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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

About the president's fast driving: Let he who never drives 70 miles an hour cast the first stone.

T T W N

We do not recall the percentage but nearly every candidate for the legislature said he was for repeal of the 45 per cent sur-tax. Yet, after more than 80 days the bills to do that are untouched. A little more honesty, please.

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It was 20 years ago that unions got to be powerful in Oregon and lost their standing through excesses managed by Dave Beck. Now history is repeating itself and we look for the same result. Gesturing with shoulders and fists is not popular in America.

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Billboards along highways are bad if they obscure a pleasant view. Billboards are good if you want to find out where to stay or eat.

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Any man can buy more for his money than government can.

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The Wall Street Journal sets six 15 em columns (2½ inches) while many newspapers set 10½ inch columns and use more of them. The Wall Street Journal is easier to read.

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Harry Truman says his grandchild shouldn't be a namesake because it would handicap him. Losing confidence, Harry?

T T W N

A conservative is a man who is able to fit into the general pattern and who feels more comfortable doing accustomed things; a radical is one who wants change because he doesn't fit in.

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While we are emphasizing the need for engineers to make destructive weapons we might also urge the teaching of philosophy and literature to make life worth living for those who remain.

T T W N

Whenever the state increases its taxes faster than the people increase their income it induces socialism.

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Ever think how similar are 1040 and 1080, one a tax form and one a deadly poison?

T T W N

Have you contributed to the defense fund for Dave Beck or Terry Shrunk?

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"Young man," said Uncle Emmett to the high school boy, "you can either live so as to have something to brag about when you're old or so as to be mad at folks that do."

T T W N

Mild offense has been taken at our query as to what a man would do with 25 pounds of smelt. One suggestion was to give them to the neighbors which obviated cleaning, another was to smoke them. The first suggestion seems better designed to get rid of them entirely.

T T W N

Mr. Beck's use of teamster union funds is added evidence of the danger of permitting secret government whether in private or public business. Officials who are forced to make regular and comprehensive reports are much more likely to stay straight than those who can hide their acts in secrecy. In Oregon county officials are required to make semi-annual reports and we very seldom find a dishonest official.

T T W N

A typesetter left the "ed" off education which made it look like ducat, a name for a coin in some countries. How appropriate.

T T W N

Portland—or part of it—is concerned about Senator Mundt's remark that Portland should fly its city flag at half mast. Certainly it is not a time for celebrating.

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A report shows that 73 per cent of the men teachers take outside jobs. What else are they going to do in the summer?

T T W N

A tough old sinner who finds nothing good in the world is often repaid by a world finding nothing good in him.

New Telephone System Due Soon For County

Preparations to set up extended telephone service between Moro and Wasco, and between Moro and Grass Valley are under way, C. P. Horn, the telephone company's Sherman county manager announced this week.

Pacific Telephone has asked a selected list of contractors to bid on construction of an addition to its present Grass Valley dial equipment building as the first step in the project.

Bids will be opened and the contract awarded on Thursday, April 4, in Portland.

The present outlook calls for the extended service to be in operation this fall, according to Horn.

"Under the extended service plan," Horn explained, "long distance charges on calls between Moro and Grass Valley, and between Moro and Wasco will be eliminated."

At present time, there is a 10 cent basic charge on station to station calls between the communities involved in the new plan and a 25 cent basic charge on person to person calls.

Horn estimated the extended service would mean an annual savings to telephone users in Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco of about $2800.

He also pointed out there will be no increase in the local exchange service rates when the extended service goes into operation.

The building addition at Grass Valley is slated to be completed in June. Then, Western Electric installers will start work on the dial equipment that will bring new telephone numbers with an EDison 3 prefix to that community. We installers will also work on the extended service equipment.

Equipment additions and changes are also scheduled at Moro and Wasco. However, there will be no changes in telephone numbers at Moro or Wasco.

Horn said the extended service plan was designed with Moro as the key point because of its community interest with Wasco and Grass Valley.

