

# Sherman County Journal

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on the Northwest

Almost 20 years ago Maxim Litvinov, then foreign commissaire, or minister of Soviet Russia, tossed a bomb into the meeting of the League of Nations. Litvinov proposed that all members of the league disarm; eliminate their armies and destroy their fleets. That, said Litvinov, was the proposal of Soviet Russia. Nothing happened; no one disarmed, although the League of Nations (of which the United States was not a member) was supposed to bring perpetual peace to a world weary of war.

Foreign Minister Molotov resurrected the proposal of Litvinov (who has been retired to private life), and sprung it upon the United Nations a few days ago. He suggested that the members of UN adopt a resolution to that effect immediately—that very night, if possible. Mr. Molotov, who has not been especially co-operative in plans to bring peace, electrified UN. But, as in the case of Litvinov, nothing is happening other than conversation and debate.

The Russian did not propose that Russia lead the way and dissolve its army of 3,500,000 men and hammer its navy (some of these ships were contributed by the United States) into merchant ships. There is still a dispute between Stalin and Winston Churchill as to the number of men the Soviets have under arms. At the present time, Russia has the largest standing army in the world and the United States from having 12,000,000 troops has whittled its army down to 1,500,000.

Mr. Molotov protested at the United States having soldiers in China and Korea, but was silent concerning the Russian troops in the latter country. Nor did he make any statements as to the war-time decision to have an international police force (airplanes, tanks, etc.) to be used against any country that might feel an urge to fight.

In principle, delegates to UN agree with Molotov, but as to actual disarmament that is something else. The United States undertook disarmament once and sunk and destroyed battleships and cruisers, but the Japanese did not, and this country was handicapped with a short fleet before and after Pearl Harbor.

The Molotov proposal is still under debate and will be for some time.

Mr. Litvinov was the Russian emissary to be recognized in Washington D. C. He was a large fat man with an English wife, and spoke excellent English. He made promises to the late President Roosevelt at the White House which were subsequently disregarded. Litvinov assured the President that Moscow would not conduct a campaign for communism in the United States, a promise that was never kept. He declared that there were no restrictions on practicing religion in Russia, in which he stretched the truth. He presented Mr. Roosevelt with a complete set of postage stamps of Russia, which delighted the President.

As a diplomat, Litvinov paved the way for a rather long line of Russian ambassadors, and established cordial relations with the head of the United States government before he departed for Moscow. Thereafter Litvinov's star began to sink until recently when an announcement was made that he held no office, high or low, in the USSR.

Ex-Senator Austin, of Vermont, who heads the UN delegation from the United States, when he first entered the Senate asked for a place upon the Senate committee on foreign relations. He was told that new Senators were not placed on that committee, and that, anyway, there was a long list of Senators of more seniority who were waiting to land on that committee. This particular committee was regarded as the open sesame to the diplomatic dinners and parties and Senators explained that they were not interested in the committee but that their wives were urging they be on the committee to give them social prestige. Those were the days when white tie and tails were the uniform of the committee-men almost every evening. The foreign diplomats courted the members of the foreign relations assiduously and wine and dined them, presumably in the hope of picking up stray bits of information for their respective governments. During the latter years of the Roosevelt regime, Sena-

## Congressman



LOWELL STOCKMAN

## Governor



EARL SNELL

## State Secretary



ROBERT FARRELL

## Fliers Form Group To Obtain Ports

A group of flying enthusiasts met Friday night at the court house to start the formation of a club to promote flying fields in Sherman county. Organization was begun when it was learned that sponsorship by a municipal corporation was necessary before federal aid could be obtained. Members of the group will endeavor to interest county and city in airport development.

Chairman of the meeting was Paul May. George Wilson was chosen vice-president and Jerry Barnett, secretary-treasurer. Clarence Morrison, George Wilson and Vernon Miller were named on a committee to formulate some by-laws before the next meeting which is called for November 14.

## Pat Kaseberg Made OSC Alumni Head

The Oregon State college alumni association named Lawrence Kaseberg as county representative for Sherman county which is a part of district 8. Other counties in this district are Umatilla, Gilliam, Morrow, Wasco, Hood River and Wheeler.

Business of the association in this county in the future will be handled through Kaseberg and all official contacts between the institution and the approximately 56 O.S.C. alumni—in this county will be arranged by him.

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## Moro Makes Lots of Scores; Good and Bad

Moro defeated Arlington by a score of 25 to 6 at the local grounds last Friday afternoon and had at least two other touchdowns called back for penalties. Foster ran for a touchdown but had crossed the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped. Pinkerton blocked one of Robert's kicks near the Arlington goal and ran for a touchdown but was ruled to have been too rough.

