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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We read that a rather small percentage of those able to work retire at 65 after all. Pensions, social security, tax exemptions, are too small to permit it. In other words inflation has made social security worthless.

T T W N

Howard Morgan is an honest, forthright, somewhat brazen, Democrat who has helped the party. He goes to the Stevenson camp and we think a lot of Democrats are glad of it.

T T W N

The planet Venus is said to be signalling Earth. Wonder if they speak English or Chinese.

T T W N

The next generation will consider our fighting over who is to build power dams valid evidence of our childishness.

T T W N

Political critics jumped on War Secretary Charles Wilson for saying something in congress was "phony". Maybe Charley Wilson can't say it, but we can: there's a lot of it phony and a lot of phonies trying refute it and everybody knows it. And in general the phoniest of them howl the loudest.

T T W N

This year we will see several examples of political strategy of this kind: if your opponent tells the truth accuse him of lying; if he tells a lie make him live with it.

T T W N

A woman who stole over a million dollars gets 20 years. That's good wages alright, but the work is probably monotonous.

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The general effect of government regulation is often to protect the highest priced organization. It often restricts competition.

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Federal aid to education is going to pass. It helps more states than it hurts and that is reason enough. The have less states will pay more for the things they buy from the have more states and nobody will be happy. Some call it democracy which permits the majority to steal legally from the minority and others call it mob rule.

T T W N

We don't think a little warm weather will do any harm and it would help save the winter clothes that are still in use.

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Taxpayers, some of them anyway, will resent it when they learn that the state has more money than it needs. If it would result in reduced taxes next year it wouldn't be so bad; rather it may result in higher taxes for it has now been proven that the goose can be plucked a little closer.

T T W N

The Portland vice investigation more and more resembles a tight chess game in which each player has his opponent's pieces threatened from several sides. It is good chess; poor government.

T T W N

We don't think much of a decision made like the one bringing the Hells Canyon bill to the house, by bribing a member with a dam in his own district. If, to get a half billion Hells Canyon (and it will be a full billion) we promise a dozen others, the taxpayers will own a lot of useless dams.

T T W N

The theory that lives will be saved by building faster roads has been exploded long ago.

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We prophesy that before the big road program is finished there will be complaints about it which will stem from its costs.

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The state highway commission has a tremendous responsibility with the receipt of a \$51,000,000 check for roads. How would you like the job?

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We create our own dilemmas. The coffee break has sent the cost of coffee up.

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Washington drivers seem to go faster than those from any other state. Maybe it is because they have such senseless traffic laws there.

County Budget Up For Second Time At Saturday's Election

Next Saturday, June 30, an election will be held on the 1956-57 Sherman county budget. This is the second time this budget has been presented to the voters who rejected it by 19 votes in May. The budget is smaller than for 1955-56 by some \$5,000 and is \$65,000 over the six percent limitation. If it fails again curtailment of county expenses will be necessary.

Fair Board Decides Some More Questions

Most of the problems of the fair board have been resolved in previous meetings. One major one remains: what to use for money. No dog races may make it unanswerable.

At a meeting Wednesday the board decided to give two dances this year, Friday night at Grass Valley and Saturday night at Wasco and a dance band was hired for the music. The Moro school band under Lynn Teadtke will play during the days.

Judges are being hired and hay and straw obtained. The board agreed to buy some two inch pipe to improve the water system and provide better fire protection.

Library Moved

Members of the Moro city library board and willing husbands moved the books from the Woman's club building to the new quarters in the Barnum building Wednesday night. The new library has been rebuilt, painted and sined up pretty to receive the books. Opening will be July 6.

Scholarship Won

Walter J. Morris, graduate of Rufus consolidated high school, has been awarded a \$120 scholarship for 1956-57 at Oregon State college.

The scholarship, which will cover partial tuition and fee charges for the year, has been awarded Morris by the state board of higher education. Selection for the scholarship is based on scholarship and promise of successful college work.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Morris of Rufus, Morris was president and vice president of the student body, editor of the school paper, and worked 48 hours a week while attending high school.

