

# Sherman County Journal

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About Government,  
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with especial emphasis  
on the Northwest

Consolidation of the navy, army and air forces into a department of defense has been recommended by President Truman, but there are many die-hards in the navy who are kicking against the change. The president has made it plain that whatever the admirals may wish to say in opposition to the proposed consolidation shall be regarded as strictly personal, the admirals may sound off to their heart's content but what they say must not be construed as expressing the policy of the administration.

This is a very remarkable departure from what has been the practice in the past. Heretofore, no general nor admiral dared to utter anything that was at cross-purposes with what the administration advocated. If these high officials said anything it was "me too." Now free speech has been granted to the navy high command—an idea unheard of in other days.

Up to the present, when the administration—and especially the commander-in-chief—wanted something done, both of the service branches issued statements of approval, whether or not they agreed in their own minds. But President Truman has made a change. If the admirals wish to say that they consider unification as intolerable and that consolidation would destroy the morale of the navy, that is their privilege.

Anyone who has watched the army and navy knows that the American taxpayer can be saved an immense sum of money by consolidation of the armed forces. For example, the army and navy have insisted upon each maintaining its own airfields. The two-field situation can be found here in Washington. It could be seen at Okinawa. It existed on Johnston island in the Pacific, a spot so small that only one air field could be built. However, on Johnston island the army had a ground crew to service the army planes and the navy maintained a ground crew to service the navy planes. One ground crew could have taken care of both, but that isn't the way the army and navy operate. This duplication extends throughout the two departments; it extends to the purchase of supplies and to the very underwear ordered for the soldiers and sailors.

Navy has insisted on a certain caliber of guns and the army another, with the result that the ammunition is not interchangeable.

Navy says its morale will be destroyed by a merger. The morale of the marine corps and its traditions have never been impaired, although it is only a small section of the navy department. The rivalry between army and navy begins with West Point and Annapolis. The students in these academies are brought up to virtually loathe each other. Their football games are more bitterly contested than if they were between enemies. From the Point and the Academy the distrust continues until the graduates eventually become dithering old generals and admirals. To hear them talk, a civilian would scarcely believe that they are two patriotic organizations sworn to defend the same country.

Both departments now design their own airplanes, or rather they buy a particular model which has been developed by Boeing or Lockheed or some other maker. The navy has been slow in accepting aircraft as a weapon, for until the present war, few of the top ranking navy men had ever been fliers and they held that the bat-

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## Like Their Sisters They Await Pay



As is the habit of women here, these Indian women, whose husbands are employed at the gold mine in Canada, await their husbands with their pay. The workers are paid at the same rate as white men, average \$37 per week, but it is said many prefer credits at local stores.

## Wasco Folks Go To California To Spend Christmas With Son

Mr and Mrs Ormand Hilderbrand and Gordon left Friday for San Diego, California, to spend the holidays with John, who is in the naval hospital there.

Holiday guests of Mr and Mrs Charles Everett are Mr and Mrs G.G. Wolcott, their daughter and son in law of Ashland.

Janet Kaseberg is home from St Helens Hall to spend Christmas and New Years here. Her parents, Mr and Mrs A.C. Kaseberg are also here for the holidays.

PPC Fred A. Merritt, who has spent the past five years in the U.S. army, seeing action in the South Pacific and invasion of the Philippines; has received his discharge and is spending the holiday season at the home of his brother G.A. Merritt, east of Klondike.

Friends of Raymond Van Gilder were glad to see him released from the armed forces after being gone about three years, he arrived home Friday.

## LaVilla Gosson Married Sunday

A quiet and pretty wedding took place before a candlelit altar December 23, at 3:30 p.m. at the Wasco Methodist church, when Miss Lavilla Gosson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Archie Gosson of Klondike was united in marriage to Walter J. Stone of Fairview, Oregon at a double ring ceremony with Rev. F.L. Cannell officiating.

Misses Jean Shull and La Verne Calkins lighted the candles before the service. Mrs Selma Watkins and Mrs Gertrude Edwards sang "Oh Promise Me" accompanied at the piano by Mrs Elton Eakin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a royal blue dress with pearl neckline. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of red roses and heather.

