

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Senator Morse says he will remain silent in the campaign if Taft is nominated. He-m-m, something to think about.

**T T W N**  
The bill for social security benefits is now about to pass because it is an election year. If you want to sit in a corner and soliloquize about the disadvantages of popular government, go ahead. We won't stop you.

**T T W N**  
School directors were chosen Monday for some arduous public service and to them may we say that public service is like virtue—its own reward.

**T T W N**  
Oregon's governor says that governments must live within their income. Well, he's got \$20,000,000 a biennium in expenditures over income to work on.

**T T W N**  
"Well," says Uncle Emmett, as he looked over the election returns, "I reckon if some one built a new house and asked me to live in it, I'd do it."

**T T W N**  
That delightful contribution to official foolishness, the OPS, has permitted raises on 1000 items. Merchants have seldom been able to get the old prices, but what do facts have to do with the OPS, which was started, if memory serves correctly, to protect the poor downtrodden—and voting—consumer from the financial lust of the corner merchant.

**T T W N**  
Now Russia talks about returning some of the ships lent her during the war. It is easy to be scornful about it, but actually Russia is about the only ally that returned anything.

**T T W N**  
Worry about the law theoretically regulating campaign contributions is useless. The law is useless. It neither protects candidates nor the public. It is unenforceable and it wouldn't be any good if it was. It should be rewritten or forgotten.

**T T W N**  
A Yakima man has sued the city of Hood River for a considerable sum because of rough treatment at the time of his arrest. Nothing is told of the offense for which he was arrested but it wasn't serious or he wouldn't be out within a month. It does seem that some police officers take a sadistic pleasure in roughing up those who for any reason fall to their hands and perhaps a legal protest by a citizen will soften the heavy hand of the law. There are so many laws nowadays that anyone is liable to be a victim anytime and we think that the police should not be the first to get rough over an arrest.

**T T W N**  
We can't help but wonder how much need for relief is caused by the availability of relief. It's there. You might as well use it. Beats taking a job. An opposite theory has been adopted by reformers. They say do away with liquor, gambling and Lo, evil disappears.

**T T W N**  
Keith and Noel Hockman killed a badger Monday night. The parents had killed one a few days before. It was quite an experience for the boys and that will give old timers a twinge of nostalgia for badgers used to be very common and now they are rare.

### SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 17 of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that a SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at Moro School House, on the 8th day of July, 1952, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following objects: Elect one director to serve until next annual school meeting. Authorize purchase of land Northwest of Edith Burnet house in Moro as site for new high school. Dated this 20th day of June, 1952.

Ernest Woods  
Chairman Board of Directors  
ATTEST: Clara E. Houston  
District Clerk

## Grass Valley Grain Growers Pay Final Elevator Debt

The annual meeting of the Grass Valley Grain Growers was held last Saturday and the report of the manager made to the members. Mrs. Anita Hooper said that the profit for the 1951 crop was \$89,278.82 and that that amount had been allocated to patrons.

Since the date of the audit, May 31, the organization has paid the last of its indebtedness some \$68,750, thus completing payment of the new Grass Valley elevator in three years. Certificates on the 1943 crop will be paid this year.

Election of officers resulted in John Decker and Norris Gilkison being re-elected and Lester Barnum being chosen to replace W. S. Holmes. Other directors are Lester Wilson and Bernard Martin.

## Donald Ellis Killed In Action In Korea

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Ellis received a telegram from the war department Wednesday afternoon telling them that their son, Donald Davis Ellis, had been killed in action in Korea, Friday, June 13.

Young Ellis was here before entering the service. He had been overseas 16 months as a member of Co. A, 178th Regimental Combat Team, 45th (Thunderbird) division, which was originally the Oklahoma National Guard.

He was born, October 5, 1928 in Douglas, Wyoming and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1950. He was wounded in February and had but recently returned to the front lines. He was a boxer and had fought in bouts between regiments while stationed in Japan.

Surviving are his parents and a brother, Evan, all of Moro.

## School Directors Chosen With Few Contests For Places

Election of school directors in the seven districts of Sherman county caused little excitement.

In the Moro district Charles Burnet was chosen for the three year term with 73 votes to 31 for Ernest Woods and one for Donald Martin. There were 25 ballots uncounted because of lack of an X before the name or other irregularities. Some failed to write any name.

At Wasco Steve O'Meara was elected to the school board to replace David Richelderfer who did not choose to run again.

George Fox and Charles Burnet were re-elected to the Rural School board and Kenneth Fridley was re-elected as a member of the non-high school board.

