

# Sherman County Journal

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## These Things We Note

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Driving along the road east of Grass Valley this week we noted the change in the road at Rosouch made some years ago and remembered an incident that occurred there years ago. Charley Davis was running the Bolton point and he had sent to Tillamook county for some dairy calves to raise. He kept them in the E.C. Davis Livery stable in town for awhile then decided to move them out to the point. Carl Helms was working for him and went into town with a header and four horses after a load of the calves. On the return trip, as he turned down into Rosebush on the old road he felt the absence of a brake. So did the horses which broke into a run by the time they hit the first turn. The calves slid to the low side and over they went. Only a few had broken legs and only a few were turned loose, some being under the headerbox. Bill Walker and Fred Walker, then on the Vinton place, went up and helped put the outfit together again.

One of the sadder things about our changed status was the necessity of disposing of a large number of law books we have been keeping for years. They were of the law library of the esteemed W.C. Bryant, who was a student of the law and owned many text books on it. When George Updegraff modernized the office after the death of Mr. Bryant, he held the books to be surplus. Thinking that we would have a lawyer in the family soon we asked for them and have kept them since. In order to store our sizeable gathering of legislative and historical keepsakes, we had to haul them away, hundreds of calf board books, obsolete, but of a quality not now possible.

The time has changed again at the behest of the oppressive majority. We can learn to live with that. But we are somewhat concerned with the probable fate of a nation so set upon convenience that it cannot abide nature.

Before we leave this editorial chair there is something that we must say. The news about Sherman High school basketball was written from the school with no more than minor editing here. The team had a rugged season missing the state tournament by some unfortunate illnesses. There was not one word of excuse sent to this desk nor one. In this regard, and in praise, we want to quote the second stanza of William Ernest Henley's "Invictus."

"In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud Enter the bludgeoning of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed."

We note that some states have a rule against increasing taxes in some years. That's something for the constitution makers.

It had to happen sometime. A Reimold reindeer gave birth to an albino. Wouldn't it be fortunate if such things happened down south?

The legislature is getting around to kill some bills for which everyone can be thankful. The more are killed on the floor, the easier it is to kill them in committee.

Now they're talking about paper clothes. How far will people go to keep from washing?

The president plans to miss London when in Europe because he has no invitation to visit De Gaulle and feels he must treat both England and France alike. Gee, what we'd give for a man.

Nelson Rockefeller is going to have to decide whether he would rather be president or Mrs. Murphy's husband.

Wyoming and Nevada are the western states with the smallest amount of federal money spent in them. That makes them good prospects for residence.

## Get Acquainted With the Bartletts



Here is Dan C. who is buying the Sherman County Journal and is responsible for this issue. He is an experienced newspaper man of many years training, knows back shop work fully and is an energetic ad salesman. In addition to that he is interested in public affairs.



This is Dan Jr., now working at White Salmon on a paper who has found time to help here part time. He, with his wife, Dorsella, and three sons, Steve, Bob and Tom, will move to Moro when school is out. He, too, is a competent printer.

## Moro Library Adds 45 New Books

The Moro library has 45 new books on its shelves of a variety to be interesting to any reader. Among them are:

McKenna - Sand Pebbles, Linlbergh - Dearly Beloved, Drury - A Shade of Difference, Powell - I Take This Land, The Astronauts - We Seven, Dooley - Promises to Keep, Slaughter - Tomorrow's Miracles, Tresselt - White Snow, Big Snow, Hawes - The Dark Frigate, Lewis - Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze, Coatsworth - The Cat Who Went to Heaven, O'Dell - Island of the Blue Dolphins.

These books have been placed on the new book shelf and are available for loan for two weeks only. There is such a demand for our new books that we must have them returned promptly so others may borrow them. The juvenile books placed on the shelves have completed the Library's purchase of books awarded either the Newbery or Caldecott Medals. The Newbery Medal has been given annually to the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published during the preceding year. This award has been presented since 1921. The Caldecott Medal has been presented since 1938 to the artist of the most distinguished illustrating of children's books. The selections of the awards are made annually by the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association.

Funeral services will be held from the Moro Community Presbyterian Church Friday at 2 p.m., D.S.T. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery.

## Students Take Over Teaching For Day

As a result of a Student Council suggestion, Mr. Tyler permitted Sherman High students to participate in a student government day held May 2.

While students took over their teacher's duties, they were able to see an inside view of teaching. Future Teachers of America members, as well as other students gained a different perception of teaching as they assisted classmates, planned assignments and conducted classes in general.

## Historical Society Officers Plan June Picnic at DeMoss

The annual Sherman County Historical society picnic will be held Sunday, June 9 at DeMoss Springs park. Plans for it were made Monday night at the Moro Hotel when the board of directors met to care for the details.

