

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

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Some future historian may possibly interpret our American urge to produce and produce, more and bigger, as a disease and trace the downfall of the nation to the economic results of it.

T T W N

As far back as we can remember there has always been a spring and a summer. Springs may be delayed until May, as was this one, and summers may consist of one hot spell. But there will be one of each. Be assured.

T T W N

It sounds funny, actually funny, to hear of gambling casinos taking steps to control crooks.

T T W N

Many an internationalist, who in theory favors dividing up with other countries, is just as selfish as anyone about his own town.

T T W N

Who would have thought that a plain gabfest would even become a conference.

T T W N

"Ever since I was a boy" said Uncle Emmett, "I've been pressed by a well developed urge to do something every minute, to 'improve each shining hour' as my saintly grandmother had it. You can get so many hours to shining it's hard to keep 'em shined. And now I wonder about all that work for there's more needs doin' now than when I was a boy."

T T W N

If you know the nomenclature you know the profession so the hardest thing to learn about anything is the words to express it.

T T W N

Unless we go to war with Russia and her satellites we are going to be restricted to our own country. The more quickly we make the choice the easier it will be.

T T W N

"He was a tolerant man, most tolerant, until someone disagreed with his opinions."

T T W N

In any case we hope the army's Mr. Stevens retires to quieter scenes. He doesn't look the part.

T T W N

This is the week in Oregon to rest the feet to keep them healthy, to write letters overseas, presuming you know anyone to write to, and to refrain from running over anyone carrying a white cane. The remainder of the year you can endure your bunions, save your ink and use ordinary discretion toward the blind. What are the purposes of government, anyway, when special weeks are declared?

T T W N

This is the time of year taxpayers are making up their tax bills for next fall—that is, making them or letting some one else.

T T W N

Success of the democratic form of government is the lack of imagination required to get things done without the use of force. When force is used government tends to become totalitarian.

T T W N

Senator Guy Cordon has done his usual good job on getting appropriations for northwest dams by getting the senate appropriations committee of which he is a member to approve more funds for The Dalles and Chief Joseph and set aside planning funds for the John Day dam.

T T W N

Things ought to be pretty peaceful for a time after election with all the dirt dug out from under the rug, and out of the corners and put on the front porch.

T T W N

Language has a great effect on thinking and action. Suppose, for instance, there was no way to say "No" in our language.

T T W N

Sometimes it is hard to tell what is cause and what is effect. Does the apparent increase in interest in communism come from not enough education or too much; do women wear pants because they want to be like men or because they already are?



PLANS FOR the conduct of the eighth annual 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, to be held June 7-9 at The Dalles, were completed at a meeting of

division heads of the show operation board. Seated, from left: Dr. Homer Webb, Elmer Lierman, Harry Hogan, W. S. Nelson; standing: G. R. Purnell, Delbert Purnell, Minor Brady, Lester

Tibbetts, Scott Clevenger, H. A. Dent, Marshall Nelson and E. M. Nelson. Lierman is the general manager of the show, and Glen Purnell is assistant secretary of the Wheat League. Brady and

Dent are directors of the Mid-Columbia Livestock Show association, which annually operates the show and sale.

## Conservation Tour of Wasco Women Includes High School Students of County

A conservation tour of Sherman county was sponsored by the Wasco Woman's club Thursday with the aid of Sherman branch experiment station, state and federal extension service. Oregon game commission and the soil conservation service, to show the participants the conservation practices used in the county. The tour, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Bruckert, conservation chairman of the women's club, Henry Grabenhorst, work unit conservator and Thomas Thompson, county agent, was attended by approximately 135 people including all high school students of the county, teachers, and other interested persons. Others aiding with the tour were Leo Myers, principal Moro high school, Fair Griffin, area conservator, Harold Winegar of the Oregon game commission and John Paul, soil scientist with the SCS.

A tour of the branch experiment station, under the direction of Bill Hall, showed the results and effects of the many experiments being carried on, machinery used, and tree plantings. It was pointed out that the tredder is winning a place of recognition in handling trashy fallow.

