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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Highway accidents are killing motorists so fast it seems dangerous to get onto a highway at all. It often happens when days get dark.

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This week we get past the football civil war stage and proceed into the basketball era. Such things are as definite as the seasons.

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Mamie Eisenhower celebrated her 62nd birthday anniversary and we wonder if it would have been that figure if Ike wasn't president.

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We read that at the time of Christ there were 250 million people on the earth who had increased to 500 million by the time of the settlement of America. Then before the beginning of this century there were 1,200 million and now, a little over 60 years since, the estimate is 2,800 million. At that rate there will be five billion persons on earth before the next century. We do not think that many can be fed and we are quite certain they cannot be happy or useful except by dying.

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It seems to us that farmers have gotten out of touch with legislation affecting their business. That may be a natural result of too much government supervision of their business.

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We thought we would never long for some of that old, hard smoky bacon we made ourselves, but we do. It did have taste and character.

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We wonder if in this controversy over whether men should work around the house or not, the men are not actually taking over a woman's prerogatives and jobs and putting her in a position of uselessness.

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Unions seem never to consider what might happen to workers if the industry is damaged or destroyed.

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This week the nation celebrated the 90th birthday of a Democrat who did not believe in the third term or high taxes. Good man to remember.

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This warm rain will help the wheat get out of the ground—and that helps everyone.

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This is a time of year to settle down in a nice, quiet little rut (especially if fur-lined) and let the rest of the world go on about its messy business.

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Money makes some people appear grotesque and some are if their pockets are bigger than their hearts.

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The more crowded the world becomes the more individuals will have to do to justify their place on it.

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This period of time may become known as the one in which nations went into outer space to look for trouble.

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The government is talking about bigger taxes for insurance companies. Have to handicap them some way because insurance companies do a lot better job of insuring people than the government has ever done. And it's voluntary.

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Apparently Gov. Holmes thinks that if the Democrats can't elect 'em, they should be allowed to appoint 'em.

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Political party officials are hired to boost their party. State officers are elected to serve the public. A bit of partisan yak-yak from party officials is expected and it sounds bad from those elected to serve the people.

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Rockwell Kent in Portland justified Russia's acts in Hungary because it was necessary although not moral. Pretty weak morals.

County Officials, Colleagues Convene For Talk, Business

Plans for a more closely knit coordination of county affairs throughout the state is being discussed at the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties in Portland this week at the Imperial Hotel, according to County Judge C. W. Craddock of Burns, president.

Meeting at the same time as the statewide county judges and commissioners will be the associations of county clerks, treasurers, engineers and others.

A proposal that all of these organizations join in the establishment of a permanently staffed office at Salem similar to those now successfully in operation in Washington, California and other states will be acted upon, Judge Craddock said.

On the program will be addressed by U. S. Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Ted Hallock, state coordinator for the Oregon Centennial, Portland Mayor Terry Shunk, Milo McIver, chairman of the state highway commission, W. C. Williams, state highway engineer and Clarence Barton, vice-chairman of the legislative interim tax study committee.

Attending from here are Judge Vernon Miller and commissioners Lester Wilson and Charles Kuyper and also commissioner elect, L. P. Haven, Marie Hoskinson, county clerk, Naomi Van Gilder, county treasurer.

Library Board Has Reception Plan

Bill Hall announces plans are being made by the Moro Library Board to have a reception honoring Giles French for his recent book, "Golden Land." The reception is planned for the afternoon of December 12. The board will have a supply of books for sale and those wishing to have the author autograph their books will be able to do so.

Mr. Hall suggests that autographed copies of Golden Land would make excellent Christmas gifts. He hopes that many persons will attend the reception and purchase their copies at that time.

Missionary Society Meets At Miller's

The Women's Missionary society of Moro Community Presbyterian church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vernon Miller. Dessert luncheon was served to 17 members and guests by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger.

