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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

We can think of nothing so useless as getting into a race to produce space missiles like Sputnik.

TTWN
What is really wrong with this country is bureaucracy; too many persons in useless jobs who can't be fired; too many persons who want to keep everything as it is; too few who are willing to act on their thinking. Ain't that enough?

TTWN
The University of Oregon has a research project to discover "how the brain stores information." Very interesting, and we hope it is important.

TTWN
Labor contends that what causes depressions is wages too low and insufficient purchasing power. It is not very good economics but a very natural thing for labor leaders to preach.

TTWN
Uncle may find his income cut next year. We understand he has not been making plans to live less extravagantly, however.

TTWN
Any man who sets himself up as the thinker for a whole nation of people is leading with his chin. As long as the people manage their own business carefully he can be a hero, when they don't he's a bum.

TTWN
Said the old poker player: "I had more fun with the hands I had to play close to my belly than I did the easy kind."

TTWN
We'll admit that planning is a good thing sometimes, but there's nothing less exciting than a perfectly planned day.

TTWN
Uncle Emmett watched and listened while a woman gave her husband a good sized chunk of her mind. "Always seemed foolish to me to see some one drain the gas out of the only car they had to get around in," said the sage.

TTWN
Taking the fifth amendment is practically an admission of guilt and most people consider it so.

TTWN
There is always an older generation and a younger one and there is no difference between them except that one was born first.

TTWN
Southern Oregonians are being eaten by mice and, as is the custom in these days, has appealed to federal and state government for help. We wonder just what mice killing equipment the government has that the natives do not have. Anyway it is a sign of the weakness that pervades the country and attributes all wisdom to government which cannot be smarter than the people.

TTWN
The House of Lords is to become the House of Lords and Ladies. Oh, well, it's sort of an old ladies club anyhow.

TTWN
We wish a way could be devised to permit the voters to pass on every item in the tax bill.

TTWN
Farms in America are getting bigger and bigger. No one seems to worry about it, neither the farmers who are becoming politically impotent in a time when prices are set by politics, nor the consumers whose food supply is affected. They'll all worry when drastic action is needed to change it.

TTWN
In Alabama voters decided to do away with a county that had a majority of negro voters. Maybe next time it will be Democrats, or Republicans.

TTWN
We read that women are getting independent and hard to live with since so many jobs are open to them. The idea seems to be that they never liked men anyhow and merely lived with them for bread and beans. That conclusion is not recommended for the masculine ego.

TTWN
Although we worry constantly the world is in pretty good shape. No major wars are going on, people are eating better than usual and getting over the last war with no more than the usual troubles.

TTWN
And a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. F. W. Macnab Is County's Choice For Polio Contributor

Mrs. F. W. Macnab of Rufus has been selected as the Sherman county candidate, one of 3100 selected by local Infantile Paralysis groups to enter the drawing for contributor to the National Foundation.

On January 2 at Warm Springs, Georgia, the one chosen from the 3100 will unveil a marble frieze with bronze busts of 17 leaders in the fight against polio. The role will be to symbolize the average American donor in the gathering of famous scientists who will be there to note the 20th anniversary of the March of Dimes campaigns.

The drawing will be made December 21 at Warm Springs when the name will be drawn by a member of the Polio Poster family.

Wednesday night Bob Williamson demonstrated a pneulator, made by the Mine Safety Appliance company to a small group of interested first aiders. The machine is designed to give oxygen to a sufferer from accident or paralyzing illness in a simpler way than other such machines and is portable so could be taken in the county ambulance and used by one man, even the driver.

Mrs. Collis Moore, chairman of the polio foundation in Sherman county, has written for permission to purchase the equipment with funds raised from the local polio drives and the request has been supported by the state association. Cost is \$450 for the initial unit.

George Wilcoxes Wed Nearly 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 29 at the home of their son, Dr. Dean Wilcox at 300 W. 20th St., The Dalles when Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Nelson will be hosts to the friends of their parents.

