

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

It seems that an army enlistment for the definite period should be at least an implied contract between the soldier and the government, near enough to a contract that it should be lived up to.

T T W N

Someway we feel complimented when we read an advertisement which instructs us to grab a handful of haid and pull it.

T T W N

If the freight rate boost should encourage the west to do more manufacturing of raw products into finished goods it would not long be the calamity it now seems.

T T W N

Down to Gehenna, or up to the throne.

T T W N

He travels the fastest who travels alone.

T T W N

He described the candidate thus: a paucity of ideas surrounded by a surplus of words.

T T W N

In high places of Oregon the spring sun warms the air before the snow gets off the north slopes.

Spring pops into existence before winter is buried and the grass lures the cattle to the edge of the snow banks.

T T W N

Now they are saying that Leonardo De Vinci painted his own face in "The Last Supper", putting it on Thaddeus. With a full crop of foliage popular in that day any resemblance would be easy.

T T W N

There appears to be greater church attendance these troubled days and many successful business men are becoming officers. One executive of a major lumber company is resigning to become a minister. Those who have been saying that there is need for less materialism may be getting it. More attention to prophets and less to profits.

T T W N

The dinner in honor of Mrs. Hildred Zell last week was fitting recognition of a local citizen who has achieved distinction through hard and conscientious work. The encouragement may inspire her to go farther in her field.

## Mystic Play Given Touch of Realism When Lights Go Out

The junior class of Moro high school had a rather bad night for its play "Tiger House" presented at the school house Friday night. A wild wind put out the lights completely at one time and through most of the second act lights were dim on the stage. Although it was a mystery play the stage managers were not in control of the lights. Nevertheless the cast handled the situation in excellent manner, going ahead as usual.

Yvonne Kirkelle played the lead as a girl clerk who had inherited a fortune including a country house where the action occurred. Also inherited was a fabulous necklace which the original owners, an east Indian sect, were determined to repossess. Ronnie Butler was Yami, a Hindu; Mary Jo Miller, an elderly aunt and chaperone; Carol Kopp, a maid with a Scotch accent; Douglas Alley, a detective and fiancé; Edwin Balsiger, a cousin and villain; Larry Kaseberg, a scientist and comedy relief; Joann Ross, a flirtatious girl friend; Arden Peters, a policeman; and Vivette Sparling the mystery woman.

Direction was by Francis Keyes. Mr. and Mrs. John E. DeMoss were hosts Sunday for a surprise birthday party given in honor of John M. DeMoss at their farm home north of Moro. Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss had just returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where they spent the winter and entertained the group with colored slides of views taken on their trip. Included in the guest list besides the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong and granddaughter, Phyllis Watkins. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee and Mrs. Mollie McLachlan.

## Final Judging In U.N. Pilgrimage To Be Held April 26

Final judging for the winning high school student from this district to go on the United Nations pilgrimage for youth tour will be held at The Dalles high school auditorium April 26.

The evening meeting will be open to the public. The tour is being sponsored for the third year, by Odd Fellows together with Rebekahs in this district which comprises Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco and Hood River counties. Oregon has been allotted 12 student delegates.

To date seven school winners have been announced: Joy Baumgartner of Moro; Bill Bell of Fossil; John Burns of Condon; Dolores Stephens of Spray; Bonnie McCafferty of Dufur; Allison Holdridge of Hood River and Monica Wheeler of The Dalles. The winning student will leave with the Northwest delegation, together with four adult leaders, from Spokane, Wn.; July 5, in a modern 37 passenger bus equipped for trans-continental travel.

## Land Ec. Committee Meeting Here Monday

The Land Economics committee of the Sherman County Agricultural Planning Council will meet at 1:30 p. m. Monday, April 28, at the county courthouse, announces Dewey Thompson, chairman.

Consideration will be given to the re-assessment of real property program, cost of production studies, problems and size of economic farm units, taxation, etc. The committee, meeting for the first time, will decide on some of the land economic problems of the county, what can be done about them, and when and how the work will be done. Farm and business people have been asked to participate as members of the committee.

Organization of the committee is part of the coordinated county agriculture program in cooperation with the extension service of OSC. Through the council and its sub-committees they seek to coordinate the activities of all agencies and organizations touching agriculture and rural home life.

## E. O. College Head Chosen To Deliver Graduation Address

Dr. Roderick G. Langston, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, has been chosen to deliver the commencement address for the class of 1952. Commencement exercises will be held Monday evening, May 26, in the school gym.

