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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Ridgeway wants to keep the army out of politics. May be as hard as keeping politics out of the army.

T T W N

Men are dying fast from heart attacks and other physical ailments, which, at that, is better than getting chewed by a bear like they used to do.

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Joe Adams, racketeer, is being received happily in Italy. Which teaches that it is more important to get it than how it is got.

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The fellow at the bar was wondering and talking about the growing number of widows and their plight. "Aw, shut up about it," offered the bartender, "if you ain't going to do anything about it, quit talking."

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We note that some sage has figured that man won't make a machine that can out think him. And if he does, who'll prove it.

T T W N

Anthony Eden is said to be having trouble because another woman doesn't like his wife. If he can settle that England's affairs will be simple.

T T W N

When we get that big 27 billion highway program finished there will be need for some plain roads to travel on.

T T W N

Drop in the number of motor cars sold may be a good thing. Americans have been buying the same sort of car now for years with little change except for more speed, louder radios, brighter colors and windows that roll at the touch of a button. There are front wheel drive cars that turn quicker and safer, disk brakes that really stop a car, plastic bodies that don't squeak, better suspensions. When fewer lumbering models are demanded maybe there will be time to make something really new.

T T W N

Criticism is like loganberries; no one accepts them without sugar.

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There is a misconception about Las Vegas. It isn't built on gambling. Slot machines are the surest business in the world with a built-in profit and collection at the source. All cash.

T T W N

A congressman talking to the national REA convention said that the power business was public business no matter who runs it. Right as rain. The question is whether to contract it out and permit a profit of five percent or do it ourselves and take chances on efficiency.

T T W N

How long will it be before we utilize radio and television to help solve the teacher shortage?

T T W N

A very cursory examination of weather information shows that in the winter it may be cold any place.

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There will never be a sales tax in Oregon as long as everyone who says a kind word for it is accused of being some sort of fascist.

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Two big companies have released their patents in order to stop an anti-trust suit. Does that mean that no patentee can keep control of his invention?

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Naming a park for Os West is a nice gesture to a fine Oregonian although it is possible that visitors would never think that West Park on the Pacific shore meant anything but a direction.

T T W N

If the federal government keeps buying land for military purposes the farm problem will be settled quickly. But at what a cost.

T T W N

The contention that figuring out income taxes will make people smarter is without foundation. No other puzzles ever did.

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Now they're quoting farm wages by the hour. Odd, isn't it. They used to be by the year or month. Now industrial wages are becoming yearly and farm wages hourly.

Candidate



Mrs. Collis Moore made her official announcement of candidacy for Republican national committeewoman last week saying, "As a loyal Republican I offer my services to our party in the position of committeewoman". After paying tribute to Mrs. Olive Cornett, retiring committeewoman, Mrs. Moore said that her policy, "has always been one of complete cooperation with all who join in the common goal of Republicanism. I fully realize that there is no substitute for hard work which I am prepared to do at all times."

Ten In a Row Fate of Moro

By Tonal Miller

The Moro Huskies met Culver Bulldogs on Moro's home floor Friday night, January 20, when the fast breaking Culver team handed Moro its ninth loss in a row.

The Culver team got off to a fast start leading 20 to 10 at the end of the first quarter and 45 to 15 at half time. The second half continued the same with the final score 88 to 51.

Rich Young lead the scoring with 28 points followed by Vic Young with 27. For Moro Roy Cyphers had 13 followed by Gene Knott with 12.

By Ivan Kirkelle

The Moro Huskies traveled to Culver Saturday night only to lose to a sharp-shooting Culver team 76 to 47.

The Huskies got off to a good start leading at the end of the first quarter, 14 to 13, but the next quarter the Bulldogs took a commanding lead and held it the rest of the game.

The Bulldogs top scorers were Humphry and Rich Youngs getting 16 points apiece. For Moro it was Roy Cyphers with 15 followed by Knott with 14. The Huskies have and open date this weekend.

