

Sherman County Journal

Seventy-Second Year No. 22

Moro, Oregon Friday April 1, 1960

County Official Paper

These Things We Note

Giles L. French

Bill Baldwin, who served as county school superintendent for a few months, had been a teacher in France and often praised the French for the interest they took in life and mental activities and excused them for their laxness in sanitary matters. We thought of him when looking at the census return which is unduly concerned with plumbing. The bureau of census doesn't care if citizens have a book in the house or a newspaper, but bathtubs, yes.

TTWN

After you get up the first good sweat the spring garden work goes easier.

TTWN

The national president of the class room teachers says a lot of teacher time is wasted in non-educational jobs around a school. That is right. A senior could do most of them.

TTWN

Senato Hall Lusk is called conservative with liberal tendencies by a Washington writer. No one dares intimate that a political office holder is either conservative or liberal. Our opinion is that Hall Lusk is a liberal—without the quote marks.

TTWN

We understand that nothing has come of the suggestion that the civil defense board try to cross humans and moles in an effort to find a hybrid that could enjoy living underground.

TTWN

Secretary of State Appling is drawing partisan criticism because he resigned from the national association of secretaries of state saying he could save the taxpayers \$1000 by staying home. We think Appling's decision is the correct one and that such conventions are a lot of high priced marlarky.

TTWN

The usual conception of weather that sunshine follows rain. It hasn't worked that way here for some weeks, rain, and even snow coming right after a few warm days. This is the week for rich and chilly wind causing as much unhappiness as the sun of last week caused joy.

TTWN

There's talk of doing away with the hump inside a car. You can't tell, it may be important to someone but it does keep ma from kicking pa on the ankle.

TTWN

The average gasoline consumption is 14.3 miles per gallon, it says here. Drivers could get more if they could shift their gears.

TTWN

Sidewalk superintendents get little chance to air their views in this small town. But they had a field day Tuesday when the Legion and Huls buildings were pulled down.

TTWN

Newspapers and magazines are saying that prices are as high as they can get without boosting tariffs as a multitude of foreign goods is waiting at the door. The list of goods so affected is large. If so we'll have to produce to profit, not merely raise prices.

TTWN

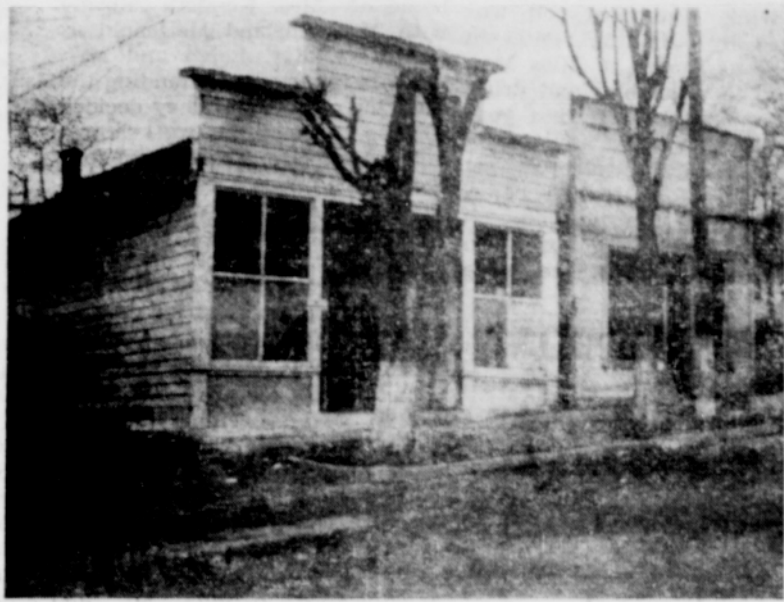
It has been a long winter—too long. The human spirit in these parts is not up to it. In Grass Valley citizens are quarreling about transferring to REA, in Moro about the marshal, in Wasco about keeping cows in town, in Pendleton about new form of city government. All are evidence of "cabin fever" that might well be cured by some sun and activity.

