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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Getting rich never hurt anyone; it's betting soft that does it.

T T W N
There is a chance that this county will have a supply of natural gas within a few years.

T T W N
Although Walter George of Georgia has been a good senator we fail to shudder at his retirement from that office at 78.

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Now it is local and state taxes that are increasing. Anyway the taxpayer will get more for his money. And get a reduction in federal taxes to boot.

T T W N
This is the time of year folks look at pictures of distant scenes that are not nearly so colorful when they get there.

T T W N
Just saw a man back around a corner onto the highway just to save driving a block. More dangerous than 70 per on the open road.

T T W N
People cannot rely on government unless government is dependable and government cannot be dependable unless people are. If people depend on themselves they don't need to depend on government.

T T W N
Oregon is getting attention because of its temporary role in both Republican and Democratic politics. It will make its record by deciding wisely.

T T W N
In case anyone is interested the Sherman County Journal is not going to issue a Marilyn Monroe edition even if everyone else does.

T T W N
The weather prophesies for the last of May is for hot days. It can be wrong just as the size of the rain was wrong we won't care.

T T W N
Farmers might get more government help if they could just arrange to have an election every year.

T T W N
We are pleased that ex-Judge Byrnes says that the supreme court should be curbed. Whether he is right or not we have no idea but it is heartening in these United States to have someone protesting against authority. We're getting to be a bunch of push-overs.

T T W N
The district attorney of Jefferson county has been put on the spot by the decision that he is responsible for starting a suit against the Pelton dam builders if it is to be done. An elected official holder in that county who helped kill that dam would be a very dead duck.

T T W N
The way to be happy, says one labeled an expert, is to have no minor frustrations.

T T W N
It is not necessary to put a cross before a written-in name. All an election board needs is clear evidence of the intent of the voter.

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Anyway that ends the candidates for awhile.

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Unseasonable weather has been the part of May so far; very wet and very hot and that is better than being very cold and very dry.

T T W N
A wheat quota of 55 million acres will do nothing for the surplus with normal yields, but you couldn't expect that in an election year.

T T W N
As expected the urge to talk while in Europe is proving too much for Harry Truman. Oh, well, he does it here, too.

T T W N
This is one of the periods of growth and change in Sherman county. There's lots of things going on. Even farming is changing.

T T W N
We wonder how the U. S. engineers would spend \$1,500,000 on the John Day dam at this stage. Boosting the amount is more political than economical.

Horsemen Cavort In Competition For Awards

The West Wind Riders and the Sherman County Riders held a Play Day, May 6, at the fairgrounds, with 63 saddle horses in the grand entry from six riding clubs.

The Sherman County Riders won the high point trophy, which was donated by Stan Coelsch of Moro. Total points earned by each club was as follows: Sherman County-42; Hood River-18; West Wind-14; West Klickitat-12; Ten Mile-11; Fort Dalles-9.

The high point individual rider of the day was Shirley Watkins of Wasco, a member of the Sherman County Riders club.

The Play Day events and winners are as follows: Barrel race: L. Douglas of H. R. 1st; Kinney of W. Klickitat, 2nd; M. Wasson of Fort Dalles 3rd; Musical Ropes: Sharon Coelsch, 1st; Shirley Watkins, 2nd; both Sherman Riders. Women's Potato race: Marjory Van Gilder 1st; Phyllis Watkins, 2nd, both Sherman Riders; B. Ackley of W. Klickitat, 3rd; Pole Bending: (Jrs. Ind.) Shirley Watkins 1st; Freddy Dormaier, 2nd and John Fields, 3rd; W. Wind Riders; Quarter mile race: Sally Fieks 1st; Stan Moore, 2nd; W. W. Riders; Bob Williams, 3rd, of Ten Mile club; Musical Ropes: L. Douglas of H. R. 1st; M. Wasson 2nd of Fort Dalles; Marjory Van Gilder, 3rd of Sherman Riders; Scurry n Pairs: Fort Dalles club 1st; W. Klickitat, 2nd; Ten Mile 3rd; Scurry for Jrs. Shirley Watkins 1st and Sharon Coelsch 2nd, both Sherman Riders; Flag race: John Kellogg of W. Wind 1st; F. Herman, 2nd of H. R.; L. Yarnell of W. Klickitat 3rd; Flag race Jrs.: Sharon Coelsch, 1st; Shirley Watkins, 2nd; Jimmy Coats, 3rd; all Sherman Riders; Water race: (teams) West Wind club 1st; Sherman Riders, 2nd; W. Klickitat 3rd.

