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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

We suspect that the one who had the most did the complaining.

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Hogs go up and hogs go down. Now down so fewer will be born next year so they'll go up. It always happens and some always get caught.

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Whether you go out into the night searching for the new year or stay quietly at home waiting for it will arrive at the same time. The difference is in the attitude—and the age.

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The politicians are saying that there will be a demand for some state school funds at the next legislative session, either that or higher local taxes. Which leads us to state that we can raise school funds locally cheaper than we can do it through the basic school fund.

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If the first year was year 0 the year 1959 was the end of a decade.

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We have been told that the wants of mankind are unending but are now in an age when man has caught up with his wants to the extent that he will not work to satisfy any more of them, so, the nation suffers from citizen inertia.

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We are very certain that eventually the world will adopt birth control because it will be more satisfactory than controlled eating.

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The nation seems to have about worn out that bunch of easy marks who leaned toward communism in the new deal thirties, the bunch that had such a fit over Senator McCarthy and who hate Nixon. They almost made anti-communism a sin.

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The writer was saying that the animals easiest to train were those that lived and hunted in packs because they were used to following a leader; the lone hunter could only be trained with difficulty and never completely. It made us think of people.

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"Men, dying, make their wills, but wives escape a work so sad; Why should they make what all their lives

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The gentle dames have had?" —John G. Saxe.

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Christmas weather was wonderful, bright, sunny, seasonably warm, but this week lacks in all three categories. It could be colder, sure, and it could be a darn sight warmer.

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Overheard: "The poor devil; all the fun he has is scratching himself."

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Mr. David McDonald is getting so sure of himself that he sounds pretty arrogant. We suggest he read Proverbs: 16:18.

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The Internal Revenue Service (wonder how it came to be called that) is going to make it harder on expense account spenders and that will tickle Uncle Zed who always had to furnish his own expenses.

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Over in Africa some of the tribes are disturbed over the price of wives, one being now worth several head of cattle. Over here we've stayed with the old price of \$3.00 despite inflation.

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We just suspect that Washington has a good chance in the Rose bowl because Schloriedt can pass better than Wisconsin can defend. Or did in the season.

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One of the troubles about running for office is that some one, friend or enemy, is always telling what you really think whether you do or not. We note that presidential aspirants are no exception.

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Loyalty makes unions and gangs as well as sometimes making heroes.

Farm Loan Units Change Name; Retains Function

Effective December 31, 1959, The Dalles National Farm Loan Association will become the Federal Land Bank Association of The Dalles.

This name change, officially approved by the association's board of directors Dec. 22, '59 was made possible by legislation requested by the land banks and passed by the last congress, according to the announcement by William D. Ketchum of The Dalles, president of the association.

Mr. Ketchum said the new name better identifies the association with the purpose for which it was chartered and for which it has operated through the years, namely, the making and servicing of long-term federal land bank loans.

"The legislation providing for the association name change also changes the title of the position held by J. Merton Stein from secretary-treasurer to manager," said Mr. Ketchum. "It also provides that, after Dec. 31, 1959, farm and ranch loans can be made in unlimited amounts if the security offered meets the required standards."

The Dalles association makes and services loans for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane in Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties. Directors in addition to Mr. Ketchum, are Earl A. Moore, vice-president, Hood River; Gordon N. Harper, Wasco; William L. Hulse, Dufur; and J. R. Wood, Fossil.

Home Extension Meets At Kent

The Kent Home Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. John Reckman December 15. During the morning the business was attended by 18 members and two visitors. Mrs. Carl Nichols from Valparaiso, Indiana and Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley from Grass Valley. A buffet luncheon was served at noon. After lunch Mrs. Hartley gave a very interesting lesson on Tin Can Craft. All the members tried their skills at making some of the decorations and ornaments from tin cans. Mrs. Grace Earl also visited the unit in the afternoon and she gave a demonstration on making nylon net trees and some members who had material started making trees to take home.

