

# Sherman County Journal

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## School Teachers Hired For Term Starting Sept. 9

Turnover of Nearly 30  
Percent Made In Staffs  
Of County Schools

School begins September 9 in all Sherman county schools, complete agreement as to date having been reached for the first time in years. It is expected that the drop in high school registration will continue for at least another year and that high school will be smaller than for many years as larger classes finished high school work than the grades.

Registration in the primary rooms will probably be about equal to that of last year or perhaps a little larger so that the total registration may be little different than last year.

Of teachers there will be the same number, no changes having been made in number by the five-school boards hiring teachers.

In personnel there will be a considerable change as nine new teachers will appear before classes in the county signifying a thirty per cent turnover.

At Rufus John F. Jenkins will be principal assisted in the high school by Martha Hoover. In the grades will be Leland Jenkins of Athena — no relation — Esther Busche and Marie June Andrews.

At Wasco C. C. Caldwell will return as principal, Jean Ackerson and Wayne Burt will teach in high school and Robert Belknap, Mary Alice Burns, Helen Dubois and Ora Stevens in the grades.

Moro is retaining its principal R. G. Cunliff and Russel Hollinshead in high school to be assisted by Josephine Cornacchia who will teach English. Reba Powers Nye, Nellie Jackson, Mary Williams and Effie Jackson will instruct the grade children.

At Grass Valley Ray Jewel is beginning his second year as principal. Patricia Cyphers will instruct in English and another, still unnamed will fill the other place. I. V. Kane, Margaret Trabue, Jean Powell and Virginia Helyer will fill the grade positions.

The Kent school will be presided over by W. R. Jones with Esther Cammack assisting, Brad Dodson and Winona Baker are two grade instructors with another one to be reported later.

## Sherman Countians Read State Books

Sherman county residents made good use of the State Library, according to figures released in the Biennial Report of Harriet C. Long, State Librarian. During the two year period ending on June 30, 1940 the mail order service was used by 386 rural residents, who were reached through Sherman County's 8 post-offices. Traveling libraries were found in 6 communities, in each of which some one person gave his or her service to act as volunteer librarian in order that others in the neighborhood might enjoy the state's book service. Public libraries in Sherman County borrowed 1,431 volumes during this time.

## Fishermen Asked To Send Catches

Fishermen are again urged to send in catch report cards after each fishing trip. Cards can be obtained from sporting goods stores or from the Portland office of the Game Commission, and should be sent to the Game Commission office. Data contained on these cards will be used in connection with the lake and stream survey now being conducted by biologists to determine where fish plantings may be made to best advantage.

During the last few months thousands of report cards have been mailed in by sportsmen, and it is urged that during the remainder of the fishing season these cards be used.

A national wheat acreage allotment of 62 million acres for 1941 was announced some time ago. Rates of payment under the AAA program will be determined and announced after all national acreage allotments on other crops are available, according to a release received from Washington.

## Breakfast Club Hears Board of Health Doctor

First meeting of the Moro Breakfast club for the fall season was held Wednesday morning with an attendance that boded well for another lively winter for the members.

Dr. Edwin C. Drescher, who is attached to the state board of health although one of the doctors employed by the national health board, spoke to the members and showed a picture of the ravages of syphilis in the United States.

Dr. Drescher said that one person in ten in the United States or would be a victim of syphilis before the age of fifty. This percentage is being cut down by the work of the national and state health boards and by better laws regarding marriage.

Twenty percent of the insanity is caused from this disease and this is a heavy drain on taxpayers at all times. In the Scandinavian countries the disease has been largely curtailed and only one in 700 are affected in Sweden. The doctor urged that early treatment be given in all cases and said that twice as many persons are now being treated in Oregon than before the present laws were passed. Its cost is greater than for all other diseases.

The problems of obtaining federal appropriation for the experiment station and of obtaining a part of the federal road money were brought up and a presentation of gymnastic equipment was made to Dick Lockhart for his interest in that form of exercise. Joe Belanger made the speech.