TTWN

Governor Hatfield is receiving much praise for the interest he and his party aroused among eastern industrialists. The praise comes from those who should be informed. Yet it seems odd that the job was possible with so small a show of official interest.

TTWN

That Antony Armstrong-Jones is going to marry into a pretty ritzy family, so much so that he has to go into training for it. We hope he isn't entirely overcome.



Before and after pictures showing the demolition of the two old buildings on the site of the new postoffice building. The McVicker Construction company did the wrecking and has the contract for the new building.

Alex McIntosh Builder of Structures Torn Down To Make Way For New Postoffice

Alex McIntosh was a sheepman whose place was at the confluence of Grass Valley and Rosebush canyons south of Moro. In the seventies he ran his flocks in that area without let or hindrance except to keep them off the Gould meadow which was owned by Daniel Leonard until he was shot and killed by his wife Mary Leonard at his place on the John Day.

Despite this handicap Alex McIntosh prospered and piled up money sufficient to satisfy his Scotch instincts. He put up hay in Grass Valley canyon and his wheel tracks through the sod started the washing that ruined the canyon for hay. A big ditch lowered the water table until his hay land was merely spring pasture.

Alex McIntosh went to Grant

where he ran a hotel and saloon for a time without adding to his fortune. Then he came to Moro and built the house Clarence Huls has used for a carpenter shop in recent years. He bought stock and operated a meat market. In the early nineties Elvin Barnum drove his meat wagon, peddling meat all about the country to farmer's wives too busy to come to town and to harvest crews in the fields. Meat wagons were common until much later than the nineties. They were operated until gas buggies were used for power instead of a couple of tireless ponies.

In the Cleveland depression Alex McIntosh went broke. Like many another man, he discovered that the arts of agriculture are not always sufficient as the arts of

Agriculture In Theory for Those Who Practice It

The first boars to pass rigid performance tests at the Oregon Swine Testing Station will be sold April 2 at the Umatilla Branch Experiment Station near Hermiston.

The sale, slated for 12:30 p. m., will see about 20 top-quality boars for sale. To be entered in the sale, boars had to gain at least 1.6 pounds per day from the time they were weaned until they weighed 200 pounds, make this gain on not more than 360 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of grain, and have less than 1.4 inches of backfat when the test was completed. Tests were carefully supervised by DSC research and extension personnel.

A brief ceremony preceding the sale will see the new swine testing station dedicated and officially presented to OSC authorities. The testing station was constructed by the Oregon Wheat Commission to promote production of market hogs in Oregon and more use of locally-grown feeds. Visitors will be welcome at the station the morning of the sale to look over the new facilities and inspect the boars to be sold.

Think It Over

"About 1920 a magazine article stated that the trend toward insanity was increasing so rapidly that by 1960 the majority would be insane. Since the majority would be insane, their positions would be accepted as normal and those previously considered sane would become insane. In 1920 an

idiot was a person who would shoot at the moon. In 1960 there is an international race to see who can best shoot at the moon." (Better Farming Methods, March 1960)

Financial Situation of Types of Farms

The agricultural economics department of OSC is under-taking a research project to determine the general financial situation of different types and sizes of farms in Oregon. Data for the study must come from farmers in the various counties. Nine Sherman county farmers have been selected at random who will be asked to cooperate in providing information for the study.

Initiation of the project is based on the assumption that the public on the whole does not have the proper concept of the tremendous amount of capital needed in land, buildings, machines, livestock and operating costs in order to carry on a modern farm operation. Also, most people are not aware of the low income position of farmers in general as compared with the incomes from other types of occupations. The amount of time, effort, capital, and risk involved in farming are many times not understood. Collection and summary of on the farm information will provide information to compare the position of farmers and the need for equitable laws and policies for farm people in the future.

