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## These Things We Note

Giles L. French

One of the best inventions of our time was the shirt you don't have to pull on over your head.

T T W N

If you like your greens from a can you needn't read this. The mustard has been growing rapidly these cool days and a woman with a little time and a paper sack could gather a mess of fresh greens in a few minutes. We suspect that the mention of it is of more historical value than culinary.

T T W N

Now a presidential committee has come to the conclusion that some money spent for foreign aid has been wasted. A rather long way around to accept the inevitable which is that the people and congress want much foreign aid stopped.

T T W N

We sometimes wish that more of the news was new.

T T W N

There is an explanation of the ailments on the sidewalk and pavement one rainy morning this week. In fact, several of them.

T T W N

Maybe the reason it seems like the news is being managed is that this administration isn't making any news at all, no decisions, only talk.

T T W N

According to what we read the central American countries did pretty well with the recent conference. They got \$200 million.

T T W N

The US might just stop giving aid to countries just because they threaten to turn to Russia. Maybe we could put the burden on the Russians.

T T W N

Figures show that almost three times as many Americans graduate from college as 20 years ago. Why not? One can get a degree in almost anything.

T T W N

President Kennedy has been reviewing the immediate past to find arguments for his tax cut. Surprising it is to hear of a new frontiersman looking backward, but if he would look back to the economic fallacies of the new deal he would be able to learn a lot.

T T W N

Anent tranquilizers: We find that the best way to quiet nerves is to go to work.

T T W N

Government is getting into the hands of professionals. Or as soon as possible they get their pay raised so they become professionals. We think some things are done better by amateurs.

T T W N

First time we've seen a newspaper "turn the rules" for a long time was the Oregonian in its story of Davey Moore's death.

T T W N

The legislature may eliminate the liquor permit for the benefit of visitors. Well, if we get enough tourists the natives may reap some advantages.

T T W N

Elimination of the rough sports may be proper for this effete society.

T T W N

We seldom wish we were a congressman but we would like to be there to vote against giving Winston Churchill an honorary citizenship. Churchill is an Englishman, smart enough to make boobs out of the American officials, and is perhaps the last great leader that nation will have. No man should be an honorary American.

T T W N

Noting that Syngman Rhee's 88 reminds us that a recipe for longevity is to get on the U. S. list of pensioned rulers.

T T W N

A President can wish that business will be good during his term, but if he uses his authority to make it so, business will be bad. Government cannot create good times.

T T W N

Harry Dutton, columnist for the Portland Reporter, covered the Sherman county women's dinner at the Imperial and told some stories about some natives, notably Herb Root, who came in '81.

## School Budgets But Less So Than In Former Years

The budgets of the five elementary school districts are at hand and the comparison of them is always interesting. However they seem to be getting closer together in management.

Taking the estimate of total expenditures it appears that Rufus will spend \$1030 per pupil. Rufus expects more children than it had last September when the and enrollment figures were given and this estimate may be high for per pupil cost. Wasco has a per pupil cost of \$954, based on the enrollment at the start of school. Moro would spend \$795, Grass Valley \$877 and Kent, with but 29 pupils, \$1700.

For instruction costs which are almost entirely teacher salaries, Rufus would spend \$520, Wasco \$378, Moro \$421, Grass Valley \$405 and Kent \$770. Everything considered, that is not a surprising spread.

The conditions affecting transportation are not comparable and the costs are not comparable either. Wasco will spend \$124 per pupil, Rufus \$48, Kent \$370, Grass Valley \$188 and Moro \$122.

There is a difference in receipts Rufus getting 69,665 or \$541 for each of its 112 pupils; Wasco estimates \$66,978 or \$346 per pupil; Moro \$37,001 or \$276 per pupil; each of its 83 pupils and Kent Grass Valley 25,532 or \$307 for estimates receipts of \$17,787 or \$613 for each pupil.

There are a few odd things. Grass Valley expects to buy or otherwise accumulate \$3000 of food and sell \$2600 worth of lunches. That's for 83 pupils. Rufus budgetted \$7,000 for food and expects to sell \$6,000 worth of lunches for 112 pupils. At Wasco the budget for food is \$5,600 and sales of lunches are expected to reach \$5,900 for 164 pupils, one school that hopes to sell more than the cost. Moro's 134 pupils are provided with a budget of \$4,800 in food for which expected sale of lunches is \$4,200. At Kent the 29 pupils have budgeted for them \$1,134 in food and expected is sale of \$864 in lunches. A government subsidy for surplus foods accounts for more food bought (or accounted for) than sale of lunches. But even so Rufus will have to have many more than the September enrollment of 112 to eat that \$7,000 worth of food.

