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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Our cynical friend says that gracious living as now practiced should be called goodness gracious living.

T T W N
It becomes apparent that some education will be needed to settle the segregation problem. Education of the big government boys to stop the dictatorial policies and education of the segregationists to understand that negroes must be educated.

T T W N
Highway deaths on Labor Day show that bigger, wider, faster roads make more deaths. Almost no one was killed on dirt roads, few on gravel.

T T W N
Wouldn't it be nice if we could have our executive officer get married, have an heir, and keep us from taxes, like Monaco?

T T W N
Loyalty is one of the seven cardinal virtues. To be loyal to some thing means that one recognizes that others also have ideas, also think, also are honest and conscientious and may be right. To be loyal to nothing is the highest degree of egotism for it assumes self-perfection. Wayne Morse has achieved that.

T T W N
The Saturday Evening Post picks no westerner on its all-American team in preview. Want to bet?

T T W N
Newspapers like people seem to give preference to those who say they are unfair. That's the theory of arguing with an umpire also.

T T W N
We had winter and we had spring which wasn't superlative in much but cold weather and we had summer. Now it time for fall. Feels like we are getting it already.

T T W N
Biggest joke in the world is that of passing expenditures on to a higher government to save money. It always costs more.

T T W N
This country's champion woman shot putter is married. That's right she was married before she became a shot putter.

T T W N
Until a girl is twenty she has to wear clothes just like all the others; after that clothes must be different.

T T W N
The "dere peepul" are getting a lot of attention.

T T W N
Portland is talking about starting all over again on the E-R project. Probably won't please everyone anyway.

T T W N
There may come a day when living is easier, when money is easier to get, when there are more available gadgets but so far this is the best there has ever been.

T T W N
High interest is good for the lender, bad for the borrower; high prices are good for the seller, bad for the buyer. And if you have something to sell and become a lender you're on top.

T T W N
It is probable that labor will always have trouble with racketeers as long as membership is compulsory. If honest laborers could join a union of their choice and quit a racketeer-led union it would improve conditions. Manipulations are always bad.

T T W N
The Oregon Journal stirred up a lot of hornets by its editorial describing Senator Neuberger as a headline hunter. Everyone in public life has known it a long time but apparently not everyone else.

T T W N
Difficulty of getting anything done in government is the result of too many laws.

T T W N
A company has brought natural gas to Oregon—this year when we already had so much.

T T W N
We note from the pictures that there will be fashions again this year and that they will be different. The same things are wrapped in them, however.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

A group of Rufus people surprised Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spagle at Biggs Thursday night when they charivariated them at their home. Kenneth who works for the railroad and Mrs. Ruth Fields who has been employed at Art Macheels' Cafe were recently married.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and son Russel returned home last weekend from their trip to Alaska. The Blakes drove their son Al's car up to Alaska. Then they hopped a plane back as far as Seattle where another son met them and brought them to Rufus.

The Rufus consolidated school district hired their 7th and 8th grade teacher and grade school principal last week. Hired was Jack R. Lloyd of Butte, Montana who taught the last two years in the high school at Phillipsburg, Montana. Lloyd with his wife and three children, Carol Frost 6, Debra Jean 4 and John R. 2 has moved into one of the new houses built for the Rufus teachers.

Joe Abraham who has been employed at the Rolland Johnson ranch the last several years has left his job there. Joe is the Rufus grange treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hollinger are on vacation this week. Hollinger is the assistant road boss for the state highway department at Rufus. He expects to move his mother, Mrs. Kate Hollinger's trailer home up from Salem over Labor day to Wasco. Mrs. Kate Hollinger will again teach in the Wasco grade school where she has taught the last two years.

Mr. Miller, new operator of the cafe in Rufus has a new sign advertising his business. The sign which has a picture of water coming over a dam says "John Day Cafe". This is named for the John Day dam which sight has been located just two miles east of Rufus.

Mrs. Dick Isenburg joined her husband last weekend in Rufus. She and her new baby have spent the last several weeks with her mother at Hood River. Dick works for the John Day dam drilling crew.

One of the nicer events of this summer was the bridal shower honoring Donna Smith August 22 at the Rufus grange hall.