Rainy Week Slows Farming; Increases Scanty Moisture

It has been wet and rainy since Sunday night when a general rain came to the county after a week of warm, sunny weather, that made both grass and grain-think spring was here. At Moro .35 inch fell and reports from both north and south is that more fell there. Tuesday evening a good shower fell at Wasco and west. While little rain has fallen since Sunday in most places there have been drizzles and the skies have been clouded over.

An inch of snow fell at Kent Thursday morning.

RR Crossing To Be Built Near Rufus

Construction of two temporary railroad over-crossings near Rufus were approved Monday by Public Utility Commissioner Jon C. Hill.

The crossings were requested by the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, in connection with the John Day Lock and Dam project. Cost of the construction and later maintenance will be borne by the Corps.

The permanent relocation to higher ground of tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Co. (Union Pacific RR Co., lessee) and U. S. Highway 30 will be made necessary by the water level of the pool raised by the dam.

A detour and the two over-crossings are expected to be abandoned after 1963 on completion of the dam and lock project.

Henry A. Page came along and bought his building and shortly he built another alongside it. It is being razed too to make way for a new postoffice for Moro. Page ran a butcher shop for years, selling steak for ten cents a pound and roasts for seven and eight. He could buy a good steer for \$15 and beef was never above four cent a pound on the hoof in those days. Charley Belshee came in from a ranch and bought out Page. He bought and sold stock for years, trained the Douma boys to kill and cut meat and sold out to them when he went to buying and selling as a commission dealer.

Tom Douma, elder of the family, sold the building to the American Legion of which he was a devoted member, for a nominal sum and it has been used for meetings of that society in recent times.

This week ends the more than sixty years history of the two buildings and their old timbers are being broken in hurried destruction.

Annual Weed Control In Grass

The best time to spray for winter wheat is after wheat is well stood. Plants should have from 4 to 6 tillers. Avoid spraying when wheat is in the boot stage. 2, 4-D in several forms are satisfactory — isopropyl, butyl, or low volatile esters — applied at from 1/4 to 1 pound of parent material per acre with sufficient to provide satisfactory cover. Spraying just before or just after a hard freeze may decrease weed control. It is advisable to wait at least a week after a hard freeze before spraying.

Spring wheat or barley can be sprayed when the grain is 6 to 8 inches in height and before the boot stage. Any of the above materials mentioned plus amine type 2, 4-D can be used for spraying spring wheat or barley. Application of materials should be from 1/2 to 1 pound per acre.

Weed problems in oats in general correspond to those for wheat and barley. Herbicides should be applied when oats are 6 to 8 inches high.

Since oats are the most sensitive of cereal crops to 2,4-D, use only the amine form at 1/2 to 3/4 pound per acre.

The addition of a wetting agent may assist in giving better weed control. Several excellent wetting agents are on the market. Wetting agents are especially needed where the amine or sodium salt of 2,4-D is used.

New Electric Rates New In Effect Here

Revised electric rates expected to provide Pacific Power & Light company with additional revenues to help offset post-war increases in construction and operating costs were on file Friday with the state public utility commissioner.

The new schedules will be reflected in service bills received after March 30.

For most residential customers in the local service area, PP&L said, the increases will range from about two cents to seven cents a day, depending upon the amount of electricity used.

The new schedules make available here an "all electric" residential rate which is advantageous for consumers using both an electric range and an automatic water heater.

The company reported uniformity of schedules throughout PP&L's upstate service areas would be achieved, including the elimination of the present difference of about 35 cents a month between rural and urban area residential rates.

PP&L reported that for households on the new straight residential service rate the cost of 100 kilowatt hours of electricity will be \$3.89. The amount of the increase for customers on the former urban schedule will be 54 cents a month, and for those on the old rural rate 22 cents more. For 200 kilowatt hours, the increase will be 92 cents more than the old urban rate and 57 cents more than the old rural rate.