Kids Pony race: John Fields of W. Wind 1st; F. Dormaier of W. W. 2nd; Jim Coons of Sherman 3rd; Surprise Race: Remington of Ten Mile, 1st; Z. Wasson, Fort Dalles 2nd; Bill Alsop, Sherman 3rd; Hide Race: Ten Mile club, 1st; W. Klickitat, 2nd; Ten Mile, 3rd.

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Cub Scouts of GV Honor Mothers

The Cub Scouts of Den 1 of pack 362 and their Den Mother Mrs. Frank E. Bayer assisted by Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mrs. Harry Hooper, gave a party at the Legion hall Monday afternoon for their mothers. Mrs. Alex Brander, Mrs. Tom Sant, Mrs. Lester Barnum, Mrs. Gordon Lemley, Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mrs. John Reckman, Mrs. Clyde Stradley, Mrs. Sim Duncan and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and invited guests Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. John Engstrom and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

The following program was presented: the flag salute by the Den, they gave the promise, the law and the meaning of the Webelos; each Cub Scout introduced himself and told his rank; a poem "Mother's Face" by Bob Sant, Tommy Barnum and J. P. Reckman; poem "God Bless the Mothers" by Jimmy Duncan; song, "Mother" by the scouts led by Mrs. Willard Rolfe; concluding with a poem "Country Colds", read by Mrs. Frank E. Bayer.

Refreshments consisted of a cake baked and beautifully decorated with the inscription, "To Our Mother's from Den 1" by Mrs. Joe Hammond, was served with punch, tea and coffee at the close of the party.

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Indian Here To Learn 4-H Livestock American Farm Mechanization Method Judging Event Due Saturday

Jagjit Singh Bains, a Sikh from Patalia, Pepsu, India, is an IFYE student who arrived at the Paulsen Kaseberg home Monday for a month's stay to learn about how American farmers work so he can apply mechanization to his farming in India.

Mr. Bains is nearly 25, single, and truly bearded like a Sikh, a people that has provided many of the stalwart soldiers for India over many years. He is an active farmer who has been educated at Punjab, India for the past two years. He speaks good English.

Bill McKinney Back From Eastern Trip

William McKinney came back to Moro last week after a tour of nine months with his wife and daughter inspecting markets in the east and mid-west, on a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Mr. McKinney found that marketing of farm produce is a weak spot in farming. In many places produce for sale is neither priced or labeled by weight or grade and not always kept in sanitary condition. The result is that commercial produce men are causing the farm markets to close.

He is convinced that if farmers want to continue selling direct to consumers they must cooperate into larger groups able to maintain a sufficient supply and well enough financed that they can uphold good standards of weight and purity.

County HS Board Gets Organized

The County High School Board had its first meeting Monday and elected Charles Burnet chairman.

In drawing lots for the length of terms John Decker drew the five year term, Leland Medler the four year term, Marvin Thomas the three year, Harold Eakin the one and Charles Burnet the one. Before taking any official action the board will obtain some rulings on the procedures under the law in order to make their pathway more clear.

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Wasco Women Meet

The Wasco Woman's Study club was called to order by the resident, Mrs. John Foss, at the Methodist church for the annual Mother's day meeting. Each member was to bring her mother if possible, if not, a guest. A corsage was presented each guest as she arrived.

The regular business meeting was dispensed with and each member introduced her guest. Mrs. Foss called Mrs. Halley who installed the following officers for the year 1956-57: Mrs. Vinton Watkins, president; Mrs. Edward Cardinal, secretary and Mrs. Gordon Harper, treasurer.

Mrs. Foss pinned a corsage upon the shoulder of each of the new officers. Mrs. Watkins then presented Mrs. Foss with a gift in appreciation of her work as president of the club for the past year.

Mrs. Foss then presented the oldest mother present who was Mrs. Anna Lee. She was presented a beautiful potted plant. The youngest mother was Mrs. Martin Pshigoda, who also received a beautiful plant.

Mrs. Bruckert announced that Conservation day would be May 22. The tour will start at Grass Valley at 9:30 a. m. Seventh and eighth grade students are invited. The tour will return to the Experiment Station for lunch. The club has sponsored this tour for some years.

The following program was presented: reading "When My Mother's Gone Away", by Mrs. Trace Fields; an acrobatic dance by Betsy Bish; community sing with Mrs. Halley at the piano "Star Spangled Banner" "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "In the Garden"; a piano number by Carmen Royce; a piano number by Betty Haven.