Strip cropping on the Bill Todd ranch and cheat grass elimination trials to the east along the gravel road were also explained.

Irrigated pastures on the Wallace May ranch along with quail roosts, game bird guzzler, strip cropping, and wildlife habitat

TYGH VALLEY INDIAN RODEO COMING

The annual Pacific Northwest Championship All-Indian Rodeo will be staged at Wasco county fairgrounds near Tygh Valley Saturday and Sunday with plenty going on in the way of preliminary events Friday.

The affair is sponsored by Tywama Saddle club of Tygh Valley, Wamic and Maupin with old-time bronc rider George Nelson in charge of rodeo events. According to Nelson, Indians from Canada and nearly all of the western states have registered. The horses, as well as the performers, will be "All-Indian", mostly range stallions to be run in from the far corners of Warm Springs Reservation in Wasco and Jefferson counties. Folks taking in the show last year will remember them as witchknotted critters full of temper and dynamite. And they don't buck for fun, brother, they mean business! Tucked in between events of the fast-moving show will be races with horses from many reservations entered.

Night events will include an Indian boxing match Friday followed by dancing with the Warm Springs Indian orchestra furnishing the music. Saturday evening in front of the grandstand will be presented a spectacular Indian dancing program all in native costume. These will include war dance, circle dance, owl dance and hoop dance. Prizes will be awarded to men, women and children for winning dances and outstanding costumes.

Donna Sparling Picked

Donna Kay Sparling of Moro was among seven senior women receiving certificates for maintaining a grade average of 3.5 or better on the basis of an A equaling 4 points, for 11 terms at Oregon State college.

A senior in education, Miss Sparling is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling of Moro.

## Niece Canyon Road No Longer Open

The old wheat road, on which the settlers hauled their grain to Biggs in the days before the Columbia Southern came steaming up Spanish Hollow to Wasco, is closed in part, and has been for several years.

The old road ran west of Moro by the Marks place or nowadays along the road from the Peetz place by Bill Powell's and the Frank Sayers place and thus up to the top of Gordon Ridge. Then it dropped down Neece canyon clear to the Simpson place and from there on down past John Fulton's to the hill above Biggs. It angled down that steep grade, in light soil, that was always cut deep with ruts from the high iron wheeled wagons and into sand where the tired horses found the pulling harder than anywhere on the road.

Farmers living east of Moro didn't go that way; they went most often to Grant, down Scott or Gerking canyon to a little above Rufus and along the hill down to the warehouses at Grant.

It was a two or three day journey, all of that from out south of Grass Valley where quite a bit of wheat was raised in the nineties before the railroad was built. Some could make but three trips in two weeks and the loads were not big, maybe ten sacks to the horse, for the horses were small.

The road is now closed from the Kaseberg place where Pete Macnab lives to the top of the hill although it is open and in good shape from there on down to Biggs. When the county started improving roads the work was done on the McMillin canyon road farther east and Neece canyon was not graveled except in spots.

Down this canyon went thousands of bushels of wheat in the days when farms were small, and homesteaders worked hard to establish themselves on new land without benefit of other government aid other than the practical gift of the land itself.

W. A. Young Buried At Oregon City

Word was received of the death of W. A. Young, long time resident of Kent, who died at the Oregon City hospital after a short illness. He was 83 years, 6 months and 16 days old. He homesteaded near Kent in 1890 and lived there until 20 years ago when he moved to near Portland.

Mr. Young is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Young, four daughters, Mrs. Harry Horner, Coquille, Mrs. Roy Barnett, The Dalles, Mrs. Lottie Hampton, Portland, Mrs. Otho Smith, Tacoma, Wn., two sons, Willie Young, Oregon City, Lloyd Young, Portland, twelve grand children and twenty-three great grand children.

Services will be held Saturday, May 22 at 2 p. m. at the Hill Top Mortuary, Oregon City.

## Oregon Wheat To Yield Much Less

In Oregon, the indicated production of winter wheat on May 1 was estimated at 21.4 million bushels. This was down 24 percent from last year's total output. This year's wheat crop for Oregon, however, holds about 8 percent above average.

