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## O & C REVENUE ISSUE

The county of Clackamas and much of its press has been engaged in loud hues and cries over revenue for Oregon's 18 counties from O&C timberlands.

In an editorial recently in the Enterprise-Courier of Oregon City, the editor opposed efforts to change the 75 percent of revenue distributed to the counties.

Clackamas county is in the middle of a suit to recover O&C timber revenues and says it is seeking "to interest the other 17 O&C counties."

Lane county is interested in the problem and we are sure it hopes to benefit by such revenues.

The Clackamas county editor quoted from the Roseburg News-Review, "But we are wondering if, perhaps, the BLM is not getting a little too greedy."

Perhaps this is so, since a recent story released said that the government realized from BLM a net profit of \$3.20 for every dollar spent in the region of Oregon, Idaho and Washington during the past fiscal year.

The main point put forth in favor of the counties is that originally grant lands were to be sold to settlers by the O&C Railroad company. When contract terms were violated the lands were repossessed by the government. The claim is that had the lands been handled properly in the first place by the railroad they would today be in private hands.

The editor claims that the revenue outside of expenses, should be for the counties. And the biggest share of revenue is from timber sales.

The fight is a major one, with the sides shaping up in congress and in the counties. What Lane county and the others will get should be of major importance to everyone. Lane could receive almost \$1 million this fall, based on the 75-25 percent assumption.

Various bills have been introduced in Congress recently to change the wording of the McNary Act so that the 18 O&C Counties won't receive the 75 percent, but Congress has not yet approved any such legislation.

Briefly, the old McNary act of 1937 gave 50 percent of proceeds from sale of O&C timber to the 18 counties, with 25 percent for Government administrative expenses and 25 percent to pay an \$8,000,000 debt which the government owed the O&C railroads when the lands were reclaimed. As of June, 1951 the 18 counties have paid off this huge debt and claim to be entitled to the additional 25 percent of timber receipts under the existing law.

What the outcome will be, we do not know, but Lane county citizens should be awake to the vital problem, and what Congress may do may be decided by public opinion, opinion formed by our readers.

## A Right and a Duty

The Non-Partisan Retailers' Nationwide Get-Out-The-Vote Committee has come up with a catchy and excellent slogan this year. It is "Vote As You Please—But Please Vote."

The coming election is of tremendous importance—it will determine the fateful courses that this nation will take in domestic and foreign policy. On both sides, the candidates, their managers, and their partisans have promised driving, fighting campaigns. Far-reaching and opposed philosophies of government are the real stake in this election. It will be a tragedy if the decision is made, as in the past, by a minority of our people.

Over the centuries, rivers of blood have been shed in the fight for the right of franchise—the right to a secret ballot. For this is the first and the last defense against tyranny. Without the right to vote as conscience and mind dictates, men are slaves—the servants of ruthless masters whose powers know no limit.

We have that right—yet it is common in this country for but half or less of the eligible voters to go to the polling booth on election day. One vote doesn't matter, they say. Yet a bare handful of votes can determine crucial contests—as recently as 1940 a U. S. Senator was elected by a margin of just 20 votes in the huge state of Texas. And when the "my vote doesn't matter" attitude is held by millions of people, we have government by the minority, and no one can say that the will of the people is dominant.

Vote As You Please—But Please Vote.

## Melvin Wiscarson

A 26-year-old Melvin Wiscarson, 18, of Disston, passed away in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday, August 17, following injuries received in a motorcycle accident. He was born in Cottage Grove, April 9, 1934. He lived his entire life until joining the Air Force last year in the Disston and Culp Creek area. He was stationed at Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiscarson of Disston and four brothers and three sisters: John in Texas; Robert in Alaska; Lyle in California; Lonnie at home, Mrs. Annie Nelson, Mrs. Susie Bean and Helen, all of Disston; many other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral Chapel Wednesday, August 20, at 2:30 p.m. with interment in the Brumbaugh Cemetery. Paul Lubbers officiated.

