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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Science can tell you how to live a long time, but it doesn't tell you why.

T T W N

We think Walter Reuther would be in better shape politically if he would assume some responsibility for that part of a car guarantee having to do with "workmanship". Too many cars have "bugs".

T T W N

Life is getting complicated. Now we have to memorize bigger telephone numbers.

T T W N

Talk about winter lingering in the lap of spring; he's actually kissing the hussy.

T T W N

To criminals: There's not much publicity in shooting a white man anymore. You gotta get race or religion into it to make it big headlines.

T T W N

Explorers have found a new cave 766 feet deep. My, what a lot of butter that will hold.

T T W N

This senatorial bribery business won't amount to much until they find some one who accepted the money. Politicians aren't bribed by money anyway, but by votes, support, promises.

T T W N

There's nothing that adds to the comfort of living like losing the hair.

T T W N

Worry about how far in debt we can get is usually superfluous. Some one else makes the decision anyway.

T T W N

It is the news that are exciting and the olds that are discarded, not because the news are better than the olds but because we are tired of the olds. We just like change, that is all. After a while the olds get to be the news and are adopted again so the more old fashioned you are the quicker you'll be new again. Simple, isn't it?

T T W N

Wonder what makes the sun so apparently ashamed of its face.

T T W N

Overhear: "He's so suspicious of everything and everyone he hardly trusts himself."

T T W N

"Clothes were originally worn to beautify, gradually came to be worn for protection, and now do neither."

T T W N

Without conversation there is little need for social meetings and the better the conversation the better the party. Radio and television ruin conversation—make it unhandy, undesirable—and also tend to isolate people.

T T W N

No one has apparently discovered that the cure for many of the ills of civilization would be less of it.

T T W N

We have laws to keep children from working when learning to work is what they need most; we try to keep elders from working when that is the only way they can enjoy themselves. And middle aged complain that they have to work.

T T W N

No one has yet figured out the reasons why it takes a woman longer to live a life than it does a man. Maybe they do it slower.

T T W N

Looks like the English would soon conclude that they were lucky that McLean and Burgess had gone to Russia. Such characters were no help to their native land at home and may be in Moscow.

T T W N

The Germans have Adenauer, the English kept Churchill until both are around 80 and here in America we are talking about a leader being too old at 64.

T T W N

The weather all over the world, or at least the parts that report such things, has been cold and stormy all winter making this the worst winter in this century. Man, with all his science, takes it just as he did when he lived in a cave.

T T W N

Eating your cake and having it, too is nothing compared to eating beef and using power and having unlimited recreation, too.

Weather Causing Loss of Soil, Damage To Roads, Fields

The weather is wet. There has been some snow nearly every day for the past week, from a light covering to three or four inches. Nearly every day the creeks have run bank full or over carrying great quantities of soil down to the river to fill the dam made lakes.

It has not been cold although it has been below freezing every night. Seldom has the sun shone and fog has appeared on several occasions.

Roads are getting difficult and some impossible with washing out, slickness and deep mud where thawed. Cottonwood on the Gilliam side is reported washed out. The highway is cracking up.

Farmers Incorporate New Telephone Line

On the way to incorporation is the Hay Canyon Cooperative Telephone company composed of 34 members in the area east of Moro who have finally gotten together on ways of financing newer and better line for all of them. There will be room for 48 subscribers on the line to be built. Equipment has been ordered and work will begin immediately.

TRACTOR CLUB MEETS

Wednesday night, at 7:30, the Sherman county 4-H tractor maintenance club met in the shop of Cushman Equipment to learn more about tractors and how to keep them running.

There were eight members present. There is room for one more member in the club. Membership will close with the next meeting, which will be February 29, at 7:30 p. m. in the Cushman Equipment shop.

County Court Pays Claims

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1956 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Claims against all funds presented and allowed.

Treasurer's financial statement showing all fund balances as of January 31, 1956 presented, approved and ordered filed.

Road Fund Balances presented, approved and ordered filed.

Gasoline consumption for January, presented and ordered filed.

Clerks semi-annual report of fees and disbursements of same and of budget expenditures and balances as of July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955, included, presented, approved and ordered filed.

Re: purchase of road grader—road supervisor to investigate purchase of same.

Re: Stove oil contract from Standard Oil Co. presented for court's signature.

Re: road improvement to Biggs asked by H. White—road supervisor to do work as soon as possible.

District Boundary Board met in p. m. session.

Court adjourned to call of judge.

COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1956:

Re: Rent of Road Grader discussed—motion made and seconded \$10.00 a day to be charged for small grader and \$20.00 for large grader.

Re: purchase of road grader—motion made and seconded purchase be made of used Galion Hydraulic Control pull grader from Bennett of Portland, Ore., for \$750.00.

Re: Bid on used equipment made by county on road grader and patching kettle.

Re: Weed Control—T. Thompson, county agent, reads report of Weed Control committee to court—program for ensuing year under discussion.

Re: Ambulance—motion made and seconded Cooperative Grain Growers associations in county be contacted for donations, campaign to be organized at a later date to contact others.

Re: re-wiring courthouse, Mr. Helms of Grass Valley to re-wire courthouse.

No further matters at issue court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JANUARY, 1956, APPROVED FEBRUARY 1, 1956

TERM OF COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Moro Postmaster, \$3.00; Dinty's

Elmo Smith In Governor Race; Others Possible

Elmo Smith, John Day, who succeeded to the governorship on the death of Paul Patterson announced this week that he will be a candidate in the Republican primaries for nomination to that office.

Mr. Smith has served two full terms as state senator during which time he has been most active in highway legislation. He was one of the men responsible for the ton-mile tax for trucks that created so great a row for one election and which is considered a forward step in highway legislation.

At the last session he was president of the senate. These eight years, says the governor, have given him a knowledge of all phases of state government and a desire to continue his service in public affairs.

Opponents in the Republican primary are Earl Dickson, a grocer of Albany, and Walter Norblad, a congressman of Stayton. Only candidate on the Democratic ticket so far announced is Robert Holmes, radio announcer of Astoria.

Moro Women To Have Guest Day

The Moro Woman's club will have Guest Day on Thursday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. Truman Strong. The program will be in charge of Mrs. A. Douma, who has arranged for a film entitled "This Is Their Story" which shows camp life for crippled children as provided by funds from the sale of Easter Seals. There will be special music and each member may bring a guest.

State Tax Aide To Be At Court House March 22 To Help

Notice from the Oregon state tax commission is that a man from that department will be in Moro March 22 from 10:30 until 3:30 to help taxpayers with their income tax returns. Many inquiries have been received on this question especially since the federal government discontinued assistance.

Power Company Pays Taxes To Cities

Pacific Power & Light company paid to the city of Moro \$403.28 in franchise taxes during 1955, according to Art Thrasher, district manager for the power company.

Pacific's franchise tax to the city of Wasco was \$434.21 and city license tax to Grass Valley was \$273.37, bringing to \$7,599.34 the amount of utility paid in franchise and city taxes since the levies were first put into effect.

Thrasher said total state and local taxes paid by Pacific to 26 counties in Oregon last year amounted to \$2,728,682.

Easter Seal Drive Starting Soon

The annual drive for Easter Seals for the Oregon society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc., is scheduled March 10 thru April 10 according to James Forson, executive director. This society is an affiliate of the national society and was established in 1947 after an intensive study revealed there was great need in Oregon for such services. Thru September 1947 to June 1955, 350 children have been cared for and given a chance for rehabilitation thru the hospital school at Eugene.

The society also assists and works with other agencies so as not to duplicate and has equipment pool, such as wheelchairs, walkers, braces, etc.

The newer project is Camp Easter begun in 1955, located on North lake of Ten Mile lake and consists of 80 acres including residence, dormitory, staff of trained personnel and outdoor recreational facilities.

In 1954, 44 handicapped enjoyed these services and last year 68. The sessions are of 10 day periods and between sessions the older handicapped and diabetic groups enjoy these facilities. A fee of \$25.00 is charged to cover food costs for a 10 day period.

A 16 mm sound and color—20 minute film "This Is Their Story" completed in 1955, telling of camp life—will be shown March 1 to Moro Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Truman Strong with Mrs. A. Douma as program director; March 6th by the Women's Tuesday Study club at Wasco; and March 6 by the Junior Ladies of Moro in the evening; and at the school Monday. Anyone is welcome to see this film. Contact Mrs. John Parker, Sherman county chairman.

Soil Conservation District Gathering Data About County Soils and Slopes

Plans for the year and accomplishments this past year were presented during the January annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District T. W. Thompson, county agent and secretary indicates.

Special emphasis has been placed on practices that help in keeping the soil and water on the land. Stubble mulch tillage has been demonstrated as the one best conservation measure. Grass waterways have proven very effective in carrying excess water away from the land with a minimum of soil and gully erosion. Special consideration in adoption of these practices has been asked by the supervisors.

