

# Sherman County Journal

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## Miss Cleo Laffoon To Be Queen of County Fair

Close Contest Decided  
Wednesday When Votes  
Counted By Board

Miss Cleo Laffoon of Kent will be crowned queen of the 1941 Sherman county fair September 12, the opening day and beside her as princesses will be Miss Reatha Sayrs and Miss Dorothy Jean Macnab.

This question was decided Wednesday morning when, in a flutter of votes, it was learned that Miss Laffoon had 697,000 to 683,250 for Miss Sayrs and 508,750 for Miss Macnab.

Votes were collected from the polling places at nine in the morning and counted by members of the fair board and the county agent's staff. Total intake of money was \$1170.

### Costumes Ordered

Immediately costumes were ordered for the royal court after it was decided that the queen will wear white, Miss Sayrs, red and Miss Macnab, blue, thus making a fair time observance of the nation's colors.

The girls have arranged for their mounts and, gaily dressed, will ride at the head of the parades in company with county officials and visiting dignitaries.

This will be their official honors. Places will be reserved for them at the dances, they will be guests of honor at the cowboy breakfast to be given by the Breakfast club next Wednesday, they will have a place under the wire in the grandstand and all the county will give them the deference due royalty, however temporary it may be.

## Heart Attack Fatal To T. C. Lee

Thomas C. Lee, 65, died suddenly in Portland Wednesday. While Mr. Lee suffered a heart attack several years ago he had recovered very well and had been working steadily for over two years. Last Sunday with his wife and son he had driven to Sherman county to visit relatives and spend the night at Camp Sherman as a guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. May Belshe.

Mr. Lee was a long time manager of the W. W. M. Co., warehouse in Wasco before coming to Moro. With O. L. Belshe he bought a ranch which he later sold to his partner, moving to Portland in the twenties. He is survived by his widow Lottie and a son, Lester, now in the coast artillery.

Funeral arrangements have not been made known.

## Huge Tax Bill In Process Of Going Through Congress

By PAUL DUNHAM

Washington D. C., Sept. 4.—It is impossible to forecast with any degree of certainty the provisions of the tax bill which will emerge from this session of congress and which will add three and a half billion dollars to the nation's tax load. Important amendments will be added by the senate, but whether they will be acceptable to the house is anyone's guess. The senate committee has already adopted a provision for a lowering of exemptions to married and single men which would add about 7,000,000 to the tax paying group, but since all members of the lower house are to be elected next year it may be doubted whether they will approve a tax-broadening plan which might alienate so many votes.

But whatever the final form of the tax measure, it will be a hum-dinger and the smart thing to do now is to begin saving to meet the tax next March 15. Next year this bill will be revised and made to yield a still larger sum, so the present measure is only a teaser for what is to come. House members knew more revenue must be provided and the bill was all set to be voted on before the house committee made its final report. Members discussing the bill did so only for the Congressional Record, for once in the Record they can have their speeches republished at small cost and then frank them

## Breakfast Club Asks Cowboys To Breakfast

Next Wednesday morning at seven o'clock the smell of coffee and bacon is going to awaken residents near the city park and perhaps the sound of feasting will reach still farther.

For that is the morning chosen by the Moro Breakfast club, for its cowboy breakfast. Lou Peetz will direct the frying of bacon and scrambling of eggs, the grilling of beef steak for the delectation of all who can roll out of bed at that hour.

Queen Cleo and her princesses Reatha and Dorothy have been given a special invitation and are expected to be present.

Fancy shirts will match the fancy food and singing and music. It will start off the fair week for all who can come. No restrictions as to age, sex, hunger, or size. The club voted at its meeting this week to make a charge of 50 cents for the breakfast.

## August Not Wettest In History

A lot of rain fell in August and other counties claim that the records were broken for that month. In Sherman county there has been wetter Augusts before now, for back in 1912 it rained 74 or in 1918 when it rained 90 or 1922 when it rained 86. This August brought but .58 of an inch. Already September has beaten it with .64 the first day and night.

Crop year total was 13.00 inches compared to the normal of 11.05. Lowest crop year rainfall was in 1908-39 when we had a mere 7.67, this being the same year in which the calendar year total dropped to 6.43 inches. Heavy rainfall for this past year came in the fall and winter months. Since March the rain fall has not been excessive.

## County Sells More Foreclosed Property

Several pieces of property were sold by the county court at its regular September meeting Wednesday. Money taken in on these properties was \$707.85. Most of this was city property although some foreclosed acreage was also sold.

County Judge Potter and Commissioner David Reid went to Portland Thursday morning to see the highway commission about the Shearer grade contract and the underpass just south of Moro.

Miss Isla Putman arrived Wednesday to get ready for the job of instructing the Moro high school pupils. She comes from Eugene.