## Millicent I. Lewis

Millicent Ilene Lewis, 39, passed away Wednesday, August 13, in Canby. She was born in Cottage Grove, January 31, 1914, and lived here until a year ago. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church. Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Sadie Lewis of Canby, and two sisters: Mrs. Lillian Cutsforth and Mrs. Lela Ward, both of Canby. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16, at Mills Mortuary. Interment was in the local Masonic cemetery.

## Beaver State High In Dimes Campaign

Oregon's March of Dimes agency loosed a statistical blitz as proof positive that residents of the Beaver state are high among the highest in the generosity of their support of the incessant campaign against polio.

Oregon school children topped the nation in the 1952 March of Dimes . . . Portland was the leading American city in the over 100,000 population class . . . and Oregon finished a snappy fourth among all the states in per capita contributions to this year's record-breaking effort.

The results were announced by Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state March of Dimes chairman, based on a country-wide compilation received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in New York.

## FORESTRY SPECIALIST GIVES SUGGESTIONS FOR FIRE PREVENTION

One way for Oregon campers to prevent forest fires is to take a tip from the Indians, says Charles R. Ross, extension farm forestry specialist at Oregon State college. "White man make heap big fire—stand way off. Indian make little fire—sit down 'side him," is how the Indians used to put it. Ross advises campers to scrape away all flammable material from a spot at least five feet in diameter. Then they should dig a hole in the center and build the fire there, Indian fashion.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:  
I have been asked to make a statement relative to my candidacy on the council. Sometime ago I was approached by the church groups but made no decision at that time. My wife, however, said definitely No. She was willing for me to give four years of my time to that work, but felt it should now go to someone else. But being a man and wishing to show who was the boss, I hadn't made up my mind. Now as she feels the same way, I am definitely not a candidate, for re-election.

I have enjoyed working with Mayor Doleman and the other councilmen. True, we didn't always agree, but that is life. I feel we have accomplished some things, not nearly as many as we would like, but with our limited knowledge and funds we have done the best possible. I have tried to lean somewhat to the conservative side, but that is rather difficult in these inflationary times.

I shall continue to do all I can until January next, and will always be able to look back and tell how we did things when I was on the city council.

Sincerely,  
Elmer J. Kent

## DORENA

Jeanette Kelly, Reporter  
Phone 51331

The past week end found the county road resurfaced as far as the Dorena school.

All the employees of Booth Kelly Lumber Co., who spent the past two weeks on vacation, returned to their jobs Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owen and family returned to their home here Wednesday, August 13, after a trip to the Yellowstone National Park.

Your correspondent received a postcard Monday morning from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steele, local storekeeper and wife, from Bozeman, Mont., saying they were having a wonderful trip and that they had spent three days in Yellowstone National Park with Mr. Steele's brother and wife from Des Moines, Iowa. They are now making a leisurely trip homeward.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Coker and baby, who have been residing at Oakridge, moved their household goods in with Mrs. Floyd Chaffee and family, mother of Mrs. Coker, until Mr. Coker secures employment and a place to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Estabrook and Sharon were Sunday guests at the J. H. Spahr home.

Mrs. Roderick Doolittle and daughters spent Friday with their father, Henry Miller, who is the watchman for Booth Kelly in the logging operations.

Susan Tryk is the proud possessor of a saddle horse secured Sunday, August 17.

Joyce Kelly returned to her home after spending several days at the Cecil Beck home in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Chalice Ward and Mrs. Ivel Humphrey were recent patients at the Cottage Grove hospital.

Mrs. Floyd Chaffee is driving a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly and Larry accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wineinger and two children of Culp Creek to Gold Beach last Wednesday and remained until Saturday. The men went salmon fishing with no success, but they hope to try it again in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spahr were business visitors in Cottage Grove on Monday of this week.

