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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

We note that Baker county and city officials have said that they'll take care of their own expenses attendant to the recent flood. The sudden rush to demand federal aid seemed a little precipitous and political and we are happy to learn that Baker citizens feel able to care for themselves and feel willing to do it.

T T W N
A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Proverbs 25:15

T T W N
One would have had to be a pretty bad complainer to think Oregon had a thousand things wrong with it last January and a pretty optimistic person to think the legislature's thousand bills would cure them.

T T W N
Whether capital punishment is a deterrent to murder or not we do not know; we do know that capital punishment successfully deters the same man from murdering the second victim.

T T W N
The bill to suspend district attorneys or other officials after indictment is in conflict with the constitutional guarantee that a man is considered innocent until proven guilty.

T T W N
University of Oregon research indicates that cancer is caused by young, radical cells that fail to mature. So the new deal is cancerous, Eh.

T T W N
The governor, Senator Corbett and House Speaker DeLoach talked to the Portland Chamber of Commerce and called attention to the state's population growth. They failed to note that taxes are going up more than ten times as fast as population.

T T W N
Now everyone is taking a crack at the federal budget, even the man who announced it—the president. Very cheering.

T T W N
By the time local budgets are made in Oregon taxpayers will be able to see the wisdom of stopping a state property tax. They can help by writing to their legislators about it.

T T W N
Nothing like snow in March to reduce the conceit of the buttercups; nothing like a few bad bills to do the same for a legislator.

T T W N
Labor needs to find officers able to use the mind instead of the muscle. It is a much more permanent persuader.

T T W N
Portland sure needs roses to offset other smells.

T T W N
We would feel much happier about the proposal for \$120 per census child for schools if it had been started by school boards instead of school teachers.

T T W N
Uncle Emmett was gleefully reading the newspapers. "Did you ever go into the barn and see the rats run or turn over a rock and see the bugs hunt cover? This reminds me of that."

T T W N
Meat inspection and other fold-erol has eliminated most county slaughter houses without noticeable improvement of quality. Spending state money for it could be eliminated.

T T W N
Democratic leaders seem to think that the people will not initiate against a budget of \$265,000,000. That much appropriation will cause a tax load approximately equal to the 45 per cent surtax or maybe more and we think there is no assurance at all that it will not be referred.

T T W N
A state representative protests that he is being persecuted because of his votes. Better quit, Bud, if you don't like to be criticized. Critics are only effective against those who are not positive to begin with.

T T W N
Portland and Los Angeles are, in effect, trading a lot of ball players this spring because their big league bosses made a trade. So far Los Angeles has got more of what made Portland third than Portland has received of what made Los Angeles first.

4-H Club Leaders Have Larger Classes This Year

Adult volunteer 4-H club leaders and 4-H friends helped Oregon attain the greatest 4-H enrollment in history in 1956, states County Agents Ina B. Hanson and T. W. Thompson. Sherman county moved ahead likewise with a record number of completions.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to 4-H members and leaders during National 4-H Club week March 2-9. Enrollment to date in Sherman county for 1957 shows nearly 190 participating. Forty volunteer local leaders are actively engaged in 4-H club leadership. These adult leaders are assisted by 18 junior leaders in various projects.

Projects vary with more added this year than in recent years. Various boys and girls are enrolled in clothing, foods, food preservation, outdoor cooking, beef, sheep, swine, horses, poultry, electricity, tractor maintenance and junior leadership. Exact count has not been made but is believed to be well over 300.