The bride's sister, Miss Lorraine Gosson, was her only attendant. She wore a pale lemon yellow dress and a corsage of white chrysanthemums.

The best man was Eugene Gosson.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the church basement. Mrs Selma Watkins served the cake and Mrs Madge Shull poured. Jean Shull and La Verne Calkins assisted.

The young couple left for a short honeymoon. They will be at home to their friends in Fairview, Oregon.

## Masons and Star Drawing For Car Tickets Announced For January 2

Installation of new officers for the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges of Moro was done at the hall Thursday night following election and appointment of those officers recently.

Chosen to lead the Star were: Helen Ruggles, worthy patron; W.A. Ruggles, worthy patron; Genevieve Powell, associate patron; Martin Melser, associate patron; Edna Melser, secretary; Ethel Strong, treasurer; Pauline Douma, conductress; Elsie Jones, associate conductress. New Mason officers are: Leroy Wright, worthy master; E.E. Barnes, senior warden; Irving Hart, junior warden; Harry Pinkerton, secretary; Clarence Spaulding, treasurer; Lloyd Henrichs, junior deacon; Martin Melser, senior deacon; Ronald Powell, senior steward; Ernest Woods, junior steward; M.A. Bull, tyler; Charles Ruggles chaplain.

Sherman Chapter No. 132, Order of the Eastern Star and Sherman lodge No. 143 A.F. and A.M. held a joint installation of officers December 18, 1945 at the Masonic hall at Grass Valley.

Those installed were Ellen Reynolds, worthy patron; Dean Reynolds, worthy patron; Gayle Goddard, worthy patron; Owen Eakin, associate patron; Alta May, secretary; Wallace May, treasurer; Bertha Brinkert, conductress; Oma Eakin, associate conductress; Betty Olds, chaplain; Leta Ealing, marshal; Mauna Clevenger, organist; Vivian Ball, Adah; Cecile Eakin, Ruth; Mable Blaylock; Esther; Floye von Borstel; Martha; Grace Zevely, warden; and Arnold Dunlap, assistant.

The officers installed for Sherman Chapter were Joe Bibby, worshipful master; Millard Eakin, senior warden; Dell Olds, junior warden; Harold Eakin, secretary; Arnold Dunlap, treasurer; Owen Eakin, senior deacon; Luther Davis, junior deacon; Walter Wilson, senior steward; Gene Reynolds, junior steward; Ted Ball, Tyler. Installing officers were Leta Ealing and Wallace May.

## 4-H CLUBBERS ACTIVE

Preparation for the 1946 4-H club fair and the Sherman county fair which will be the first to be held for four years is already going on among the youngsters of the county. They are feeding for those events.

The list of boys and girls with calves under feed includes: Leroy Martin 2 Herefords, Terry Bucholtz, Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus; Edd Fritts 2 Herefords, Angus, Shorthorn; Scott Fritts, Angus, Hereford; Doran Fritts, Hereford, Shorthorn; Edwin Balsiger 2 Angus; Larry Sayrs, an Angus. Shorthorn; Clarence May, Hereford, Shorthorn; Harry Hartley, Angus, 2 Herefords, Shorthorn; James Hartley, Hereford; David Wright, 2 Herefords; Keith Barnett, Shorthorn; Merle Eakin, 2 Shorthorn; Duane Eakin 2 Shorthorn; Donald Martin, Hereford; Roger Miller, Angus, Shorthorn; Roger Ball, 2 Herefords; Don Martin, Hereford; Bob Martin, Hereford; Larry Kaseberg, Angus; Kenneth Hart, Angus, Hereford; Barbara Alley, Angus; John Alley, Hereford; Alfred Kock, 2 Herefords, 2 Shorthorns; Joe Harvey, Angus, Hereford; Roy Harvey, Hereford; Steven Oveson, Hereford; Dick Oveson, Angus, Shorthorn; Carl Schilling, Hereford; Don Schilling, Hereford; Dot Wilson, Shorthorn; Fred vonBorstel, 2 Shorthorn; Dick Wilson, Angus, Hereford; Rodney Rolfe, Hereford; Ronald Rolfe, Hereford.

