

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Overheard: "I wish I knew anything as well as he thinks he knows everything."

TTWN

Oregon with its basic traffic rule is ahead in traffic safety, so maybe it isn't so bad to let drivers be responsible.

TTWN

So Low Wallace is running for governor again. Lew will make it interesting. This time Lew has a ready-made campaign plank in his earnest endeavor to reduce the huge burden of taxes the state has been imposing and unless someone can steal that plank from him he'll make a good race.

TTWN

There is an old story we haven't had an opportunity to tell for some time so will run it in on the readers of this column.

This happened years ago in the horse and buggy days and there was an old man who had established a small farm near a spring along the trail where travelers often stopped.

One day a family came by in a neat little wagon pulled by a well-fed team and as the driver halted to water his horses he told the old man that he had been forced by a matter of health to move from his former residence and he hoped that he would be able to find another community as friendly and inhabited by such fine people as the one he had left.

"You'll find 'em as good where you're goin'" said the old man.

A few days later a much less prosperous and pleasant stranger came by the spring cursing his balky team and berating his scrawny children. "I'm sure glad to be leaving the country I come from," he told the old man. "They was the meanest, ornariest bunch I ever got in with."

"They'll be just as bad where you're goin'" replied the keeper of the spring.

TTWN

The states cannot get more power, nor local government more power, without the ability to collect more taxes now taken by bigger government. That is the basis of our overdone centralization.

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Wonder if anyone thinks the corporations pay the big taxes levied against them—and, if so, how.

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The man who works only for money may have a handicap, that may be all he gets.

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Rocket launchers know by now that silence is golden.

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We are very glad that no reader of a newspaper has to stop at stated intervals and read an ad before he can go with the story.

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Representatives of three newspapers, presumably with the usual rabidness as to the "people's right to know", were on a panel last week end and it was off the record. Depends on whose secret is being given away.

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Reading about Indonesia makes us think it is time some one started saying a few good words about colonialism. No need of advancing a child or an untrained people along too fast.

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Seems like the only things that are growing are those financed with tax money. Maybe that's all that can.

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The trouble with stretch socks is that the manufacturer wants to take out all the stretch before marketing.

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One of the pains of growing up is the change in worrying. A child worries over what he will get for Christmas and an adult over what he will give.

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The law is wonderful. The Becks are tried for failing to account for the sale of a used automobile; Al Capone for income tax evasion. Maybe justice is obscure and maybe it is public opinion that does the work.

TTWN

—It may be just as well for the southern colleges to withdraw from the Pacific Coast conference which they seem about to do as soon as they suffered a few defeats. They may go to playing the Rams and 49ers and go professional openly.

## Honor Roll Contains One Perfect Student, Sherrie Fraser, 4.00

The honor roll for Sherman high school for the second six week period has been compiled with the following students listed thereon:

Sherrie Fraser 4.00; Shirley Watkins, 3.83; Ronda Fraser, 3.79; Kay Kirkelle, 3.71; Deanna Martin, 3.63; Ron Mobley, 3.60; Lana Paulson, 3.58; Arlene Macnab, 3.50 and Bonnie Schaumberger, 3.50

Honorable mention: Bob Cypfers, Wilma Gentry, Eva Kirkelle, Nancy Wilson, all 3.46; Betty Reckman, 3.42; Larry Helyer, Mary Mobley, David Reid, Karen Wilson, Julie Woods, 3.38; Steve Belloni, 3.33; Connie Axtell, Pat Blackburne, Jimmie Duncan, Darlene Miller, 3.29; John Fields, 3.25; Lynn Rathbun, Jim Thomas, 3.21; Peggy Alberty, Julia Bayer, Margaret Brown, Pyhllis Lütje, Robert Lütje, Jeanne Macnab, 3.17; Steve Burnett, 3.15; Joyce Edwards, 3.13; Jeannette Belshee, 3.08; Betty Bothwell, 3.04; Tom Higley, Larry Middleton, 3.00.

## McNutt Gets Job At Hay Canyon

Bidding on the road project to partially complete the Condon-Wasco road resulted in the Hay Canyon-John Day river section of the route being awarded to Earl McNutt Co. of Eugene for \$292,886, that being the lowest of 18 bids. It includes 5.22 miles of grading and 8.24 miles of oiling.

Rogers Construction company of Portland was successful bidder on the Gilliam county section for \$417,487. This includes 19.9 miles grading and 20.6 miles of oiling.

The work is expected to be finished in the fall of 1958 although it will be necessary to acquire some right of way before the Sherman county section can be let in firm contract.

## Livestock Values Move Up For 1958

Valuations of livestock for assessment purposes were established by eastern Oregon assessors meeting at Enterprise last Thursday and Friday. Clair Balzer, Sherman county assessor, attended.