The Rufus grange met in regular session June 12 with Roland Johnson, Pomona master taking Harland McDonald's place presiding at the business meeting.

It was reported Grace Medler's court work pillow cases which took first place in the county, took fifth place at state grange. The grange voted to buy the national grange monthly magazine for their officers. Burning the grass around the grange hall was discussed. The morning of June 25 was set for the job. It was reported Dewey Thompson, a Pomona grange member was ill at a hospital in Portland.

For the lecturer's program Mrs. Will Huck had a prize for the father with the most grandchildren. Charles Blake won the gift. The men all sang "When You and I Were Young Maggie". A reading "His Grandpa" was given by Mrs. George Fox. A play "Getting Even" was presented by Joe Abraham, Sam Brock, and George Fox. There was a quiz on old sayings. A game which six then took part. "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet" was sung by Bill Huck and Joe Abraham, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Leo Watkins. The program ended with all singing, "The Rainbow at Sunset".

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Field Day July 10 At Station Has Full Program

The annual field day at the Sherman branch experiment station will be held July 10 and will feature G. Burton Wood, agricultural economist at OSC, in a talk about the soil bank plan and Jim Hill, manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers and manager of a feeding experiment, in a talk about expanding grain markets by feeding livestock.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. and the talks will follow shortly thereafter. At noon a luncheon will be served for a dollar on the lawn at the station.

In the afternoon a tour of the station has been arranged so that visitors can see the growing crops and judge the fertilizer experiments, the new wheats, safflower, alfalfa plots and the other experiments that are constantly going on there.

Dr Wood has talked in Sherman county on several occasions and is considered an interesting speaker. He is a member of Agriculture Secretary's advisory committee and acquainted with the soil bank proposal and what it may do for wheat farmers.

Jim Hill was largely responsible for starting the feeding experiment in Umatilla county as a means of getting pea straw and wheat in use as stock feed and carry the use of wheat to a further stage than selling the raw product.

Miss Naida Whybark will conduct a demonstration on baking hot bread during the afternoon.

Solomons Leaving For California

This Sunday will be the last Sunday at Moro for Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Solomon. After some vacation in July they will be living in Livermore, California, where on August 1 he will begin work as assistant pastor of the Presbyterian church there.

Rev. Solomon has been pastor of the Moro Community Presbyterian church since November, 1952, coming here from a Portland pastor.

A nine member committee has been appointed by the local congregation to recommend a new pastor. This committee, of which Ward Sybouts is chairman, has already been at work for several weeks.

A potluck lunch will be held at the church following the Sunday morning service.

Court Pays May Bills, Considers Hiring Appraiser

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JUNE 6, 1956 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims presented and allowed against all funds.

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

Road Fund Balances presented, approved and filed.

Gasoline consumption for May, 1956, presented and ordered filed.

Re: Ambulance—County Judge to investigate sale of ambulances at Sheriff's sale in Eugene, Oregon on June 11, 1956.

Re: A.S.C. Lease—Lease for year 1956-57 given to A. S. C. office.

Re: Re-appraisal program for Sherman County—Loggan & Michael of State Tax Commission meets with court and discuss possibility of hiring an appraiser for Sherman County, if possible, otherwise state to do re-appraising as soon as possible.

Boundary Board in afternoon session—Annexation of Dist. No. 1 to No. 3 and District No. 4 to District No. 7 ordered.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

COURT IN SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 12, 1956.

Re: Proposed Biggs Rapids Bridge under discussion—Court signs Resolution concurring with action of Commissioners of Klickitat County employing Paul D. Speer as consultant.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED.

Pacific Telephone will be in its new colorful and comfortable business office at 217 E. 3rd street July 2.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MAY, 1956, APPROVED JUNE 6, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

Highway 97 Club Continues Efforts For More Traffic

The Highway 97 club, intent on getting a sign on the highway 11 miles south of Shaniko, met Tuesday night with several sample signs to consider. Final decision was left to the committee appointed originally. Cost is estimated to be \$35 a year for the land and \$46 per month for the sign.

