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## LOCAL BOY KILLED BY HORSE SUNDAY

### Clint French Kicked and Dragged By Fear Crazy Animal

## FUNERAL HELD ON TUESDAY

### Child Was Son of Editor of Sherman County Journal

Clint, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles L. French, was instantly killed last Sunday morning about nine o'clock when a rope by which he was holding a horse became entangled around his waist and the animal, frightened ran with him and kicked him.

His body was dragged some distance through the streets of Moro before the horse could be stopped by terror-stricken citizens.

Clint Barnum French was born a few miles south of Grass Valley on May 24th, 1920, attending school at Rutledge, Grass Valley and Moro. His short life was filled with normal activities of a lively boy, his days, outside of school hours, given to the satisfying of a great curiosity about the world and the things upon it that interests the coming generation.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Jane and Patricia, one brother, Wyman, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum of The Dalles and his paternal grandparents, L. R. French, of Grass Valley.

The funeral was held Tuesday, April 28th, in the Presbyterian church, under the direction of Zella, with Rev. Gian officiating and giving the funeral sermon. D. E. Stephens read William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis" and a quartette, composed of Mrs. Iva Nahouse, Mrs. Wilford Belshe, Homer Belshe and Tom Fraser sang, accompanied by L. H. Nahouse.

Full bearers were classmates and friends of the deceased, Leighton Fields, Billy Alsop, Kenneth Barnett, Bobby Rolfe and John Rolfe from Grass Valley and Scott Fortner and Walter Barnes of Moro. The children of Clint's room, the fifth and sixth grades, attended from both the Moro school and the Grass Valley school which he attended until two months ago.

Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## Martha Ellen Chitwood Dies at Daughters Home

Martha Ellen Chitwood, mother of Mrs. Joe Truitt, who has lived here with her daughter for the past eight years passed away in this city last Tuesday. Mrs. Chitwood has been ill for many years with disease that was incurable and has been patiently waiting and praying to be called for several months.

She was born on September 2nd, 1867 in the state of Arkansas, the daughter of William and Martha Ray. When she was five years old she moved with her parents to Oregon, settling in the Prineville country on what is known as Johnson Creek.

There she grew to womanhood and was married November 28th to Pleasant Chitwood and has since resided at Grizzley or in Madras until coming to Moro eight years ago. To this union was born three children who survive her, Glen and Vern Chitwood of Grizzley and Mrs. Joe Truitt of Moro. Three step children were reared to maturity by her hand. They are Roy Chitwood and Mrs. Iva Barbee, of Madras and Fay Chitwood, of Ellensburg, Washington. Two brothers survive. Will Ray, of Clatsop, Oregon, and Frank Ray of Ellensburg, Washington.

Mrs. Chitwood was converted when she was seventeen years old and has ever since followed the Christian teachings which have been a great comfort to her in her illness. She has many friends wherever she has lived who loved her for her uncomplaining temperment and her Christian charity.

## F. E. Davis Hurt While Plowing

What may turn out to be a very serious accident occurred Wednesday to F. E. Davis while plowing on his place east of town. The plow hit a rock and threw him against the levers. He crawled as far as he could and then waved a red handkerchief to attract passers by. His signal was sighted by Vernon Platt who was driving the mail route with the driver, E. C. Axtell put the sufferer in a car and took him to the doctor.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
April 23	57	38	.00
" 24	66	37	.00
" 25	70	40	.00
" 26	74	44	.00
" 27	78	43	.00
" 28	79	45	.00
" 29	81	46	.00
Total for week			.00

## Grass Valley Nine Loses To Tygh Valley

Grass Valley lost a hotly contested game of baseball last Sunday to the Tygh Valley Cougars at Tygh Valley. The Grass Valley boys were able to knock out some hits but the Tygh boys got the scores and according to the rules that is what wins the game. Tygh had 8 scores to Grass Valley's 5.

Rolfe pitched for the Grass Valley boys and Zumalt curved them for Tygh and it is said by those who tried to hit him that he curved them plenty. The boys from Tygh have been taking their baseball straight, without mixing it with golf or other foreign stuff, for years and they do know what a bat is for.

