

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The east wind is a monster, always more vicious and destructive than the west wind. In winter it freezes with an icy blast; in summer it burns the face and cooks the vegetation. Water surfaces drop when it blows and water rises in the spring when the wind comes from the ocean on the west.

### TTWN

We think we have noted a difference between those who really like daylight saving time and those who feel a certain natural dislike for such tamperings with nature. The first are persons who are guided by the mechanical contraptions of modern existence; those who hold to standard time are those who are outdoors more and to whom six o'clock means something other than just the position of a couple of hands on the clock.

A man who has spent much of his time outdoors knows about what time it is, watch or no watch. He can tell time by the sun and general looks of things. He is guided more by the sun than a mechanical time machine like a watch. The morning glory opens on standard time, the four o'clock operates by the sun regardless of regulations or ordinances.

### TTWN

This is about the time of year when the boys (of any age) hang around the gas pumps to see what kind of queer get-ups the traveling women wear.

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In youth sleeping is considered the very last and most undesirable thing to do; eventually it becomes the most important thing. There are so many new things to see and do at first.

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The hills are turning brown already and it is only the first of June. The grass headed short except where well watered. It will be summer on the pastures whether it is warm or cold and cattle will know it.

### TTWN

The census is proving to be a disappointment to many chambers of commerce, especially those that bragged a lot about tremendous growth. It is possible that there is something wrong with a city whose main ambition is to be big anyway. There are other things of more value—home ownership, lack of crime, government motivated by moral sentiments, high percentage of employment, stable business conditions. The dinosaur had size and now what bones of his remain are in museums, very, very dead and inactive.

### TTWN

A writer in Harper's discourages on nylon shirts saying that a couple are all that any traveler needs to appear clean and trim at any time. The laundries, no doubt, will dispute the claim. But that everyone should become his own laundress is reminding of older times when the men in camp belted their duds without benefit of feminine aid. Are we again becoming self sufficient?

### TTWN

Historical societies and Pioneer associations are for the purpose of preserving the memory of the past. One has to be very young indeed to fail to realize the value of the past for upon the past the future is based. Out of the past has come the habits that govern us and which we so seldom break.

Even in so modern a machine as the automobile the manufacturers have installed back windows and rear view mirrors and any careful driver looks behind before he pulls into another traffic lane. The past is of equal importance in living.

A teacher once remarked that his pupils didn't like history because it merely told of water that had gone under the bridge. But the water that is running under the bridge now follows the same channel.

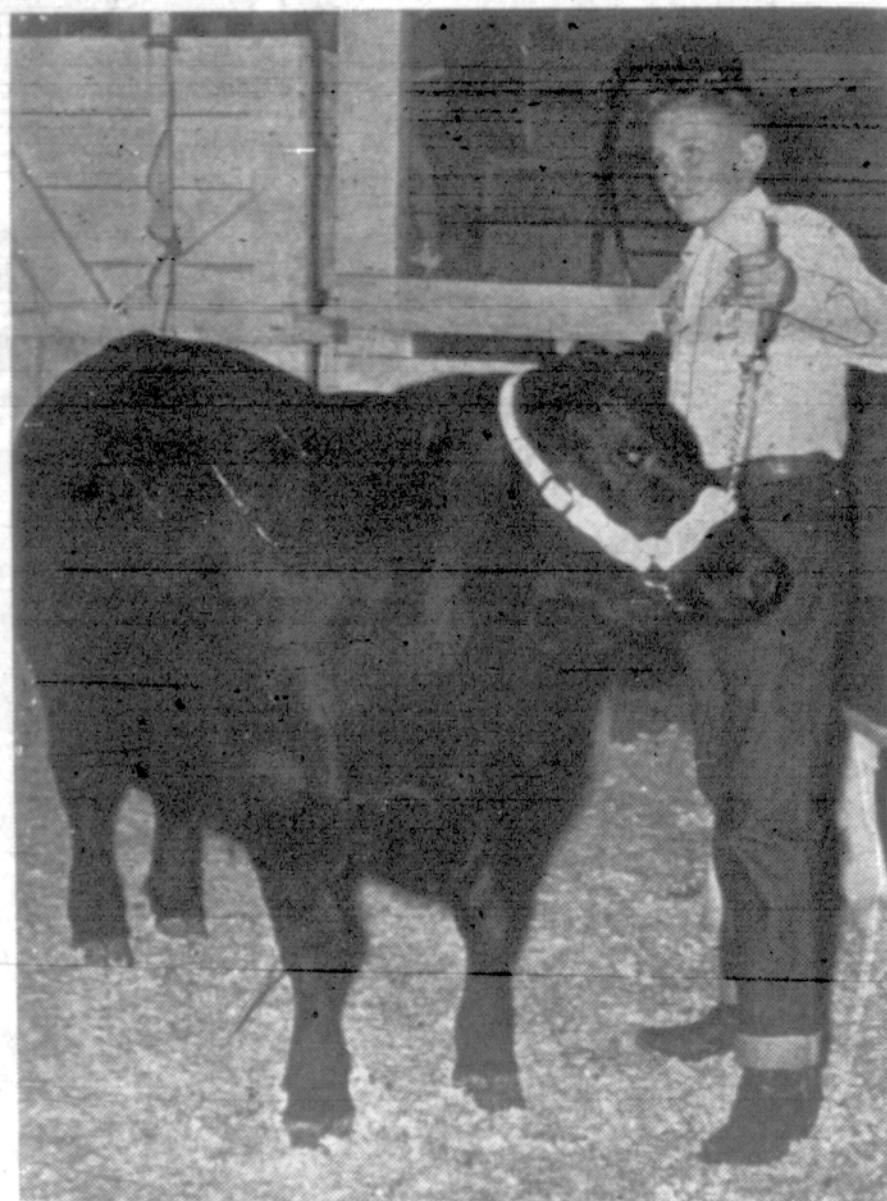
## Diane Christianson Takes Grand Champion at Show