March Rainfall Best Ever Received

Final report on March rainfall is that a whopping 3.33 inches fell and it didn't quit until late the final night. This is 2.45 inches above the normal for the month, almost four times as much as normal. Highest record previously was 2.24 in 1938.

For the crop year the total is now 7.38 which is 1.57 below the average for April 1.

The average maximum temperature for March was 48.6 and the average minimum was 31.1 for a mean of 39.8, a little colder than normal.

Change Made In Weather Equipment

Homer Sinclair, U. S. Weather Bureau, has been at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station the past week moving the weather instruments to a new location and recording the history of the weather observation at the station. The Weather Bureau has established a Class A evaporation station and a more exposed site was desired. Local residents will notice the new installation adjacent to the fairground road.

This will be one of 15 evaporation stations in the state. While evaporation data has been recorded for the past 40 years at this station, the equipment used was different than that used by the Weather Bureau since it was established by the Department of Agriculture. Readings will be taken from both types of evaporation pans for the next several years in order to correlate the data.

Weather observations have been taken since the establishment of the Experiment Station in 1910. The location of the instruments has been changed three times, in 1937, 1950 and 1957. They are now about 200 feet north of the original location.

Mr. Sinclair also adjusted and set the station barometer for the station elevation. Persons desiring to check their barometers with the station may now do so, by telephoning the station. This is more accurate than bringing the barometer to the station.

Frank Sayrs Finds Wandering Beaver; Helps Him Along

Frank Sayrs heard something near his house Wednesday afternoon and went out to find a beaver flapping his tail and challenging him. With the aid of Pal Wallace, Frank trapped the young beaver in a sack and took him back to the big spring where he can make his way down to the Deschutes river. Harold Winegar, county game man, said he had no use for the beaver which had probably wandered from Grass Valley canyon, so the boys helped him on his way.

Half Century Mark Observed By Millers

Nearly a hundred friends and relatives called at the Moro Community church Sunday afternoon to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller on their 50th wedding anniversary and wish them many more years of wedded bliss.

It was exactly 50 years ago, and also a Sunday, when young Cicero Miller, then 25, married Hattie Weinbarger at Boone, North Carolina and went to Tennessee to work in the woods. He wrote to A. E. Moretz, a cousin, for advice about coming west and Moretz, then a Sherman county resident, got him a job so he was ready to go to work when he arrived July 4.

He prospered in the new country, worked steady, bought a ranch and raised a family of three boys, Vernon, now county judge, Blaine and Merle and two daughters, Mrs. William McKinney and Mrs. Willard Bear, both of Salem. There are 15 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have retired from active farming although still living on one of their farms. Both were delighted at the crowd who came for their party, many from a long distance.

Talent Show Billed By Sophomores

Sherman county talent will be displayed Friday night, April 5 at the Sherman High school beginning at 8:00 o'clock with the sophomore class as sponsor.

Performers will be divided into three classes, ranging from preschool to adult and 15 entries are already on hand with several days yet to go. Acts will include musical numbers, dancing acts, monologues.

The public is invited to enter if talented and attend in any case.

Christmas Seal Report Made

Mrs. John Robinson, Christmas Seal chairman reports $868 was taken in for Sherman county this year, which is $24.50 less than last year. A check was sent to the Wasco-Sherman Health office for some health education films to be used for educational purposes for different organizations throughout the county. For the coming year, Mrs. Leo Watkins will be the Seal chairman, Marvin Thomas is president.

A five year service pin was awarded to Raymond E. Kelso, right, Pacific Power & Light lineman-agent at Moro, at the power company's annual district employees' dinner in The Dalles last week. Awarding the service pin is George T. Bragg, left, Pacific vice-president and general manager.

American Legion Auxiliary Aid Cancer Campaign In Wasco-Rufus District

The American Legion Auxiliary of Frank E. Brown post No. 91 met at the Legion hall April 1, with President Grace Medler presiding. Twenty members answered roll call with Miss Sally Snyder of McMinnville as guest. Members brought gifts of clothing to send to child welfare, in addition to money sent by the unit. A mattress cover is to be purchased for use on the Legion hospital bed. Mrs. Gus Hartman, Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Earl Richelderfer were appointed to the nominating committee. Mrs. Keith McDonald reported that Geraldine Holzaphel has been selected as the delegate for Girls State, with Patricia Blackburn as alternate.

