

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

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The city manager of The Dalles followed the Wasco County assessor in stating that he was not responsible for high taxes. Neither is. The people are responsible for high taxes and have to pay them because they are too inert to protest.

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When we see pictures of all the bushy haired women, that is the style in women these days, we are reminded of a bald headed girl we took to a party once upon a time in the long, long ago. She had fallen into a fireplace when a small child and the back of her head was burned leaving only a fringe of hair along the front which to tie down the front of her wig.

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The old timer says there's only one coat difference between a cold spring and a warm one.

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A revolution from the right is certainly less appalling than one from the left.

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The foreign observer noted that shaking hands made American men feel happy because he had never seen a picture of a glum man shaking hands.

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Frank Lawrence observes in a printing magazine "Never try to kill time; time can stand it longer than you can."

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We can imagine a person eating one smelt if sufficient hunger sated him but we think that a hundred smelt is a diet for a shark.

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The legislature is doing a good job of beating bills, which is the indication of a good legislature. Members collectively cannot be blamed for introduction of the crazy stuff that too often occurs, but they can see that it doesn't pass.

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We wonder if Russia did actually send a man into space and get him back. Also what does the world look like from 180 miles away?

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It is interesting to watch a political administration work—and also a very expensive kind of entertainment.

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The president's suggestion that unemployed be sent to school to learn how to work might be beneficial.

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One economic theory is that low interest rates stimulate business recovery when it is sick. Another is that high interest rates stimulate business by promoting thrift.

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It is a good policy for a national administration to keep the people so interested in foreign affairs (where they are usually united) than in domestic matters where an administration may be weakest.

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We are happy to note that Mark Hatfield is going to get to move the headquarters for welfare back to Salem. That is the state capital.

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The world is close to having three billion inhabitants; it had two billion in 1930 so we gained 50 percent in thirty years and will gain the next billion in twenty years. Nearly all of them are hungry, almost none are educated, few are free of disease or even clean. Soon all of them will be hungry, ill and dumb and may consider the atomic bomb a blessing.

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An alcoholic is one who tries to solve his problems with alcohol; a glutton is one who tries to settle them with food. There are many other ways.

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Hearings in the grain rate case have opened in Portland and as usual Inland Empire Waterways association is against the farmers.

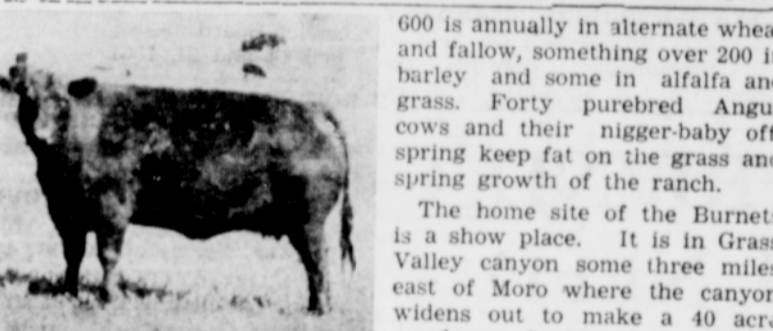
## Charles Burnet Wins Soil Conservation Honor for 1961



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Charles and Althea Burnet before their completely remodeled house which is the headquarters of the successful farm enterprise.



Charles and Steve like the black ones.

Charles Burnet will be acclaimed the conservation man of the year for Sherman County when the county wheat league meets at Grass Valley the evening of May 5.

The choice was made by men who watch such things and realize the difficulty of the job of saving soil which this spring seems even more mandatory than usual. Mr. Burnet farms his 1800 acres of tillable land by the frisky fallow method and so successfully that almost no dirt washed away from his farm last winter and that is an accomplishment.

Usual procedure of farming on the Burnet ranch is to break down the stubble in the fall using a sort of cutter like a power lawn mower. Next spring the ground is disked to set back the cheat that starts with the first sign of spring. Then the land is gone over with a Graham-Hoome which kills vegetation again. A skew treader breaks up the straw on top and discourages the weeds again after which rod weeder take care of the tillage problem as needed. Seeding can be done early, but Burnet, a conservative, has not yet seeded in August as some soil conservers do.

Reason for such seeding is to obtain a growth of grain big enough to prevent washing. His September seeding, he says, does that and is not as risky as July or August seeding. In any case deep furrow, 14 inch, drills are used.

There is a total of 2200 acres of land farmed by Burnet belonging to him and his mother. Of this

implements are different from those used normally. The plow the spring-tooth, the harrow, the regular drill, have to be discarded and new equipment bought. There is a constant battle with cheat that no implement seems to conquer as well as a plow. Then, too, the yields are seldom as good although the yields gap is being reduced as men learn more about this new kind of farming.

That is why nearly all these frisky fallow farmers are a sort of dedicated group, idealists who forego some of the ease and profits of the present in order to retain for their descendants the assurance of good land to farm. In this spring when most fields are marked with deep ditches where fertile soil once lay, that idealism seems practical as well and eventually necessary.