4-H Club News

NORTH SHERMAN LIVESTOCK CLUB NEWS

By John Thomas
Two meetings have been held by the North Sherman Livestock club so far this year. The first one on November 11, the second on December 8. Both were held in the Wasco Methodist church basement. An election of officers was held on the 11th. Those elected were: Gene Fridley, president; John Fields, vice-president; Terry Kaseberg, secretary; John Thomas, news reporter; Alice Kaseberg, song leader; Virgil Fick, sergeant-at-arms.

There were nine in attendance at the second meeting. They held a discussion about their animals and their plans for the June show. Refreshments were served by Mrs. L. P. Haven and Mrs. Lee Pearson.

The next meeting will be January 12, 1958.

By Diana Henrichs
A meeting of the Handy Girls Sewing club was called to order on December 16 at the high school. Sherrie Fraser read the minutes in the absence of the secretary. Our song leader led us in a song. Refreshments were served. Jacques Bucholtz and Kay Higley gave a demonstration on how to purchase, cut and shrink material. Many of the girls have started on their projects now.

Kent Workshop Has Meeting

The Better Dress workshop meeting was held at Kent grade school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, December 4. There were 13 ladies from Kent and 17 from Grass Valley and Moro attending the meeting which was under the direction of Carol Armstrong. After the meeting, refreshments were served to all, by Mildred Norton and Dorothy Dunlap of the Kent unit. Workshop leaders for the Kent unit which will be held in January and February will be Helen Davis, Frances Bardenhagen, Mary McKay and Nan Wilson.

Also on December 4 several members of the Kent unit attended the Antelope meeting on candle making. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Brown and Mrs. Bates demonstrated. Those attending the pot luck at noon and the demonstration were Margie Mobley, Phoebe McKay, Annice Nogle, Nan Wilson and Dorothy Stark.

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

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and Mrs. John Alley and son were visitors in The Dalles Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and family were shoppers in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons were in The Dalles Saturday to visit Clyde at the hospital returning home Sunday.

Don Cox spent the weekend in Portland visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shackleton and Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford at Mist.

The annual Barn Dance held at Odd-Fellows hall Saturday night for Odd-Fellows and Rebekahs and invited guests was well attended. Christmas decorations were used about the room with a lighted tree in one corner. Doughnuts and coffee were served at intermission.

Mrs. Joe Hammond was a business visitor in The Dalles Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family and Mrs. W. D. Barnett were shoppers in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap went to The Dalles Saturday and met her sister in law, Mrs. Nell Swick, who arrived on the train Sunday morning from Warren, Penn., to spend several weeks here with her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and grandsons, Johnny and Jimmy Raven, spent Saturday at Tygh Valley visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mac Alsop.

Mrs. Joe Hammond went to Portland Tuesday on business returning home Wednesday. Everett Cantrall went to The Dalles Friday and brought Mrs. Cantrall and infant son home from the hospital. The baby was born December 10 and was named Robert Daniel and weighed seven

Union Pacific Train Coming In January

Union Pacific railroad's "Theater on Rails" will carry its banner "It's Wise to Fertilize" to 19 Oregon and Washington farming centers in January.

This will be the 11th year that the railroad's agricultural improvement car will tour the Northwest, bringing to farmers and vocational agricultural students the latest in good farming practices.

Soil Specialists from the Oregon and Washington State colleges and experiment stations, county agents and representatives of fertilizer associations will tell the farmers how they can increase their crop yields and their incomes by wise use of fertilizer. Farmers also will hear about the new fertilizers that have been developed and the results of local fertility field trials.

Cal Crandall, U. P. agricultural agent, said sound and color movies will be shown. Chairman of the program in each community will be the local county agent. At least two programs are planned—9:30 a. m. and 11:30 p. m.—at each stop.

The car will be The Dalles January 16.

Moro Missionaries Install Officers

The Moro Missionary society met in regular session in the church social room Wednesday. A dessert luncheon was served to 18 members and guests by Mesdames Andrew Paulson, Vernon Miller and Norman Gochnauer.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations, the center of which was a large Bible, evergreens and candles. The regular business meeting was conducted by President Mrs. Goodenberger. Reports of various secretaries were given by Mrs. Ted Thompson, Mrs. Earl Gentry, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Andrew Paulson, Mrs. Gene Amidon and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, followed by Christmas devotions by Mrs. Max Barzoo.