The following true cash values were set for the coming year: calves under 6 mo. \$30; over 6 mo. \$65; steers 1-2 \$95; steers 2-3 \$125; heifers 1-2 \$80; cows 2 up \$100; bulls 1 up \$200.

The true cash value of work horses was set at \$50 and of saddle horses at \$100.

Sheep will be valued at \$10 for a lamb under one year and ewes from one to six will be worth \$15. Swine nine months and older will be worth \$40 and pigs under three months will be worth \$10. Those between three and nine months will be valued at 15 cents per pound.

## Trucks Gain On Railroads On Wheat

Inspected carload arrivals of wheat at Pacific Northwest Tide-water terminals totaled 2,379 cars during November as against 4,304 in October this year and 7,783 cars during November, 1956. July-November rail receipts totaled 24,306 cars or 39% less than the 40,106 cars received during the same months in 1956. The decline in rail movement this season reflected a multitude of factors, such as less export trade, smaller wheat stocks in the interior and increased market movement by trucks and barges.

Inspected truck and barge arrivals at Columbia River and Puget Sound terminals maintained a heavy pace during November. Truck receipts at Pacific Northwest Tidewater terminals amounted to 3,350,000 bushels during the month compared with 2,774,000 in October and 1,917,000 bushels in November, 1956. November arrivals brought the total received by trucks since July 1 to 13,605,000 bushels as against 7,531,000 bushels for the same period in 1956. Barge receipts at Columbia River ports amounted to 1,257,000 bushels in November, which brought the July-November totals to 7,275,000 as compared with 6,121,000 bushels the same months a year ago.

## Doctor Warns Flu May Have Three Waves Before End

Although an estimated extra 10,000 or more deaths have occurred in the nation due to the current influenza outbreak, all health departments are warning that the worst may be yet to come.

A second wave of Asian influenza now occurring in Japan and South America indicates that the Asian "flu" pandemic will follow the pattern of the 1918 pandemic and the disease will be experienced everywhere in three separate epidemic waves, with intervening quiet periods of one to three months.

The county health officer passes on information from higher headquarters that experience shows second and third expected "flu" epidemics will bring much more serious illness and higher fatality rate.

For these reasons the public is urged to continue with the influenza immunization program. Vaccine is now available to all persons through their private physicians. Vaccine potency has just been doubled by order of the U. S. health service because experience proved the earlier vaccine only 50-60% effective. Persons subject to special exposure, or who desire best protection, should obtain "booster" injections.

The county health officer points out the regrettable fact that it is too late to seek immunization after a person has been exposed. Asian influenza develops in 1-2 days of exposure, while immunization takes 10-14 days to be effective. "Developing immunity from an injection is as slow as developing it by having the disease and that takes 10 to 14 days or more." There is no way to shorten the course of the "flu" once a person gets it.

## Mrs. Joe Charles Buried Today

Mrs. Joe (Lusille) Charles, 49, wife of the section boss stationed at Moro died in a hospital in The Dalles, December 10 after a long illness caused by a succession of strokes.

Surviving are her widower, a daughter, Mrs. Cleo Knight, Lodi, California; brothers, Albert Schmidt, Boston, Mass., William Schmidt, Stockton, California; sister, Mrs. Evelyn Law, Alberta, Canada; mother, Mrs. Pearl Brown, Stockton, California and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday, December 17 with interment in the IOOF cemetery at The Dalles.

## County Agents, Researcher Attending Conference

Sherman county cattle producers have until December 24 to register to vote in the approaching referendum on the proposed Oregon Beef Commission. Forty-six Sherman countians had registered by December 9. Only those registering will be eligible to vote.

Sherman county will be host to the 1958 annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers meeting, Elton Medler, 1957 county wheat league president extended the invitation during the annual meeting at Pendleton. Place and time will be set during the executive committee meeting next January.

Carol Armstrong, Bill Hall and your county agent, are attending the annual Agricultural and Home Economics Staff conference in Corvallis, December 9-13. The conference brings together Oregon State college county agents, research and resident teaching personnel. Noted speakers and new material in various fields will be included on the program. On the lighter side we have a real break with a basketball game between Seattle and Oregon State scheduled Thursday night.

Soil tests at Rufus on the Harland McDonald ranch show need for phosphorus and boron. Mr. McDonald plans to replant several acres of alfalfa and a pre-planting soil test was taken to determine needs. Soil testing was done by the laboratory at Oregon State college. Recommendation prior to planting call for application of concentrated super phosphate and boric gypsum.