The lace covered gift table was decorated with crepe paper wedding bells and ribbon streamers. Flowers were generously used about the room. Mrs. Lester Gray sang two vocal solos accompanied on the piano by Betty Haven. Each person present tore a caricature of the bride out of a white background. Then a word of advice to the bride and one to the groom was written on the back and presented to Donna.

Donna was assisted at the gift table by her sister, Mrs. Dick Peck of The Dalles and their cousin of Goldendale, Wn. The gifts were passed for all to see. She received many beautiful and useful things.

The hostesses served refreshments buffet style at a long lace covered table. Miss Merry Drinkard presided at the punch bowl which everyone enjoyed as it was 100 degrees sweltering heat that day. Miniature colored paper umbrellas that really worked centered the desert. Hostesses for this lovely affair were Mrs. George Drinkard, Mrs. Grace Medler and Mrs. Rolland Johnson.

Mrs. Gene Reynolds was hostess at a party at her home Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the fifth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Deborah. The party was held in the back yard and the cowboy motif was used as table and other decorations. After Deborah opened her gifts, refreshments of decorated birthday cake, cup cakes, ice cream, punch and candy were served. The children played with the gifts and the older people visited. Present included her father, her sisters, Julie, and Shelley and her brother Mark, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kellogg of Portland, her cousins, Sandra and Carol Sue Elliott of Portland, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Miss Jane Anderson, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and children, Joy, Cathy, Carsten and Wayne and Mrs. Clyde Younce and children, Bill, Brenda and Phyllis.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews were his cousin, Jack Crews and family from Glendora, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sybouts entertained the teachers of Sherman high school and Moro grade school at their home Tuesday evening at a get-acquainted party.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family left Tuesday on a vacation trip to the Oregon beaches for a few days before school starts.

Those attending the Rust family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Taylor in Yakima, Wn., Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelly, Karen and John, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fairchild from Kent, Mrs. Charles Frances and children and Glenda Groutie from Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, Keith, Mrs. W. D. Barnett and Larry Easter from Madras were in The Dalles Sunday to attend a farewell dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McNeely for Mrs. Rhoda Barnett, who is leaving for Missouri to make her home with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirsch and sons, Johnny and Richard, of McMinnville and Mrs. Kirsch's father, Will Fehnbacher of Gresham were overnight guests August 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. Thursday they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford of Olney, going on to Mayville for the night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greiner. Then they visited friends and relatives in Walla Walla before returning to Rufus Saturday. Sunday they went to Wasco to see St. Mary's new Catholic church and to see Mr. and Mrs. James Fox. Fehnbacher is a brother in law of Geo. Fox.

Mrs. S. Pearson of Portland spent the weekend visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan left Friday evening for Mt. Hood to spend the weekend looking for huckleberries. The returned well satisfied with their find. The Jordans usually go each year, so they know where to find the berries.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom and daughter, Catherine, arrived home last week from a trip that took them to the middle west states. They stopped in Spearfish, S. D. to visit Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti.

School begins in Sherman county September 10, but the high school are to all register September 6 at Moro. The Sherman Fair begins September 13 through the 16th, so the school children will get time off to take that in. A good many of the youth will have things to show and exhibit.

The Rufus grange will again have the hamburger stand at the Sherman County Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson will again be in charge as they have been the last two years.

4-H Judging Large Part of County Fair
Selection of grand champion 4-H beef from 42 head of steers will highlight the 4-H livestock activities during the Sherman County Fair, T. W. Thompson, county agent, says.

Judging of 4-H livestock classes will get underway Thursday afternoon, September 13. Club members will be busy prior to this making entries, weighing stock and participating in the annual 4-H livestock judging contest, Thursday morning. All market classes will be judged Thursday afternoon. Jay Binder, Jefferson county agent, will handle the beef and swine judging and Norton Taylor, county agent, Milton-Freewater, will judge sheep, poultry, farm crops and horticulture exhibits.

Showmanship for market stock will occupy the day Friday. The 4-H livestock members will vie for showmanship honors Friday morning. Swine will lead off the days program at 7:30 with sheep and beef following in order. Selection of grand champion showman with champion of each type competing is scheduled for 11:30 a. m.