For the Pacific Northwest, the total winter wheat crop at the beginning of this month was estimated at 81.8 million bushels. If realized this will be down 18 percent from last year's record crop. Present indications are for this year's winter wheat crop to be slightly above average for this area.

The nation's winter wheat crop on May 1 was estimated at a little over 707 million bushels. If realized, this will be one-fifth less than the 1953 harvested winter wheat crop.

## Wheat League Hires Expert To Sell Overseas

M. D. (Doc) Butler, extension conservation specialist, WSC, has been selected to fill a new position as overseas marketing representative for the Oregon Wheat Growers league. He will leave for Washington, D. C. May 23 for conferences with USDA personnel.

Butler will join forces with Gordon Boals, representing the Millers National Federation and Earl Pollock, foreign agricultural service, members of the Far East trade mission now traveling in the Orient. All three will report back to the Wheat league about June 15 with specific plans regarding where best to begin work in the Orient.

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## Boosters Club Will Meet Monday Night

There will be a meeting of the Moro Boosters club at the American Legion hall next Monday, night, May 24. There will be some refreshments and a discussion of plans for reorganization. All those interested in continuance of a community club are invited and urged to come and lend some aid to such a project.

The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 by Lloyd Johnson, acting president.

## C. B. Halfpenny Funeral Sunday

Chester Halfpenny, resident of Grass Valley for several years and former UP agent there, died in a hospital in The Dalles Monday. He was born February 8, 1884 in Pennsylvania and has long been an Oregonian.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at the Baptist church in Grass Valley with Smith Callaway in charge. Interment will be in the Lincoln Memorial at Portland. He was an Elk and a Mason. Survivors are a brother William in Pennsylvania, two sisters, Annie and Nellie Halfpenny, of Pennsylvania, a niece Mrs. Joseph Satdotz of Portland.

## Five Man Team Going To State Track Meet This Week

Five high school boys will be in Corvallis Friday and Saturday for the "B" school track meet as representatives of Moro high school. They are Harold Duncan, Larry Sayers, Ivan Kirkelle, Gene Knott and Verne Mobley, who replaced the injured Don Miller on the relay team.

They will enter seven events, the low and high hurdles which Duncan won at Bend and broad jump, another Duncan event, the hundred and 440 dashes with Sayers the entry, the shot put, which is Knott's feature and the relay. Preliminaries will be run Friday at 2 p. m. and the finals Saturday at 2 p. m.

Other school events are the 8th grade visitation when the 8th graders of Moro, Grass Valley and Kent will visit and the regular PTA meeting Friday.

## Voting Percentage Expected To Be Low In Primary

Primary election to day, May 21 has aroused as little interest as an election in recent times, despite a contest for county judge one one ticket and for governor on one ticket. Local contests are said to create interest. This one has not.

State wide estimate of voting is 55 to 60 percent for Republicans and not over 50 percent for Democrats, there being fewer contests on the Democratic slate.

Republicans voters will eliminate either Paul Patterson or Earl Newberry from the gubernatorial race and either Donald Martin or Curt Tom from the county judge contest. They also will choose between Gene Allen and H. E. Barker for labor commissioner. They may for the others. With one exception Republicans have a full slate of precinct candidates.

Democrats in Sherman county have no decisions to make and the list of precinct office candidates is not full. A Democrat can tell right now who is going to be their standard bearers this fall without doing a thing about it.

Precincts in Sherman county have been reduced to five for this election. At Rufus, No. 1, election officers will be S. A. Wilson, chairman, Jean Brown, judge, Curtis Neal, E. C. Eaton, W. A. Morris, clerks.

At Kent, No. 8, Art Justesen is chairman, Wynona Wilson, judge, Hazel Helyer, Durward Helyer, Luther Davis, clerks.

At Grass Valley, No. 9, Roy Schilling, chairman, J. E. Alley, judge, Frank Ketter, Bertha Brinkert, Willard Barnett, clerks.

At Moro, No. 10, Theodore Johnson, chairman, Lamer Sayers, judge, R. J. Bruckert, W. E. Hall, Harry Kunsman, clerks.

