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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Portland is to get a view of September Morn a painting that shocked grandpa almost fifty years ago. Nowadays it is not much of a shocker and valuable mostly to show what shocked grandpa.

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The inventor of the electric stove must feel foolish when asked to dine in a backyard barbecue.

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The more we read of the economic experts the more we think they are guessing just like the rest of us.

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We read that in order to placate South America we must send more money. Maybe they might act better if we sent less.

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The price of coffee is about to decline again, but probably not the price of a cup. The cost of washing up, you know.

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Things shouldn't be named by their price. Look at the penny postcard, the five-cent cigar, the dollar watch, the nickel beer.

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In order for most of us to work we must have a boss. If we are our own boss we must be a harder driver than most to assure success.

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Of all our inventions perhaps the most popular is the softer chair.

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It seems as if tax reductions never come to pass. Unless accompanied by reduction in the cost of government they shouldn't and no congressman can bring himself to that.

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We are constantly intrigued by the fact there is two kinds of Communism, the Russian and the Tito. One might suppose that there could be no deviation from so professed perfect an ideal. Maybe it is like the expression "more perfect."

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Within the last few weeks we have been told to worry about Russia, about Lebanon, about South America and now about France. We do not wish to seem unneighborly or callous to the needs of the world but do think it about time someone worried about us for a few moments.

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Certainly nothing has changed American economic thinking like the graduated income tax and if Americans are getting lazy, shiftless and unprogressive, the income tax is partly to blame.

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In a story about the recent storm we discover that lightning can strike twice in one place. That may be true. But when we were a boy lightning didn't strike twice in one place because it didn't have to. Lightning may have gotten weaker along with the men and the tobacco.

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The Portland woman who changed her story in a murder trial may be exercising her feminine prerogative but she probably found a very unfortunate place to do it.

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The title, "All About Men" should be second in popularity to "All About Women" for people like to read about themselves whether it is correct or not. Neither is it startling that people are most interested in people.

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We wonder if a little variety in the selection and publication of Rose Festival queens would be acceptable to a conservative town.

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Telephone subscribers will consider rate raises every year as being a little fast in a time of recession and will hope for a very thorough examination of the case.

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There are those who let bad conditions pass with the saying, "It could be worse" and we think they contribute less to progress than those who approach problems by saying, "It could be better."

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The Dr. Sly, who is expediting Oregon's taxes, is apparently testing the local reactions in some speeches.

Equalization Board Refuses To Change Ratios

The thirty seven persons who made a protest over the new assessment figures sent out by the county assessor received their answer last week in the form of a letter from the county clerk who is also clerk of the county equalization board. Except for those who pointed to errors in location of property or incorrect classification, the answer was NO.

The board refused to accept the appeals for changes in the ratio or assessment between buildings and land.

Next step for those who feel that buildings are too high in proportion to land is to appeal to the state tax commission for a review of the assessments. It is understood that such an appeal will be made by some of the petitioners.

If so, it will be based on the fact that buildings, recently assessed by the state tax commission, bear a true cash value higher in proportion to actual market value than does land, recently valued by a committee of land owners.

After an appeal the tax commission will send men to the county to review the matter.

SCS Tour Set For Next Tuesday

Alfalfa seeded into native range and results of sagebrush spraying will be highlights of a Sherman county Range Land Tour, 1:30 p. m., June 3. The tour is co-sponsored by the Sherman County Cattlemen's Association and the Sherman Soil Conservation District with all Sherman countians invited to attend. The tour will start at the Bill Todd ranch, eight miles due east of Grass Valley, on the slaughter house road.

Nomad alfalfa seeded directly into native range in 1957 on the ranch farmed by Bill Todd will be with a modified John Deere grassland drill. The drill will be available and demonstrate during the tour. Seedlings with the drill on crested wheatgrass and cheatgrass range will also be inspected. Effects of nitrogen fertilizer on native range will also be shown on the ranch farmed by Todd.

Sagebrush and rabbit brush 2-4-D spraying results on the Fred Cox and John Buehler ranches will be shown. Spraying was done May 1956 by plane with two pounds of butyl ester of 2,4-D. Spraying was near 90% effective.

Nomad alfalfa seeded in 1948 on the Max Brown ranch will be shown. A sagebrush beating demonstration with a rotary beater owned by Bernard Martin will be demonstrated on the John Buehler ranch. Range improvement opportunities and what can be done to improve range condition for greater forage production will be pointed out during the tour.

E. R. Jackman, range management specialist, OSC, will accompany the tour. Arrangements for the tour have been made by farmers where the tour will visit, Hank Grabenhorst, and T. W. Thompson.

Historical Society Program Arranged

The program for the picnic of the Sherman County Historical society which will be held at De Moss Springs park Sunday June 8 has been nearly completed by Carroll Sayrs, vice-president who is in charge of the program.

