

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

Giles L. French

The highway maintenance man says that in ten years American highways will be narrow, asphalt strips between long rows of beer cans and pop bottles.

The state fair had fewer customers but made more income. How do you suppose that happened?

**TTWN**  
Kelley Lee, half Irish and half Norwegian, small, stooped, pipe-smoking lobbyist for labor, died in Portland last week at seventy-six. He did more to promote labor cause than all the big-fisted shoulder-shoving plug-uglies ever sent to Salem. He made his arguments quietly and logically without a threat or even tightening his tiny hand around his pipe.

**TTWN**  
When we read all the assurances about good times going on forever we remember the banker who told us his bank was in good condition—and it closed before we could get our \$7.29 out of it.

**TTWN**  
Business is going to get bigger and bigger, says a labor leader, unions are going to get bigger and bigger, farms are going to get bigger and bigger. All of that may be something like blowing up a balloon. Some time it bust.

**TTWN**  
Maybe the south will find a way to take their time at assimilating the negroes. Probably the only way it will be done.

**TTWN**  
Of all the animals, humans are probably the easiest handled. A horse will sometimes refuse to come to the sound of oats in a pan and retain his liberty.

**TTWN**  
It is apparently OK to represent call girls in Portland and also appear the Portland police are unable to or unwilling to protect witnesses.

**TTWN**  
The Portland Beavers are going to ask \$1,500,000 for damages done to them by the incoming Giants. Hope their team of lawyers is better than their ball players.

**TTWN**  
It is said that these are times when people are critical of the intellectual. If the intellectual was intellectual enough he would quit complaining about it.

**TTWN**  
The new Miss America advises girls to date lots of boys. Going to be a popular queen, we note.

**TTWN**  
In some places authorities of government or business have begun to question the mandatory age limit for retirement. Wonder how they happened to hit on 65.

**TTWN**  
Senators Lausche, Democrat, and Knowland, Republican, are in favor of right-to-work laws. Maybe the worm has turned.

**TTWN**  
A magazine says that full integration will take 100 years. And won't a blonde be a curiosity, though.

**TTWN**  
Maybe we will learn to appraise business success not by how much it went up but by how little it went down.

**TTWN**  
One reason for inflation is that labor, business and management gets more than it earns. Unfortunately these are seldom dropped a little and often swing far the other way before adjustment comes. It is therefore dangerous.

**TTWN**  
It isn't tight money that's hurting the lumber business. It is high prices and the resultant substitute materials. And some over production.

**TTWN**  
A husband is a man who has given up the hope of ever being entirely right.

**TTWN**  
It is probable that we have passed a period in our economic history when industry did most of its moving. It may be hard to get now.

## Two Moro Girls Win Dressmaking Awards at Salem

Two of six champion 4-H dress makers of the Oregon State Fair were Sherman countians. Lana Jean Paulson and Sherrie Fraser, both Moro, who modeled in the cotton dress and formal party dress respectively, were state fair champions.

The state 4-H tractor driving contest found Tom Higley, runner up to the champion. This is the second year of state fair competition for Tommy who missed out by a hair, but received a blue ribbon award.

Other state fair winners are: Christy Woods, Moro Sew Its Fun, red; Carol Ann Owens, Grass Valley, Sew Its Fun, blue; Jacquie Bucholtz, Moro, Charmingly Yours, red; Karen Macnab, Rufus, Charmingly Yours, white; Karen Tsubota, Rufus, Charmingly Yours blue; Lana Jean Paulson, Moro, Clothes for Fun and Sun, blue; Alfa Jean Payne, Grass Valley, Clothes for Fun and Sun, blue; Ronda Fraser, Moro, Best Dress, blue; Sherrie Fraser, Moro, Party Dress, blue; Mavis Miller, Street Suit, white; Susan Woods, Moro, Street Dress, white; Jean Ross, Moro, Knitting, red; Jean Ross, Moro, Frozen Foods, white;

Dress Revue winners were: Lana Jean Paulson, cotton school dress, champion; Sherrie Fraser, formal party dress, champion; Darlene Gochauer, cotton play clothes, blue; Ronda Fraser, best dress, red; Susan Woods, street dress, red.

