

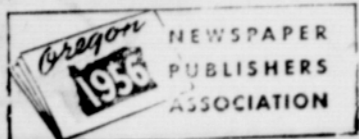
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HASTE IS NEEDED IN TAX FIELD IN CURRY

Things are moving in the right direction, as a tax committee, consisting of members from all over the county, met with the county court, and some state tax men last week. Plans were made to go ahead with the re-assessment under the guidance of the state group.

A re-assessment is needed so badly, that it is unbelievable that irate citizens didn't rise up and howl long before this. Inequities exist throughout the county tax structures, and it's time that work went ahead on them.

We realize that in a growing county, such as Curry is, there was bound to be difficulties in obtaining a fair tax structure. But we didn't realize such a great divergence as does exist.

We refer to the average Brookings property owner, who has a house, of say \$15,000 value. He pays around \$200 in taxes. Not too long ago a certain tract of timber, some 10,000,000 board feet sold for \$300,000. That brought \$258 in taxes into the County treasurer. This figures out as approximately 15 TIMES AS MUCH for the property owner, compared to the timber owner. That is not equitable, and nobody will convince us otherwise.

The timber interests in Curry County are our bread and butter. Nobody realizes it any better than us. Yet, a tax like that amounts to virtual subsidy.

We don't hold to this idea of raising taxes so that big timber owners will be forced to dump their timber either. We don't think that it will make that much difference to them.

Currently, timber has an assessed valuation from \$1.50 per thousand feet, of which the county receives 3 percent, or .045 per thousand. The approximate amount of timber being cut yearly in the county amounts to 350,000,000 a year. The price of stumpage now runs all the way from \$50.00 per M on up to \$80.00, so it doesn't take much research to discover that the \$1.50 per M is a little out of line.

Some obvious recommendations would be: 1. To use all pressure available to get the re-assessment program under way with speed; 2. To assess the timber holdings first, because there is where the greatest inequities lie; 3. Set the tax to be based on the selling price of lumber products so that it could be equalized from time to time, as the price vacillates.

A "WHIRLEY BIRD" FOR BROOKINGS?

A helicopter for commuters to Gold Beach might sound like a strange recommendation—but we're not even sure that we have our tongue in our cheek as we write this. Personally a 15 or 20 minute ride by "Whirley Bird" seems a lot better idea than an hours (or more) drive over the fiercest highway in the United States.

What we suggest is that the community buy one of the larger variety of helicopters, such as they use to haul commuters from the airports to the city. Then we could set up a regular schedule, say two trips a day to Gold Beach. Maybe on weekends we could get into Oregon "Proper" in another direction, with a trip to Grants Pass.

Perhaps we could interest the county government in the project, and on the first Wednesday of each month we could have a "Courthouse Special."

Curry County, without air, water or rail transportation is definitely in a bind. We must depend on a "narrow thread of a highway" connecting us to the rest of the state. This thread is cut several times a year by weather, and the rest of the time it is passable only by the Grace of God, and at the suffering of the motorist.

Perhaps a whirley bird transporting people around into "Oregon Proper" would be a novelty—and it might even shame the highway department into action on the present highway. We don't say that the 101 improvement should be finished this year or next, but we are of the opinion that the highway department could at least present a "schedule of improvement" so we would know how long we are going to have to wait before "Oregon Proper" takes us into her bosom.

MORE HISTORY —

There is being prepared for publication in the PILOT, a serial of local interest, being a story of the local coastal Indians. This will also be based on records, the early visitors having found the natives far different from some of the stories that have come down to us.

what they tell him they will lengthen his range and that part of it is up to Gordon. Everyone will be as tickled as Gordon when he reaches that stage, and everyone is expecting him to mind the medicos even though they may, at times, seem sort of overbearing.

GORDON IS UP!

Gordon Olson is percolating but in a limited area. The medicine men say that if he minds

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

A Portland newspaper reporter informed me recently that when his colleagues are given assignments outside the city, they jokingly remark that they are "going out among the idiots." Although they speak in jest, such a conception is common to many who live in any metropolis.

While most of us derive much amusement from the belief of the ancients that the world was flat, we can find just as much humor in some of the ideas held by many of our metropolitan cousins whose world horizons are bounded by the city limits.

I am confident that many of them truly fear that if they travelled much beyond the end of the car line, they would fall off the edge of the world. And while they, perhaps, are sufficiently civilized to reject any ideas on monsters or dragons in the outer darkness, they must be firmly convinced that those who do dwell beyond the city's fringe are definitely of the Dark Ages.

The tragedy of it all is that we "idiots" are so completely unaware of our shortcomings and inadequacies. We are even so stupid as to believe that if the people were asked to vote on a bond issue for the construction of a recreation center, and that if they overwhelmingly approved such a center would be built.

Also, in our "idiotic" small towns, we consider traffic a problem and so try to get cars off the streets and into proper parking areas. As an alternative we try to disperse our attractions so

MRS. NELSON SOUTH —

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson were called south by the death of Mrs. Nelson's mother. The judge returned right after the funeral but "Myrtle" expects to stay for a while.

DAVID'S SCAR

David Moore, 16, was hit suddenly, last Monday evening, with a pain which Dr. Ronniger diagnosed as appendicitis and, a couple of hours later, was relieved of it at Seaside Hospital which is something of a record. David, who makes his home with his folks at the former Young's Motel, attends highschool here, playing a clarinet in the band and is a member of the minstrel troupe. After a few more days at Seaside, he expects to soon be back in the swing.

MRS. HELEN COVELL —

Word has come of the passing of Mrs. Helen Covell, who died March 11th, at Laguna, Calif. She and her sister, Mrs. Ella Boyd, lived in the duplex next to the Community Church, for a few years. The English ladies had formerly lived in Alaska, Australia, and South America. There are many here who will remember them as typical, very charming, ladies of the Victorian school, and will sympathize with Mrs. Boyd in her loss.

that parking will not be overly concentrated in one area.

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