

"THESE THINGS WE NOTE"

# Giles French Book Rich In Eastern Oregon Flavor

By WES SHERMAN

Out of the experience of operating an Eastern Oregon weekly newspaper for 30 years, Giles French, retired publisher of the Sherman County Journal, Moro, has published a new book, "These Things We Note," Binford and Mort of Portland announce that the book is now on sale, being released November 28.

The many friends and admirers of Giles French will recognize immediately that the name of the book comes from the title of the weekly newspaper column that he has written for many years. Although he sold the paper several years ago, he continues to write the column that is the most widely quoted of any from a weekly newspaper in Oregon.

This was the book that friends had hoped French would publish. It contains the best from his columns together with some of the editorials that he wrote. In compiled form, these glimpses comprise an intimate picture of life in the Eastern Oregon country, stretching back to the "early days." While the focus is on Sherman county, there is a historical overtone that applies to all the wheat and cattle country east of the Cascades. It is spiced with an Eastern Oregon flavor that could only come from a man whose roots are deep in this unique country and who loves it.

French, who was an editor not because he was formally educated to be one but rather because he had something to say, expresses his thinking and ideas through the quips and editorial comments in the book. He always has had the opinion that any editor "worth his salt" should speak out on issues and beliefs, and French has never deviated in this philosophy throughout his publishing career.

The Sherman County Journal has never been a paragon of modern journalism, but, through French's work and thinking, it has developed a rich soul through its editorials and the column, "These Things We Note."

Even those who do not agree with French's philosophy or issues and problems, either by whole or in part, admire his forthright independence and his ability of expression. He's among the few gifted writers of whom fellow editors say, "Wish I had said that."

It often has been said that anyone can write a long article, but it takes a skilled person to write a short one. French writes short articles, and each word packs a punch. He is a master of satire, but he softens the sting through suggestion rather than outright ridicule.

For instance, we liked his recent quip that went something like this: "No need for me to watch television," said the old man. "I don't drink, don't smoke and don't stink."

His book contains many such apt gems.

The book jacket of "These Things We Note," says "Perhaps no one will ever read this book from cover to cover." But after getting our copy the other day,

## 'Thank You' Letters Please School Cooks After Turkey Dinner

Heppner Elementary lunchroom cooks, Mrs. Bill Van Winkle, Mrs. Gene Orwick and Mrs. Larry Cook, were pleasantly surprised to receive an assortment of "fan mail" from students in Mrs. Jessie Morris' fourth grade room. The letters were written in "thank you" for a turkey dinner served to elementary school students the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day, bringing forth a variety of interesting expressions.

The school kitchen staff was pleased to receive them and wishes to share four out of the large group of letters received.

"Dear Cooks: Thank you for the fine dinner, the turkey was delicious. I enjoyed the cranberry sauce very much. The rolls were good. I liked the dressing very much. I really think you cook good. The steat potatoes were good but I could not eat them. Your friend, Dena Struthers."

"Dear Cooks: The turkey dinner was real good. I liked the cranberry the best. I made a hog of myself but I ate them all. I didn't like the dressing but I ate it. Do you ever get to eat? I would like to know. We sent my dad a frozen turkey to Viet Nam. Your's truly, Mark Snider."

"Dear Cooks: I brought my lunch today and when I saw what we were having I started wishing I would have eaten here too. Next year I know I won't miss turkey dinner. Miss Morris said for us to write to you for our English lesson. Your friend, Jimmy Ployhar."

"Dear Cooks: The turkey and dressing was delicious. The rolls were soft and very good. Some of the children don't like sweet potatoes but I do. I ate some cranberry sauce. Your friend, Teresa Hughes."

Perhaps Mrs. Morris should follow through with some "home assignments" for mothers, too.



GILES FRENCH

we find it hard to lay aside when we find a moment to read part of it. It is a valuable book to use for reference and for inspiration. A succinct quotation from Giles French can bring home a thought with exclamation point emphasis. The 162-page book contains articles on everything from pigs to postage stamps.

East Oregonians will be tickled and delighted with this book because it speaks for their beloved country in a manner they wish they could express themselves. They can use it to show to friends elsewhere and to hand out with pride to those who speak with disdain about the "land of sagebrush and jackrabbits."

Handicapped by lack of population and consequently few strong exponents to speak its virtues, Eastern Oregon has long needed good spokesmen. Giles French is one of the best, as readers of "These Things We Note" will find. They will smile at his humor, nod in agreement at some well-turned point, be touched at some of the sentiment that comes deep from the heart of the Sherman county man who has sometimes been called caustic and "crusty," and perhaps snort in disagreement at times.

The man who "was born in my father's homestead cabin in a draw called Cottonwood that runs into Finnegan Canyon in the southern part of Sherman County, Oregon," has produced a book that is a real contribution to the culture of Eastern Oregon. It is the more valuable because it has come from 30 years of the thinking, soul and fiber of the author.