## Grass Fires Make Department Hustle

Grass fires have kept the Moro fire department alert this past week. One started northeast of town along the highway, perhaps from a discarded match and burned along the right of way several rods before being put out by the fire boys.

Another Monday night started near the dump yard and rushed up the hill toward Hoskinsons and the courthouse only to be put out at the edge of the Hoskinson yard and the rear of the courthouse.

## PP&L Opening New Wyoming Line

Pacific Power & Light company Thursday dedicated a 251-mile long 161,000 volt transmission line which will extend high voltage circuits of the Northwest Power Pool eastward into the Rocky Mountain area of east-central Wyoming.

Described as a "back bone" circuit for the eastern-most PP&L service area, the line follows the route of historic Old Bozeman trail over which frontiersmen, prospectors and emigrants traveled into the Northwest.

The new line will not only provide the neighboring regional state with a new source of power, but will provide a transmission route over which electricity from PP&L's 100,000 kilowatt power plant now under construction in Wyoming can be wheeled westward next year to help supply the power requirements of other parts of the Northwest Power Pool. It was reported Wednesday by the local PP&L manager, Ray Kelso.

## River Closing Date Set Back Month

Time for filing written statements on the withdrawal of approximately 5018 acres along the Deschutes river has been extended until October 29, 1957, and the record will be kept open until that date, Virgil T. Heath, Oregon State supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management, said today.

Heath, who acted as Hearings Officer at the August 23, 1957 public hearing at The Dalles, Ore., on the withdrawal, said that all interested persons may not have had an opportunity to be heard or to file statements. Some persons have indicated that they desire to express opinions but find the 30 days normally allowed subsequent to the hearing is insufficient time within which to prepare and submit statements.

Statements should be mailed to Virgil T. Heath, Bureau of Land Management, P. O. Box 3861, 1001 N. E. Lloyd Blvd., Portland 8, Oregon. A determination on the merits of the proposed withdrawal will be made by the Secretary of the Interior after the record of the hearing is complete.

## Hearing On State Problems Finds Local Ones Worst

The hearing conducted in The Dalles Tuesday before Governor Holmes and members of his industrial commission in which various residents of the Columbia river area presented arguments for their favored projects was attended by about 100 interested citizens.

Holmes presented his group, W. S. Nelson spoke a few words of welcome and introduced Harry Hogan who presided introducing witnesses. Ed Chambers of the Columbia river association said there was need for deep draft channel to the sea. Kenneth Fridley, Sherman county farmer, speaking for the association told of the increased Oriental business now being done by wheat men and detailed the needs of the area, which, he said, lacked power and needed to use the power made here close at hand, lacked terminal facilities, lacked information about new industries and how to get them, lacked co-ordination.

Alex Parks, attorney for the barge lines said Oregon had had laws regarding transportation and should have state power to make maximum and minimum rates, the tax on barge lines repealed, eminent domain for barge lines and favored an Oregon-Washington joint port authority.

Cliff Sanburn, carpenter's union representative, wanted protection for local contractors so that they could get an advantage in bidding. Labor, he said, was higher in Oregon.

George Banks of Hood River wanted Highway 35 improved for tourist aid and lumber assistance, better signs on highways, more recreation development along the river and cooperation between state and local groups in these matters. Russ Nichols of Cascade Locks wanted highway development and mentioned a state tourist guide to tell visitors more about Oregon. Mac Bonta, of Cascade Locks disliked the proposed highway by-pass of Cascade Locks and wanted help in getting light industry.

Don Williams of The Dalles wanted help in making the by-pass of the highway through The Dalles accessible to everyone, asked construction of Highway 197 and a road to make more timber available for mills.