Board chairman Vern Dutton of Wasco has postponed the publication of the school budget for that district because of a raise in enrollment. Wasco now has 195, he reports, and may have 250 next year. Nevertheless it is likely that Rufus will be the biggest grade school for a year or two.

The increase in beef cows offset the drop in milk cows with total cattle and calf numbers holding unchanged at 1,435,000 head. Beef cows two years or older number 595,000, the highest on record. Milk cows two years or older totaled only 162,000 head on January 1, lowest for that date since 1910.

Oregon counted 271,000 turkeys on January 1, a seven percent increase from a year earlier. Chicken numbers, not including broilers, were down two percent to approximately 3,050,000, the fewest since annual records started in 1924.

Sheep and lambs, numbered at 777,000 were down eight percent to the lowest since 1953, while hogs, at 158,000 were down six percent, the lowest since 1958.

Nationally, livestock trends on Jan. 1 were only a little different, the economist said. The nation had more beef cattle, hogs and turkeys and fewer milk cows, sheep and chickens. The combined value of all livestock was up five percent over 1962.



## Grass Valley's Vintin Hotel Was Raised To Three Stories From Two; Long Gone

The Vintin Hotel at Grass Valley first was but two stories high. When the railroad came in and the homesteaders had a little money to spend another story was needed. Instead of tearing off the roof the whole building was jacked up and a new story built underneath. John B. Bressler, carpenter, photographer, bachelor, took the above picture which must have been about the turn of the century. It came to us from Frank VanNuys and indirectly from the Frankie VanNuys collection.

The Vintin Hotel has been gone for 40 years or more having burned in a lot fire that endangered the whole town and killed the trees clear across the street although some lived, scarred and diseased until taken out a few years ago. It stood just south of the Dunlap motel.

The hotel was an institution. Like similar hotels of its day it provided no heat in the rooms and after one left the comfort of the pot bellied stove in the lobby he could freeze for all the management cared. In the winter a fast moving blood supply was the only defense. It often had a Chinese cook; they were common in those days, pretty good cooks, too, and cheap. Waitresses were recruited from among the coun-

try girls who wanted to earn a little money by toting the huge platters of food to the ever hungry workmen, wheat farmers and stockmen who happened to be away from their own food supply. In the center of the dining room was the "commercial" table, where the drummers were expected to eat. It had a tablecloth, some decorative fruit in season, and the meals there cost four bits instead of the prevailing 35 cents for the lesser folk.

The new floor contained sample rooms where drummers could lay out their dry goods to show to local merchants and this room for a time became a bar where "near beer" was dispensed to Swede powder men and contractors and engineers who were building the Deschutes railroad. After months in camp, living among the rattlesnakes, the Vintin Hotel represented luxury.

The story is told that one time twelve Swede powder monkeys came up from the river having finished a contract. They were fat with money and soon some wiat fat headed from "near beer" so engaged one of the big rooms on the front of the second floor. Each one generous so one by one they slipped away from their fellows and went down to the desk to pay for the entire room the odor of beer.

## Court Signs Agreement With State About Roads

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, MARCH 6 & MARCH 7. Minutes of regular meeting of March 6, 1963 and of special meeting of March 7, 1963 read, approved and signed by members of the county court. All claims allowed as presented against general fund, ordered paid. Financial statement showing all fund balances as of March 1, 1963 presented, examined, approved and filed.

Gasoline consumption for month of February, 1963, presented, examined, approved and filed.

Road balances as of February 28, 1963, presented, examined, approved and filed. G. Fox appears before court and asks for road work in his vicinity. W. Balsiger and P. Courtney appear before court to explain their insurance numbers.

Programs respectively to court RE TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS: J.W. Sommers et ux present bid of \$40.00 for tax foreclosed property in Wasco. Lot 8 and fractions of Lots 4, 5 & 7 lying northeasterly of the Union Pacific right of way, Block 4, Dunlap's first addition to City of Wasco. Bid accepted and Deed to be prepared.

Re: Extension Office — C.L. Smith, State Extension Department, T. W. Thompson, County Agent, M. Zimmerman, county agent and E. Kirsch, Gilliam County Agent appear before court and discuss weed program for Gilliam and Sherman County. M. Zimmerman to spend some time in Gilliam County re: weed spray program.