A Thanksgiving Praise service, "The Ripening Harvest" was led by Mrs. Earl Gentry. Other readers were Mrs. Wm. Hall, Mrs. Norman Goccinauer, Mrs. Roy Belshie and Mrs. Andy Paulson. The Thank Offering received will be used to stimulate and prepare Christian women overseas for service in church and community. Also a part of the offering goes for vocational conferences to prepare youth in this country for Christian vocations.

The study on "The Middle East" was continued, led by Mrs. Andy Paulson. We learned of the difficulties encountered in winning Muslims to Christianity. Of the low status of women and the low living conditions. We have enjoyed this study of our neighbors in the Middle East. It makes a fine background for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Workinger November 23.

Tax Payments Higher Here

The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$168 this year, as compared to \$145 last year and \$135 in 1956.

The department paid taxes this year on the properties of 14,915 borrowers in the amount of \$2,515,440.

In Sherman county, the tax on three properties amounted to \$1292.64. The average tax here was \$430.88, compared to the state wide average of \$168.

The borrower pays his taxes monthly to the state veterans' department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before Nov. 15 to earn the veteran a 3 per cent discount. The discount this year saved the veterans \$77,797.

Seven Finish Giving Gallon of Blood To Red X

Seven persons finished giving a gallon of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Sherman county last Monday, adding their quota to the 86 pints that were given that day. New gallon donors are Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Orlow Martin, Allan Pinkerton, Marvin Thomas, Mrs. Dewey Thomas and Marion Wilhite.

The blood taking was held at the school and aided by Steve Stivers, principal and Mr. Helgeson, the janitor.

Aiding in various activities attendant to the taking of blood were Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. G. Douma, Mrs. Harry Benson, Mrs. John Hilderbrand, Mrs. Lester Conlee, Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Clara Houston, Mrs. William Reid, Mrs. Willard Barnett, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Orlow Martin, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Earl Gentry, Mrs. Tony Miller, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, Clair Balzer, recruitment chairman, Mrs. Frank Reid, Rufus, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Wasco, Mrs. Lee Belshie, Moro, Mrs. Charles Fields, Grass Valley, Mrs. Ted Kelly, Kent.

SHS Boosters Want To Raise Money

The Moro members of the Sherman High Booster club are holding a food sale Friday, Nov. 21, starting at 9:30 a. m. in the office of the Empire Machinery company, Moro. Proceeds are used where necessary for the benefit of the students.

Saving Bonds Can Be Bought Easier

Postmasters announced that the new 25-cent United States Savings Stamp went on sale November 18. It is available in Gift Books of \$2.50 and \$5.00 value, in addition to the customary sheet form.

The new red, white and blue issue marks the first time that Savings Stamps have been printed in more than one color, according to the postmasters. It will continue to feature the Minute Man, as on the old green stamp, but the American flag has been added to the background.

The Gift Books will be especially appropriate as the Christmas season approaches. The \$2.50 book contains ten 25-cent Saving Stamps, the \$5.00 book 20 stamps and there's no extra charge for the book itself.

Only the 25-cent denomination will appear in the patriotic three-color theme. However, all other Saving Stamps will continue to be sold: the 10-cent stamp in red, the 50-cent in blue, the \$1 grey, and the \$5 brown.

Those who hold the old 25-cent green stamps, in albums or otherwise, need not worry about their losing value. They're just as good as the day you bought them.

Junior Ladies Elect New Officers

Election of new officers for the coming year was the main business of the Junior Ladies club when they met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Allan Pinkerton. There were 15 ladies present. President Mrs. Vernon Melzer presided. Officers who will guide the club next year are: Mrs. Glenn Virtue, president; Mrs. Robert Ferrell, vice-president; Mrs. Virgil Archer, secretary; Mrs. Bob Axell, treasurer.