E. R. Fatland, Condon, said his folks were well content, were getting their transportation problems solved and would be pleased with lower taxes and more efficient government with fewer activities on the part of the government. He approved the sell Oregon to Oregonian's idea.

Lawrence Harvey spoke longer than did any of the others saying that Oregon needed a favorable industrial climate, that taxes were an important part of manufacturing fixed costs and that many states had better laws to attract industry than Oregon. Taxes on men in management bracket of income (around \$10,000) were higher here than elsewhere and made it difficult to recruit help, that local taxes were often as burdensome as federal taxes. He said that the American capitalistic system produced more goods at lower prices than any other and should be encouraged. Oregon lacks venture capital.

Carl Cover spoke for the national guard. Alex Parks and Ken Fridley supplemented their remarks and Giles French put in a word for Highway 97 and the meeting was adjourned so members could go to lunch at The Dalles hotel.

## RUFUS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and family returned Friday after a few days spent at Cannon Beach. Lauren Byrnes had quite a time with his leg which a local dog bit last week. It took eight inner stitches and seventeen outer stitches to close the gap. The doctor thought Lauren should stay in the hospital until danger of infection was over as it was reported the wound went clear to the bone.

## Sherman County School Registration

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grass Valley	11	8	16	13	12	7	8	9	81
Rufus	3	7	7	6	7	2	7	6	45
Kent	7	10	7	5	3	6	2	6	46
Moro	16	10	20	9	13	9	10	14	101
Wasco	14	10	19	16	14	15	12	6	108
	56	48	61	52	50	44	38	42	392
Grades	9	10	11	12					
S. H. S.	40	39	27	26					132

## Football Starts Today With Game Against Echo On Local Field

Friday afternoon the Sherman High Huskies will play their first football of the season, Echo being the opposition. The Huskies are not so husky as in years past, all of the 1956 team having graduated but five, four seniors and a junior. These are Jim Brown, Tom Higley, Arne Miller, Gene Fridley and Everett Kirkelle.

Those making JV letters are Wiley Norton, Steve Burnet, John Matteson, Doug McKay, Dave Wallace, Keith Hochman, Dave Reid and Robert Lutje. Sophomores winning JV letters last year are Tommy Eakin, Terry Kaseberg and Everett Kirkelle.

With exception of Gene Fridley, tackle, and Tom Higley, now placed at center, the boys are all small. Team weight will be about 150 pounds, far under that of former teams. Arne Miller is unable to play because of a recent operation.

Although Coach Beryl Bethke does not know how the boys will show up in an actual game he has a tentative line-up for the Echo game—composed of Dave Wallace and Dave Reid at ends, Gene Fridley, John Matteson and Steve Burnet as guards, Tom Higley center, Jim Brown at quarter, Wiley Norton and Keith Hochman at halves and Doug McKay at full. Others will get into the game including those above named and Charles Bothwell, John Capaci, Jim Thomas and perhaps some of the smaller boys David Conlee, Larry Helyer and Doug Rhinehart, most of whom are freshmen.

The schedule includes the Echo game which will be here, Pilot Rock on Sept. 20, here, Stevenson, Sept. 28, here; Heppner, here Oct. 4; October 11 and 18 are open; Possil Oct. 25, here; Umatilla Nov. 1, here; and Maupin, Nov. 8, here.

## Farm Price Level Goes Up Slightly

The general level of farm prices across the nation inched up in August, but prices received by Oregon farmers slipped a little, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

National farm prices moved up in August for the sixth consecutive month, Mrs. Horrell found, with these prices now averaging about 5 per cent higher than a year ago and at the highest point since August 1954. And although Oregon farm prices eased lower last month, the decline this year wasn't as abrupt as last year's July to August decline.

Farm costs over the nation—as measured by the government parity index—held unchanged from mid-July to mid-August, at a level about 3 per cent above a year ago. With prices received by farmers advancing a little, the buying power of farm products is in a better relative position this year, government reports show.