The Explorer Scouts will raise the flag to start the affair, Tom Fraser will sing as no meeting of the society would be complete without. Mrs. Allie Ruggles, secretary and treasurer, will give reports of the society's activities. Miss June Halvorsen will sing. Kenneth Fridley will report on betterment that may be accomplished by Sherman countians.

Speaker for the occasion will be Sig Unander, state treasurer, grandson of Simon Benson, early day logger on the lower Columbia who will come from Salem to address the society's members.

Other reports will include that of the historian and the nominating committee.

Members and guests will gather about eleven o'clock under the trees in the newly overhauled park; dinner will be served at noon and the program will begin after cigars are smoked and the dishes put away.



Past presidents present were (left to right, front row) Mrs. B. Estrella Hailey, Mrs. Carl Tugle, Mrs. Emma Dutton, Mrs. elderfer, Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Robert Bish, Mrs. John A. Foss, Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, Mrs. Mrs. Vinton Watkins; (back row) Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Trace Mrs. J. F. Royse, Mrs. Earl Rich-Fields, Mrs. Hildred Zell.

Wasco Study Club Celebrates Fifty Years Continuous Organization With Cake and Company and a Complete History of Officers

The 50th birthday anniversary meeting of the Wasco Woman's Study club was held in the Methodist church. Guests were members of the Moro Woman's club, Tuesday Study club of Wasco and other invited guests.

The president, Mrs. Vinton Watkins welcomed the guests and expressed her thanks to all her former officers.

On behalf of the Tuesday club, Mrs. Ernest Shull presented a gift to Mrs. Watkins. The Moro Woman's club gift was a guest book.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. L. P. Haven, chairman, who had charge of the afternoon program.

"When You and I Were Young, Maggie" was sung by the group with Mrs. Estrella Hailey at the piano.

The history of the club from 1908 to 1958 was presented by Mrs. Trace Fields assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Royse as Father Time and Mrs. Hailey at the piano playing "Long Long Ago." A large clock representing the years was pointed up by Father Time as Mrs. Fields gave the name of the president and the highlight of each year. The "Bay View" magazine was their guide to study. It was most interesting.

A pianologue "Fly in Church" was read by Mrs. Richard Skiles assisted by Lana Jean Paulson at the piano.

Mrs. Watkins read an original poem by Mrs. Earl Richelderfer.



Gordon O. Fraser has joined American Machine & Foundry Company as marketing assistant to AMF's International Group Executive. Since 1956 he has been in Washington as assistant administrator of the U. S. department of agriculture's foreign agricultural service.

Mr. Fraser served in the armed services from 1941 to 1947 seeing combat service in Europe with the 63rd Infantry as an artillery officer. Mr. Fraser was awarded the Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and was separated with the rank of Major. From 1945 to 1949 he was in charge of the foreign food and agriculture operations of the department of the army for relief and rehabilitation of occupied areas, including Germany and Japan.

A native of Moro, Oregon, he received his B. S. degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State college in 1939, and his M. S. degree in the same subject from Purdue University in 1941. Mr. Fraser is married to the former Gwen Matthews. They will reside in New York City.

The Sherman high band under the direction of Lynn Teadtke presented a half hour concert on the lawn. Included in the numbers were, "The Lost Chord", "Rock N' Roll", "Symphony For Fun", march "Old Acquaintance", solo by Mr. Teadtke "Danny Boy", march "Stars and Stripes Forever." Mrs. Haven expressed thanks to them for an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg presented awards to Barbara Fridley and Jean Hockett for their work in Intermediate Scouting.

The birthday cake was a work of art by Mrs. Walter Bruckert. It was a large open book, the left side representing the minutes of the meetings from 1908 to 1958. The right side was the Book of Memories, decorated in yellow and white, the club colors. The book was centered on a large white pillow decorated with yellow narcissus, the club flower.

Under the magic hands of Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, the tea table carried out the yellow and gold idea to perfection. The hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. Vern Dutton and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda served tea, coffee, cake and candies. Mrs. Hailey presided at the tea table and Mrs. H. M. Zell cut the cake.

Guests from were Moro were Mesdames John Parker, Theodore Johnston, Eugene Amidon, Harry Pinkerton, Truman Strong, Rudolph Olsen and Howard Conlee. Tuesday Study club guests were Sallie Wright, Faye Boice, Bessie Striker, Isabella Allen, Bobbie Root, and Mrs. Shull. Wasco Study club guests were Marie Watkins, Edith Barager, Ethel Van Gilder, Idah Everett,

Myrtle Funk, Margilee Kaseberg, Minnie Dutton, Hilda Harper, Patricia Skies and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley.

Grade School Sends Eighth Graders To H.S.