Sunday Grass Valley plays Kent on the home diamond.

## Sheriff Turns Over Cash To Treasurer

On April 23rd the sheriff turned over to the county treasurer \$28,836.61 which has been collected since the tax notices were sent to property holders in the county. Of this sum \$13,842.90 was for current taxes and \$13,944.16 was for delinquent taxes and there was a little over one thousand dollars worth of interest in the total as well.

This really is a very good showing when it is considered that many people think that there isn't any money at all.

## Moro High School Prepares For Play

The cast of the annual senior play, "The Automatic Butler," is working diligently towards its presentation on May 15. Practices are held each evening under the direction of Miss Brauninger.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting Monday, April 27, for the purpose of giving awards and discussing plans for the tulip and tea sale on May 1. It was decided that the sophomore girls would sell tulips and the junior and senior girls would serve the tea, and maybe hot dogs.

Those who received awards were: Janet Stephens, Mamie Traylor, Leora Peetz and Doris Fortner, who each received a bronze pin for typing at the rate of 40 or more net words for fifteen minutes; Patricia Powell, Eva Miller and Iva Belshe, who each received a silver pin for typing at the rate of 50 or more net words for fifteen minutes; Marjorie Kunsman and Iva Belshe, who each received a gold pin for typing at the rate of 60 or more words per minute for fifteen minutes.

Another award test will be given next week and many of the students are planning on making the test. Achievement Day, which takes the place of the school fair, will be held this Friday, May 1. School will be held in the morning and any one who wishes may visit the classes. In the afternoon a program will be given and the students work will be on display. After the program the Junior Chamber of Commerce members are going to conduct a flower and tea or punch sale, to raise money for the trips made to the Eastern Oregon and State Typing Contests and also for the typing awards. Tulips of all colors will be sold for 50c a dozen or 25c for half a dozen.

Later in the afternoon a tennis tournament will be held at the tennis court between the freshman and sophomore girls. In the evening the local county declamatory contest will be held in the high school gymnasium. The "A" division, which is the oratorical division, will be represented by a sophomore, Russel Belshe.

Just what candidate will become queen has not yet been determined. The candidates are: Marjorie Byers, freshman; Marjorie Nahouse, sophomore; Patricia Powell, junior; and Mamie Traylor, senior.

## WHEAT PRODUCTION FIGURES GIVEN

### Implement Manufacturers Estimate Cost At 23.1 Cents

## OTHER ESTIMATES REQUESTED

The following tabulated costs of raising wheat concern the operations of one whose farming is easily checked in this country. They were prepared by the Research Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers. Many farmers will, no doubt, disagree with the figures presented here for it is commonly stated that wheat cannot be produced for 23.1 cents per bushel unless all conditions are more favorable than are ordinarily found in Sherman county.

In any event a discussion of the actual cost of raising wheat will be one of the most beneficial things that could happen to the wheat grower and if average figures can actually be determined they will aid him greatly in his fight for a reasonable profit on his investment and labor.

We would be glad to help compile and print the bona fide figures of any other farmer showing his expenses and his income from raising wheat if based on common terms so they can be easily compared.

It will be noted that such an expense account would be easy to make as farming operations are listed by jobs done without segregation. This would obviate itemizing every expenditure.

## Mr. Dewey Thompson, Moro, Ore., Produces 7680 Bushels of Wheat at a Cost of 23.1 Cents a Bushel

320 acres in crop, 320 acres in summer fallow, worth about \$50 per acre. Yield per acre, 24 bushels.