A new 4-H project to Sherman county and a new feature at the fair will be 4-H horse classes to be judged Saturday morning. Horse club members will show their projects under halter to be judged on conformation, action and manners. A showmanship contest and a horsemanship contest will also be conducted. Edouard DesChamps, open class horse judge, will handle the 4-H judging.

A 4-H tractor driving contest for club members in the Tractor Maintenance project is scheduled for 10:00 a. m. Saturday. The 4-H meat animal auction sale will complete the years project for most livestock club members. Auction sale sponsored by Sherman Cattlemen's association will be held immediately following the rodeo and race program in front of the sheep and swine barn.

All exhibits are due in the barns by 6:00 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. Entries for livestock exhibits will be made in the 4-H livestock office near the beef barn on the fair grounds.

O. G. Crawford, well known in Moro as alternate editor of the Journal on many occasions, stopped here Wednesday while on a vacation from his work at Delake.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, September 11 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Michel of Prineville came Saturday to spend Labor day with the Ward Sybouts' family.

A campaign has started in Hood River county to raise funds for an Ada Murry scholarship fund for one student at Wy'east and one at Hood River in honor of Mrs. Murray who was killed in a highway accident last week. She was a long time teacher in Hood River schools and wife of Allan Murray, once a Sherman county. Funds may be sent to the KIRH, Hood River, for those who would like to contribute.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson took a weekend trip to Idaho to see what they could find in rocks. The Thompsons have hunted rocks the last few years and have quite a few different varieties. They belong to the rock hunter's club in The Dalles.

Martha Hoover was here Thursday night on her way to Irrigan where she is teaching. She was accompanied by her mother of Centerville, Iowa, who came out for a couple months visit with Martha. Martha taught at Rufus and was principal here at one time, so both are known in this area as her mother kept house for them both.

Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti of Spearfish, South Dakota arrived in Rufus Labor day to get ready for the school year. She will again teach the 3rd and 4th grades.

The orchards at Rufus have been harvesting their peach crop. They think this week will wind up most of the Hale peaches, the last ones to ripen. The heavy wind of last week was hard on the peaches on the trees and a good many were lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker got a new trailer home that has two separate bedrooms. It is a Spartan. Also getting a new trailer last week were Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Baker who traded their other one in.

Home Ec Judging Schedule Made
Activities at the Sherman County Fair September 13-16 will be many and varied. In the 4-H Home Ec department all clothing entries are to be in by 6 p. m. Wednesday, September 12. Baked goods and canning are to be entered by 9 a. m. Thursday. Home Ec demonstrations will start at 9:30 a. m. Ronda Fraser and Julie Woods will give a demonstration on "How to Cut Out a Blouse". Many Neal will give a demonstration on "Shrinking Material". Karen Macnab will show "How to Sew on a Pocket". Jeanne Macnab will give a demonstration on Cutting and Joining Bias".

Mary Mobley, Kent, will be the only entry in the Junior Bread Baking contest, and Nancy Wilson, Kent, the only entry in the cake baking. Both of these girls will be on hand Thursday at 10:30 a. m. to show their skills in baking.

Starting at 9 a. m. Friday eight little girls will be busy demonstrating their skills at cookie baking. Mrs. Jane Schroeder, Wasco county extension agent, home economics, will judge this contest. Those planning to take part are: Karen Brock, Beverly Luitje, Kathy Morrison, Caroline Pearson, Mary Spencer, Kay Whipple, Patty Wilkinson, all of Wasco; and Nancy Crews of Grass Valley.

At 1 p. m. Friday Judy MacInnes and Erin Wilson will show the techniques of baking muffins. These girls are both from Kent and are in Mrs. Verne Mobley's club.

Mrs. Kemble Tellefson of Hermiton will judge the dress revue entries at 11 a. m. Friday. This is just for those who were not judged on August 27. The dress showing of the entire dress revue will be Saturday at 10:30 a. m. in front of the grand stand, weather permitting. Susie Woods, Sherrie Fraser and Mavis Miller will be commentators for the revue. Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, will present the awards.