The American Cancer society has provided a hospital bed for use in the Wasco-Rufus area, free of charge.

At this meeting, the junior members were presented with their membership pins and books. They, in turn, entertained the unit as follows: a recitation by Patricia Coats; song and tap dance by Marcia and Reine Thomas, two piano selections by Mary Coats, tap dance by Mary Ann Haven and Sandra Foss, and two piano selections by Betty Haven. The hall was beautifully decorated in an Easter theme. Hostesses Mrs. Gordon Harper and Mrs. W. R. Reid served cupcakes, ice cream and beverage to the women and children attending.

At the May meeting, Honor Guard pins will be presented to the 25, thirty and 35 year members of the unit. Following the business meeting and the presentations, the afternoon will be spent making poppy corsages and wreaths to be sold later.

Paul May Funeral Set For Saturday

Paul May, until a year ago, a resident of Moro and owner of May & Son grocery, died at his home in Albany Wednesday from a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held from Smith Callaway chapel in The Dalles Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Mr. May was a son of the late Walter and Ethel May and was a native son of Sherman county.

Surviving are his widow, Lucille, and daughter Sandra of Albany, and son, Ronnie of Portland.

Kay Kirkelie Gets Girls State Trip

Miss Kay Kirkelie was chosen as delegate to Girls State this June by Chris Schultz unit, American Legion Auxiliary and Miss Bonnie Schaumberger was chosen alternate. Both choices were made on the basis of grade averages among junior girls. Miss Schaumberger will be able to go if Miss Kirkelie is unable to attend or if there is room enough at the meeting which will be held in Salem June 10 to 16.

U. S. Bank Has Quarterly Statement

The United States National Bank of Portland showed deposits totaling $733,818,188 as of March 14, 1957, according to figures just released.

The Dalles and Dufur branches reported deposits of $17,579,937.40 announced E. C. Sammons, president.

Loans and discounts for the Dalles and Dufur branches now stand at $5,716,758.22 Sammons reported.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Elspeth Shaw

Funeral services for Mrs. Elspeth Shaw were held from the Moro Community church Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. Mrs. Shaw died at Hillsboro March 29 after a long illness.

Mrs. Shaw was born in Scotland May 26, 1887 and spent her early years in her native land. With her husband she went to Australia in 1926 where her husband, a captain in the Royal Navy, died in 1946. Four years later Mrs. Shaw came to this country to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs and suffered a stroke shortly before she planned to return home. She has been in a nursing home since that time.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Betty Henrichs of Moro and Mrs. Jean Nunn of Melbourne, Australia. Mrs. Shaw was a loyal and devoted member of the Scottish Presbyterian church.

March of Dimes Collected $1410

Total collection of funds for the March of Dimes in Sherman county was $1410.14 or 62 cents per capita which was obtained from the following communities and collected by workers named: Luther Davis, Kent, $161.25; Mrs. Paul Syron, Grass Valley $241.40; Mrs. Orlow Martin, Moro, $413.99; Mrs. W. A. Reid, Wasco, $503.75; Mrs. W. A. Morris, Rufus, $89.75.

These were assisted by numerous workers who visited homes to obtain the donations. Mrs. Darwin VanGilder, campaign chairman, hopes that a meeting can be called when Mrs. Collis Moore returns from Washington, D. C., to plan a way to make Salk shots available in the county. Mrs. Van Gilder says that the money is available, there are plenty of nurses but it will be necessary to import a doctor.