Days	OPERATION	Tract. Cost at \$12.52 Per Day	Labor Cost at \$4.00 Per Day	Total
4	Disking	\$ 50.08	16.00	66.08
18	Plowing	182.76	52.00	234.76
5	Harrowing	62.60	20.00	82.60
4	*Rod Weeding and Harrowing	50.08	16.00	66.08
3	*Harrowing	37.56	12.00	49.56
4	Drilling	50.08	16.00	66.08
10	Harvesting (combine)	125.20	**240.00	365.20
		\$538.36	\$372.00	\$910.36

4\* (Summer fallow cultivation) \*\* (Six Men)

## OTHER COSTS

Seed	265.20
Machinery other than tractor	353.80
Hauling from field to market (hired at 2cents per bushel)	133.60
Insurance on crop	40.00
Share of general farm overhead	60.00
Total Crop Cost	\$1773.76

Mr. Thompson's Cost per Acre of Crop, \$5.54  
Government Average Cost per Acre, including hauling to market, on Farms with Similar Yields, from \$13.42 to \$14.07

Land taxes and land rental, or interest on investment in land, are not included in these costs. If Mr. Thompson had sold his wheat at 69 cents a bushel (the Government's Average Oregon Farm Price on Sept. 15, 1930) and had allowed himself \$512 to cover amount paid out for taxes on 640 acres of land, including summer fallow his wheat would have paid him a profit amounting to \$3013.44, or a return of 9.4 per cent on his investment in 640 acres of land. The above figures represent only Mr. Thompson's return from the wheat acreage reported, not his entire wheat income.

## Grass Valley Students Hear Officer Talk

The averages for the last six weeks are as follows: Pearl Bell, Erasmus Baker, Norma Garrett, Marietta Perry, Vernon Eakin, 1.5; Paulina Newcomb, Margaret Schilling, 1.75; Cinthy Bell, 1.8; Dale Baker, Bernard Martin, Robert Poley, Earl Shipley, Barbara Walpole. The class averages were: seniors, 2.25; juniors, 2.3; freshmen, 3; sophomores 3.3.

John Homewood, 1st Lieutenant of the 19th infantry of the U. S. Army gave a very interesting talk to the high school students last Thursday afternoon. His talk was built around the description and purpose of the uniform and its insignias. He says there is a purpose for everything that is in an army uniform. Each medal or trinket worn relates some history which has happened. The United States has the best fighting men with superior methods. He gave statistics showing that the death rate had dropped from twenty or thirty per cent to five per cent in the last war. He also stated that if this country were to engage in war now or any time in the near future it would take nine months for the government to get the proper amount of men, train and equip them for active service.

The high school students are busily preparing for their part in the program on May 1st. There will be class room work from 9:30 until 10:30 a mock trial from 10:30 till 11:30; the lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 will be pot-luck. Everyone come. The coronation of Queen Zela I will take place at 1:30 and after that Grass Valley and Wasco will compete in a game of baseball.

The local declamatory contest will be in the evening, May 1st. Those who will represent the high school are Owen Eakin, Bob Poley, Cinthy Bell, Florence Young and Pearl Bell.

## WIND STORM DOES DAMAGE IN COUNTY

### Spring Wheat Is Blown Out, Fields Scalped Of Soil

## SUMMERFALLOW UNINJURED

### Sand Starts Soil Blowing and Cuts Off Young Wheat

Reports from the south end of Sherman county indicate that the wind storm of last week did considerable damage to spring sown wheat. It probably will not be known just how extensive this damage will be for several weeks, for while some patches in many fields are blown clear out and away, in other parts of the field the wheat has been cut off by the wind carried sand, and it is thought by some observers that enough of this may survive to make a fair stand of wheat.

Estimates vary with the pessimism or optimism of the narrator, but it is believed safe to say that between one thousand and two thousand acres have been destroyed with little chance of the wheat now on those patches making a crop.

Most of the blows were started south west of sand piles and when the sand started cutting into a field it widened its path. Some roads were blocked by the dirt and sand, the piles in some cases attaining a depth of two feet.

Reports from Camp Sherman indicate that damage there has been greater than was at first thought. To quote from a letter received from Owen Thompson, "Camp looks like a sawmill was getting out their logs for the summer's run."

It is feared that fire will get started in the fallen logs and destroy the camping place before the plan to move a portable sawmill there to use the timber can be put into effect.