## Schools Beginning Monday With Few New Teachers

Changes Made In  
Last Month Most  
Numerous of All

Next Monday morning children all over Sherman county will hear a sound that has become strange to them during the long days of summer—the school bell.

All schools in the county are to start Monday, September 8 and teachers are expected to be on hand by that time to take charge of the boys and girls for 175 days. Fewer changes in teachers than normal have been made this year despite the fact that there seems to be a scarcity of teachers this fall because of defense work that has attracted many.

The crew that will start giving instructions to the youngsters at Kent will be composed of William R. Jones, principal, Esther Cammack, Shirley Jean Braat, Helen Halvorsen, Mrs. W. R. Jones, Miss Braat is the only new teacher.

Grass Valley will have Ray Jewel as principal, W. S. Beck and Mrs. Ellen Potter in high school; I. V. Kane, Margaret Trabue, Elizabeth Esson and Virginia Helyer. Miss Esson is a new teacher who comes from Salem.

At Moro R. G. Cunliffe is again principal. Miss Josephine Cornacchia and Miss Isla Putman in high school, Reba Powers Nye, Nellie Jackson, Mary Williams and Effie Jackson in the grade school. Miss Putman is a new teacher.

At Wasco C. C. Caldwell is principal, Miss Helen Hawks, Morris E. Harvey, Mrs. Florence Sorenson, Mary Alice Burns, Mary Jane Nofsker, Orva E. Stevens and Andrew Landles as music instructor. Miss Hawks, Mrs. Sorenson, Miss Nofsker and Mr. Harvey are new to Wasco.

At Rufus Russel Hollinshead is the new principal, Martha Hoover, Esther Buche and Marie June Andrews teachers. It is not known whether Leland Jenkins will or not teach again at Rufus.

## Rolf's Percherons Win At Salem

The T. M. Rolf herd of Percheron horses now on exhibition at the state fair have topped the Percherons at the show. Both grand championships, for stallion and mare, were won along with six firsts, six seconds, a banner for premier exhibitor and another for premier breeder.

No one of the herd of fifteen placed lower than second.

In six horse team driving the Rolf team placed third. An entirely new team was being broken this year all horses being black instead of the greys formerly used by Mr. Rolf.

## P. P. & L. To Quit Sale of Appliances

Announcement that Pacific Power & Light company is taking steps toward its retirement from the direct sale of major electrical appliances was made here today by G. L. Corey, district manager.

The company will continue its business development activities in cooperation with local dealers, with as much as practicable of the merchandise volume now handled by the company being turned over to them, Corey stated.

"With manufacturers' output of major appliances facing a sharp curtailment as the result of defense material shortages, it is desirable that dealers in the territory served by the company have access to the full number of units that will be available for sale in this area," said Corey.

Effective cooperation between the company and dealers in efforts to develop the market for electrical goods has been an important factor in bringing about the present high use of electricity and low average cost per kilowatt-hour on the company's system, he commented.

**AAA FIELD MAN DIES**  
Earl Thompson who had been field man for the AAA for the past three years, is reported to have committed suicide near his ranch in Umatilla county early this week. Ill health was given as the cause for the act.

## Jackie vonBorstel Has Grand Champion Steer

Information from LeRoy Wright now at the state fair, is that Jack vonBorstel's fat steer was made grand champion steer at the state fair. VonBorstel's steer was one of those taken to the fair because of its excellent condition and large size.

L. K. Smith's heifer won first as a breeding animal and Henry Richelderfer won first as beef showman. Don King won second with his steer and also was named as the second in the showmanship contest. David Richelderfer won third and sixth on his steers and third on his heifer and Frank vonBorstel won fifth and sixth places on his heifers in the open class.

Considering the small number of animals taken to the fair from this county these prizes are considered excellent.

## Wasco Masons To Hold Anniversary

Taylor Lodge No. 99, A. F. & A. M. will hold its 50th anniversary Saturday night, September 13, a celebration that will be attended by state officials of the lodge and former residents who are members of the Wasco lodge. A goodly number of the 24 living past masters have promised to attend.

## Pomona Grange Will Meet At Kent

The Sherman County Pomona Grange will meet with the Kent grange Saturday September 6th. All grangers are urged to attend. Pot luck dinner at noon and a card party in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barry of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Art Bucholtz and son Terry of Moro were calling briefly at the J. C. Wilson home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Barry was born at Kent and lived here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barry, until he was 8 years old.

Mrs. Fred Vanmeter of Bend was a dinner guest at the W. C. Helyer home Saturday.

The Misses Darlene McKay and Dorothy Crites of Vancouver, Wn., and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Miller and children and Clyde Crites of Moro were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather Sunday evening.

