

The County

Sherman county's prominence as a "wheat factory" due to the modern farming methods of its grain growers is well known in agricultural circles and is one of the many reasons why the First National Bank decided to build a new bank here.

The farms are large and efficiently operated and the incomes reflect the quality of farm management that has developed to become the equal of the fertility of the soil.

The golden crop harvested the past summer was of record proportions, totalling 4½ million bushels in Sherman county alone and valued at \$9½ million. The harvested crop value gives Sher-

man county's 2,271 citizens a per capita income of over \$5,000 for every man, woman and child, which makes it the richest county in the nation.

Sherman county also boasts of the largest percentage of tillable land of any county in the state of Oregon, and has the third largest number of tillable acres of any county in the state with 296,000. At the present time there are three major grain co-ops which handle the bulk of the Sherman county's crop.

The co-ops in the county are the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers, the leader in total annual storage since 1942; the Moro Grain Growers; the Grass

Valley Grain Growers, under the direction of the only woman grain elevator manager in the United States, Mrs. Anita Dunlap Hooper.

Sherman county Judge C. A. Tom paused at his home in Rufus to give a warm welcome to the new bank building in Sherman county. "When any business expands and modernizes its operation it is a good sign that they anticipate continual growth in the county," Tom said. "This is especially true in the case of the bank, since a growing financial center of an area is an accurate reflection of the level of business in the area," he added.

Business, Government Have Happy Word



MRS. ANITA HOOPER, MGR.
Grass Valley Grain Growers

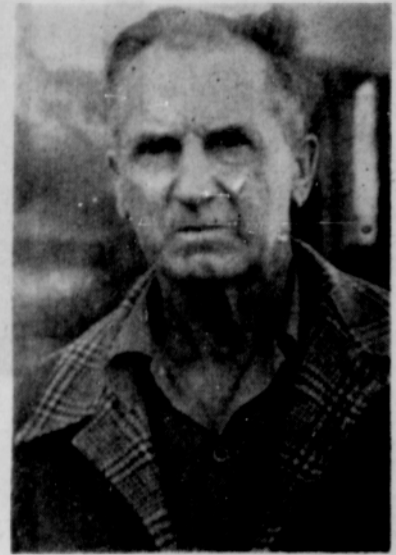
"It's a pleasure to see the Sherman county branch of First National progress with the rest of our fine county," George Harris, manager of the Sherman Grain Growers Co-op said. "The people of the surrounding areas should be very proud of the growth of their bank. It has been due to their efforts that the county has prospered to the extent that expanding banking facilities have become necessary," the manager of Sherman county's largest grain co-op added.

W. T. Balsiger, manager of the Moro Grain Growers Co-op, was generous in his praise of the new Sherman county branch of First National Bank of Portland. "Banks are a very necessary part of a community, and a new building is a valuable and welcome addition," Balsiger told the Journal.

The only woman manager of a grain growers association in the United States, Mrs. Anita Dunlap Hooper, who is in charge of the Grass Valley Grain Co-op, is happy about the opening of the new bank building. "I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the First National Bank for its foresightedness in providing the Sherman county area with a bank designed to serve this growing area," Mrs. Hooper said.

County Commissioner and Kent wheat rancher Lester Wilson had this to say about Sherman county's new modern bank building: "We're always happy to see our communities move ahead, and the bank's new enlarged operation is certainly a big step in the right direction. I congratulate the officers and staff."

"The people of Sherman and Wasco counties are proud of their new bank building in Moro, and are optimistic about the future of this rich agricultural section of our state," County Commissioner Donald Martin told the Journal.



C. A. TOM
Sherman County Judge



LESTER WILSON
County Commissioner



DONALD MARTIN
County Commissioner

lap Hooper, and Eakins Co-op located near Grass Valley. A portion of the crop is also stored on the farms.

In Wasco county, wheat is also the major income, with a 1951 crop valued at \$4 million. Livestock brought Wasco county nearly \$3 million last year and \$1½ million income was realized from fruit crops.

The raising of cattle is an ever growing industry in Sherman county with cattle number-

ing near the 18,000 mark at the present time. With an approximate market price of \$250 each, the herds are worth over 4½ million.