The following 4-H adult and junior leaders are engaged in conducting the Sherman county 4-H club program: Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Curtis Neal, Mrs. Harvey Hanson, Mrs. Morris Burnett—Rufus; Mrs. Estel Hartley, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Max Brown, Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Ted Trimble—Grass Valley; Mrs. Paul Fraser, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, Mrs. Orlow Martin, Mrs. Harold Hailey, Mrs. Bill Rodda, Mrs. Blaine Miller, Mrs. T. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gentry, W. D. Baldwin, Doug Alley, Jack Cushman, John DeMoss—Moro; Mrs. Lester Wilson, Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Verne Mobley, Mrs. John Decker, Bob Martin—Kent; Mrs. Leonard Lutje, Mrs. Tom Jacobsen, Mrs. Kate Hollinger, Mrs. Phil O'Meara, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Watkins, Leonard Fields, Pauline Kaseberg, LeRoy Belshee, Marvin Thomas—Wasco; Mary Ann McKay, Peggy Reckman, Ronda Fraser, Sherrie Fraser, Mavis Miller, Susie Woods, Mary Mobley, Darlene Gochbauer, Sterling Gochbauer, Jean Ross, Wilma Gentry, Florene Crews, Sally Fields, Jeannette Belshe, Lee Kaseberg, Tommy DeMoss, Jim Belshe, Phyllis Watkins, are junior leaders. Special thanks and congratulations are extended to these folks by the county agent's office and friends of club work interested in development of boys and girls.

Rufus Grange Has 22nd Birthday

The Rufus Grange celebrated its 22nd birthday when the members met at the hall Feb. 21. A pot luck dinner preceded the meeting. Mrs. Harland McDonald decorated birthday cakes for the occasion and the Rufus grange home ec. club furnished the ice cream.

The legislative chairman reported the vote at the special election was 3 to 1 against having a fire district in North Sherman county. Also there are several school bills of interest coming up in this legislature. Home Economics chairman reported the next meeting is at the Trace Fields home March 14. The grange was notified by the county agent, that shade trees are now available.

The master appointed the following committees to work on the open house at the grange. Chairman: Mrs. Harland McDonald; Program: Mrs. Grace Medler; Contact: Mrs. George Fox; Welcoming: Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson. The Rufus grange decided to have the food booth at the fair again this year. The grange voted to send its lecturer to lecturer's school.

For the lecturer's program Cheryl Gray sang, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "God is Love". Then the group sang "Smile, Smile, Smile." A white elephant sale was held after the meeting.

Insurance Men Talk

Classes will be given at Sherman high school March 6 and 7 by Don Lewis and Jack Howe about life insurance as a part of a campaign being carried on by local underwriters to acquaint high school seniors with the problems of that industry. All schools in the mid-Columbia area will have such instruction available to them.

Included is the history and theory of life insurance, policies and contracts as well as typical programs for such insurance.

Meeting Called For Monday For 4-Hers

Sherman County 4-H Leader's association will meet at the court house at 7:30, Monday, March 11, according to Ina B. Hanson, secretary. Mrs. Earl Gentry, president, will preside. In addition to the regular order of business they will discuss 4-H summer school scholarships, county fair plans, the new record books and leaders' annual reports.

Mrs. Estel Hartley, Grass Valley; Helen Martin, Alga Fraser, Anne Miller, Jo Gentry, Imogene Hailey, T. W. Thompson, Moro; Leonard Fields, and F. L. Watkins, Wasco; plan to attend the Eastern Oregon 4-H Leaders' workshop being held at Heppner March 6 and 7.

Former Minister Honored

Members of the Wasco church of Christ honored with a potluck dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Shields, former minister, last Sunday. The Shields showed slides and talked about the mission in Brazil, which they intend to join in future. Mr. and Mrs. Shields visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett Sunday evening. They are currently visiting at the Arthur Van Gilder home.

Tom Douma Buried In Portland Wednesday

Funeral services for Thomas H. Douma, 65, were held from Finley's chapel Wednesday morning in Portland following his death Sunday from a long illness with cancer.

Tom Douma was born in Washington county, Oregon April 6, 1891 and came to Sherman county with his parents a few years later. When a boy he started to learn the butcher's trade and worked at that a large part of his life until he started to farm, buying the old Martin place east of Moro.

