

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

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In the Benson hotel in Portland there is what an employee state, was a replica of the Buncie mural for the new airport in that town. On first glance it looks like some kindergarten's finger painting. But when the viewer considers the mixed greens and yellows it does seem appropriate as an airport mural especially for those who get sick in flight.

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It was Krick, as we remember, who said there would be a freeze in these parts May 17. Politically the freeze will be one night before that.

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This Friday we have the try-outs or elimination heats for the election this fall. This time it is team picking; next time it is official picking.

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Only a few years ago it was popular to take benzene to be pepped up and now it is popular to take pills to slow down. Whether either is successful or not is not the point; the use of either indicates the great American discontent with themselves.

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When you think of the vast numbers of young people soon to be released from colleges and high schools with their minds sharpened to deal with an obstinate world you must think that everything will be alright soon.

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Apparently a job isn't considered an asset these days. Striking in the face of unemployment doesn't indicate that jobs are valuable. It may be a result of transferring personal welfare to government.

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A new car is said to last longer. At the new price it has to.

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The optimist prophesies the glad things and the pessimist foretells the sad things. Neither is always right, of course, but each expresses his disposition.

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In the good old days of individualism every youth hoped to work for himself, in the modern days of dependence and fear the aim is to get a job working for some corporation. Maybe the reason we hear so much about the sad plight of small business is not because of big business competition but small business ineptitude.

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Whether one is a mere observer or actively engaged in politics he must be impressed with Senator Knowland's efforts to curb some of the labor practices in California. The senator's timing may be better than thought.

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We hope the recession doesn't last long enough for the unemployed to get used to living on compensation.

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Says the man at the bar: "Population being what it is, we'd better be celebrating old maid's day than mother's day."

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Those Latins are easily excited it seems and also pretty poor shots with rocks. Good combination.

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Oregon cattlemen want the licenses of property destroying deer hunters revoked. Maybe also a test to determine whether the hunter knows a deer from a steer. Words look alike.

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A woman passenger on an ocean liner threw away a girdle containing jewels. There's valuable stuff in those girdles, men.

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The worst thing about owning property is having to buy it back from government every year.

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Writers and some doctors seem inclined to make adolescence a disease instead of a period of too rapid growth. What an idea.

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Andrew Knutson must know by now that giving orders or even advice to a wife by way of the press is seldom effective.

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The result of compulsory automobile insurance has been higher rates.



**MINISTER CHOSEN FATHER OF THE YEAR**  
C. Paul Moore Sr. of Athena was honored this week as Oregon FATHER OF THE YEAR for 1958 at the Oregon Cattlemen's association convention in Ontario, and presented an engraved desk trophy and custom-wrapped half of beef by the Cow Belles, auxiliary of the association. Moore, who is the father of seven sons, has served as pastor of the First Christian church of Athena for the past 21 years.

## Glen McLachlan Buried Wednesday

Glen McLachlan died at Heppner Sunday, May 11 after a short illness caused from a heart attack. Funeral services were held at Heppner, Wednesday at 10 a. m. and interment was made in Parklawn cemetery in The Dalles at 3 p. m. that afternoon.

Glen was born near Moro, September 3, 1907 and was a resident here until recent years. He served in the army at Vancouver, Wash. He married Leona Payne who survives. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Tom Sullivan of Van Nuys, Cal., a son, Darrel of Heppner, four grandsons and one grand daughter. His mother, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan of Moro, two brothers, Wendell of Boise and Roland of Moro, two sisters, Mrs. H. G. Harrington of Eugene and Mrs. A. W. Channess of Madras.

Mr. McLachlan, although in poor health in recent years, was a regular visitor in Moro and only last winter worked for the REA at locating the line into Gilliam and Morrow counties.

## Field Day At Cox Ranch Due Saturday

The annual 4-H Field day will be held next Saturday at the Fred Cox ranch just south of Grass Valley with club boys and girls gathering at 11 o'clock in the morning with their animals to judge, guess on weights and learn from their elders some of the tricks of the livestock business.

At noon there will be lunch with the Coxes furnishing ice cream for the visitors who eat their lunches on the lawn near the big house. The information obtained by the youngsters is practical and valuable because there are many old heads to guide the younger ones.

