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On May 31 the wheat farmers of the United States will vote on the establishment of quotas for the 1941 crop. There is no doubt that the farmers of this county will return a good vote for these quotas.

The vote means that farmers under the program can sell the wheat grown on their allotted acreage. Wheat grown on land outside the program cannot be sold without penalties if the quota system is passed.

Unless the quotas are voted there will be no loans on 1941 wheat. By the terms of a bill passed this week by congress these loans will be 96 cents at Portland. This price, together with the government payments for one thing and another, will equal parity for wheat or between \$1.10 and \$1.15 in this county.

Defeat of the quotas will mean that wheat will be sold at the price determined by economics. With huge surpluses built up by the federal program, this price might be low.

The department of agriculture and state and local agencies working with it are doing everything they can to convince every farmer to vote for the quotas. That side of the question has been the only one to be presented.

It is likely that from the standpoint of the immediate future there is only one side. From the standpoint of finances there is but one answer: that is to vote for quotas.

When farmers vote the quotas they will be voting for the establishment of a principle of government that will certainly rise to plague them many times in years to come.

By saying now to land owners that they cannot sell the produce of their acres unless they conform to government regulations, they will be bringing nearer the time when they themselves will be told what they can produce and sell and what they cannot produce and sell.

It is probable that before long the beef growers will adopt the quota system and preclude wheat farmers from selling their few calves without paying a penalty.

The egg producers will not be long in deciding on the same system of keeping up the price of their product.

Already industry is trying the same thing hampered only by the anti-trust acts, which are not very well enforced. Soon—if the principle is accepted—the nations business will be governed by pools of producers for all goods.

But what will probably happen in years to come is not going to affect the vote of these quotas. The farmers of this country are going to vote for them because they mean additional income this year.

The direction of the nation's economic life is being transferred from the people to the theorists in Washington D. C.

We will put off as long as possible the time when we will have to face the fact of surplus wheat. We had to do it once after the government intervened in the economic system. We will have to do it again when the government cannot carry the load any longer.

By voting quotas we will vote to meet that deflation when times are bad instead of when times are good.

This editorial is written to point out the probable results of the quota system and to show that there is another side of a question that has received insufficient explanation.

THE TAX SQUABBLE

Something of a furor has been caused in Multnomah county by the ruling of the tax commission making equal assessments mandatory. There is demand for a special session of the legislature to correct the situation.

This newspaper thinks that the tax commission was exactly right in its decision. There seems to be no justification in giving a county assessor the power to assess one

piece of property at one rate and another kind of property at another. It is a power that has generally and generously abused in other cities and other states.

The argument that home owners should pay taxes on a smaller assessed valuation than should business property owners is not based on a proper premise. In fact, it is probable that the hue and cry about the poor home owner came from those who sell homes and those who build homes for rent. Why should an investor who builds homes for rent pay less taxes than a man who builds business property for rent?

If home owners must have cheaper taxes it would be better to give a definite home owners' exemption of say, \$1000. We doubt if that is advisable, either, but would be better than to give authority to make assessments of varied percentage of real value.

Article IX of the state constitution reads: "The legislative assembly shall, and the people through the initiative may, provide by law uniform rules of assessment and taxation. All taxes shall be levied and collected under general laws, operating uniformly throughout the state." That certainly means that all property shall be taxed at the same rate and assessed at the same rate.

There would be relief aplenty for Oregon home owners and taxpayers in general if there was less tax exemption in this state. It is probable that not over a quarter of Oregon's real property is taxed at all. The federal government has over half of it, the state, and its several boards, the counties, the school districts, the cities, veterans, pensioners, churches, lodges, Indians, household goods, automobiles pay no property tax at all.

We steadily tax less property and steadily tax for more things. This will have to stop sometime and it is getting near the time when we will have to change our policy and tax more property and raise taxes for fewer things.

If home owners, or others, want lower taxes they might insist on help from those who pay none, instead of fighting among themselves.

AMUSEMENT

Come to think of it the mobilization and the fact that most of the young folks attend school for a good part of the year may have a far reaching effect on the amusements of the communities in this county.

