

# Eastern Clackamas News

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## COST OF RED TAPE

Income tax from more than two million persons in the United States costs the government more to collect it than their total tax amounts to, according to a statement made by representatives of a national business women's organization to a committee of congress recently.

It was declared that while the taxpayers paid an average of only \$2.23, the handling of their returns and other administrative expenses involved amounted to an average of more than \$2.50.

The same situation exists with respect to thousands of small taxpayers' returns which are sent back for investigation and revision by officials in the field. Even when an error is found which yields a small sum, the cost of handling the matter results in a net loss to the government. An actual case will illustrate:

In making up his return, a small income taxpayer included in his expense an item incident to the removal of his plant from one building to another. Under the law such an expense is not deductible. A deputy collector spent part of two days investigating the return; the taxpayer had to make two visits to the deputy's office to submit his books and make explanations; several typewritten pages were required in making up an official report, the net result of all which was the collection of \$6.76 additional tax. The time and labor involved in the "investigation" by all concerned must have been worth at least \$25, possibly much more.

It does seem that there might be a simplification of income tax procedure which would eliminate much of the costly red tape which now surrounds it. But it is perhaps too much to hope that anything of the kind will be done.

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## THE PROPOSED NAVY PROGRAM

The "big navy" program, a bill for the establishment of which is now before congress, provides for the building of 71 ships at an estimated cost of \$740,000,000 and 1,490 airplanes at a cost of \$60,000,000. Quite a large sum to spend without even a prospect of a war!

The News believes that the United States should be prepared for war, at all times. Had this country been thoroughly prepared for battle, it is not likely that it would have been drawn into the late conflict. Preparedness, in our opinion, is and always will be the most effective method of keeping out of war.

But why build expensive battleships which could be destroyed by a very few bombing planes? Sixty million for building airplanes and training men to handle them in case of emergency, appears to us to be in keeping with the needs of protection for the United States. But, the battleships—that is too much for us to understand.

Just as well talk of doing away with the sheriff and police as to do away with the army and navy, but there is a limit. Give us ample protection in the air, and keep the navy up to its present standard should suffice. Protection is necessary, and always will be necessary, but the biggest navy in the world without protection in the air would be worth little in case of war today.

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## THE OREGON CITY-PORTLAND HIGHWAY

The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce is now trying to get another highway to Portland, at a cost of approximately one-quarter of a million dollars, and another expensive bridge across the Willamette. There are two direct highways now between the two cities and with the exception of about three miles still another highway connecting Portland with our county seat.

The time will come, no doubt, when another highway will be necessary, but at the present time, and for several years to come, such a road is not as much needed as many highways are needed in other sections of Clackamas county. If those Oregon City boosters would take the opportunity to study road conditions in Eastern Clackamas county, they would understand why the people here would oppose the building of another Portland road when it is not necessary, but only an added convenience.

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Whatever the intentions of the people operating in the Estacada Park, quite a large sum of money is to be spent. Information coming in from many sources as to the amount of material that is being arranged for, indicates as much. The entire property is being laid off in squares and evidently streets are to be built, the most of the fine trees are to be left, we are informed, and, without doubt, an ideal place for homes is to be made all along the north bank of the river near the city.

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Herbert Hoover evidently does not care so much about being president, after all. He threw his hat into the ring in California and then took himself off to Florida for a vacation.

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You always find a few in every community who are so busy with other people's business that they have no time to attend to their own affairs.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh visited 17 cities in 14 countries between December 13 and February 13, thus successfully defying the "13" superstition. In response to many suggestions that he should in future give up hazardous flights, he scouted the idea of retiring. In fact, he almost "went up in the air."

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The fellow who is so much interested in working out a world peace plan ought to get some valuable experience in working out a peace plan for some of the church organizations that really would work.

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There are good indications for a large crop of candidates in Clackamas county this year.

## VIOLA

VIOLA, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Mrs. Ray Miller and daughter Bernice and Mrs. J. Randolph were callers at the Taulner home last week.