The program for the evening followed the Thanksgiving theme and was portrayed in verse, story and song. Mrs. Don Thompson read Psalm 100. Mrs. Virgil Archer summarized the beginning of Thanksgiving and read the poem "The Pilgrim Fathers". An account of how America the Beautiful came to be written was given by Mrs. Virgil Archer and the first verse was sung by the group. Mrs. William Bleker read an article entitled "The Forgotten Guest", which brought out the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Records of Thanksgiving hymns were played at appropriate times during the program.

Refreshments of French pastries, tea and coffee were served by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. Dick Skiles.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Keith Thompson Dec. 9.

Next Week Is Thanksgiving

The Sherman County Journal will be published Wednesday of next week to make way for with news will please bring it in time for the advanced deadline, for which we give you our pre-dated Thanks.

Rains Continue As Normal Nearly Made

The rains of the first of the week brought an additional .74 to the experiment station rain gauge up to Thursday morning when the sun was shining like it was May instead of November. Total for the crop year is 2.37 which is getting close to the normal season, lacking but .41 of an inch to reach that goal.

With the prophets saying that more rain is coming it appears likely that by the end of the month the wheat will be normally supplied.

Reaching normal in rainfall will not make the crop prospects normal for many fields that were sown deep and early are still spotted. Warm rains for a few days will help this grain get out of the ground and in position to make a crop next year.

Justice Court Gets Many Fines

Receipts of the Sherman county justice court, Ben H. Galloway, justice for October were \$744.50 including \$234 from traffic and game fines and \$510.50 from overload fines. In all 53 violations were docketed of which 33 were cleared and 20 still pending.

Women Entertain Husbands Monday

The annual men's night dinner of the Moro Woman's club took place Monday evening at the Hotel Banquet room. A turkey dinner was served to the 44 members and guests. Arrangements and decorations had been done by Mrs. Truman Strong and Mrs. Floyd Flatt.

Mrs. R. N. Olsen presided at the meeting. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was program chairman. Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger cleverly gave the toast to the husbands; the response was done by Dewey Thompson in like manner. Betsy Bishop of Wasco, did some acrobatic dancing to recorded music, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Robert Bish.

Mrs. Pinkerton introduced the speaker, Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington, and his wife, Leona. Mr. Weatherford told the interested group of their travels early in the year through the Orient, southern Asia, Middle East and southern Europe. He described the people and conditions as they saw them - the primitive, the luxurious, the abject poverty, and, in some cases, happy, busy living. He commented that the millions of hopeless refugees, forced from their homes because of political reasons, are the cancer spots on the conscience of the world. Mrs. Weatherford told of a few outstanding experiences and impressions she had received on the trip.

Mrs. Olsen expressed her appreciation to all who had helped make the evening so pleasant. The meeting was adjourned, followed by informal visiting.

PP&L Pays \$9,000 In Taxes

Pacific Power & Light Company's tax payments this week to Sherman County Sheriff George J. Geiser Jr., for levies on the company's properties in the county will total \$9,141.45. It was reported by Art Thrasher, PP&L district manager.

Thrasher reported the tax increase reflects the large capital investments made by the company for improvements and expansion of customer service facilities during the recent years of record construction programs.

Pacific Power's property tax payments to 27 Oregon counties this year will total \$2,637,634.55, the largest property tax total ever paid in the state by PP&L.

Historical Society Hears, Approves Centennial Plans

Plans for Sherman county participation in the Oregon Centennial Year were outlined and agreed upon by the members of the historical society Sunday during the fall meeting of that organization at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley.

The chairman for local participation in the event announced that officers of the society were members of the committee to serve with County Judge Vernon Miller who had previously been notified.

Plans are being made to write, have printed and distributed a story about Sherman county, its rather remarkable agricultural successes and its place in Oregon. Distribution would be locally and at the trade fair which will be a part of the celebration of the centennial year.

