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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

A meddlesome legislator in Massachusetts has a bill to make newspapers print their political affiliation on their masthead and gives the state authority to supervise and order change. Tish, Tish. As if readers didn't know.

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Like the weather the subject of making mens' clothing more comfortable is talked about without action. First problem to be settled: Are you supposed to be comfortable when dressed up?

TTWN

It is all wrong. A youngster has to have a license or a permit to drive a car and he is forced to go to school. If it was the other way around he might learn with greater interest.

TTWN

He who notes that people are funny is no great shakes as an observer. While once we aspired to drive the biggest car, we now make status by driving the smallest one.

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It is like this: if you have no boom you have no bust.

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When we get free medicine, free hospitals and bigger pensions for elders you can be sure you can't afford to be young.

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Those Algerian barricades looked more historic than defensive. One six inch shell would have cleared a path through them.

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The bill to give the federal government control over election regulations is a movement toward centralization the states should protest. Elections are the business of the states.

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Major trouble with the "liberals" is that they would solve all problems with a poultice made of dollar bills when, in fact, few serious matters may be solved that way.

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If smelt come, can trout be far behind?

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Scientists have discovered that if you sin you become tolerant toward sin of that particular kind. Poets have said it better which isn't surprising. What is surprising is the ignorance of scientists.

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Screen writers are planning to go on strike. Hope they do. Then maybe we'll get some new plots.

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When they write that bill to increase the minimum wage they should include a phrase making it mandatory to earn it.

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Forty foot waves, even reducing them for exaggeration, are something mighty destructive. But we'd like to have seen them.

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Those persons who think a sales tax would reduce the income and property tax have short memories. The income tax was passed to lower the property tax, remember.

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They're not going to stop payola until they amend the human race and everyone who stops to think knows it.

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Grandpa had a ready made way to raise his income. Since he worked for himself he could merely work harder or longer.

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We think we should complement the state officials who are announcing that they have made savings in costs of their departments during the past year. We howl like a wolf when they spend more and should smile like a school girl when they spend less.

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We don't worry about being second class citizens, only about being second class.

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Sig Unander, like some other candidates for federal appointment, will make a list of his property holdings before senate confirmation. Presumably the idea is to appoint nothing but indigents to public jobs.

Floyd Root To Talk Sunday Morning on TV About Wheat

Floyd Root, former president of the national wheat growers, will be on television next Sunday morning at 8 a. m. from Portland in an interview that will have the commodity groups wheat bill for a subject.

Since the president's talk on farm legislation interest in this bill that has been agreed on by most of the commodity groups and some of the larger farm organizations has increased and it may become the first bill to pass to change the present farm laws materially.

Rebekahs Install 1960 Officers

Lupine Rebekah lodge met Tuesday night for installation of officers, done by Ann Miller, deputy district president, assisted by Helen Martin, acting deputy marshal, Clara Houston, deputy warden, Florence Bruckert, deputy secretary, Naomi Van Gilder, deputy treasurer, Thelma Miller, deputy chaplain, Mary Eva, deputy inner guardian, Laura Sathier, deputy outer guardian. Installed were Florence Thompson, NG; Mary Brackett VG; Helen Martin, secretary; Althea Burnett, treasurer. Others installed were Bertha Belshe, Vada DeMoss, Maggie Barnum, Becky Robertson, Cecil Hockman, Thelma Miller, Clara Houston, Leona Douma, Irma Johnson and Florence Bruckert.

The new Noble Grand asked that all members try to be present for the next meeting on February 23 to practice for the district convention which will be held at Moro March 5. Refreshment tables were decorated in a Valentine motif.

4-H Group Attend Salem Session

A visit to Chief Justice Wm. McAllister in the Supreme Court room and a speech on the Executive Branch of Oregon's government by Secretary of State Howell Appling, were highlights of the Oregon 4-H Club Conference held in Salem, February 4, 5, 6.

Keynote speaker Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the Salem Statesman and former Governor of Oregon, addressed some 59 4-H clubbers representing 35 of Oregon's counties after a banquet at the Marion Hotel, Friday night.

The conference theme was "Know Your State Government." During the two days delegates attended group meetings where they had an opportunity to learn about such departments as the State Police and the State Department of Agriculture. Other points of interest were the state library and the gold seal in the Capitol Building rotunda.

Four young Oregonians were selected to represent the state at National 4-H Club Conference in Washington, D. C. held during June.

Hotel room and meal expenses for delegates were paid for by the courtesy of the Sears and Roebuck Foundation.

Water Prospects Still Below Norm

The 1950 water supply outlook is "fair" to "poor" for Hood River Valley and Wasco County streams according to a report released today by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and State Engineer, State of Oregon. The snow-pack is less than one-third normal resulting in below normal streamflow forecasts.

