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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Government is a means whereby people buy things they would not spend their own money on—directly.

T T W N

Understatement headline of the week: Ike Brands Farm Bill inadequate.

T T W N

If the state of New York cannot find and punish the man guilty of throwing acid in the face of Victor Riesel it is already far gone on the path to anarchy.

T T W N

The Russian government has told its citizens that they must work harder to prove the superiority of that system. That's one of the very best ways to prove it, too.

T T W N

We don't know whether television is educational or not. It is entertaining and it keeps the kids out of mama's hair. And you can't have everything.

T T W N

Harry Truman dislikes to be called an elder statesman. But Harry, you are getting old, so part of it is true.

T T W N

We find grounds for disagreement with the decision of a Lane county court held that the suit of a Fort Rock man against a state publication for inaccuracy would impair the freedom of the press. Freedom of the press means that one can publish what he wants to but he is still liable if he is proven wrong.

T T W N

Our junior senator was reported as saying over a radio station that we need an American version of the Canadian Mounted police to enforce segregation in the south. That shows a dictator's concept of government.

T T W N

Now there is talk of changing the name of prospective John Day dam for one with more senatorial appeal. Nuts. Why not promise to make it out of pink concrete?

T T W N

Election board members are not going to be happy about the write-in candidacies of Estes and Adial (what a pair of names that is anyway).

T T W N

"I wish I was wise enough," said the philosopher. "to know the things that make men alike and then the things that make them different."

T T W N

There are some excellent reasons for vetoing the farm bill and some for signing it. It would pass out more money to farmers this year and make their future more precarious. If satisfied with the short view it is OK; if preferring a constructive program NO.

T T W N

This may be the year the Columbia tells the white man he can't cut the timber, plow the grass and still live in the valleys.

T T W N

The theory that labor can get more pay, employers can charge more, and customers pay more is a dandy. No one has any more goods, but everyone has more money and is very happy. It has usually ended through some weakness in customers.

T T W N

We don't expect to live long enough but we would like to see some one propose a tax who didn't expect to benefit from it.

T T W N

Competition used to be called the life of trade. Now it is an attempt to take away the rights of the individual or a fiendish effort to use natural resources for profit.

T T W N

What humans want right now, says a writer, is peace and quiet. Well, it's about time. But there's danger in that, too, because citizens in a representative government nation can't lay down their minds like soldiers lay down their arms. So we need an armed peace and an alert quiet.

T T W N

The reason there's good old days is that we fail to recognize the good of the present days and cannot imagine better days to come.

## Rufus Grange Host To County Grangers

Mrs. Richard Bruckert lecturer of Harlandview grange brought the literary program to Rufus April 5. She had her program prior to the business meeting. The children's church choir of Moro directed by Mrs. Kenneth McKean and with Mrs. Max Barzee at the piano sang two numbers, "Were You There", and "Once There Was a Garden Fair". The children have an excellent director in Mrs. McKean. Kay Higley gave the recitation "Giving". A piano solo "Black Pirates" by Marcia Martin. Mrs. Walter Bruckert gave a talk on the granges of Sherman county. A skit "Doctor Come Quick" by Mrs. George Benson, Mrs. Richard Bruckert and Mrs. Louis Sather. There was a game by a group of men. Then the chorus again sang "Steal Away" and "The Lord's Prayer" to end the program. A 6:30 pot luck dinner was enjoyed together by the grangers before the program. Harland McDonald, master, presided when Rufus grange opened its business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swigart were balloted for and will be grange members by initiation. The legislative chairman reported the diesel and gas refund to farmers will be a benefit to them. Rolland Johnson tells of using barley for hot feed. Mrs. Bob Byrd said the H. E. club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rolland Johnson April 12 at 1:30 p. m.

The grange and community will have a clean up day April 14. Mrs. Trace Flelds will be chairman with George Fox, Harland McDonald and Atlee Wilson on the committee. Orlow Martin, master of Harlandview, was present and made a short talk. George Fox, legislative chairman reports he will put on lecturer's program at next grange meeting. Bill Huck says the Past Master's club will meet at Rockford grange April 28. Rolland Johnson, county deputy, said Sherman county takes its program to Mosier May 1. Hood River brings its program to Harlandview May 12.