Under the newly available "all electric" rate, the charge for 500 kilowatt hours will be \$8.57. This amounts to \$1.25 more a month for customers on the old urban rate and 90 cents more for those formerly on the rural rate. For 1000 kilowatt-hours, the charge will be \$12.87. This will be a change of \$1.95 for urban households and \$1.60 difference for rural residences.

The new "all electric" rate will be applied automatically to all residential customers who, in response to a recent PP&L questionnaire, reported they had both an electric range and water heater, the company said.

THANKS AGAIN

Thanks to the residents of Sherman county, the chairmen and their helpers, the March of Dimes had a successful 1960 drive, a total of \$1449.91 being collected.

Mrs. Ernest Shull at Wasco had \$485.27, Mrs. John DeMoss at Moro \$436.19, Mrs. W. A. Morris at Rufus \$80.00, Mrs. Willard Barnett at Grass Valley \$280.65 and Mrs. Harry Justesen at Kent \$107.20. The Sherman High school gave a dance which netted \$29.35; a basketball game at Rufus made \$8.80 despite a snowstorm and \$22.45 came in after the 1959 report was made, says Mrs. James T. Brown, county chairman, who is thankful to all workers.



Wasco lodge No. 15, AF & AM, The Dalles will be host Wednesday, Apr. 6, for the official visit of David W. Pearson, grand master of Masons in Oregon, to lodges of district 14. Other lodges to be presented are Taylor No. 99 at Wasco, Hood River No. 105, Eureka No. 121 at Moro, Morris No. 129 at Dufur and Sherman No. 43 at Grass Valley.

The grand master, who will outline his program for the year, will be accompanied by other grand lodge officers, including H. B. Pinkerton, district deputy of the grand master and member of the grand lodge resolutions committee, who is in charge of arrangements.

Sherman Countians Donate 52 Pints

A total of 52 pints of blood were drawn when the Bloodmobile came to Sherman county Monday with 10 deferred. The staff from the blood center assured us this was very good considering the amount of flu and colds prevalent at this time, says Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, chairman.

Four residents of the county who received a total of 15 pints asked friends and relatives to replace for them. The statement was made during the drawing that "if the blood is not replaced the recipient will have to pay for it." We are very sorry that this mistaken idea has developed. It just doesn't work that way. Any person entering a hospital and in need of transfusion will receive it and the only cost is for administering, lab., etc. Replacements to insure a supply in the blood bank that the next person needing will receive. Four pints were also given by friends of the late Marion (Bud) Powell for this same reason—another person may need it desperately.

The chapter wishes to thank all who helped at the drawing, with recruitment and especially the donors. Helping to make it a success were Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Jack Cushman, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. Willard Barnett, Mrs. Harry Benson, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Mrs. G. Douma, Mrs. Wm. Reid, Mrs. Chas. Burnet, Mrs. Lester Conlee, Mrs. Clara Houston, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. Robert Brisbane, Mrs. Willard Leff, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Earl Gentry, Mrs. M. V. Miller, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. Robert Olsen, Clair Balzer and Chas. Burnet, the Girls Scout troop of Moro who cared for and entertained the youngsters.

Congratulations to Charlotte Barnett for increasing the Grass Valley number of donors from 4 in November to 18 at this drawing. Comments around the coffee table indicated they were very happy with their showing.

Charles Belshee Buried Thursday

Charles R. Belshee died Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Avery Martin, in McMinnville after a long illness. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the Moro Community church with Rev. E. C. Goodenberger presiding followed by interment in the Moro cemetery.

Mr. Belshee was born at McMinnville September 19, 1879 and came to Sherman county in November 1883 when his father took up a homestead east of Hay Canyon. This had always been his home. He farmed for awhile, ran a livery stable and bought the meat market in town which he ran for years. It was here that he started buying and selling livestock.

After selling to the Doumas he bought stock until last fall. He dealt with farmers and stockmen over a wide area furnishing them with feeders and taking their fattened animals. He was widely known and wisely respected for his knowledge of stock, their weights, the market, the prices.