The Home Ec judging contest will be held Saturday morning, immediately following the dress revue.

Mrs. Ella May Ruckman
Funeral services for Mrs. Ella May Ruckman, who died Wednesday night, August 29, in a hospital in Coos Bay from the effects of a stroke, were held Saturday. She was born near Monkland May 8, 1906 and was raised in Sherman county. Surviving are her husband, Fred Ruckman of Empire, a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Roberts, Kensington, Md; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mersinger of Moro and Adeline Kenny of Lyle, Wash., and one brother, Pat of Vey, Idaho.

Football Squad Busy Practising For First Game

The first football game of the season will be played at Moro next Friday, September 14, with White Swan furnishing the opposition. Although new coach Beryl Bethke has had little time to appraise his players he has had the boys out on the field on several occasions and expects to field a strong team after conditioning is finished.

He says that the first game will probably be played largely by the lettermen of last year as they have the greatest amount of experience. Others will be worked in as they prove their abilities.

This means that Louis Miller will start at quarter with Jim Rodda, Sterling Gochauer, Keith Mobley, probably Robbie Hastings will play back field positions. In the line will be Jim Belashe, Lee Kaseberg, Gene Cantrall, Bob Olson, Dale Archer, Harry Eakin, Jim Brown, Jim Brady, Lynn Thoele and Tom Higley along with some of the 1955 reserves.

Bethke thinks that the team will probably be lighter than before as some of the heavier boys have graduated. Higley at 200, Thoele at 170, Belashe at 180, Brown at 175, Brady at 170 will boost the weights. There is fair speed and some passing ability. Sophomores out that show promise are Butch Kerkelle, Jim Wallace, John Mattson, Dave Reid, Keith Hockman, Hirosho Tajano and Tommy Eakin that will get to play as often as possible.

County Officials Meet

The fall meeting series of the association of Oregon counties will begin in Pendleton, Monday, September 10, President Lloyd Rea, Baker county judge, reported today.

Judge Rea, together with F. L. Phipps, executive secretary, The Dalles, will conduct the district meetings. Also expected to be present will be members of the county courts of each district. Mr. John Cattrall, engineer; county and city relation division; Oregon state highway department; along with B. J. McClarty, bureau of public roads.

Registration For Sherman High School Starts Year's Work

Pre-registration of high school pupils for the 1956-57 term held at the school house Wednesday resulted in 108 signing up for school work this year.

Of these 35 were freshmen, 24 sophomores, 26 juniors and 23 seniors.

It is expected that at least 25 others will register either Monday or Tuesday when school begins. The early registration was not compulsory but was done as a convenience to the faculty who wanted some idea of what classes might be.

It did bring out several surprises as some came who were not expected, for instance, some from Rufus whose parents work on the drilling for the John Day dam. Total registration may reach 140 by the end of the first week.

Good Sewers Win

Sherman county 4-H exhibits entered at State Fair drew five blue ribbons, eight reds, and two whites.

Those receiving blue ribbons were: Arlean DeMoss, dirndl skirt and apron; Susan Woods, formal; Sherrie Fraser, woolen suit; Nancy Wilson, white bread and Mavis Miller, special jam and jelly. In red ribbon group were: Donna Hanson, Karen Macnab, Jacque Bucholtz and Patty Miller with their draw string aprons, pot holders and head scarves; Ronda Fraser's school dress and sport outfit and Erin Wilson, Judith MacInnes and Bonnie Tatum's muffins. Mavis Miller's best dress and white bread were in the white ribbon class.

Soil Bank Meeting

An informational meeting on application of the Soil Bank program to Sherman county farms will be held at 8 p. m. Monday, Sept. 10, courthouse, Moro T. W. Thompson has announced.

Farmers interested in the acreage reserve section of the Soil Bank law have only until Sept. 21 to get into the 1957 program. The acreage reserve portion of the program applies to a further reduction of wheat acres under present allotment figures. Applications will be on a first-come-first-served basis with compensation based on the past 10 year farm wheat average.

Designation of tracts of ground to be placed in acreage reserve and use of ground for crops will be explained.

