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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

When speaking of valiant battles consider the determination of the sun in battling against the ice and cold winds—and so far losing.

It must be a terrible strain on a politician's ego to be asked to run for office but not so bad as if he's not asked.

Old vaudeville Stevenson still packs them in. Eddie Cantor must be envious. Stevenson's far ahead of others of his party even so.

We note that schoolmen, particularly Putnam, are praising their accomplishments. We think there would be better chances for improvement if there was a larger critical element among school administrators. Even a school ma'am looks awkward patting his own back.

Too much is being made of the offer of \$2500 to Senator Case for his coming campaign. Such things always happen. Business, labor, all kinds of groups offer support sometimes boldly and badly in money and sometimes more insidiously in votes.

We can think of no example of a person being successful without effort.

One of the troubles about making plans is that you have to worry about how they'll turn out.

It is our conclusion after some years of reading about people that their desire to be individuals will not long be suppressed (by long we mean in generations): that all governments and all religions have tried it and none has succeeded; that Russians will eventually assert themselves and that our drive to make security superior to liberty will fail. If you think this optimism you believe the same thing.

A few months of short rations would ruin the corset industry.

Wouldn't it be silly if the result of this election were to hinge on whether one man called another a traitor or not?

One thing we've never solved: does the drink "red-eye" allude to the color of the stuff or the effect on the imbiber?

Oh, well. We'll bet it snows in April, too?

This is one of the years in which a voter has to decide whether to vote for the man he thinks best or the one most likely to win.

We read that the sun is having storms, too. We know how it is.

W. S. Caverhill, who writes a column in the Pendleton East Oregonian has a little story about his character, Cal Tuller, who was having a hard winter with his cattle up on Calamity creek. He had three kerosene lamps and ten gallons of oil at the start of winter. "His cowboys used all the lamps until they had to empty all three bowls into one to make the oil reach the wick which led Tuller to remark "The trouble with you 'raanians' is you don't start to economize until there is nothing left to save." That seems to be the American way, even today.

How does a man sit in a closed car with a hose attached to the exhaust long enough to commit suicide without thinking of some thing that he'd ought to do?

There's little need for England to worry about the two traitors who went to Russia. In time they'll probably deceive the Russians. A lack of loyalty is an ill seldom mended.

Some people and some governments have a knack of obtaining support by distributing rewards instead of enforcing punishment. It is a nice way to do it but it requires more than common judgment. For practice, try it on your wife—or husband.

School Plans Being Discussed As Consolidation Nears

The district boundary board met Wednesday with directors of districts one and four to talk about consolidation of those two districts with some other district. Districts one and four are Biglow and Emigrant and, according to law, must consolidate with another district.

Both wished to join with Wasco although pupils have been going to Rufus. There is action going on because of a desire on the part of some to form a county high school district of some sort and on the part of others to maintain things as they are. Involved are tax rates, possible tax burdens in case of building the John Day dam, and quality of education.

The boundary board agreed to wait until June 1 before making a mandatory consolidation of the districts with another.

World Day of Prayer To Be Observed

Thousands of Christians in the United States and around the world will be united in prayer on the first Friday in Lent. This is the 17th year of the observance in the United States.

The Wasco Methodist church will be host to the other protestant churches of our county in the observance of this day. The service will begin at 2:00 p. m. Friday, February 17. The purpose of the day is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer and to make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad. The sponsor is the general department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

An outstanding program has been prepared by the Cook Christian Training school in Phoenix, Arizona and all of the churches will have a part.

News Conference Has Interesting Speakers

Mrs. Charlotte Paul Groshell, author of best-selling "Minding Our Own Business", will speak at the annual banquet of the Oregon Press Conference, to be held on the university campus February 17-18.

Mrs. Groshell, who with her husband is co-publisher of the Snoqualmie (Wash.) Valley Record, speaks at the Friday night dinner of the conference.

Publishers and editors from throughout Oregon are expected on the campus for the two-day conference, which will feature as its principal speaker, Bernard Kilgore, president of the Wall Street Journal, New York. Kilgore has been selected as the 10th annual Eric W. Allen Memorial lecturer. He will address the conference Friday afternoon.

Saturday's luncheon speaker will be Robert E. McCoy, executive director of the Oregon Development commission.

Disabled war veterans and war widows must apply by April 1 for state property tax exemptions, the Oregon department of Veterans' Affairs warned today.

The exemption for those entitled amounts to \$7,500 of the true cash value of the property, according to Vere A. McCarty, service officer for the state veterans' department. Application is filed with the county assessor. Entitled to the tax exemption on their real or personal property are the following:

1. All veterans of the Indian, Mexican or Spanish-American wars, regardless of disability or amount of income.

2. Veterans of all other wars including the Korean conflict who have disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by the Veterans' administration or a branch of the armed forces, regardless of income.