Water content of the snow-pack although slightly better than at this time last year, is still only 30 per cent of the 1943-57 normal. Lower elevations have a significant increase over last year while higher elevations show much less water.

Usually about 60 percent of the total snow-pack is on the ground by Feb. 1. This year, however, the Jan. 1 accumulation was very low, as was last year, but the snowfall during January was not only below normal but even below that of last year. The normal January accumulations is about 22 percent of the year's total. This year an increase of only 14 percent was received during last month.

Candidate



George Stadelman, life long resident of The Dalles, has announced that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from the 16th district comprising Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties. Incumbent is Ben Musa.

Mr. Stadelman is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he became all coast center in football. He is manager of Stadelman Fruit company, a member of the Advisory committee for State Training schools, former mayor of The Dalles and president of the League of Oregon cities.

He is a businessman with a long time and family interest in the mid-Columbia region and has had some experience with legislation through helping his father, the late P. J. Stadelman, long a state senator and secretary of state.

Canadian Company Making Progress

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada sold more than one billion dollars of new life insurance last year and has adopted increased policy dividend scales for 1960. Mr. A. M. Weaver, branch manager of the Sun Life in Portland, Oregon, announced here February 9, following the company's 89th annual meeting.

Mr. Weaver said Sun Life had an excellent year in Oregon. In all its operations the Company sold \$1,041 million of life insurance, 5.2 per cent more than in 1958, bringing total Sun Life insurance in force to \$8,938 million. Group life insurance accounts for \$3,319 million, and new group insurance sold in 1959 totalled \$312 million. One third the total in force is in the United States.

Girls To Have Game Session

by Peggy Alberty

The Sherman GAA girls are playing hostess to about 50 girls from Condon and Maupin next Saturday, from 9:30 until shortly after noon.

Three or four teams from each school will compete against each other. The purpose of these play-days is to develop good sportsmanship and to help the girls from different schools get better acquainted. No championship will be determined.

A lunch of hot dogs will be served after which girls from each school are to provide entertainment for each other. Nancy Wilson, Julia Bayer, Many Neal, and Kay Macnab are planning Sherman's contribution to the program.

Miss Pearson is the GAA adviser.

Auxiliary Metes To Hear Delegate

The American Legion Auxiliary of Christ Schultz Post met Friday afternoon, Feb. 5, in the Eastern Star powder room. Eight members were present. Cookies were brought to be sent to the Veterans' Hospital in Roseburg.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, president. Several articles for the sick room were authorized for purchase to be added to the articles already on hand for use by the community. Also it was agreed to purchase a flag for the Girl Scouts.

Miss Ronda Fraser gave a very interesting report on her trip to Girls' State as a representative from the local unit.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Mrs. VanGilder at the close of the meeting.

Park Plan Pushed At State Board Meeting on 5th

Judge Vernon Miller, Commissioner Lester Wilson and Frank Reid, planning commission member, attended the meeting in The Dalles last week about proposed state parks at the mouth of both the Deschutes and John Day Rivers. The state parks committee held the hearing.

Opinion of those present is that there will be a park at the mouth of one of the rivers and possibly at both of them and that nothing stockmen can do will change the determination of the planners in that regard. Only concession will be that provision will be made for avenues for cattle to reach the water.

The extent of the parks was not decided, it was learned, but it was not the impression that the John Day park would extend the entire length of the slack water pool which will be nearly 11 miles at high water. A park for a mile or so above the mouth is apparently all that will be provided at present although adjacent land will be bought.

The complicating factor at the mouth of the Deschutes is the ownership of the land by the Deschutes Power company which has a power site a short distance above the mouth. Cost of acquisition of that site may be prohibitive.

The hearing before the U. S. Engineers will be held at Arlington the first week in March to obtain the wishes of local residents about the usage of slack water behind the John Day dam.

Hearing Called On Use of John Day

Frank Reid, chairman of the Sherman County Planning commission, announces that a public hearing will be held next Monday, February 15, at the court house for the purpose of hearing arguments and opinions from anyone interested in the position the commission will take on use of the John Day arm of the dam pool. Stockmen, boatmen and others with opinions are invited to attend the meeting which will begin at two o'clock.

Members of the commission in addition to Reid are Don Thompson, Delta Johnson, Harland McDonald and Winnie Wilson.

Rain Brings .80 Inch In February

The rains of February have added .80 of an inch to the soil in Sherman county wetting it down to about a foot in most spots. Biggest of the rains was Monday when .57 fell and the total for this week was .77. As of the first of February we were 3.68 short of normal and the average for February is 1.23.