After a ten minute visiting period, the ladies were invited to go down stairs to the dining room for refreshments. The tea table was beautifully decorated with white Shasta daisies and pink carnations. Ice cream, cake, nuts, tea and coffee were served. The outgoing president, Mrs. Foss, and the incoming president, Mrs. Watkins presided at the table. Eighteen guests and twenty members enjoyed the afternoon.

The annual livestock judging field day will be held at the Fred Cox & Son ranch next Saturday beginning at 11:30 when lunch will be served pot-luck style.

After lunch the 4-H children of the three active livestock clubs of the county will begin their lesson in stock judging practicing on cattle, both Cox' and others brought in, on sheep and swine.

It is expected that some 60 children will participate in the day and vie for the prizes Mr. Cox gives for the boy and girl who make the highest marks. In addition Howard Ross is giving a prize to the club that makes the highest average score.

During the day the three clubs will select their teams to do the judging in competition at The Dalles stock show. Jay Binder, county agent from Madras, will be the visiting judge. Anyone interested in stock and stock judging is welcome to come.

School End Program Changed Slightly

A change in date has been made in the high school's year end program. Class night will be held Wednesday, May 23, instead of Saturday night, May 19.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 27 with the Rev. Wilbur Junker of Kent giving the sermon. The grade school graduation will be held at Grass Valley the 29th, the Memorial holiday will be observed and commencement will be Thursday, May 31, with Vernon Basler, administrator of a division of the Veterans' administration in Portland talking to the students.

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LeRoy Martin Now

Barometer Columnist

Leroy S. Martin, student at Oregon State college, was recently among five journalists initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, men's national professional journalistic fraternity.

He also writes "Nimrod Notes" as fish and game editor, for the Barometer, the college paper.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Kent.

Farm Taxes Up In Oregon

Oregon's farm taxes, spiraling higher than any of the seven western states, have shown increases of 300 per cent, a Western agricultural magazine charged this week.

Farm Management Magazine, in a detailed study of Oregon's farm taxes, presented facts and figures in the current May issue showing that the burden on Oregon farmers is greater than anywhere else in the West.

The magazine presented United States Department of Agriculture statistics showing that the nation's farm real estate is carrying a tax load of \$1 per \$100 of actual land value—highest in the nation's history. Oregon has soared over the national average to \$1.50 with some rates showing as much as a 300 per cent gain in the last ten years.

Reid Johnson, rancher in Oregon's Willamette area, furnished tax details for the magazine's study, as did L. C. Buchner, vice-president of the Gilliam county Bank at Arlington.

"Farmers in this area feel that the county, state and nation's lawmakers should re-evaluate the rural tax structure and make a study of assessment procedure," says Farm Management.

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Local Auxiliary Has

Party For Officers

The auxiliary of Chris Schultz post American Legion, were hosts Friday evening at the Moro Legion hall to state president Marjorie E. Leach of Bonneville, dept. vice-president Frances E. Grund of Monmouth and 5th district president, Leila Crapper of Hood River. Also guests for the evening program were Grace Medler, post auxiliary of Wasco, and Lena Brock, Elva Dehler, Catherine Thomas and Doris Watkins members of the Wasco unit.

Messages from department headquarters were brought to the unit members by the visiting officials. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.



GARY MILLER throws his calf time at the junior rodeo at the preparatory to tying him in good fair grounds Sunday.



Senior division boys and girls the quarter mile saddle horse come tearing down the stretch in race, won by Nancy Sherman.

Grass V Auxiliary Has Poppy Tea; Honors Officers

About 25 people attended the Poppy tea, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary held at the Kent Legion hall Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Tatum presided at the opening and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, who introduced the special guests, Mrs. Harold Leach, state president from Bonneville; Mrs. Frances Grund, state vice-president from Monmouth and Mrs. Harvey Crapper, district president from Hood River. A program was presented consisting of vocal solos "He" and "Daddy's Little Girl" by Mrs. Claud Bayer accompanied by Mrs. Orville Ruggles; two accordion solos "Just Another Polka" and "Tiger Rag" by Mrs. Ruggles and two vocal solos "Whither Thou Goes" and "If I were The Only Girl" by Karen Kelly accompanied by Mrs. Ruggles. Each of the special guests gave an interesting and instructive address and were presented gifts and poppy corsages.