At Kent John Decker was re-elected and at Grass Valley Ross Fields will begin a new term as school directors as will Curtis Neal of Rufus.

## Voters Approve City Levy; Insure Continued Drilling

The election to determine whether or not the city of Moro could levy above the six percent limit was decided Tuesday by a vote of 56 to 6 in favor of the levy. The levy will be \$9055.19 and the valuation of the city in 1951 was \$239,829. The actual levy will therefore be 38 mills. The possible levy within the six percent is about \$600.

The fund from which the city is paying for the well was set to include both water and drain expense as both were voted on at one levy. That fund now contains \$3323.81 of which all is owed on the well. There is \$77.04 in the water account partly because of new meters and other water system costs. The city has \$4967.35 in the street account which comes from the state and can be used for nothing but the improvement of streets herein designated and approved by the state highway department.

At the council meeting following the canvassing of votes cast in the election it was decided to enforce the resolution regarding payment of water bills made in May.

### CANCER DRIVE ENDS WITH MORE MONEY

The annual drive for cancer research and education has been nearly completed in Sherman county, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, county chairman.

Last year the sum of \$960.15 was contributed. This year the \$1000 goal has been passed with \$1095.80, having been collected to date.

The American Cancer society wishes to express its appreciation and to thank everyone who gave so generously to this great cause and especially to thank the volunteer workers.

These volunteer workers were: Mrs. B. E. Halley, Wasco area chairman assisted by Mrs. T. Lester Johnson, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Leonard Fields, Mrs. Norman Gochnauer and Mrs. Ardith Jordan; Mrs. E. Eslinger, county vice-chairman, Moro assisted by Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Mrs. Ralph Busse and Mrs. Clair Balzer; Mrs. Donald Ciofelter, Grass Valley chairman, assisted by Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Lester Barnum, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mrs. Jim Brown and Mrs. John Rust; Mrs. Robert Tatum, chairman Kent, assisted by Mrs. Harley McKay, and Mrs. Al Bekkedahl.

Since funds are always needed for this important work in cancer research, anyone desiring to contribute during the year, please contact one of the above chairmen.

### LUTHERAN SERVICE JUNE 29

One week from this Sunday, June 29th, the Rev. Elmer F. Muhl will occupy the pulpit at the Grass Valley Lutheran service while the Rev. A. J. Maas from Hood River is on vacation. The June 29th service begins at 3:30 p. m., standard time, and will be conducted in the Community church. Special music will be supplied. Visitors are always welcome.

## Stewart-Christianson Wedding Observed Sunday At Moro Community Church

In a formal wedding at the Moro Community church Miss Frances Diane Christianson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christianson of Moro, was married to John William Stewart of Modesto, Calif., at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 15.

The bride, gowned in white was accompanied to the altar by her father where bridesmaids, Donna Kay Sparling, Carrie Belshe, Jackie Helzer and Joan Garner, matron of honor Mrs. Bon Christianson, best man, Richard Peterson, ushers, Bon Christianson, Andy Paulson, Calvin Massee and Homer Townsend awaited with the groom.

Janie McKean had preceded them as flower girl and candle lighters Vivette Sparling and Virginia Adams had performed their function.

Rev. W. W. Gearhart read the impressive ceremony that united the young couple in matrimony. Tom Frutser, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, who also played the wedding march, sang "I Love You," "Because," and after the ceremony "The Lord's Prayer."

A reception followed immediately in the parlor of the church with Mesdames Wendell Balsiger, Collis Moore and George Mitchell in charge. The signatures in the guest book were obtained by

## Kent Start of 500 Mile Pigeon Race

Some 600 pigeons were liberated at Kent last Sunday morning by members of the California branch of the American Racing Pigeon union. The birds had been brought from the bay area and released in two bunches for the race back to their homes.

L. C. Babbitt, secretary of the California union, said that the pigeons would make the 500 mile air trip in about ten hours under average weather conditions.

The larger group of aged birds was turned loose at 5:30 a. m. and the younger birds at 6:00. Another group will be released at Kent June 28.

### SHERIFF GETS FIRST BONUS CHECK

The first bonus payments to Oregon World War II veterans will go to the Salem postoffice for mailing at 3 p. m., Wednesday, director William F. Gaearstrom of the state Department of Veterans' Affairs announced Tuesday.

The state veterans' department which administers the bonus, estimated that about 40,000 bonus checks amounting to \$16,600,000 will have been mailed by Saturday.

Warrant payment No. 1 will go to Dallard L. Whitmore, 490 SW Douglas avenue, Beaverton. Whitmore's was the first bonus application to be drawn last October 12 by Gov. McKay when the first mailbag of bonus applications was opened.

