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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

The nation now appears to be in the same condition and with the same mental attitude as a cow that stands bawling around an empty feed pen for another fork full of hay before going off into the pasture to rustle some grass for herself.

T T W N

Sherman county made the pages of the Saturday Evening Post this week with a circled map showing Rufus, Wasco, Klondike. Within a few years the place names will be better known.

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Ex-president Truman says there would have been a revolution had not government spent a lot of money in the thirties. What does he call it?

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In Africa, we read, women use love potions. We don't know the kind favored in Africa but we doubt if they're more potent than lipstick, tight slacks and make up, favored in this country.

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Wiley Smith threatens to raise valuations to 100 per cent in Multnomah county. And a fine idea it is, too. But it would be necessary to lower bonding limitations.

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We shouldn't be the one to point it out but when there's advertising there's business. Last year's shortage of advertising is this year's depression.

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One of the first rules of an army is that some one has to be boss. The same rule should apply in peace time and stop the indecision of the Pentagon.

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We have increasingly less faith in the talkers who are saying that we should stop atomic tests at Russia's request and that we should meet with Russian leaders because they want to talk. The Russians need to get a reputation for telling the truth before we deal with them.

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It seems very odd that Canada should have elected a demagogue after so many years of political stability.

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It seems about time for some politician to break away from the tradition that public officials always say "Yes" and say "No" to some of those who want to put their burden on the government.

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Oregon public utility commissioner is making a bit of political medicine about protesting against the reduction in fresh meat rail freight rates from the east. One fact is that little fresh meat is shipped by rail; another is that until the northwest produces as much meat as it eats lower rates will help more than they hurt.

T T W N

A man of 101 has had rheumatism most of his life. Been bad, no doubt, but the complaining has been fun.

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We are happy to note that J. Edgar Hoover says that "liberal" means more rights for the individual whereas communists have made it mean something entirely different. We have learned to be aware of those who think it means anything but increased individuality.

Elmer Nelson Funeral Set Monday at Ten

Elmer Nelson, former Sherman county resident, died at his home at Hood River Tuesday after several months illness.

Funeral services will be at Hood River Monday, Apr. 21 at 10 a. m. with interment in Willamette National cemetery in Portland at 1:00. Mr. Nelson was a native of Kansas and a World War I veteran.

Surviving are his widow, Mary, three sons, Keith and Wayne of Tucson, Arizona, Verne, Norfolk, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Kitchen, Konardo, Kan., Mrs. Anna Monroe, Seattle, Wn., Mrs. Marion Poppert, Denver, Colo., Mrs. Carrie Belshe, Moro, one-step son, Harold Dinsmore, Hood River, twelve grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

The family would welcome gifts in his name to the cancer fund.

Wasco News

By Doris Nisbet

Dorcas met last week at the home of Mrs. Guy Andrews with Mrs. Jerry Barnett as co-hostess. Members decided to investigate the price of folding tables and chairs for the remodeled basement of the Church of Christ. Mrs. Harold Engberg led the devotionals with the theme, "Motherhood." Mrs. Trace Fie's read the scripture.

Recent Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond VanGilder were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mrs. Rena Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Harry VanGilder.

Past Matrons met at the home of Mrs. Vern Dutton recently with Mrs. Ernest Shull as co-hostess. Canasta and bridge were played with Mrs. W. A. Nisbet winning high for bridge and Mrs. Hildred Zell low and Mrs. Walt Bruckert winning for canasta and Mrs. Arthur Sargent low. Others present were Mrs. Estelle Hailey, Mrs. Chas. Everett, Mrs. Keith McDonald, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg and guests Rena Sheppard and Virginia Melzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley and children spent Sunday and Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene McConaughy and new baby in Portland, and relatives in Beaverton and Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Striker spent the weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Klindworth in Connel, Washington.

Mrs. Henry Richelderfer entertained her bridge club last week with Mrs. David Richelderfer as guest and Mrs. Roy Shafer, a new member, who was asked to join to fill place of Mrs. Harry Adams. Mrs. Virgil Larimore won the high prize and Mrs. Elton Medler low.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Duttons and sons. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Royse and Sharon of Portland were weekend guests at the homes of Mrs. John Royse and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse.

Sunday evening guests of the John Kelloggs were Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanGilder and children of Antelope.

Sherman Hi Boosters To Talk Improvements

The Sherman High Boosters will meet at the school house the evening of April 24 (Thursday) to discuss landscaping of the school grounds and the scholarship program. Members are urged to attend this meeting.

Missionary Society Gives Leader Trip

The Missionary society met with Mrs. Russell Belshee Wednesday afternoon. Dessert luncheon was served by Mrs. Ted Thompson and Mrs. Max Barzee at 1:30.

During the business session a letter was read from Church World Service describing the desperate need in many countries for good used clothing. It was suggested that a large carton be placed in the church entry for all contributions. Clothing will be received during the months of April and May.

It was reported that there is practically sufficient M.J.B. coffee bands on hand for the percolator. Please turn in the bands you have to Mrs. Dewey Thompson, now.

Mrs. Harold Melzer presented the Presbyterian leadership school which will be held in Portland at Lewis and Clark college July 27 to August 2.

The devotionals, the Year Book of Prayer and the Prayer for Missionaries was given by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Mrs. Goodenberger was chosen a delegate from our church, to attend the National Assembly of Presbyterian Women in Lafayette, Indiana, June 25 to July 1. This is a great honor since this assembly meets only once in four years and is attended by Presbyterian women from all over the world. This year will witness the joining of women's work of the two great branches of Presbyterianism — The Glad Story by Mesdames A. Pinkerton, L. Gray, A. Paulson, Mac Hall, Mrs. Max Barzee was accompanist.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earl Gentry May 14.