Schools To Help

Sherman high school has been asked to build and plant a time capsule which would contain the artifacts the youngsters considered important for those who open it in 100 years to know about the children of 1958. A mapping of some of the trails of the county, some of them more than 100 years old and all of them of statewide historical significance, may also be a project for the society as a contribution to a knowledge of county and state history during the observance of the 100th birthday party.

Tables for the potluck dinner were nicely decorated with strawberry leaves brightly colored by frost and yellow candles under direction of Mrs. Dorothy Dunlap, Mrs. Harry Hooper and Mrs. Wallace May.

Carroll Sayrs, president, was in charge of the meeting and introduced the Moro Junior choir of about 20 children who sang several songs directed by Mrs. Velma McKeane. Tom Fraser sang "Sweet Oregon," and the talk had to do with persons who had had a part in the early development of the county.

Mrs. Lester Barnum was in general charge of arranging the food on the tables assisted by many ladies of the society.

Mental Health Ass'n Wants Christmas Gifts

The Mental Health association of Oregon wishes you a very Merry Christmas and invites you to participate in our 1958 Christmas Gift program for the mentally ill patients at our three state hospitals, the Oregon State hospital, Eastern Oregon State hospital and Oregon Fairview home.

For children: Unbreakable records, harmonicas, books and games, roller skates, paints, crayons, wagons, tricycles.

For men: Cigarettes, games and cards, bingo, chess, dice, baseballs and bats, crochet sets, ping pong sets.

For women: Toilet articles and cosmetics, talcum nail polish, perfume, tooth brushes, tooth paste, cold cream, scarves, handkerchiefs, purses, pretty aprons, yarn, home permanent wave kits, crochet cotton, costume jewelry.

We can use all the package-cookie mixes - also muffin and cakes mixes - the wards have kitchen facilities, and making cookies and cake is fun. Instant coffee, too!

Please do not wrap your gifts - we will appreciate your giving us Christmas paper, cards, and fancy ribbons.

In Wasco county bring your gifts to the Mid-Columbia Mental Health association, room 202, Court House Annex, 400 E. 5th St. The Dalles, Oregon or send directly to state hospitals.

Pictures From N. East Due At Church

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Workinger of Shedd will be at the Moro Community Presbyterian church Sunday night and will show slides and tell about their experiences in the Near East where they spent many months. They covered the Holy Land, Lebanon, the Egyptian Sudan and Ethiopia.

The occasion will start with a 6:30 pot-luck dinner and all are invited to attend this Family Night function and hear the Workingers tell their story and show their slides.

Bishop Barton Tells Of Episcopal Meet At Canterbury

Lane W. Barton, Bishop for Eastern Oregon for the Episcopal church, was in Moro Sunday night to show a film and some slides of the conference held at Canterbury last July when bishops from all over the world gathered to talk of church and social problems.

Bishop Barton's pertinent and amusing stories of incidents added to the value of the pictures and explained them. The slides, which were taken by Barton, himself, were mostly of old cathedrals in southern England, most of them of Norman style.

After the pictures the group adjourned to the Masonic dining room where ladies of the church served sandwiches and cake while conversations were continued.

Farm Prices Up Cost Up Also

Prices received by farmers in Oregon dropped less than one per cent during the month ending October 15, in contrast to national farm prices which were down 2 per cent, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Lower prices on citrus fruits led the national downward trend in farm prices, Mrs. Horrell said, after examining reports from the U. S. department of agriculture. However, hogs, cotton, eggs and corn also dropped enough to more than offset higher price tags on milk, wheat and some fresh vegetable crops.

In spite of the declines, Oregon farm prices are still 3 percent and national farm prices 5 per cent above those of a year ago.

Meanwhile, prices of things farmers buy continued to climb to a new record high. Family living items moved up as higher prices on clothing, household supplies, and home furnishings more than offset lower prices on food and building materials. Wage rates paid farm workers moved to a new, all-time high. Prices paid by farmers for production items, on the other hand, moved down as lower feed prices were only partially offset by higher feeder and replacement livestock.