A wedding of much interest to residents of this community will take place Sunday, August 24 at the Methodist church in Cottage Grove when Mrs. Elizabeth Bullington becomes the bride of Milton Harris, principal of the Dorena school.

We take this opportunity to welcome to this community Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Huffman and sons, all formerly of Culp Creek, who recently purchased the Walter Chappelle home and have taken up residence. The Chappelle family has moved to Portland to operate a grocery.

The Home Economics club of the Dorena Grange has decided to have a food concession at the Lane County Fair and are very busy making plans and appointing committees to take care of every detail. Tuesday of this week they met at their hall to make hamburger relishes and pies to be frozen up for use at that time.

LeRoy Cartwright is serving on the Federal grand jury which is in session in Eugene.

Anyone desiring to vote in the general election, be certain you are registered.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Giles of Phoenix, Ariz., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Giles, parents of his, and his sister and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schroebert of this community. The Earnest Giles are on their way home from a vacation spent in Yellowstone National Park and various points.

Mrs. Allen Giles and family are preparing one of the Wicks' cottages for their residence until they are permitted to sail for Tokyo, Japan, where Allen is stationed at Johnson Air Base.

Mrs. Carl Schroebert and John Leroy plan to go to Dilley near Forest Grove in the near future to spend some time with Mr. Schroebert's step-mother.

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## Local Pioneer Lady Tells Life History And Trek Westward

(Following is a letter from Sara Edna Flock Raymond, of Cottage Grove, telling her interesting life history from the time she came to Oregon with her father in 1875. We thought it was of sufficient interest to pass on to our readers.)

I was born in Knox county, Indiana, on the Washburn river October 20, 1871. My father came west to Oregon in 1875 and settled near Canyonville, which came to be our home town. We lived there four and a half years when I was eight and a half years old.

My father left Oregon and went to Washington by covered wagon in the spring of 1879. We went by way of McKenzie Pass, and at that time there was no real road. The way over the pass was very steep and rough, and when we came to the lava beds someone had to go ahead to find where other wagons had gone. Just now the wheels had scarred the rocks. We were on the road three weeks. We were from Canyonville to Dayton, Wash., through Oregon Territory.

When we got across the lava beds we found a nice place to camp by a spring in a pine grove. There we stayed two nights, where it snowed the first. My little brother, six years old, got lost. He was gone all day. One of father's brothers, Jake Flock, was with us, and he and another man traveling with us went to hunt my brother. A third stayed in camp. They tracked him and found he had gone in a big circle and came back to camp. When he saw us, he was so frightened he ran in the other direction. The man that stayed in camp shot his gun and the others answered with shots. We were soon all together and happy again.

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## MT. VIEW

Mrs. Walter N. Dowens, Reporter, Phone 33-F-11  
There will be a school meeting for all patrons of the Mount View school district, on Monday, August 25, between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m., DST, to elect a director to fill the unexpired term of Ray Davis, who has moved from the district. Registered voters that have lived in the district 30 days are eligible to vote.

The Mount View school will start on Monday, September 8. The first day school will be held only from 9 to 11 a.m., and the hot lunches will begin on the second day of school. Any child starting school for the first time, or who has moved here from another state, must have a health certificate. These are available from your physician.

The bus schedule will be the same as last year, until further notice.

There will be no registration fee this year, but the school lunches will be higher.

Beginners must bring a birth certificate to school, also.

The faculty will be the same as last year, with the exception of the 7th and 8th grade teacher, He will be Bob Gerstenberger of Ashland. Mr. Gerstenberger is married and has three children. They live on Sweet Lane.

Anyone wishing more information may call your correspondent and she will be glad to get it for you.

Mrs. Bessie Eynman, Bertha and Jesse, of Rio Vista, Calif., are visiting this week at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoeking. Janice Eynman has been visiting here all summer.