Marie Hoskinson Files For Clerk

Political activity started in Sherman county this week with the filing for county clerk by Marie Hoskinson, incumbent for many years. She is a Republican.

All members of the county court will have to run again or retire. There will be a six year term as judge, a four year term as commissioner and a two year term as assessor to be filled. In addition the assessor's office must be filled again, the present term expiring with the year and the Justice of Peace and the district attorney will have their present terms end December 31.

Trailer Owners Must Report Soon

Deadline date for registering and licensing house trailers is less than three weeks away. If owners have not applied by March 2, a 10 per cent penalty fee will be added.

The department of Motor Vehicles administers the new trailer tax law which became effective Jan. 1. This is the law requiring a \$6 registration fee and a license fee of two per cent of the trailer's present market value, or a minimum yearly cost of \$16.

The new law replaces the old \$15-\$25 sliding registration fee and the county-assessed personal property tax on house trailers.

Lorin Winnett Killed In Car Accident; Was Deputy Sheriff

Lorin Winnett, 35, deputy sheriff of Sherman county, was instantly killed Saturday morning about three o'clock in a one car auto accident within a quarter of a mile from his home on the Fulton canyon road west of Wasco.

Winnett had been called out earlier in the night for some official duties and was apparently returning home. Whether he suffered a heart attack or dropped off to sleep for a moment is not known. The car turned over twice and he was thrown from it. There is a deep ditch beside the highway at this point.

Lorin Winnett was born at Dufur April 8, 1924 and has been a resident of this area all his life. Surviving are his widow, Doris and two children, Pamela and Eddie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Winnett, all of Wasco; two sisters, Mrs. Bob Brown and Mrs. William Powell of The Dalles.

He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the BPOE, the American Legion and the Christian church.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.

SHS Loses To fl Maupin 47-54

After taking 10 straight games, Sherman took a trouncing Saturday from Maupin's Redsides 47-54 on the home court.

Joe Burgett, Frank Wall and Art Crabtree led a devastating attack for the Redsides with 23, 10 and 11 points respectively. Whereas, Terry Kaseberg and Larry Helyer found their basket corked. Royse and Blaylock, along with Duncan, kept up a good pace, maneuvering a few good steals up to the final gun. However, they were unable to meet the powerful drive and accurate shooting of the opponents. The boys believe defeat was not due to a let down in team morale, but that it was a rough game with a long trip to Culver the previous night.

F.F.A. Wins Chance To Enter Contest

by John Capaci

Monday, February 15, the Sherman High School F.F.A. Parliamentary team will travel to Stanfield to compete with Athena, Culver, and Redmond in the sectional speech contest. The winning team will go to Pendleton in March to compete in the state contest.

The local team earned a berth in the sectionals by defeating Athena in the district contest January 30 at Pendleton. Individual team scoring was as follows: Chairman Ron Mobley 17, Jim Coons 12, Terry Kaseberg 9, Dick Stradley 6, Malcolm Esslinger 5, and Don Decker 3. Ron Mobley was automatically awarded 15 points as chairman of the team. After the contest, the Sherman team was awarded a large blue and gold banner signifying that they were the winners of the contest.

Juniors Defeat Maupin Easily

by Gene Eakin

Byron Bayer, playing beautifully fired the Sherman J. Vs to an early lead over Maupin here Saturday night and the team kept going all the way to win 69 to 46. The Huskies led 17-9 at the quarter and 39-25 at the end of the half. The Huskies used the fast break very effectively and, supplemented Bayer's outstanding performance with 14 points, had little trouble piling up the large lead.

A whole new Sherman team started the second half and played just efficiently. Kelly, Powell, and Miller led the Huskies here, with Kelly and Miller scoring 6 and 10 each. Powell did an excellent job of clearing the boards, and also stuffed 6 point in. Herb Snodgrass and Mike Woodside, who led Maupin with 16 and 22 points in the first encounter between these two squads, again led the Redsides with Snodgrass hitting for 17 and Woodside for 7, held during the meeting.

Speaker



John I. Sell, vice-president of the First National Bank will be speaker at the annual meeting of the Sherman County Cattlemen at Grass Valley Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Business to be conducted is the delivery of reports of the several committees of the association and the election of officers for the year.

"Oregon Today" will be Mr. Sell's topic for the evening program. Sell, a former resident of the area was Business Development officer for eastern Oregon district of the First National Bank of Oregon, The Dalles. He was a state representative from Wasco county and knows the people and their problems, states President Davis.

A social hour will be held at 6:00 p. m. preceding the banquet.

Moro Women Work On Easters Seals

The Moro Women's club met on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the home of Mrs. John Parker.

