

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

Giles L. French

The cost of housing and a lot of other costs have gone up faster than incomes and one of the effects of a recession may be to equalize them.

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Dr. Detlev Bronk says that there is little respect for learning in the United States. We doubt that. The man who is really learned obtains great respect; it is the ones who pretend to be learned and aren't who get the criticism.

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My great uncle Zeb (Zedediah) was probably his name but spelling was never a feature of our family. He'd sit around when other men were talking and listen with his eyes going from one speaker to another and never say a word. In his later years he used to say it was a lot easier on the neck, not wearing it out from the inside by shoving a lot of useless words through it nor getting it out to get backed. Folks used to think Great Uncle Zeb was smart. It seems like words are like money, if there's a lot of 'em in circulation they ain't worth much and if you only give out a few, folks think they are valuable.

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Interest in a higher Pleasant Valley dam on the Snake is now appropriate since the Federal Power Commission has rejected the application for the low one which would have been over 500 feet high. A high dam would back water clear through Hells Canyon and Pleasant Valley would be easier to build because of transportation.

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The other day a man, said in effect, "All I know is what I've been taught" which sounded like a true statement and certainly much more modest than to assume that because he'd been taught something he knew everything.

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You remember the old story about the man who interrogated three workers on a construction job about what they were doing. The first answered, "I'm trying to crack this rock". The second, "I'm earning \$2 a day". The third, "I'm building a cathedral." Attitudes. Psychologists say attitudes are developed by the age of four—and seldom changed.

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Some way we have little confidence in the man who thinks some one else is responsible for his success even though he may be right once in a while.

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Oh, the comfort—the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person. Having neither to weigh thoughts, nor measure words—but poring them.

All right out—just as they are—Chaff and grain together—

Certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them—

Keeping what is worth keeping—And with the breath of kindness Blow the rest away."

Dinah M. Mulock Craik

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Portland may have to take over the transportation system. The only way customers can get some way below cost for very long is to have the government take it over so the taxpayers can foot the bill. It's wonderful.

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The highway commission is going to ask for an additional three million next year. We'll bet they would spend it, too.

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Bertrand Russell, an English philosopher says, "Russia confirmed me in the belief that whatever is good is to be found in individuals, not in societies."

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Portland police believe that the new Banfield freeway will be useable as soon as motorists learn to go another way.

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We can't help but wonder at the thinking of Portland teachers who ask for a pay raise when everyone is lucky to make as much.

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If you're working as hard as anyone and getting less for it, or if you're working less than anyone and getting more it is time to take a look at the reasons.

## Weatherford Files For Congress From EO District

Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington wheat and cattle rancher, filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States representative from the second congressional district of Oregon.

Weatherford has long been active in eastern Oregon farm and community affairs. He has been president of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association since 1948, and is secretary of the Port of Arlington commission; president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon; president of the Oregon State college foundation; and vice-president of the Oregon 4-H clubs foundation.



MARION WEATHERFORD

He was president of the Oregon Wheat League in 1946 and a member of the Oregon Wheat Commission from 1947 to 1956 being chairman from 1953 to 1956. Weatherford also served on the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission from 1951 to 1955 and was chairman from 1953 to 1955. In 1956 he was awarded the Gilliam County Conservation Man of the year award.

Weatherford said that he was "encouraged and urged by a great many friends in eastern Oregon, members of both political parties, to enter the Oregon primary election as a candidate for United States representative from the second congressional district of the Republican ballot."

"I have told my friends many times that I have no personal political ambitions or aspirations. On the other hand, I have never refused a request from wheat growers, cattle men, or others, when they have felt there was a task I could do for the good of our area. If I should be elected to this office I will give it the same serious study and effort my other assignments have received, because I consider it a great honor to be able to serve my state and my people in any capacity."

"I propose to wage an active and vigorous campaign. Our work will be confined to issues and problems, not personalities. My platform will be the needs, the problems and the welfare of the people and business of this district."

## Art Zobel Dies In Veteran's Hospital

Arthur H. Zobel, 64, died in the Veterans' Hospital at Hot Springs, S. D. after a long illness. Mr. Zobel was born in Nebraska, September 2, 1893 and came to Sherman county with his parents soon after that. He went to World War I from this county and shortly after discharge returned to Nebraska where he married and continued to reside.