A look at present problems or goals desired in the years ahead are being considered by several planning committees. The six planning conference committees and several sub-committees have been meeting during November. Several meetings are scheduled next week. Various people have been asked to serve on these com-

## Jamboree Show: Female of the Species Is More Noisy Than the Male, Also More Active

There was a great noise. A gymnasium full of screaming teenagers, led by from two to five whirling jumping queen yellows, importuned the Outlaws, Tigers, Bulldogs, Falcons, Huskies or Red Devils, to put forth their best efforts for the honor of dear old Sisters, Condon, Sherman or Mosier and to fight, fight, fight for victory.

Only half of the girls were successful—the normal percentage— but athletically they had a much better work out than did the boys who were limited to eight minute spurts in the Cascade League Jamboree held at the Sherman high gym last Saturday night. This was the first Jamboree to be held at the new plant of Sherman high, as for the first time an adequate gymnasium was available in this county.

We are informed that there is no way to determine the winner of a Jamboree which is conducted to get the coaches and players acquainted and to start the basketball season off with a bang (a yell serves the purpose).

Competitors are determined by lot. Two northern teams played two southern teams and the distinction was more by lot than by geography as Fossil, Mosier, Condon and Dufur were the northern division while Sherman, Maupin, Culver and Sisters were the southern teams. In total scores Sisters had 36, Sherman and Fossil 21, Maupin and Condon 18, Dufur 17, Culver 13 and Mosier 7. Quality of the opposition determined

## Contract Let For DeMoss Substation

Bonnaville Power Administration today opened bids for construction of a 15,000 kilowatt ampere substation one-half mile west of DeMoss Springs, Oregon, with an apparent low bid of \$36,597 submitted by John M. King, Tacoma, Washington.

Work to be performed by the contractor includes clearing and grading the switchyard, parking area and entrance road, excavating and placing foundations for substation transformers and equipment, assembling and erecting station steel structures, and installing substation fencing, lighting, a control house and grounding system.

The new DeMoss substation together with the 26-mile Big Eddy DeMoss 115,000 volt transmission line, will provide for the growing power loads of Sherman and Gilliam counties in North Central Oregon, served by the Wasco Electric Cooperative, the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, and the Pacific Power & Light Company.

the size of the score as much as the quality of the winners.

Sherman first defeated Condon 10-5 and Fossil won from Culver 11-4. Sisters over-ran Dufur 21-8 and Maupin got by Mosier 8-5 and the first round was over with the yell leaders still in good voice.

On the second round Condon bested Culver 13-9 and Sherman nosed Fossil 11-10 in a thriller that strained the throat muscles. Maupin stopped Dufur 10-9 and Sisters took an easy one from Mosier 15-2.

It is probable that every school with the exception of Mosier and Culver can obtain some solace from the Jamboree. Sisters presented the most evenly balanced team although most are freshmen.

Sherman used two units that varied little in scoring ability but greatly in speed. Condon and Fossil had good teams and Maupin has possibilities. Many teams change players frequently to give all on the squad a chance to show their wares.

## Norman E. Fields Dies At 40, Long Ill

Funeral services for Norman E. Fields were held at The Dalles, Thursday afternoon with interment in the IOOF cemetery there. Mr. Fields, county sheriff, died in a hospital in The Dalles Monday morning following a long period of increasing illness.

Norman Fields was born at Wasco March 15, 1917 and attended school at Wasco. He worked there until he entered military service in 1941, serving in the Infantry on the European front where he was seriously wounded more than once and from which he was partially disabled.

Shortly after his return he was appointed sheriff on the resignation of C. C. Wilson, the date being February 1, 1946. He has been elected steadily since. He interested himself in many local projects, including the county ambulance and was helpful to anyone in need.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol, now living in Alaska with her mother, again married, a half brother, Damon, and a stepmother, Mrs. Prudence Smith and uncles and cousins living in Sherman county. The family request that instead of flowers a like donation be made to the Sherman county ambulance fund.

Frank Brown post, American Legion conducted the services which were held from Spencer & Libby.

## Wheat League Supports Commodity Group In Possible New Farm Plan

The Oregon Wheat Growers league changed its method of holding a convention and drew a larger crowd than usual to the armory at Pendleton for Thursday and Friday of last week. Heretofore, the meetings have started with committee sessions, not often well attended. This year talks were scheduled for Thursday forenoon.

Opening the convention was a discussion of Sputniks and the international complications they have caused with Dr. Frank Monk of Reed college filling the latter spot. Gov. Robert Holmes told wheat growers they should produce pork to balance their income and the economy of the state, a plea that has been made constantly by OSC with no noticeable result. The governor also commented on the freight rate problem that would permit dressed meat a lower rate than live.

## Committees Go To Work

Thursday afternoon the six committees of the league went into session with better attendance than usual and although the problems to be discussed were of no more than usual importance, more farmers debated them.