J. Cain appointed deputy clerk for Justice of Peace office to receive bail money at such time as J.P. not available. Bond to be prepared for said deputy. ADJOURNED

Court met in special session March 7, 1963. Robert H. Prange, City and County Relations department of

state highway department met with county court and explained different options to be used by county in applying for Accelerated Public Funds. Court signs Option III for a total of county cost and other of \$300,000.00. ADJOURNED

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1963. APPROVED MARCH 6, 1963. TERM OF COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Pacific Northwest Bell \$24.90; Dunham Printing Co. \$28.70; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co. \$1.30; Craig Office Supply \$11.00; Moro Postmaster \$7.00; Wheeler's \$5.00; C. L. Roberts \$91.50; John P. Cain \$50.50; Robert H. Davis \$49.00.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Pacific Northwest Bell \$22.75; Dunham Printing Co. \$25.10; Craig Office Supply \$4.43; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co. \$54.75.

TREASURER'S OFFICE: Pacific Northwest Bell \$5.75; Dunham Printing Co. \$9.50. ASSESSORS OFFICE: Pacific Northwest Bell \$8.39; Craig Office Supply \$15.55.

ELECTIONS: State of Oregon \$1.37.

COUNTY PRINTING: Sherman County Journal \$26.00. DISTRICT ATTORNEY: T. Lester Johnson \$65.00.

COURT HOUSE INCIDENTALS: Pacific Power & Light Co. \$65.77; Shell Oil Company \$138.05; City of Moro \$4.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co. \$11.40; Sherman Supermarket \$2.38.

CIRCUIT COURT: John H. Newman \$105.91. COUNTY COURT: L. E. Kaseberg \$45.85; Luther Davis \$45.39.

JUSTICE COURT: City of Wasco \$10.00; Darwin VanGilder \$25.00; Pacific Northwest Bell \$25.00. ADDRESSOGRAPH FUND: American Federal Lease Corporation \$57.12.

INSURANCE FUND: Association of Oregon Counties \$76.80.

## CLUB TO MEET APRIL 1

The Sherman County Rod & Gun club, beleaguered by attacks from several fronts, will meet Monday night, April 1, at 8:00 p.m. at the courthouse for the annual meeting, election of officers and plan of strategy.

## Rans Come To Help Wheat and Weeds

This past week was a very good one from the point of view of farming. Last Friday it rained enough to fill farm rain gauges a half inch or more. Some found three quarters of an inch. Anyway it was a good rain.

Wednesday of this week it rained again and it was in sufficient volume to soak the earth once more and in some places brought as much moisture as the Friday rain.

Farmers who are trying to beat the cheatgrass are not too happy about the timing of the rains. Some are resorting to bottom plows again because the cheat has gotten such a good start, growing in cold weather before the ground could be worked.

and implore the manager to say nothing about it to the others. He didn't and thereby collected \$60 for the use of one room for one night after which the train came down from Shaniko and the revelers departed the Vintin in the glory of good fellowship and the odor of beer.

## May 6 Is School Election Day; Time Candidate Action

Monday, May 6, is the date set for the annual school election in Oregon school districts. A director will be elected in each of the Sherman County Elementary districts; from Zone 2, Wasco, for the Rural School District, and from the Wasco zone for the county high school district.

Candidates are nominated by petition which must be filed with the district clerk for elementary districts, and with the County School Superintendent for the Rural School district. Candidates for the County High School district file by declaration.

Petitions for candidates for elementary school district board members must have signatures numbering at least 3% of the number of voters voting at the last school district election or in any case a minimum of 10; petition for the Rural School district must contain a minimum of 25 legal signatures.

Candidates for the Rural School district are nominated and elected in the zone; candidates for the County High School district are nominated from the zone and elected at large in the county.

Petitions must be completed and filed at least 30 days before the date of the elections. Petition blanks may be obtained from the school district clerk or from the County School Superintendent's office.

## U.S. National Grows Over Past Year

Loans and discounts at U. S. National Bank of Portland increased more than \$100 million over the past 12 months, according to figures released to the comptroller of the currency as of March 18, 1963.

Loans were \$517,861,003 compared with \$416,367,840 recorded in the March 26, 1962, report. Deposits were up more than \$81 million and now total \$942,062,944 compared with \$861,026,793 recorded 12 months ago.

Deposits as of March 18, 1963, totaled \$18,008,338.93 at The Dalles Branch, according to James J. Johnson, manager, with loans and discounts at the same date of \$8,150,445.11. G. W. Hertel, manager of the Dufur Branch, reported deposit totals of \$2,457,693.18, and loans and discounts totals of \$646,161.67, both as of the March 18, 1963 date.

## Wasco News

Steven Burnett of Moro, Jim and John Thomas and Everett Royce left Sunday afternoon to resume studies at OSU.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Mansfield have returned from a two weeks visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ruthardt of Toppenish, Washington.