Graduating ceremonies for the eighth grade class of Moro were held Tuesday at the school house with Principal Stephen Stivers presiding and the 7th and 8th grade girls singing under the direction of Mrs. Velma McKean with Mrs. Mildred Moore accompanying.

Ready for high school are Monte L. Axtell, Vee Ann Busse, Bill Henry Close, James W. Coons, Arlean Mae DeMoss, Carole E. Drinkard, Barbara Jane Gilman, Mary Jane Griggs, Alvin Lynn Hailey, Ann Beverly Hall, Barbara Jean Hampton, George W. Miller, Robert R. Powell, Sharon Thoele and Patty Ann Zachary.

Wind Storm Batters County; No Rain

An unsuccessful storm passed over Sherman county Monday evening. The wind blew at a tremendous rate, lightning slashed the sky and thunder shook the houses. But it didn't rain.

Many Sherman countians were glad to escape a storm of the kind that has twice hit Wasco county, tearing up trees and damaging buildings, or the kind that ruined the Pelton dam celebration Saturday. Dewey Thompson was there and reports a big rain that drove the crowd away from the barbecue and Lester Conlee says the hailstones that did \$100,000 damage in Madras were almost as big as a half dollar.

County Claims Paid; Proceedings Not Listed

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL 1958 APPROVED MAY 7, 1958 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

CIRCUIT COURT: John H. Newman, \$88.78; Circuit Court Reporter, SHERIFF'S OFFICE: George J. Geiser, \$70.00 - official car; Sherman Super Market, \$8.90 - supplies; Mel O's Camera Shop, \$4.60 - sheriff's inc.; State Industrial, \$9.42

CRAIG OFFICE SUPPLY, \$4.08; Moro Postmaster, \$10.00 - stamps; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Joan C. Gilman, \$164.40 - office help; Addressograph-Multigraph Co., \$8.64 - supplies; A. C. Kaseberg, \$23.69 - Board of Equalization; Roy G. Schilling, \$24.00 - Board of Equalization.

COURTHOUSE: Pacific Tel & Tel Co., \$44.10; Pacific Power & Light, \$31.01; City of Moro, \$2.90; Bureau of Labor, \$4.00; Glen Wallace, \$5.00 - furnace repair; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.75 - courthouse inc.; Pacific Supply Co., \$43.75; Flatt's Truck Service, \$3.13; Dielschneider, \$4.50 - courthouse incid.

COUNTY COURT: Kuypers, \$75.00; Wilson, \$110.00; Vernon I. Miller, \$30.48 - judge expenses; Moro Coffee Shop, \$5.00 ELECTIONS: Dunham Printing Co., \$167.10 - Ballots

JUSTICE COURT: City of Wasco \$10.00; Dunham Printing Co., \$14.40

EMERGENCY: Keep Oregon Green Asso., \$10.00 - Membership Contribution; T. L. Fields, \$350.00

COUNTY PRINTING: Sherman County Journal, \$132.92; The Dalles Chronicle, \$2.24

DEMOSSE PARK: Pacific Power & Light Co., \$9.95; Ranch & Home Store, \$5.05; H. C. Grabenhorst, \$40.71

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: T. Lester Johnson, \$15.00

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT: Ranch & Home Store, \$16.60; Geo. Helms, \$30.15

TRAVEL, OUTSIDE COUNTY: George J. Geiser Jr., \$21.42

MENTALLY DISEASED: H. R. Davidson, M. D., \$7.50; Drs. Morae, Moore, Skirving & Wilcox, \$7.50

COUNTY JAIL: Moro Hotel Coffee Shop, \$4.25 - board of prisoners.

CORONER: Loy V. Cochran, \$13.60

MISCELLANEOUS: First National Bank, \$248.70; Oregon State Tax Comm., \$47.40; Public Employees Retirement Bd., \$113.24

ROAD FUND: WAGES: Dunlap, \$435.19; Bayer, \$347.29; Morehouse, \$302.68; Gosson, \$324.23; Johnson, \$303.25; Griggs, \$375.59; Rodda, \$334.39; Wilson, \$278.89; Brock, \$364.09; Drinkard, \$349.31; Griggs, \$312.79; First National Bank, \$372.70; State Tax Comm., \$75.40; Social Security, \$196.06; State Ind. Acci. Comm., \$91.93; Bankers Life & Casualty

Printing Co., \$14.40

Telephone Company Asks Another Rate Boost For Taxes

Pacific Telephone Wednesday (May 28) filed new schedules with Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan that mean increases in monthly phone bills averaging about 2 1/4 cents a day per telephone throughout the state.

However, Cal Horn, Moro manager for the telephone company, said federal income and other taxes would take about 1 1/4 cents of the increase sought.

The company's position was summed up in a statement issued in Portland by Vice President and General Manager F. A. Dresslar.