The speech making was again resumed Friday afternoon with President Raphael Raymond making his report which included a review of the work of the league during the past year and was surprising in the number of activities included. Major items were the work of selling grain to the Orient and instructing Orientals how to prepare wheat foods, the constant battle over freight rates and a multitude of other league interests.

## Federal Man Talks

Judson Evans from the Commodity Stabilization service told of the shipment to grains to other countries and the difficulties encountered by the force of "salesmen" engaged in that job. Estimates are always dangerous he said and gave examples of changes that had to be made by the government. Drouth in Australia may make it possible to sell more wheat to India and nearby countries although Canada may insist on less competition from the United States than has been the case.

A panel discussed the marketing situation as to farm commodities but other than finding it a difficult job, had no solution.

Joe Spiruta, who has been representative of the league in Japan and Korea, showed slides of displays made there and of feeding wheat products to Japanese explaining them with stories of his experiences in those countries.

The annual banquet was served to nearly 400 members and wives Friday evening. Program for the affair was the presentation of awards and recognition of those who had helped the league in the recent years. Awards for conservation men of each county and to the state winner were made. Albert Kaseberg accepted the buckle for himself and Pete Macnab, who could not be present. They were joint Sherman county winners.

Larry Starr of Summerville, Union county, was winner for the state and received the Oregonian plaque. Don Thompson presented the awards.

John Carkins, former PUC commissioner, was given recognition.

## Sherman Now Made Livestock District

The state department of agriculture has issued an order declaring that all the area within the boundaries of Sherman county is a livestock district. This order became effective Friday, December 6.

Livestock districts are created areas in which cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats and swine cannot run at large. The order also points out that no livestock districts exist in public roads passing through federal land or in land subject to the laws of Oregon which is entirely enclosed by federal land, unless otherwise provided by federal laws and regulations.

In addition to a study of state laws and county records, the department held a public hearing at Moro November 26 before reaching its decision as to the existence of livestock districts in Sherman county.

as a public official who had helped wheat growers in freight rate cases many times. He is now retired. Harry Pinkerton, former league president, was given an award as the oldest past president in point of time.

The heart of any wheat league convention is the resolutions passed which represent the thinking of the wheat growers who attend and are the basis for action taken by the league during the ensuing year.

## Sales Tax Approved

The taxation and legislation committee again approved a sales tax either as a traditional action or as a result of conviction, it also asked that a special committee be appointed by the league to make a study of both federal and state inheritance taxes as they affect agriculture.

Other requests were that legislative interim committees have lay members as well as legislative, that the basic school fund use average days membership instead of census children as a base, asked repeal of the personal property tax and substitution of a business tax, recommended each county committee to meet weekly and watch legislative actions, readopted the resolution for the Federal plan of apportionment, and noted that taxes were growing much faster than income.

## Weeds Still Increase

The production and land use committee called attention to the weed problem by saying that morning glory was still the dominant weed and was increasing in acreage in spite of present controls and the efforts of the government and the farmer to eradicate it. Classification of Omar, Burt and Columbia was made as to use on soil of different productivity, Omar for the best soil, Burt for medium soils and Columbia for soils with less productivity. The committee commended the soils department for good work in classifying soils of the Columbia Basin.

Committee members favored a plan whereunder quality of wheat would be encouraged by giving it a better price. A soils man for the Sherman station was recommended as a laboratory for the northwest to work in conjunction with soil conservation districts.

## Quality Pay Asked

The federal programs committee stayed with its domestic parity plan and agreed to join with the national conference of commodity organizations to develop a new farm program. It asked that congress appropriate enough money to reduce grain production by 20 percent through the conservation reserve of the soil bank and recommended that elimination of acres be done by bidding.

The committee wanted crop insurance work to be done locally and more lenient terms as to payments. It wanted the new parity, based on 1947-49 instead of the old based on 1910-1914.

The marketing and transportation committee recommended a subsidy on flour so that milling of export grain could be done here. It commended the railroads for the proposed freight rate reduction recently requested and on which a hearing is being held this week in Seattle.

The women's committee, domestic wheat utilization, asked that the cake baking contest be continued, that it be confined to nine counties, that a recipe book be compiled.

## Jack Smith Elected

The youth activity committee wanted \$3000 appropriated for the stock show at The Dalles which will be held June 8-10-11, that the grain ration be kept at 75%, that all top grade animals be sold through the auction and the league consider appropriating some funds for the Union stock show.

Jack Smith of Condon was advanced to president and Frank Tubbs, Umatilla county to vice-president with Andrew Morrow of Madras taking over the second vice-president and heir apparent spot. Floyd Root, Raphael Raymond and Jack Smith were chosen as delegates to the national convention.

Sherman county will be the host county for 1958 convention the location of which will be chosen later.