Mrs. John Mathieson entertained guests April 6 with a party. Due to the illness of her husband John, Mrs. Mathieson held the party at her sister in laws, Mrs. Jean Thompson's home. After the demonstration given by Virginia Minton of The Dalles the hostess served refreshments.

The Rufus PTA met April 4 at the Rufus school lunch room. The group usually meets the first Monday of the month but on account of the teacher's workshop it was the latter date.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan took a drive up to Madras April 7 stopping in at Eddie Millard's ice cream stand to visit as they are former Rufus people. Then the Jordans drove on to Warm Springs making the circle into The Dalles and home again. They reported much snow on the mountains yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris motored to Portland Thursday night returning Friday. Mr. Morris driving on to valley points to bring home a load of young trees. Mrs. Morris staying in Portland to view the Chrysler Art exhibit.

Arnold Lampert of Troutdale is here visiting his brother in law and sister Mr. and Mrs. James Fox. Arnold has been in poor health this last winter and doesn't know if he feels up to staying and helping the Fox's with the farm work this summer as he did last.

Mrs. Roy Tourville who underwent surgery recently returned to their trailer home in Rufus April 4. Mrs. Tourville, the mother of Roy, is here to help her daughter in law until she feels like doing her work again.

Mrs. Charlotte Taylor became the mother of a daughter born at The Dalles hospital April 9. She was a daughter Esther who is five years old.

Dick Gruget has spent nearly the past week here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sid Gruget. Dick plans to go to Kinzua for awhile to be with his brother who lives there.

Mrs. Jean Thompson spent April 9 in The Dalles visiting her husband and other friends at the Wasco county hospital. Mrs. Don Macnab had a sewing class at her home for the extension group April 10 and 11. She instructed the women on what she had learned when she took the workshop earlier at Moro.

Mrs. Pat Macnab at Wasco entertained the Community card club at her home April 9.

## New Supermarket Opens Doors Today

Opening of the Sherman Supermarket, Paul Cyphers' new grocery and market is definitely set for today, April 13. During today and tomorrow coffee and doughnuts will be served to customers who come to inspect the new stock of goods and prizes will be given the little ones. The store building has undergone a face lifting having a new tile floor, new wiring. New refrigeration has been installed and an entirely new arrangement of aisles about the store. The partition in the building has been moved back to give more room for display space and the entire interior has a new coat of fresh paint. The store will be operated on the market style with customers gathering their own purchases in baskets and bringing them to the counter at the front of the store. Charge accounts will be permitted, however, says Mr. Cyphers.

## HE Workers Plan Gearhart Meeting

Governor Elmo Smith has designated April 15 to 21, 1956 as Home Economics Week in Oregon in recognition of the outstanding contributions of the profession of home economics to family living. The week will be sponsored by the Oregon Home Economics economists at Gearhart, April 20, 21, 22.

"The fruits of home economics training are very evident in the constant improvement of homes and the preservation of homes significant in home life," Governor Smith said.

Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, Sherman county extension agent plans to attend the Gearhart meeting April 21 and 22.

## NFLA Holding Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Dalles National Farm Loan Association will be held at the Cherry Park grange hall, The Dalles, Oregon, April 28 commencing with a dinner at 12 noon. Secretary-treasurer T. F. Whiteman announced this week.

Reports on progress of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and the association, and election of two directors for three years to fill the vacancies of incumbents, Gordon N. Harper of Wasco, and William D. Ketchum of The Dalles.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Carl L. Van Aarde of Kenya, South Africa will talk to the group on farming practices and general living conditions in South Africa. Mr. Van Aarde is here under the auspices of the American Farm Bureau to study farming methods. His talk will be preceded by a colored film on South African life.