Moro suffered heavily from penalties all during the game losing five yards often for offside, backfield in motion and once for holding. The backfield fumbled the ball constantly, the weather being cold with a smattering of hail, but were so superior to the Arlington team that the victory was easy.

Arlington's touchdown came after Moro's second string went in after the first had made two touchdowns. The second string was unable to handle the Arlington team satisfactorily and the backs went the wrong way on a play that sent Wheelhouse over the goal line standing up.

Moro made its first score on four plays after Arlington had received and had kicked. Foster and Bayer made big gains, the former scoring.

Moro	Arlington
Hoskinson LE	Lawrence
Flatt LT	Hoss
Garrett LG	Mackay
Ziegler C	Devine
P. vonBorstel RG	White
C. vonBorstel RT	Walker
Pinkerton RE	West
Lawrence Q	Clough
Bayer RH	Roberts
Foster LH	Wheelhouse
Fritts F	Wicklund

Arlington used several substitutes and Moro put in Wilson, Harvey, Justesen, Moore, May, S. Fritts, G. vonBorstel, Oveson, Thompson, Knighten, Peters, Bakloni.

Officials: Fridley, umpire; Moore, referee; Barnett, headlinesman.

Moro goes to Maupin Friday to try out the Deschutes river boys.

## Precinct Officers Named By Voters

Election of precinct committees and women is now done at the time of the general election instead of the primaries as formerly. The names of candidates are printed on separate ballot, which, to judge from the first trial causes fewer write in votes and sometimes a smaller vote for the candidates.

Precinct office nominations are made rather fully in Sherman county which prevents most of the write-ins that slow up election ballot counting very seriously. Complete vote for precinct officers: Democrat, Rufus H. H. Brackett, 44; Pearl Brackett 41; Locust Grove, Gordon Harper 19; Gladys Zell 28; Klondike, Kenneth Fridley 19; Helen Bruckert 16; Monkland, Arthur Bucholtz 18, Leona Douma 19; Kent, Arthur Justesen 17, Winona Wilson 16; Grass Valley, Tom Garrett 34; Oma Eakin 32; Moro, John DeMoss 51, Clara Houston 48; Wasco, D. H. Wright 41, Mrs. A. H. McIntyre 39, Mrs. B. E. Halley 1.

Republican; Rufus, C. A. Tom 41, Adeline McDonald 2 Susie Tom 2, Mrs. W. A. Morris 3; Locust Grove, Harry VanGilder 25, Amelia Root 34; Klondike, Claud Coats 36, Elva Dehler 4, Wilma Hansen 1, Catherine Thomas 1; Monkland, Carl Melzer 29, Sarah Belle Conlee 26; Kent Frank vonBorstel 42, Mrs. Floye vonBorstel 41; Grass Valley, A. A. Dunlap 85, Clara Rolfe 67; Moro Giles French 81, Dorothea Moore 79; Wasco, E. D. McKee 53, W. M. Nisbet 1, Mrs. B. E. Halley 58.

## LEGIONNAIRES INVITED

Members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been invited by Rev. J. K. MacFarlane to attend church in a body Sunday morning, November 11, Armistice Day. Members may meet outside the church five minutes until 11 o'clock. The sermon: "Builders of Peace or—"

## Polio Drive To Have Local Need A Objective

Some of the officials of the Sherman County Infantile Paralysis organization met last Friday night with Eugene W. Hill, state representative, to plan for the campaign which will be held this winter.

It is expected that some use for the \$900 now in the county to the credit of the local group will be spent soon to purchase equipment for care of the disease. It is now available.

Mr. Hill states that an iron lung is now available in Portland and that it will be flown to any place in the state in need of one. Also nurses to handle it will accompany the machine.

The county fund retains half of the money raised in any one county and this is used in case of an epidemic. Other funds then are drawn from the national fund of \$4,000,000 which is used to fight the crippling ailment. Quick diagnosis is of most importance in preventing disabled limbs.

## Few Delinquent Taxes Here

Delinquent taxes in Sherman county 1946 but \$2903.89 according to the report of the county sheriff recently made to the tax commission. The figure has been reduced considerably of late.

On the 1944-45 rolls was \$175,462.27 which has all been collected but \$1752.78. On the 1944-45 rolls of \$128,018.08 all but \$564.84 has been collected. On the 1943-44 rolls of \$109,718.23 all but \$644.21 has been collected.