## Mental Health Topic For The Dalles Meet

The Mid-Columbia Health association and St. Agnes Guild of the Episcopal church are inviting the public to hear Dr. Dean Brooks, superintendent of the Oregon State Mental hospital in Salem. He will speak at Remington hall (Episcopal church) in The Dalles, at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 20.

The Mental Health association of Oregon announces a telecast of "The Key" over KPTV Sunday, May 18 at 11:30 a. m.

## Candidates For Honors Picked

One girl and one boy will be winners of the Senior Boys' and Senior Girls' trophies on graduation night, May 28 at Sherman High.

The senior six nominated for this honor were Karen Wilson, Mavis Miller, Kay Kirkelle, Tom Higley, Lynn Thoele and Arnold Miller; selected by a committee of junior, sophomore and freshman class officers and two faculty members on the basis of qualities of service, friendship and leadership in the school.

Elections were held Friday, May 9, but the winners won't be announced until the conclusion of the graduation ceremonies.

## Equalization Men Mull Complaints Of Taxpayers

The county board of equalization met Monday morning with a docket full of protests from citizens who came to argue against higher valuations placed on their buildings for the most part. The board stayed in session until after six o'clock and heard all the taxpayers who appeared that day. Those who wish to protest have until Friday to do so.

The board will meet again next Tuesday and at that time it is expected some decision regarding the equalization of individual parcels of property and the equalization between different classes of property.

## Grade School Bands To Play Today

The bands of grade schools at Rufus, Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley will appear in concert on the grounds at the Rufus school May 16 at 7:00 p. m. according to Lynn Teadtke, leader and instructor.

Each band will play several numbers and at the end all 135 of the young musicians will join for a massed concert, playing several numbers. The bands will hold rehearsal in the afternoon. An admission charge of 75 to 25 cents will be charged.

## John DeMoss Heads Oregon Club

John DeMoss is president of the Oregon State club of Phoenix, Arizona having been elected at the meeting of the three year old club for Oregonians who spend a part of the year in the southern city. Elbert DeMoss is head of entertainment, Donald DeMoss is his assistant. There are a number of chairmen for various club activities.

The club meets the first Sunday of each month from October to May and Oregonians spending the winter there are invited to join.

## FARM PRICES LOWER

IN OREGON; UP NATIONALLY

Oregon farm prices turned downward last month in contrast to national farm prices which continued to rise, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Lower livestock prices in the state during April more than offset a slight rise in crop prices paid farmers, Mrs. Horrell said. Milk, beef cattle, hog, lamb, and wool prices slipped during the month and helped lower the price index. It marked the first drop in meat-animal prices in the state since October.