Surviving are six children, his widow, 23 grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Ray Havenar of Klickitat and Mrs. Scott Whitwood of The Dalles. Interment was at Alliance, Nebraska.

## TB Tests Offered By Health Unit

The Wasco-Sherman county health department is offering tuberculosis patch tests to all grade school students in Sherman county schools and in Antelope on Monday, February 3. The Sherman high school students will be offered tuberculin skin tests on Wednesday, February 5. Parents request slips for these tests have been sent home with each student. The tests will be read Friday, February 7, and follow-up visits will be made on all positive cases with large-X-rays received on those indicated.

## Honor Roll Shows Sherrie Fraser At Top With 4.00

Honor roll for the third six weeks of the first semester is as follows at Sherman high school: Sherrie Fraser 4.00, Kay Kirkelle 3.83, Wilma Gentry 3.79, Ronda Fraser 3.75, Arlene Maenab 3.71, Shirley Watkins 3.67, Jimmie Dun, 3.63, Ron Mobley 3.63, Betty Jean Reckman 3.63, Larry Helyer 3.58, Lana Jean Paulson 3.58, and Robert Cyphers 3.50.

Honorable mention goes to Patricia Blackburne, Karen Wilson 3.46, Connie Axtell, Eva Kirkelle, Mary Mobley, 3.42, Steven Burrot 3.40, Jean Ross, Jim Thomas, 3.38, Robert Lutje, Deanna Martin, 3.37, Darlene Miller, David Reid, Shirley Sather, Bonnie Schaumburger, Janet Thompson, 3.33, Joyce Edwards, Diane Schilling, 3.29, Betty Bothwell, Tom Higley, Julie Woo 3.25, Steve Belloni, Franclie Gabrielson, Diana Henrichs, 3.21, Peggy Alberty, Lynn Rathbun, 3.17, Margaret Brown, Florene Crews, Phyllis Lutje, Nancy Wilson, 3.13, Jeannette Belshee, 3.08, Patsy Roberts 3.04, Wiley Norton, Marilyn Smith and Gary Thompson 3.00.

## Harry Ragsdale Made Bank Head

William H. (Harry) Ragsdale was elected president of the Oregon Mutual Savings Bank of Portland by board action Tuesday after several years as employee and director of the Portland banking concern.

Harry is a son of Mrs. Lydia Ragsdale of Hillsboro and the late W. H. Ragsdale. He was born and attended school in Moro before joining Mutual and working up to the presidency.

## Heart Head Goes On Hospital Trip

Mrs. Harry Hooper, as chairman of the Sherman County Heart Council, motored to Portland, January 11 to the University of Oregon medical school for a day long series of lectures and films. The main purpose of the meeting was to acquaint all those present as to the disposition of the money that is raised for the Heart Fund campaign.

Mrs. Hooper states that it is too bad that all the people in the state could not have had the same opportunity because if they really knew how much good it is doing, the Oregon Heart association would not have any trouble in getting all the funds needed for their various projects.

The Sherman County Heart association, composed of Mrs. Anita Hooper, Mrs. Nan Wilson, Mrs. Leta Eslinger, Mrs. Doris Watkins and Mrs. Grace Medler, will be mailing letters to every family in Sherman county the first week in February and hope that the results will be gratifying and we will be one of the top counties contributing toward the fight against the leading cause of death in these United States.

## Spraying Wheat Now Going On Here

Spraying of winter wheat for annual weeds looks advisable on some fields in northern Sherman county, states County Agent T. W. Thompson. Twelve to fifteen farmers have already sprayed certain fields or portions of fields during the past two weeks.

Summer fallow ground that wasn't worked prior to seeding in most cases is in the area being sprayed. Thompson advises farmers in the Wasco north area to inspect fields for heavy weed infestation. Serious weed problems have been located. Mats of tarweed, two to eight inches across have been located and sprayed.

