

**Timely Topics**

By R. T. Moore

One of the issues to be placed before the coming session of the Oregon State Legislature will be an amendment to the Veterans' Educational bill permitting a combination with the Federal Bill to insure the younger servicemen their full college course.

This issue is based upon the theory that the boys who left high school or their freshman year in college to enter the armed services are entitled to their full college course whether the present G. I. bills permit it or not. In most instances either State or Federal bill would answer the purpose. But there are many cases in which neither bill can go the whole distance.

It seems reasonable to subscribe to the theory that these younger boys are entitled to this benefit and no great opposition should develop to any amendment tending to do that for the servicemen. Our industrial and agricultural interests will have need for large numbers of trained young men and women if we are to attain the degree of employment necessary to support post-war plans for our national economy. Anything working to that end will no doubt receive favorable consideration by the Legislature.

The major points of the last election for politicians to solve is the conflicting vote on the Sales Tax measures.

The people defeated the sales tax measure by a very large majority, which demonstrated plainly the refusal of Oregon voters to accept this type of tax.

On the other hand, the sales tax proposed by the Townsend Club was defeated by a very slender margin in spite of the fact that it was far more severe in its impact on the pocketbook of the common man than the sales tax. It is probable that the money available under the Townsend transaction tax would have been about seven times that raised by the sales tax.

If the people are strongly opposed to a sales tax, why did they vote in such large numbers for the most severe sales tax ever proposed for Oregon adoption? The only feasible answer seems to be lack of understanding on the part of the voters as to the real effect of the Townsend proposal.

Here is another instance in which the average voter, not knowing the substance of the proposed measure, can do himself and the State an immense amount of harm if he does not make a point to acquaint himself with the intent of the measure placed subject to his approval. The referendum is excellent in theory but its success depends almost entirely upon the average voter exerting the effort necessary to gather all pertinent information from the issues at stake. Too often the partisan arguments prevail to cloud the issue and to conceal the truth rather than reveal it. Hence it is dangerous to rely on partisan information. The voter should read carefully both sides of every question and also the press comment on it before making up his mind.

This is the substance of good government and on it the freedom and security of the average man will depend. Democracy makes heavy claims upon the energies of its citizens; living under it has a high price, but the reward is well worth it.

**F.S.A. Can Assist Farm Veterans**

World War II returned veterans with farm experience are eligible for Farm Security services on the same basis as resident farmers, according to R. W. Hughes, County FSA Supervisor, Coquille. Although no veterans' preference can be given under present authorizations, special consideration is given whenever possible.

Most important requirements for assistance are that the veteran have a farm background, be able to locate on a family-type or small farm, be unable to finance operations through regular credit channels, and have the character and ability to succeed. Rental or lease agreements for a farm must cover the repayment period of a contemplated loan and the farm with good management must be able to repay the loan over a one to five year period.

Veterans meeting the general requirements are able to borrow up to \$2500 for cows, machinery, seed, feed, water facilities, advance cash rent, minor building repairs and other operating goods, loans carrying five per cent interest and repayable up to five years. Help with farm leases, debt adjustment, joint ownership groups and on-the-farm management assistance are part of the services accompanying the loan.

Contrary to widespread belief, funds for 40-year farm ownership loans under the Bankhead-Jones tenant purchase act are now limited to only six or eight loans in the state for the year ending next June 30. Consequently not more than one or two veterans can be helped with land purchase even though eligible. Although legislation has been introduced in Congress to make funds available strictly for veterans' loans under the act, final action has not been taken.

Land purchase aid to veterans is expected through insured loans provided in farm sections of the GI Bill but field operation of the act has not yet been announced.

All returned veterans who believe they can secure aid through Farm Security may apply at the County FSA office, Room 14, Bank Building, Coquille, on Mondays through Friday, from 8:00 to 4:00 and on Saturdays from 8:00 to 12:00, or secure detailed information through County FSA Committeemen, J. Q. Corrie, Bulwarks; J. J. Geaney, Coquille; Ed Delleisen, Coquille, or Bert Davenport, Catching Creek, Myrtle Point.

**Livestock Men To Meet November 27**

An important meeting for all livestock producers and dairymen will be held in the Grange Hall in Myrtle Point next Monday, November 27, starting at 10:30 a. m., according to George Jenkins, County Agricultural Agent, who is making local arrangements in cooperation with the board of directors of several producer and marketing associations in the county.

N. S. Rogers, State Forester, will discuss the Fire Patrol Ass'n and its functions at this meeting which will be of special interest to every rancher who operates cut-over land and is interested in burning or other phases of range development. This discussion will include an explanation of the cooperative plan of building fire trails around grazing districts and the assistance which can be expected in the future for this work.

A report will be given on the activities of the Livestock Marketing Association during the past year. This will include a discussion on transportation and the possibility of purchasing a truck to be used in hauling livestock to market and feed and other farm supplies back into Coos county. One of the main difficulties in shipping livestock to market during the past two years, has been the lack of trucking facilities and a discussion of the subject at this time will be a valuable point to the directors of the Marketing Association in making plans for the future, it was stated.

The control of predatory animals which cause serious loss to sheepmen in this county, through the establishment of winter bait stations and other methods is another subject listed for discussion at the meeting. The activities of the Government Trapper will be determined to a large extent by information obtained from producers who attend the meeting.

