

# Sherman County Journal

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## State House Gossip

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The Fourth of July breaks into what started out as a busy week politically, and with members of the board of control absent the latter part it was expected the press will be void of any new developments. Starting out with the strike picture still before it, with the board of control pondering the flax report from Washington, and the personnel of the aeronautic board creating some animosities, the first week of the second half of the year showed the mid-summer season was any thing but quiet.

But perhaps the most important events affecting virtually all people were the new laws effective last Monday. These include the safety responsibility act for motorists, the need for new drivers' license, and the licensing and regulation of the electrical business. These three major laws are now in operation, and with the exception of the safety-responsibility act are understandable.

The safety law is patterned after laws in 23 other states, but before it becomes a definite established statute it will be subject to much criticism. In fact the past week has seen considerable comment. But when understood it should be simple in administering.

The law prevents motorists from evading their financial responsibility for damages or injury and continue to drive. When a final judgment of \$100 or more for property damage, or personal injuries in any amount, remain unsatisfied for a period of 30 days, the operating license of the offending motorist will be revoked and all registrations of motor vehicles operated by him will be suspended until the judgment not only is satisfied but proof of ability to respond in future damages has been established.

Secretary of State Earl Snell declared proof of financial responsibility may be established in two ways:

By filing a certificate showing that an insurance policy approved as to form by the state insurance commissioner in the amount of \$5,000 and \$10,000 public liability and \$1,000 property damage has been issued.

By filing a bond of an authorized surety company in the amount of \$11,000 or by bonds of two individual sureties, each owning real estate and having an equity therein in like amounts.

By depositing with the state treasurer the sum of \$11.00 in cash or securities of equivalent market value.

The law, it is said, will act to curb and reduce motor accidents. The taking out of insurance is not compulsory, but it will be just too bad if the driver is responsible for an accident and does not have insurance. Then, if the judgment is satisfied, the act will still not be effective. In order to avoid any difficulty however, it would be well to take out some precaution. It has been suggested that all having liability policies have them inspected by the insurance department. It has been found that many of them do not cover what they claim. The new law is now in effect.

Recommendations from the budget control office for state departments to replace married women whose husbands are gainfully employed either by the state or by private businesses has been delayed until August 1. It was estimated about 100 women would be affected. Whether or not department heads would comply with the order was not known, but those politically wise undoubtedly will do so. The budget department is under the governor, and he has concurred in these recommendations. The attempt to adjust salaries looking toward standardization will also be attempted the first of next month. Many had doubts this could be rigidly enforced.

Methodism played an important part in the state capitol the past week in two ways. The conference of the ministers and laymen here was an important session, and Saturday the governor made a brief informal address in which he urged the "christian people of the state" to back the constitutional authorities in their fight to maintain law and order.

## Officers Elected For Sunday School Group

R. C. Byers Made President Of Sunday School Association

Sherman county Sunday schools have reorganized the county association, and are making plans for several rallies and meetings during the coming fall and winter, according to R. C. Byers, president elected at the DeMoss park rally, Sunday June 23. District vice presidents to serve with Mr. Byers are, Roy J. Baker, Grass Valley; Mrs. Richelderfer, Wasco; J. H. Wilson, Kent; Claude Coats, Rufus; Wilfred Belshe, Harmony Sunday school. They were given authority to elect the secretary and treasurer for the association.

## BOYS WIN TRIP

Perry Johnston and Ivan Gervais and Henry Roth of Grass Valley will leave Sunday morning for Wallowa where they will spend a week on a forestry trip as guests of the state forestry department. This trip was won by the boys as winners of the forestry division of club work at the fair last fall. Mr. Johnston is going because one county agent is selected for the trip and this county had two prize winners in the forestry class last year.

## County School Costs Given By Knight

Grass Valley Has Lowest High School Cost

Figures compiled by county school superintendent Knight show the costs of educating high school pupils in this county for the past year. The non-high school board paid \$127.97 per pupil for the children in that district who attended high schools. This was the average cost computed by dividing the total tuition cost by the average daily attendance. An average of 60.97 pupils from the non-high district were in high schools.

Costs in the five schools in the county varied from \$118.24 at Grass Valley to \$173.29 which was the cost at Rufus. The average daily attendance of course, has much to do with the per pupil cost of high school education. The high schools of the county, their per pupil cost and their average daily attendance follows:

School	Cost	ADA
Wasco	\$36.09	38.3
Moro	122.31	45.3
Grass Valley	118.24	39.1
Rufus	173.29	27.8
Kent	151.65	21.2

## Stewart-Nahouse Wedding Held

Couple Leave On Honeymoon After Wedding Supper

The wedding of Miss Marjorie Nahouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse to Leslie Stewart of McMinnville, was solemnized last Friday evening at the Presbyterian church in the presence of members of the family and invited friends.