Edgar Taylor and Frank Loyd of Tygh Valley were visitors at the J. C. Wilson home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnum were Moro residents at Kent Friday.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and daughter Dolores, accompanied J. H. Wilson to The Dalles Wednesday where they shopped.

Andy Patjens and son Ernest of Shaniko were brief callers at the George Witter home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and son Jack were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox at Grass Valley Monday evening.

Gene Hanneman of Portland spent Tuesday night at the Louis Sather home.

Virgil Schadewitz and family of Battleground, Washington, called at Kent Sunday enroute to Wauke to visit the former's brother, Oliver Schadewitz and family.

Mrs. J. S. Fritts and daughter Vivian, and Mrs. Ann Schadewitz of Grass Valley were Kent visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pliskas of Portland called briefly at the Alfred Lyons home Sunday. Mrs. Pliskas will be remembered here as Phyllis Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, former Kent residents.

Mrs. Jay McKay and sons Frank and Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay, Charlie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson were in The Dalles on business Thursday.

Albert Pluemke of Fort Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pluemke of Salem and Henry Moers of Portland spent the holiday week end here with their parents and the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and daughter, Juanita, spent the holiday week end here with the J. J. Decker family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and children were dinner guests at the (Continued on page four)

## Defense Bond Committee Names Aides

Eight Groups Listed  
To Aid Sale of  
Bonds and Stamps Here

The complete list of Sherman county committees for the defense bond and stamp sale has been made by the local executive committee. Information about the duties of the several groups can be obtained from that committee which is composed of E. D. McKee, A. A. Dunlap, J. B. Adams, T. Lester Johnson, W. Ray Blake, Joe Peters and Giles French.

Women's organizations. Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey, chairman; Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. LeRoy Hanson, Mrs. Millard Eakin, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Louis Sather, Mrs. Theo vonBorstel, Mrs. C. L. Poley, Mrs. W. Ray Blake, Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot, Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs. C. A. Tom, Mrs. R. S. Macnab.

Governmental: Clyde Gillmor, chrm.; H. E. McClain, Margaret Peetz, Ross Ornduff, M. M. Overson.

Agricultural: J. B. Adams, chrm. Joe Peters, Wallace May, Millard Eakin, Amanda vonBorstel, Elmer Helyer, A. J. Smith, A. C. Kaseberg, G. H. Root, Ross Guilford, David Reid.

Banking and Finance: W. Ray Blake.

Speakers: T. Lester Johnson. Educational: Ray Jewel, chrm. C. C. Caldwell, R. G. Cunliffe, W. R. Jones, Russel Hollinshead, W. W. Knighten.

Patriotic, Fraternal and Service: Harold Eakin, chairman. Mrs. Frank vonBorstel, H. D. Proudfoot, Clyde Stradley, Vernon Miller, George Wilcox, Mrs. Collins Moore, Mrs. Elva Hines, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Roy Powell.

Organizations that desire a speaker to explain the bond sale program for the different kinds of defense bonds available may obtain one for any meeting by writing Mr. T. Lester Johnson at Wasco.

"There is to be no drive in this campaign but a full and complete explanation of the bonds, the reasons for their sale, the purposes to which the money is to be put and any other matters pertaining thereto are to be given to the people on request."

## Club Committee Makes Trip To Bend

A committee of the Breakfast club drove to Bend last Friday to meet with the board of directors of the chamber of commerce there on the subject of constructing a bridge across the Columbia river.

Explanation of the stand of this county was made and agreement was found. A resolution asking that a bridge be built to join Federal Highway 97 in Oregon and Washington at a point that will be most feasible from an engineering and military standpoint was passed.

The Bend citizens were found to be interested in keeping Highway 97 as a north and south road east of the mountains with as little declination as possible from the true north and south direction. Additional support for the resolution is expected from other towns with similar opinions.

A fund is being raised by towns along the route of the highway to advertise the road. It is expected that this county will raise a part of this fund, the exact amount to be decided later.

Making the trip were W. F. McLeod, L. L. Peetz, R. V. Lockhart and Giles French.

## License Examiner Coming Sept. 10

A traveling Examiner of operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Moro, Wednesday, September 10, 1941, and will be on duty at the Courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. 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 the examiner at this time.

## County Fair Ready As Dates Near For 28th Annual Exhibit

Within a few days the flat will be filled with strangely painted trucks carrying amusement features loved by old and young. (The carnival company has asked that electrical connections be made near the flat instead of on Main street.) Hurrying workers will erect the booths, the stands, the rides.

Horse men will rush across the streets, 4-H boys will gather together to talk about their calves, women will wrap entries for the food and fancy work division, race horse owners will lay bets on the outcome of the races and the ordinary observer will know that the county fair is at hand.