A potluck dinner will be arranged at noon and each family is requested to bring a dish for this purpose. Everyone interested in these subjects or others which may be presented, is urged to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion according to Martin Arnold, president of the Livestock Association.

We have Silver Identification Bracelets for Men, a good variety. We also repair Alarm Clocks. Schroeder Jewelry.

**Arago News Items**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson, of Florence, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward over the week-end.

Mrs. Chester Willson and Chloa, of Myrtle Point, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans.

Ladies Aid met Wednesday at the church for an all day meeting, with a potluck dinner at noon. Those present were: Mrs. Ward Evans and her house guests, Mrs. Chester Willson and Chloa, of Myrtle Point; Mesdames Albert Lillie, Albert Gulstrom, O. H. Aasen, Tyrrell Woodward, Werner Plaep and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder, of Corvallis. Ward Evans joined the ladies for dinner.

The young people's choir practice was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans with the following in attendance: Misses Dona Moomaw, Thelma and Nola Crawford, Glenda Lillie, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Messrs. Junior and Darwin Gulstrom. They met again on Tuesday this week. The hostess, Mrs. Evans, served refreshments of butterscotch pie and pop.

Harry Collier has been confined in the Knife hospital for about a week with an infected leg.

Mrs. Gus Schroeder, who underwent an operation at the Knife hospital about two weeks ago, is in a very critical condition at this time.

Mrs. Avon Wilcox and her mother, Mrs. John Sterns of Minnesota, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ward Evans and her house guests, Mrs. Chester Willson and Chloa, attended the Silver Tea at the Methodist church in Myrtle Point last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Cora Cole, of Coquille, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collier last week.

Rev. E. C. Brittan, of Myrtle Point, conducted the regular Sunday morning church service. Sunday school followed with an attendance of 35. Bible study was held in the evening at 7:45 with the following attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward, Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, Mrs. Albert Lillie and Glenda, Jake Moomaw and Dona, Mrs. Albert Gulstrom and Junior and Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister and Miss Thelma Crawford. Services again next Sunday as usual, preaching at 10 a. m. and Sunday school at 11 a. m. with Bible Study at 7:45 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish visited at the home of Mrs. Laura Edmunds in Coquille last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schroeder on Rink Creek last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schroeder, of Corvallis, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl Saturday evening. Mrs. Albert Lillie and Glenda, Mrs. Stanley Halter and Miss Nola Crawford were Marshfield business callers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mason were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

The Arago community has been saddened by the death of another resident, Mrs. Frank Lane, who passed away Saturday afternoon at about two o'clock at the Mercy hospital in North Bend, where she had been since last August. Mr. and Mrs. Lane moved to Arago from Broad-bent several years ago and Mrs. Lane had been in poor health for the past several years. She was 65 years of age last March and she leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Frank Lane, and four children; Mrs. Althea Harrah and Mrs. Frances Teeney, both of Coquille; Cecil Lane, of Los Angeles, and Kenneth Lane, with the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific; her sister, Mrs. Ida Myers, of Arago, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuary in Coquille Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. M. D. Rempel and Rev. L. C. Persing in charge of the services. The Arago community extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family in this hour of bereavement.

Choir practice was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. O. H. Aasen with the following present; Mesdames Albert Lillie, Albert Gulstrom, Stanley Halter, Werner Plaep and S. C. McAllister, with Mrs. Aasen at the piano. They will meet this Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Werner Plaep.

The W. C. T. U. meeting scheduled for Tuesday afternoon has been postponed until next week on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Griffith, on account of the funeral services for Mrs. Frank Lane.

**Farmers!**  
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**Crusade For Christ Under Way In Methodist Churches**

Ernest Peterson, of Portland, spoke for the Coos County Methodist Brotherhood at Myrtle Point, Monday evening. Mr. Peterson presented the program for the Crusade for Christ which is under way in the Methodist churches throughout the land. This will include a four year program of forward moving work among all Methodist churches. Included in this will be special stress on Evangelism as well as Educational work and rehabilitation work. One feature will be the raising of \$25,000,000 to meet some of the emergencies of this day. The local church has chosen its committee and the work here has already begun. In connection with this Mrs. Helen Peterson presented the outline of the program in the Sunday morning worship hour, last Sunday. The allotment to the local group has been accepted and plans are being made for going over the top with this.

**It's Time To Apply For Your 1945 Auto Registration Sticker**

More than 15,000 Oregon motorists have applied for their 1945 registrations, Robert S. Farrell, Secretary of State, said today. The motor vehicle division of his office this week began the mechanics of issuing the new registrations.

Anticipating mail congestion during the holiday period this year, the secretary of state's office is making every effort to speed up early applications. So far as staff and other office considerations will allow, registrations will be issued as applications are received.

Motorists have been sent reminder letters, advising them to apply early for the 1945 registrations. The reverse side of the registration certificate may be used for an application form. Farrell urged motorists to fill out the form completely, giving all information requested, as a means of

expediting issuance of the registrations.

Military personnel may apply for renewals in their home states if they wish, the secretary of state said.

As in the past war years, owners will use their 1942 plates, validating them with the new windshield sticker. The new sticker has a yellow background with the word Oregon in white letters on a diagonal dark red stripe.

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