

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Woman in Portland got more publicity over loss of some dogs than if she had lost as many children.

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A group of governors have suggested that the federal government release some tax funds to the state for which states would accept some responsibilities. A fine idea. Better yet would be for this federal government to retire from some functions.

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A liberal is one who supports the individual and there is no opposite to it. Most of our moderns who call themselves liberals feely work for big government, which is the opposite.

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Efforts to form a coalition between farmers and labor will get no farther than officials. Farmers want machinery cheaper and costs of production lower; labor wants cheap food and fibre.

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The proposed tax credit system would not broaden Oregon's tax system, but would narrow it under proposed rates. One sure way to broaden the base is to reduce dependency credits.

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Shoe prices are due to go up in the spring. Fortunately, too. That is time to start going barefoot.

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Now we are going to have houses heated by metal roofs. Sounds like a boon to sunny countries.

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If you can't afford to borrow money you can afford to lend it and that will bring down the interest rate so you can afford to borrow.

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Women are apparently getting wise to masculine criticism of their hats. Now they are wearing mens!

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How long we wonder will a shorter week be advanced as a cure for economic ills? That and raising the price have been used as panaceas long enough.

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Is this true: A cool summer maketh a warm winter.

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The writer of this column expects to be at the Bancroft library at the University of California this week looking up some information in which he is interested. The Bancroft Historical library was named for H. H. Bancroft, a printer who used to print stage schedules and other such information for almost the entire West and made a pile of money at it. He gathered everything he could find of historical nature and wrote several books about the history of the West. Not all of his gatherings have yet been catalogued but one can find something about anything in the West there.

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Some day we hope to buy some food that is not vitaminized, homogenized or irradiated. May have to raise it ourselves.

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Everyone has ideas and often as not others call them notions. Having ideas is evidence of an active brain; having good ideas is evidence of experience and judgment. An entirely safe idea is one that meets with accepted standards and is very likely common to many minds. Some persons have faith in their own thinking and will defend their ideas at considerable risk; others are less bull-headed and agree to the common standard with barely an argument. We have an idea that if everyone had more ideas and stayed with them longer the world would be more fun and certainly more confused.

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RED BLUFF, California Sunday Evening

It will be some time before the grain on irrigated acres in the Madras country is ready for harvest and along time before he barely on the Klamath marshes can be cut. Some of it looks as green as "Tuffy" von Borstel's grain sown after the hailstorm. If it matures as well as it looks there will be malting barley for



Old pictures of Moro taken from this side of town show the hillside of the town almost bare. Now

the locust and poplar trees hide the residences almost completely and permit but a small view of the business buildings.

## Sherman County Schools To Open September 9th.

Registration — Book Purchase  
Thursday, Friday Sept. 5-6

The Sherman County Schools are scheduled to begin the fall term on Monday, September 9 (Fair Week). No school is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13 so that the children may attend the fair and participate in fair and 4-H activities.

The annual five county institute which includes Sherman county, will be held in The Dalles on Monday and Tuesday, October 28 and 29.

Reports from the various districts in the county indicate that in most cases the teaching staff is complete. Three principals will be new to Sherman county. At Sherman High, Mr. Wm. Bieker will replace Mr. Ward Sybouts who went to Oakridge, Grass Valley has secured Mr. Vernon Berry from Crowfoot school in Linn county, as principal, and Moro, Steve Stivers, from Madras. Last report received was that Sherman High still lacked two instructors, one in Home Economics and Girls' PE, and the other in Science and JV coach. Mr. Bieker indicated that he hopes to fill these vacancies in the very near future.

Mr. Lynn Teadke will divide his time between the four elementary schools of the county, Rufus, Wasco, Moro, and Grass Valley and Sherman High school, and will care for the music program of these schools. Mr. Knott will continue with the music program in Kent.

beer enough to drown all the thirsts in the world.

Improvement has been made on nearly all of Highway 97 and the parts through Sherman county are the worst except some spots in Jefferson county where a contractor is pouring the forms for a big bridge across Hay creek where the new highway will go from the old Friday ranch to Lyle Gap where the flood hit last spring. It looks like a big hill to cross but there may be a way.

Service station, motel and eatery proprietors to whom inquiry was made say business is down, which is what such persons are saying all over. No one knows why fewer people are traveling but there are all kinds of guesses. Ours would be that the glamor of travel is wearing off as more and more families find out that the grass is about the same color over the hill and there's no need of spending \$100 to see it; another possibility is that travel costs too much with gasoline around 35 cents and motels and hotels trying to make it all the quicker; and here's the big trucks to hamper the driver and "to hell with it" let's go up on the creek for a few days.

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**ELECTION LAW STUDY SCHEDULED AUGUST 22**  
A conference between Mrs. Marie Hoskinson, Sherman County Clerk, and the new State Director of Elections has been scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 1957 at 11 a. m. Secretary of State Mark Hatfield has announced.

Freeman Holmer, State Elections Division Director, and Mrs. Hoskinson will discuss the new state election code passed by the 1957 Legislature. The new statute represents the first major overhaul of the election laws in four decades, Hatfield said.