It is opportune that "These Things We Note" is published just before Christmas, for it will make a particularly fitting gift for many. In Heppner, it is available through Murray's Rexall Drug.

## Special Grange Party Honors Bergstroms On 40th Anniversary

Rhea Creek Grange honored two of its members, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom on their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday evening, November 26, at the Grange hall.

Following the potluck dinner, a beautiful anniversary cake, made by their daughter, Miss Marilyn Bergstrom, was served in their honor.

Grange friends presented them with a gift, accompanied by congratulations and words of best wishes from relatives and their many friends who were present.

A social evening of cards followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles were hosts for Thanksgiving to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Fastabend, and six children of Richland, Wash.; Mr. Ruggles' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Segerdahl, of Prineville and stayed over until Saturday. Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Heppner, joined the families for Thanksgiving.

## Bob Mockbee Tells Red Cross Role At Chamber Meet

Role of the Red Cross in disasters and service to the military and their families was discussed by Bob Mockbee, field representative of the organization in an extemporaneous talk at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting, November 21.

Mockbee, making his fourth trip to Heppner, was called upon by Jerry Sweeney, Morrow county chapter chairman and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to speak to the chamber.

"In the event of a flood here, the Red Cross would provide food, shelter, clothing and medical aid," he said. "The chapter chairman has the authority to act immediately, and it doesn't matter what it costs. We know he will exercise good judgment."

In case of such a disaster, the local chapter has the "disaster capability" of the 3400 chapters in the U. S. because of the fact that funds collected by each chapter are pooled for such an emergency, Mockbee said.

Red Cross has two functions at a disaster: 1. To provide for needs of the emergency — to find a place for those forced from their homes. 2. Rehabilitation of homes and businesses. Decisions on how money is spent in this case is made by local people.

Mockbee told of a disaster at Pomeroy, Wn., where heavy rains caused mud slides, affecting some 100 homes. The Red Cross came and helped widows and others in need.

"It was hard work and elbow grease getting back where they were," he said. Money spent by the Red Cross in such a case is a total grant and no repayment is required, he added.

Red Cross work is tied in with Civil Defense with the latter emphasizing public services, communicators and similar matters while the Red Cross tends to work for the individual, Mockbee said. There is some overlapping.

The blood program in this area is one of the finest, the speaker stated, and he asked support for the next visit of the blood unit here. This year the blood center may declare a dividend because a surplus has developed and it will return the proportionate shares to the areas served.

Mockbee, who served in the Air Force, entering as a private and leaving as a lieutenant colonel, said that his opinion of the Red Cross has changed greatly during that time.

"Time and time again I found that the only way I could make a military decision was to get a report from the Red Cross," he said.

In an emergency, men from Vietnam can be brought home from 36 hours to three days after the need is verified by the Red Cross, Mockbee said. There are 250 Red Cross field directors in Vietnam "being shot at like everyone else."

"Red Cross is what you make it in the community," Mockbee concluded. If it is not what you want it to be, get on the board of directors and make it what you want."

It has been announced that the local chapter has bought a \$600 refrigerator to store blood in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

## Two Win Top Trophy At Bridge Charity

LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., Heppner, and Everett Edmiston, Hermiston, received a first place trophy for having top score at a Charity Party given by the Rogues' Bridge Club of the Walla Walla Penitentiary on Monday evening, November 28.

The party was given under the auspices of the American Contract Bridge League for the benefit of the Cancer Fund, and was held in the minimum security building at the penitentiary.

The party was a sizeable one with nineteen tables at play and included players from Walla Walla, Kennewick, LaGrande, and Pendleton. Van Marter and Edmiston were the only players from Hermiston or Heppner.

## School Bells



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THE SCHOOL BUDGET

During the next few months we will devote several articles to the school budget process. The budget committee is composed of the existing members of the school board plus an equal number of individuals from the school district.

The school board is elected by the people, each director for a five year term. The remaining members of the budget committee are appointed by the school board. Their appointment is for a term of three years each.

Listed below are the members of the Morrow County school board and when their current terms end:

Irvin Rauch, chairman, June 30, 1970; Maxwell Jones, vice chairman, June 30, 1971; Donald McElligott, June 30, 1970; Ralph Skoubo, June 30, 1970; Kenneth Batty, June 30, 1967; Jack Sumner, June 30, 1967; Dr. L. D. Tibbles, June 30, 1971.

The appointed members of the budget committee are: Frank Anderson, term ends June 30, 1967; Jack Van Winkle, term ends June 30, 1968; (to be appointed), term ends June 30, 1969; Robert Sicard, term ends June 30, 1967; (to be appointed), term ends June 30, 1969; Charles Carlson, term ends June 30, 1967; and Mrs. Warren McCoy, term ends June 30, 1968.