## AAA BINS SOLD

Sale of the AAA grain bins last Friday brought prices in conformity with sales in other counties of similar bins. The five units erected bins brought from \$90 to \$100 with the Eakin family and Sam Davis buying them. Stan Coelsch bought the erected bin for \$70. Blowers went for \$50 and the elevator brought \$50.

## County's E Bond Quota Surpassed By 45 percent In Final Bond Drive

The latest report of the War Finance committee, dated December 20, credits Sherman county with sales of bonds valued at \$795,406. This is 156.3 percent of the total quota of \$509,000. In comparison with other counties of the state this is low, as counties having many corporations have gone far over the top.

In E bond quota this county is well toward the top having bought \$148,166 on a quota of \$95,000. The percentage is 145.4. Other sales have been \$3500 in G bonds, \$25,250 in 7-8 percents, \$12,000 in 2-3 percents, \$16,500 in 2 1/2 percents. Corporations bought most of the 7-8 percent bonds.

This has been announced as the last of the bond sales. There were seven defense and war bond drives, the last one ending last summer. This is the Victory bond sale now ending.

There is going to be a continuance of government financing and plans are being made for it. It is not expected, however, that interest rates will remain as high inasmuch as this bond drive has demonstrated that money can be raised at much less than 2.9 percent, the E bond rate.

Next Wednesday, January 2, the tickets on the Dodge car will be gathered at the bank in Moro. There they will be mixed together the ones from Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley and some one will be selected to pick two of them out of the box.

Owners of these two tickets will then have a chance at the state drawing which will be held later in January. It is expected that the car will be ready for delivery in February. In any event it will be the first new Dodge that comes to Oregon.

Time for the drawing will be one o'clock in the afternoon.

## Mrs. Ida Woolen Buried In Portland

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Woolen were held in Portland Thursday following her death there Sunday after an illness of several weeks and an operation.

Ida Medler Woolen was born in West Virginia April 20, 1872 and came to what is now Sherman county with her parents, Mr and Mrs Bruno Medler in 1881. This was her home until she moved to Portland several years ago to live with her daughter.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Maaten, a son Donald, a grandson Paul Woolen, one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Barnum of Moro, three brothers, Julius and Walter of Wasco and Fred of Portland.

Interment was made in the Rose City cemetery in Portland.

## Andy Sandvig Dies Alone In Bed

Antone Sandvig, long time resident of Wasco, was found dead in bed in the house he occupied there last Friday morning by Bob Richardson, a friend who came in to see him.

Sandvig was for years clerk in the Crofield store and has remained in the community since. Only known surviving relative is a sister in Canada and her family and word has not been received from her.

Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending word and the date has not been announced.

Rain fell most of Thursday to soak up the snow and start it running in some places. Reports are that some of the moisture will be retained in the soil and all of it if the run off can be delayed a day or so.

## Grass Valley School Has Christmas Party

The Christmas program was held at the school house Thursday evening for the parents and friends.

The program was as follows: "Mother Gooses Christmas," by pupils of the 1st and 2nd grades, directed by Mrs. Margaret Lannan; "Trouble in Santa Claus Land" by the 3rd and 4th grades, directed by Mrs. Grace Zevely; "Squire Hawley's Christmas" directed by Mrs. Zevely; "Nativity play" directed by Mrs. Lorraine Kent; choir singing Christmas carols directed by Mrs. Audrey Vaughn. After which Santa Claus appeared and distributed treats to the children.

At its meeting Wednesday evening the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge put on the degree work for candidates from Kent and Antelope. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Monday evening the annual family Christmas eve party was held at the home of Mr and Mrs V.B. Eakin. Those present were Mr and Mrs Millard Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Ralph Eakin and family of Moro, Mr and Mrs Vernon Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Elton Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and family, and Owen Eakin. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Mr and Mrs Alva Eakin and family of Boyd spent Christmas day at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs V.B. Eakin.

Mr and Mrs Fred Cox had as guests Christmas day their daughter Mrs Roberts and children of Corvallis, Mrs W.J. Davis, Charles Davis, Mr and Mrs Charlie Anderson and Mrs Emma Cox of Vancouver, Washington.

Mr and Mrs Sam Davis left Christmas morning for Bend to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs Maude Bevens.

