

# Sherman County Journal

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## Editorials

### COUNTY SCHOOL LAW

Saturday the people of Sherman county are going to decide on a question that means much to their children—the county school law.

There seems to be no argument against the statement that, if adopted, it will improve high school education in the county. That much is admitted. A bigger school and a larger teaching staff as well as more subjects taught would be made possible.

That is really the most important question. All others fade into insignificance beside it. Yet, no opponent of the proposal has even seriously tried to dispute that a consolidated high school would result in better opportunities for learning for the children.

Cost is an item ranking second. In 1947-48 the total cost of schools in Sherman county was \$155,468.06. The rural school board is asking for \$245,904.88 for 1948-49, an increase of \$90,436.82. This is almost a sixty per cent increase in school costs. Counties similar to Sherman have held costs to a less than 20 per cent increase.

It may not be possible to reduce taxes from the 1947-48 level, because all costs are up. But it is certainly possible to reduce costs—and taxes—below the rural school board budget of \$245,904.88. It is expected that a saving of \$30,000 (three mills) could be made in the projected 1948-49 budget if the county school plan were adopted which will mean the discarding of the very high rural school board budget.

Other things are minor. The county board would have the same authority as any school board. In fact, not quite as much for it must listen to the local boards on some things. It would have less power than the three man county court and no one advocates taking county affairs back to the township system.

Transportation could be more easily arranged and the bare statement needs no elaboration. Anyone can see it.

No one has advocated the discontinuance of grade schools and the school committee doesn't favor it, nor do the people.

The principle of consolidation has already been adopted in Sherman county where only five schools remain where 19 once were open. Neither has there ever been any move to go back to old ways. When one school is consolidated the people like it and the children like it still more.

Sherman county is too small to be divided. Its citizens are alike, do the same things, raise the same crops, use the same tools, enjoy the same sun and shudder in the same wind. Dividing a county of 2000 people is to break it up into segments so small as to be entirely ineffective to support any public institution successfully. Any public institution means, schools, club, church, hospital, or adequate store.

We think the county school law should be adopted. The young people mostly from the north end who originally sponsored the plan are entitled to have the kind of school system they want if the costs are not too high.

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## Wasco Eastern Star Entertains State Officers of Order at Large Meeting

The outstanding event of this year for Annie Fulton chapter was the reception Friday evening honoring Gladys Zell grand electa of the grand chapter of Oregon and Helen Watkins, grand representative of South Carolina in Oregon.

The reception was given in the Masonic hall with more than 200 attending from The Dalles, Goldendale, Arlington, Portland, Hood River, Madras, Moro and other cities.

The hall was decorated with forsythia, peach blossoms, pussy willows and yellow daffodils arranged in baskets around the room.

Margiee Kaseberg, worthy matron and LeRoy Belshee, worthy patron presided, introducing visiting dignitaries, including the "trailer" husbands and wives of the grand officers.

The speeches and introductions were interspersed with program numbers which consisted of vocal solos by Mrs Ruth Chandler, president of Oregon Federation Women's club; Mrs Leona Weatherford of Arlington; Mrs Phyllis Boyd of Portland, and Mrs Martha Davies of Goldendale; and piano solos by Mrs Charles Neville of Corvallis and Mrs C. H. Beard of The Dalles.

Two short degrees in honor of Gladys Zell and Helen Watkins were performed by the starlets and officers of the chapter. The starlets dressed Mrs Zell as a Spanish lady and Mrs Watkins as a southern belle, fashioned of crepe paper. The officers formed a star in O.E.S. colors around the honored guests and their mothers, Mrs Alice Anderson and Mrs Ethel Strong presented gifts from the chapter.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, buffet style, with table decorated with red roses at the head table and small bouquets of daffodils on side tables. Buffet table was set with linen and silver and centered with a star in the five colors with a red rose and a map of South Carolina in center.

Committees for the evening were general chairman, Gladys Belshee and Estrella Halley; tabl decor: Nerine Fields; refreshments: Lorraine Tom, Bernice Morris, Grace Medler, Idaho Everett, Astrid Tuggle, Marjory Shull; lodgings: Inez Sargent, Augusta Huckin, Marcela Hilderbrand, Ola Ruggles; receiving guests: Evelyn Smith and chapter officers; ushers: Rosalie White and starlets; registry: Glennie Harper, Lydia Darby; seating: Gordon Harper, Joe Hilderbrand, Leon Smith, Hildred Zell; entertainment: Margiee Kaseberg.