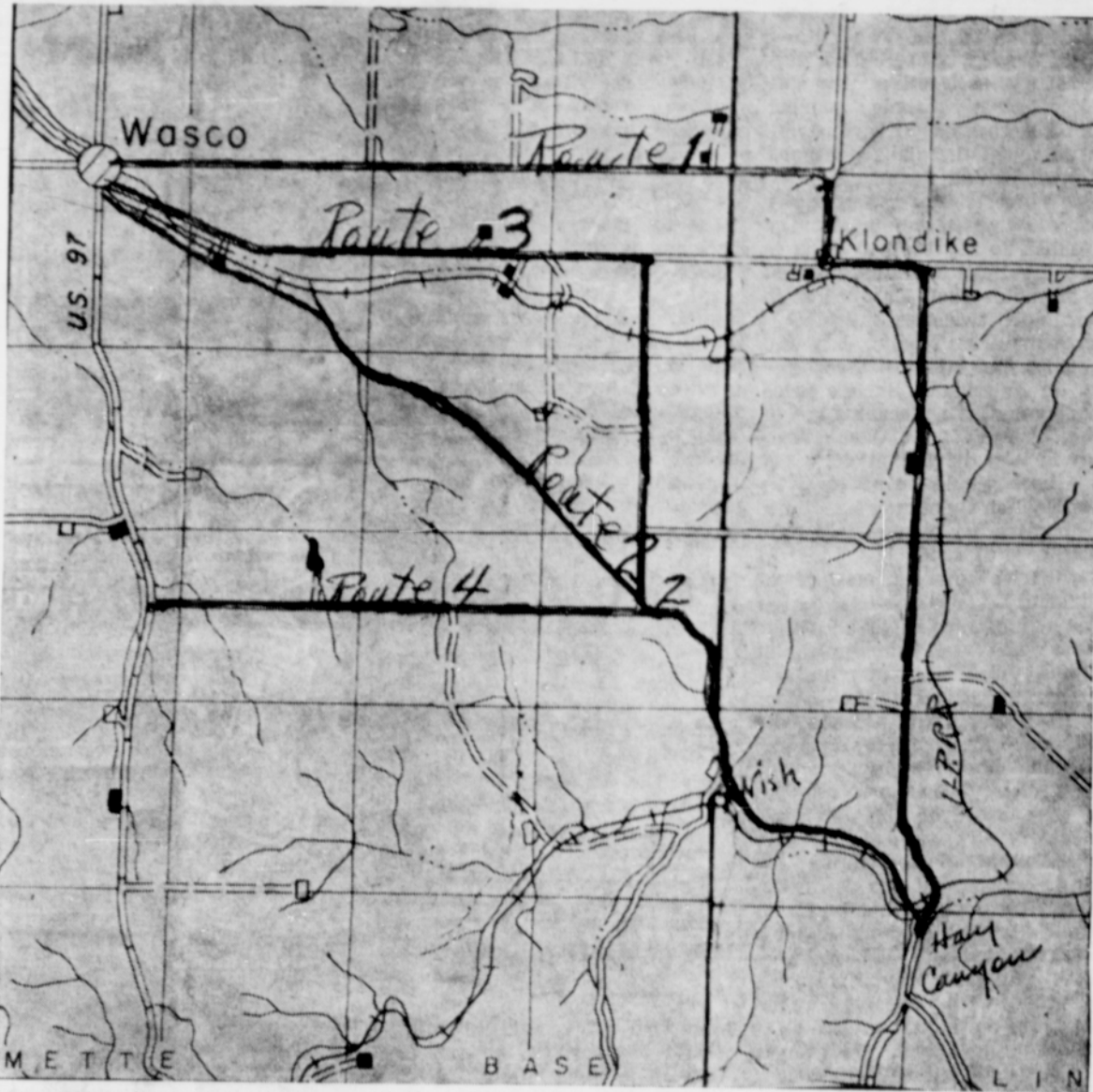
However, crop prices inched up a little during April, largely due to increases in prices paid farmers for corn and potatoes. This helped Oregon farm prices stay about 3 percent above those of a year earlier, although they stand about 1 percent below last month.

On the national scene, record high prices for fruits and vegetables, and a substantial increase in prices for cotton, gave the national farm price index another monthly boost. Prices received by the nation's farmers gained 1 percent during last month and now stand 10 percent above April, 1957 and at the highest level since January 1953, Mrs. Horrell said.

Prices of things farmers buy moved up 1 percent last month to a new record high, 6 percent above a year earlier. Prices paid for farm production items were responsible for the increase, as higher prices for feeder cattle, feed, baby chicks, and turkey poults more than offset slightly lower prices for feeder lambs, building materials and fertilizer.

Farm family living items held unchanged from the previous record high in mid-March as a rise in food prices was balanced by unchanged or lower prices on other items.

With both prices received and prices paid by farmers advancing a like amount, farm product purchasing power held its own at mid-April, Mrs. Horrell said. The parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—stood at 87 at mid-April, unchanged from mid-March but 5 points above mid-April 1957.



## Hav Canyon-Wasco End of 206 Causing Delay Because of Route Argument

The accompanying map shows the routes being discussed for the location of the western end of state highway 206 from Hay Canyon to Wasco. At the highway commission meeting in Portland Friday a delegation from the counties of Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman appeared to ask for continued contracting for improvement of still uncompleted sections of the road. Although money is available for some construction it seems probable that it will be spent in some place where there is no controversy about right of way.