Miss Nahouse, suitably attired in white lace and carrying the appropriate orange blossoms, was conducted to the altar by her father. Her sister, Genevieve, was maid of honor. Her costume was of green chiffon. Miss Doris Fortner of Portland and Miss Margery Stewart, a sister of the groom, were bridesmaids and were accompanied by Wayne Darby of Wasco and Russel Morgan of Camas, Washington.

Clifford Bride, of McMinnville, a class mate of Mr. Stewart, was best man. Lamer Sayers and Donald Burnet acted as ushers.

The lengthy double ring service was read by the Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore of the Community church as the couple stood before the candle lighted pulpit of the church. Piano selections and the slow and formal wedding march was played by Mrs. Charles Ruzgla who also accompanied Miss Marjorie Byers, who sang two solos for the occasion.

Shortly after the ceremony and immediately after the wedding supper, given at the home of the bride's parents, the young couple left for Crater Lake where they will remain a few days before returning to spend the summer in Sherman county. This fall they will move to Glendale where Mr. Stewart is principal of the high school.

## Experiment Farm Has New Grass Nursery Project

Over Sixty Grasses Planted This Spring In Effort To Find Best For District

Disking As Good As Plowing

Oats and Barley Good Crops On Station This Year; Winter Wheat Poor

Talk about grass nursery! Anybody who wants to know what all the native and many other grasses look like may find out by making a trip to the experiment station. Sixty five kinds of grass were planted this spring and while some of them did not germinate there is one of every description in the plot. It won't be long until the information will be available as to the best grass for this section of the country.

Just as with wheat, the experimenter has an objective in mind; the grass that will produce most hay, stand most pasturage, live longest and for the present at least, seed most.

To date there are three grasses that seem to be ahead of the field in satisfying the demands of the country. The first is Crested Wheat, which is well known to nearly every one in the county. There are 80 varieties or selections of it on the station, some short, some tall, some thick and some thin, some wideheaded, some narrow. The second of the three is a beardless Blue Bunchgrass. It is a beardless variety of a very common grass in this country and is probably the tallest native bunch grass here. The beardless feature makes it a better feed. The other favored grass is Idaho Fescue, which is the fine thick, shorter native bunch grass. It doesn't seed as heavily as some grasses but makes especially fine pasture.

The wheat plots this year resemble the average wheat crop hereabouts to indicate a high yield. It is probably the lowest crop in bushels that has been grown on the station, says Mr. Stephens, for some of it is too short to handle. Rex and Blackhull of the winter wheats, seem to be the better of the lot. Blackhull does well in the dry years as a rule.

Of the spring wheats White and Hard Federation and Baart are looking the best although all spring wheats will yield fairly well this year, because of the late rain. Oats and Barley are a good crop on the station this year.

An experiment in fertilizers for winter wheat indicates that, in this sort of year at least, fertilizer hurts a crop. Every plot grown with fertilizer, and several kinds are tried, has more brown spots than the adjoining "natural" plots. It takes moisture for fertilizer.

The disked and plowed plots are of interest to many persons of the county for plows of the disk type are coming into favor again. This year the disked ground crops look equally as good as do those on plowed land. The nine year results of this experiment show that for winter wheat the disk is 3 of a bushel better and for spring wheat the plowing is better by 5 of a bushel. The erosion service favors the disk plow because more trash is left on top of the land and if the land can be worked to keep down the weeds this type of farming will probably give equal if not better yields as well as checking some erosion.

This is one of those years in which the least tilled summer fallow is going to beat the land that was worked last summer to judge from the indications on the tillage plots at the station. This happens sometimes although over the period from 1913 to 1934 the well tilled ground has beaten the poorly tilled by almost two bushels per acre.

The rate and date of sowing experiment shows that the thinner and later sowing is better for this season as the thicker wheat burned to a greater extent.

Harvest on the station has already begun as crops are cut with a binder and there are lots of them to cut, and mark for identification. Results depend on care and accuracy and all that takes time.

## New Wheat Contract Promised This Summer

Meetings To Be Held To Give Chance For Discussions

New wheat contracts will probably be ready for producers, signatures some time in July or early August, according to latest word received from Washington by the Oregon State college extension service. The new contract is to extend over the four year period beginning with 1936.

To consider final suggestions for improving the new contracts, grower representatives from wheat producing states were called to confer in Washington July 1 and 2 with Chester C. Davis, administrator, and George E. Farrell, head of the grain division of the AAA. Will Steen, chairman of the Umatilla county wheat control association, is the Oregon representative who sat in on this meeting. The conference of producers follows the referendum of a month ago when wheat growers voted 404,417 to 63,303 to continue wheat production adjustment.