Frank vonBorstel, president, appointed the following committees with the advice and consent of other officers. Coffee: Lester Barnum, Orville Ruggles and Bob Rolfe. Cold Drinks: Mrs. Clara Koek, Mrs. Myrtle Barnum and Mrs. Bob Rolfe. Nominating: Carroll Sayrs and Wallace May.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnson will bring the society's pictures and any others who have interesting pictures of early days are asked to bring them for display. Two new residents were put on the Betterment committee: R. D. Friedline and James Dildwell. Grace Zevely, Nina Pinkerton and Mary Eakin are the program committee.

Mrs. Charles Burnet and Mrs. Harriet Wells were named to assist Secretary Allie Ruggles with registration and Mrs. Nellie Fields and Mrs. Gladys Cochran will be asked for flowers. Henry Grabenhorst is in charge of grounds.

The summer meeting of the society usually brings a number of old timers to the county to meet residents in a day of visiting and reminiscing of early days.

## Jack Smith to Talk Here Saturday

A report from the Oregon legislature will be presented by Jack L. Smith, state representative, during the spring meeting of the Sherman County Wheat League, Saturday night, May 4, at the Masonic hall in Wasco. The program gets under way at 7:00 p.m. (DST) with a dinner and an 8:30 program.

Implications of the 1964 wheat program will be discussed by a panel presentation from varied segments of the industry. The panel will include representatives from the Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Wheat League, Western Wheat associates, grain trade and credit institutions. Those unable to attend the banquet are invited to participate in the general session starting at 8:30 says Harold Zell, president.

Bill Todd, Grass Valley, 1963 Conservation Man of the Year and Mrs. Sharon Thompson, Moro, 1962 Sherman County Cake Baking winner will be honored at the banquet.

Services Friday for Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Christine Thompson, widow of Hans, died in Portland Wednesday at the age of 91. She was born in Seaneborg, Denmark, April 21, 1872 and was married to the late Mr. Thompson in the United States in 1896.

Survivors include one son, Harry of Moro; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Ward, Mrs. Georgie Phillips and Miss Lillian Thompson all of Portland, and several grandchildren.

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Bill Todd has been ill this spring caused by some injury to his spine and the doctors have ordered him to stay off a tractor of all things. He can get around for light chores but no lifting. But it pays to have neighbors—the result of being



The beginning of a dam as a part of the soil conservation practices that won for Bill Todd the title of Soil Conservation Man of the Year for Sherman county. The dam is on an arm of Ferry canyon below the Todd buildings. Work had to be stopped due to wet weather but it will rise to about 20 feet within a month or two.



Bill E. Todd, second time conservation winner, because of the variety of his soil saving methods on the Harry Ragsdale ranch east of Grass Valley.

## Bill Todd Gets Soil Conservation Man of the Year Award Again

Bill E. Todd has again been named as Conservation Man of the Year for Sherman county, having won the honor first in 1954. He was not chosen for any spectacular soil conserving practices, but for a variety of them.

At present he is building a dam across the canyon below his house that will be nearly twenty feet high and hold water for stock and maybe some fish. He has 40 acres of Siberian wheat grass and a like amount of Crested Wheat grass mixed with alfalfa and when he plows it up he leaves the waterways sodded to prevent runoff. He runs 45 head of beef cows on the 1000 acres of range land on the ranch, which comprises 3282 acres. It is owned by Harry Ragsdale who has cooperated in all soil conservation work of Mr. Todd.

Although some of the land is being bottom plowed this year, the usual practice is to stubble mulch it with a sweep plow. This year he is disking and sweeping his barley land and plowing his wheat land. He uses a deep furrow drill to seed in late September.

Mr. Todd uses up to 40 pounds of nitrogen on his grain crops. He has grassed waterways and has about a mile and a half of diversion terraces on sloping ground.

As for weeds he sprays them and keeps on the watch for the permanent kind. He also sprays his fence rows for cheat. There

me — and Rolfe's neighbors came to his aid this week. Tuesday there were five tractors and plow outfits barking around the Rolfe field turning even acres a mile and making three or more miles an hour.

Helping were Bud Koek, Elton Eakin, John Alley Jr., Boyce Blaylock and Rodney Rolfe. Shown here are the Rolfe, Eakin and Alley machines as the others were still going. In the meantime Bob Rolfe was doing the weed spraying.

## Rain Makes April happy Month For Wheat Farmers

It is not news that April was a wet month, but it may be of interest that it was the third third wettest since weather records were kept at Moro. The wettest was April of 1940 when 2.18 inches of rain fell and in 1914 that record was first established. April of 1963 brought 2.12 inches, a big 1.36 inches above normal. Best part of it came on the 21st with .53. That was the day of the big snow south of Nigger ridge.

The thermometer never got above 66 and that was cold for only the Aprils of 1950 and 1917 equalled that low temperature. Lowest was 25 degrees which was on the 2nd. We can expect 76 for high. The monthly mean was 43.9 which is 0.06 below normal. The wind averaged 4.2 MPH and that is minus 2.0 below normal and helped keep the ground from drying out. Highest wind was 20 MPH on the 27th and those who remember former April winds will consider that a calm.

Maximum soil temperature at four inches was 63 degrees and at a foot down was 51 degrees. This is a new measurement that may be found valuable.