3. Unmarried widows of veterans of any war, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Civil and Spanish war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.

4. War veterans with disabilities of 40 per cent or more as certified by their physician and the county health officer, provided they have not received more than \$2,500 total gross income in the past calendar year.

The exemption applies first to the applicant's homestead—that is, the property he owns and on which he resides. After that, it applies to his personal property. Further information is available from county assessors.

Distinction By Multiple Defeat Won By Moro

MORO GOES DOWN FOR 13th STRAIGHT

Eddie Shoemaker

The Moro Huskies lose again. This time to the Maupin Redskins. The Friday game was a tough one to lose for Moro since Maupin and Moro have always been arch rivals. The Huskies high point man was Kirkelle with 20 points and Brown next with 11. The Redskins high point man was Paulson with 28. Nieswinder held second with 25.

Moro plays Culver there the 17th of February and Culver here the 18th, both games will be preceded by a volleyball game.

MAUPIN 58, MORO 34

By Johnny Gilman

The Moro Huskies traveled to Maupin for their 14th loss of the season.

Paulson and Nieswinder were high scorers for the game getting 18 and 13 points respectively.

Roy Cyphers was high point man for Moro with 6 points, Kirkelle and Knott followed with 5 points each.

The Moro Huskies next game is with Culver February 17 on the Culver floor and February 18 at the Grass Valley gym.

New Street Lights Installed At G. V.

Work was completed this week by Pacific Power & Light company on a new street lighting project which provides the town of Grass Valley with one of the most modern street lighting systems in Sherman county, according to Ray Kelso, the company's lineman-agent for this area.

The 24 new type fixtures which have been installed in the downtown and residential sections increase the illumination of the system more than four times, he said. Of those units, three are 20,000 lumen mercury vapor lamps, 20 are 4,000-lumen incandescent lamps and one is a 10,000 lumen incandescent lamp.

Work on the modernization started in November and was completed at a cost of about \$5,400, Kelso said.

Veteran Bonus Not Taxable In Oregon

All state veterans' bonuses are exempt from state and federal income taxation, as are most other benefits payable to ex-servicemen or their survivors, the state department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week. Other items excluded in computing federal and state tax returns, which are due April 15, include:

GI insurance dividends; all Veterans administration benefits including educational subsistence, compensation and pensions; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and social security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness benefits.

Retirement pay for length of service is taxed both by the federal government and the state of Oregon, although Uncle Sam now allows credit for such income.

Disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000 with this exception: if the Veterans' administration had at one time been responsible for making the payment, then it is totally exempt.

High Water Hurts Salmon Population

With the recession of high waters in Oregon streams so technicians may now take a survey, it appears that damage to fish life—particularly the spawn—is great and serious effects will probably be felt in smaller runs of salmon and steelhead in some streams in future years, according to M. T. Hoy, state fisheries director of the fish commission of Oregon. This is one of the greatest blows the Oregon fisheries resource and fish production has suffered in many years.

Probably the most serious loss of fish life occurred at gravel beds where silver salmon spawning had recently taken place. The scouring action of gravel and rock and resulting siltation destroyed eggs and in some locations newly hatched fry. Young fish lost the protection of the gravel and were exposed to predation by birds, crawfish, and other fish.

Barley Loan Rate Probably Close To 1655 Figure

The CCC loan rate for 1956 crop barley announced recently by the USDA indicates that farmers will receive one cent less per bushel for barley going under loan than was received for the 1955 crop. The announced national average support price for 1956 barley grading No. 2 or better is 93 cents per bushel. This compares with the national average of 94 cents for last year's crop. The Sherman county price for 1955 was the same as the national average for that year and it is assumed by the local ASC office that it will be comparable for 1956. A definite county price will be released when available.

Crusade for Freedom Campaign On

Freedom Sunday will be observed this Sunday as part of the Crusade for Freedom's 10-day campaign, and churches throughout Oregon have been asked by Dr. Mark A. Talley, executive director of the Oregon Council of Churches, to participate in the observance.

"What is this Crusade for Freedom? (1) It centers around the use of Radio Free Europe which carries information of the free world behind the Iron Curtain. It is NOT the Voice of America. (2) Radio Free Europe is a network of powerful transmitters and relay stations over which respected exile leaders from behind the Iron Curtain, clergymen, teachers, editors, commentators, statesmen and others, speak in their native tongue to many freedom-loving people, bringing them news of the free world and keeping alive their hope of freedom. (3) Radio Free Europe is NOT a government venture. It receives its support solely from the contributions of American people.

Work For Heart Research Needs Funds

The Heart Fund, which is being conducted all this month, supports the three-part program of the Oregon Heart association and its parent organization, the American Heart association. The Heart Fund, since 1948, has invested more than \$13,000,000 in heart research alone. It has put additional millions into public and professional education programs to distribute heart information, and into community heart projects to help cardiac victims live productively with their ailments.