## Railway Abandonment To Cut Taxes \$11,000

County Will Lose Taxes When Road Is Taken Up

The abandonment of the Deschutes railroad as projected by officials of the Union Pacific would have reduced the taxes of the railroad companies in this county by the extent of \$11,107.05 had it been done before the taxes for 1935 were levied. The valuation of the line in this county for the year was \$610,540 but it runs through districts that have a low tax rate giving a comparatively small tax for the valuation of the property. This reduction will reduce railroad taxes in this county, judging from this year's figures, by 23.7 percent, as the total tax paid by the Union Pacific in this county for 1935 is \$46,548.35.

## FIRE DESTROYS WHEAT

Fire destroyed about a hundred acres of grain belonging to Cecil Fields last Friday and also burned over several hundred acres of pasture land. Fire is reported to have started from the railroad. It ran up over the hill and into the wheat field in spite of efforts to stop it by a hastily gathered crew. Mr. Fields wheat was understood to have been insured for 30 bushels per acre, but was one of the good crops of that section of the county.

## Forestry Trip Proves Enjoyable

Clubbers Told Of Forestry Work By State Men

Thirty eight club children in forestry clubs, fifteen adults and seven CCC boys left here Friday morning of last week for the annual forestry trip. The camp was made at Bear Springs.

Although the weather was not clear all of the time nearly all the work planned by the leaders was accomplished on the trip. Friday afternoon the children were taken into the woods to learn about conifers and Saturday morning they made a similar trip to see and hear about broadleaf varieties. The trip to study wild life was not made because of dampness.

Among the foresters at the camp were Vern McDaniel, state college forester, Frank Wheeler, lookout at Frog Lake, and M. A. Culver, forest ranger stationed at Bear Springs. Around the camp fire the children gave stunts and several talks were made including one by Mr. Wheeler who told why he became a forester. The ranger told about good forest manners and the system used in locating fires in the forest. Mr. McDaniel spoke of the resources of timber lands and told how the small trees are grown that are shipped out to the students for their experimental work.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JUNE 27	93	67	.00
" 28	86	62	.00
" 29	64	47	.02
" 30	60	49	.04
JULY 1	63	45	.00
" 2	75	47	.00
" 3	71	49	.00
Total for week	.06		

## County Court Talks of Many Public Matters

Turnover Of \$24,000 In Taxes Aids County Funds And Other Tax Units

Furnace Under Consideration

DeMoss Park Well May Be Made Deeper To Increase Water Supply For Public

The county court in regular session for July term had before it the possibility of changing the voting precincts to conform with the wishes of voters who have protested, by petition, against having to drive several miles through a town to a distant voting place to cast their ballots. To correct such a condition the Erskine precinct was made a part of the Moro precinct last year and other changes are being considered by the court.

The sheriff turned over taxes to the extent of \$24,165.60 to the treasurer recently. This sum represented \$16,403.23 in delinquent taxes and \$7,762.37 in current taxes. The non-high school district will receive \$2,075.28 from this fund, the road district \$1,310.29 and the cities the sums as noted: Moro \$366.51; Wasco \$189.33; Grass Valley \$148.20.

## Road Change Asked

A petition was received from residents of the Bourbon district asking for closing of four miles of road near that station. The change would close the east and west road south of the old Dick Patjen place and also the road west of that place and the Bourbon section. The roads in question are little used roads.

Something is going to be done to improve the water situation at the DeMoss Springs park within a short time if present plans are put into force. The spring will be dug a few feet deeper in an attempt to make it furnish more water for campers and picnickers who use the park.

Few bills were presented to the court this month partially because the meeting was early in the month and partly because there was little expense incurred during June of this year. Some discussion was held regarding the proposed furnace for the court house basement but it was not ordered. Safe light wiring for the court house is also a question that has been perplexing the court for some time and some action may be taken to remedy the situation.

## County Fair Book Ready For Patrons

Changes Include Size And Make-up of Booklet

The premium lists for the Sherman County Fair are now available and may be obtained at the county agents office. The form of the book has been changed somewhat this year, being longer than before and correspondingly thinner. They are stapled so as to lie flat. The book has been shortened by the deletion of the constitution and by laws of the association and several items have been stricken from the premium list.

The livestock divisions are nearly the same as the last time the fair was held, and the domestic science divisions are changed to some extent but still complete and the 4-H club work has been bound into the book together with the other regular classes. The race program will be made up later and will be announced at that time.

## EXAMINER COMING

C. M. Bentley, Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Friday, July 12, 1935, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.

Miss June Thompson



Selected to be one of the five attendants to the Queen of the 1935 Pendleton Round-Up, Miss June Thompson is a 17-year old package of vivacious modern youth but knows the ways of the West. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson of Adams, Oregon, who are in the farming and horse raising business. She has always had a horse of her own and can ride and rope with the graceful ease of a top hand. She attends Walla Walla high school.