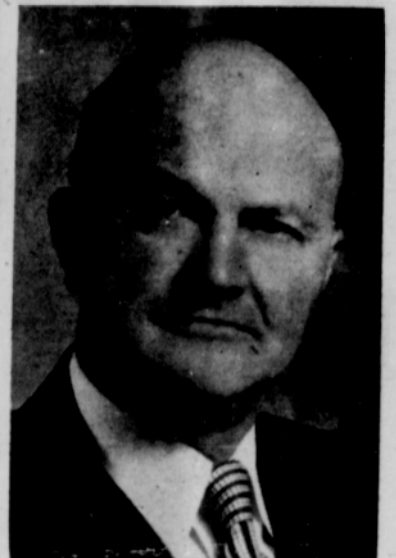
Through the recent years the ranchers' income has climbed steadily, and with continually improving farming methods and better machinery the outlook for the future is very bright, which means much to the communities of Sherman and southern Wasco counties.

Cities Greet the New Bank Through Mayors



ROSS FIELDS
Mayor-Elect of Grass Valley

Giles French, mayor of Moro for the past 20 years and publisher of the Sherman County Journal, indicated he is enthusiastic about the opening of the new quarters of the Sherman



GILES L. FRENCH
Mayor of Moro



T. LESTER JOHNSON
Mayor of Wasco-Dist. Atty.

Mayor of Wasco and Sherman county District Attorney T. Lester Johnson extended his heartiest congratulations to the staff of the Sherman county branch of First National on its opening of the new bank building. "I feel that a modern, complete banking service goes far in leading the way for continued progress in this section of Oregon," the mayor and district attorney explained.

He's Seen Sherman County Develop



ED MCKEE
Long-time Businessman

Oldest business man in the county in actual years and in continuous years in business is E. D. McKee, druggist at Wasco who has spent 75 years in public service as county judge, county commissioner, city councilman and school director.

Wasco druggist Ed McKee, who will be 80 years of age in June, is in his 54th years of business at the same location and is thrilled to have lived to see the expansion of the Sherman county branch of First National. "The bank is giving wonderful service to all of Sherman county and the new building will be a fine asset to the area," he told the Journal.

The floor you walk on in the new

1st National Bank

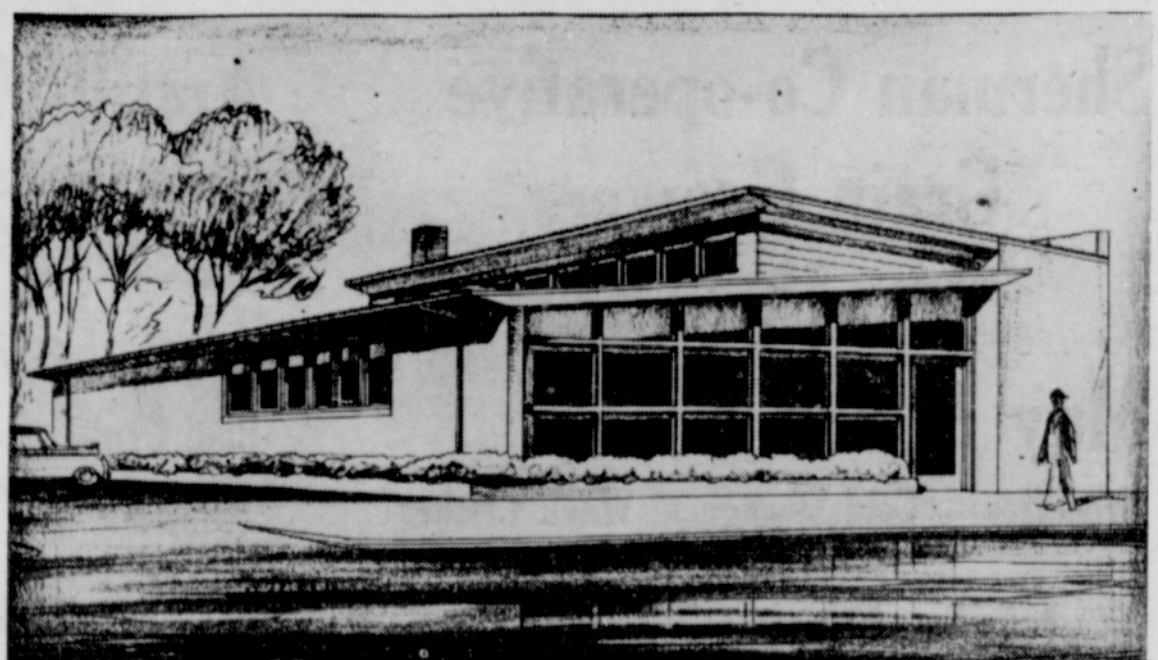
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The Dalles

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First National Bank

building in Moro

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