The 1940-41-42-43 rolls totaled \$423,722.46 and all but \$118.86 has been collected. The 1936 to 1939 rolls totaled \$793,263.42 all of which has been collected but \$150.34. The 1931 to 1935 rolls were for \$814,620.21 and of this amount \$2009.69 is not collected.

Some of the older taxes have foreclosed.

## Ladies Aid Meets At Wasco

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church gave a silver tea Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. D. McKee. A program of reading and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Jack Hines, who is in the navy, arrived in Wasco Thursday and is visiting his mother Mrs. L. E. Dehler and family.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Leo Watkins were Miss Jean Lang and Miss Clair Ball.

Mr and Mrs Harland Johnson of Dayton were overnight guests at the home of the formers parents, Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson.

Mr and Mrs Louis Scholl returned home after spending the summer at Northwest Lake.

Mrs. Marian Medler returned from a vacation spent in Seattle, Wash., and Vancouver B. C. L. F. Barnett of Hood River is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Cliff Fridley.

## Farmers To Vote On AAA Officers

Oregon farmers will go to the polls in November or December to elect committeemen to administer national farm programs in their communities and counties during 1947. E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, has announced.

The elections will be held during the period November 11 to December 21, with the date and place for the election meetings in each community being set by county AAA committees.

In each of the state's 300 farm communities, a committee of three local farmers and two alternates will be chosen, who, with the delegates from other communities, will elect a three-member county agricultural conservation (AAA) committee.

Any person who is participating in the 1946 agricultural conservation program, or any person who has a contract with the Federal Crop Insurance corporation, is eligible to vote in the election. This includes owners, operators and tenants on participating farms.



ADVENTUROUS! GO CLIMB AN ALP! . . . But you won't have to go to Switzerland to do a spot of Alpinism. Mountaineers from all parts of the United States and Canada do it in the Canadian Rockies, and they say the thrills are worth all the effort. The Bugaboo glacier in the Purcell range of British Columbia is tougher than many Swiss Alps and unmatched in grandeur. Here is Maj. Rex Gibson, one of Canada's ace Alpinists, chopping footholds.

## The Journal Is 58 Years Old; Lets Look Backward A While

This is the No. 1 issue of the 58th year of the Sherman County Journal and its predecessors in direct line. It is getting along and had it not been for the defeat of the tax measure Tuesday it might soon be ready to settle down and retire on its past.

As it is it will probably have to go on indefinitely with its weekly chronicle of the comings and goings, to the town and to the earth of the people who live within its ken.

Fifty-eight years is quite a span in the life of man and they also signify a considerable length of time for a newspaper, especially in the west that was very new fifty years ago.

Settlers had come into this rolling-hilled mesa between the rivers for a very few years before the first newspaper was printed here—that first ancestor of the present Sherman County Journal. Small boys who are now aged men herded cattle and horses with their cayuse ponies; small stores in the front rooms of cabins provided the coffee, sugar and spice for the ever growing number of homesteaders. Bunch grass waved over the greater part of the country although each spring settlers attacked it with walking plow and the first awkward gang.

Teamsters brought in supplies when on their way into the great interior after loads of wool. What wheat was grown was hauled by the same slow process to the Columbia where the new railroad had established stations. Men and women lived in clap-board cabins near the springs, traveled by saddle horse and wagon on their brief journeys, and worked long days breaking up the sod with inadequate equipment. And were happy at it, for they could vision a time when the land would all be tilled. There was hope and the freedom they sought. Every man was his own boss, his success depended on his own judgment, his skill, his ambition.

These men—and the women who encouraged them—made the country, and made it good. And the country made the men, made them strong and self reliant, made them physically tough, made their spirits soar with accomplishment of hard tasks done.

And this newspaper went with them and told of their attainments, their sorrows, their meetings, their struggles, their joys. Brought to isolated cabins by horseback, carried carefully along with dried apples, it brought them often their only contact with their neighbors and the outside world peaceful then, busy with production and settlement.

The coming of the steel plow, the grain drill, the combined harvester, the automobile, the flying machine, the grain elevator, the railroad and the paved highway has all had a place in these pages.

Men whose birth was herein recorded have full lives and had their final passing marked by tribute to their existence. The dreams of the young men, had memories of the old have had

mention on the printed pages that have been sent forth from this shop. Nothing is nearer to life itself.

And now the Sherman County Journal itself is 59 and the men who began it are gone these many years to a place upon the hill along with the others who helped make Sherman county. And new men have taken all the places to try and do as well as those who worked and planned when bunch grass first gave up to the plow.

## Rufus Wins Game From Dufur

The Rufus and Dufur volley ball teams met on the Rufus floor, Friday night in a winning game for Rufus. After the game both teams enjoyed refreshments served by the Rufus High School girls. Our next game will be at Wasco, Wednesday night, November 13. On November 15, the Mosier team will come to Rufus.