The home site of the Burnets is a show place. It is in Grass Valley canyon some three miles east of Moro where the canyon widens out to make a 40 acre meadow and where a spring furnishes ample water for household needs and some irrigation. It was one of the first places in the county chosen by a settler. A Frenchman named Guillard ran stock from there first and John Harrington homesteaded it for the same occupation. Many men have lived on it and tried all sorts of ways to make a living on the bottom. Now it is used in conjunction with wheat land and its prosperous appearance indicates that it is the proper use.

The house has been built over and green lawns surround it and the big swimming pool where tired farmer or entertaining farm wife can relax and young folks can spend an afternoon pleasantly. A patch of nose tickling mint grows beside the spring in such profusion as to furnish seasoning for all the juleps of Kentucky. Barns and sheds are painted red with white trim and big trees shade the farmstead. It is a place to come home to.

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## Mrs. Frank Reid Wins Club Dress Contest for Adults

Mrs. Frank Reid won the state contest held in Portland last Friday for design and sewing the best dress for a club woman's wardrobe. The Oregon Federated Women's Clubs was sponsor of the contest which will now move to the national scene. Should Mrs. Reid win there she will get a three week fashion tour of Europe for two. The second place winner will get \$500 and a trip to the Miami convention of woman's clubs. Judging for the national prize will be done by colored slides.

Also winning was Patty Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller, who was second to the girls winner. She won the contest to represent the Fourth district and took her dress to Portland Friday for the contest. Her dress was a suitable dress for high school girls to wear on many occasions. She is a sophomore.

Mrs. Reid's dress was a toast colored linen suit worn with a bone shade blouse to match the suit lining and a coat of wool plaid in matching colors. Suitable accessories went with the outfit. Patty Miller's dress was a simple gingham one but well made and well fitted.

## Clyde Beard To Talk Here Sunday

Clyde Beard, The Dalles High School principal, will be guest speaker for a church family day program, Sunday, April 23 at the Moro Presbyterian church.

A potluck dinner will be shared immediately following church services and Mr. Beard will be the after-dinner speaker. He says everyone else is talking about "Outer Space", so his theme will be "Inner Space."

Mr. Beard is well known in this community for his thoughtful, provoking and often witty speeches. The church is fortunate to obtain him his this program, as he is in much demand as a speaker. All who would like to attend are invited to join in this Sunday afternoon service.

## Sherman Defeats Condon In Meet

Sherman won a dual track meet with Condon last week rather handily the score being 79½ to 41½. Goddard of Condon and Gary Thompson and Robert Powell of Sherman were best point makers.

Winners were Pole vault: Strutters, C. 8' 6"; Shot: Goddard C. 44' 9¼"; Brd. Jump: J. Fields S. 19' 3¾"; H: Hurdles: Simmons C. 17.4; Discus: Mobley S. 138' 11"; 100 yard: Thompson S. 10.2; Javelin: Goddard C. 129'10"; 440 yard: Thompson S. 56.7; Low Hurdles: D. Rolfe S. 23.3; 220 yard: Thompson S. 24.2; 880 yard: Powell S. 2:17.2; Mile: Powell S. 5:4.7; Hi Jump: Mobley & Fields S. tie at 5' 4"; Half Mile Relay: C. 1:45

## Grass Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koch of Oregon City spent last Monday visiting Mrs. A. von Borstel and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock in Moro.

Mrs. Howard Garland and Cathy and Mrs. Len Garland were visitors Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Curly Eichler went to The Dalles Friday evening where Mrs. Eichler entered a hospital for medical attention.

Mr. Eichler, Carolyn Johnson and Ruth Alley went to The Dalles Sunday to visit her at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble returned home last Tuesday from Warm Springs where they spent a week.

Bill Johnson left Tuesday April 11 for Montana taking his sister in law, Mrs. Max Johnson and daughter, Sheri, to their home in Arlee, Montana, Sheri was in a hospital in Portland since April 6 for medical attention. Mr. Johnson returned home Friday April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox left Saturday for Chehalis, Wn., to visit her mother, Mrs. C. H. Augue.

## Assessor Says Valuations Up All Over State

The assessed valuation of Sherman County has been increased to a ratio of 25 per cent of the true cash or appraised value for the 1961 tax roll reported Clair Balzer, County Assessor.

This increase is a result of legislation passed during the 1959 legislative session and applies to all counties in the State.

Last year Sherman County had a 20 per cent ratio, so the increase will amount to a 25 per cent increase in the assessed valuation of the county. However, the increase will result in lower millage rates for the various taxing units and taxes on any given property should be the same as last year.

Taxes will increase only if the various budgets are raised over last year, or if an individual makes improvements on his property, or in case of Personal Property, buys new or more equipment, or has more livestock on hand January 1 of this year.