## Sherman County Citizens Picnic In Portland Park

The annual Sherman County Picnic held August 31st, 1941 at Laurelhurst park, Portland, was attended by about seventy five friends and relatives and after a jolly hello and lunch shake, a long table was spread and a bountiful dinner from the picnic baskets was enjoyed.

Thereafter a short business session was called by Chairman J. J. Wiley and the matter of changing date of picnic was discussed and it was voted unanimously to change it from the fourth or last Sunday in August to the third Sunday, as this year dates conflicted with labor day holiday activities and the attendance was somewhat less than usual.

Election of officers called for, with J. J. Wiley nominated and elected chairman for next year, and Marie Baker elected secretary. Attendance committee appointed as follows: Mr. A. Rose and J. L. Bruckett of Portland; Mrs. Lizzie Hodges of The Dalles; C. L. Ireland of Molalla; Mrs. W. B. Johnston of Salem; Roy Belshe of Wasco and Giles French of Moro.

After due discussion E. B. Wheat of Portland was instructed to purchase a record book for names of those attending the picnic each year. Back records to be checked up and entered by Mrs. Anna Moore.

After much visiting, and a general good time enjoyed, adios was said for another year, and all Sherman County residents, and one time residents are urged to attend the gathering each year.

## HARVESTING ALL DONE IN WASCO VICINITY

Harvesting and wheat hauling are about finished in the north end of the county. The rains of the past few days have made the ranchers thankful their fields are harvested and cleaned of straw and wheat sacks.

## Lindbeck Returns To View Salem Activities Again

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore., Sept. 4.—With income, inheritance and gift taxes pouring into the state treasury at an unprecedented rate state officials are now pondering the problem of what to do with the prospective surplus.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott last week pointed out that recent large collections of inheritance taxes would wipe out the deficit of \$450,000 in the general fund and that increased collections of income taxes would make it possible to waive the property tax levy for the elementary school tax next year.

But indications are that the prospective surplus will go much farther than indicated by Scott—that the carry over from income taxes this year plus estimated collections for next year will not only take care of all regular and special state levies, the elementary school levy included, but will pile up a surplus in addition. And state tax officials point out that there is no provision for the disposition of any such surplus.

In that connection it is pointed out that while the income tax now operates as an offset against the property tax, this provision is merely statutory and subject to amendment by the legislature. In other words any surplus realized from income taxes, or the entire income tax revenue for that mat-

This year's fair should be the best of many years. More features have been obtained than before and the best of the well tried features have been retained. The board has spared no expense to bring the county the best fair talent obtainable.

As early as Thursday night there will be something going on as the first of three dances will be held that night. The carnival will be on, the first day's races will be filled, the cattle will be groomed as carefully as milady's coiffure.

At the fair ground there has been tremendous activity for weeks. The OCC mess hall has been transformed into as fine a 4-H club barn as can be found in the state. Well ventilated, well lighted, completely sealed with plywood, with wash racks and feed rooms, it is the answer to a clubbers dream. A new spot has been built for the pari-mutuel betting which added new interest to the 1940 fair and is being retained.

This week end the town will blossom out in the fancy costume that heralds the fair. The Sherman Riders will give additional color to the event this year as all will be garbed in bright colors.

Advance ticket sale has been satisfactory, the program is of the best and by next week the biggest event of the year will be on us.

## Martin Hansen Dies After Long Illness

Martin Hansen, one time Sherman county farmer, and well known about the county, died at Los Gatos, California last week and was buried in Portland Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Hansen farmed southeast of Moro for many years and also operated a threshing machine in the old days. He later moved to Camp Sherman where he operated a resort for many years before selling out to move to Fresno, California where lived until recently.

Surviving are his widow, Lena, two sons, Joseph and Clarence, one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Chapin, a brother, Iver and a sister, Christina and three grand children.

ter, can be used for any purpose the legislature might see fit including the financing of a new office building or to increase old age pensions or to supplement the budgets of state institutions, many of which are in need of new buildings.

Such a course, while entirely within the province of the lawmakers is held by some state officials to be a violation of the spirit of the income tax act which contemplates that this revenue shall be used to relieve property owners of their tax burden. As one means toward this end it has been suggested that the prospective surplus be diverted into a school fund to be apportioned out among the counties and thence to the various school districts as an offset against local property levies.

A bill designed somewhat along this line was introduced in the last session but was defeated by the legislators who were not yet convinced there would be any surplus revenues from income taxes. Now that a surplus appears certain, based upon 1941 collections to date and the increase in incomes resulting from the national defense boom there has been a definite revival of hope among school men that their dream of a state school fund may be realized at the next session.

Another suggestion for disposition of the prospective surplus involves the creation of a reserve

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