Pfc Bill Todd arrived Friday from California and Mrs Todd arrived Saturday from Spokane, Washington to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr and Mrs W.C. Todd and Mr and Mrs Shelton Fritts.

Mrs Charles Davis left Friday for Portland to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs Walter Roy and to visit her son, James Duxtra and family at Oregon City.

Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Sam Stark were Mrs Josephine Parkhurst and family of Roseburg, Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain and family of Tygh Valley, Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer and family and Harry Stark.

Mr and Mrs Tom Colye were in The Dalles Monday on business.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock had as their dinner guests Christmas day Mr and Mrs Herman Peters and sons, Herman and Arden, Mr and Mrs Henry Barnum and Fritz Rohweder.

Rev and Mrs Howard Schilling and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ted Ball Christmas day.

Shelton Fritts, with the navy, arrived Saturday from Seattle, Washington to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs J.S. Fritts.

Mr and Mrs O.N. Ruggles had as dinner guests Christmas eve Mr and Mrs Earl McKinney and family of Heppner, Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett and son, Keith, and Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles. Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs W.D. Barnett were Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett and son Keith, John and Henry Peters.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin Christmas day were Mr and Mrs Tom Coyle and Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison.

Mrs Josephine Parkhurst and children of Roseburg arrived Monday evening to spend the holidays at the home of her father, Sam Stark and Mrs Stark. Harry Stark who spent several weeks with them arrived here with them.

Mr and Mrs Charles Perrigo and Claud Bayer were in The Dalles Saturday on business.

## Business Changes Make Moro Different For '46

New Stores and Shops Start To Give More Diversification to Business

The part of 1945 that followed the defeat of Japan brought a large measure of business recovery to Moro. Stores that had been empty since owners left for the service or went to the shipyards are filled again and the number of businesses has been increased to near normal.

Lack of business was not the prevailing reason for the closing of most of the businesses that ceased to be during the war time. It was the demand for manpower.

Mr and Mrs Arden Squire have opened a variety and remedy store that has rapidly expanded to several other lines, both sales and service, in the short time of its existence. Most recent acquisition is the Freeman store, long time dry goods establishment, which is being moved to the Squire store. Enlargement of the stock will be done as soon as goods are available.

## New Garages

Ernest Woods and Melford Evans have opened a repair shop and garage in the Woods building and are very busy putting cars in shape. Full extent of their business has not been announced, but they are going to keep some car accessories, do all kinds of repairing. Sales of larger items may follow.

Carl Scherrer has opened his repair shop in the old Gilm Coleman building after a few months in the Woods building. He is doing car repair work.

Bob May and sons have opened a new electrical shop in the hotel building and are ready to sell electrical equipment as soon as it can be obtained and are also doing the wiring for the REA line and are available for house wiring for farms coming under that system.

Ivan Kirkellie has rented the Huls building and will have new plumbing fixtures on display shortly after the first of the year. He is already established in plumbing repair work.

Michael and Mary Ann Mulick have bought out Martin and Edna Melzer in the lumber yard. M.R. Rymal has taken over the Belknap barber shop and James and John Lamb are doing general carpenter contracting and work. Mr and Mrs Ernest Eslinger have bought the Moro Hotel, although this deal was concluded before the end of the war by two weeks.

These changes in the personnel of business men in the town in four months indicates that the town may achieve a status similar to that held before the war.

## Wesley J. Wilde Laid To Last Rest

Wesley John Wilde was born at Beverly Columbia county, Kansas, March 1884, and passed away at The Dalles, Oregon December 23, 1945 at the age of 61. He lived in Sherman county 51 years and was respected by all who knew him.

Mr Wilde had owned and operated the garage just below Wasco for many years.

Surviving are his widow, Wilma of Wasco, two sons, Kenneth W. and Valdis M., both in the U.S. service, one step-daughter, Mrs Robert Belknap of St Helens and one step son, Billy Sheets of Wasco, three sisters, Mrs Bertha Moon of Wasco, Mrs Amanda Fagan of Wasco, Mrs Mildred Harriman, both of The Dalles, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Wasco Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. F.L. Cannell officiated, and interment was made in Sunrise cemetery.