Easter Seal envelopes were "stuffed" by the members, as dessert was served by Mrs. Parker and the co-hostess Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Mrs. Roy Belshe presided at the meeting. Complimenting with requests, suggestions were made for nominations for District and State Federation officers.

The club moved to send \$10.00 to CARE, Inc., for the Oregon Federation's project of "Self-help for Greece", to be used for tool-kits, equipment, etc.

Thomas W. Thompson spoke to the group concerning the need and possibilities of a community social hall. He mentioned several organizations which could be interested in helping with such a project, should the building be adequate in size and be conveniently located.

Mrs. Parker told of the benefits received by crippled children and adults from the money received from the sale of Easter Seals.

Weed Council To Sponsor Meeting

Morning Glory and Cheatgrass control experimental trials will be reported during the first annual meeting of the Sherman Weed Council, 1:30 p. m., Wednesday, February 17, County Courthouse, Moro.

Dean Swan, Pendleton branch station, OSC, will report on various experimental weed research work being conducted in the Columbia Basin. Large scale testing is underway on chemical winter fallow and selective cheatgrass and broadleaf weed control with fall spray applications. Morning Glory research results since 1955 will also be reported as will general annual weed control.

The Sherman Weed Council will report on activities during the past year and plans for 1960. The Council, organized January 1959, is an outgrowth of the 1958 Sherman County Planning conference. The Council seeks to coordinate the county weed program, serve as advisory group to the county court and develop programs to combat the weed problems.

The Weed Council consists of seven farmers with two appointed by the county court and five elected at the annual meeting. Present members are: Hildred Zell, chairman; Max Barzee, Roland Johnson, Joe Bibby, Bill Holmes, Don Macnab, and Curle DeMoss. The terms of Holmes and DeMoss expire this year and the Redsides with Snodgrass hitting for 17 and Woodside for 7, held during the meeting.

Bridge Bids Under \$2,500,000 Encourage TBA

A Seattle firm, Paul Jarvie, Inc., was low bidder for construction of the Biggs Rapids bridge across the Columbia with a \$2,409,163 figure when the bids were opened Tuesday. Other bidders had estimates of \$2,123,498 and \$2,471,451.

A few days will be required to study the bid but it is expected to be confirmed by the Washington Toll Bridge Authority.

It is expected that bonds will be issued within the 90 day period specified in the bid and that work on the bridge will begin this summer and the bridge will be completed in 1962, probably in time for much of the tourist traffic.

Highway commissions of the two states will build the approaches to the bridge, plans already having been made to that effect.

This is the bridge long hoped for by Sherman countians and it will be the final link in Highway 97, the Okanagon Caribou Trail, which connects with the road to Alaska and is easily the way of easiest access to the highlands of Oregon from the Columbia river.

Decision of the Oregon Highway commission to rebuild the more crooked part of Highway 97 from Biggs to Wasco was announced last week and this will be done by the time the bridge is built, a promise of the commission made some years ago.

Lucky Culver Shot Beats SHS Juniors

by Gene Eakin

The Sherman High J. Vs who don't believe in losing, without a real fight, lost another thriller, this time to Culver 37-36 last Friday night. The Bulldogs got off to a large lead at the end of the first quarter 13-4 behind the wild-fire shooting of guard Dan Mcostre. The Huskies came back brilliantly and did a great job of getting the ball in and setting up easy plays for Bayer and Miller, who scored 8 and 10 points each. The score at the end of the half was 20-18 Sherman's favor.

The Huskies kept going with a lead of from 5 to 10 points late into the fourth quarter. But after a tremendous job of rebounding, Byron Bayer fouled out, hurting the Huskies backboard power. Then Culver started to catch up. Culver guards Tyrell and Mcostre started hitting the bucket with amazing accuracy and pulled the Bulldogs within 2 points. The Bulldogs hit for a foul shot; then Mcostre stole the ball and hit a spectacular jump-shot from outside with 8 seconds left, to win the ball game for Culver.

Veterans and Widows May Be Exempt.

Disabled war veterans and widows of veterans must apply for their State of Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1. Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, cautioned today.

Application for the tax exemption, which amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property, must be filed with the county assessor on or before April 1 of each year, McCarty said. Those entitled include:

1. War veterans with disabilities of 40 per cent or more as certified by the Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces, regardless of the amount of their income.
2. Unremarried widows of war veterans, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Spanish-American war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.
3. Spanish-American war veterans, regardless of disability or income.

Veterans whose 40 percent disabilities are certified by a private physician and the county health officer, rather than by the VA or the Armed Forces, are also entitled, but in these cases they must not have received more than \$2500 total gross income in the past year.

Further information is available from county assessors, county service officers, or the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Salem or Portland.