## Cascade Tractor Co. Moves Employees

A change in the personnel of the Cascade Tractor and Equipment Company is being made beginning today, May 1st. Owing to the illness of Charles E. Poole, who suffered a paralytic stroke last Saturday evening, Arthur Christianson has been transferred from Moro to Arlington where he will have charge of the office there.

Seral Searcy will be brought to Moro from The Dalles office and will conduct the Moro branch of the company, handle the repairs and assist with the sales.

Mr. Poole has had charge of the Arlington branch for a number of years and has been in similar work since leaving Sherman county long ago. He is a son-in-law of R. W. Pinkerton.

## Produces Much Scrap

The average high school produces more than one million tons of iron and steel scrap annually. It is reported. This is consumed by steel companies of the country.

## Attorney Updegraff Moving to Moro

George Updegraff, for several years county attorney, has rented the law offices formerly occupied by W. C. Bryant and will move to Moro as soon as possible. Mrs. Bryant is removing the law library of Mr. Bryant to a back room and the front office will be cleaned and prepared for the new occupant.

The Sherman County Abstract Company will continue under the management of Mrs. Bryant who has handled that part of the business for many years.

Mr. Updegraff has been appointed local attorney for the State Land Board taking the place of Mr. Bryant.

## Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Honor Wednesday

A Court of Honor for the Moro and Wasco Boy Scout troops was held in the Auditorium of the Moro school last Wednesday evening with Scout executive W. W. Belcher, of the Mid Columbia area present.

Fifteen scouts were examined by the court for proficiency in different activities. The names of the scouts and the departments in which they were declared qualified are: Teddie Thompson, Second Class, Arthur Van Gilder, Athletics, Civics, Electricity, Leon Smith, Athletics, Darning, Surveying, Francis Watkins, Aviation, Music, Surveying, Donald McDermid, Aviation, Surveying, Civics, Eugene Spencer, Aviation, Music, Surveying, Thomas Fraser, Astronomy, Electricity, Theo. Proudfoot, Civics, Cycling, Farm Layout, Rob't Ferrell, Handicraft, Gordon Fraser, Pathfinding, Swimming, Kenneth Wilde, Handicraft, Plowing, Wayne Thompson, Horsemanship, Lloyd Henrichs, Horsemanship, Metal Work, Richard Barnes, Painting, Public Health, Pioneering, Harold Thogerson, Book Binding.

Rev. N. Sherman Hawk, of Wasco, Wayne P. Smith of The Dalles, and L. W. Rakes and Carrol Sayrs, of Moro, acted as the jury.

## Jury List Drawn For May Term

The jury list for the May term of court which will convene on May 18th was drawn this week and the following men were chosen:

- Ray Ragsdale, Grass Valley.
- George McKay, Kent.
- A. J. Smith, Wasco.
- O. A. Ramsey, Moro.
- W. C. Todd, Grass Valley.
- C. A. Tom, Rufus.
- W. S. Powell, Moro.
- Theo. Johnston, Moro.
- R. O. Scott, Wasco.
- G. H. Lindeman, Rufus.
- J. T. Johnson, Klondike.
- Bruce Kee, Rufus.
- W. H. Ragsdale, Moro.
- Geo. McDonald, Moro.
- John McClure, Wasco.
- G. H. Root, Wasco.
- Walter Carlisle, Miller.
- A. L. Gosson, Klondike.
- Claud Coats, Rufus.
- A. H. McIntyre, Wasco.
- H. R. Herrin, Rufus.
- C. S. Forrester, Grass Valley.
- V. B. Eakin, Grass Valley.
- Wm. Brinkert, Grass Valley.
- James Fox, Klondike.
- J. L. Davis, Kent.
- Harvy Ferrell, Klondike.
- S. A. Hall, Moro.
- E. M. Helyer, Kent.
- E. E. Barzee, Moro.
- Geo. W. Drinkard, Klondike.

## Miss Velma Powell Honored at University

Miss Velma Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Powell, has been chosen as one of the princesses who, with the queen, will rule over the Junior Week End festivities at the University of Oregon.