G. P. Johnson of Shaniko was named, along with Cliff Chipman of Moro, to see what could be done about obtaining steady ferry service across the Columbia at Maryhill and it was agreed that the club would work with the already existing Highway 97 association toward obtaining improvement of that road. Members will urge county officials to attend highway meetings and attend themselves when necessary.

Mrs. Zella Kenny

Mrs. Zella Quinn Kenny, 38, wife of Lawrence Kenny, died in a Portland hospital Tuesday morning after a brief illness from leukemia. Mrs. Kenny had not been feeling well and after an examination she went to specialists in Portland who confirmed her previous information about her illness.

She was born near Dufur November 10, 1917 and came to Sherman county about 20 years ago where she met and married her husband. She was always active and alert and had an interest in many things about her and in public affairs.

Surviving are her widow, a daughter, Mary Michael, a son, Patrick, a brother Lawrence Quinn, Washougal, Wn., a sister, Bella Jean Rea, Salem, two step-sisters, Mrs. Violet Ewing, Seattle, Mrs. Luella Weber, Portland, two step-brothers, Frank Welch, The Dalles and Virgil Welch, Portland.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Spencer & Libby Home in Portland with interment in Parkland Memorial cemetery.

FRED CYPHERS

Fred Cyphers, father of Paul Cyphers, died suddenly at his home at Ocean Park, Wash., Friday while returning from a clamming trip.

Long a resident of The Dalles before retiring to the coast, he was father of eight sons and one daughter, all of whom survive him as does his widow. He had 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday in The Dalles with interment there.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

N. Fields, \$70.00 - travel (official car); Stadelman Bonn, \$3.55, incidentals; Mel'O's Camera Shop, \$35.06, incidentals; Dunham Printing Co., \$44.95; N. Fields, \$13.36 travel outside county.

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Moro Postmaster, \$6.00 postage.

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., \$59.50, repair equipment

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

W. Shaver, \$159.70; Clair L. Balzer, \$44.50; The Haloid Co., \$91.20; Royal Typewriter Co., \$100.00;

Lester Wilson, \$15.00, brd. of equalization; Dewey Thompson, \$10.00; Assessment and Taxation County Fund, \$2693.78

COURT HOUSE:

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$28.65; Phone, \$55.05; City of Moro, \$5.95; Cushman Equip., \$2.30, incidentals

COUNTY COURT:

The Dalles Greenhouse, \$5.00

JUSTICE COURT:

Wasco Postmaster, \$20.00 - postage; City of Wasco, \$10.00

ELECTIONS:

Election Boards, \$557.43; Sherman County Journal, \$18.00

DEMOSSE PARK:

Pacific Power & Light Co., \$95; Ivan Kirkelje, \$5.25; Moro Lumber & Fuel, \$18.34 - materials for repair.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$20.00

COUNTY PRINTING:

Sherman County Journal, \$104.69

LAW BOOKS:

Shepard's Citations, Inc., \$57.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

First National Bank, \$218.50; State Tax Comm., \$47.99; Social Security, \$102.98; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$8.54

ROAD FUND:

WAGES:

Dunlap, \$427.58; McPherson, \$333.36; Bayer, \$333.36; Morehouse, \$313.36; Gosson, \$326.33; Shoemaker, \$360.20; Gray, \$343.36; Yocum, \$309.00; Schaumburger, \$320.72; Johnson, \$295.00

Rain Making To Continue With Two County Basis

Officers and members of the Tri-County Weather Research organization met at Moro Monday. At present it consists of but two counties, Gilliam and Sherman, Morrow having withdrew last year.

The annual report stated that a meteorologist has been stationed in the area during the year and that the company had worked to bring additional rain and was also working to prevent hail stones during the summer.

Argument came from a talk by Dr. Calvin of OSC who has recently said that Tri-County's claims for additional rain were not proven and J. S. Battles of the company who made a speech upholding the company. The men were not in agreement but not as far apart when the meeting closed, reported those there.