He was married in the early thirties to Adella Shipley, who survives. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Marie Peters, Moro and Alida Brown, Shaniko, four brothers, Jake and Marius of Wheeler and Aurelius and Ghirardis of Moro and three stepsons, Vernon Shipley of The Dalles, Earle of Los Angeles and John on the home place at Moro.

Tom Douma was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion post of Moro. He retired a few years ago and built a home southwest of Portland near Beaverton. Interment was in Sunset Hills cemetery.

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

Sunday was a beautiful warm sunny day. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and their son, Alfred decided to drive to Salem to see the Blakes' daughter Barbara and family. At The Dalles their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jain joined them for the trip to Salem. Another son, Russell, who is attending OSC, came up to Salem to visit his folks when he found out they were there for the afternoon.

Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Will Huck were guests of Mrs. Fox's aunt, Mrs. Minnie Gass while in Corvallis last week. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and three sons of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerding were dinner guests of Mrs. Gass. Charles is a brother and Mr. Gerding is an uncle of Mrs. Fox. Also in the evening George Fox Jr. and Marlene Wenzel and Mrs. Wilson Foote and children, Nancy and Robert, were supper guests at Mrs. Gass' home.

Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Foote entertained at dinner for her mother, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Rolland Johnson and Mrs. Will Huck. Afterwards Wilson showed some slides of the children and of places in Europe which were taken on their trip there two years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Gionnonatti's folk and square dancing class presented several numbers at the Rufus grange Open House Saturday night. The Al Dornmaier children each gave a tap dance number. The hall was decorated with daffodils and greenery. Green shamrocks were placed around the walls. Some couples from The Dalles attended the Open House. Several mixers and square dances were enjoyed. Then sandwiches, jello, cookies, punch and coffee were served. After that Fred and Al Dornmaier and Fred's son in law furnished music for dancing.

For the refreshment hour Jack Lloyd and Bob Morris served decorated cakes each had made with coffee. The women were delighted to see what a man could do with cake as they were very good.

A recent houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald was Miss Alida Aiton of Anacortes, Wash. She was a former teacher of schools in Sherman and Gilliam counties, having taught there over 40 years ago. While teaching there she made her home with Harland's parents the late Billy Mc-



Representative Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) congratulates former Oregon Congressman Sam Coon of Baker, upon being sworn in as Deputy Administrator of the International Cooperation Administration's program in Peru. Coon will leave Washington next week and be stationed in Lima.

Arrangements For Veterinary Service Being Made By Cattlemen Association

Pooling of private veterinarian calls for Sherman county farmers to reduce transportation costs and provide improved service is the desire of the Sherman County Cattlemen's association reports Bernard Martin, president, Grass Valley. The interest and cooperation of farmers to assist in promoting the program could eventually lead to full time service of a vet.

An initial veterinarian pooling plan was devised by the executive committee of the association last week in cooperation with Dr. Skov, veterinarian, Goldendale.

Thursday of each week has been set as available for Sherman county. Livestock operators who have non-critical vet work to do during the week can take advantage of this scheduled day. The county agent's office, Moro, will serve as pooling headquarters.

Farmers planning on needing veterinarian work are asked to call the county agent's office or home in the evenings. Vet calls will be pooled for a Thursday visit or Friday if there are too many for one day. The Goldendale vets will be notified Wednesday evening of service desired. Dr. Skov has indicated he will call the county agent's office while in the county to pick up any calls that have been placed. Transportation charges for pooled calls will be divided for the day. Three calls or jobs are sufficient for a trip by the vet.

Veterinarians and the Cattlemen's association recognize animals do not become ill on a particular day. Estimates, however, are that 60% of the veterinarian business is of a non-critical nature. Thus, vaccination, dehorning, marking, chronic sickness, etc., can be handled by such a set up.

Cattlemen's association representatives and federal vets and county agent will meet with the county court Wednesday to arrange to designate an assistant county veterinarian. Dr. Skov in this capacity will handle TB and Bang's testing and vaccinating. This arrangement is desired by the federal people and is hoped to bring private vet service closer to the ranchers.