## Moro Wins From Maupin By 12-8 Score

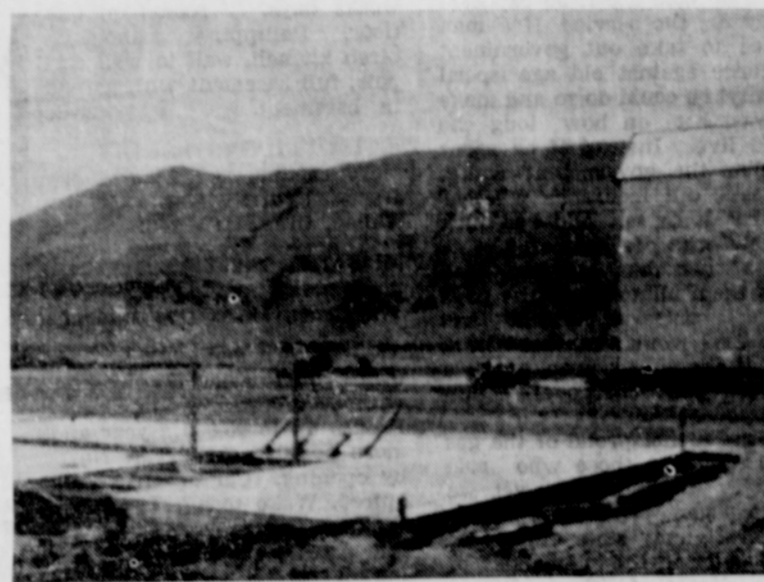
Last Friday Moro Huskies won their first baseball game of the season from Maupin, on Maupin's field. Griggs was the winning pitcher.

The Huskies had 7 hits to the Redsides 13, while the Huskies outscored them 12-8. Kirkelle and Rolfe were the leading hitters for the Huskies, with 12 hits apiece.

The game was a non-league game.

## TRUCK DUMPS ORANGES

A north bound truck loaded with oranges failed to make the turn at the foot of DeMoss hill last Friday and ran into the rock bank. The body was opened up and the highway strewn with oranges in a somewhat mushy condition. No one was injured.



### Big Moving Job Underway At Biggs Where Elevator Is Being Rolled To New Tracks

Travelers going past Biggs may be somewhat surprised to see a huge 350 ton elevator annex moving sedately toward the railroad track from the river as if of its own volition. The new railroad tracks hide the unhurried but deliberate action of the crew of men causing this change.

Under the direction of E. L. LeBeck Jr., one of a family of housemovers, the huge elevator was jacked up and put on 12 inch I beams. Then with a dead man buried near the highway and a winch mounted on a truck with six line power the elevator is rolled along on 16 inch square timbers kept at the right height by almost solid blocking.

LeBeck doesn't expect any trouble with the job although the annex will be raised several feet to get it over the new tracks and then dropped down onto a new concrete base already poured for it by Hogenson & Co., the general contractors.

When the annex is in place the crew will go back after the main elevator which weighs 700 tons, having the machinery in it and being larger. The office and unloading shed will be moved intact. Neither have any wheat in them and both will be on hand between the highway and the tracks for the beginning of harvest. Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers are the owners of the elevator which is being moved to get it above the water mark of The Dalles dam.

## 4-H SEWING CLUB MEETS

By Julie Woods

The meeting was called to order by Susie Woods, president of the Handy Girls Sewing club. Jacques Buckoltz led the group in the 4-H pledge. Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Ina Hanson was present to help some of the girls plan demonstrations, which we will present to the Woman's club. Also the girls are going to model articles they have made.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

## WOMEN HEAR SHERIFF

The Moro Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Pinkerton Thursday, Apr. 5. Sheriff Norman Fields gave a talk on "Civil Defense" and M. Sgt. Ralph A. Bragg, U.S.A.F. gave a talk and showed pictures pertaining to the work of the Ground Observer Corp. with the hope of organizing a Ground Observer station in Moro. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses. The next meeting will be a Mother-Daughter banquet party April 27.