Episcopal church services were held at the Methodist church in Grass Valley Sunday with the Rev. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles preaching the sermon.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Blagg and Mr and Mrs Ivan Blagg and family motored to Pendleton Sunday to spend the day visiting Mr and Mrs Jimmie Blagg and family.

Mr and Mrs Art Bibby had a dinner guests Friday evening Mr and Mrs Charles Powell of Portland. After dinner Mrs Bibby invited Mr and Mrs R. J. Baker in to see the pictures Mr Powell showed of their trip to the West Indies.

Rev. Clyde Paul White, field representative of conservative Baptist association was an overnight guest Friday at the home of Rev. and Mrs Howard Schilling.

Mrs Grace Medler of Rufus attended the luncheon in Hood River Friday given by the Legion auxiliary in honor of the national president.

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Women from Wasco and Grass Valley have been invited to come and hear Mrs Greve, who is on her way to Wallawa county to write a story about Chief Five Crows.

Members of the Moro club are requested to come to the church by 1:30 for a short business meeting which will be held before the talk which will begin at two o'clock.

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Donald Stewart of Union spent Wednesday here visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs Ted Peterson.

Little Rosalee Eslinger celebrated her 3rd birthday anniversary Wednesday April 7, when her mother invited her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Ernest Eslinger of Moro to have dinner with them.

Mr and Mrs Parker Gray of Kelso, Washington were here Friday to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Bud Coon.

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Others present were Mr and Mrs Joe Narkaus and family of Pendleton, Mr and Mrs Bud Amidon and family from Goldendale, Miss Doris Amidon of Portland and Mr and Mrs Bob Hoskinson of Moro.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Roberts of Corvallis were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Cox Friday.

Ted Ball and Don Cox went to Corvallis Sunday on business returning home Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs Olan Stark were hosts at a dinner Sunday in honor of Mr Stark's birthday anniversary. Those present were Mr and Mrs W. D. Barnett, Mr and Mrs Harold Owens and daughter, Carol Ann, and Mr and Mrs Harry Young and family.

Mrs Edith Savys arrived Sunday from Beaverton to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs Gordon Lemley and family.

Mrs H. O. Dugger and Mrs John Rust motored to Portland Sunday to bring Mr and Mrs Roy Haynes and son, Larry, back with them to make their home here.

Mr and Mrs Carroll Savys and their grandchildren of Moro spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley.

QUOTA FILLED  
Solicitors for the American Red Cross have completed their jobs and as a result a total of \$2,587.85 was raised on a quota of \$2,296. The county is again over its stipulated amount.

Mrs Paul May, chairman, wishes to express her thanks to the workers in the drive who gave their time and to the many who contributed their money to carry on the work of the Red Cross.

FRED SINGLETON  
The body of Fred Singleton, 67, was found Saturday in a cabin on the George Drinkard ranch northeast of Wasco. He had died of natural causes. He had been a long time resident of the Wasco neighborhood coming from Indiana where he leaves a sister.

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## Rural School Budget Calls For \$245,904.88

The budget of the rural school board will be voted on next Monday April 19. If the county school law is adopted April 17, Saturday, the rural school budget will be discarded and a new budget will be made by the new county school board.

The county school board will be composed of the chairmen of the school boards of the five largest districts in the county. These men will be Jay McKay of Kent, Wallace May of Grass Valley, Ernest Woods of Moro, Lloyd Boyce of Wasco and Herman Brackett of Rufus.

They will serve from the time the county school law becomes effective (30 days after the election) until the third Monday in June when a permanent board will be elected.

The rural school board budget calls for an expenditure of \$245,904.88. Receipts would be \$90,495.07 leaving \$155,409.81 to be raised by taxation. Receipts are larger this year because of funds to be received from the basic school fund which was voted by the people in 1946.

The total budget is higher than the combined budgets of last year by \$90,536.82 or almost 60%.