(Photo and engraving, courtesy The Dalles Chronicle.)

**TWO TIME WINNER**—Diane Christianson, shown with grand champion 4-H Hereford steer, won Tuesday at the 4-H and FFA stock show in The Dalles. She was awarded \$1.00 per pound for her animal, which weighed 1,000 pounds. Another steer, taker in 5th place, was donated to the Shrine hospital by Diane.

## Edwin Balsiger Has Black Angus Reserve Champion



(Photo and engraving, courtesy The Dalles Chronicle.)

**EDWIN BALSIGER TAKES RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP**—The Black Angus shown above took reserve grand champion honors at the 4-H show, Tuesday evening. A bid of 47¢ per pound was tendered Edwin.

## Wheat Allotment Bible School to Considered Start Monday

Operators on land on which no wheat was seeded for any of the years, 1948, 1949, 1950, may apply for a 1951 wheat acreage allotment, according to the Sherman County PMA committee. To be considered for an allotment on a new farm the operator must apply to the PMA committee by July 1.

Application forms can be secured at the county PMA office.

### BUSINESS MEETING SUSPENDED BY SCC

Sherman County club met Wednesday noon at the Moro hotel cafe. An informal discussion was held with Drs. Vamik Tayst and Osman Tosun, professors from the Agronomy department of the University of Ankara.

The business meeting was postponed for two weeks because of the small attendance. The election of officers will be held June 21st at the regular noon meeting.

The Vacation Bible school at the Moro Community church will start next Monday, June 12, at 9:30 a. m. (DST). Mrs. Carrel S. Bennett will have charge of the Kindergarten group. Mrs. Bill Hall will have charge of the Primary classes. Rev. W. W. Gearhart will have charge of the Junior group. Children from four years of age through the grades will be welcome in the various departments which will feature a program of activities, handwork, song, and worship.

The school will close at noon each day, Monday through Friday for two weeks. On Friday night, June 23, the school will have a closing program and open house to show their parents and friends some of the things they have done and learned.

## Sherman County 4-H Club Takes Top Show Places

Sherman county 4-H Livestock club members walked away with several top honors at the Fourth annual Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale at The Dalles, Monday through Wednesday.

Diane Christianson, with a Hereford steer, won Grand champion 4-H Fat Steer. Diane also took Grand champion 4-H Fat Lamb with a Southdown Cross lamb. This is a repeat performance for Miss Christianson who had the Grand Champion steer, Grand Champion Fat lamb and Reserve Champion Fat lamb at the 1949 Wheat League show.

Edwin Balsiger took the reserve Grand Champion Fat steer with a black Angus. A Southdown cross feed fat lamb won the Reserve Grand Champion for Joann Ross.

A group of five top steers from the county won the best "County Herd" award. Counties following Sherman county as to placement were Morrow, second; Baker, third; Crook, fourth; and Gilliam, fifth.