The Fridley family consists of Alice, formerly of McMinnville, son Norman at Linfield, Kenneth's alma mater, Milton at OTI, Gene at Sherman High (sons absent the day we called) and daughter Barbara in the eighth grade at Wasco. The basketball hoop in the rear explains the proficiency of Fridley sons at that game.

Democrats Meet To Eat and Talk

Dave Eggs, state chairman of the Democratic party, was here Wednesday to meet with members of that party at a luncheon at the Moro Hotel. He complimented them on their progressive outlook while laying out plans for the campaign. Present were Frank Ketter, T. Lester Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cardnal, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Zell and Mrs. Howard Ross.

NFLA To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Dalles National Farm Loan Association will be held at the Chenoweth Grange hall, The Dalles, Apr. 26, according to T. F. White-man, secretary-treasurer. Registration is scheduled for 11 a. m., followed by a complimentary dinner at 12 noon.

Fred A. Knutsen, president of the Federal Land Bank at Spokane, will be the principal speaker. His wide knowledge and experience in the field of farm credit should make his address of great interest.

The members will elect two directors for a term of three years each to fill the expiring terms of the incumbents, J. R. Wood of Fossil and Earl A. Moore of Hood River.

At the time of registration checks will be distributed to the members in payment of a dividend recently declared in the amount of \$3,747.83. This brings to \$42,439.25 the total paid to stockholders by the association in the last 11 years. This year's payment is part of the \$313,392 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, whose capital stock is owned by The Dalles National Farm Loan Association and 64 other national farm loan associations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.



Shirley Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Watkins of Wasco, was selected as one of the Princess' for the Arlington Rodeo, which is to be held May 3 and 4. The Court of girls will be personally interviewed on Channel 19, KEPR TV, April 23, on Bert Wells program, at 5:30 p. m. Shirley has been requested to sing one song on TV and Jeannette Belshee of Wasco is to be her accompanist.

Kenneth Fridley Named Conservation Man The Year For Care of Soil, Tillage Methods

From the Kenneth Fridley 1958 and will be honored at a dinner Monday night when the annual wheat league meeting for the county is held at Wasco. This year is an exception to his usual stubble mulch for summer-fallow as winter-growing cheat grass made that system seem impractical and Fridley is intensely practical. The committee noted this, noted his well sodded waterways that have defied run-offs, noted that he top-dressed his crops with nitrogen when early applied nitrogen had leached out of range of wheat roots, noted his 50 acres of alfalfa and 75 acres of Crested Wheat grass and his 16 head of fat purebred Angus cows.

An example of this practicality is his method of heating his water tank for stock. He set a steel tank on cement and merely built a fire under it with waste wood and posts. He straightened the huge old barn and has constructed fine corrals using treated ties for posts; he has built his own garage from hollow tile and his own machine shop from a steel siding and has made a dam to hold run-off water.

He was among the first to use fertilizer and has used a soil chisel on slopes to preserve the never-quite-enough rainfall. He made his own hydraulic offset hitch to keep his drills on the slopes and nearly all of his range land has been reseeded.

The Fridley ranch is not a large one as ranches go in Sherman county there being 1280 acres of which 439 is in wheat 203 in barley and 331 in fallow this year to which the alfalfa and grass must be added. The remainder is range. Fridley is contemplating some irrigation when the John Day dam backs that river up another 100 feet and creates cheap electricity with which to pump water for that purpose.

Kenneth Fridley is a bit old-fashioned in his farming concepts. He milks a cow; he raises a garden; he keeps some chickens; he repairs or rebuilds much of his machinery.

He plowed with a bottom pack it with press drills to get it worked down for a fall seed bed.

He is trying to

MORO WOMEN SEE PICTURES OF FOREIGN TRIPS

The Moro Women's club held the annual Mother and Daughter meeting April 11 in the church basement with the president Mrs. A. Douma giving a few words of greeting and then presenting Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, program chairman. She presented the following entertainment.

Two musical numbers by "The Hungry Five", Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger very cleverly welcomed the daughters, Diane Henrichs graciously responded in behalf of the daughters, paying tribute to the mothers.

Mrs. Theodore Johnston showed pictures of their boat trip south through the Panama Canal last winter, and told of their interesting experiences on a freighter and the many places visited. Mrs. A. Douma showed pictures and told of their trip by boat to Europe during early winter.

The next meeting will be May 1 with a pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. Douma. The officers for next year will be installed.

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By Lynn O. Hampton

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The Rural School District law now provides that each district must levy its own tax, and that each of the elementary districts has no tax base. Consequently each elementary district must vote its entire levy in excess of the six per cent limitation. The high school district remained within its base and does not need to hold the 6% vote. The law also provides that the Sherman County Rural School District levy a tax which will provide for the expenses of the county office, and for an offset fund which will offset approximately half of the operational cost of the districts. This levy amounts to \$189,802.33, of which \$14,909.25 is for the county office and the payment of the salaries of the superintendent and the band instructor, and \$174,893.08 to be used as an offset to the elementary districts and to the high school district. This total is \$79,250.59 in excess of the districts base, and requires an election by the Rural School District which will be held at the time of the annual meeting.

This double vote in the excess of the six percent limitation is not double taxation. If the levy in excess of the base passes, the offset fund will be certified to the assessor who will reduce the levy in each of the elementary districts, and in the high school district by the amount provided for such reduction in each district. The offset computed according to the formula provided by law is as follows:

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Heavy equipment has moved onto the land just north of the Rufus school which was bought by the Richfield Oil Co. from the Frank Bartholomew estate. It is reported they expect to have a station and truck stop on this location.