County Tax Maps Being Studied

N. V. Hurst of the state tax commission was here Wednesday to do some preliminary work toward preparing the maps that will be needed in the reappraisal program that is starting. New aerial maps will be used to determine location of roads and streams and that and other information will be used to make a complete set of ownership maps for the county, showing acreages. Appraisers will start work as soon as maps are available.

School Boards Start Legislative Study

The legislative committee set up by the school boards of the county to study legislation that may affect the county met early in January with Chester Coats as chairman and considered these subjects, more as subjects for discussion than to make immediate solution of them.

The need for standards for a basic program.

Need for a reorganization bill that would force it in order to have sounder financial standing.

Changing limits of bonding capacity.

Possibility of state building fund to furnish a quarter of building costs.

Need for education on bonding capacities in each district.

School voter restrictions.

County school fund to supplement district levies.

Wheat league resolution for 50 per cent state aid to schools.

Sales tax for education.

Removal of the emergency clause on tax bills.

Repeal of Rural School law.

Taxpayers Report On New Blanks For Personal Tax

New personal property report forms for Sherman county are being sent out this year, according to Clair L. Balzer, county assessor. The reports, which must be completed and returned to the assessor by March 2, are required of all owners of taxable personal property, such as merchandise inventories, furniture, and fixtures used in a trade or business, livestock, farm implements, and many other classes of property.

Three new basic forms are being used this year. Form I is for merchants; Form II for farm and ranches; and Form III for other personal property taxpayers including contracting, garages, motels, and professional offices. An instruction sheet is included with each return to help the taxpayer fill out the form properly.

The report forms were designed by the Valuation Division of the State Tax Commission, who arranged a joint quantity purchase with several other counties. The cooperative purchase resulted in substantial savings to each county, and at the same time produces a greater degree of uniformity between counties.

Monthly Inventory Possible

A new law in effect for the first time this year permits personal property taxpayers to list their property either on a monthly average basis, or on the January 1 assessment date as in prior years. This option will give relief to those taxpayers who carry a large inventory of goods, livestock, or merchandise on January 1, but a smaller amount during the balance of the year. A place on the new form is provided for reporting under this option.

Assessor Balzer stresses that the duplicate sheet, which is a part of each return, may be kept by the taxpayer, and he asks that persons seeking help at the office bring their forms with them.

Kent Women Learn About Cooking

The Kent extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Byron Stark on January 18 at 10:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by Thelma Sather, chairman. The demonstration on "Buffet Meals" was given by Mrs. Ina Hanson.

At noon a delicious buffet luncheon was served by hostess Dorothy Stark and co-hostess Annette Nogle.

Those attending were Mesdames John Decker, Kenneth Sather, Hans Bardenhagen, Harley McKay, W. M. Jefferies, Leatitia Wilson, Luther Davis, Ina Hanson and the hostesses.

Court Transacts Year End Business; Buys Truck

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 4, 1956 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and allowed.

Treasurer's financial statement showing all fund balances as of December 31, 1955 presented, approved and ordered filed.

Road Fund Balances presented, approved and ordered filed.

Gasoline consumption for December, presented and ordered filed.

Following appointments for 1956 made:

Fair board member, 3 year term—John Rolfe.

Budget committee member 3 year term—Wallace May.

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Treasurer—Sheriff Norman E. Fields.

Dog Damage Board—W. E. Bruckert, T. Lester Johnson and Arzell Lemley

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African Drama Due Next Month With Professional Cast

Professional drama will be presented in Moro school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 14. As a service to the people of Sherman county, the Moro Presbyterian church is sponsoring an appearance of The Bishop's Company, presenting the play "Cry, the Beloved Country", adapted from the best-selling novel by Alan Paton.

Now on its third national tour playing churches from coast to coast, the Bishop's Company's has as its purpose bringing drama dealing with the basic issues of life to the churches. An interdenominational group, it requires that its plays be of Broadway caliber performed by professional actors, and insists that messages of spiritual significance are more powerful if kept free of the oversimplified easy answers to hard problems so often claimed by religion.

Tickets to this presentation will be on sale soon throughout the county.