Sherman Chapter OES Installs Officers At Open Meeting and Birthday Party

Open installation of officers for Sherman chapter No. 132 OES and the chapter's birthday party was held at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening, March 26. Mrs. Frank von Borstel, worthy matron, opened the meeting and led in alute to the flag and all sang the National Anthem, praver was by Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, chaplain.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel installing officer, Mrs. Leta Eslinger, installing marshal, Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, installing chaplain, and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, installing musician, installed the following: Mrs. Harry Justesen, worthy matron, Harold Eakin, worthy patron; Mrs. Jack Adams, asso. matron; Wallace May, asso. patron; Mrs. Wallace May, secretary; D. L. Reynolds, treasurer; Mrs. Luther Davis, conductress; Mrs. Harold Eakin, asso. conductress; Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, organist; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Adah; Mrs. Lester Wilson, Ruth; Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, Esther; Mrs. Leta Eslinger, Martha and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Electa; Mrs. Eugene Knott warden, Eugene Knott, sentinel and Mrs. Owen Eakin, marshal, will be installed later.

Bouquets of red carnations were used as decoration about the room and bouquets of red carnations were presented to the installing officers and the installed officers.

An address was given by the incoming matron followed by an addenda prepared by Mrs. Jack Adams and honoring the outgoing matron, Mrs. von Borstel who was also presented with a gift. Mrs. von Borstel presented the newly installed matron, Mrs. Justesen with a gift. Brief talks were given by some of the new officers. Musical selections were played by Mrs. Orville Ruggles on her accordion. Closing the meeting with a prayer by Mrs. Justesen, W. M.

A brief history of the chapter was given by Wallace May. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were two of the charter members present.

A table was arranged with the chapter's birthday cake flanked by red tapers against background of red carnations. Happy birthday was sung by all and Mrs. Justesen, W. M., cut the first piece of cake. Refreshments of the birthday cake, red gelatine dessert and coffee were served from a lace covered buffet table centered with a bouquet of red carnations, by Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, Mrs. Harold Eakin and Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

Farmers Go To Salem About Tax Bill

A group of wheat farmers went to Salem Monday to attend and take part in a public hearing before the house taxation committee on Senate Bill 92 which would repeal the mandatory power to levy a property tax whenever other taxes fail to meet appropriations.

The case for the wheat growers was presented in short papers by several citizens and included proof that property taxes were growing so fast for local purposes that the state should permanently abandon that field; that wheat growing was not sufficiently remunerative to permit additional taxation; that tax delinquencies were growing; that agricultural counties were paying a smaller per capita income tax than business or timber counties indicating reduced incomes; that it was unfair to continue the policy of making one kind of taxation make up the deficit caused by failure of another kind.

Farmers from other areas made similar arguments to which the committee members listened carfully when present. They also asked questions, many long and involved ones. Some were interested in the stand of witnesses on previous tax policies, particularly the removal of the emergency clause which was defeated at the last election.

Going from Sherman county were L. E. Kaseberg, A. C. Kaseberg, Paulen Kaseberg, Elton Medler, Carroll Sayrs and Giles French.

Ground Observers Get Recognition At Kent

Members of the Ground Observer Corp. of the observation post at Kent met at the home of Mrs. George Wilson, supervisor of the Kent area Monday afternoon. M-Sgt. Ralph A. Bragg, USAF in charge of this GOC district, presented wings to Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. Robert Helyer, Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Luther Davis for their work since last fall. A pin is also to be presented to Mrs. John Decker, who was not present.

Four new recruits present at the meeting were Mrs. Wm. Jefferies, Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, Mrs. Max Nogle and Mrs. Joe Bibby.

Mrs. Verne Mobley, who is the new supervisor of the Shaniko area and Mrs. Harry Hooper new supervisor of the GOC in the Grass Valley area were present. Sgt. A. R. Dearborn of the information services of the office of the Bend Filter Station was present and took pictures and helped Sgt. Bragg explain the program of the GOC.

PP&L Plans Big Improvement Campaign

The largest construction program in the history of the Pacific Power & Light company, which includes building the world's largest earth-fill dam, was described Friday for local district PP&L employees by George T. Bragg, vice president and general manager.

"Generating plants now under construction by Pacific will double our present capacity by the end of 1958," Bragg reported. "We are doing our part in the job of providing the growing electric loads of our customers."

"Load forecasts for the Northwest Power Pool area show us that the use of electricity will double in the next ten years. And to keep pace with this growth in our own company's service areas, Pacific's construction budget for this year calls for an expenditure of $56,000,000," he said.