President and Mrs. E. F. Riley of the State School of Science in Wahilton, N. D. were visitors of Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams last week. Mr Riley has been a professor at Wahilton for the past 25 years. Mr Williams is a graduate of 1929 from this School of Science.

Roy Snyder, retired custodian of Multnomah county Courthouse, was a visitor in Rufus last week. Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Robert Byrd, Mrs. George Jensen, and Mrs. Walter Morris accompanied Mrs. Bill Myers to Yakima, Wn., Friday.

Mr and Mrs Grant Boice of Bremerton, Wash., are visiting with Mrs. Boice's folks, Mr and Mrs C. A. Tom. Mr Boice has a 30-day leave from the navy.

A photographer from Salem was at the Rufus school Monday to take individual, class, and group pictures.

Mr and Mrs Cliff Spencer of The Dalles were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs George Jensen.

Mr and Mrs Wycliff Rice were in Portland Friday.

Roland Hullinger, noted magician will perform at the Rufus school Friday, November 8.

Mr and Mrs Dorsey Miller made a business trip to Portland last week.

The children of the Rufus grades gave a Halloween party October 30.

Mr and Mrs Frank Smith and family have moved to their new home in the Motel, which they are constructing at Maryhill. The Motel is not yet open for business.

Mrs. Claud Wristen and Arieta spent last week-end in Portland.

Mr and Mrs J. R. Yocum and Shirley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs C. A. Tom.

## NEW BUSINESS CONSIDERED

Frank W. Prohaska of Portland was here this week to look over the town as a possible site for a moving picture show.

## County Follows Trend; Votes For Political Change

The election in Sherman county followed the general Republican trend that put that party in power in the state and nation and majorities for the candidates of that party were enormous here, running as much as four to one in some races.

Lowell Stockman, congressman from this district won over Lamar Townsend by 554 to 169 in Sherman county and won decisively over the district. Earl Snell was swept into office over Carl Donahy by a vote of 600 to 141 in this county and two to one in the state.

Robert Farrell took the secretary of state job for a second term by a 605 to 127 vote over David Epps and William Kimsey, Republican and AF of L labor commissioner won handily over Ralph Peoples, Democrat and CIO, candidate by a 398 to 226 vote.

For state representative in the 22nd district Giles French had 496 votes and Henry Peterson had 448 in Sherman county, which is one of a four county district comprising Gilliam, Morrow, and Wheeler counties as well.

Election to county office was made easy by Norman Fields, sheriff, who had 679, Naomi Van Gilder, treasurer, who had 630, Joe Peters, commissioner, who had 632 and Vernon Miller, commissioner, who had 614. None had competition.

Judge George Rossman was re-elected to the supreme bench by a vote of 506 here and Rex Putman was chosen superintendent of public instruction with 510 in Sherman county. Neither were opposed and both were elected over the state.

The only measures to carry were ballot drew more voter attention than the candidates and some hard fought contests were recorded in the state and some contests were close in the county.

The one providing for a longer line of succession to the governorship, the removal of restriction on property ownership by Chinese and the removal of necessity of reading all bills in entirety. The vote was fairly close on the three latter ones.

Beaten in Sherman county was the armories bill by 112 to 516; the rural school district bill by 288 to 354; the 31 senators bill by 149 to 424; the basic school bill by 154 to 506 and the pension tax bill by 79 to 620.

The county measure referred to the voters to determine the opinion about a memorial fared badly because it was found inadequate for its purpose. The vote was 161 to 461 against the measure.

## Johnson-DeMoss Wedding Held

Mrs. Erma Mae DeMoss and Lloyd R. Johnson were married at a quiet home ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs R. T. Morgan, last Saturday night at ten o'clock by the Rev. James E. MacFarlane. They left immediately after the ceremony for a honeymoon that is expected to keep them in valley towns for a week. Only guests at the wedding were members of the immediate families of two contracting parties.

Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Morgan and the groom a son of Mr and Mrs A. S. Johnson of Salem. He is owner of the Moro Hotel Coffee Shop and Mrs. Johnson has been in his employ for several months.

## AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 49 will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, November 13 in the I.O.O.F. hall in Grass Valley. There will be a gift show; the gifts to be sent to the Gift shop of the Veterans hospital in Portland where they will be selected by the disabled veterans and wrapped and mailed (free of charge to them) to their families as Christmas gifts. Members are requested to bring suitable gifts with the exception of glassware since it is difficult to send safely through the mail.