Other practices that have shown and deserve consideration for adoption are: development of erosion control or stock water dams, range improvement by sagebrush eradication and reseeding of adaptable grass varieties, and contour seeding and strip cropping where feasible.

The Soil Conservation Service is actively engaged in working with the district and farmers in adopting conservation measures. One hundred forty-nine farmer district agreements have been prepared by the Soil Conservation Service since 1950 covering 234,275 acres. Plans are to complete 20 new agreements in 1956. Range and crop land soil surveys have been completed on 384,520 acres of 535,000 acres in the county.

Now It's 16 For MHS; Boys Still Expect To Win

BULLDOGS DRUB HUSKIES 8-4-13

By Milton Fridley

Friday February 17 Vic Young of Culver was the Bulldogs key man with a blazing 34 points and Rich Young next with 19. High men for Moro were Ivan Kirkelle with 12 and Ronald Rolfe with 10. Culver took the lead and throughout the game they scored twice to Moro's once. Culver had control of the boards the entire game. The half time score was 20-41.

This game marks the fifteenth loss for the Huskies, who hope to pull one out of the fire when they meet Mosier, the bottom team of the other half of the Cascade League, Saturday, February 25.

SIXTEEN IN A ROW

By Wilbur Haggerty

Playing their last scheduled game of the season, Moro's Huskies were hosts to the Culver Bulldogs, leaders of the Cascade League, Saturday February 18, at the Grass Valley gym.

Moro played its best game of the season losing out at the end by a meager six points. The final score was 61-55. High point man for Culver was Vic Young with 14 points, however, high point man for the evening was Moro's Ivan Kirkelle with 15 points.

Culver played the last half with out the services of their best players. Just after the second half started Rich Young had an accident and was unable to play the rest of the game.

Ivan Kirkelle and Jim Brown fouled out from Moro. Bob Frazier fouled out from Culver.

Moro plays Mosier this Saturday at Madras to determine if they will compete in tournament play.

Former Countians Taken By Death

W. E. (Bill) Miller, resident of Grass Valley 40 years ago when he farmed the George Schwartz place, died at Anaheim, California at the age of 90. Surviving are his widow, Lizzie and children, Walter, Maud, Willie and Lottie, scattered over the United States.

Mrs. H. A. Strader, (Leta Curb), grand daughter of the Curls who owned the Kruusow place, died Monday in western Washington.

Mrs. W. Ray Blake died in Portland Monday after a brief illness and funeral services were held at Holman's Wednesday with interment in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong attended. Mrs. Bernice Wilt, Mrs. Blake's mother, died but a few weeks ago. Surviving are her widower and a daughter, Mrs. Scott Fortner. She had lived for many years in Moro and Grass Valley.

PTA President Coming Friday For Talk To Local

Mrs. Faye Staggs of Milton-Freewater, president of the state PTA will be the guest speaker at the Moro unit Friday night, Feb. 24 at 8 p. m. announces Russell Beishee, president.

In addition to Mrs. Staggs, Wilbur Haggerty and Gene Cuet will play a trumpet duet and Mrs. Beatrice Davis will show her class of trampoline athletes. Other PTAs of the county are invited to attend.

Highway Job Halted By Bad Weather

Work on the Moro-Grass Valley section of the new Highway 97 has been postponed until better weather comes. Much grading has been done but mud or frozen ground are handicaps, the contractor, Houck, decided to let nature relieve for him. Work will begin about March 1.

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and Nancy, were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

John Rolfe took two truck loads of cattle to Portland Sunday. Kenneth Sather drove one.

Mrs. Maude Garrett of Shaniko came Saturday and spent the weekend with the Don Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and Ruth went to Portland Friday on business returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and daughter, Mrs. John Alley were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters Jr. of Hood River are the parents of a son born Monday February 20 at Hood River hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters of Grass Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lary of Kelso, Wn.

Cub Scout pack No. 362 will hold its monthly meeting and annual blue and gold birthday party at the Grass Valley school Friday, February 24 at 8 p. m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

The northwest district of the Lutheran church, Mo-Synod has asked Rev. H. Albert Mann of The Dalles to discontinue Lutheran services in Grass Valley. This becomes effective immediately. All members and friends are asked to attend Lutheran services at Faith Lutheran church in The Dalles.