The Moro P.T.A. will meet Friday to hear the reports of the committees who are looking into the building of a new high school plant. A movie, "A Boy, A Girl, And A Dog" will be shown to the children. The report has been received by the school board on the findings of the secondary education supervisor, Willard Baer, during his visit to the school April 2. The rating has been raised from a conditionally standard school to a rating of standard with advice which shows that improvement has been made since his last check which was two years ago. Copies of this report may be obtained at the P.T.A. meeting, April 25.

## MRS. ORVILLE HOCKMAN HEADS WOMAN'S CLUB

The Moro Woman's club held its regular meeting of April 17, in the club room. Eighteen women were in attendance.

The business consisted mainly of convention data and nominations for coming year 1952-53. The nominating committee submitted the following: Mrs. Orville Hockman, president; Mrs. Mae Bjell, vice-president; Mrs. Vernon Miller, secretary; Mrs. A. Douma, treasurer; board member 3-yr term: Mrs. John Parker. With no further nominations a unanimous ballot was cast.

Mrs. Howard Conlee was director for the day and gave some facts on "Communism".

Coffee and donuts were served after the meeting. The Mother and Daughter banquet date will be announced later, since the state convention falls on the previous date.

Last meeting for the year will be May 15, with installation of officers and Mrs. Truman Strong as director.

## Cooked Food Sales Billed For Saturday

Cooked food sales will be held in Grass Valley, Moro, and Wasco, Saturday afternoon April 26 to raise funds for the International Farm Youth Exchange program. Joy Baumgartner and Doug Alley, county chairman announced this week. The sales are sponsored by the 4-H boys and girls, leaders and parents in each community.

The International Farm Youth Exchange is a program sponsored by the 4-H club. Its objective is to develop an understanding between the youth of the United States and that of other countries. The young people of this country travel abroad and live in homes of foreign farm families for three months, while youth from other countries visit and live with farm families in this country.

The program is sponsored by national 4-H club organizations. Donation by large national organizations finance part of the project. The 4-H clubs in each state raise the rest of the money needed. Sherman county club people are raising their contributions through the cooked food sale Saturday.

The Wasco sale is under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Fields and will be held at the Eastern Oregon Electric store. Mrs. Gwen Ross is in charge of the Moro sale to be held at the Ranch & Home store. Sussie Baumgartner and Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley are in charge of the Grass Valley sale.

## School Problems To Be Aired at Dalles Meeting Saturday

General school problems and principles involved in school measures will be discussed Saturday, April 26, at the civic auditorium in The Dalles. The conference will be under auspices of Oregon Education Association and Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mayor Marshall W. Nelson of The Dalles will preside as moderator of the afternoon panel, slated for 1:30 p. m. Members of the panel are: Mr. Robert Holmes, Rep. John Hounsell, Joe Dodd, clerk of board of education Tygh Valley, Willy Knighten, Moro, Sherman county's superintendent of schools, Mrs. Edith Green, Portland, Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The conference area will include Wasco, Sherman, Hood River, Morrow and Wheeler Counties. Everyone interested invited to attend. Reservations for noon luncheon may be made with Mrs. Wm. Webber ph-6134, The Dalles, Meeting 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

## Condensed Report of April, 1952, Proceedings of County Court

Claims against all funds allowed and ordered sent to Mr. Dufault as presented.

County Treasurer's monthly financial statement showing all fund balances as of March 31, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Clerk's monthly statement showing all General Road Fund Budget balances as of April 1, 1952 presented, approved and filed.

County Road Foreman presents report of gas consumption during month of March, approved and filed.

Financial statement of Sherman County Fair Association for period of July 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951 presented to court, statement examined, approved and filed.

Road Foreman asked for raise of 15 cents per hour for road laborers. Court approved such raise, to be effective as of April 1, 1952.

Road Foreman reports he has viewed certain road in road district No. 1 on J. T. Brown property as instructed by court and recommends the closing of such road. Court instructs road foreman to post notices.

Sheriff Fields appears before court and asks consideration of purchase of new Ambulance. Motion made and seconded matter deferred until some assurance given by various organizations of their financial aid toward purchase of ambulance.

County Agent appears before court and asks authorization for \$100.00 for rodent control to be expended out of Taylor Grazing Act funds. Court O. K.'s such expenditure.

Bid of Peter Dufault et ux on tax foreclosed property in Wasco accepted. Court is presented with deed for such property, signed

## Rafus Lass In Race For "Miss Sherman"



the only student in school who can type.

In her present school year, Donna is serving as treasurer of the student body, layout editor of the annual, secretary of her class, captain of the girls' volleyball team, cheerleader for the basketball team and vice-president of the G.A.A.