E. D. Linn of Estacada was a week end visitor at the John Mattoon home.

Andrew Graham was a substitute for the Estacada Route 2 mail carrier a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heins have moved into the house recently vacated by the laud Potter family.

Rev. C. T. Cook of Estacada preached a good sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday. He will be here every other Sunday until further notice.

Mrs. H. M. Brown, son and daughter Mynard and Phyllis, were dinner guests at the C. Lander home in Clackamas Monday.

J. G. Hamilton was in Oregon City on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Graham were Friday visitors at the John Mattoon home.

Mrs. Arthur Mattoon left for Springfield Wednesday to be with her daughter who was recently operated on at the Eugene hospital.

Mrs. H. M. Brown visited the U. S. fish hatchery Thursday. The salmon and trout are now large enough to be put into the Columbia river by the millions. It certainly is a wonderful sight.

Mrs. Andrew Graham was a visitor at the Ray Heins home Friday.

Ben Strickner, a stockbuyer from Beaver Creek, was a business visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Lowter of Portland arrived here last week to be with her little son Donald who has been very ill at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Conrow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mattoon and son Arthur were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mattoon in Oregon City Sunday.

Mrs. Miller and Bernice called on Mrs. Dubois of Estacada Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Miller left for her home at McMinnville Tuesday, Victor Ficken taking her to Oregon City going by way of Clackamas and calling on her sister, Mrs. Charlie Landers at that place.

The bridge gang were out and repaired the Viola bridge Wednesday.

## SPRINGWATER

SPRINGWATER, Feb. 23.—(Special).—There is much sickness in this neighborhood at present, hardly a family escaping, and with about half the school children absent.

The farmers are all busy in the fields now when the weather permits getting in the spring grain and many are reseeding wheat which was winter killed.

At the church last Thursday the Ladies Aid held an all-day meeting and tied five comforts besides having the regular business session in the afternoon. There were ten members and several visitors present.

J. J. Inskeep, county agent, accompanied by Mr. Price agricultural expert from O. S. C., were at the R. S. Millard farm last Wednesday helping with some of his spring plans and surveying for a gravity irrigation ditch which Mr. Millard hopes to complete in time for this year's needs.

Joe Guttridge has recently purchased a late model Dodge sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marrs of the Mollala district visited last Thursday at the J. A. Shibley home.

Mrs. Kirkwood of Reecville visited a few days last week with her son Tom and family.

Mrs. Wiley Howell and Mrs. Henry Cromer visited Mrs. Bridge Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Zurcher of Silverton spent a few days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Guttridge, and family. Another daughter, Mrs. Pulley and family, came out Saturday and took Mrs. Zurcher to Gresham to visit other relatives for a short time.

Ruth Guttridge entertained a few friends Saturday afternoon in honor of her ninth birthday.

Mrs. Wiley Howell spent Friday at

ternon visiting Mrs. C. E. Reed and Mrs. George Howell in Carlys Addition.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cogswell and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Erickson attended a card party at the John Keller home in Dodge Saturday evening.

Sunday guests at the Joe Guttridge home were Mr. and Mrs. John Eggerman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bauchspies of Portland.

Mrs. Everett Shibley and Miss Elva Shibley were calling on Mrs. Hobson Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Shibley and children visited relatives in Portland Saturday.

Several friends were entertained at the John Marshall home Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Strunk, who was taken to Portland for treatment a couple of weeks ago, is home and is improving rapidly in health and strength.

Guests at the Henry Cromer home Sunday were Miss Alice Nielson and Harold Stearns of Sherwood and Geo. and Russell Jones of Troutdale.

Floyd Erickson and family of Portland visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vail were callers Monday evening at the Madden home.

Gilbert Lewellen of Portland spent the week end with his father, E. E. Lewellen.

Mrs. Wilson and her daughter Mrs. Barstad, were visiting relatives in Vancouver, Washington, Friday. The Barstads and Wilson are living in the Jim Guttridge house.