## Local Man Has Invention

P. C. Axtell of Moro will be one of the Oregon inventors whose new devices will be exhibited in motion pictures at the Oregon state fair inventors' show, one of the many educational features to be seen during fair week which starts September 2.

Axtell's invention is a new kind of plow lift, which automatically raises or lowers following plows after the driver of the tractor pulls the cord to operate the first plow.

This is one of the several farm inventions which are included in the color pictures and working models of the inventors' show, arranged by J. T. Anderson, Portland patent coordinator.

## McNary Hailed By Fellow Townsmen of State Capitol

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22—Oregon, regardless of political affiliation, turned out to give Senator Charles L. McNary, republican nominee for vice president, the greatest ovation that has ever been accorded a native son. While official notification of his nomination was strictly a partisan affair, as it must necessarily be, insofar as the people of Oregon were concerned it was non-partisan, for here was an event transcending mere politics.

It is not generally known that out of regard for McNary the senate where he is minority leader, will mark time until his return from the trip to Oregon. Debate will continue as usual, but Senator Alben Barkley, the democratic leader, had agreed that no vote of any manner of consequence would be taken during the absence of the republican nominee for vice president. Barkley, incidentally, had hoped to be the democratic nominee for president if Mr. Roosevelt did not seek a third term, and later hoped he might be the running mate of Mr. Roosevelt in this campaign.

The senate is something like a club. Its members may quarrel and not be on speaking terms, but they abide by the traditions and observe senatorial courtesy—a phrase which covers a multitude of things. That one of their own number has been nominated for vice president is a matter of pride and this has been enhanced by reason of the fact that Senator McNary is regarded as the most popular member of the body on either side of the aisle. The "aisle" is the passage across the senate chamber which separates the republicans from the democrats.

It required no effort on Senator

## Number of Horses Make More Races At County Fair

More Fast Colts Now  
Ready Than In Any  
Year of Local Fair

In just a few days now citizens are going to appear at their daily work bedecked in shirts of rarest colors. Then he who runs, or even he who rides by as a tourist, will know that the pre-fair days are upon us and we are preparing to celebrate.

But no matter what preparations are made by the fair visitor they will not equal the preparations that are being made by the fair board to make this the best of a number of successful county fairs.

Finest feature of the Sherman County Fair is the large and growing group of locally owned race horses that make horse racing the king of sports hereabouts. This year the number has been increased by 14, as that many two year olds are listed.

This makes it necessary that the FitzHampton futurity race be run in two sections which will insure the cash customers twice as many two year olds races as formerly. Friday half of them will go to the pool. Saturday the other half will run. Then Sunday the finals and consolation races will be run. Before there has been but two futurity races.

Jack Bartlett's donkeys will be here Saturday night for a circus. Two clowns, one cartoonist, and another clown group consisting of two twin brothers and a performing donkey will fill in between races and Mac Barber's horses will toss riders all over the arena. That has become a sort of Sherman county specialty, calf riding by boys and ambitious visitors — will also be on the program.

Several horses are already on the grounds being worked out and others will be brought in time to fit them used to the track. The stock barns have been painted white inside to give them a better appearance and the track is receiving its final work to make it ready.

Slim Newton and wife were at the Columbia county fair at St. Helens last week end and Slim won a third in day money for bucking. He left Tuesday night for Gresham where he will be in charge of a bunch of race horses.

## Tickets Stolen; Culprits Known; Arrests Delayed

Sherman County Fair season tickets numbered 451 to 460 and children's day tickets numbered 181 to 190 were stolen from George McKay's service station early this week. This paper is authorized to state that the persons who took them are known and that if they are not returned by Saturday of this week, tomorrow, arrests will be made and the tickets recovered. If not so recovered they will be cancelled.

## Red Cross Club Formed at Kent

A Red Cross class in Home Hygiene and care of the sick is being organized at Kent by Miss Lucille Volk who returned to this county after six weeks in Morrow county. The class will meet at the houses of members and be composed of adult women who are able to meet twice a week for instruction. Classes will be held Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4 and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9.