## Dust Clouds Sky From High Wind

The first of the week there was a pall in the sky that was ascribed to dust in the air and probably correctly. It was reported to be over 7000 feet high and was dark enough to hide the sun much of the day. It reminded some of the weather preceding the big blow of 1931 which whipped all vegetation so that it never grew naturally again. Although the wind was in the east it was not strong.

## Wheat, Range and Rainfall Make News For County Agent Thompson

The annual Oregon Wheat League meeting was set for December 6, 7, and 8, at the Multnomah hotel in Portland at a recent meeting of the executive committee. Jefferson county will be the host county for the convention.

A letter from Ernest Kirsch, county agent from Condon, says that a trashy fallow equipment field day will be held at the Chester Dyer farm near Mayville April 21. Five equipment companies are cooperating and will provide machinery for the demonstration. The day begins at 10:00 a. m.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League conservation farmer of the year field day will be held at the Lloyd Smith farm near Mayville on May 28. Folks should keep this date open for an opportunity to see a farm where nearly every type of conservation practice has been utilized.

Those troubled with ground squirrels have an opportunity to secure prepared poison bait for their control. The Fish and Wildlife service prepares bait each year and it can be secured for around \$20 per pound. Bait is available at the Hughes' Feed and Grain store in The Dalles or we can order it from the Fish and Wildlife service. Orders can be made through the county agent's office.

The soils laboratory OSC, Corvallis, is now equipped to make soil-moisture measurements for Oregon farmers. These measurements will determine the

water-holding capacity of soils and will be an aid for efficient application and use of irrigation water, the effective application of fertilizer in dry-land regions, and help in calibration of certain soil-moisture measuring devices. The work will be done by the soils physics laboratory and the cost will be \$2.00 per sample. Those interested in this should contact us for further information and how the test might be applied to an individual farm.

E. R. Jackman, range specialist, Oregon State college, says our range lands have gone down in productivity for seventy-five years. It is believed that the main factor in organic matter. Grass alone does not build organic matter, and addition of some type of legume plant that will produce nitrogen is needed on our pasture and range grounds. Alfalfa is one way to add nitrogen to range lands where seeding can be done. Nomad alfalfa is a good bet on range and permanent pastures in combination with one of the recommended dry-land grasses. Alfalfa on range ground, even if leaves are drier up, will provide more protein and extend the grazing season into the summer. Many cattle do not gain much weight after July first and are likely to lose weight in the late summer. Alfalfa can help cure this costly range disease.

There are other varieties besides Nomad that can be used, but it is the only recommended one at the present time. Generally,

any of eastern Oregon can feel absolutely safe in using Nomad where rainfall is over twelve inches. Where rainfall is less, it is safe to recommend it where conditions are such that it can be established. Such conditions would include spring planting after a year of fallow, north slopes, draws, deltas, at mouths of canyons or flats, and low hills where vegetation indicates some sub-surface drainage exists. Nomad will grow no matter what the rainfall is, providing we can get it started.

The next time you think of seeding grass, consider using some alfalfa in the seeding to provide a more productive and nutritive pasture. The spring applications of nitrogen fertilizer on the ten fertilizer research trials in Sherman county was completed about the middle of March. Fall applications were made prior to seeding on 1956 sites, with other plots receiving spring applications at this time. Fertilizer trials this year are located on the Gordon Harper field at Wasco, Paulen Kaseberg, Art Watkins, Barnett and Frideley, Virgil Conlee, Orlow Martin, Bill Todd, Roy Schilling, Bob Schilling, and George Wilson ranches. Nitrogen fertilizer was applied at 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 pounds per acre rates.

Sherman county farmers are invited to inspect these fertilizer trials at any time to note the growth and results of the fertilizer trials. Diagrams of the plots can be secured from our office

either by card or giving us a call. The state 4-H club office has been somewhat concerned with the re-enrollment of 4-H club members and gave a special consideration this past year. We recently received a note from Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader, indicating Sherman county's figures. For 1954, 63% of first year club members had re-enrolled. For 1955, 73% had re-enrolled. For the total number of club members in 1954, 71% had re-enrolled in club work, while in 1955, 90% had taken club work for another year. In 1954, 98 4-H club members completed their projects, while in 1955, 123 had done so. A sizeable increase has taken place for this club year with final figure not available to date.

