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As is right and proper, the News office is the place where matters of public interest are freely discussed and in some instances as freely cussed. This cussing and discussing is not all on the part of the News' staff, as taxpayers from all parts of this community have gotten into the good habit of calling and talking their community and civic troubles over with the editor.

Consequently the News is in a position to voice the sentiments of many taxpayers from many districts on important questions and the most important one now confronting the local taxpayers is the coming budget and special tax levy meetings in their respective road districts.

The Eastern Clackamas road districts, as a whole, have in the past voted special taxes in amounts ranging from 3 to 10% each year. This willingness to spend their own money for better roads is well evidenced in the good highways now prevailing in this community generally, and has made this district famous even beyond the borders of Clackamas County and incidentally was "exhibit A" in the past Cascade County fights and will be in similar future campaigns.

The outlook for a continuance of this special voting of taxes this year is not overly bright, for many reasons.

First—in several districts, where much O. & C. Land Grant back taxes are due and which money should be forthcoming shortly in full, it is felt the voting of additional special funds this year is unnecessary and the money could not be worked out to good advantage.

Second—owing to the changes in the road laws, becoming effective January 1st, relative to the appointment of deputy road supervisors, (which appointment will be made by the county court the latter part of the year,) the tendency of the taxpayers seems to be unfavorable to voting special taxes unless they know before or at the special tax levy meeting, just who will be the supervisor in their district or districts.

This feeling is probably due to the factional differences, current in every neighborhood and which when diplomatically handled through a competent supervisor of the taxpayers' choice, has resulted in special taxes, with the opportunity for the working off of part or all of the money by the taxpayers themselves.

Third—In as much as the taxpayers do not know yet whether such deputy supervisor, as may be appointed later, will be in charge of only the home district or of two or more districts, (in the event of but twenty deputies being appointed in the county, instead of the present fifty-six,)

they may hesitate to vote special taxes.

If one supervisor is appointed to handle several road districts, it will have a tendency to increase the ever present factional jealousies and consequently work to a disadvantage.

Of course, the expression of many of the taxpayers in the lately abolished Road District No. 10 of Garfield may not be a fair index of the sentiment of all local districts, but many of those taxpayers are lamenting the loss of the home district and fail to understand the court's action in abolishing it; especially after Supervisors Fred Lins and Elmer Davis of the George and Upper Garfield districts had received letters from the county court stating that no changes were contemplated.

Another hindrance to special tax voting lies in the new road code laws, which it is understood allow the County Road Boss to say where the special tax money shall be expended, as long as it is expended within the district from which it originated. If there are grounds for this contention, it looks like a conflict in the road laws and offsetting the power of the budget meeting.

Despite the rather gloomy outlook for special taxes in this section this year, it is hoped the taxpayers will continue to maintain that high standard of road building, which has made Eastern Clackamas famous.

Notice Of Road District Budget Meeting

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Chapter 234, General Laws 1913, and Chapter 222, General Laws 1915, a meeting of the legal voters of Road District No. 4, Clackamas County, Oregon, will be held at Currinsville School House, in said district on the 24th day of November, 1917, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the following estimates of the amount of money to be raised by special tax in said district for the ensuing year:

ROADS and HIGHWAYS	
Improvement and maintenance of Main Road	\$500.
Saling Road	\$250.
Steinman Road	\$200.
Heiple Road	\$200.
Taylor Road	\$250.
Morrow Station Road	\$250.
PROBABLE RECEIPTS	—None.
BALANCES	—None

Subscribed by three resident freeholders of said district and by the road supervisor of said district this 20th day of October, 1917. Also subscribed by County Judge.

R. S. Coop.	Freeholder
W. H. Kellendonk	"
G. A. Lovell	"
J. A. Kitching	"
Road Supervisor Road Dist. No. 4	
H. S. Anderson	County Judge.

Owing to the continued illness of his father, W. Domm of Eagle Creek, who is now confined to his bed, his son Victor Domm has given up his position with the Bittner Plug & Lumber Co. of Bull Run and returned home to operate the home farm.

James Abbott of Estacada returned home Saturday, after an extended absence in other parts of the state.

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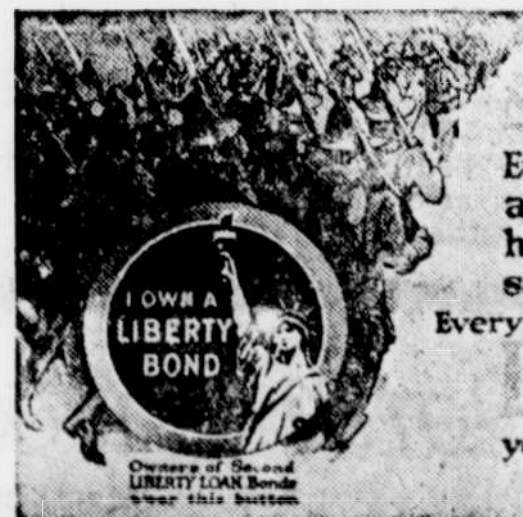
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The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, Nov. 1st, at the home of Mrs. D. M. Marshall of Estacada, where the afternoon will be spent in the making of surgical bandages. All ladies are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hutton of Portland were guests last week for a day at the home of her brother, Walter Givens of Estacada.

The fall jury venire for Clackamas County was called to report at the court house on November 5th, to consider the cases that may be returned from the grand jury. On this list are the following from this community:—J. J. Marchbank, Estacada; A. O. Whitcomb, Garfield; John J. Coleman, Estacada and Joseph DeShazer of Dover.