The program under the direction of Mrs. Dewey Thompson included singing of Christmas carols and presenting of a little skit entitled "The Star's Light" including the installation of officers. Rev. Gochnauer gave the installation prayer. Those installed were Hilda Goodenberger, president; Inez Thompson, vice-president; Hope Belasche, secretary; Rose Amidon, treasurer; Florence Thompson, membership; Agnes Woodcock, Guild of Intercessors; Hilda Goodenberger, program; Josephine Gentry, spiritual life and stewardship; Alice Gochnauer, social education and action; Thelma Miller, literature; Nina Pinkerton, missionary education; Rose Amidon, World service, chr.; Norma Barzoo, Christian education; Baggie Barnum, sewing and supplies.

en pounds and five and one-half ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler had their party room in the basement decorated in the Christmas motif and were hosts when the Community Pinocchio club entertained their husbands on December 9. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab were co-hosts for the affair. A decorated tree centered the gift table which the members had for an exchange of gifts.

Winning high score were Pat Macnab and Mrs. Ira Fridley while consolation prizes went to Morris Burnett and Mrs. Elton Medler. Present besides the hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Belasche, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fridley and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pfaff as guests. Club members and husbands were Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Medler, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coats. After the game pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee was served.

Relatives who gathered at the T. L. Fields home before and after the funeral of Sheriff Norman E. Fields, last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Damon Fields of Ashcroft, B. C., I. E. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields, John and Virgil, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields of Grass Valley, Ralph Whealy of Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Fields of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Whealy of Washougal. Coming to The Dalles to attend the funeral were, his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Claud Guyton of Dufur, their son Dean and daughter Gail. Other relatives unable to attend the funeral were his daughter Carol of Alaska, his step-mother, Mrs. Prudence Smith of Ashcroft, B. C., an aunt of Spokane and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Whealy of Arizona.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royce were Mrs. Della Shierborn and Mr. and Mrs. John Shierborn of Hood River, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodrich of Prineville.

Mrs. Madelyn Barnett was hostess to the Dorcas society for their annual Christmas meeting and Mrs. Faye Boice was co-hostess. During election of officers the same officers were reinstated. Thirteen members enjoyed the Christmas party and gift exchange. It was decided to send

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Don Strickland from Northwest Christian college at Eugene will be the speaker at the Church of Christ next Sunday. The Christmas program will be in the evening Sunday, December 22.

Agent's Office Has '58 Tax Guide

The Farmers' Tax Guide pamphlet for 1958 is now obtainable at the county agent's office. These copies are available from county agent's offices throughout Oregon besides the Internal Revenue offices. Last year they proved very helpful to many Sherman county farmers. The material gives detailed instruction on completing federal income tax forms. You may secure a copy by phone, card, or visit to the county court house, Moro.

Pelleted foods are not new, but are being given new emphasis these days. Pellet feed does not increase protein or energy, but animals eat more. This type feed makes greater use of inferior feed and has appeal for ease of handling and transportation.

A three inch in diameter pellet is being considered for alfalfa hay. The condensing of hay in this manner reduces storage needs and transportation costs. Normal baled alfalfa hay runs 10 to 20 pounds per cubic foot, a three inch pellet 30 pounds per cubic foot, and a five-eighths inch pellet 45 pounds per cubic foot. Half as much storage is thus needed for the large pellet.

Thirty to thirty-five pelleting machines exist in the state at present. About 10 can pellet hay. Many trials and experiments are now under way to determine value and place of pelleting in the livestock feeding program in Oregon.

The use of stillbrestol for cattle was summarized during the all staff conference at Corvallis. Implant pellets are as good or better than feed stillbrestol. Stillbrestol cattle gain faster but should not be marketed any sooner so the same finish can be achieved.

Dosages of stillbrestol implants for feed lot yearling or two years old are: 30 mg for these steers on 100-120 day feeding period, 15 mg is best for sprayed heifers, stillbrestol is not recommended for un-sprayed heifers since uterus prolapse, heavy udder, and tendency to look with calf occurs with lower market price resulting.

the silver dish to the Turner Home.

Don Griffith and Jerry Youngblood, state auditors from Salem, are here this week going through the books of the sheriff's office to clear them for the incoming sheriff.