Life In India Gets Comment

Mrs. Bill Broughton of Wasco has received an interesting letter from Kohapur, India, from her cousin who is traveling in that country with her husband, an Indian national. Excerpts from the letter are given here: "—we left Los Angeles Oct. 3 for the non-stop flight to London via the polar route. However, we had to land in Shannon, Ireland to refuel, and I was happy to set foot on the land of some of our ancestors. We spent one night in London as we had missed the flight to Milan, Italy. Especially enjoyed seeing the original painting of 'The Last Supper' by Davinci, and Michelangelo's last work of sculpturing. From Milan we went to Athens, which starts one to thinking about early New Testament days, particularly St. Paul's experiences—we toured his path to Corinth, which is about 50 miles from Athens. We spent 8 days in Egypt, touring the Valley of the Nile, before landing in Bombay on October 21. It was good to be in India when President Eisenhower was making his great and most historical visit; we pray for peace along with him. He received a most wonderful welcome, and there is no place in the world where the people give such a spiritual love greeting to a foreigner. It is beyond description. We just completed a 2200 mile auto trip through South India and everywhere we stopped large crowds would gather to greet us. Nine of us were traveling in one car—Defense Minister Krishna Menon's 1952 Mercury. Two of our passengers were small babies 12 and 8 months old. I sat in the back with the two mothers and their babies, and was thoroughly punched, poked, pinched, pulled, pushed patted, petted, Elbert, Wilbert and Delbert, nine poked and piddled on. (Babies in India never wear diapers!)"

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. N. (Wilma) Hads, Mrs. LeRoy (Frances) Bell of Tacoma, where Mrs. Coon died; three sons, Elbert, Wilbert and Delbert, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Edna Coon Buried At Grass Valley

The body of Edna May Coon, was brought to the Grass Valley cemetery Monday afternoon to be laid beside that of her husband, Howard Coon. Mrs. Coon, nee Stanton, was a native of Grass Valley and lived there until moving to a little farm near Gresham some years ago.

Funeral services for Mr. Morehouse were held in The Dalles Thursday at 11 a. m. with interment in Sunrise cemetery at Wasco. A son, Leon Jr. survives.

Officers Elected By ASC Farmers For Coming Year's Work

According to the local ASC office the following farmers have been elected to serve on the ASC County Committee for the 1960 year. George Wilson, chairman, Delmer Smith, vice-chairman, Wm. S. Holmes, member, Joe Heater, 1st alternate and David R. Richelderfer, 2nd alternate. In choosing the present committee members, the delegates followed the policy adopted last year and advanced the present committee to the next position.

These committeemen with the help of community committeemen administer the several Federal farm programs for Sherman County through the ASC office in the courthouse at Moro.

Roy (Satan) Axtell Buried Sunday

Aden Axtell received word last week that his elder brother Roy (Satan) Axtell had been found dead Christmas morning in his room in a rooming house in Roseville, Calif. He was a well known resident of Moro until he moved away nearly 40 years ago.

Roy Axtell was born in Iowa in 1883 and came to Sherman County with his parents in 1901. He was married to Nora Elcock and became the father of two daughters and three sons. All survive him. Funeral services were held at Roseville Sunday with interment there.

PORTLAND GETS GRAIN

Grain inspected on arrival at Oregon terminals picked up in November to 7.8 million bushels from 7.6 million bushels in October but was under the 9.8 million bushels inspected in November, 1958.

The export grain movement last month was 5.9 million bushels, ahead of a year ago but 200,000 bushels under October, according to this report from the state department of agriculture.

Short Course Planned For Livestock Men

Livestock producers are invited to make reservations for a short course in livestock production, feeding and marketing to be held each Friday, starting January 15 and continuing for five weeks. It will be held at the courthouse.

Instructors will be Dr. Ralph Bogart, Dean Frischknecht, Dr. Fred Mackenzie, John Landers, R. W. Every, Dr. Dean Smith and T. W. Thompson, all of the OSC extension service.

January 15 will take up genetics; January 22 the physiology of reproduction; January 29 feeds and feeding; Feb. 5, economics of production and Feb. 12 animal health. There will be no charge.

Leon Morehouse Dead From Probable Fall

Leon Morehouse, 58, was taken to a hospital in The Dalles Wednesday from Wasco suffering from a wound on his head and numerous bruises which he was said to have obtained in a fall down the stairs at the home of his nephew, Kenneth Morehouse, who lives at Klondike. He died Wednesday night.

Leon Morehouse is a brother of Ray Morehouse. He has been living at Wasco recently, was a veteran of World War I and has a son at Roseburg.