In 1963 our state legislators passed a new budget law. The step by step procedure under this new law is outlined below:

1. The school board appoints a budget officer. David Potter was appointed by the board.

2. During the month of December, teachers, administrators, advisory committees, board members, custodians, cooks, bus drivers and others suggest items that are needed in the budget. During the last part of December and the first part of January these items, programs and requests are tabulated and organized for presentation to the budget committee.

3. On January 26, 1967, a notice will be published indicating that the budget presentation will be made to the budget committee, and to the general public on Monday, February 6, 1967, at Ione High school library at 7:30 p.m.

4. During the following weeks the budget committee will meet a number of times in working sessions: February 9, 1967, 7:30 p.m., Irrigon; February 16, 1967, 7:30 p.m., Lexington; February 20, 1967, 7:30 p.m., Heppner. This last meeting will be scheduled for committee approval of the budget.

5. On February 23, 1967, and

## Guest Missionaries To Speak to Church

Missionary speakers are scheduled to be guests of the Assembly of God church for services on the coming two Sundays. It is announced by Rev. Billie Alsup, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ruark, missionaries to the Umatilla Indians at their reservation, will be guest speakers at the Sunday evening meeting, December 11, at 7 p.m.

On December 18, Rev. and Mrs. Emil Schniedet, veteran missionaries to Chile, will be present for the 11 o'clock morning worship service to tell of their work in the mission field.

March 2, 1967, notices will be published indicating that the official budget hearing will be held on March 16, 1967.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and still are receiving medical care, include the following: Clara Kincaid, Ione; Bob Harris, Heppner; George Eaton, Condon, and Bettle Doherty, Heppner.

Those who were given medical care, and later dismissed, were the following: Janet O'Neal, Portland; Sylvia Quinn, Prosser, Wn.; Beth Bergstrom, Ione; Dorothy Zinter, Ione, and Van Hubbard, Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary DeRock of Condon became parents of their third child, a daughter, born Saturday, December 3, weighing 7 lb., 13 1/2 oz. She has been named Lori Ann, and joins two other children, Brenda, 6, and Michael, 3. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Claude Brown, and the paternal grandmother and grandfather are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brown.

# Bluebird Candy Sale

Second and Third grade Bluebirds will sell candy, starting December 8, house to house. Four different kinds of candy, at \$1.00 a can, to make money for each groups projects for the year.

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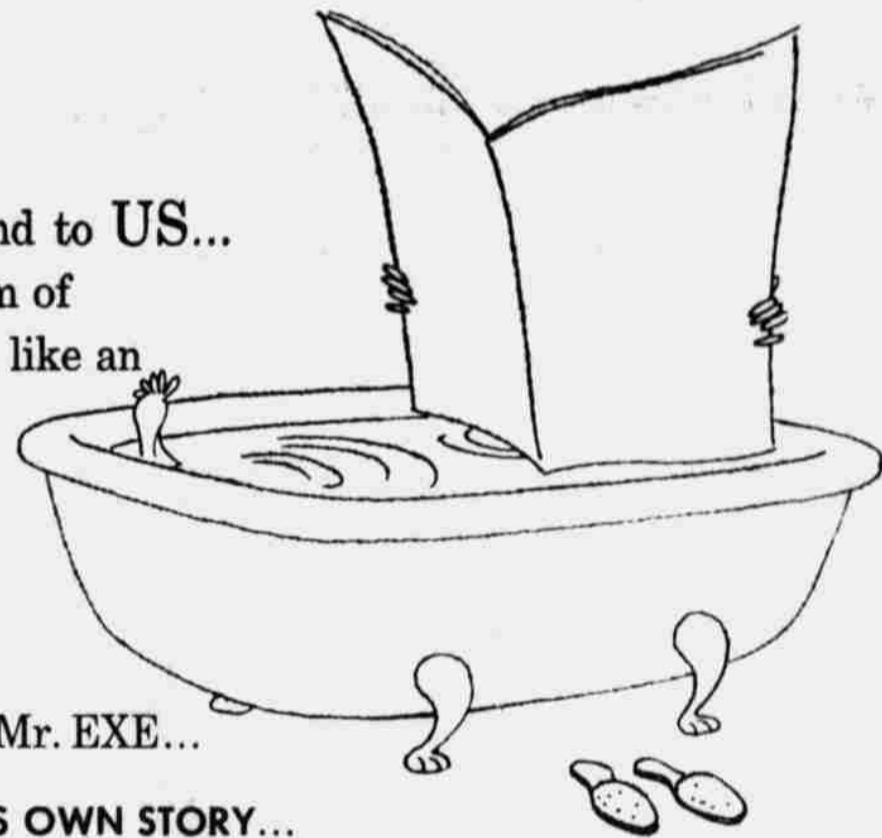
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