

DIVERSIFICATION.

In the absence of accurate figures a computation has been shown that sales of cream have brought \$40,000.00 into Sherman county during the past year. It may be safely assumed that most of this money was made from the use of products that would not have been salable unless fed to cows and sold as butterfat. In other words the farmer who kept the cows fed them hay, straw and that would have been mostly waste unless utilized by the cattle.

Pasture is one of the principal needs of dairy cattle and it may be presumed that the small waste patches in the county have contributed their share of this \$40,000.00. At the present prices one pound of butterfat is worth about as much as half a bushel of wheat. An acre of land that produces 20 bushels of wheat would easily produce more than 40 pounds of butterfat and return a greater profit.

A carload of steers are worth as much as the product of 200 acres of 20 bushel wheat land and can be raised in the same time. A thousand dollars worth of hogs can be raised on less land than it takes to produce a thousand dollars worth of wheat.

The stock argument against all these means of diversification is that we can't all raise hogs or cattle or milk cows. Sure we can't. Some farmers are equipped to raise one kind of livestock, some another, some, in truth, are not equipped to handle any. It is not the contention of this paper that Sherman county farmers should forget all about wheat farming and raise livestock exclusively. This is a wheat country, but during these hard times nearly every farmer can produce something else other than wheat without flooding the market in that product as bad as the wheat market is flooded at present.

The agricultural history of almost any country shows that the products and farm practices have changed. One time this was a stock country, now it is a wheat country; at some future time its principal product may be something else. The wheat farmers are sure now that Sherman county is adapted to wheat and nothing else just as the old time stockman was sure that the homesteader was going to go broke trying to raise wheat in a country that was only fit for stock.

It is said that the only thing we can be sure of is change. Let's not be too sure our future is entirely wrapped up in wheat.

\$3.00 LICENSE

If the intention and desire of the people is to build roads out of the money raised by taxation on property the license fee should be reduced and automobiles should be placed on the tax list. If the people desire to make automobile owners pay for the roads they use out of fees charged and gasoline tax the license fee should be left as it is.

It has been the contention of this state that cars should be taxed according to the wear they might cause to the roads instead of being taxed according to monetary value. We believe this to be the proper attitude. In the first place it is a step away from the general property tax. In the next place it puts the cost of building and maintaining roads on the persons who travel them most.

California and Washington car owners pay as much for the privilege of operating an automobile as do Oregon motorists even if it is paid as property tax. Neither of our neighboring states have built their roads for nothing; the taxpayers have paid for them out of the general property tax and the gas tax. In Oregon we have caused the car owner to pay for his own roads out of license fees and gasoline tax. Can anything be fairer?

State officers believe they will have some difficulty in collecting on all cars with nearby states charging a lower fee. They would also have difficulty in getting all cars on the general tax list if the larger part of the car tax was raised that way. If we continue to maintain the roads—and we will—it will take money and lots of it and it must come from the people of the state. Why try to fool our selves by taking the money out of another pocket?

MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, May 30th is Memorial day. One day set apart from the other three hundred sixty four as a day of reverence and respectful attention to the memory of those who have finished their lives and journeyed on into the silence that awaits all of us.

It is a day when the words and acts of the elders who have gone are recalled lovingly and the hopeful promise of those who departed this life in youth is most poignantly remembered. It is a day of might have been.

Since its beginning the day has been linked with military observances. It was the day of the old Grand Army men and is becoming the day of the American Legion for military men honor their comrades who served their country. But when our wars are over—if ever—and the last veteran is dead, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters will still meet on Memorial day around the little mounds under which their dear ones rest for sorrow is universal and Memorial day has outgrown its beginnings as a soldiers' day and is of the whole people.

A Portland doctor states that the walkathon performers may injure their nervous and mental make-up by such continued exertion. The nervous system may be injured, but the learned doctor is entirely too optimistic about their minds being damaged. Not walkathon performers.

Grass Valley

Mrs. Dorothy Tetz entertained the Grass Valley Bridge Club Wednesday at her home in town.

The Women's Club will meet Tuesday June 2nd at the home of Mrs. R. H. Johnson. This is a special meeting called to discuss changing the date of meeting for next year. Some members wish to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays instead of alternate Tuesdays.

Dick Huhman is the owner of a new car and Matt Simon is also driving a new bus.

Ray Hoffman, brother in law of Herman Peters, was visiting here for a few days last week.

Carl Brown was here last Saturday attempting to find out whether he could get contracts on transporting wheat from Biggs to Portland by barge. He has a one hundred horsepower towboat and would like to arrange to haul wheat down the river during the harvest this year.

Miss Addie Borthwick of Antelope, was visiting here the first of the week with her aunt Mrs. L. C. Dickson.

Miss Pauline Jobbs, a teacher in the Bend schools, was a visitor here Sunday at the L. R. French home.

Miss Louise Homewood, daughter of Mrs. L. R. French, has been elected to the honorary educational society Kappa Delta Pi at Oregon State College.

Paul Wilson has been calling at the doctors office lately to have his arm dressed. Last Friday while working with a tractor his arm was burned below the elbow quite severely causing him a most painful layoff.

James Dennis has been very ill at his home in town with a complication of ailments caused principally by senility.

Jack Noonan, a painter of Moro, has been refinishing the interior of the apartments occupied by the Poley family.

Roy Feely took his family over to the warm springs last Saturday where they will stay for a few weeks until Maurice improves in health. J. W. Hays and wife are also taking a vacation at the same place.

Miss Helen Homewood visited over the week end with her mother, Mrs. L. R. French.