## KENT NEWS OF THE WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and family and Boyd Davis of Redmond spent the week end at the Arthur Cratty home.

Mrs. John Woods gave a surprise party Thursday at her home, in honor of her daughter Georgia's sixth birthday. Guests included Joyce, Virginia and Billy Smith; Norman and James Wilson; Carol Ann and Ross Norton; Jean Englebretson; George and Paul Wilson; Grace Cratty; Frances and Paul Woods; Mrs. Millard Howell, Mrs. Walter Wilson and the honor guest Georgia Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz; Dick Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett and LeVina; Mrs. J. L. Matthews; Mrs. Alfred Lyons, Mary Lou and Sammie Jean; Robert Schilling and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke were among Kent people shopping and visiting in The Dalles last week.

Paul Smith, Harley McKay and Walter Wilson spent Sunday at the Deschutes fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett of The Dalles spent last week visiting at the Roy Barnett and J. L. Matthews home.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson and Mrs. Charles Bothwell went to Eugene last Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Melvin Schadewitz and children, Mrs. O. A. Ramsey of Moro; Mrs. E. J. Barnett and Emmajean of Clem were dinner guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick were Sunday visitors at the G. L. Barnett home in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson went to Wauwahi, Wn., last Wednesday to visit a few days at the I. E. Wilson home. They were accompanied by Alice Mae Wilson, who was returning to her home at Moscow, Idaho after spending the summer here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson. Jerry Jr., who had spent the summer at the I. E. Wilson home, returned home Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and Kenneth visited at the Ed Sanborn home at White Salmon over the week end.

Mrs. Grant Smith and son and her brother, Henry Moers, of Portland spent last week end at the home of their sister, Mrs. Max Flumcke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Davis and Pauline at Moro. They were accompanied home by Nellie Wilson, who had spent Saturday night with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke were in The Dalles Saturday taking their daughter Helen for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Woods and family and Jack Murphy were local people attending the show at Grass Valley Sunday.

The Rebekah Social club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Edith Lyons. Those present included Mrs. Ada Guyton, Mrs. Emma McKay, Mrs. Lola Barnett, Mrs. Mildred Norton, Mrs. Laura Sather, Mrs. Phoebe McKay and children and Mrs. Margaret Mobley and children. Also Mrs. Eben Kee and Mrs. Dorothy Dunlap of Grass Valley and Mrs. Jennie Simlar of Toledo were present.

## Moro Merchants Plan Community Aid Program

Weekly Drawing To Give  
Customers Valuable  
Merchandise; All Co-operating

A plan for community building, for attracting interest to the town, has been devised by business of Moro and is being put into operation, beginning this week end.

The plan is going to cost the business men who are co-operating several dollars. Nineteen have agreed to the provisions of the plan. Each one puts \$1.25 into a pot each week. Of this sum 75 cents is used for a weekly prize, 25 cents is put aside to buy a major prize to be given away December 21, 1940 and 25 cents is to be used for advertising.

Tickets are to be given away with each sale of fifty cents or over with a limit of 20 tickets for any one sale. The purchaser then writes his name on the ticket and drops it in a box provided for it. Each Saturday afternoon a drawing is held at some business house and a prize is given to the person whose name is drawn. Each of these weekly prizes will have a value of \$14.25 wholesale. The prizes cannot be won unless the person winning it is present when his name is drawn from the hat.

After each weekly drawing the tickets for that week will be put away until the drawing for the main prize in December.

## Machine Shed Preparation Made

Lou Peetz is happy. He is at last, after years of anticipating, starting in to build a machine shed for the county machinery.

Elwood McPherson is in the height of his glory. He is driving a big tractor and dragging a La-Tourneau full of dirt.