In the City of Wasco, the assessed value of improvements have been increased an additional 6½ per cent, due to elimination of a district depreciation allowed at the time of reappraisal in 1958.

This depreciation was a temporary measure, applied only to the City of Wasco, and was brought about in part by the loss of the hotel, plus other factors, which at this time are no longer present.

Taxes in Wasco will possibly be a little higher than they were last year.

Final levies cannot be determined until all budgets are approved and the total valuation of the county is figured. Until this is done, taxes for this fall cannot be determined.

The true cash or appraised value of property has not been changed, only the assessed value. Last year on the 20 per cent ratio, the assessed value was multiplied by 5 to find the appraised value, this year multiply by 4.

## FFA To Host Parents Friday

The Sherman FFA chapter will hold its annual parent and son banquet at the high school April 21. The banquet is one of the highlights for the year and is a time in which chapter activities for the year are reviewed and the honorary chapter farmers for 1960-1961 are installed.

Bill Blatchford, vice-president of the Oregon Association of Future Farmers of America, will be the featured speaker. Blatchford carries a project consisting of 12 dairy cows, five acres of pasture and one-half interest in 15 acres of wheat. Blatchford has served as secretary and president of the Hillsboro chapter before becoming state vice-president.

## Mrs. Mac Hall's Mother Buried

The mother of Mrs. Mac Hall died Tuesday morning in The Dalles after a long illness and funeral services were held Thursday morning with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.

Mrs. Catherine Bassett was born in Jonesboro, Maine, October 1, 1893. Survivors in addition to Mrs. Hall are another daughter, Mrs. John Gilhouse of The Dalles, her widow, Clarence Bassett, three sons, a sister and a brother. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Rebekah lodge.

## Market Report

Livestock receipts totaled 356 head. U. S. No. 1 and 2, 180-230 lb. butcher hogs sold 25 cents higher at \$18.75 to \$19.35. Several heavy No. 2 and 3 hogs sold down to \$17.00. A large supply of weaner pigs met with good demand at \$8.00 to \$16.00 a head, with light feeders up to \$20.00. Heavy sows brought \$12.75 to \$15.00 with light sows up to \$17.00. Good 400 to 550 lb. steers brut \$24.75 to \$27.60 with lighter weights up to \$28.00. Good 600 to 700 lb. feeder steers \$22.00 to \$24.00 with medium grades to \$19.00. Good 400 to 500 lb. heifers brought \$22.75 to \$25.00. Good 500 to 700 lb. heifers down to \$19.00. Holstein heifers \$18.00 to \$21.75.



F. L. BALLARD

A leader in Oregon agriculture for nearly half a century, Frank L. Ballard, will retire on his 70th birthday May 8 as associate director of the Oregon State cooperative extension service.

Under his direction, the OSC extension service has achieved notable success in long-range agricultural planning with rural leaders.

In 1924, the year after Ballard was named county agent leader for the state, he spearheaded statewide conference for farmers, business leaders and others to determine goals for Oregon agriculture. One outcome was that the whole farm economy was keyed to consider market possibilities as well as production possibilities.

This resulted in many new enterprises. Even more important that early conference established the philosophy of Oregon's extension service—finding out what the farmers need and want, and then giving it to them.

## Women Host To Visiting President

Twenty five members of the American Legion Auxiliary had dinner Tuesday evening with Mrs. Maxine Bigalow of Medford, state president of that order and Mrs. Evelyn Kenny, district president of The Dalles at the Moro Hotel. There were four members present from the Kent auxiliary and eight from the Wasco auxiliary, visiting units.

Units reported on their activities for the year and their plans for the remainder, and Mrs. Bigalow talked about the value of civil defense in case this country is bombed with atomic weapons. Survival is possible, she says, if plans are made before hand and an underground room is equipped for some days of cramped living.

## Sherman County Club To Meet Wednesday

The Sherman County Club will hold its next meeting Wednesday night, April 26, at the Masonic hall in Moro with beefo's serving the dinner and being the meeting place at 6:30 for the 7:30 dinner.

Speaker will be George Brooks, according to Irving Hart, program chairman. Mr. Brooks is the relocation engineer with the duty of changing highways and railroads because of changes made necessary by the John Day dam. Many of the problems of the north end of the county will be in dealing with these changes including the change in recreation.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer, Byron and Helen, Mona Eakin, Virginia Todd, Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst, Beverly Lutje and Bill Doolin went to Warm Springs Sunday and spent the day swimming and picnicking.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap had as overnight guests Saturday her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes of Richland, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall went to Mt. Hood Sunday and spent the day at Timberline with their son, Gene Cantrall of Portland.

Max Johnson of Arlee, Mont., was an overnight guest April 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg went to The Dalles Thursday where Mrs. Blagg entered the hospital for surgery on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and family were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday. Sharyl Blagg is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd while her mother, Mrs. Ivan Blagg is in the hospital.