Marvin Robertson is here with his wife and family of two girls and a son and living in one of Mrs. Myra Bullard's houses. He is to be the first Smith-Hughes instructor in Sherman county having been engaged by the Sherman High school board to teach agriculture in the school term beginning next month.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of OSC in the class of 1955 and has taught two years at Vale. He is from Newberg. He is already familiar with the agricultural history of Sherman county and has made the acquaintance of many of the thirty boys he expects to enter his classes this fall.

## New Phone Numbers For Grass Valley

Pacific Telephone installers have started making adjustments to telephones in Grass Valley in preparation for the introduction of new telephone numbers there in September.

The work, under the direction of Plant Service Foreman Brady Huston, is scheduled to take about three weeks according to Manager C. P. Horn.

The new Grass Valley numbers will have the prefix EDison 3. (ED 3). With their introduction, operators in distant cities will be able to dial directly to Grass Valley telephones.

Also in Grass Valley, Western Electric installers are completing installation of new dial equipment in addition to the company's equipment building there. Adjustments are being made, too, to the switching equipment in the telephone offices at Moro and Wasco.

This work, Horn points out, will make possible the direct dialing of calls between Grass Valley and Moro, and between Moro and Wasco without payment of long distance charges. Go into effect on September 7, at the same time new numbers are introduced in Grass Valley.

Cost of the work to provide the service improvements is set at almost \$50,000, Horn said.

## John Foss In Hospital

John Foss, well-known Moro resident, now a patient at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, underwent surgery recently and is reported as being in "pretty good shape," according to the latest reports.

## DELAY ON HIGHWAY

The Oregon State Highway Commission announces that a delay at times will occur on the Columbia river highway, near Mosier.

## Visitor Sees Changes During Decade Jack Cushman Elected to Council; Paving Problems Discussed

"A lot of changes can take place in twenty-five years," states E. M. Badger, Caldwell, Idaho, who is visiting and renewing acquaintances of old Mr. Badger worked here as a telephone man and was pleased to note that the improvement in telephone service has taken place. He was also glad to hear that Grass Valley was to get new phone numbers and a new phone system.

Jack Cushman was appointed a member of the Moro City Council Tuesday evening to serve out the unexpired term of Ivan Kirklie, resigned, according to B. H. Robertson, mayor.

Other matters considered by the council members entailed a discussion about Moro's streets. The maintenance, realignment and oiling of the thoroughfares takes planning and timing of action. Patching and sealing will be the methods used on the streets this year. Additional work will be done when equipment and personnel are available.

## Insecticides Need Proper Attention

An insecticide can be a powerful ally or a treacherous foe states County Agent T. W. Thompson. Few of our crops are immune from insect attack; many of these crops could not be produced without the aid of insecticides in the drive to help protect homes, foodstuffs, household furnishings and health from insect attack.

Properly used, insecticides enable us to maintain the upper hand over our insect enemies states Thompson. But if they're improperly used or handled, insecticides can cause needless tragedy. Little, unsuspecting hands playing with insecticides carelessly left within their reach have brought despair to happy families. Fortunately such accidents have been few, but they can be eliminated entirely by following a few basic rules.

(1) Keep insecticides out of reach of children. (2) Some pesticides are safer than others. Home gardeners and home owners should use only the safer types. County Extension agents have bulletins which list insecticides recommended for home gardeners. (3) Dispose of insecticide containers safely. Burn combustible material; break glass containers, then bury in a place where they will be a hazard to no one. Puncture, flatten and bury metal containers. Children have died from eating the residue of insecticides left in an empty, discarded container. (4) Follow the manufacturer's recommendations and precautions which are on the insecticide label.

## SHERMAN COUNTY PICNIC HELD IN PORTLAND

The Sherman County picnic held at Laurelhurst park in Portland, Sunday, was well attended and the weather was perfect. A number of Sherman county people attended, among them being the Truman Strongs, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flatts, Bob Hoskinson, Jean Amidon, Mrs. A. Ruggles, Mrs. Willard Barnett and others.

## Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Robert Taylor and daughter Legion hall Friday afternoon with pink and blue shower honoring her, Linda, were hostesses at a Mrs. Max Nogle, held at the Kent about 25 women present.

Several games appropriate for the occasion were played with prizes won by Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Carl Watkins.

The lace covered table that held the many lovely gifts was placed in front of a background of crepe paper streamers with a stork on the floor in front of the table.

Mrs. Nogle opened the gift wrapped packages assisted by Linda Helyer, Peggy McKay and Mrs. Verne Mobley. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses from a white cloth covered table.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Harlette Wells, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and family of Wasco were dinner guests Sunday at the Rob Rolfe home.

Art Grant and son of Eugene are spending their vacation at the Robert Helyer ranch at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rolfe and family, Larry Middleton and Gary Baker drove to Clarno Sunday and spent the day at their ranch visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker.