"Higher state and local taxes, increased wage payments as well as rising construction costs have combined to undermine Pacific Telephone's earnings on its operations in Oregon," Dresslar said. "And the trend is downward."

Under the new schedules filed with the Commissioner, telephone users in Moro, Grass Valley, Arlington and Wasco would pay increases ranging from 10 cents to 45 cents a month for residence service. Business service rates would go up from 20 cents to 50 cents a month.

Horn said the schedules also include increases in installation charges and in some long distance charges on calls within the state.

Horn gave as an example the charge for the first three minutes for a day, station to station call from Moro to The Dalles which would go up from 25 cents to 30 cents, not including Federal tax.

Mrs. Lila Bull Dies Quietly Tuesday

Mrs. Lila Bull, a resident of Sherman county for 70 years died at her home here Tuesday. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 11:00 a. m. from the Moro Community Presbyterian church with Rev. Ernest Goodenberger officiating.

Mrs. Bull was born Ruby DeLila Elliott to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Elliott at Philomath, Oregon, March 5, 1884 and came to this county with her parents when a child. She was married to Mack Adna Bull November 23, 1904 and they celebrated their golden wedding here in 1954.

Surviving is her widower, a son, Hollis of Portland and two grandsons, Thomas Paul, now in the U. S. Navy and stationed near Singapore and Jack Michael, in high school in Portland, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Everett, Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Charles Adlard, Moro and one brother, Milo Elliott of Sheridan.

Mrs. Bull was a member of the Rebekahs, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Moro Woman's club, Harlandview Grange and the Moro church.

Budget Cut Back Below Limitation; Roads Cut Most

The county budget committee met last week after the budget had been defeated in the primary election and prepared a new budget that is within the six percent limitation. The hearing will be held July 2 after the new budget has been published June 6 and 13.

A cut of \$38,850 was made in the road fund to place that county department on a maintenance basis eliminating most of the funds for road construction. A cut of \$7,156 was made in the general fund which includes several changes, some increasing previous amounts. Total cuts were \$46,006.

The committee then dug up some hitherto-unaccounted cash totaling \$5,150 in the general fund and \$15,550 in the road fund for a total of \$20,700. Altogether this makes the new budget \$66,706 less than the one submitted to the voters.

Cut from the road fund was \$27,000 for wages which Kendrick Dunlap estimates will provide for six men instead of the eleven the county has been employing. Estimates of needs for repairs, gas and oil, tires and tubes and similar costs were also cut and a cut was made in the road machinery sinking fund.

In general fund the county agent's budget was reduced by \$200 to \$7190, the deputy assessor was eliminated and the deputy sheriff was raised from \$3600 to \$4500. Other salary increases were retained. The emergency fund was cut to \$6000 from \$12,000. The \$2000 appropriation for the county fair was eliminated, the planning conference publication was cut to \$400 from \$500 and the planning commission to \$1000 instead of \$2500. A new sinking fund for preservation of records was started with \$3000.

Taxpayers who have retained a copy of the former budget will be able to compare them next week.

Mrs. Fay Phillips Dies Sunday Night at Wasco

Mrs. Fay Phillips, wife of Elmer Phillips, died at the family residence on the L. P. Haven farm Sunday night. Coroner Loy Cochran stated that his information was that she was alive and spoke to her husband when he arrived home about 9:30 p. m. and was dead at midnight. A heart attack is presumed to be the cause of death.

Mrs. Phillips was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vogel who was section boss at Millers. She was born at Celilo February 21, 1908. Her widower, her parents now living in The Dalles and a sister, Mrs. Vera Taylor of Dufur survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday in The Dalles with interment in the IOOF cemetery there.

Mrs. Fletcher Cannell Buried At Gresham

Mrs. Fletcher Cannell died at Gresham, May 25, and funeral services were held Thursday at Gresham with vault entombment following. For years she was a resident of Wasco when her husband was pastor of the Methodist church.

Surviving are her widower, three daughters, Mrs. Ed Huntley, Mrs. L. Edwards, Miss Lavaine Cannell and a son, Robert of Klamath Falls, and two grand children.

Kent Women Hold Final Spring Meeting

The Kent Home Extension unit held its last meeting until fall at the home of Mrs. Lester Wilson. Guests from Antelope unit included Mrs. Frances McKay, Mrs. Betty Anderson and Mrs. Maud Garrett. Other guests included Miss Gertrude Buehler, Grass Valley and Mrs. Sylvia Patnode of Moro and 14 Kent members. A business meeting was held during the forenoon and a lovely buffet luncheon was served at noon.

The afternoon was spent making corsages under the supervision of project leaders, Margaret Mobley and Annice Nogle, who were also assisted by Gertrude Buehler. A large supply of fresh cut flowers were on hand and all the ladies tested their skill at making corsages. Quite a number of unusual as well as pretty corsages were taken home.