Rufus Grange Active With Social Affairs

The Rufus home extension unit met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Milton Tumilson as co-hostess. Mrs. Ina Hanson began the lesson on sewing a blouse at 10:30 a. m. A delicious luncheon was served at noon for 14 ladies present. After luncheon Mrs. Curtis Neal, vice-president, conducted a business meeting. Mrs. Hanson asked all to save their Betty Crocker coupons for the Azaelia House at Corvallis as they hope to get a silver tea set. The next extension meeting at Rufus will be March 22 at the Allen Tom home. Mrs. Don Macnab and Mrs. Frank Reid are taking the work shop for Rufus and will set their dates later for the time they will hold their workshops in this area.

The Rufus grange met Thursday evening with Master Harland McDonald presiding. All the officers were found present. The 3rd and 4th degrees were put on for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker. Joe Abraham, youth chairman, says a home talent show is planned for the grange's birthday party February 25. Refreshments will be served. The grange voted to buy a new toilet to replace the one that was broken during the last freeze. Mrs. Grace Medler resigned the entertainment committee. Mrs. Harold Baker was appointed to that committee. Roland Johnson reminded all of the conference March 5 which will be at Rufus grange and will begin with a 6 p. m. pot luck dinner. The Pomona officers will instruct the subordinate officers and floor work will be explained.

Carleton Brown, state grange insurance manager of state grange mutual life company of Nampa Idaho, was present for the evening. Mr. Brown showed some slides of Catalina Island, Disney Land and other miscellaneous scenes.

Fair Board Plans Earlier Premium List This Year

The Sherman county fair board held its dinner for department superintendents, which is becoming an annual affair, Monday night. The dinner was served at Beefe's and the subsequent meeting at the court house.

Purpose of the dinner is to find any new ideas that might have been developed in the minds of superintendents, board members or visitors during the interim since the fair fall and to give superintendents a chance to suggest changes in the fair premium list.

Some changes are always made and this year they consisted of some reduction in the number of cattle classes, a different method to be used in sheep and swine divisions, of minor importance, retention of almost all of the farm crops, fruit and vegetable and household art classes as they were and a complete overhaul of the hobby division.

No discussion was held about entertainment features of the fair which may be subject to change. The Sherman county cattlemen would like to put on a junior rodeo at the fair and the board has contracted with Mac Barbour for a professional rodeo. He shows little inclination to change his plans and neither do the cattlemen. The board is in the middle, which is not a change.

It is planned to print the fair book earlier than usual this year.

Church Arranging Lenten Suppers

Lenten potluck suppers at the Moro Community Presbyterian church begin this Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Guest speaker will be Rev. E. W. Machamer of the United Presbyterian Indian Mission at Warm Springs. Sponsor of this first dinner in the series is the Missionary society. On successive Sunday evenings sponsors will be the Mariner's club, Westminster Fellowship, Junior Ladies, and on Palm Sunday, March 25, the choir, singing Stainer's cantata, "The Crucifixion". Westminster Fellowship will meet as usual at 5:30, joining in with the dinners at 6:30.

Wheat Farmers Doing Foreign Trade Job

Oregon wheat farmers tackle a new selling job. In cooperation with the U. S. department of agriculture, the Oregon Wheat Growers league is currently preparing to exhibit and promote the quality and uses of wheat at the International Trade Fair, Osaka, Japan.

Japan is viewed as a prime export market for Oregon wheat. During 1955, more than 37,000,000 bushels of grain were exported to Japan from northwest ports. The league has played a major role in contributing to increased wheat consumption in that country. Intensive marketing programs have been carried on overseas during the past two years.

Wheat commission market analyst Joe Spiruta recently left for Japan to supervise the wheat promotional efforts at the Osaka fair. The Oregon Wheat commission and the league are cooperating in this program.

The Osaka fair will run from April 8 to 22. Spiruta is scheduled to remain in Japan after the fair to work on P. L. 480 promotion projects started earlier by Dick Baum, executive secretary for the wheat league.

LIVESTOCK CLUB MEETS

By Wilma Gentry

The Moro Livestock club met on the evening of February 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall.

The meeting's topic was the diseases of animals and reports were given as follows: "Bang's Disease", Steven Burnett; "Sheep Ticks", Jimmie Coons; "Swine Erysipelas", Wilma Gentry; "Swine Brucellosis", Darlene Gochbauer; "Pregnancy Disease", Jean Ross; "Enteritis Complex", Sterling Gochbauer; "Hog Cholera", Dickie Grabenhorst; "Lung or Disease", Ann Hall; "Foot Rot", Dianna Henrichs; "Black Leg", Mickie Kenny; "Leptospirosis", Karen Powell; "Shipping Fever", Robert Powell.

The next meeting's topic is what each member is feeding.