Grant county's Judge O. D. Dickson, said his county wanted all the road improved because Grant county's product—cattle—went to market by truck. Wheeler and Gilliam county's delegation also expressed interest and Gilliam farmers from Ajax butte often haul wheat to Hay Canyon. That part of the road will be pretty well done by harvest, if the strike does not last too long.

There has long been an argument about the route the road should take from Hay Canyon to Wasco. The original plan was to go by way of Klondike which entails climbing the hill out of Hay Canyon. The highway commission has been surveying other routes. The Klondike route (Route 1) is about 8½ miles long.

Cost \$40,000 Per Mile

Cost of construction for such secondary roads is about \$40,000 per mile although heavy rock work or grades may increase that figure. On that basis the cost of the Klondike road would be \$340,000.

Route 2, as marked on the map, approximates the location recently surveyed by the highway commission in an effort to find a shorter way to Wasco. It goes up Grass Valley canyon to Nish, up the draw northwest and across the fields to Wasco. The actual route is probably farther west than marked as it goes down the draw where the Vic Smith house stands. Cost of right of way would be heavy because it goes through some very good farm land and owners are not anxious to have their fields cut up. It is approximately six miles long and construction would cost \$240,000.

Route 3 is a compromise. It would go straight north from the head of Nish draw to the present road west of Klondike and straight into Wasco. It is a little over seven miles long and would cost \$280,000.

Route 4 would run straight west from the head of Nish draw and hit Highway 97 just south of L. P. Haven's home. It would be five miles long and cost \$200,000. One argument for the longer route is that the county would get more paved road at state cost. That argument is not expected to appeal to the state highway commission which is duty bound to build roads on a different basis.

There are no major bars to the construction of any of the routes from an engineering standpoint. The right of way for all but Route 2 is now in county road.

Route 4 would get traffic on Highway 206 onto a main highway more quickly than any of the others. If the state highway commission should decide that the Wasco hill was too great a bar to successful highway construction and built Highway 97 up the draw from the Rich place to Haven's users of Highway 206 would be better served by Route 4.

It is very likely that the decision about the route will have to be made locally and that the county court will make the decision. It is also likely that the court will be guided by opinions of interested citizens.

## More Grain Coming To Oregon Now

Incoming grain to Oregon terminals during April was up from the March totals; however, this April total—5,787,165 bushels—is about 3 million bushels lower than April, 1957. This information comes from the state department of agriculture's division of grain inspection.

About 3.7 million bushels of grain were exported in April, down slightly from the 4 million bushels shipped out in March, and down substantially from the 7.9 million bushels exported a year ago at the same time. Wheat received in Portland was up from 3.6 million bushels in March to 4.3 million bushels in April, but totals on oats and rye were down slightly.

Portland grain arrivals included 490 carlots of grain from points east of the Rocky mountains. These shipments were wheat from Montana and Iowa, corn from Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, milo from Kansas and Colorado and rye from Wisconsin.

At the Astoria office, 489,409 bushels of incoming wheat were inspected; 83,466 bushels were inspected at the Pendleton branch. The Merrill office totaled 23 inspections during April.

## Frost Hits Gardens Monday Night

Frost blighted tender plants in gardens as far north as Moro Monday night although not severely. Not all plants were killed. Since then the nights have been warmer, a little above 32 degrees and the gardeners are without assurance that another freeze will come. The date of last freezing is May 10.

There was a little rain Sunday and a lot of wind, enough to make it doubtful if any moisture remained at the end of the day.

## Recreation Group Planning Sites

Dr. Frank Reid and Stan Coelch, members of the Sherman County club recreation committee attended a meeting in The Dalles recently where plans were started to determine the recreational facilities to be built with the cooperation of the U. S. Engineers along the Columbia river.

Another meeting was held Thursday afternoon of this week with a large group of state and federal officials present to help the regional group.

The group is interested in fishing, boating, overnight camping and picnicking and in getting adequate facilities for them along the new margins of the river caused by The Dalles dam. Celilo, the mouth of the Deschutes and a spot near Biggs and perhaps Grant, are being considered as sites for recreational improvement.

## Science Is Easy If Not Scared

What makes a scientist and how can young people know if they have the "makings?"

Scientists are made from curiosity, energy, and education, says Dr. F. A. Gilfillan, dean of science at Oregon State college.