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TWINS?—No, it's the same pretty girl, Pacific Telephone's Marge Balliew of Portland, pointing up

the "land of contrasts" theme of Dalles residents will get their full-color cover on telephone new directories with this cover books for the coming year. The new Dir.

Boatmen Get New Rules To Follow

The Oregon State Marine board has announced that a synopsis of the new Oregon boating laws, which become effective January 1, 1960 is now available to the boating public. The synopsis and application forms to identify boat number, annual boat license and certificate of title are available at the offices of county sheriffs, state motor vehicle field offices and the various boat dealers throughout the state which have been listed with the State Marine board.

The new Oregon boating laws which were enacted by the last legislature, are in accordance with the Federal boating act of 1958. The federal act delegates to the states the numbering of undocumented vessels and enforcement of boating laws.

January 1, 1960, the U. S. Coast Guard will discontinue issuing boat numbers to Oregon boats and only those issued by the State Marine board will be valid.

The Oregon laws emphasize "safe boating" and apply to all undocumented vessels 12 feet and longer and to those having motors of 10 horsepower or more, regardless of size of the boat.

County Court Expects Charter Form Petition

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 2, 1959

RE MINUTES: Minutes of regular meeting Nov. 4 and Special meeting of Nov. 13, read, approved and signed.

RE CLAIMS: All claims allowed as presented against general fund and road fund.

RE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: For month of Nov. presented—approved and filed.

RE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: For month of Nov. presented—approved and filed.

RE ROAD BALANCES: For month of Nov. presented—approved and filed.

RE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: G. French appears before court asks for space to store old machinery in courthouse yard. Not advisable.

RE "HOME RULE"—Original home rule and amendment under discussion. Court to act on petition by people.

RE LONE ROCK ROAD—V. Jones, State Engineer, present and presents figures re grading and surfacing said road. Bridge to be constructed on new alignment. County to remove old bridge.

RE HIGHWAY No. 97—R. E. Ferrell et al appear before court and asks them to transmit recommendation to State Highway Commission for completion of U. S. Highway No. 97 North from Wasco to the intersection with U. S. Highway No. 30 at Biggs.

RE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY: Alice Stewart, Hood River, Ore., submits bid for following tax foreclosed property: Original Site, lots 5 & 6 in Block 9, Wasco. Bid accepted; deed ordered.

NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE COURT ADJOURNED.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD

FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 1959 APPROVED DECEMBER 2, 1959 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

CIRCUIT COURT: John H. Newman, \$90.17 - Cir. Ct. Reporter; Jurors fees - \$881.24; Clair Balzer, \$15.00 - Bailiff.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: George J. Geiser Jr., \$52.16; Lorin E. Winnett, \$71.76 - Official cars; Moro Postmaster, \$160.80 - postage; State Industrial Acid. Comm., \$7.50 - annual fee; Mei's \$37. - in-cid.; Sherman County Journal, \$12.00 - in-cid.; George J. Geiser Jr., \$65.00 - convention; Ranch & Home Store, \$1.19 - in-cid. W. R. Reid & Son, \$9.32 - in-cid.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Kilham Stationery & Print. Co., \$7.34 - in-cid.; Moro Postmaster, \$15.00 - in-cid.

COURTHOUSE: Pacific Power & Light, \$31.93; Pacific Tel & Tel, \$48.20; City of Moro, \$3.05; Oregon State Bureau of Labor, \$11.50; Moro Grain Growers, \$3.80; Kirk's Plumbing & Heating, \$10.00.

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT: Kirk's Plumbing & Heating, \$23.60.

JUSTICE COURT: City of Wasco, \$10.00 - rent; Ben H. Galloway, \$3.00 - in-cid.; Dunham Printing Co., \$17.70 - in-cidentals.

Health Resolutions May Do You Good

In case anyone still needs a few New Year's resolutions, I have compiled this handy list which may be clipped and mounted on a cupboard door for easy reference throughout the coming months:

1960 RESOLUTIONS

1. I will admit (at least to myself) that the only exercise likely to reduce my waistline is the act of pushing back from the dinner table while still slightly hungry.

2. I will visit my physician and dentist for thorough examinations sometime this year.

3. I will follow the advice of my physician and dentist, even though I may not like it.

4. I will have a chest x-ray this year, especially if I smoke cigarettes and am more than 40 years of age.

5. I'll see that the entire family (and not just the kids) have the recommended number of immunizations against polio, diphtheria, smallpox and tetanus.