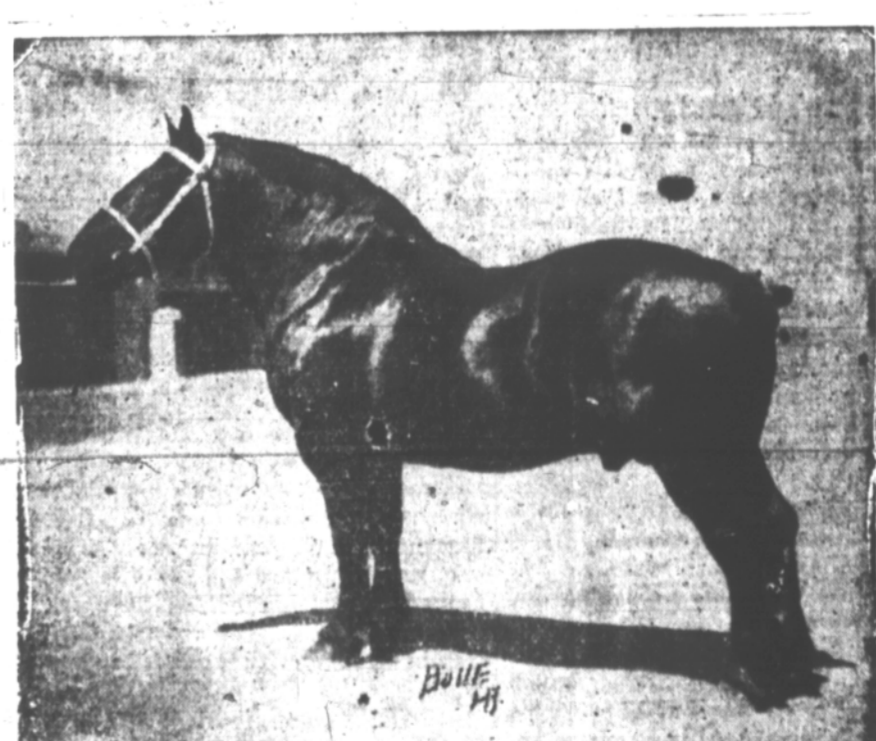
Block 27, about which an election was held, is now denuded of its one building, its grass and its former shape. It is being leveled and made ready to have a new county machine shed built on it. And that's the story except that that end of town would get dusty if the wind blew.

## Fraser's String Wins Ribbons

Tom Fraser was here a day this week from Gresham where his string of Belgian horses had finished a tour of duty as a part of the exhibition at the Multnomah county fair. They moved to Salem Thursday to get ready for the state fair.

All prizes in the Belgian classes were won by Fraser's horses at Gresham with the exception of three, these being the yearling stallion and mare and two year old mare. Both championships were taken by the local string of purebreds. In the six horse team driving contest Fraser and the Martin tercherons tied for first place.

## Senator Brown Goes To Salem



Senator Diplomats Brown, recently dated one of the 10 best Percheron stallions in America, is one of the horses which T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley will enter in the draft

## Al Kirkley Ends Life With Pistol In Wasco Shed

Al Kirkley, about 62, former horseman and farmer of Sherman county shot himself fatally with a .38 caliber Colt Wednesday in the old Crossfield warehouse in Wasco. The body was found by one of the Nisbet boys who, while playing hide and seek ran into the office of the old building to hide.

Kirkley had worked for Sid Johnson for several years on the ranch. He left in July and went to California having received a small legacy from a sister's estate. He returned Tuesday and rode from The Dalles to Rufus with one of the Macnab boys. From there he walked up to the Johnson place where he entered the house and took the pistol.

He was seen in Wasco Wednesday morning and appeared nervous but nothing was thought of it until his body was found in the afternoon. Sheriff Wilson and state policemen photographed the remains and called the coroner.

Kirkley had lived in Sherman county for nearly thirty years. He worked on farms and later farmed west of Wasco for several years. He married Emma Peetz whom he survived. A sister in California was the only known survivor. Funeral services are awaiting word from her.

## Wheat Crop Over 80 Percent

There is probably no better way of determining the percentage of normal the 1940 crop achieved than to take the yields at the experiment station and compare them to the yields for the previous ten years. This has been done by Merrill Oveson, director of the station, and the results indicate that the 1940 crop is more than 80 percent of normal.