Beef Showmanship in the intermediate class, 13 to 16 years, was awarded to Edwin Balsiger with Larry Kasberg third and Elaine Brinkert eighth. Louis Miller took second place in Junior Beef Showmanship with Gary Miller third, Sally Fields fourth and Lee Kaseberg eighth.

Joan Ross took second place in Senior Sheep Showmanship. Fourth place was awarded to Susan Woods while Sherry Woods took seventh and Jean Woods seventh.

Third place in Junior Hog Showmanship was awarded to Tonal Miller.

The following are placements of the Sherman County 4-H club members for Beef and Sheep Fat stock classes:

### Light Angus

1st—Louis Miller, 5th—Donald Miller, 6th—Donald Miller, 7th—Douglas Alley, 8th—Donald McIntyre.

### Heavy Angus

1st and 3rd—Edwin Balsiger. Edwin Balsiger had champion Angus which was Reserve Grand champion of the 4-H division. Louis Miller had Reserve champion Angus.

### Light Shorthorn

3rd—Larry Kaseberg, 5th Elaine Brinkert, 6th Frank McKay.

### Hereford, Group 1

1st—Diane Christianson, 2nd—Sharon Coons, 4th—Gordon Heller, 5th Diane Christianson.

### Herefords, Group 2

8th—Joan Ross, 11th Sharon Coons, 13th—Sally Fields.

### Hereford, Group 3

6th and 9th—Leroy Martin.

### Hereford, Group 4

5th—Bill Root, 7th—Bill Coats.

### Hereford, Group 5

2nd Arnold Miller, 3rd—Gary Miller.

Diane Christianson had champion Hereford and Grand champion 4-H Fat Steer.

Pen of three steers—Leroy Martin had 2nd and Roger Miller fourth.

Lambs sired by Southdown and Shorthorn—1st Diane Christianson.

## Wheat Acreage Allotment Now

Wheat acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1951 wheat crop according to word received by the Sherman County PMA committee. The legislation under which wheat acreage allotments are established requires that they be proclaimed each year by the Secretary of Agriculture unless a national emergency exists.

Each year the national allotment is based on the estimated needs for the coming year after making allowance for the supply of wheat on hand on July 1, '50. The percentage of acreage reduction has not been established for the county.

## Horse Show to Have Sherman Co. Entries

The major competitive horse show of the Mid-Columbia Saddle club ass'n. for this season will take place at the spacious grounds of the Hood River, Oregon Saddle club this Sunday afternoon, June 11, commencing at 1:30 p. m.

The affair will be under the general directorship of Larry Knighton, Hood River, assisted by officers of the eight component saddle clubs of the region at The Dalles, Dufur, Tygh Valley, Arlington, Moro and points in Washington, adjacent to the Columbia river.

Sherman county riders plan to attend the show in force. Entries must be made at Hood River by noon of the show day, states J. W. Dodd, Tygh Valley, president of the MCSCA.

Earl C. Craig, Tacoma, has been named senior judge; Charles Powell, Hood River, will be the arena director. Sadie Rich, Wasco, will be in charge of point tabulations together with Mrs. Mrs. Harry De Witt, Hood River.

## Father-Son Banquet Slated

The annual Fathers and Sons banquet sponsored by the Mariners' club will be held at the Moro community church Friday evening, June 16, at 6:30 p. m. (standard time). The dinner will feature turkey served family style and with all the fixings.

The program will be varied with the speaker being Dr. Robert McLean, who is noted for his wit, humor, and large collection of stories. Dr. McLean is pastor of the large First Presbyterian church of Yakima, Wash., where the services are broadcast every Sunday morning. He has traveled widely in the States and abroad, having recently made a trip to Africa. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Mariners, or at the bank. Every one is welcome.

## Polio Attack Puts Man In Hospital

The illness of Lester Wilson, county commissioner from Kent, was diagnosed as polio last Friday. He had been in the hospital for several days and very ill from what was thought to come from use of 2-4-D spray which he had been using.

Mr. Wilson has no use of his legs but his illness is less acute than at first. He is 34 years old, a native of Sherman county, who was elected commissioner in 1948 from the southern section of the county.

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### Family Reunion At Morris Home

By Mrs. George L. Fox

There was a family reunion at the Walt A. Morris home Memorial day. Dinner was served buffet style from tables on the lawn.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Langford, Miss Nellie Morris, Mrs. Clara Macnab of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Macnab and children, Janet and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Klock and children of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams and daughters of Arlington. From Rufus were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrd and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and children, also Vincent Rice, who is a guest of Jerry Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and children and the host and hostess.