Miss Pamela Bond, an English girl who is visiting and working in the United States and Canada, will be a guest at the Lamer Says home of Christmas. She is a pen pal of Miss Dayanne Says from school days.

Larry Says came home Wednesday night from Bridgeport, California where he is stationed. He has a weeks furlough to spend Christmas with his parents here.

The high school and chorus program recently heard at the school will be broadcast over KDOL next Monday, December 30 between one and two in the afternoon so that all may hear it.

The grade school at Moro presented its pupils in the annual Christmas program Wednesday night before a delighted audience of parents and friends. In addition to the recitation and playlets there was music by the grade band and songs by the grade singers coached by Mrs. Teadtke, who is instructor in choral music for the children.

What looked like two big rains this week didn't add up to so much in the rain gauge at the experiment station. Total for both was .59 inch. That makes .82 for December, just half the normal of 1.65.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum and children were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brock.

Mrs. Afton McIntyre spent several days last week in Portland shopping and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams and children and Jannie.

Nona, of Oswego, will finish her sewing classes December 21 and 22 and will resume again in March.

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A definite program with weanling calves has not been worked out. To date, however, a second implant looks best. First implant should be 15 mg and then 120 days later a 30 mg implant.

Implanting of lambs with stillbrestol has not been approved by the Pure Food and Drug people. To date response has been noted for lambs in feed lot or on pasture but an unfavorable carcass develops.

Considerable publicity on Lepto (a disease of cattle) has occurred lately. Over a five year period the diagnostic vet laboratory at OSC has tested 28,000 blood samples for Lepto. Infection has been less than 3 per cent. Most of the samples were from herds suspected of having the disease. Present tests and known loss in Sherman county would indicate a low or minor infection.

A few farmers have home fruit peach trees subjected to peach leaf curl. For proper control spraying should be done in the middle of December with a second spray applied before the buds swell in the spring. Recommended material is lime-sulphur at 1 1/2 cups per one gallon of water.

Here is a maintenance tip for your tractor or any other gasoline engine around your farm. Get your nose near the fuel tank opening. If you can detect the odor of varnish or old paint, it is advisable to drain out old fuel and rinse the tank with a 50-50 alcohol and acetone mixture.

The same thing applies to the carburetor. If, after you have opened up the carburetor you get this same type of odor, wash the carburetor out or have it cleaned by your local dealer.

This varnish-like residue is a result of oxidation of fuel. It usually appears in gasoline that has been kept in storage a long time, either in large bulk tank or in the gas tank of an engine that hasn't had frequent use. It can also occur in some engines that are used quite regularly but to a lesser extent. This varnish-like residue will gum up the works in your fuel system.

Sherman County Has 18th Prosperous Year, Some Changes Coming

Because the first of every year is a sort of time for stock taking, not only in business affairs, but in public matters and government, it seems appropriate to assess the passing year as to what it has done for Sherman county.

Crop wise it was a very satisfactory year. Good crops have almost ceased to be news in Sherman county for in no year since 1940 has there been a poor crop all over the county. Some parts have had unsatisfactory crops in that time; not the entire county.

The grain crop was over 4,000,000 bushels and brought an income of about \$8,000,000. Livestock, salaries, wages, and other activities undoubtedly accounted for an additional \$2,000,000 for a total of ten million. Divided among slightly less than 2500 persons gives a per capita income

of \$4,000. This is almost equal to the average family income in the United States and is about three times the average per capita income.

Financially the county has done right well.

Sherman high school in its first year in the new building made great strides at doing what was expected of it as a means of unifying the county into a cohesive unit. Taxes for the new plant are high this year although a marked reduction is certain for 1958 as soon as equipment can be provided for the new school.

Roads Being Bettered
County roads have been improved by construction of new ones in places determined by the county court. Nearly every farm in the county is on a graveled road and there are few that do not have gravel to the farm buildings. Paved county roads are being built.

The new electric line from DeMoss to Klondike has gone into operation giving better service to Sherman county REA customers and providing additional power for the Gilliam and Wheeler county REA. Work on the Sherman county end of the Big Eddy-DeMoss line to bring still additional power to all electric users in this county is nearly finished and by next spring BPA power will flow into the county on a bigger line than before.