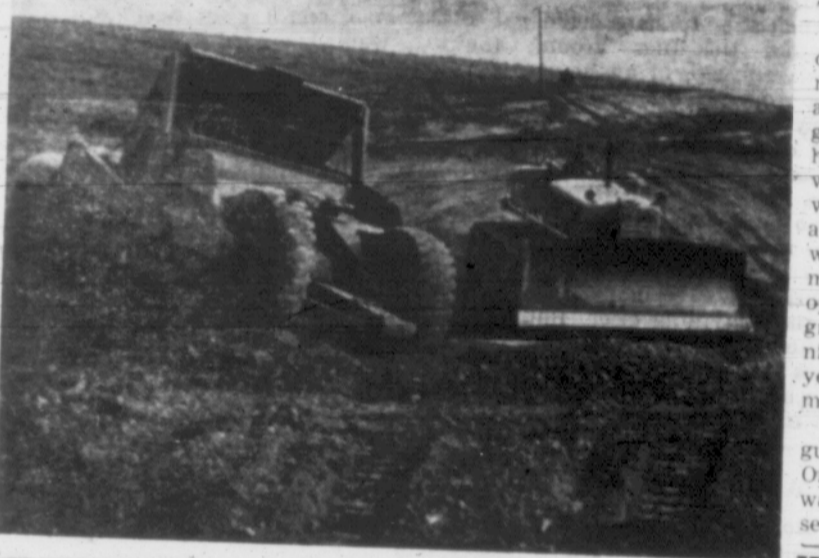
Wheat spraying at this time of year at various times in the past has caused considerable loss of yield. Where weeds will jeopardize the crop, but with good wheat growth, at least certain fields or portions should be sprayed.

Wheat for safe spraying should be well tilled. Three to preferably five tillers are advised. The smaller the weed the better the weed control. Temperature is an important factor, but uncontrollable. Reduction of yields occur most often when temperatures fall below 25 degrees the first several days after spraying. Best weed control can be obtained using one-half to three quarters of a pound of butyl or iso-propyl ester of 2,4-D.



Workmen are tamping in the last section of concrete topping on the bridge across Grass Valley canyon taking concrete from a truck just out of the picture on the left. The state inspector, in yellow shirt, and workmen are raking topping to make it rough. Bridge was raised about three feet from first plans in order to give more clearance for water. Bridge is longer than the one it will replace.

While LaTourneaux camp rock and dirt near fill north of Nichols house huge bull-dozer smooths it out and packs material around tube. Fill here will be ten or eleven feet high and give future travelers on the Condon-Wasco road a straight shot through the cut in background and down past the old Bill Kenny place to Cottonwood grade.



## Road Building, Not Handicapped by Winter, Going on With Two Contractors Working on Road East of Moro and Wasco

Winter has not proven to be much of a handicap to road builders in Sherman county so far. Last Friday the Greene & Bulck crew finished pouring the concrete topping on the new bridge over Grass Valley canyon, a short way northeast of town, finishing the job in bright winter sun, and without a hint of damaging frost to green concrete.

Construction of this bridge was delayed shortly while specifications were changed to make it higher, county officials feeling that the original plan called for a bridge too close to the bottom of the creek which sometimes carries a much larger body of water than visitors will believe, even engineers.

Some of the crew said that when the bridge was finished the creek bed would be dredged out to some extent to permit a larger flow of water. The bridge is longer than the old one that can be seen downstream from the new one at a slight angle.

Grading of the five mile project on the Monkland road is nearly done and course rock covers the road. A crusher will be set up soon to supply surface rock and by next harvest the road from Hay Canyon to the highway at Hockman's will be completed.

A larger project is going on to construct a new road from Hay Canyon to the Cottonwood bridge across the John Day river. Earl McNutt has the contract and his machinery was making a fill a up a draw, across the fields to the north of the West canyon below the old Vic Smith Nichols farm home when caught in the camera. Some of the grading has been done farther east at the old Bill Kinney homestead. The cut in the picture will be 18 feet deep when done.

The new road starts at the mouth of Bull canyon and will cross that waterway three times. It starts on the south side, crosses over to the north for about a mile and cut out of a point of the hill below Bob Belshe's house and crosses again below his buildings. From there it goes southeast across a point of land near Bob Boynton's, into Harvey Thompson's field to the north-south road in front of his place. About midway between there and Conlee's it crosses that road and runs almost straight east to Nichols.

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## Canadian Visitors Tell of Problems

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Sadler of Kindersburg, Saskatchewan were here this week to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker while on a trip that will take time to Victoria before returning home early in March. Mrs. Sadler and Mrs. Parker are twin sisters.

