be possible to take out all of the land or not is up to congress. Questions indicated that farmers would be happy to take land out of production and take stored wheat if that became possible.

Second: Conservation Reserve: which could be applied to diverted acres. No commercial use could be made of the crop. Payments would be smaller, perhaps \$10-\$15 per acre instead of the huge payments in kind that might be paid on the Acreage Reserve land.

Inasmuch as no serious opposition to the soil bank plan has arisen it seems probable to Jackman that some sort of soil bank plan will be passed.

Kenneth Fridley was asked to speak on his observations while on a recent trip to Washington, D. C., on behalf of the wheat league's two-price plan.

4-H Leaders Will Meet In Corvallis

Volunteer adult 4-H leaders will discuss what they would like to have in a leader training program when they meet next week at Oregon State college.

Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader, "one of the most important conferences ever held in Oregon as far as really pinpointing needs of volunteer leaders—as seen by them."

Leader-member relationships and current information on 4-H projects will be discussed by some 350 volunteer leaders who are expected to attend the state-wide meeting.

General session will be built around the theme, "Building Tomorrow for Tomorrow." By improving the services of volunteer leaders who work with 26,500 club members in Oregon, Hutton hopes the 4-H program can be strengthened.

The annual meeting of the 4-H leaders association will be held in conjunction with the conference. Allen Guerber, Corvallis dairyman, is president of the group.

GIRL MAKES HONOR ROLL

Cherrill W. Fields, Wasco freshman at Oregon State college, was listed on the fall honor roll at OSC. Students must maintain at least a B average for honor roll listing. Miss Fields, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Fields of Wasco, is majoring in recreational education. She is a 1955 graduate of Wasco high school.