Young people have the makings of scientists if they have an interest, a curiosity that wants to know the "how" and "why" of things, and if they're willing to prepare themselves through study and hard work, he continues.

"The best way to find out if you have the makings is to enroll in science classes early in junior and senior high school and learn about this vast world of science and its wonderful opportunities," he advises.

Is science "too tough" for most students? No! Fear of science on the part of students today in America is a pet peeve with Gilfillan. This fear that science is too hard or too time consuming is keeping vast numbers of able American youth out of science classes and careers, he insists.

The overwhelming majority of students should be able to pass and enjoy science studies, he says and some will find "new worlds opened to them."

What kind of education is needed for a scientist?

The ideal, of course, is learning "something about everything and everything about something" Gilfillan points out, and the education of the scientist ought to approach this ideal as far as possible.

"The scientist has to be both a specialist and a broadly educated man—a man sharpened to a point," according to Gilfillan.

**ELECTION DAY**

Although registered voters are more numerous than last year there are no races exciting enough to cause a large vote in Sherman county and election day is expected to be very quiet. A vote of 75 per cent is about normal.

## Culver Wins On Track; Sherman Places Third

Culver won the district track and field meet at the Sherman field last Saturday with a score of 57. Fossil was second with 36 and Sherman third with 31. Mauldin had 184 and others trailed.

The first two place winners will be eligible for the state meet to be held at Springfield and Sherman will send four boys, Gene Frickley, Dave Reid, Charles Bothwell and Keith Hockman placing in different events.

Frickley made himself eligible by placing second in the discus with a toss of 115 feet 2½ inches, second to Carter of LaPine whose toss was over 129 feet. Dave Reid was second in the 120 yard high hurdles with 17.2. Winner was Starnes of Culver with 17.1 seconds.

Bothwell ran second in the 440 to Myers of Fossil the time being 56 for Myers and 57.2 for Bothwell. Wiley Norton was third and may go if the others are unable. Hockman was first in the half mile run with a 2:11.5 mark beating Davis of Culver who had 2:13.

## John Robinson Heads Cemetery Association

The Wasco Cemetery association held its annual meeting early this month and elected John Q. Robinson as chairman and re-elected Hildred Zell, secretary. Board members Walt Bruckert and Raymond Van Gilder will serve two years and Earl Richelderfer and Zell three year terms.

Reports of officers showed the pump paid for at a cost of near \$2500 and the building for it will be completed by Memorial day. There is nearly \$18,000 in the endowment fund and \$500 in cash. Two work days were set. They will be May 22 and 23 with the women serving a potluck dinner on the 23rd to those who come to help put in a new north-south road through the cemetery and do such other work as is needed.

## DeMoss Park Repair Men To Be Fed

Those who volunteer their labor next Monday, May 19, to work at DeMoss park will be bounteously fed by women of the Harland-view Grange Home Ec club who will bring lunch for the men.

The project is one for the granges of the county and the Historical society with the county furnishing the materials. Workers should bring tools. Some will need paint brushes, some shovels and some saws for there is fence to build, buildings to paint and trees to trim.

Clarence Higley and Louis Sather spent the first of the week planning the work to be done and workers will be given the kind of work they like.

## No Field Day On Farm Schedule

A general field day will not be held at the Sherman branch experiment station this year. A county tour of the station can be arranged if their is interest to see some of the current trials underway. Station Superintendent, Bill Hall, indicates interest items include cheatgrass control on trashy fallow by chemicals, late plowing and minimum tillage plots, combined 2,4-D and fertilizer applications and annual cropping with wheat, oats and barley. If enough farmers are interested a tour will be arranged. Please let us know if interested.

## Sherman Riders Plan Coming Program

The Sherman County Riders met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hilderbrand, Monday evening, May 5. The major topic under discussion was the many details concerning the MCSCA major horse show to be held June 8 at the Sherman county fairgrounds. Plans were also laid to have a horse parade at 6:30 p. m. on the main street of Moro, with a dance this same evening under the sponsorship of the West Wind Saddle club Saturday June 7.

Refreshments were served to the club members by the hostesses. The next meeting will be held at the home of F. L. Watkins, May 26.