Mr. Sadler, who is on the co-op board and chairman of the school system at his home town, is a farmer, growing wheat, flax and durum. Farmers in Canada are having a hard time getting rid of their crop. The government permits disposal of 300 bushels at a bushel per acre at a time. Last year Mr. Sadler got rid of six bushels per acre or between a fourth and a fifth of his crop. He has enough on hand, stored in farm elevators, to fill such a quota for ten years.

While here he visited the school to see how the vocational agricultural program is coming because they have similar training at Kindersburg, together with the problem of who to train for vocations and who to educate.

The Sadlers left Thursday to continue their journey.

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## January Warm, Wet But Not Best In Either

This January was not the warmest ever, neither was it the wettest. But it was very pleasant and wet enough to encourage the use of fertilizer.

One of the more remarkable events to be long remembered in January, 1958, will be the rainstorm that hit the county Tuesday night. At the station a full .70 inch was recorded and some rain gauges showed more than that. It rained so fast and hard the ground couldn't take it although almost entirely unfrozen and the ditches ran great streams of very muddy water filled with the very best top soil.

Some fields developed big ditches in them during the rain but the damage was not considered heavy over the county as a whole.

Rainfall for January up to Wednesday night at five o'clock was 2.09 inches which is .39 inch above the normal. The wettest day was the 29th. For the crop year 7.15 inches have been recorded which is .43 above normal. Clouds covered the sky again Thursday morning.

The highest maximum was 57 on the 15th and the lowest minimum was 18 on the third. These are not records as we had 58 degrees in both 1945 and 1953 for high and both years were also warmer. In 1953 January's low was 28 and it was only 20 in 1939 and 1945. The average maximum was 41.9 and the average minimum was 29.8 for a monthly mean of 35.9 and that is exactly 5.9 degrees above the average. It was a nice warm month. But only a few years ago in 1953 the average mean was 41.5 degrees.

Memory is apparently a poor guide to extremes in weather. Only four years ago we had a warmer January and this one seems superlative.

## Womans Club Hears Retired Nurses

The Moro Woman's club held its January meeting last Thursday afternoon at the church social room. Hostesses were Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger and Mrs. Glen Shoemaker.

Special guests present were the girls of the 7th and 8th grades of Moro grade school and their mothers; also Mrs. Robert Boynton and Mrs. Tex Irzyk. Mrs. Leona Douma presided during a brief business meeting, then welcomed the guests and invited Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. Irzyk to tell of their experiences in nurses training, and as practicing nurses.

They each told many interesting facts and experiences. Each was dressed in her nurse's uniform and cap - making their talks the more impressive. The group listened attentively, later asking them many questions.

Dessert of jello salad and nut breads, with coffee or hot chocolate was served by the hostesses.

The next meeting of the club will be on February 6 at the home of Mrs. Anna Moore at 2 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. Hildred Zell, who will tell of her experiences when she served on a panel on "International Affairs" in Washington, D. C.

## Magazine Sales To Help Auxiliary

The American Legion auxiliary, unit No. 91, Wasco, announces the start of their annual magazine subscription campaign. Mrs. Deway Thomas, unit president, states commissions will be used to purchase new portable sick-room equipment for the treatment of patients in their own homes. The equipment is available for temporary use without charge to all residents, doctors, and nurses in the towns and surrounding areas.

Accredited, bonded representatives will call on residents to explain the plan in detail. Each representative will bear a letter of authorization from Auxiliary Unit No. 91, Wasco, signed by Mrs. Deway Thomas. The plan is also endorsed by the following American Legion Auxiliary units: Unit No. 71, Moro, and signed by Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, unit president; Unit No. 49, Kent-Grass Valley, and signed by Mrs. Harold Owens, unit president.

The plan will be considered as a community service project and not as a request for donations. Donation will not be accepted by either the representatives or the organization. Everyone cooperating will get value received in well known magazine subscriptions.

## Pneolator Bought By Local Polio Unit

The Sherman county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been given authority by national headquarters to purchase an automatic respirator unit for use with the county ambulance.

The decision has been made to buy a pneolator unit from the Mine Safety Appliance company. It will be delivered by R. S. Williamson, February 5 at an evening meeting to be held at the court house at 7:00 p. m. with first aid card holders, officers of the chapter and others interested in attendance.

The pneolator is recommended for polio victims as it is a positive pressure system that is more easily handled by a victim or an attendant than other methods of giving oxygen.