## EAGLE CREEK

EAGLE CREEK, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Mrs. Trullinger spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Storey in Oregon City.

Grant Test made a business trip to Oregon City Monday.

Walter Glover was confined to his home by illness last week.

Mrs. Mae Munger and daughters Florence and Marjorie are spending the week with Mrs. Munger's sister, Mrs. Charles Moenke, near Forest Grove.

Theron Smith of Portland spent the week end working at the C. L. Chambers ranch.

A. C. Cogswell drove to Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rittman from Portland spent Sunday at the Saunders ranch.

Miss Beulah Barnett and Miss Flora Haysany spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Martin near Oswego. On Saturday they attended the teachers' institute at Willamette.

A large crowd attended the program at the school house Friday evening. The proceeds amounted \$34. Outside talent assisting with the program were Henry Suter, cartoonist, Mrs. Koller, Mrs. Felker and Mr. Fest, soloists, with Mrs. Stevens, accompanist. One feature of the program was a trio on the piano by Carl, Wilbur and Bobby Rheburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Parsons from Portland spent Sunday at the A. D. Bennett home. Ladies are sisters of Mrs. Bennett.

Joe Fuches who has been working near Bull Run has returned to his home.

Owing to the illness of Rev. T. I. Kirkwood there was no preaching service at the church Sunday night. An illustrated lecture on the "Life of Christ" was given by a Mrs. Nickerson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. De Friese.

Twenty-two ladies attended the meeting of the Ladies Aid held last week at the home of Mrs. Wm. Saunders. The committee who is arranging the program to be given in the Grange hall March 9 report that a male quartet from Portland has been secured, also a reader from Oregon City.

Milton Weatherby from Garfield has been helping Matt Glover on his ranch for several days.

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Foster Myers was home from O. A. C. over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Still drove to Portland on Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Still visited relatives in Portland several days last week.

Miss Ruth Glover came home from Portland to spend the week end at her home here.

Fred Rheburg, who is a member of the police force of Portland visited at the home of his brother Carl on Friday of last week.

R. S. Clark, who lived for many years in this vicinity, died last week in Portland after a long illness. He is survived by two sons, Murray who lives on the home place, and Carl, of Portland. Mrs. Clark died just a few months ago.

Lambing is in progress on a number of farms in the vicinity. Among the arrivals at the Homer Glover ranch there has been five sets of twins and one set of triplets.

A number from here are planning to attend the county Sunday school convention at Springwater on Friday. A number of good speakers are to be present and special music is being planned. A basket dinner will be served at noon, and in the evening the Ladies Aid of Springwater will serve supper.

Quite a few from Eagle Creek are attending the revival meetings at the Estacada Methodist church.

## RYAN CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS CLERK

### FILES AS CANDADATE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION TO SUCCEED SELF

County Clerk Donald J. Ryan has announced his candidacy for nomination and election for that office and will enter the primary as a republican candidate.

Mr. Ryan is a native son of Oregon City. He moved to Salem in 1910, when his father, the late Thomas F.

Ryan, became chief deputy state treasurer, following eight years of service as county judge of Clackamas county. He was graduated from the Salem high school, took a pre-law course at Reed college in Portland,



Donald J. Ryan

and was graduated from the law school of Willamette University, being admitted to the bar in 1924.

After his return to Oregon City Mr. Ryan had charge of his father's estate. He acted as chief deputy sheriff of Clackamas county, and for more than two years was engaged in the practice of law. In 1926 he was a republican committeeman for Gladstone No. 2 precinct and served as secretary of the county central committee during the campaign in which Senator Steiwer and Governor Patterson were elected.

On May 15, 1927, Mr. Ryan was chosen by the county court as county clerk upon the resignation of Fred A. Miller and served since that time. He was recently elected treasurer of the County Clerks' association of Oregon. He is a member of the Clackamas County Bar association and is married.

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