The members worked at tables making poppy corsages to be sold on election day May 18. Refreshments of decorated tea cakes, ice cream, mints, tea and coffee were served from a tea table decorated with red peonies and pink candles. Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Grund presided at the tea and coffee urns.

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Bloodmobile Coming To County June 4

The next trip of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Sherman county will be June 4 when donors will gather at the Moro church to give blood. Donors will be recruited in each community.

Co-operators in each community will be named before next week to sign up those able and willing to donate blood.

Bangs Disease Testing, Treating to Continue Until County Herds Are Free, Says Vet.

Plans are under way to complete Bang's testing on all farms in Sherman county during 1956. It is anticipated that an intensified testing program will be started the week of May 21. Tests are planned on all cattle in May and June except where cattle are out in open range and too difficult to gather for testing. These cattle will be tested when available in the fall.

The Disease Control committee met May 15 with representatives from all areas in the county to develop a plan of action for the testing program.

Dr. Kenneth Erickson, area supervisor, Animal Disease Eradication Branch, USDA, attended the committee meeting. Dr. Erickson says that as soon as scheduling has been completed a sufficient number of federal veterinarians will be available to do testing work.

Sherman county was declared an official Bang's test area in April, 1953. Creation of an official test county provides that all cattle in the area shall be Bang's tested. The objective is to establish Sherman county as a modified certified area. A modified

Junior Rodeo Hits Good Day, Makes Fast Show

With the first spring sun warming the rain cooled air of the day before, an appreciative crowd and a lively program, the third Sherman County Cattleman's Junior Rodeo had a most successful day Sunday at the fairgrounds.

The anxious youngsters were nearly always ready in the chutes and the long program went off rapidly. The little horses brought by Sonny Bain were in good condition and twisted and gyrated well enough to pile many of the youthful riders. Roping was more accurate than in previous junior rodeos.

Winner of the junior division was Ken Stanton of Sisters who tied for second in calf roping, was first in calf riding and in the barrel race. He received the junior all around award of belt buckle donated by local firms.

John Field won the junior quarter mile race with Kathleen Norton second and Jimmy Coons third.

Eddie Hagen of Portland won the senior division by placing fourth in cow riding, second in calf roping and first in steer decorating. He failed to place in bareback riding, an event which was taken by Dick McClure of Madras. Other bareback riders to place were Chuck Toll of Fossil, Jim Walker of Durkee, Ralph Lang of Mitchell and Gary McQuinn of Pendleton.

Tom Hall of Medford won the cow hide race and Nancy Campbell of Sisters won the quarter mile race for senior class riders. She was also awarded the prize as the best all around girl contestant.

Mrs. Ernest Eslinger donated the senior all around belt buckle for Hagen's award in honor of her recently deceased husband. Each winner received merchandise prizes donated by stores here and in The Dalles for the several winners.

Wasco Methodists Greet Young People

The Wasco Methodist church was host to over 100 young people from eight churches in the Mid-Columbia area. This was one of four youth rallies that is held during the year. The rally which was held May 6 from 2 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. was built on the theme "Our Goal, My Task". A drama was presented in the afternoon by the sub-district MYF officers that portrayed this theme.

After several games everyone joined in some rousing fun songs led by Richard Bruner, minister of the Wasco church. A dinner was served in the dining room by the Women's society of Christian Service. The entertainment after the dinner was furnished by several members of the Wasco MYF. They were Carmen Royce, Betty Haven, Jeanette Belshee, Mary Ann Haven, Sherry Christopherson, Rebecca Rhinehart and Virgil Jepson.

No Beer, No Whiskey, No Wine Today

Sale of beer, wine or distilled spirits for consumption on the premises is not legal from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on election day the Oregon liquor commission reminded licensees this week. However, sale of package beer or wine by authorized licensees for consumption off premises during these hours is permitted by Oregon law, which supercedes any local laws to the contrary.

Licensees may resume regular sale after the polls are closed, but any sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on licensed premises is forbidden during the hours the polls are open, the commission emphasized.

State liquor stores and agencies also will close election day in accordance with the Oregon liquor control act.

4-H Give Horse Award

A new award awaits Oregon young people who are enrolled in 4-H saddle horse clubs. Cal Monroe, state extension agent at Oregon State college, has announced that a "senior horsemanship" pin will be given to members who can complete riding tests for the award.

The pin is in the shape of a horseshoe and encloses a green four-leaf clover, symbol of 4-H club work. E. L. "Dad" Potter, professor emeritus of agriculture economics at OSC, is its donor.