## Presbyterian Women to Hold Guest Day May 8

The Women's Society of the Moro Presbyterian Church will hold its Guest Day meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at the church social room. The business session will be at 1:30 followed by the program at 2. Mrs. Andrew Paulson is program director. The topic is "Honoring All Mothers." At the close of the program, refreshments will be served. Baby-sitting service will be provided. All women of the community are cordially invited to attend.

## Wasco Pioneers To Hold Reunion at The Dalles Saturday

Although many Sherman countians are eligible not many have been attending the annual meetings of the Old Wasco County Pioneer association held in The Dalles the first Saturday in May, 1954. We have probably commented before, but it bears repeating, that the reunion is worth attending whether or not one knows a single member. The sheer joy the oldsters express on meeting an old friend is worth the day. They do have a good time and certainly everyone should enjoy watching others in moments of pleasure.

The Wasco County Pioneers have the best accumulation of pictures in this entire area and each year they line the walls with them, literally. The whole pageant of Wasco county history is spread out for anyone to see. And the Wasco county they talk about is the Wasco county that once stretched to the top of the Rocky mountains.

Anyone born fifty years ago within the confines of the original Wasco county may join. The business of the association is limited. They come to visit and that is what they do. That makes it a wonderful day.

The junior girls Sunday school class of the Grass Valley Baptist church are sponsoring a Holt adoption program May 5 when at church they will show slides taken in Korea of Holt work. Girls will be willing to collect any used children's clothing, any size, for Korean orphans.

## Court Plans Information Sheet On Road Election

The county court, in session Wednesday, was making plans to acquaint taxpayers with the special election proposal that will be decided on Friday, May 17.

The election is to give voters a chance to pass on a special tax levy of \$45,000 per year for five years, a continuing levy that would require about four mills to taxes over that period.

For the money this raised the county could have a road program of steady construction of roads in an effort to bring them to a higher standard. Farmers drive thousands of miles in heavily laden trucks on county roads and several have said that better roads are a good investment.

The county court, Judge Vernon Miller speaking, said that the intent of the court was to follow the recommendations of the Rural Advisory Council committee as to roads to be built. Priorities may be changed in some instances because conditions may change in five years. Bus routes, use of roads and other conditions could affect construction. The court is by law responsible for road building.

First on the list is the Wasco-Scott canyon road which it is hoped can be largely financed with FAS funds borrowed from other counties where they are not being used. Generally, however, the court intends to use the county road crew to do as much work as possible. It is equipped to move dirt and rock and do grading.

As for engineering, the road crew built the new Liberty road west of Kent, and it was approved by the state.

The court and the council committee will prepare and send out letters of information to all taxpayers before the election.

## Leonard Echols Dead Of Heart Attack

Leonard Echols, 51, one-time resident of Sherman county, died at Wamic Monday morning, apparently from a heart attack. He was working for Cody Lumber Co. He was a native of Nebraska.

While here he married Mrs. Bessie Theole, who survives him as do three sons, Elzy in the Navy, Wayne and Larry both of California, his father of Roseburg and the Theole family.

Funeral services were held Thursday with interment in the IOOF cemetery in The Dalles.

## Gary Irzyk Elected SHS President

Top honor was awarded Gary Irzyk as he was elected student body president over Bill Rayon last Monday.

Gary's main goals next year are to maintain the high standard set this year and to strive to improve student-faculty relations.

Sherman High filled its position of A.S.B. vice-president by electing Tom Ocheltree, a sophomore transfer student from Mont, Utah. Tom won more than half the votes cast even though there were three other candidates.

Carol Owens, with two years of student council experience behind her, will aim "to do better than the best" next year when she takes over as secretary. Carl has done an outstanding job as advertising manager this year.

Not only was Kaye Whipple nominated, but she was also elected to the office of parliamentarian. Kaye will learn more of this relatively new office while attending Girl's State this summer.

Sophomores Marcia Martin and Nancy Conlee will become assistant editors of Sherman's two publications next year. In their senior year, Marcia will become annual editor and Nancy will be editor of the Sherman Hi Times.

Karen Bethel, a junior transfer student from Eugene, will follow in Carol Owen's footsteps as she takes over her job as advertising manager.

Denise Miller, Jennifer Hahn, Nancy Doolin, Judy Dunlap and either Barbara Jones or Mary Sue Wallace (a revote was necessary) were chosen as varsity cheer leaders from a field of ten.



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## Sherman High Activity Calendar

- May 1 --- Student Gov't. Day
- May 2 --- All-Sports Banquet
- May 3 --- FFA Installation
- May 8 --- 8th Grade Visitation
- May 10 --- Band Concert
- May 17 --- Senior Play
- May 24 --- End of 6 Weeks
- May 26 --- Baccalaureate
- May 28 --- Awards Assembly
- May 29 --- Commencement



Arlene Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd, has been chosen as delegate to Girl's State by the auxiliary of George Hill post, American Legion at Grass Valley-Kent.



Carol Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens, was also selected by the auxiliary. The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge will finance her trip.