However, the parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring national prices in relation to farm costs—held unchanged from last month at 84. This is 2 percent above the parity ratio in August 1956, but still 16 percent below the level set by Congress as a "fair" exchange rate.

## New Law Does Not Affect Us

The Feed Wheat Law recently signed by the President applies to the small wheat farm and will have no application in Sherman county according to the local ASC committee. Provisions of this law provide that not more than 30 acres may be grown on the farm and all of the wheat produced must be used for feed, seed or human food on the farm where produced. This will allow a farmer with a small acreage and allotment, to grow up to 30 acres of wheat for use on the farm. This law does not provide any additional acres for those farms having an allotment of 30 acres or more.

## Schools Start With Enrollment Slightly Lower

Registration in Sherman county schools for the first day of the school year was 524, somewhat less than the figure for last year. No data on first day registration is available but by September 30, 1956 there were 562 in school.

There has been a small increase in registration at Sherman high school where 132 registered Monday as compared to 128 last year. These are divided 40 freshmen, 39 sophomores, 27 juniors and 26 seniors.

The third grade is the largest in the county having 61 pupils in it and the seventh grade is the smallest with 38. Seventh graders were probably born in 1944 when births were generally lower than usual. Increases in the lower grades reflect greater number of births up to 1950.

## Rain Making To Continue For Year

Directors of the three Sherman county co-ops met Wednesday night at the Moro Grain Growers with directors of Tri-County Weather Research and Bert O'Hanlon, president of the company that has been conducting weather experiments in this area for several years.

Decision reached was that Sherman county will continue with the rain making experiments for the year beginning September 15, 1957 and pay \$34,000 for them. Payment will be divided as follows: Sherman Co-op \$11,000, Moro Grain Growers, \$9,000, Grass Valley Grain Growers \$14,000.

Within the next week the trailer housing the equipment of the company will be moved to a location, probably near Moro, to begin work. The contract calls for a plane to give protection from hail next summer but most of the rain making will be done by ground generators located at strategic places and connected with the manager in the trailer by telephone.

Officers of Tri-County are George Wilson, president; Walt Blau, vice-president; Stan Coelsch, secretary. Other local directors are Stuart Macnab, Norris Gilkison and Don Thompson.

## ACP Regulations To Be Set Soon By State Board

Practices, specifications, and payment rates for the 1958 agricultural conservation program (ACP) in Oregon will be decided at a meeting of the state ACP development group in Portland September 24, according to Robert T. Lister, chairman of the state agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) committee.

The state ASC committee has received the 1958 national ACP program from Washington, Lister said; and is now ready for the ACP development group to select practices, determine specifications, and set rates for Oregon within the limits of the national program.

Provisions of the 1958 national program differ only slightly from those now being carried out by Oregon farmers under the 1957 ACP, Lister reported. The state ASC committee has been authorized to offer cost-sharing on the same practices as in 1957—if the state ACP development group decides to include them in the 1958 Oregon program.

After the state ACP program has been approved, county ACP development groups will select practices, specifications, and payment rates to meet local conservation needs in their particular counties.

The Oregon ACP development group includes the state ASC committee, the state conservationist of the soil conservation service, a representative of the U. S. forest service, and representatives of the OSC school of agriculture. On the state ASC committee are Lister; J. R. Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service; and farmer members Joe McBurney, Hillsboro, and Jens Terjeson, Pendleton.

## Masonic Officers Meet Here

Masonic lodge officers from Hood River, The Dalles, Dufur, Wasco, Grass Valley and Moro met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton Wednesday evening for dinner and a conference.

Mrs. Maggie Barnum is visiting in Ontario and Fayette with her brothers and families for a few days.

## Wasco News of Personal Affairs Recounted

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbet just returned from spending several days visiting relatives at Heppner and Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas spent their vacation this year at Seaside, taking in the state fair on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dehler and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yocum spent Sunday visiting the George Moens in Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brock entertained Saturday night at a dinner honoring Sam Brock and Mrs. Floyd Haines. Others present were Mrs. Sam Brock and Floyd Haines.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snodgrass and family of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buck and family of Caldwell, Idaho were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buck. Present at a family potluck honoring them were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond VanGilder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Medler and family spent ten days recently at Oceanlake. They also visited Mrs. Medler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zaniker at Willamette.