6. I won't be the "man of iron" type this year, but will stay home when I have the flu or a cold, because these are things people don't want to share.

Lawrence Buck, 64, Dies In Portland

George Lawrence Buck was buried Monday at The Dalles following his death in a Portland hospital Christmas night. He had been ill for many months.

Services were conducted by Rev. Larry Eddings at Spencer & Libby's.

Mr. Buck was born February 5, 1895 at Mt. Carmel, Illinois and has lived at Wasco since 1941. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Frank Brown post at Wasco. Surviving are his widow, Ollie, three daughters, Mrs. Eva Virtue of Moro, Mrs. Vera Van Gilder and Mrs. Barbara Roberts of Wasco; three sons John of Moro, George of Grants Pass and Gordon of Caldwell, Idaho, 15 grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

Mrs. James T. Brown, chairman of the drive for funds for the national foundation, has announced the area chairmen for the coming campaign which will be concluded this month.

They are: Mrs. Harry Justesen, Kent; Mrs. Willard Barnett, Grass Valley; Mrs. Curly DeMoss, Moro; Mr. Ernest Shull, Wasco, and Mrs. W. A. Morris, Rufus.

Last of 1959 Was Driest Ever; In Sherman

A little snow of nearly two inches fell Wednesday night. It contained .07 inch of moisture which changes some of the figures about weather and precipitation for 1959. The year 1946 is still the driest December with .42 whereas December 1959 now has .43.

Weather in 1959 at the Sherman Branch Experimental station was cool, dry and calm compared to the 25-year normal. Six months had below normal average temperatures ranging from -.3 degrees in June to -5.1 degrees in May. The other six months had temperatures from .1 to 2.9 degrees above normal, the latter occurring in January.

Coldest temperature recorded in 1959 at this station was -10 degrees on January 3. Highest temperature was 102 degrees on July 22. Long time averages indicate we can expect a range of temperatures from 4 degrees in January to 100 in degrees in July.

Rainfall for 1959 was below normal nine of the months. December appears to be setting a new record as the driest December. Only .36 has been recorded thus far, and the previous low was .42 in 1946. Since January 1 a total of 8.01 inches has been received. Recent dry years were in 1949 with 7.21 inches and 1944 and 1946 with 8.07 and 8.03 inches, respectively. In 1930, 1935 and 1939 total rainfalls of 6.69, 6.72 and 6.43 were received. Since April 1 it has been the driest on record.

Evaporation from a free water surface was above normal in 5 of the 7 summer months. This indicates the low humidity and reflects the low precipitation of the year. Wind velocity, which usually has a great influence on evaporation, was below normal each month of 1959 except March which was equal to normal. Wind is measured at the experiment station 3 feet above ground level to indicate the air movement and soil drying conditions. Greater wind velocities would have increased evaporation to even higher amounts above normal.

New Form Made For Income Tax

The brand new short return Form 1040W provided for 1959 Federal income tax filing was explained today by A. G. Erickson, director of Internal Revenue for the Oregon District.

Mr. Erickson said the new two-page return form can be used by any individual whose income consisted of salary and wages, regardless of amount, and not more than \$200 income from interest and dividends.

Husband and wife whose combine income meets these tests may file a joint return on Form 1040W, he said.

"The new two-page form is designed to allow taxpayers in the above income category the benefits of (1) 'head of household' or 'surviving spouse' status; (2) 'sick pay' exclusion; (3) dividends received credit; (4) estimated tax payment credit, and (5) itemized deductions for contributions, interest payments, medical expenses, and the like.

More Accidents, More Fines Levied

Oregon courts reported 14,756 traffic violation convictions for November, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

Nearly 175 of the convictions were for driving while intoxicated, a charge which required mandatory suspension of the driver's license.

Other reasons for license suspension during the month included: recommendation of courts after traffic violation convictions; 179; departmental action based on driving records, fatal accident involvement, physical condition and failure to meet certain license requirements, 232; and failure to report accidents, 74.

The conviction figure, as well as number of temporary suspensions meted out, reflect an increase over the same month last year, the department report said. Driving a car while their operator's license already was suspended resulted in 136 drivers receiving an additional one year suspension last month. Oregon law requires the additional suspension period on this charge.

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