There is a vital need for this program and for the public support that is making it financially possible. The death toll from heart diseases each year is greater than the combined total of the nation's deaths from cancer, accidents and suicides, pneumonia, diabetes, kidney disease and tuberculosis, and statistics show that one person out of each 16 in the United States—including some 500,000 children—now is suffering from one or another form of heart disease.

COUNTY RAMBLIN'S

By T. W. Thompson

Tree ordering time is here. Sherman county folks who desire to place orders for trees, either evergreens or broadleaf varieties, should make application thru the county agent's office soon.

Trees have been available for a number of years thru Oregon Forest Nursery at Corvallis, operated by the state board of forestry at a reasonable cost. We are able to secure some additional trees from either Washington or California. The establishment of a farm windbreak is an excellent project. Folks can have a beautiful and profitable windbreak in a short number of years. A planned windbreak as to the approaches of the wind and location as to accessibility for farm operations is important. We will be happy to visit with anyone who is interested in getting a windbreak established and ordering trees to meet their needs.

Mineral requirements for cattle and sheep may be met by feeding free choice, iodized salt and steamed bonemeal.

Recent reports from Purdue indicate that a single protein source, such as cottonseed meal, soybean meal, or linseed meal, meets the requirements of beef cattle as well as a mixture of proteins. Urea may make up 20 per cent of the protein if there is

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Performance Of Play By Acting, Narration Given

The Bishop's company, a group of traveling actors which gives plays in churches or other small stages, presented "Cry, the Beloved Country" at the school auditorium Tuesday night to a crowd kept small by cold weather.

The company uses neither costumes, make-up nor stage sets because of the nature of their field. As did the actors in the plays, they show on a bare stage. The story, adapted from the book by Alan Paton, is about a native South African priest whose brother, sister, and son have gone to Johannesburg and lost touch with their homeland. He goes to find them and learns that his sister in her own words is a "bad woman", that his brother has given up the simplicity of his rural background and his son has killed a white man.

Hal Bokar took the part of the grief stricken priest who finally succeeded in taking home with him the newly wed wife of his son, who was hanged. He failed to convince his sister and brother to return to the simpler ways of their youth.

It was not, strictly speaking, a play. A narrator was used to carry forward much of the story leaving only some of the more dramatic parts to be portrayed by dialogue on the stage and between actors.

The Moro Community church was sponsor for the appearance of the company.

Walter Norblad Here On Campaign Trip

Walter Norblad, Oregon congressman from the first district, and now an announced candidate for governor on the Republican ticket, went through Sherman county Sunday calling on friends he could find at home. He says he is going to Washington soon and will return for more campaigning.

West Wind Riders Appoint Committees

At its last meeting the Sherman county Saddle club president, Bill Alsop, appointed committee chairmen: Play Days and Trail Rides, Fritz Watkins; Entertainment, Marjorie Van Gilder; Club House Bldg., Curly DeMoss; Jr. Horsemanship, Doris Coelisch; Publicity, Helen Watkins.

The Remington automatic (model 740) 30.06 rifle, which is being raffled was on display at Grass Valley during January. It is on display at Steve McMillins' in Wasco for February.

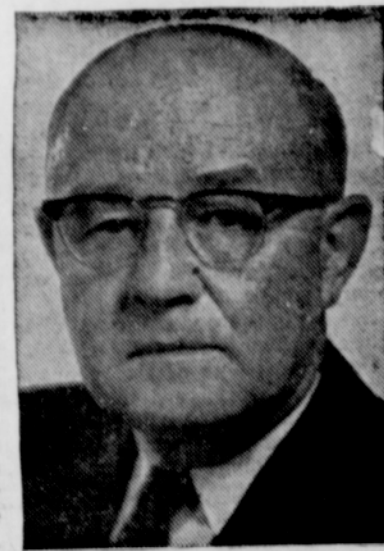
A report was given by Fritz Watkins concerning the Mid-Columbia Saddle club meeting held at Odell.

Snow and ice held many at home, but even so sixty-six were present for election of 1956 officers. A potluck was held prior to the business meeting. Bob Moore of The Dalles was elected president; Chuck Ackley, vice-president; Anne Bennett, sec-treas. Sadie Rich, Bill Alsop, Fritz and Helen Watkins attended this meeting as representatives and delegates of the Sherman Riders.

Teachers Meet At Arlington For Confab

The elementary principals and superintendents of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties met at a dinner meeting at the Vendome hotel in Arlington Saturday, February 11. The main discussion centered around the topic of how to make in-service training of teachers more effective. This meeting is one of several through out the state, sponsored by the Oregon Elementary Principals' association, as a state study project in an effort to improve the effectiveness of institutes, regional conferences, and other types of in-service training. The group will have further meetings during the next month and will make a report of their findings and suggestions to the regional conference of the Central Oregon Elementary Principals to be held at Prineville March 24.