He is survived by the remaining eight of the family of J. F. and Emma Belshee who grew to adulthood. They are Robert W. The Dalles, Wesley Roy, Moro, Howard B. The Dalles, Homer, California, Benjamin Frank, Portland, Mrs. Edith Burnet, The Dalles, Mrs. Estella Benson, Portland, Mrs. Lloyd Mason, Salem and one daughter and two grand daughters, Mrs. Janet Robinson of Portland and Mrs. Beverly Skinner of Dayton.

CENSUS TAKERS NAMED

Sherman county census takers, Dorene Hall, Moro and Lucille Fox, Rufus, say census starts Friday, Apr. 1 and should be completed in two weeks. All information is strictly confidential and is used in no way other than statistics.

MANN LOW BIDDER

Successful bidder for the construction of the bridge over the John Day river at the mouth of Cottonwood on the Wasco-Heppner secondary road was Mann Construction Co., of Redmond whose bid was \$223,760. The bridge will be ready by the summer of 1961 and the old one will be used until then.

Sherman County Club Hears Elder Sell About Dam

Colonel H. B. Elder, resident engineer in charge of building the John Day dam, told members of the Sherman County club Tuesday night that the units to be installed in the John Day would be the largest ever built. When completed the dam will have 20 units with a rating of 135,000 kilowatts each for a 2,700,000 kw total. Furthermore it is the custom to produce about 15 per cent more than rated capacity so the John Day dam will produce more than 3,000,000 kw when done. It will be by far the biggest dam on the Columbia, as Grand Coulee has but 1,994,000 kw. And unless some other dam is built before it is completed the John Day dam will be the biggest in the world.

It will require eight years to construct whereas The Dalles dam was built in 5 1/2 years. John Day will be 23 feet higher than either The Dalles or McNary, will have a 500,000 acre flood control element, and will contain the highest single lift lock.

The gates that control the overflow will be 58 1/2 feet high complete to 46 feet at The Dalles. Construction will be different from most dams, in that the overflow section will be left at half height until the power house is done to give room for the water. There will therefore be three cofferdam stages before the dam is done.

Bonneville Power administration estimates that the increase in demand for electricity in the north-west is 600,000 kilowatts a year and that is the reason for so much dam building both by public and private power agencies. That is more than Bonneville produces.

John Day will cost \$400,000,000 due largely to the great amount of relocation of highways and railroads on both sides of the river. The dam itself will cost little more than the \$260,000,000 The Dalles cost.

Employees at the dam this summer will be about 1200 and most of them will be working on the Washington side. In 1961 there will be a peak of employment when between 2000 and 2500 will be hired to build the first stage of the overflow section. In 1965 another peak of employment will occur when the power house is being built. This will probably result in 300 school children during the first peak and 400 in the second. School districts can be reimbursed for some of the school costs caused by such construction but not until the expense is incurred.

Colonel Elder explained in answer to a question that hydro power will continue to be used even after atomic power is developed which is not in the foreseeable future. Reason for hydro power is its flexibility.

The permanent crew to operate the dam when completed will be about 200 who will live in both states depending on the kind of work done and the part of the dam they operate.

Vernon Root stirred some interest by presenting the case for a youth center, complete with swimming pool, from a Wasco group that had some countywide support. Others said a swimming pool should be in connection with the high school.

Frank Ketter, president, introduced club guests and asked for committee reports. Bob Ferrell introduced Colonel Elder.

In addition to all the other changes going on on First Street between Main and Scott the city thought it a good idea to replace the old water main up the ally as part of it had to be moved anyway to permit grading for the new postoffice parking lot. A backhoe caught on the old pipe, flooding the street until afternoon when the mains could be drained to permit replacing the ruined pipe with a new main. It is estimated that the old pipe was 70 years old which may be somewhat exaggerated, but not much.

Charter Committee Gets Organized

The county charter committee organized last week by the election of Kenneth Hattrup as chairman and Glyads Zell as secretary. Selection of the ninth member will be made at the next meeting which will be held on April 29 at the court house.