The first meeting of the season of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the little Legion hall Monday with the new president, Mrs. Dewey Thomas presiding. It was stressed that dues, payable to Mrs. Art Watkins, should be paid by November 15. The president outlined the program for the coming year. It was decided to purchase a collapsible wheel chair with the money received from the raffling of the cedar chest and magazine sales. Hostesses Mrs. W. R. Reid and Mrs. Vinton Watkins served lemon-filled Angel cake with whipped cream and coffee.

At the Methodist church MYF meetings begin September 15, next Sunday night. Official board meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p. m. There will be a potluck dinner and a film, with

## Judging Begins Friday Morning As Fair Underway

From the time open class horse judging begins at eight o'clock Friday morning until around four o'clock Sunday there will be something going on at the fair grounds, except for a few hours at night for the horses to recuperate.

And there will be plenty of horse racing. Racing secretary Mary O. Coons has promised of 43 race horses for the two days of racing and some owners have not yet reported. That assures full chutes in the starting gates for every one of the six races held each day.

Among horse owners reserving stalls are Carl Zimmerman, C. L. Capps, John Kroup, Ted Clark, E. L. Nelson, Don Braden and Parkey and Wilkinson will be here with their horses and also some Indians from the Yakima and Umatilla reservations.

Stock belonging to Harley Tucker who is putting on the rodeo are at the grounds and more will come in Friday night from Walla Walla where Tucker had a show last week. Jerry Chandler of Lewiston, Idaho will be announcer for Tucker. He is a radio announcer with four years experience.

Four-H stock began coming into the barns as early as Tuesday afternoon and entries of other exhibits were taken all day Wednesday so that both the barns and pavilion are well filled with all the variety of produce that makes a county fair. Grangers have been making exhibits for several days.

Overhead signs have been put up at the approaches to town and on the road leading to the fair grounds and citizens are becoming expectant as they contemplate the entertainment to come over the week end.

Entries in open class horses are expected to be above that of 1956 when the fair ground was filled with horses but Bill Jeffries doesn't know how many will finally appear. As to cattle Henry Barnum, superintendent of that division, thinks about the same number will appear with perhaps more Angus.

The scent of pine shavings is about the barns until it is driven out by the warm smell of stacked stock. A new layer of pine sawdust is down in the judging arena which is the center of attention for Friday when youngsters will be showing the steers they have fed so carefully during the past ten months.

## Mrs. Fannie Barzee Buried In The Dalles

Mrs. Fannie Pearl Barzee, widow of the late Art Barzee, and well known here through her long residence in Sherman county, died, in Condon Saturday. She had just heard the news of the sudden death of Jean Joyal, a nephew and the shock caused her death.

Mrs. Barzee was born at Turner, April 21, 1876. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Earl Loomis of Fossil, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. She was a member of the Fossil Methodist church and the Eastern Star at Moro.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at Fossil Tuesday at 10 a. m. with interment in The Dalles cemetery that afternoon.

## Nearly 1000 Lose Drivers Licenses

Nearly 950 Oregon residents had their licenses to drive suspended last month after tangling with Oregon's traffic laws. But the drivers who lost licenses were but a small portion of the number in trouble as Oregon courts reported a total of 11,407 traffic violation convictions for August.

Reasons for license suspensions according to the August report from the department of Motor Vehicles, included:

Driving while intoxicated, 275; reckless driving, 68; violation of basic rule, 46; hit and run, 10; failure to report an accident, 39; driving record - too frequent accidents or convictions, - 91; and involvement in fatal accident, 9. One hundred and six drivers had to be given additional periods of suspension under Oregon law because they were found to be driving while already suspended.