Livestock Sale To End 4-H Exhibits

Sixty-five head of 4-H meat animals will be offered for sale during the annual 4-H auction sale, 4:30 p. m., Saturday, September 15, during the Sherman County Fair. The auction sale is sponsored and conducted by the Sherman County Cattlemen's association.

Final plans for auction sale will be made September 7 during a meeting of the 4-H auction sale committee of the cattlemen's association, at the county courthouse. Cy Williams, Pendleton, will serve as auctioneer. The sale will be held in front of the sheep and swine barns at the fairgrounds immediately following the rodeo.

Thirty-five beef, twenty swine, and ten sheep will be sold. The auction sale gives an opportunity to secure first rate meat for the home locker. Club members are not required to sell their animals, but the sale gives them an opportunity to dispose of their projects locally without expense of traveling out of the county.

Animals may be purchased directly for slaughter or on a resale basis. Stock purchase for slaughter will have animals delivered directly to Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, if desired. Resale animals will be taken back by the auction sale committee, with the buyer paying the difference between his bid and the market price announced at the beginning of the auction.

Anyone desiring to place a bid on stock to be sold during the auction, but can not attend, may make arrangements ahead of time with the members of the auction sale committee. Members of the auction committee are: Howard Ross, chairman; J. J. Decker, Pal Wallace, Frank Reid, Earl Gentry, Bill Jefferies, Leonard Fields, Marvin Thomas and T. W. Thompson.

County Fair Start Set For 13th; Plans All Made

The county fair will open next Thursday although some exhibits will be in the pavilion before that time and the barns will be full of livestock.

It will be a little different fair. Not so different that fair-goers will notice much change but the board has made an effort to change it in some ways.

The judges will be different for one thing, more expert, more experienced, more mature. The local band will play and it has been some time since that feature was possible at a fair. There will be two dances instead of one.

There will be a horse show which will go on Friday afternoon when riders from the 12 mid Columbia riding clubs will compete in 12 events in the arena. Admission will be collected at the track gate and at the grand stand. There will be pole bending, hurry scurries, cowhide race and judging of pleasure and stock horse classes among the other events. Many of the fine riding horses of the county will be exhibited during the afternoon.

Saturday and Sunday there will be a race and rodeo program featuring more of the good horse races Sherman county enjoys and a Mac Barbour rodeo with professional riders and ropers that will go off fast. It has long been a major goal of the fair board to get the program off fast and this year will be no exception—it is hoped.

Friday most of the judging will be done in the pavilion and the stock corrals and anyone who is interested in fine quality farm products can enjoy the day watching it being judged.

Red Hat Day Is September 21

The Red Hat day observance is scheduled for September 21 but in this county displays will be put out by Saturday, says Henry Grabenhorst, county chairman. Also there will be a booth at the fair where hunters can sign the pledge for good sportsmanship and farmers can find out what hunters should do when on private property. How to prevent grass fires is also told in the bulletin.

Red Hat day was started last year by sportsmen organizations, forest owners and some farm organizations to try to engender better understanding between land owners and hunters and fishermen. Warwin Van Gilder was chairman of last year's campaign and turned in many signatures who pledged to observe the rules of good conduct.

State Fair Draws 4-H Contestants

Sherrie and Ronda Fraser, Susie Woods and Mavis Miller, all of Moro will take part in the State 4-H Dress Revue at Salem Friday. Judging starts at 9 a. m. and the Public Style Revue is at 4 p. m. Friday in the ball room on the fair grounds.

Tommy Higley, who was the county tractor operator contest winner, will enter the state contest in Salem at 9 a. m. Friday.

Ina B. Hanson, county agent, will be at the fair the last two days and will wait until the exhibits are released at 9 p. m. Saturday.

Local Girls Win Blue Awards

Mrs. Lester Wilson, Karen and Nancy returned from the State Fair Tuesday evening. Nancy took part in the 4-H cake baking contest, sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Commission. Nancy, who placed in the blue ribbon group last year, had a little hard luck this year and placed in the white ribbon group. Nancy also entered a sponge cake in the open class under age 15. She placed 3rd in this group.

Karen Wilson, who won the State Junior Bread making contest last year, entered the senior contest this year. Results had not been announced when the Wilsons left the fairgrounds.