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The wisest course seems to include setting up a three man board, one from each of the three Curry communities to delve into the tax question. The amount of work would involve the spending of some money.

Some of the questions to be asked are: Who are the largest timber owners in the county? What is the property assessed at? How much tax was paid by the above in 1955? Is there a possibility of aerial photos being used to bring the re-appraisal program to a head sooner? Couldn't the state be made more aware of the problem here? Would more help for the county assessors office be justified in revenue gained? What about a full time county forester?

Most of these answers are in the county assessors office, and are not confidential. However, the public can't expect the county assessor to delve into these matters—as he has a big enough job to handle already.

Our main point is that we can't let the taxation and finance committee die. They can render a great service to the county, and we should see that they have moral and financial support to further their work.

We are convinced that inequities in our current tax structure exist—and it is going to take some effort to correct them.

WELL CHILD CLINIC

On May 18, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., there will be a well child clinic at the Brookings grade school. Dr. Ronniger and Mrs. Dorothea Miller, public health nurse, will do the examinations and immunizations.

ABALONES

Some publicity is being circulated in metropolitan newspapers concerning the size and lusciousness of abalones taken on the lower Curry coast. Several are known to have been taken between the state line and Whaleshead.

OCTOPUSSES

Fred Baumgardner and Warren McNeely are reported to have taken a whole mess of these sea animals off Bird Island. Some of them were said to have been all the gents wanted to tangle with. They're looking for recipes, now, as they are very fine eating.

LIBRARY NEWS

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yhar some seventy more valuable books are where many people have access to and can enjoy them. With the McCulloch and Harms, and this collection, some 250 volumes which will, alone, require some forty feet of shelving, and still more could be used for other volumes, either now at the library or possibly coming in. The question now before the house, who will build this extra furniture to accommodate books worth, at the very least, \$500?

By purchase there has been added:

"Gods, Graves and Scholars", Ceram, excellent and entertaining source material on the people who inhabited this earth thousands of years ago.

"Wild America", a trip around the states, from Newfoundland to Alaska, a delightful, informative work but the writers went up 99, and really didn't see "wild

America," between Brookings and Gold Beach.

Then there's "Rings Around Us," another one of those hilarious chapters of the hilarious "Cheaper by the Dozen," directed.

Equally new and popular: "Oklahoma Run", Constant; "Innocence Under the Elms", Rich; "Winter Harvest", Norma; "Behind the Mountains", La Forge, of "Laughing Boy" fame; and "Use Your Head, Hildy", Justus.

UPHILL WATER

On the southwest corner of Chetco and Oak a phenomena is being watched for. Last Fall a drain was laid across 101, and the bump is there yet, to take care of the flow down the Oak Street hill. At the far end of the culvert a concrete box was built with a conventional grill atop it. The top of the grill sets quite a bit above the surrounding country and some of the pessimists are inclined to feel no water will ever drain down (or up) through it.

OPPORTUNITY AT OTI

An unusual graduate will receive her diploma in Medical Technology June 8 from Oregon Technical Institute. Viola M. Sherrick has passed her examination for her American Medical Technology Registry as one of the two highest in her class according to Director W. D. Purvine. In 1954 she passed the Oregon State examination for Licensed Practical Nurses with a score of 97 per cent, the highest ever achieved here.

In addition to being a housewife and the mother of four children from 10 to 18 years old, Mrs. Sherrick has worked for a Klamath Falls physician. She has been secretary of the campus honorary society Silver Key, and secretary of Hippocrates, medical technology society. She has received three partial scholarships.

When Mrs. Sherrick finishes her internship at Sacred Heart

Hospital in Medford in June, she will be looking for work as a medical technician to help her three younger children secure college educations. Her eighteen year-old daughter is soon to be married.

Says her husband James, an

electrical appliance repairman, "We have decided to go wherever Viola receives the best job, for my work is needed everywhere. We need both our incomes so that our children can complete their education."

Tax Committee Can Do Job for County

The recently completed meetings of the Curry County Economic Survey Council has brought about the accomplishment of a good many things. Most important, of course, was the better understanding of the county, its government and its problems by a number of people. We've got to give credit to County Agent Ken Priest for bring this understanding about.

We assume that a documented report on the recommendations and findings of the various committees will be made available to the press—and to the county government.

Primarily we are concerned right now with the tax structure of the county. We think that of all the various groups, the one that could mean more in dollars and cents to the county was the Taxation and Finance Committee.

It was the findings of the committee that a state re-appraisal wouldn't be completed until 1959. That, ladies and gentlemen leaves the average county property owner holding the bag for another four years

We don't think that this committee should dissolve at this time. We think that the committee should go into more detail about the re-appraisal and re-assessment picture. They should find out just what is needed in a complete study of the tax problem here. Then they should, as they suggested, report to a joint Chamber of Commerce meeting of Gold Beach, Brookings-Harbor and Port Orford.

Then as a committee member suggested, the county or various Chambers should take over from there.

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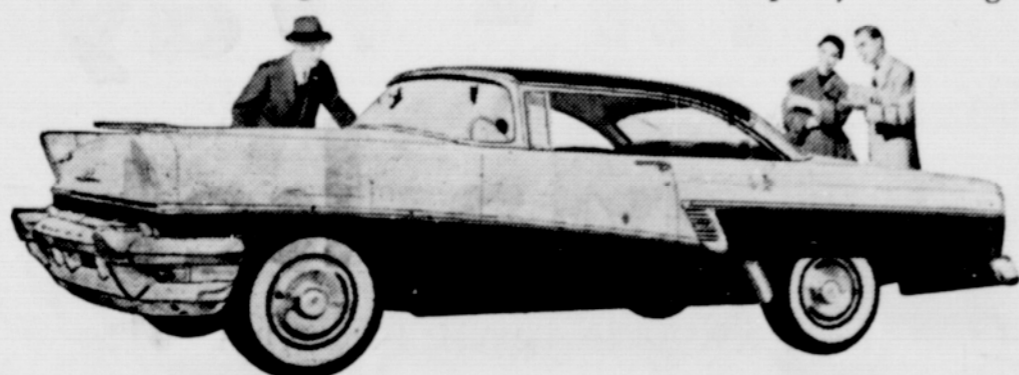
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