Appointment of a deputy will await a meeting between the court and Mr. Geiser and is not expected until after the first of the year.

George Geiser Made Sheriff By Court

George Geiser, who has been deputy sheriff for several years, was appointed sheriff by the county court after the death of Norman Fields last week.

The interim appointment will last until December 31, 1958. In Oregon interim appointments can only be for the period until the next general election and as there is one in 1958 that will be the extent of the term. It so happens that the term of Mr. Fields would have expired next year in any event.

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Auxiliary Re-elects Mollie McLachlan

Auxiliary of American Legion Chris Schultz post met at the Legion hall December 6. Mrs. Keith McDonald, the District 5 president, made a visit and gave an interesting talk from which those present gained good information. Ella Johnson won the door prize. And a prize was given by drawing to one of the paid members which went to Florence Bruckert. Officers were installed as follows: Mollie McLachlan, president; Katie Wooderson, vice-president; Florence Bruckert, sec-treas.; Mrs. Zella Dyer, chaplain; Agnes Woodcock, sgt.-at-arms; Ella Johnson, historian.

There were 15 ladies present. Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served.

The unit has almost reached its quota.

Moro Women Meet, Hear China Talk

The Moro Woman's club held its December meeting last Thursday at the church social room. Mrs. Rudy Olsen, Mrs. Donald Martin and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton were hostesses. The room was made attractive in the holiday motif. Several guests were present, two from Wasco.

Reports were made of contributions, having been made by the members—both locally and several state projects. A box was filled with gifts to be sent to Navajo Indian students, at Chemawa school. Mrs. Carroll Says told of the rewarding experience of sending abroad "Magazines for Friendship" and offered assistance to anyone who wished to initiate the project.

Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger was program chairman. She presented Sharon Coelsch, who played a piano solo "The Skater's Waltz". Mrs. Stewart Woods pleased with the vocal selection "The Birthday of a King" accompanied by Mrs. Says. Mrs. Longstaff, mother of Mrs. Goodenberger read the Christmas story as told by Luke, followed by a short quiz on the story. Mrs. Goodenberger gave a very interesting talk on "Christmas as we knew it in China," telling about the making of huge sky rockets and fire-crackers, the food preparation and feasting, the singing and gaily accompanying the Nativity season at the mission station.

The meeting closed with the singing of Christmas carols. A tea followed, at which Mrs. George Van Gaasbeck poured. The proceeds to be given to the Sacke Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Fund.

Rural Living Continues

Sherman county maintains a rural way of life with little change from pioneer days. Families still live on farms and are still a unit socially and business wise; independence has been stimulated by sufficient income, each man is his own master. Transportation has made more travel possible and good incomes have made it pleasant.

Clubs and lodges have lost in relative importance as they have all over the nation because of the new entertainment features possible in every home. Meetings, unless of general interest, are usually poorly attended and a few persons often determine public policy for the majority who fail to attend. Interest in county, state and national affairs is small, although reading of newspapers and magazines keeps the general level of information high in this county.

John Day Dam Started
A preliminary appropriation was made by congress for start of the John Day dam and the work of boring and testing to determine the exact location for that Columbia river dam is going on by contractors hired by the U. S. Engineers. It is now probable that a site about a mile above Scofield Rapids will be the one chosen and the dam will be a dog-leg across the river very similar to The Dalles dam. Engineers estimate that construction of the John Day dam will require ten years with perhaps an additional two years to install all the generators. It will be a multi-million dollar project and may change the way of life for many Sherman countians before it is finished or in the years after.

Social Life Changes
As with other rural areas the population is static or nearly so. Estimates are that the population has increased slightly which is probable. Farmers usually hire family men and provide housing for them and this accounts for a slight increase in numbers. The birth rate is much higher than in the 1930 depression when months might elapse without a single child being born.

Population Independent

Sherman county is rural, likes to be rural, intends to stay that way as long as possible and even the imminence of the John Day dam with its tremendous potential of industrial development arouses no one to speculation in anything but a few motel sites along the river. We merely want to be let alone with our wheat fields and our good cattle and to keep right on with the job of producing food for a hungry nation.