Mrs. Harold Owens, Mrs. Alfred Payne and Alfa Jean and Lois, and Mrs. Lyle Olds were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

The afternoon of July 30 Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Mrs. Olan Starb and Mrs. Herman Peters called on Mrs. Harold Owens to celebrate her birthday anniversary. Cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alley and Mrs. Ed Alley brought the latter's daughter, Mrs. Wayne Karns and sons, who are visiting from Studley, Kansas, up from The Dalles last Monday to visit until Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

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## Funds Voted for John Day Dam

Million to Start Work This Year

The house of representatives went on a rampage Tuesday and it resulted in the John Day dam getting a one million dollars grant to start the ball rolling.

Preliminary work has already been performed and with this grant the engineers can start securing access roads, such as the one from Washington State Highway No. 8 to the dam site.

Also it will allow negotiations for highway, railroad and town-site relocations. Plans to move Arlington and Boardman, Oregon are being studied.

Other work will be the designing of the first step cofferdam at River Mile 216, upstream from Schofield Rapids.

## LATE NEWS FLASH

### CARL MELZER STRICKEN

Carl Melzer, Sherman county resident, now residing at Salem, suffered a heart attack Sunday evening and is now at the Salem Memorial hospital. During the past harvest he assisted in several of the operations.

## Aid Asked In Weed Spotting

WHAT ABOUT THE WEEDS ALONG THE HIGHWAY

Thomas W. Thompson, county extension agent, sends the following letter concerning a vital and necessary program:

"A stitch in time saves nine" is very true when considering the presence, spread, and control of perennial weeds. One avenue of approach is our county roadways. The county is endeavoring to reduce chances of this approach by annual spraying and sterilization of existing perennial weed patches. We need your help in an effort to make this program successful. Here's the request of County Weed Control Committee and County Court.

Sterilization of perennial weed patches along county road ways is planned this fall. Some have been treated in the past, others need treating now. You best know where these are. Please stake any patches located on county property (3 foot stake) and notify the weed control committee member in your community, Joe Hammond, County Weed Operator, or County Agent's office. Some of the perennial weeds we are concerned about are: Morning Glory, Russian Knapweed, White Top, Canada Thistle, Blue Flowering Lettuce, Mexican Whorled Milkweed, Dalmatian Toadflax and Klamath or Goat Weed. If you are uncertain ask for identification.

Weed Committee members in the various communities that can be notified of perennial infestations are: Rufus—Leland Medler, Don Macnab, Elton Medler and Harland McDonald; Wasco—David Richelderfer, L. P. Haven, L. E. Kaseberg; Moro—Paul Fraser, Joe Heater, Vernon Miller, Art Bucholtz; Grass Valley—Gene Reynolds, Willard Barnett, Bob Schilling, Don Earl; Kent—Lester Wilson, Bill Holmes and John Schedwitz.

Prevention is still the best cure for most anything. This applies equally as well with weeds so lend a hand in locating perennial weed patches.

## NEW ROOF PLACED ON PAVILLION GRAND STAND

A new roof has finally been put on the pavilion and grandstand at the fair grounds after long difficulty getting some one to do it. And it has been painted.

Chutes, corrals and gates have been repaired and some new fence built and race barn stalls repaired all in preparation for the county fair.



Beryl Bethke, aided by his son, is working this summer to establish grass on the new playing field at Sherman High School. About half of the grass is up after the difficult job of leveling the field to the exactness required for a good playing field. In addition Bethke has been taking care of old playing field in town which will be used until the new grass is strong enough to stand the rough twisting of cleated shoes of sometimes violent footballers.

## Report Shows Growth PCA

The Mid-Columbia Production Credit association extended \$874,750.00 in short and intermediate-term credit to farmers and ranchers during the six-month period ended June 30, 1957. J. Merton Stein, secretary-treasurer reported this week.

More than \$780,000.00 or approximately 89 percent of the association's total loan volume for the period was new money, according to its mid-year report. A good part of this money, Mr. Stein pointed out, found its way into business communities of Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Klikitat counties through the purchase of seed, feed, fertilizers, equipment, livestock and other items connected with farm and ranch operations.

Mr. Stein said the PCA, which is owned and operated by its 357 member-borrowers, has extended \$29,844,000.00 in credit since its organization in 1934. It now has \$143,795.00 in member-owned capital and \$239,295.00 in accumulated earnings. The association also owns \$8,010.00 of Capital Stock in the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane.

## SCHOOL FUND IS DISTRICTED

The Sherman County Schools received \$588.20 for the State Irreducible School Fund this year, which amounts to \$.874 per census pupil.

Amounts apportioned to the various school districts are as follows:

District No. 3, Rufus, census 122, \$106.63; Dist. No. 7, Wasco, census 150, \$131.10; Dist. No. 9, Kent, census 80, \$69.92; Dist. No. 17, Moro, census 195, \$170.43; Dist. No. 23, Grass Valley, census 126, \$110.12.

The law requires that the County School Superintendent must receive the clerk's bond before he may mail the district's apportionment to the clerk.