The annual 4-H livestock judging field day has been set for May 19 at the Fred E. Cox and Son ranch at Grass Valley. This event is opened to all 4-H livestock club members, their parents, and other boys and girls and parents interested. The day is spent in judging livestock in an effort to improve individually the knowledge of better-type of livestock.

The Sherman County Cattleman's association has initiated a theft-reward program and invites all Sherman county cattlemen to participate. The reward has been set for \$200.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of cattle damage. Anyone can get under this program by paying their dues to the Cattleman's association and the special theft-reward assessment of \$10

## County Budget Down \$5000 As Prepared Tuesday

The county court and the budget committee approved a budget for the fiscal year, July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957 nearly \$5000 lower than the one for this year. Total for 1956 was \$192,200 and for the coming year will be, if approved by the voters, \$187,636.00.

Of this amount \$122,209.48 is inside the six percent limitation and \$65,426.52 is outside. This means that voters will get a chance to pass on the budget at a special election to be held May 18, 1956, the day of the regular primary. Last year the voters approved a budget over the six percent limit by some \$76,000.

The savings were mostly effected by reducing items in the road fund although some items were increased. Labor will get \$57,000 instead of \$50,000; repairs will be up \$3000 from \$10,000; gas and oil up \$500 to \$8500; tires and tubes \$500 to \$4000 and supplies took a big jump to \$12,000 from \$4,000. On the other side of the ledger the road machinery fund was cut \$2500 to \$17,500, quarry site blasting was cut out entirely saving \$15,000. Saving in the road department was \$2500.

For the general fund total appropriations were increased \$2366 although money was set aside for purchase of an adequate ambulance, wages of full time officers were boosted \$100 and \$50 for half time, and additional \$1000 was appropriated for health and \$2431 for welfare.

More cash and receipt were declared. A few minor changes were made in appropriations for various items but nothing to change county policy regarding them.

## Women Working At New Library Rooms

Some of the ambitious women of the community are working on the rooms in the Barnum building to prepare them for the library. Already the partitions have been changed and the walls smoothed. When time is available the floor will be sanded, the walls and ceiling painted and then racks and books can be moved in providing the snuggest little library room the town has had for some years. Mesdames Bob Marvin, Stan Coelsch and Lamer Sayrs were the last shift of workers.

## Kent 4-H Club Keeps Busy Practicing

The Busy Stitches held a club meeting Monday, April 2 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Kenneth Sather. A business meeting was held with president Mary Mobley presiding. The rest of the afternoon was spent in cutting out material and sewing. Refreshments of cookies and ice cream were served.

The members present were Mary Mobley, Betty Bothwell, Betty Jean Reckmann, Helene and Shirley Sather, Nancy and Karen Wilson. Visitors were Mrs. Verne Mobley, Mrs. John Reckmann and children, Alice Ann and Donald, Mrs. Luther Davis and Mrs. John Decker.

Frank McKay and Arthur Decker who are students at OTI were weekend guests at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and Mr. and Mrs. John Decker.

## Club Women Go To Pilot Rock

A group of women from the Moro Woman's club attended a district meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs at Pilot Rock Monday, April 9.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was elected president of the 4th district and was installed by the state president, Mrs. E. E. Hall of Portland. Mrs. Hildred Zell, past state president, present chairman of the Scholarship Loan and Fellowship committee, was present and Mrs. T. L. Fields of Rufus, district historian. Other district officers from Sherman county are Mrs. Eugene Amidon, parliamentarian, Mrs. Leo Watkins, director and Mrs. Vernon Miller, corresponding secretary.

Attending from Sherman county were Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. H. M. Zell, Mrs. T. L. Fields, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Truman Strong, Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. Vernon Miller.