Donna is also preparing for a role of housewife, just in case. She is an expert at making clothes and has won 4-H awards for designing and sewing. And as for cooking, she takes this part of home life very seriously.

Her father, who should know good cooking by now, reports she is excellent at putting out a delicious meal.

As for Miss Wilson's personality, she is very friendly and is well liked by her school mates. One of the nicest compliments paid her was from a lady in The Dalles recently. She's, so cute," the lady said, "but she isn't always staring in the mirror to see if her good looks are still there."

The Moro Past Matrons entertained Past Matrons of Sherman, Annie Fulton and Columbia chapters Monday night at the Masonic hall. Piano solos were played by Jeanette Belshee and Nancy Conlee favored with a dance. Bridge and canasta were played and refreshments of cake and ice cream served to about 48 guests.

## THREE GIVEN DEGREES

Initiatory degree for three candidates was exemplified Tuesday evening by Lupine Rebekah lodge No. 116. Receiving the work were Sophia Dodson, Charlotte Allgeier and Katherine Monroe.

Visitors were present from Wasco, Grass Valley and Kent and a social hour was enjoyed following the lodge meeting.

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Service Motor Co., \$11.79; The Dalles Iron Works, \$53.56; The Dalles Equip. Co., \$5.90.

GAS & OIL: Union Oil Co., \$446.23; TIRE & TUBES: Walther Williams Co., \$9.38; Sunset Motor Co., \$16.50.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Wesco Steel Co., \$66.95; Motor Supply & Equip. Co., \$5.86; Int. Tractor & Equip. Co., \$14.43; Howard Cooper Corp., \$2.65; J. K. McKean Co., \$37.65.

MISCELLANEOUS: State Industrial Accident Com., \$79.28; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$3.02; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$5.35; G. A. Sargent, \$15.00.

RETIPEMENT: \$68.93. SPECIAL ROAD TAX 1951-1952: Edwin C Gerber, \$1,026.00.

ELECTIONS: \$35.65. DEMOSS' PARK: Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95.

PREMIUM ON OFFICERS' BONDS: Geo. H. Wilcox, \$5.00. COUNTY PRINTING: \$24.71. EMERGENCY: \$10.00.

RETIREMENT FUND: \$52.11. MISCELLANEOUS: State Tax Commission, \$19.94; Public Employees Retirement System, \$121.59; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$12.18; First National Bank, \$204.20; National Hospital Ass'n., \$8.00.

ROAD FUND WAGES: Frank Bazzel, \$324.08; E. McPherson, \$230.46; Earl Rehr, \$211.59; Frank Bayer, \$223.72; Jerry Morehouse, \$234.84; Ora Workman, \$128.92; Claud Bayer, \$183.42; Lloyd Gosson, \$224.24; First National Bank, \$165.90; State Tax Commission, \$20.43; Public Employees Retirement System, \$91.90.

REPAIRS: O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co.

## Spring Fever To Bust Out All Over Town When Boosters Start Cleanup

### William E. Garrett Services Held In Grass Valley Church

Funeral services for William E. (Jack) Garrett, 83, were held Tuesday, April 22, at the Grass Valley Baptist church at 2:00 p. m. with Spencer & Libby in charge.

Mr. Garrett was born September 16, 1868, in Linn county and died Thursday, April 18, 1952, in Pendleton. He had been a resident of the Grass Valley community for nearly half a century and for most of that time a member of the local Odd Fellow lodge. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are a brother, T. M. Garrett, a half brother, R. G. Garrett, both of Grass Valley; a sister, Mrs. Charles Frazier, Burns; two half sisters, Mrs. Roy Buchanan, LaGrande and Mrs. Naomi Bradford, Burns.

### Wind Plays Havoc With Power Lines

High winds that swept the mid-Columbia region Friday night damaged two Pacific Power & Light company transmission lines and caused interruptions of service in Moro, Wasco, Grass Valley, Condon, Fossil and Arlington and in much of the Bend, Redmond and Prineville area of central Oregon, according to Lawrence Kirby, lineman-agent for the power company.

The local trouble started before midnight when the winds took out one power conductor near Arlington. Service was restored by 3 p. m. except for Arlington, where repairs were completed at 6:30 a. m., Kirby said.

The central Oregon line was damaged near Tygh Ridge and caused failure of a 66,000 volt switch.

Alley Cleeth—Paul Cyphers, chairman; Jim O'Meara, John Parker, Dewey Thompson, Ralph Busse, M. M. Powell, Wm. Gearhart, Lawrence Kirby, Bob Marvin, Claude Bayer, Bob Hoskinson and Paul May.