The Dalles Plan Exciting Future

The 6:30 breakfast given by The Dalles Saturday featured many speakers for local projects including the new museum, saving of the Indian artifacts being dug at Spearfish, the port, The Dalles dam, the Harvey aluminum company, John Day dam capped by a speech of praise and prophecy by Ivan Bloch, industrial economist, who has advised The Dalles for several years.

Between serious speeches were skits to entertain the 320 residents and visitors.

Growth of the community will be assured, in industry, transportation and culture if the plans laid before the crowd are accomplished in major part. The Dalles dam will be furnishing power by 1957, the Harvey aluminum plant will be built the same year. The John Day dam will be on its way; the river channel will be deepened to permit ocean vessels to come to the port and the museum of mementos of old Port Dalles and before will be preserved.

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Moro Women Meeting

The Moro Women's club will meet Thursday, February 2, at the home of the president, Mrs. Sather, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Mary O. Coons will address the members on the subject of Sherman County Fair Exhibits. Mrs. Rudy Olsen is director and hostesses are Mrs. Louis Sather and Mrs. Blaine Miller.

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Cattlemen Plan Day of Talks, Business Jan. 31

By T. W. Thompson,

Meat cutting, selecting and preparation will be demonstrated during the annual Sherman County Cattlemen's association meeting Tuesday, January 31, Odd Fellows hall, Grass Valley.

The all day annual meeting program will get underway at 10:00 a. m. and expected to conclude around 4:00 p. m. A no-host lunch will be served by the Rebekah lodge, Grass Valley. Both producers and consumers are invited to attend.

Highlight of the day's program will be the demonstration "How to Cut, Select and Prepare Beef," John Lander, animal husbandry specialist and Dorothy Sherrill, consumer education specialist, OSC, will conduct the demonstration. All phases of meat cutting, buying, cooking and grading will be discussed. The two extension specialists have been giving this demonstration at various meetings over the state. Thirty-three counties have had similar programs. Both are well qualified in this work.

Women interested in the ladies cattlemen's organization "Cowbells" will meet at the Masonic hall, Grass Valley, during the morning. Representatives from the Wasco county group will be present.

Paul Muller, Wamie, vice-president, Oregon Cattlemen's association, will discuss a "Beef Commission for Oregon" during the morning session. Giles French, noted Sherman county editor, will discuss the Federal Plan for Reapportionment of the Oregon legislature.

A social hour will be held at the old Grass Valley Grain Growers office from 11:30-12:00 a. m. A meat identification and preparation contest will be held following lunch. A business meeting will be held with election of officers.

Adoption of a Theft Reward program in the county has been proposed by the executive committee. This will be presented to the membership for its acceptance or rejection during the business meeting.

Tuesday Club Convenes

The Tuesday Study club met last week at the home of Mrs. Floyd Haines. Mrs. Leo Watkins was co-hostess. Other members present were Mrs. Oral Gosson, Mrs. Lloyd Gosson, Mrs. Tom Striker, Mrs. Lee Pearson and Mrs. Merlin Shields. A short business meeting was held. Members brought quilt materials to send to the Fairview home and also old clocks to send to the Eastern Oregon TB hospital at The Dalles.

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MISS DOROTHY SHERRILL



JOHN H. LANDERS
Animal Husbandry Specialist
Oregon State College

More Employed Than Last Year

Non-agricultural employment in Oregon climbed 1,700 in December to 474,000, about 12,400 higher than a year ago and the best year-end total ever reported to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. Preliminary estimates, made in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, were based on reports from 1,900 representative establishments.

Record employment in trade, transportation, service and government provided the main impetus, although gains in ship repairing, machinery and metals enabled manufacturing total to remain at 135,400, same as a year before when lumbering operations were considerably higher.

Steelhead Tags May Catch Fish

Fishermen are often surprised when they pull in a fish bearing a tag affixed by the fish commission of Oregon but they have a greater surprise when the tag catches the fish for them! This has occurred several times says Theodore R. Merrell and Harry L. Rietze, aquatic biologists at the Clackamas Research Laboratory of the fish commission of Oregon.