At Wasco, No. 11, R. M. Johnson, chairman, Marvin Thomas, judge, Louise Nisbet, Julietta Macnab, Lucille Fox, clerks.

Election hours are from eight in the morning until eight at night and all those registered as members of either the Republican or Democratic parties may vote.

## "Hub" Nichols Dies In California

Herman H. "Hub" Nichols passed away at Oroville, California, early Friday morning May 14, 1954 of a heart attack. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alta Nichols.

Herman Nichols was born in Coffee county, Kansas, April 15, 1888; came to Oregon with his parents in 1889 to Marion county where the family lived until March 15, 1913, on which date they moved to the home ranch east of Moro. He lived there until 1942, at which time he and his wife moved to Cecl, Oregon.

At the time of his death he was on a vacation, visiting his wife's daughter in California. His widow will continue to make her home there.

Other survivors are three sisters; Mrs. Gladis Fox of Salem, Mrs. Iva Thomas of San Jose, California, Mrs. Lorena Anderson of Grants Pass; three brothers, Everett of Lewiston, Idaho, Wesley of Moro, Arthur of Spokane, Washington.

"Hub" was a member of the Chris Shultz American Legion post of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nichols of Lewiston, Arthur of Spokane and Wesley drove down for the funeral which was held May 18 at 2 p. m.

## Mrs. Nellie Cushman Gets 50 Year Jewel

Mrs. Nellie Cushman was honored by members of Bethlehem chapter, OES, by presentation of a 50 year jewel at a ceremony which was attended by Mrs. Cushman's daughter, Mrs. Leah Sibray of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cushman of Condon and many friends from Wasco and Grass Valley.

An addenda under direction of Mrs. Darwin VanGilder given by the officers and the official presentation was made by Harry Pinkerton. A flower addenda given by the star points and presentation of a bouquet of carnations was made to Mrs. Cushman who was twice worthy matron of the Moro lodge and installing officer for many years.

Singing of old songs filled in the evening as the honor guest was recently 83 years old and refreshments concluded the evening, which was filled with visiting and reminiscences.

## Boy Scouts Attend Camporee, Win

Scout Master Harold Winegra and assistant Gene Colton, took 16 members of the troop to Sweet Home Meadows, near Camp Baldwin, a few miles west of Dufur last Friday afternoon for a camporee with members of other troops in this district.

Ron Benson and John Gilman were patrol leaders and both won in that order, for best patrols. Keith Hockman was third in a log chopping contest. A court of honor was held during the stay and John Gilman became a first class scout and John Matteson a second class scout.

The church is sponsor for the troop and all arrangements were made by church officers to whom the scouts are very appreciative. Other boys making the trip were: Alvin Arstall, Bobbie Cyphers, Gene Yeager, Gary Thompson, Philip Gilman, Everett Kirkelle, Mike Zachary, Bill Edwards, David Conlee and Roy Cyphers.

## Moro PTA Announces Final Meeting for Year

The Moro PTA will meet Friday night, May 21, at the Moro school for its final meeting of this school year.

Business will include election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

An interesting program has been planned and will include Alex Marshall of The Dalles speaking on his trip to Scotland and Germany. The junior girls will offer vocal selections and Nancy Conlee will be featured in tap dancing.

The public, as well as PTA members are welcome to attend this as well as all other PTA meetings.

Refreshments will be served.

## Oregon Trail A'ssn. Issues Strip Map

The Old Oregon Trail association, under management of Lee Drake of Pendleton, has just issued a little folder containing a strip map of the historic road together with pictures of scenes along the road or that may be seen near the highway.

Each of the counties bordering the road have contributed to the making of the folder by payment of \$100 into the fund and citizens have contributed pictures to make it accurate and interesting. These will be distributed along the route and at nearby service stations and particularly will be given out to tourists before they reach Oregon so they may decide which road to take through the state.

## Harpers Hosts For Son Going To Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper were hosts Sunday for a farewell pot-luck dinner for their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Anderson who left Monday for Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker, The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson and Linda, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Art Macheel and Duke, Arvid Anderson, Fred Anderson and the honored guests.