Some say that it will be impossible to hold a dance at all if the purpose thereof is to make some money; there may be fewer ball games and more card parties and family dinners.

It may be a change for the elders—who usually leave the choice of amusements to the youngsters—to exercise their own aged and staid ingenuity in devising means of amusing themselves.

There are those about us whose knees are still able to withstand a lively schottische and for those a bit more sedate there is the formal minuet. Many among us dance the quadrille until permanent infirmity takes hold of our limbs and age definitely dims our delights.

Age is a comparative matter anyway and with no real young people around the middle aged people are the younger group.

There is a wave of Hespicalation sweeping the entire world.

In Other Days

From the Observer May 19, 1922:

Walter Givens was acquitted on a charge of conversion of stored wheat in the circuit court here this week.

Dr. Poley left Thursday for St. Louis to attend the meeting of the American Medical association.

From the Observer May 17, 1912: Auto parties were numerous. Sunday coming and going. Among those noted were George Crofield and B Van of Wasco and young Mr. Buckley of Grass Valley.

Gov. West has appointed Dr. Barnum delegate to the Northwest Development congress that meets in Seattle June 5.

From the Observer May 16, 1902: J. H. Smith sold a driving team to the buyer from Nome and before night had bought a better one from Goetjen Bros.

The hull of the steamer building in Rufus is ready for high water launching. Amos will have the machinery all in position before she is afloat.

Quite a bit of excitement occurred in Kent one day last week when W. M. McCulloch's team took a dash for home.

The new prima facie speed law which becomes effective June 14 featured the discussions at a three-day conference of state police captains, meeting in the capitol with Superintendent Charles P. Pray last week.

To The Editor:

Sherman county seems to be taking the lead in producing first class riding horses as Peter George, a Peter Quick colt, was the best horse sold in The Dalles and Peter Jr. was the best horse sold at Tygh Valley. Prince Robert and Silver Sarko were sold last fall.

All were half blood American Thoroughbred colts and brought \$125 to \$175. This should be conclusive evidence as to the proper horse to raise. All were bought by the U. S. Remount service for cavalry use.

Several 3 year old half bloods were shown at these inspections and those showing them were assured that the government would take them this fall as horses must be from 4 to 8 years old.

The government wants thoroughbreds more than any other breed. A thoroughbred is defined as the horse that will carry the rider at the highest speed with the greatest ease and more endurance than any other breed. You will note in the Sunday Oregonian reports of the hunt club activities and find the most of these horses are of thoroughbred breeding. You will note in most of the literature you read that when speaking of light breeds the writer will refer to thoroughbred or Arabian as the foundation stock of all light breeds.

Many articles have been written about the thoroughbred horse as a stock horse and most of them are in favor of the half or three-quarters bred for a stock horse. My experience with them makes me agree.

I also agree as a pleasure horse. As a hunter or jumper they have no equal. Some people picture the thoroughbred as they see them on the race track ganted up for racing. If the same horse was fitted up for night horse show with feet trimmed to step like a drum major and his tail operated on to make it stand high, I question if there would be a more beautiful horse in any breed. As people know more of the thoroughbred horse I feel they will appreciate them more.

W. C. Helyer.

Statehouse Gossip

Continued from page one: assuring the Democrats of at least one entry in the race for that number one spot.

While he has made no formal announcement of his intentions it is generally taken for granted that Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland, Speaker of the House in the recent legislative session, is definitely in the race for Secretary of State. This suspicion is strengthened by young Farrell's frequent appearance in the public print. The youthful Speaker is overlooking no opportunity to get his name before the reading public no matter how far he has to stretch a point in order to manufacture an interview.

But the big question mark in Oregon's political arena is Earl Snell. Serving now in his second term as secretary of state Snell is barred by the constitution from a third consecutive term in that office. Having had a taste of political life it is believed that he very much desires to continue in the public service. But just which way will he turn? This is the question most often asked whenever two or more politically minded persons get together. Will he choose to become a candidate for governor and thus oppose Chas. A. Sprague for the republican nomination, for it is generally conceded that Sprague will seek a second term. Or will he seek to wrest the senatorial toga from the veteran Chas. L. McNary who has let it be known that he has no intention of retiring upon the expiration of his present term. Most logical suggestion appears to be that Snell will enter the race for Congress from the big second district where the Republicans have been waiting a good many years for the right man to come along to defeat the veteran Nev.