The bonus payments are being made in the order of applications received by the department. In Sherman county, Sheriff Norman Fields was the first veteran to file and have his application processed, so he will be among the first recipients of a bonus check in this area.

### VPW INITIATES

The Sherman county VFW No. 5028 held initiation Monday evening at the Ladies club room in Moro. New members were: Velma Belshe, Irene Blagg and Ella Rasmussen. The VFW wishes to remind all members of our forthcoming district hospital visit on June 29 at 1:00 o'clock (daylight time) to go through the Sam Jackson Veterans hospital in Portland. Registration begins at one and the tour of the wards begins at 1:45.

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## Olds Family Reunion

The Olds' family reunion was held Sunday, June 15, at the Grass Valley school house. A pot luck dinner was served in the school cafeteria and the afternoon spent visiting. Bela Gowen of Seattle gave a resume of the Olds' family. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Balzer and children of Wamic, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown, Tygh Valley, Mrs. Lorena Eaves and daughter, Rhea of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Rust and Judy Ann Finley of Wasco, Frank Olds, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gohlman of Waukegan, Alfred Brown Tygh Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olds, and sons, Willard and Donald, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Bela Gowen, Seattle, Ella M. Myers, Portland, F. M. Crews, Wasco, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brittain Tygh Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews, Stevenson, Wn., Mrs. Ika Ward and son Donald Miles of San Francisco, Lyle Olds of Brentwood, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Messenger and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nahouse of McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sarber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell and family of Moro, Dr. and Mrs. Russell of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Noonan of Moro, and from Grass Valley, Mrs. Ida Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and son, Robin, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble, Charles Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughters and Mrs. Fred Peters and daughter.

## About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee went to Hood River Sunday where they met the rest of the family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shelton. Mr. McKee also celebrated his birthday and Fathers-day with his family. Other guests were the Shelton's daughter Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McKee and son, Gordon, who is home on leave from the navy.

He is on the USS Kearsarge stationed at Bremerton, Wn., Mrs. Veva Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Tigard.

Mrs. Malcolm Guy entertained the Home Economics club of the Rufus grange at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. George Drinkard was co-hostess. A 1:30 dessert luncheon of angel cake, ice cream and coffee was served. Mrs. Earl Weatherford of Arlington was a guest of the club.

As Mrs. Roland Johnson, the chairman, was away attending state grange in LaGrande, the vice-chairman, Mrs. Curtis Neal, presided at the business meeting. Roll call was on each telling their ideas on making corsages. The rummage sale planned by the club will be June 27 and 28 at Eddin's warehouse in The Dalles. The warehouse is across the street from Kerr Gifford's Feed store. On the committee for advertising are Mr. George Fox, and Mrs. Allen Tom; sorting and hanging are Mrs. Curtis Neal, Mrs. George Drinkard, Mrs. Trace Fields, Mrs. Luther Steward and Mrs. Atlee Wilson; pricing are Mrs. Walt Morris, Mrs. Andy Engberg and Mrs. Grace Medler; selling are Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. Malcolm Guy, Mrs. Joe Morris and Mrs. Sam Brock. The women of the club are asked to take their things to the Rufus grange hall the Wednesday before (June 25) to sort them for the rummage sale.

Mrs. Vernon Brasher entered the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles Tuesday evening where she will be under observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman and daughter, Janet, who is working in The Dalles General hospital as a nurses aid, drove to Northern lake to spend Sunday recently.

Van Reitmman of Condon was in Wasco on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Rothery and daughter Vaughna are at home near Portland where they had been visiting relatives. Mr. Rothery's hand hurt recently in an accident on the Luther Davis place has healed nicely.

The Poplar Grove zoo has reopened with twice as many animals this year as last. Admission is 50 cents for adults and children are free. Animals include the snake pit, badgers, honeybees, monkeys, pheasant, skunks, guinea pigs and others.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Larsen and family from Cove Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Watkins are spending two weeks at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wolfe, an aunt of Mr. Watkins from La Grande spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Watkins.

Mrs. Lila Halley is home again from Portland where she spent

a few days and attended the Ice Follies.