In fact for winter wheat it is more than that. Of the seven winter wheats that have been grown over a long period the average is 92.2 percent. In 1940 they made 19 bushels. In the decade of 1930 to 1939, inclusive, they made 20.6 bushels on the average. If the 17 year average is taken, the percentage is 81.5 for the same winter wheats made 23.3 bushels in that longer period.

## Spring Wheat Yields Less

For spring wheat the three Federation wheat, Baart and Bluestem were taken as examples. These averaged 15.5 bushels in 1940 and in the ten year period averaged 21.7. Therefore spring wheats made but 71.4 percent of the average at the station this year. However if the 17 year average is used the percentage is 73.8. This indicates that spring wheats have done better in the last ten years than in the last seventeen.

On the crop residue experiments spring wheat made 18.6 bushels this year and 21.9 for the previous ten years. The 1940 crop was 84.5 percent of the average.

On the tillage experiment where winter wheat is used the wheat this year made 17.5 bushels. This is 87.1 percent of the ten year average of 20.1 and is 84.9 percent of the 17 year average of 22.2.

## Queen Race Enters Its Last, Hardest Week

Virginia Helyer Leads  
As Girls Start Last  
Week Of Contest

If any one has had fears that there wasn't going to be a contest in the race for queen of Sherman County's fair he may prepare to shed them now.

This week Virginia Helyer, the choice of the south end of the county, is ahead of the field but by a margin of a little less than two season tickets. June Wilde, who dropped to third last week is in second place and Claudine Thompson of Moro, dropped from first to third.

Now the surprising thing about all this is that the customers are holding their stubs. Not a single stub worth 1500 votes, coming from a season ticket was voted this week and few have been voted before.

## One Week Left

Just one more week remains for the girls to gather in their promised votes, stuff the ballot boxes with their ticket stubs and newspaper votes and hope there is enough to lead the field.

It has been estimated that it would require well over a million votes to win the contest. This may all be a day dream but a little figuring will be sufficient to persuade anyone that there are still a lot of votes to be counted before anyone can be crowned as queen of the fair.

And those votes will be counted next Wednesday afternoon for the boxes will be taken up at noon, Wednesday, September 4.

## The voting to date:

Virginia Helyer	398,000
June Wilde	325,400
Claudine Thompson	292,299
Catherine Fridley	112,000
Marjorie Rich	76,500
Vivian Fuller	35,600

## 1941 Program Much Like 1940

With the 1941 AAA farm program providing more leeway than ever before for county and state variations to meet local conditions, the state committee for Oregon is now preparing the new handbook and other details for putting the program in effect in this state.

Oregon is one of the few, if not the only state, to have the same farmer personnel on the state committee since its organization in 1936. The only change has been the promotion of the first chairman, N. E. Dodd, to the position of western regional director. Other farmer members then and now are Will Steen, Milton, chairman the past two years; John Shepard, Scioto; William Enschede, Hillsboro, and Robert Weir, Lakewood.

Final details of the 1941 program announced late in August, follow closely the recommendations of farmer committeemen at a national conference earlier in the summer, says N. C. Donaldson, Oregon executive officer. Both the agricultural conservation and range programs follow the same general lines as those of 1939 and 1940.

Provision is made for continuing the combined range and agricultural conservation in any area approved by the state committee.

Payment for natural reseeding by deferred grazing and supplemental practices is increased from 75 per cent to 100 per cent of the range-building allowance, to permit ranchmen to carry out to a greater extent practices best adapted to their land. Maximum payment for deferred grazing without supplementary practices is also increased somewhat.

Three provisions which may be applied in individual counties to obtain greater conservation are included in the 1941 program. These may be used in lieu of total soil-depleting acreage allotments in areas where feed crops are not generally grown for market and where greater conservation can be obtained under the alternate provisions.

Work is now going on west of Shaniko on the six miles of road between that town and Criterion Junction. New alignment will be made and new pavement laid.

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