Elected from Sherman county to the nine man board of directors were Stan Coelsch and Norris Gilkison from Sherman county who will serve with holdover directors George Wilson, president and Walter Blau, Ralph Potter and Lloyd Smith were elected from Gilliam county for new terms. David Childs and William Wise are holdovers. A director at large was elected, he being Orva Dyer of Mayville.

It was agreed to continue through the summer of 1957 in much the same manner as in 1956. In Sherman county the funds are raised by the local grain growers associations. It was expected that this source would still be available although not all cooperatives had held meetings to decide the matter. For 1956 Moro Grain Growers gave \$4000, Sherman Co-op \$5000 and Grass Valley Grain Growers \$4500. In Gilliam county the Condon Grain Growers gave \$10,000 and an additional \$5000 was raised from farmers.

The contract for 1955-56 on the rain program was \$27,000 and other expenses brought total costs up to slightly over \$28,000.

Picnic Scheduled For George Bell Post

George Bell post and unit No. 49 will hold its picnic at Hunt park in Tygh Valley July 1 for all legion and unit members and their families and friends. Pot luck dinner served buffet style with coffee furnished. Please bring your dishes and silverware.

Blagg, \$290.10; Axtell, \$350.72; Junker, \$42.34; First National Bank, \$452.90; State Tax Comm., \$96.70; Social Security, \$96.70; Retirement, \$105.64; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$6.10; S. Ungvare, \$118.12

MISCELLANEOUS:

Union Pac. R. R., \$1.50; Union Pac. R. R., \$1.50; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$94.68; O'Meara Supply & Imp., \$24.32; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$28.20; City of Moro, \$1.75; Pac. Power & Light Co., \$20.95; Flatt's Truck Service, \$8.26.

BRIDGE SURVEY:

State Treas. Revolving Fund, \$825.00

WEED CONTROL:

Gordon Mitchell, \$124.81; First National Bank, \$16.30; State Tax Comm., \$2.94; Social Security, \$2.94; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$2.22; Moro Grain Growers, \$3.40; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$2.75; First National Bank, K. Falls, \$1375.00; Moro Motors, \$6.75; C. M. & W. O. Sheppard, \$28.00

REPAIRS:

Smith Auto Parts, \$192.28; Cushman Equip. Co., \$69.67; Loggers & Contractors Mch. Co., \$83.83; Int. Tractor & Equip., \$380.75; Miller Truck Parts, \$12.10; The Dalles Iron Works, \$5.48; Hooper's Union Service, \$6.00; Auto Electric Supply Co., \$88.37; Industrial Motor Parts \$380.91; Howard Cooper Corp., \$51.54; Service Motor Co., \$32.97; Virgil's Weld & Repair, \$56.07

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Moon Equip. Co., \$52.89; The General Tool Co., \$10.24;

BRIDGES & CULVERTS:

Moro Lumber & Fuel, \$267.32

QUARRY SITES:

Peenaughty Mch. Co., \$1883.50

INSURANCE:

W. T. Balsiger Ins., \$27.40

GAS & OIL:

Standard Oil Co. of Calif., \$385.33; Shell Oil Co., \$18.49

TIRES & TUBES:

Firestone Stores, \$604.66

Political Parties Organize For Battle By Electing Officers

Central committees of both political parties met this week, Monday, and elected officers for the coming two years. Democrats met in the afternoon at the courthouse and chose Frank Ketter for another term as county chairman and Gwen Ross as vice-chairman. Others elected were John E. DeMoss, secretary-treasurer, Glayds Zell, state committeewoman, John Hilderbrand, state committeeman; Gwen Ross, congressional committeewoman, J. E. DeMoss, congressional committeeman.

Republicans met at the Collis Moore home Monday night and elected William Reid as chairman and Mrs. Allen Tom, vice-chairman. Mrs. B. Estelle Halley was elected secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Floye von Borstel congressional committeewoman, Collis Moore, congressional committeeman. The district nominating committee will be Frank von Borstel, Mrs. Halley, Mrs. von Borstel, W. R. Reid and Mrs. Collis Moore.

ASC Office Puts Out Allotments

Notices showing the individual farm wheat acreage allotment for 1957 were mailed to all Sherman county farmers this week.