We are sorry to hear of the death of a former resident, Cleve Van Schoiack of Heppner. Mr. Van Schoiack was born near Dorena and raised in this community. The funeral was held at Heppner, on Wednesday of this week, and burial was at Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rees of Santa Barbara, Calif., visited last week at the home of Mrs. Rees' brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cochrane. They returned home on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mosby and children of Eagle Point, Ore., visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. Mosby's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Mosby.

Lois Parsons of Astoria is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perkins.

The Row River Foresters 4-H club held its regular meeting on Wednesday of last week, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson and Carl, and Billy Seaver spent the week end at Winchester Bay, fishing.

Dinner guests on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Layng were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benson and son Harold of Elyria, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Monroe of Eugene and J. A. Schneider. Mrs. Benson is a sister of H. M. Monroe and is visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alta Kelly visited Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams.

Carol Hand has returned to her home in Chelan, Wash. after spending several days visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Marguerite Mosby and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams on a trip to Odell Lake on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Milnes of Ellensburg, Wash., were guests this week of Mr. Milnes' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nord. Mrs. Mary Runk returned with them. On Saturday the Milnes, Nords, and Mrs. Runk visited Crater Lake National Park.

Wayne Dailey is visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dowens.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gillespie, Kathleen and Stephen, were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bales.

John Snauser visited Monday with Stephen Gillespie and worked on completing their forestry project for 4-H club exhibit at the South Lane County fair this week end.

The Eagles and Auxiliary picnic will be held Sunday, August 24 at the picnic grounds on the A. W. Thomas place.

back to housekeeping at the age of 80. I am well and happy that I can take care of myself. I spent last winter with my daughter, Margaret Wallace, in Phoenix, Oregon.

I have 34 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. And my children are all living. I was raised in a pioneer life and enjoyed it and still think it was a good life to live.

Sara Edna Flock Raymond  
Many things may be preserved in alcohol—but law and order are not on the list.

## LYNX HOLLOW

Mrs. Orville Lamb, Reporter  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whaley and sons, Steve, Russell and Michael, spent last Thursday until Sunday at Baker visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch. Whaley, an employee of Githens Motors, Inc., Cottage Grove, returned to work Monday after a week's vacation.

Mrs. Richard Jarrett, Pamela and Timmy of Creswell spent last Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Roy Stalder.

Dan Bivens, Springfield, father of Chuck Bivens, is ill with a serious stomach condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McElroy and sons, Stephen, Redd and Gary, of Springfield, were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bivens, and family.

Joe Owen of Drain and Roy Stalder were fishing at Rosary Lake over the week end. Mrs. Owen and children spent the week end with Mrs. Stalder.

The Dee Farmers have killed two rattlesnakes around their home, just a week apart. The first snake had ten rattles and was discovered by Mrs. Farmer in the cornfield, near the house. Mr. Farmer killed it with a 2x8. The second snake had eight rattles and was first seen by the son, Ronald, at the corner of the house. Ronald killed it with a hoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Alumbaugh of Fresno, Calif., former owners of the E. H. Hughes property, called on old friends one day last week Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ward of Salem, owners of this same property some years before the Alumbaughs were calling on old friends, too.

Miss Frieda Stalder, of Salem, visited Sunday evening with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stalder.

Dave and Ben Macauley have finished falling timber near Roseburg, but have bought a new power saw and will fall timber near home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Quackenbush and family spent Saturday and Sunday with the John Mattice and Dan Miles families at Ada. The men went out bear hunting and got a black bear weighing well over 300 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Staff, of Eugene, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ferris, Pamela and Denny of Pacatello, Idaho, came Monday evening to see the Dee Farmers and all spent Tuesday and Wednesday camping out and cooking over a campfire at the coast near Reedsport. Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Staff are sisters.

Ray Holbrook and sons, Dave, Jack, Zack and Joe, went to Mabel last Tuesday to see Bill Macauley.

Danny Dee Miles returned to his home at Ada Saturday after spending a week with Jimmy Quackenbush.

Dave and Ben Macauley camped out Saturday night in the Clear Lake area and Sunday went to Crater Lake.

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