With prices of things farmers sell down, and prices of goods and services they buy up, the purchasing power of farm commodities shrank last month, Mrs. Horrell pointed out. The parity ratio—the government's measure of the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers dropped to 82 at mid-October, three points below September 15 of this year but still one point above a year ago.

Jack Howe Gets Top Spot

John J. Howe, CLU, The Dalles local field representative for Mutual of New York, has qualified for the Top Club, a company honor group, it was announced today by Wilbur K. Hood, CLU, Portland, Oregon, agency manager. Membership is based on high standards of production and service of life and accident and sickness insurance.

Health Council Hears of Bill

Max Braden, educational director of the state board of health spoke to members of the Sherman County Health Advisory board Wednesday noon at a luncheon at the Moro Hotel and explained the purposes and parts of a bill to be introduced in the 1959 legislature for additional health services for rural Oregon. A similar bill was lost in committee last session.

Marvin Thomas, president of the local TB and health association told of plans for X-ray examinations for all persons over 21 next March. Attending were Mrs. Christy Corbett, of the Oregon state public health nurse staff and Dr. H. R. Davidson, local health officer.

The state board of health will hold chest X-ray surveys of Sherman county next March according to an announcement made here this week. Tentative date is March 3 to 7 in this county.

Plans will be completed at a meeting to be held January 5 said Ray Hotka, president of the Wasco County TB association. Information about the survey can be obtained from Dr. Davidson or members of the health association staff.

Wheat Leaguers Resolve On Many Subjects Monday

Wheat growers, meeting as delegates to the county wheat league turned down an opportunity to recommend changes in the farm law by adopting the resolutions prepared by the Federal Programs committee headed by Hildred Zell Monday. Approved was continued work for domestic parity, any change in the Anfuso bill that would shift penalty for overseeded from farmer to county and state, more money for education on national program, increase in payment under conservation reserve from \$5,000 to \$10,000, no reduction in the 55 million acre wheat allotment. No action was taken on the 15 acre privilege.

The Marketing and Transportation committee with Elton Medler as chairman said Japan was best bet for foreign sales, commended the voluntary reduction in rail freight rates, asked combination of state and federal gas tax refund and favored continuation of PL 480.

The Production and Land Use group, headed by Allan Pinkerton commended Frank Anderson for his report on research needs, recommended more research money in the higher education budget, favored more research on chemical summerfallow, requested more work on weed killers, deplored the mixing of Burt with lower protein wheat, recommended that the league sponsor a meeting with absentee landlords to consider problems and asked for study on the effect of pelleting on weed seed.

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Women Want Change

The women's committee with Helen Bruckert as chairman, wanted better division of prize cake prize money, winning recipes be printed, a quick bread contest be inaugurated, that all wheat leaguers tour a bakery.

The Youth Activity group, led by Marvin Thomas, thought that FFA chapters should be restricted to one pen per chapter, that there should be a minimum and maximum weight for lambs, that June 7-10 should be the date for The Dalles show, that the nurse cow edict should be enforced, that showmanship contests should be continued as before.

These recommendations came out of the Sherman county meeting of the wheat league held at the court house Monday with Bill Todd presiding and committees working all over the place.

At the close of the day's proceedings Mac Hall was elected president for the next year, Marvin Thomas, vice-president and Tommy Thompson, secretary.

Wasco Auxiliary Sponsors Skating

The American Legion Auxiliary will be sponsoring a family skating night at the large Legion hall Friday evening, November 21. Everyone is asked to bring his own skates and to dress warmly, as there is no heat in the building. Hot coffee and chocolate will be served free and hot dogs will be sold. There will be juke box music and any type skates are permissible.

Later on there will be certain nights designated for teenagers, and certain nights for the younger children, but on this first night let's have everyone show up for the kickoff of this fine effort to give the community more available recreation for our youngsters.