According to Frank von Borstel, chairman, ASC County Committee, this represents a 37 percent reduction in the acreage normally seeded to wheat on the farm. Farmers have 15 days from date of the allotment notice to apply to the county committee for a review if not satisfied with their allotment.

Missionary Society Bids Member Adieu

The Moro Missionary society met June 20 at the home of Mrs. Harry Pinkerton. Dessert was served at 1:30 by Mrs. Alfred Solomon, Mrs. McConaughy and Mrs. Gladys Morrison to members and guests.

Mrs. Pinkerton presided at the business meeting. The society voted to extend financial assistance to local young people who wish to attend camp at Menucha, near Corbett.

Cards were signed to be sent to the James Moberg family on the death of the grandmother; and to Dewey Thompson, who is ill in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Frank Judah gave an interesting talk on American Indians and Mrs. Solomon told of mission work.

Mrs. Max Barzee led in the final lesson on Book of Ephesians which has proved to be a very interesting and profitable study for the spring months.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Solomon from the society, as she is leaving soon to live in California.

The meeting closed with all repeating the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Grover Coffman

Grover Cleveland Coffman died suddenly in The Dalles Saturday afternoon. With his wife he had gone to visit her mother, who lives there. Grover cut the lawn and came into the house where he sat down and was soon dead.

He was born July 30, 1893 in Warrensburg, Mo., and came to Oregon when he was eight years old. The family lived at Grass Valley where Grover attended school and started work on the section. He continued at that work all his life.

In 1917 he volunteered for the navy with a group of others going that spring and was a fireman through World War I. On his return he went to work for the Union Pacific, going to Rock creek and to Shaniko where he was section boss. He has had a similar position at Moro 21 years.

Surviving are his widow, Eva Jane; a daughter, Mrs. William F. Dyer, The Dalles; two brothers, Chester and Dewey of Portland; two half brothers, Rolly and Vern White, Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Viola Wilkerson and Mrs. Beulah Mack, Portland and Mrs. Curtis Stark, Bend; two grandchildren and three step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Smith Callaway Chapel Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with interment in The Dalles cemetery. Masons gave their rites at the funeral and the American Legion conducted military rites at the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Ted von Borstel went to Portland June 19 on business returning home the next day.

School Meeting Results In Offer By RSB If Legal

A meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the court house with members of the Wasco school board, the Rufus school board, the Rural school board, and the County High school board and visitors in attendance. The Wasco board was said to be responsible for the meeting which came together to hear James Turnbull of the state department of education give his opinion of ways to settle the arguments that exists over division of budgeted funds for Wasco and Rufus elementary schools.

According to the County High school law all funds budgeted for high school purposes within a county voting the County High school law accrue to the County High school board for use in high school education.

The contention of the Wasco and Rufus boards is that giving up this part of their budgets will deprive them of sufficient funds to operate their elementary schools for the coming year. Mentioned specifically is the necessity of heating the buildings, which will not be lowered much, maintenance, buses and similar expenses. No argument exists over teaching salaries, except a minor one.

Settlement Offered

The County High school board has offered Wasco \$10,219 and Rufus \$8,000 plus 2c a mile transportation costs out of the County High school funds to supplement their budgets for the coming year. There is a legal question about the possibility of the county board giving and the local boards spending these sums, but if every one is satisfied, no suits would be expected. Neither Wasco nor Rufus accepted the offers. In case of acceptance they would probably have to post a supplementary budget, showing receipts for transportation and expenses for operation.

C. A. Phipps, attorney for the Wasco district, said that he felt that the Rural school board should make a new budget in the light of passage of the County High school law and permit elementary districts to readjust their expenses in the light of the new high school district.

James Turnbull said that there was a definite date in the law on which the Rural school board must make its allotment of funds to districts in the county, that it was specific and was April 20.

The County High school law was approved April 30, the final date possible inasmuch as no vote may be taken on approval of the County High school law within 60 days before July 1. Had the County High school law been approved before April 20 adjustments could have been made, but it was passed during the ten days of the year when that might not be possible.