Mrs. Clem Weik was hostess to the Wednesday bridge club, June 11. After a 1:30 dessert luncheon bridge was played by Mrs. Malcolm McDermid, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. George Macnab, and Mrs. Henry Richelderfer as club members. Guests were Mrs. Peter Weik, Mrs. Pat Macnab and Mrs. Stephen O'Meara. High prize went to Mrs. Elton Medler, low to Mrs. John Hilderbrand. Mrs. Weik entertained informally in the evening. Mrs. Ira Fridley, Mrs. Peter Weik, Mrs. Pat Patrick, Mrs. Wayne Barton, Mrs. Stephen O'Meara, Mrs. Henry Richelderfer and Mrs. Pat Macnab with bridge and refreshments. Floral decorations were furnished from Mrs. B. E. Halley and Mrs. Jennie Hearing's lovely gardens.

Stanley Anderson of Portland and Leland Anderson of Corvallis were week end guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper. Also visiting them is Mr. Harper's aunt Mrs. Nellie Tabor of Decatur, Illinois. The Harpers and Mrs. Tabor drove to Portland Thursday to attend the Ice Follies and see the Rose parade.

Arvid Anderson and Stanley Anderson are leaving to go east as far as Sloan, Iowa, on a two week vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weber of Halsey arrived Thursday for a short stay with her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard sr.

Miss Glenna Wallace of The Dalles visited friends here Thursday afternoon.

Wasco Girl Scouts were guests at a tea given by the Moro Girl Scouts. After a short program refreshments were served. Going from here were leaders Mrs. Leonard Fields and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg, Scouts Peggy Austin, Betty Haven, Carmen Roysse, Merry Drinkard, Rebecca Rinehart, Sally Fields, Phyllis and Shirley Watkins and a guest from Spokane Carol Lacey.

Miss Jean Helen McClure and Richard Dwight McGreor were united in marriage Sunday June 1 at 3:00 p. m. at the Westminster Presbyterian church in Portland. The bride in a white lace gown was given in marriage by her father John E. McClure, a former and long time resident of Wasco. Miss Mary Ann McClure, sister of the bride was bridesmaid and John Robert McClure, the brides brother was an usher. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas and John Robinson attended the wedding from here. Mrs. Thomas poured at the wedding reception held in the basement of the church immediately following the ceremony.

The quartette from the Baptist seminary in Portland will conduct the morning services at the church Sunday June 22. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knott and children left Sunday for La Grande where he will attend summer school at EOCE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dutton and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wright went to Decker lake fishing Monday.

Rev. Myrlin Shields, a recent graduate and just ordained from the Northwest Christian college has been chosen for the coming year as minister at the Wasco Church of Christ. Rev. Shields attended Linfield college at Mc-

Minville three years previous to his other schooling. He is taking Rev. Robert L. Brooks place. The Brooks family have moved back to Bakersfield, California where he will go back to school. Mrs. Shields is expected to arrive early in July to join her husband.

Misses Vivette Sparling and Yvonne Kirkelle returned Saturday from Salem where they had attended girl's state. Miss Kirkelle was elected as a representative and both girls enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about government.

Miss Gloria Douma left last week for Portland where she will spend the summer as a clerk in the drapery department of Meier and Frank.

Swimming "students" going from this county are making some progress it is reported by W. W. Gearhart. Ten have passed the beginners test, one the swimming test and two have gotten into the intermediate class. Boy Scouts will go to the pool next week to complete their work for merit badges in swimming and life saving.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillmor in St. Vincent's hospital, Wednesday, June 18, a daughter.

Jim Johnson and his brother Bob of Helix, were in South Dakota last week where they attended the funeral of their father who died there after a brief illness. Mrs. Bob Johnson remained here while the men were away.

Miss Evelyn Kirkelle was among those who won a 3.5 average and made the honor roll at Eastern Oregon College of Education last term.

Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand spent several days in Portland last week attending the grand chapter OES and visiting her daughter Mrs. Patty Weik. She returned home Thursday bringing Mrs. Chas. Everett and Mrs. Keith McDonald with her. They also attended the OES sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathieson and daughter of Paso Robles, California are up spending a two weeks vacation visiting their relatives in this vicinity. They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McNeal of The Dalles. Mrs. McNeal is a sister of Mrs. Mathieson. The Mathiesons have an auto court at Paso Robles and Hugh works at Camp Roberts for the army engineers.

Miss Donna Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson spent last week at Girls' State at Willamette university, Salem.

### MORE RAIN FALLS

An additional .56 inch of rain fell this week to increase the June rainfall at the station to 1.07, nearly 50 percent above the June normal.

The last rain was not so general as the former ones. Although all parts of the county had rain some sections received much more than others. At Kent the fall was measured at .32 inch and at Grass Valley and Bourbon more is reported.

The effect on wheat has been good and the effect on farmers has been excellent. Frost damaged or seriously drouth-stricken fields will benefit little from the rains but over a vast majority of the county the rains will aid the crop greatly.