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Next Saturday, November 24th, will be a day of oratory throughout this community, for on that day, in every road district in this portion of the county will occur the annual Budget and Special Tax Levy Meetings, the former convening at 10:30 A. M. and the latter at 1:30 P. M., in order to comply with the legal requirements.

At those meeting there will probably be more speeches delivered, both of the prepared and impromptu variety, than during any other six months of the year, for the average taxpayer, no matter how unassuming and quiet ordinarily, has something to say on the question of special road taxes and seldom is backward about saying it.

At these gatherings, more than one man, who may not dare talk back to his own wife, will jump to his feet and hand out an impassioned appeal to his brother taxpayers in favor of voting the limit for road building.

The best part of these oratorical flights is that the majority of speakers favor the voting of special taxes and the continued building of good roads.

It is unnecessary to urge upon the average rural taxpayer the necessity of attending these meetings, for ninety percent of them are there before the bell rings and remain long after adjournment. But in the City of Estacada in the past, attendance has been below par, but since this district is now christened with the number 10, formerly attached to the lately abolished but progressive Garfield district, better attendance is expected.

We hope that as usual, Eastern Clackamas road districts will continue to vote special taxes, thereby keeping up the high standard that has for years distinguished this part of the county.

Eastern Clackamas thoroughly realizes the value of good roads, for the development of this community; and the lead it has taken in all lines of industrial and agricultural development has directly followed the building of its good and better roads.

Miss Lorene Parker, Clackamas County's able Home Demonstration Agent presents the following data in conjunction with the campaign now being pushed throughout the country, by the Food Conservation Council:—

"A sugar famine is threatening us. Our present sugar supply is sufficient for our own consumption only until the first of January. We have been using at the rate of ninety pounds per capita per year. The French have for some time been on a ration of less than two tablespoons per day, and unless the American Nation can send them a hundred thousand (100,000) tons during the next two months this ration will be reduced to nothing. Cut down the amount of sugar to six tablespoons a day for each person and our task is done. Every conservation committee in each community should begin a campaign against the use of cane and beet sugar for holiday confectionery, and using glucose, molasses, corn syrup and dried fruits instead.

A family of five should limit the sugar used in all cooking and served on the table in any form, including candy, to one pound (2 cups) a day for the remainder of the year. After January the new West Indian crop will be available and the sugar situation will probably be less tense.

Recipes for holiday confectionery will be sent to anyone in the county by the Home Demonstration Agent, upon request."

**From Somewhere In France**

Among the letters received by the editor this week, from the enlisted boys, was the following from Ralph Reid of Garfield, being short and to the point, owing to the rigid censorship. This letter contained no post marks indicating where it came from, excepting the insignia "American Y. M. C. A. — On Active Service — With The American Expeditionary Force."

Oct. 29, 1917.

Dear Bob:—I just got three copies of your paper in the last mail and don't know how I can thank you enough for same. I am well and quite comfortable and hope I can tell you more about conditions before very long.

With best wishes to all.  
R. W. Reid, Private.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kenny of Estacada left Sunday for Portland where they will make their home for a time. Mr. Kenny has lately been in charge of the Cascade Lumber Company and hopes shortly to continue in the lumber business in another section of Eastern Clackamas, as arrangements are now underway with eastern capitalists to start milling operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eschleman and son last week returned to Estacada, following a residence of several months at Scobey, Montana. Dave says—"Scobey is all right as a business town, but with the thermometer heading towards the 40 below mark, Estacada and the Oregon climate looked good to us."

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