Reverend John McMurtry and Mrs. Elton Medler have shared substitute teaching duties in the absence of Mr. Ladd McGowan, eighth grade teacher. Mr. McGowan is spending a week in traction in a Dalles hospital for treatment of a hip injury.

Mrs. Vernon Melzer, president of PTA, wishes to remind everyone of the April 4 meeting at 8:00 in the Wasco cafeteria.

Mr. Ladd McGowan will introduce and explain the SMSG math program to the parents to familiarize them with the course being taught in the seventh and eighth grades.

Marion Rebekah lodge is having a waffle dinner Saturday at 6:30 at the Bob Byars home. Members and families are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Melzer and family visited Mr. Melzer's parents in Salem, the Carl Melzers last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Andrews and Mrs. Virginia York of Portland spent a week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews. Mrs. York visited several days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hockley, Marcia and Norma Rae of Eugene, spent the last weekend with Mrs. Hockley's parent's the Lloyd Royses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodrich of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldrake of Corvallis, cousins of Mrs. Roysse, were also Sunday visitors. The Sheldrake's son, Roger, who had spent the week of spring vacation working on the Norman Gochbauer ranch near Moro returned to Corvallis Sunday afternoon.

REPAIRS: Feenoughty Machinery Co. \$113.93; Auto Electric Supply Co. \$71.77; Tim's Auto Trim Shop \$62.00; Miller Motors \$66.07; Smith Auto Parts \$31.05; Cushman Equipment Co. \$53.84.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Auto Electric Supply Co. \$34.65; Stone Machinery Co. \$14.98; Smith Auto Parts \$86.40; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co. \$9.84.

GAS & OIL: Shell Oil Company \$381.49.

## Floyd Root Tells About SE Asia And Wheat Use

The Sherman County Club got a good lesson in foreign trade in wheat along with some comment about travel in the Orient and the kind of people who inhabit southeastern Asia from Floyd Root who recently returned from a round the world trip as leader of a group of five wheat marketers. Expense of the trip was paid in foreign currency.

In Japan, said Root, wheat use has dropped from its high a few years ago because there is enough rice. Japan raises a lot of wheat, which is of poor quality, but with a high guaranteed price by government edict, and this fact keeps better wheat out of the country and Australia is supplying some of that.

## Japan Raising Wheat

The Japanese are great sports enthusiasts and every week end all transportation is occupied by city dwellers going to arenas or to fields and mountains for sports events.

Use of wheat in Japan is favored because Japanese who were fed wheat grew taller and weighed more than those who were raised on rice. The school lunch given to Japanese children is a pretty good meal with a small loaf of bread, a dish of stew and a glass of milk. The government subsidizes buses that distribute wheat products in the country.

In the Philippines, which used to be a flour importing country, eight flour mills have been built which gives so much over capacity to grind wheat, mostly imported, that some will probably go broke.

In the smaller countries of southeast Asia they are learning to handle wheat so that before long a full ship load can be used in two or three ports whereas now they have to buy in small quantities. This is almost exclusive rice eating area.

In India and Pakistan, Root noted the hatred of the Moslems and the Hindus, who just do not trust one another on anything. Pakistan opposed the aid given to India to oppose Chinese invasion fearing that the weapons will be turned against Pakistan giving India an advantage in the argument over ownership of Kashmir, where much of the water necessary to Pakistan agriculture originates.

## Pakistan-India Enemies

Both are users of American wheat but not on a dollar basis as in Japan and the Philippines. They obtain wheat through PL 480. Both raise wheat but never enough to support the needs of the growing hungry population of the vast country. Politically Nehru seems about to hold India together but the 17 states may not stay together without a similar leader. In Pakistan the leader is a former army general, one of the long ruling Khans who may become a strong man of south Asia.

The next meeting of the club will be April 23 when Harpel Keller will come to talk about investing.

## Use of Electricity Up In This Area

Use of electricity by households commercial firms and industries served by Pacific Power & Light company has increased one-third during the past five years and reached a new high level of usage in the past year, the company reports.

The average amount of power used annually in households of the PP&L system increased to 9,111 kilowatt hours, for an average increase of 325 kilowatt hours over the year previous, and a new total that is more than double the national average household.

## FHA USED CLOTHING DRIVE

The Sherman High School FHA girls ask you to bring out-grown but not worn-out clothing to the Home Economics room at the high school sometime during the next couple of weeks. The clothes will be donated to needy Indian children and to others in mountain areas of the Southern United States. Coats, suits, blue-jeans, dresses and shoes are badly needed for the long cold winters.

This drive is part of the "Save the Children Federation," a non-profit, non-sectarian organization with many well-known national leaders as sponsors.

Marcia Martin, reporter