Cooperation and interest in having vet service for the county needs be expressed by ranchers, states Martin. Dependence upon the Goldendale vet for services should assist in showing interest of county farmers and increase the possibility of moving a vet into the county. Rancher having any ideas or plans to establish a vet permanently in the county are asked to notify the Cattlemen's association executive committee.

Bill McDonald with the USN wrote his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald of his safe arrival by plane to Japan and is now stationed at a base near Kami-Seya, Japan.

Bill Macnab's home made rain gauge measured 22 hundredths of an inch Monday afternoon when rain hit this area. A few farmers roughed up part of their seeded crops last week fearing it might blow after the weather made it so pounded down and smooth. The farmers will soon get into their fields for spring work if the good weather of last week persists.

Some of the mothers of high school students in the Rufus area met in Rufus Wednesday to organize committees for the Sherman High Booster Mothers club. Elected were Mrs. Frank Reid, chairman, and Mrs. Don Macnab and Mrs. Bill Macnab. These officers met with the rest of the county at the meeting held in Moro Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nisbet, Elaine and Annette were Sunday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jefferies of Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott of Heppner were Thursday and Friday visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family were dinner guests at the Floyd Haines home Monday evening. The men attended a lodge meeting in The Dalles late.

SHS To Host Bands Of 6B District

Sherman High school will be hosts to high school bands in the 6B district here March 21, announces Lynn Teadtke, band instructor. Rehearsals will be in the afternoon and the concert at 7:30 in the evening in the school gymnasium.

Bands participating will come from Condon, Arlington, M and Culver, in addition to local band. All will have at members.

A guest conductor will baton over the cat bands when Dr. John Richards of Lewis & Clark college will come for that purpose.

After the concert here the Sherman band will leave the next day for La Grande to take part in a band festival sponsored by the College of Education there, playing Saturday the 23rd and returning that night.

War Veterans Can Get Tax Preferment

Disabled war veterans and war widows must apply by April 1 for their state property tax exemptions, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs warned today.

The exemption, for those entitled, amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property, according to Vere A. McCarty, manager of the service division of the state Veterans' Department. Application is filed with the county assessor. Entitled to the tax exemption on their real or personal property are the following:

1. All veterans of the Indian, Mexican or Spanish-American wars, regardless of disability or amount of income.

2. Veterans of all other wars who have disabilities of 40 per cent or more as certified by the Veterans Administration or a branch of the Armed Forces, regardless of income.

3. Unremarried widows of veterans of any wars, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of income. Civil and Spanish war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.

Extension Units Meet

During the month of March the Sherman county extension units will meet on their regular meeting dates. Mrs. Ina B. Hanson, county extension agent, will be giving the lesson "Color and Texture for Individual Types". The Moro Tuesday unit will meet on March 12 at 1:30 p. m. at the Community church with Mrs. Robert Belshe as hostess.

On March 19 the Kent unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Cynthia von Borstel.

Members are asked to bring their suggestions for next year's program. The chairman will appoint a nominating committee for next year's officers.

Auxiliary Has Guests

Frank E. Brown unit of the American Legion auxiliary, post 91 met Monday at the Legion hall with 18 members answering roll call. Mrs. Martha Carns, district 5 president of Cascade Locks, auxiliary members from the Moro and Grass Valley-Kent units, and all the junior girls from high school that are eligible for Girls' State this year, and some of their mothers, were invited guests. The auxiliary received receipts for \$64.03 for articles sent to the gift shops at the Veterans' hospital, and Christmas gifts for the child welfare center. The president, Grace Medler, announced that articles are still needed to fill the cedar chest. The president introduced Lloyd Vaughn from the Crewell Publishing company, who talked on the magazine sale which this unit could sponsor for Sherman county, and the unit moved to sponsor the sale. It was announced that April is Child Welfare month, and members are asked to bring clothing for boys and girls, any size, to the April meeting. Mrs. Keith McDonald, Girls' State chairman, talked on the Girls' State program and explained how the girls are chosen from the Wasco district. Betty Haven and Carmen Royce gave a report on their experiences while at Girls' State this past season. Dewey Thomas showed a film taken last year at Girls' State. Mrs. Martha Carns, Mrs. Donald von Borstel, president of the Grass Valley-Kent unit, and Molly McLachlan, president of the Moro unit, were introduced and each gave a little talk. Hostesses were Mrs. Grace Medler and Mrs. Keith McDonald who served refreshments from a table beautifully decorated in a St. Patrick's theme with daffodils as a centerpiece.