T. M. Garrett, T. M. Rolfe, Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mrs. Geo. Wilcox returned Friday from Corvallis where they attended the state convention of I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs.

The teacher and pupils of the Rutledge school were pleasantly surprised last Thursday, May 21, by some of the parents. They arrived at the school house on that morning in a truck, announcing that there was plenty of room, lunch and ice cream for all, and to hop right in and go for a picnic. Needless to say, they all hopped and all professed a good time.

CALL FOR BIDS

School District No. 32 will accept sealed bids for position of school bus driver for school year 1931-32 until June 15th, 1931 at 12 o'clock noon.

The board reserves right to reject any or all bids.

Hans Koepke, Clerk.

Kent News

William Mitchell has finished the rock work on the Kent-west market road and moved his equipment.

An insurance adjuster was here from Portland this week and settled with J. C. Wilson for his house that was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. He received \$4000.00 for the house and some additional for the light plant and other goods that were destroyed with it.

The Legion will give a dance in their hall here on Saturday night, June 6th. An orchestra from Dufur will furnish the music.

Members of the Legion have cleaned out and repaired the swimming pool in Buckhollow and it is now ready for the warm days of summer. The boys are contemplating erecting a slide for the children to play on near

the swimming pool.

Three cars of Camp fire girls left Wednesday for a few days outing at Camp Sherman. They were chaperoned by Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Miss Lorraine Darcy. Mrs. J. M. Wilson was to have gone with them but she returned after her car was wrecked.

C. R. Belshee was in Portland the first of the week selling a car of cattle that he shipped from here Saturday night.

Albert Pluemke returned to his home in Kent early this week after graduating from the Moro High School last week. He expects to attend O. S. C. next fall.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Wool growers of Curry county are making arrangements through the office of the county agent to truck market lambs from Curry county to San Francisco markets. There are several thousand lambs in the district ready for market.

The Guernsey Galettes, the annual state tour of the Oregon Guernsey Cattle club, will begin June 4 in Lane county, it has been announced at Eugene. The tour will extend from Lane county into Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties.

Deer are making themselves at home on the Ellis Edginton ranch near Sisters. They jump the fences and feed with the dairy cattle. They are making destructive inroads into Edginton's clover field, where they are trampling out the clover.

Pendleton Camp Fire Girls are to have a good swimming pool in the Umatilla river this summer as the Pendleton Lions club went to the river near the girls' cabin at Mission and dredged out the river channel and constructed a dam for the pool last week.

Plans for Vale's biggest Fourth of July celebration are under way. For 12 years this show has been the biggest thing in the Snake river valley. The celebration will be a three-day affair. Starting Thursday, July 2, it will reach a grand climax on the 4th.

Announcement has been made by Supervisor J. H. Billingslea, supervisor of the Siskiyou national forest that the forest service bridge across the Rogue at Agness, partially destroyed by high water several years ago, is to be rebuilt this summer at a cost of \$25,000.

Reports of engineers on drilling operations in the Holmes gap and Bethel districts of Polk county, a few miles west of Salem, prove conclusively, it was said, that natural gas is to be found in that section, and that the location may develop into an important petroleum oil field.

The Moore Mill & Lumber company of Marshfield, which lost heavily in a camp and forest fire May 11, is arranging to reopen logging after a clean up is made of debris and estimates are made of what machinery is available. The camp at Leneve will retain only the married men.

Want Ads

Lady of middle age wishes work housekeeping and cooking on bachelor or widower ranch. Can cook for 6 or 7 men if required, and will work for reasonable wages. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE: 1927 Model Case Combine, 12 foot cut, side hill machine, for sale cheap. See F. M. Crews, Wasco, Oregon.

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EDITORIAL.

Karl Eaton tells us that the price of fresh eggs has been so low for a couple of months, that his hens, instead of cackling when they lay one, blush.

—T-A-L—  
Wife (to returning husband at summer resort): "Oh darling, I'm so glad you are here. We heard that some idiot had fallen over the cliff and I felt sure it was you."

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—T-A-L—  
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at the School House, on the 15th day of June, 1931, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of discussing the budget hereinafter set out with the levying board, and to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

BUDGET

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Balance on hand at beginning of school year, From elementary school fund, From county high school tuition fund, etc.

Estimated Expenditures

Table with 3 columns: Description, Elementary School, High School, TOTAL. Includes GENERAL CONTROL, INSTRUCTION, OPERATION OF PLANT, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, etc.

Recapitulation

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total estimated expenses for the year, Total estimated receipts, Balance, amount to be raised by district tax.

Summary of Estimated Expenditures

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Personal service sum of I-1-(1), (2), (3), (4), (5); II-1-(1), (2), (3), (4); IV-1-(1), (2), (3); VI-1-(1), 2-(1), 3-(1), 4-(1) \$10410.00, etc.

Indebtedness

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Amount of bonded indebtedness, Amount of warrant indebtedness, Total Indebtedness.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1931

ATTEST: M. E. McKee, District Clerk. W. H. Ragsdale, Chairman, Board of Directors.

Dr. J. R. Morgan DENTIST United States Dental Examiner for this district OFFICE AT MORO, OREGON

DR. C. L. POLEY Physician and Surgeon Grass Valley, Oregon People can reach me from Moro at night from the long distance booth at Hotel Moro by ringing The Dalles.

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MEMORIAL DAY The Conquering Spirit The true American spirit that will not be downed is what led us into those wars from which we came forth the victors. Because everything has a price, and victory perhaps the greatest of all, we lost thousands of men who fought our cause. It is to them that we go on Memorial day bearing flowers as tribute. In honor of those men who have preserved our United States. THIS BANK WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1931. MORO STATE BANK