The most recent catch by tag was reported by Norman Mebestus of Portland. December 18, 1955 he caught a steelhead in the Tootle River near Kelso, Wash. The line was wrapped around the Petersen plastic disc attached below the upper fin and the fish was not hooked. The steelhead had been tagged at Woody Island on the lower Columbia on November 29, 1955.

"In the Snake River, 2 per cent of the tagged steelhead and salmon taken by sportsmen have been taken by the tag instead of by mouth," says Merrell.

Sam Coon Has Openings at School

The annual competitive examination for appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, will be held March 12, Congressman Sam Coon stated today. The examinations are open to those between the ages of 16 1/2 and 21 (22 for veterans). Most high school graduates will qualify, including those who will graduate this June. Physical requirements are high, approximately those required by the Naval Academy.

Congressman Coon said, "This is a fine opportunity for a young man to obtain a college education, a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve and a license as a U. S. Merchant Marine officer, all in one package."

Application deadline is February 13. To get an application, write to Maritime Training Officer, Maritime Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

Land Along East Bank of Deschutes Closed To Entry

Word from Virgil Heath, state supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management, is that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, has asked that the temporary withdrawal of land along the Deschutes river be made permanent.

The application for withdrawal was made September 20, 1954 and that barred entry for homestead purposes or disposal of the lands and also location of mining claims. The land is used under the Taylor Grazing law which does not bar hunting or fishing rights.

Land in question is the government land on the east side of the Deschutes river from the mouth to near Sherar's bridge, the line between three and four south is the south line and it is less than a mile below Sherar's.

A 30 day waiting period is necessary during which written comment or objections are possible.

The land consists of 8,336.68 acres which it is proposed to use by the general public for the purpose of access to fishing on the lower Deschutes. A detailed description may be found in postoffices, at the land office in Portland and at the Journal office.

Nothing is said in the official notice about possible construction of a road along the river. Such a road would be 21.6 miles long and would be extremely expensive to build and maintain although the state game commission proposed to do so a few years ago.

Extension Course Starts This Week

The class in the History of Western Civilization will start Friday night at 7:00 o'clock at the courthouse with the second meeting Saturday forenoon. Frank Learned is instructor.

The class offers opportunity to obtain three hours credit toward a college degree and costs \$8.00 per credit hour. There will be ten meetings probably on alternate weeks.

County Cities Get Liquor Money

Issuance of liquor licenses during 1955 resulted in allocation this month of \$607,451.50 to counties, incorporated cities and the general fund of the state. The Oregon liquor control commission reports that warrants totalling \$363,186.90, representing 60 per cent of license fees collected, are being allocated to localities. Of this amount Sherman county received \$130.98; Grass Valley \$107.86; Moro \$215.73; Wasco \$184.91.

Rufus Grange Has Regular Meeting

The Rufus grange met Thursday night with Master Harland McDonald presiding. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker were chosen to become members of Rufus grange by initiation. The new password was passed out by the master. Then he announced the appointment of the following committees: legislative: George Fox, Allen Tom and Walter Morris; agriculture: Roland Johnson, Kenneth Fridley and Altee Wilson; finance: Mrs. Harland McDonald, Charles Blake and Fred Harrison; youth: Mrs. Harry Adams, Joe Abraham and Mrs. George Macnab; membership: Mrs. George Fox, Bill Huck and Mrs. Walter Morris; entertainment: Joe Abraham, Grace Medler and Floyd Haines; dues: Altee Wilson, Mrs. Roland Johnson and Mrs. Trace Fields; card party: Altee Wilson, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Charles Blake; drill captain: Bill Huck; degree captain, Mrs. Sadie Rich. Roland Johnson will keep track of the sales slips.

The master plans to put on the 1st and 2nd degrees at the Rufus grange hall the next meeting, February 2. A 6:30 p. m. pot luck dinner will precede the meeting. For the program Mrs. Will Huck had a quiz, a stunt and a spelling bee led by Mrs. Sarah Giannotti.

All were reminded of the Past Masters meeting at Rufus grange hall January 28 at 7 p. m. starting with a pot luck dinner. "What the Grange Has Meant To Me" by Mr. Newport of the Redland grange was read by Mrs. Roland Johnson. The group had supper together after the close of the meeting.