Summer was here in earnest last week when Sol sent his rays down to drive the mercury near and above 90 degrees.

It appeared cloudy Monday morning, and everyone was hoping for a bit of rain to settle the dust which is getting bad if nothing else. Of course the ones having hay and alfalfa down in the fields, don't want rain until it's tucked away safely in the barns.

## Graduation Held Improvement Bonds Get Nod Of Approval

Graduation of seniors of the Moro high school drew a crowd that filled the gymnasium to capacity Friday night. Dr. Fogdall of the University of Oregon spoke urging the class to "keep their lanterns lit and in shape to burn" in a talk that was illustrated with story and parable.

Winners of the athletic awards were Ina May Ziegler and Willy Knighten. Of the best boy and girl was Roy Harvey and Martha Bardenhagen, who also won the music award. Gladys Moore took the 3G plaque, Evelyn Kirkelle and Carol Kopp each had perfect scholarship records for the year. Shirley McIntyre was valedictorian and Martha Bardenhagen, salutatorian.

## Historical Society Picnic Successful

The fifth annual Sherman County Historical society picnic was held, Sunday, June 4 in De Moss Springs park.

Over two hundred members and guests from different places in Oregon and Washington, met to enjoy a pot luck dinner at noon, followed by a program in the afternoon.

Invocation by Rev. W. W. eGhart and welcome by President Helen Bruckert, the program was started. The address was given by Ralph Shane, engineer at the Warm Springs unit. He gave an interesting history of the Warm Springs Indian reservation. Tom Fraser sang two solos, Harry Pinkerton read the Betterment committee's report, duet by Orville and Nita Ruggles, two numbers by the Rufus quartet.

G. H. Root read the nominating committee's report and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Jay Price, vice-president, Lester Barnum. Allie Ruggles was elected secretary and treasurer and A. A. Dunlap was elected as a director for a five year term, according to the report of Allie Ruggles.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles wish to thank all who helped when fire destroyed their hay stacks Thursday.

By a vote of 50 Yes and 15 No citizens of the city of Moro Saturday approved a \$15,000 bond issue for the repair of the damage done to the streets in the February run-off.

It is likely that this will be construed as a mandate by the city council to proceed with plans which were tentatively agreed upon when the bond election was decided upon.

This will mean the digging of a new ditch from the present foot bridge across it to the football field to Railroad avenue and across First street to join the old watercourse again. It will mean the laying of new sewer pipe from the present sewer crossing near the footbridge to below First street. This will probably be placed in the old watercourse. It will mean the erection of a steel tube with a capacity of at least 144 square feet to contain the water across First street with necessary concrete buttments.

Unless legal entanglements arise it is probable that work can begin soon and the tubing can be put in place before harvest so that wheat trucks can use First street.

Until further funds are available Second street will be closed to traffic after the ditch is run across it. Railroad avenue will be used as a waterway and access to the depot will be made by a new road between the old brick pumphouse and the tracks.

Whether any other plans will be made is not known but the council is open to suggestions that may improve the job or reduce the cost.

## Wasco Fire Truck Fund Started

P. O. O'Meara of Wasco, reports that the American Legion and citizens of Wasco have sponsored the raising of funds for purchase of a fire truck for fire protection for the city of Wasco and surrounding rural area.

Citizens of Wasco and farmers of that area have raised \$4,500.00, but are still short a few thousand dollars at present.

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution could do so at the Eastern Oregon Electric company or the City hall at Wasco.

## GRAND VACATION ENJOYED BY MORO VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nahouse stopped here Friday on their way home from a five weeks trip that took them across the United States through the southeastern states, up to New York, where they once lived, and home across the northern part of the nation. They took their time and stopped to see anything that interested them. Now they are home again at McCoy after visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ronald Powell here for a day.

## PIONEER'S VISIT RECALLS EARLY DAYS, GRASS VALLEY

Mrs. William Wallen of Garfield, Washington, is visiting friends in Moro this week. She came last Sunday to attend the Sherman county Historical picnic. Mrs. Wallen formerly taught music in the Baptist academy at Grass Valley, which at one time was a pioneer educational institution in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Edith Burnet held open house in honor of Mrs. Wallen, Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.