## O. A. Ramsey Resigns As City Councilman

Many City Matters Debated In Long Session

O. A. Ramsey, who was elected in 1932 to serve four years as councilman of Moro, resigned at the close of the meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Ramsey felt that he could not give the time to city affairs any longer. His resignation was regretfully accepted by the council. Matters taken up by the city governing body included a permit to Arthur Bucholtz to retail package wines, early repair of the hotel roof, renewing the temporary contract with the light company on street lighting and insuring the hotel under the new rate made possible through the improved water service.

It was decided to observe the age old rule of allowing the fair board to handle the concessions during the fair week. A resolution was passed setting the interest rate on warrants not paid for want of funds at four per cent. The council approved the offer made to the CCC camp for water furnished by the city. The rate will be \$25 per month. A general discussion of the city's finances was held without any definite agreement being reached.

## Eighteen Children Finish School

Bible Class Ends After Two Weeks Of Study

Eighteen boys and girls received diplomas at the close of the second annual Community Vacation Bible school held for two weeks, June 17 to 28, in the Presbyterian church. A short demonstration of the work was presented during the Sunday School hour, June 30. Eight were given Bible book marks for perfect attendance. Thirty three were enrolled, with an average attendance of 21.

Among those awarded diplomas were: Junior department, and second year, Gene Brisbine, Bessie Gentry, Clara Mersinger, Linden Mersinger, Ramsey Schadewitz, Donald Thompson, Ardis Truitt, Audrey Searcy, Betty Jeanne Vintin; junior department, and first year, Maxine Kirby; Primary department, and second year, Anajean Knight, Robert Brisbine, Muriel McKean, Patricia Pinkerton; first year, Patricia French, Bobby Hoskinson, Dickie Oveson, Janet Schadewitz.

Miss Izabella Bourhill acted as superintendent of the primary department and Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore, of the juniors. Others assisting were Mrs. Leon Moore, Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, Mrs. G. C. Vintin, Mrs. Mitchelmore, Beth Mersinger and Louise Barzee.

## WORK SPEEDED

A one man road-grader is being used by the state crew for a few days. It enables the crew to smooth up the shoulders and kill the weeds on five miles of road per day instead of two, according to Foreman Clyde Gillmor.

## Construction Of CCC Buildings Is Progressing

Lumber Delay Hampering Work To Some Extent; Carpenters Laid Off

Building Sites Are Graded

Job Will Be Completed In Time To Receive Men The Last Of This Month

Actual construction of the buildings for the Sherman county CCC soil conservation camp at the fair grounds began this week with the arrival of the first lumber from Willamina, the home of the Foster Lumber Co., successful bidders. Some excavating had been done previously with a grader and tractor and the sites of the various buildings are leveled and ready for the foundation blocks.

Twenty men reported for work as carpenters Wednesday morning but there was too little lumber to keep them occupied all day and they had to wait until more arrived before continuing work. Lieutenant Price expects to have several of the buildings up before the end of the week if the material arrives as promised.

George McAllister of Willamina, is head carpenter and is in direct charge of the carpenters working on the job. Several men from that section of the state and some from The Dalles are working. The camp will be completed the latter part of July and the men will arrive about that time to occupy the buildings and begin work on erosion control.

Erosion Men Visit  
A tank will be erected for water and it will be filled daily from the city mains. This method will give greater force to the water system used by the erosion army.

Alfred Yesland and Keith Davies, of the soil conservation service, were here Wednesday inspecting the camp in order to report on the progress that is being made in its erection. No one from the soil service has been sent here to direct the part of the camp construction that is under the erosion service but it is presumed that this will be done in time to erect the shops and offices to be used by that department before the crews leave.

## Wasco Wins Ball Games To Start 4th Celebration

Rodeo And Smoker Major Events Of Wasco Celebration

The Wasco celebration of the Fourth got off to a successful start Wednesday when the home team won a baseball game from the Rufus team by a score of 9 to 3. The dance in the evening was attended by many out of town people who came for the celebration.

On Thursday morning Wasco added another game to the right side of their list when it defeated Blalock by a 9 to 7 score. The rodeo and bucking contest on the afternoon of the Fourth featured many of the best riders of the county. The smoker was held in the evening followed by another dance.

## FOURTH QUIET

The fourth of July was one of the excessively quiet days around Moro with nearly everyone away from town for the holiday. Many went to The Dalles where the school band was on the program, some were in Wasco for the celebration there and a large number made up picnic groups of fishing parties and took a day off, away from business cares. There was no sign of celebration except the flags flying in honor of the 159th national birthday. Even the fire crackers ceased to crack early in the morning.

## STOCK TRIP PROJECTED

For 4-H club boys and girls who want some experience in judging stock have the opportunity to go to Baker, Union and Wallowa counties July 15-16-17 to make a trip through those counties looking over live stock and visiting stock farms. The trip has been arranged through the club leaders of the state and those wishing to go may contact the county agent before the date set.