Divided by districts the budget calls for \$37,225.00 for Rufus, \$46,837.88 for Wasco, \$35,435.00 for Kent, \$49,924.00 for Moro, \$32,125.75 for Grass Valley, \$2,765.00 for DeMoss, \$1,500.00 for Erskine, \$4,412.50 for Harmony, \$3,230.25 for Fairview, \$2,245.00 for Boardman and \$11,171.50 for the non-high school district. In addition there is an additional \$8,000 for the rural school board itself.

If the budget carries in an election which will be held in each school district next Monday, April 19, at 2 p. m. the millage will be 15.756 over the entire county.

If the budget fails to be approved by the voters the rural school board can then levy the base plus six percent. This will be \$61,731.52. From this sum the \$8,000 budget for the board will be deducted, leaving \$53,731.52 to be prorated to the districts in the same proportion as their original budgets were to the total budget of all districts.

If this happens Rufus will get \$9,858.93, Wasco \$12,217.63, Kent \$10,081.75, Moro \$6,004.39, Grass Valley \$7,887.25, Biglow \$890.38, Emigrant \$894.79, DeMoss \$5,470.75, Harmony \$939.60, Boardman \$4,414.46 and the non high board \$4,001.55.

If the budget does not pass the levy for the county will be 6.26 mills. Individual districts will then be able to levy again and hold separate elections for needs over the six percent limit.

RUFUS NEWS  
By Mrs George Fox

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the Home Economics club members and one guest when Mrs Curt Tom and Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers entertained Thursday afternoon. Chairman, Bernice Morris opened the business meeting. The secretary reported there was \$21 taken in on the cards sold by the club. As all of the hitwips the chairman ordered were sold, she was instructed to purchase an additional dozen. The club voted to sponsor a banquet for the graduation class of the Rufus high school, which will be held some time in May. Club members present were Mesdames: Pearl Brackett, Marie Guilford, Minnie Morris, Adeline McDonald, Winnie Tate, Lulu Wilson, Ina Byrd, Theima Miller, Alta Smith, Bernice Morris, Ada Dingle, Lucille Fox, Grace Medler, Catherine Boise, Lois Stewart, Loeta Smith and a guest Mrs W. R. Dean besides the two hostesses.

The Community Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs James Tate. Ten ladies were seated at a large lace covered dining table for the refreshments. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs Dewey Thomas. Present for the afternoon were Mrs Catherine Thomas, Mrs Edna Macnab, Mrs Reatha Coats, Mrs Elda Macnab, Mrs Nell Brackett, Mrs Pearl Brackett, Mrs Evelyn Macnab, Mrs Pat Reid, Mrs Lucille Fox and the hostess Mrs Tate.

Mrs W. R. Dean left Friday for her home in Eugene after spending some time with her sister Mrs Vernon Miller and family while they were ill with pneumonia.

The weiner roast held at the Fay Brackett ranch home Friday night was much enjoyed by the Young Peoples Society.

Mrs Pearl Herin was ill with the flu last week.

Bobby Brooks formerly a resident of Rufus and who is in the army has arrived in Arabia and according to the latest report to his grandmother, Mrs Glen Thompson.

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Biggest reason is better school at lower costs. I'm very much for it.

TED BALL: stockman. You don't hook your "RD 6" onto horse drawn equipment. Modernize our schools with the proper unit. Seed our best crop right. Vote April 17. Yours for "YES".

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING  
NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon on the second Monday in May, that being the 10th day of May, 1948, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

BIH E. Todd  
County Assessor

Henry Edward Reckman, son of Deltrich Reckman, and Sherman county native was married to Adele Rose VonAllmen of Portland at Sandy early this month. She is graduate of Gresham high school. They will live in Sandy after returning from a California wedding trip.

Attending the ceremony were Mr and Mrs Ralph Eakin in family, Mr and Mrs Alva Eakin and family, Mr and Mrs Dick Reckman, James and Mrs Estel Hartley and Mrs Clara Kock from this part of the state.

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## Women Learn About Tailoring In Class; Make Coats, Suits

A tailoring class of some 45 women is meeting three times each week in two sections at the Moro school house and, under the direction of Mrs R. C. Barger of the state vocational education system, is learning how to make coats and suits and other tailored clothing.

Women from Wasco and Grass Valley are in the group. The course will require three weeks. Ordinarily it is given in ten weeks with classes once each week, but a quicker method is being tried here. It is possible that a style show will be given at the end of the course to give the sewers an opportunity to show the results of their labors.

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