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COUNTY BUDGET MEETING IN DECEMBER

You Pay Taxes— Why Not Levy Them?

The time of year is about here when the levying of taxes is in order and with the average rural taxpayer working three months of the year to earn enough money to pay the next season's taxes, said taxpayer naturally would be expected to take a mighty vital interest in the annual tax levies, but marvelous to relate, he or she seldom does, other than school and road district.

The annual taxpayers' budget meeting for Clackamas County will occur within a few weeks, taking place in Oregon City sometime during December, due notice of which will be given.

At this meeting, probably the largest sums involved in taxes are considered and the levies made accordingly. It would naturally be supposed that no hall or assembly room in the county could accommodate the taxpayers in attendance, each one of whom should want to have something to say about how much money he or she will have to pay for the next year's taxes and for what purposes. Yet to date, few of these annual meetings have been crowded.

The prime and original object of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League was to instill more interest in the taxpayers and to get them collectively to take the interest which they should in this annual budget meeting.

The league should hold a meeting within the next few weeks and arrange for a big representation at the coming December meeting. At least half a dozen carloads of taxpayers from this part of the county should attend and efforts will be made to get them together.

Already it is rumored that the county contemplates erecting a \$25,000 armory at Oregon City and that it also favors expending much money on the Pacific Highway. Money will also be appropriated for inspectors, commissions, fairs and the hundred and one other expenses that a county has to pay for.

Part of these expenditures are necessary, possibly all of them, but unless the taxpayers of this part of Clackamas county are in attendance at the budget meeting, their wishes will not be respected, especially if said wishes are not made known and in a strong and forceful manner.

If you do not want to help pay for an armory in Oregon City or if you do not care to hand over some of your hard earned dollars for any other expenditure, which you do not favor, get busy right now and arrange to attend the next meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League, notice of which will appear in a later issue.

Your attendance at this meet-

CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOLD ROUND-UP

Livestock Buyers Now Here

The Estacada Cattlemen's Association, which organization is made up largely of Garfield farmers, last week spent six days in the mountains rounding up their cattle and bringing them home, where they are now being looked over by livestock buyers.

This association is each year growing, not only in membership but in the volume of their beef cattle production and being but a side-issue in connection with their farming, is proving a productive work.

The association each year takes advantage of the government pasturing privilege, the right to use said government range, costing annually about 35c per head of cattle.

The following members Jack English, Jake Looney, Tom Beebe, Fred Crawford, Verdie Duus, Frank Thomas, Hass Tracy, George De Shields and Alex Botkin, took part in last week's round-up, when 130 head of cattle were brought back to civilization.

As about twenty head more were not found, a return trip to the mountains is being made this week.

The rounding up of these animals is a hard job, as the range comprises miles of mountainous country, extending from North Fork to Old Baldy Mt. and Old Eagle Mt., with the association's cabin located on Currin Creek.

At present the association's cattle represents a more or less mixed assortment of many breeds, but each year the tendency to specialize in beef types is in evidence. On the adjoining government range, Messrs. Huxley and Wilcox of Garfield are rounding up a hundred or more head of extra fine stock, being largely Black Poll and Hereford animals.

Women Voters Attention

Following the regular meeting of the C. I. C. at the club rooms in Estacada next Saturday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock a discussion of all measures and amendments, which will come up at the next election, will take place, with Mrs. C. W. Devore in charge of the discussions.

Sample ballots will be on hand, so that all of the feminine voters will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the questions before going to the polls. All ladies are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

ing and later at the annual budget meeting is necessary, not only in line with good citizenship but to protect your own pocket-book.

One Of Community's Oldest Farm Houses Burns

While the father, mother and family were working in the orchard and fields nearby, a fire last Monday forenoon broke out in the Lingelbach farm house, two miles east of Estacada, completely destroying the house, contents and a wood shed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it had gained too much headway by the time it was discovered to be controlled, other than to keep it from spreading.

The V. Lingelbach home was one of the oldest in this part of the county and while the loss in dollars and cents on the house itself is a severe one, the loss of the household goods and clothing is a more serious matter.

Boy Run Over By Auto

Perry Bartlemay of Eagle Creek, the thirteen year old brother of Billy Bartlemay of the E. H. S. football team, while with a party of neighbors touring the Columbia Highway, Sunday, was knocked down and run over by a Ford car.

Aside from a bad shaking up, a few bruises and the loss of his cap, the boy is none the worse for the experience.

Estacada Defeats Milwaukie Easily

Friday afternoon's football game between the Estacada High School and Milwaukie High School teams, which was heralded as going to be a hard game and one of importance in determining the county championship, ended up about the same as last year's contest with Estacada winning easily.

The Milwaukie team was about on a par with its playing field, being a ragged make-shift affair. While credit is due the Milwaukie boys for the plucky fight which they put up against heavy odds, there is no excuse to offer for staging a game in a rough field, full of dead furrows, rocks and holes.

Not less than sixty students and Estacada townspeople were present, representing fully one-half of the rooters and contributing an even larger per cent. towards the gate receipts.

The final score of 39 to 0 indicates that Milwaukie was far from equal to the local boys, being both outweighed and outplayed.

Religious Fervor Unbalances Mind

Suffering from a mental disorder, taking the form of intense religious ardor, James Taylor of Currinsville was early this week taken to Oregon City, where an examination as to his sanity, will take place.

For sometime past indications of a mental break-down were noticeable in Mr. Taylor and on Monday, Deputy A. G. Ames of Estacada escorted him to the county seat, where it is hoped that a form of treatment may be administered, which will result in the patient's early recovery.

ENTERPRISE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

G. J. Taylor Sells Molalla Pioneer To Montana Man

Last week the Oregon City Enterprise celebrated its 50th anniversary. A glance at the past record of the Enterprise shows it to have always been a dominant figure in shaping the destiny of not only Clackamas County but the entire state.

In the early days its influence was even more vital throughout the state, during the days when Portland and its metropolitan daily papers were young.

While its history shows many changes in ownership, management and editors, it has always been a strong virile newspaper and one seldom straddling the fence on matters of importance.

With E. E. Brodie as its present editor and publisher, the Enterprise is even more fully fulfilling its sphere and long may it and its publisher prosper.

The Molalla Pioneer, one of the leading weekly papers in this county, was sold last week, the former publisher, G. J. Taylor, leaving to enter the lecture field, for which work as well as writing, he is especially well qualified.

The new owner of the Pioneer is a Mr. H. H. Palmer of Dillon, Montana, an experienced newspaper man.

In the leaving of Editor Taylor, not only the Molalla community is losing a man who has always taken more than a leading part in civic, religious and political matters, but the county at large is losing one of its best public speakers and one of its hardest working, keenest and honest men.

Success in his new fields is the wish of his many friends and the same good wishes are extended to his successor on the Pioneer.

Realty Deal Made

With Attorney Devore as legal advisor, a trade was consummated last week in Estacada, which will help stimulate local real estate activity.

As a result of the deal, A. E. Sparks of Estacada becomes the owner of the 27 acre improved farm in South Estacada; the former owner, Ed Hunt, having accepted in exchange the building on Broadway, now occupied by the L. A. Chapman grocery and the building and plumbing business, now conducted by C. C. Miller of Estacada.

Since the 27 acre farm adjoins the South Estacada properties, which for years past have been developed by Mr. Sparks in acreage tracts, the subdivision of this farm should prove a valuable move to this community.