### VFW Aux. Installs, Holds Initiation

The Sherman county VFW auxiliary held initiation and installation Monday evening at the Women's club hall in Moro. New members initiated were Dorothy Wilson, Ella Bazzel and Violet Noonan.

District president Mary Beland and conductress Lillian Holmes of The Dalles were present to help with the installation.

Installed officers for the coming year were: Grace Busse, president; Myrtle Rust, sr. vice; Donna Lane, jr. vice; Carmen Brown, treasurer; Sylvia Gilkison, secretary; Bea Howell, chaplain; Ruby Brinkert, guard; and Marie Balzer, color bearer.

Mrs. Carroll Sayers assisted at the piano and Marie Balzer sang two solos entitled "The Gypsy" and "Sin". Refreshments of cake and jelly were served.

### Civic Organizations Form Library Board

Friday afternoon, April 18, a group of men and women representing various organizations in the community of Moro, met at the Woman's club room to form a library board.

The officers elected were W. B. Gearhart, president; Mrs. Robert Marvin, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, secretary and William E. Hall, treasurer.

Committees were named to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and to select and recommend books to be purchased. It was agreed that the group would meet on the 3rd Friday of each month.

A budget will be prepared with which to operate. Contributions from individuals or organizations will be appreciated, in order to purchase new books for summer reading.

### CATTLEMEN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET MAY 5

Executive committee of the Sherman county Cattlemen's association will meet the evening of May 5. All folks having suggested projects for the association to consider and work toward should submit them to officers, directors or the county agent's office prior to May 5.

Spring fever, that urge to cooperate with nature in making this old world glow with energy and pride, will break out all over Moro on the morning of Wednesday, May 7. That is the date chosen by the Moro Booster club for the annual cleanup of the town and preparations are underway to make a complete job of it.

The schedule calls for breakfast at the Moro hotel at 6:30 a. m. when the work schedule and other details will be announced. It is understood that breakfast attendance will not be limited to club members but will be open to any hardy soul who has the intestinal fortitude to get around by 6:30. To avoid overwhelming the cooks it might be advisable to indicate that you want a place at the breakfast table.

Verne Arstall is general chairman of the cleanup event. Club president George Mitchell has designated him as the "Bull of the Woods", which is a somewhat fearsome title and probably designed to throw the fear of something or other into the citizenry.

A special appeal has been made to the ladies to assist in the cleanup—and it's a safe wager that they can find plenty for the men to do.

To expedite the work, Mitchell has set up five committees and if all groups and their members turn out, the regular Booster club breakfast will be a success and the job of cleaning up the town should be completed within a matter of a few hours.

On the whitewash committee are Tom Monroe, chairman; Bob Brubaine, Homer Townsend, G. Douma, Mike Mulick, Vernon Platt, George Mitchell, Jack Noonan, T. Lester Johnson, Francis Keyes, Virgil Archer, Clarence Sparding, Giles French and Dick Holdaway.

Main Street Cleanup—D. A. Van Gilder, chairman; W. T. Balsiger, Clyde Gillmor, T. W. Thompson, George G. Updegraff, Wm. Roos, Ernest Woods, Ivan Kirkelle, J. K. McKean, Tiny Benson, Harry Kunsman, J. W. Coons, C. P. Moore, Bob Roberson and B. H. Roberson.

Corner Lot—Carrel Bennett, chairman; Jim Dyer, Bon Christensen, Andy Paulson, Willy Knighten, R. A. Rasmussen, Norman Fields, Cliff Snow, Jim Johnson, Bill Davis, Don Smith, and Bob Axtell.

### GOP's Outnumber Demos in Sherman

Final summary of the registration of voters in Sherman county reveals that the Republicans lead the Democrats by 129, according to the report from the office of Mrs. Marie Hoskinson, county clerk. The count shows 670 Republicans and 541 Democrats, with five others not expressing party preference for a total of 1216.

The 1952 registration is considerably less than that shown in 1950. This does not necessarily represent a smaller population, but rather the result of people who had moved from the county during the past several years and only this year changed their registration, Mrs. Hoskinson explains.

### Pupils of Homer Belshee Present Him With Trophy

Members of the Harlandview grange baseball squad of some 20 years ago got together last week and arranged a picnic and a nice little surprise for their coach of those bygone days Homer Belshee. The picnic was held Sunday at the grange hall.

In the course of events there was a special ceremony when Homer was presented with a baseball trophy as a memento from his squad for the fine work he had done.

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