Those in attendance from Sherman county were Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten and Ivan Stewart.



LAMAR TOOZE



PHIL HITCHCOCK

The race for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator has been warming up gradually since the untimely death of Governor Paul Patterson who was the favored candidate and whose entrance into the race discouraged other possible entries.

Announced to date are Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, Lamar Tooze, Portland lawyer with a life long interest in politics and this week Phil Hitchcock, former state senator of Klamath county and now public relations man for Lewis & Clark college in Portland.

More Travel Crowds Oregon Roads

If Oregon's roads seemed slightly crowded last year, small wonder.

An all-time travel was scored in the state during 1955 when more than seven billion miles were tallied on streets and highways. The figure represents an increase of more than 292 million miles over 1954.

Highest travel month, which came as no surprise, was August when 731,349,872 miles were traveled. Next highest, each with more than 600 million miles driven, were the vacation months of June, July and September.

Mileage is figured from reports showing the volume of gasoline, diesel and other motor fuel sales.

Farm Bureau Joins OPS For Health

First prepaid medical coverage on a group basis for the state's farmers and their families went into effect February 1, with the signing of a contract between the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and the Oregon Physicians' Service and the Portland O.P.S. office.

Representing the Farm Bureau, with a membership of 6,500, was George Dewey, executive secretary. Signing for O.P.S., a statewide physician-sponsored organization, was Joseph E. Harvey Jr., general manager.

The new contract is the result of a continuing program of expanded coverage, Harvey said, and was developed exclusively for members of the Farm Bureau. It is the first time, Mr. Harvey added, that O.P.S. has offered any type of coverage to the farm population.

Unemployment Board Hires Bob Rooper

Robert Rooper, field representative for the State Unemployment Compensation commission, has been assigned to the area around Hood River and The Dalles employment office. He will be at the Hood River office each Friday until further notice for the purpose of meeting employers and acquainting them with the new provisions of the unemployment law with regard to coverage for those with two or three employees.

Snow, Cold Stay Another Long Week, More Due

More weather visited this county this week and brought protests from citizens tired of staying indoors, tired of buying fuel, tired of wearing heavy clothes. For the third time this winter the mercury crawled down to zero—a mark many winters never reach.

First cold snap was in November when it got down to ten below, the second was at the end of January and first of February when a low mark of 12 below was recorded and here it is zero with prophesy of colder if certain conditions prevail.

A storm is said to be coming from the northwest bringing rain or snow that will perhaps block highways and may bring some colder weather.

No one has been looking at wheat to determine how it is standing the winter. Some have decided to reseed; others merely wait. Wednesday started with a ten above figure which dropped to six above in mid-afternoon when it should have been getting warmer. There was a stiff wind and a dust storm in the north end of the county that was not good for wheat.

Nancy Serles Wins Betty Crocker Award

Moro's Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow has been named. Nancy Lee Serles has earned through competitive examination the honor of representing Moro high school in statewide judging for \$1,500 and \$500 scholarships. It was announced today by General Mills, sponsor of this home appreciation program. A quarter million young women throughout the nation participated.

Miss Serles will also be eligible to compete for a \$5,000 national scholarship award to be made to the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

She demonstrated her home-making knowledge and attitude by receiving the highest score for her school in a written examination which was given graduating senior girls in 10,222 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools. Her test paper will be entered in competition with 140 school winners in this state.

Standard Insurance Growing Healthily

The year of 1955 was one of outstanding results for Standard Insurance company according to the report of President W. P. Stalaker made to the 50th annual meeting of policyowners Tuesday, February 7, in the company's home office in Portland.

Payments to policyowners and beneficiaries, characterized as the "company's chief function and its most important service" were \$4,502,671 during 1955 or an increase of 39% over 1954. Three-fourths of these payments were to living policyowners and one-fourth to beneficiaries.

New insurance written during the year totaled \$40,507,029 or 8% above 1954 which was the company's previous high year. The average policy written in 1955 was \$7776.

At year end Standard's insurability in force had grown to \$241,851,934. This is an increase of \$26,570,980 or 12.3% during the year.

The death rate among Standard's policyowners was low. The principal cause of death was diseases of the heart and circulatory system, followed by accidents and cancer, in that order.

Moro OES Chapter Observes Birthday

Bethlehem chapter, OES, celebrated its 53rd birthday, Thursday evening, February 9. A short day program was given honoring the past matrons and past patrons of the chapter, followed by them signing in the chapter Bible given to the chapter several years ago by the Water Ruggles. A beautifully decorated birthday cake and ice cream were served from a red and white tea table accented with red carnation. In spite of inclement weather, thirty-five members and visitors had a most enjoyable evening.