At this time the mothers of the University students will be invited to be present as the annual fete comes at the time set for Mother's Day.

## Odd-Fellows To Gather Monday

The District Convention of Odd-Fellows will be held in Kent next Monday the 4th of May. At this time members of the order from Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties will gather for their annual convocation. There will be no competitive work at this session, but the Moro lodge will put on the initiatory degree for some candidates from the county.

## COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST HELD FRIDAY

### Children From All Over County Gather To Test Orthography

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED EARLY

### One Hundred Fifty-Five Children Compete For Certificates

Most of us remember the old fashioned spelling contest where troops of giggling school girls and playful school boys lined up against the side of the schoolroom and spelled common words and trick words until only the fittest survived. All this has gone by the wayside in these modern, and we hope efficient, times. This county used to have children line up and compete until one was declared to be the very best of his grade. They had to quit that when the children became too good, for they became so good that they couldn't spell them down in reasonable time.

Now we hold a spelling contest in a different manner. We hold it in the style of the one last Friday at the Moro school house. Children, bashful boys and giggling girls, accompanied by their dotting mamas in some cases their smiling and efficient teachers, or occasionally by a proud father trying to look unconcerned about the whole affair.

After a short period in the assembly room where they receive directions they troop out to the different rooms led by a teacher. Each grade goes by itself and by this time the thing begins to be serious except to the most hardened of the boys. They look rather solemn as they seek the room to which they have been directed.

Then the written contest. The visitor in the hall, rather ill at ease at the sudden quiet, can imagine the eager youngsters undergoing the mental strain of deciding whether I comes before E or not and can visualize the agitated tongues twisting about the unwilling pencil. But soon it is over and the children run out to hurriedly tell mama or papa that they "got a hundred" or almost tearfully admit that they misspelled a word or two.

Pages hasten the written work over to the Superintendents office where grades are compiled and from where the Champion Speller Certificates are mailed to happy youngsters didn't forget any of their P's.

Following is a report of the results of the county-wide spelling held last Saturday in the Moro school building. I wish to thank the people who contributed to help with the program, making it a very effective contest. Especially do I wish to thank the Moro school board for the use of the building here, and to all the teachers who condescended to assist with pronouncing and the grading of the manuscripts as well as the principal's for their cooperation and the two boy scout ushers; Theodore Thompson and Austin Foss, who served so effectively throughout the contest. Lawrence W. Rakes, County School Superintendent.

Those who spelled 100% of the words and received a Champion Spelling Certificate in the written contest here:

- FIRST GRADE**
  - Mac Hall, Harmony
  - Patricia Bishop, Wasco
  - Helen von Borstel, Kent
  - Aleanor Patterson, Rufus
  - John Schwendel, Wasco
  - Bobby Huck, Rufus
  - Robert Ziegler, Grass Valley
  - Laura Whitlock, Grass Valley
  - Cleta May Lyda, Rufus
  - Frances Lee James, Grass Valley
  - Patricia Yocum, Wasco
  - Linden Mersinger, Moro
  - Dean Thompson, Harmony
  - James Coats, Rufus
- SECOND GRADE**
  - Virginia Huhman, Grass Valley
  - Vera Henrichs, Moro
  - Donald Olds, Grass Valley
  - Audrey Baker, Moro
  - Marion Crews, Wasco
- THIRD GRADE**
  - Anna Macnab, Rufus
  - Wyman French, Moro
  - Mary Coats, Rufus
  - Douglas Tuel, Wasco
  - Vernon Carl Meizer, Fairview
  - Bonnie Peters, Erskine
  - Isla Jean Erskine, Moro
  - June Wilde, Wasco
  - Donna Knox, Wasco
  - Annie Laurie Haynes, Kent
- FOURTH GRADE**
  - Stanley Jones, Wasco
  - Dean Pinkerton, Moro
  - Thelma Fortner, Wasco
  - Beryl Sheets, Wasco

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