Major phases of the work are the Lewis river developments at the Merwin project, where will be the world's highest earth-fill dam and have 204,000 kilowatts of capacity. In Wyoming, a 100,000-kilowatt steam-electric plant is under construction.

"Any project—anywhere is faced with threat of a shortage of 3-million kilowatts in 1967," Bragg asserted.

The PP&L executive spoke at The Dalles, where employees of both Hood River and The Dalles districts assembled for their annual dinner meeting.

"Pacific is ready and able to do its share in building the needed power plants—by ourselves, or as joint ventures with others in projects such as John Day and Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley—assuming we are given the opportunity to do so," he emphasized.

County Budget Boosted $17,987 By Budgeteers

The county budget committee met Tuesday and made up the proposed budget for the county for the year beginning July 1. Estimates are for a budget $17,987 higher than last year.

There will have to be a special election to approve or deny this budget and this will be held sometime in May, probably the latter part of the month. It is possible that at the same time there will be a proposal on the ballot for funds to build a new horse barn on the fair grounds. Budgeteers did not wish to put that in the regular budget.

Reasons for the increase is that there was no cash to be declared, and necessity of matching FAS (federal road aid) funds caused an increase in road estimates. Other minor increases were made.

The general fund budget is $89,103 and the road budget is $141,500, both gross amounts without deductions. Total net is $205,623.

New Officers Placed By Bethlehem OES

Bethlehem chapter No. 78, Order of the Eastern Star held a special open meeting Thursday, Mar. 28 to install their new officers.

Dorene Hall, worthy matron, introduced the installing officers, Naomi Van Gilder, past matron, installing matron; Harry Pinkerton, past patron, installing patron; Marie Hoskinson PM, installing marshal; Elsie Jones, PM., installing chaplain, Helen Sayrs, installing organist.

The new officers installed who will hold office until June 1958: Genevieve Powell, WM; Ray Kelso, WP; Shelley Roberson, asso. matron; Gwen Ross, secretary; Dorothy Heater, treasurer; Annabelle Kelso, conductress, Imogene Hailey, asso. conductress; Dorene Hall, marshal, Naomi VanGilder, chaplain; Nina Pinkerton, organist; Edna Paulson, Adah; Barbara Gray, Ruth; Mary Sayrs, Esther; Connie Cushman, Martha; Irma Johnson, Electa; Thema Miller, warder, Darwin VanGilder, sentinel.

The "Men's Glee club" Russell Belshee, Mac Hall, Bill Hall and Frank Sayrs, entertained with four numbers. Genevieve Powell and Orilu Coons sang "Star of the East". The Junior Past Matron and the new Worthy Matron were honored with special numbers.

After the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed by all in the new dining room of Barnum hall.

Cancer Fund Gets Start In County

The annual campaign for funds for cancer research and education is being held during April, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Sherman county chairman.

Among the volunteer workers assisting in the campaign in Sherman county are: Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, county vice-chairman; Mrs. Earl Gentry and Mrs. Loy Cochran, co-chairman of the Moro area, assisted by Mrs. Charles Burnet, Mrs. Robert Boynton, Mrs. Frank Sayrs, Mrs. Robert Brisbine, Mrs. Harriet Close, Mrs. Orlow Martin and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs; Mrs. Keith McDonald, chairman of the Wasco area, assisted by Mrs. B. E. Hailey, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, and others whose names will be announced later; Mrs. Eben Kee, chairman of the Grass Valley area, assisted by Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs Edgar Alley, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. John Rolfe, Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Bennie Payne; Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Luther Davis of the Kent area.

Last year $1357.50 was contributed in Sherman county. This sum included the amount of memorial money which was given in lieu of flowers. The goal this year is $1917, because of an increase in the national goal which was $20,000,000 last year and is a minimum of $30,000,000 for 1957.

Many organizations are again sponsoring this fund campaign among them is Agricultural Extension Service, American Farm Bureau, National Grange, American Legion and Auxiliary, Boy and Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic Daughters of America, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and many labor unions.