Several games appropriate for the occasion were played with Mrs. Ted von Borstel winning the prizes.

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Miss Lemley opened the many lovely gift wrapped packages assisted by her niece, Janice Lemley and Miss Yvonne Kirkelle.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served buffet style from a cutwork cloth covered table centered with a bouquet of daffodils and flanked by candles in crystal holders. Mrs. Arzell Lemley, mother of the bride to be, poured.

Out of town guests present were Mrs. Ted von Borstel and Miss Yvonne Kirkelle of The Dalles, Mrs. Glenn Perry of Portland, Mrs. Hazel Moore of Chicago and Miss Pat Minnigat of Monmouth.

Wet Snow Falls Wednesday Raising Moisture

The Wednesday snow, not much over four inches at any one place, brought a good 51 inch of moisture to the gauge at the Moro experiment station.

The past week has brought every kind of weather. Friday was bright and sunny, Saturday brought a good rain, Sunday was fair again with some clouds. And so it went until Wednesday when snow fell nearly all day, piling up to near four inches of good wet covering before rain began to melt it down.

The weather men say rain in greater volume is to come before the week is out and there is little about that to make any wheat farmer unhappy.

February was different and during the entire month only .86 inch of rain fell and that is .39 inch below the normal for the short month. On the 22nd we got .36, the greatest amount for any day. For the crop year we are still short having received 4.75 since September 1 whereas we usually get 8.87.

March started off to remedy that situation and in the first five days .74 inch fell and with the snow yet to be measured some gain for March is expected.

February was about normal as to temperature. Highest maximum was 58 degrees and the lowest was seven. The average maximum was 42.8 and the average minimum was 25.4 making the mean temperature 34.1 which is .3 degree above the normal. So except for a little rain February was almost exactly average.

Lenten Services Start

St. Mary's Catholic church at Wasco will have special Lenten devotions starting with Ash Wednesday, March 6, when there will be Mass at 7:30. On each Wednesday during Lent there will be Mass and Stations of the Cross at 7:30 in the evening, with morning Mass at 8:00 a. m. excepting Wednesday and Friday.

Lecturer Returns Home

Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Oregon State grange lecturer, who lives at Wasco, returned home Wednesday evening after conducting her two day school for lecturers at Corvallis. Mrs. Johnson left for Corvallis Saturday amidst snow and ice which fell the day before. She was accompanied by Mrs. George Fox, Sherman county Pomona lecturer and Mrs. Will Huck, Rufus grange lecturer. Mrs. Sam Brock also went as far as Salem to spend the time visiting her sister, Mrs. Hunt.

The grange school was a busy two day session, being held in the Memorial Union hall Monday and Tuesday. Monday night the banquet was held in the Memorial Union tea room. The State Grange Master Elmer McClure, was speaker. Afterwards group singing was enjoyed with square dancing in the ballroom bringing the evening to a close.

Bride To Be Showered

A bridal shower in honor of Miss Carolyn Lemley was held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Kock in Moro Saturday afternoon with 35 women and a number of children present. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Donald von Borstel.

Bride and bridesmaid dolls were placed on the mantle and a decorated umbrella hung over the gift table. Bouquets of daffodils and pussy willows were placed about the rooms.

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