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By John W. Kelly.

Continued from page one. Industrialists declined to expend plants until an arrangement was made that these plants would be amortized in five years and would not be a tax burden thereafter. A perfect epidemic of strikes broke out, jurisdictional, for the closed shop, for higher wages. The workers lost payment of millions of dollars while they tied up industries. These difficulties are being straightened out. In the past two weeks the first of the tanks, light and medium, have made their appearance—samples, but excellent samples, and soon there will be thousands of these machines of death. Production of powder, long delayed; of the Garand rifle, of machine guns, of large and small ordnance and equipment are all being speeded up.

America is in the process of building one of the largest, if not the largest, air forces in the world. Army and private training schools are preparing to educate another 30,000 fliers; to instruct several hundred thousands in ground work. More air ports are to be constructed for army and civilian use; plane makers, now operating at capacity, must again expand their plants.

And while all this activity is in progress, while the United States is being geared for its biggest job, costs are piling mountain high; costs which must be paid by the American people, beginning next year. Taxes will probably take 25 percent of this year's income—two bits out of every dollar.

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Only 28 percent of automobile owners carry liability and property damage insurance according to estimates by the state insurance department. That means that of the 400,000 automobiles registered in Oregon approximately 285,000 are not insured. Many, if not most of these, are operated by owners who, being without insurance protection, are not in position to pay any substantial claim for damages resulting from a traffic accident for which they might be responsible. This presumption appears to be borne out by the fact that in the less than six years experience under Oregon's safety responsibility act 452 motorists have had their licenses suspended for inability to pay judgments and of this number 356 are still barred from the highways, never having been able to qualify for reinstatement of their driving permits.

In spite of the fact that the cash balance in the state treasury recently hit a new all-time high at \$19,278,000, State Treasurer Scott hastens to explain that the state has no surplus cash. Once before when the treasury announced a huge cash balance the department was flooded with suggestions as to how the extra money might be used. Most of this cash balance, Scott explains, is earmarked for specific purposes—highways, soldiers' bonus loans, industrial accident funds, etc. Only \$6,000,000 of the huge total is credited to the general fund out of which appropriation supported state activities are financed, and this balance, built up by the recent flood of income tax payments is now rapidly dwindling under constant demands of established governmental functions.

Many Attend Mother's Day Exercises

The Annual Mother's Day service was held at Kent Sunday, May 11, with Rev. C. L. Swander of Portland delivering the message.

Pot luck dinner was served at noon at the Kent grange hall, and afternoon services concluded the day's events. Out of town guests here for the occasion were Lt. and Mrs. W. W. Adams and son from Fort Lewis, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adams of Orting, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wilson and daughter Naomi and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stevens and son John from Wawawai, Wn.; Mrs. Essie Wilson and Mrs. Ruth Hurner and son Frank of Pullman, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harbin of Cheney, Wn.; Mrs. Ted Kaser and daughters Kay and Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harbin, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brayling, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Swander and son Courtney of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Sias and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sias of Forest Grove; Mrs. LeRoy Daniels and son Cecil of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Carnett, Mrs. Bernice Snyder and John L. Harbin of Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Durward Helyer and family, Mrs. Ida Davis and Pauline Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams, Mr. and Mrs. George Gresham, and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barnett of The Dalles.

Baccalaureate exercises will be held in the Kent Christian church Monday evening, May 19th at 8:00 p. m. Rev. T. Anderson of The Dalles will deliver the address for the evening.

Kent grange sponsored a play "Harry's Mail Order Wife" Saturday evening, Miss Helen Halvorson directing. Mary Louise von Borstel favored with a solo "My Sister and I," accompanied on the piano by Nellie Wilson; George Witter sang with guitar accompaniment, also two other numbers were rendered completing the program, when dancing was enjoyed for a short time.

Graduation exercises will be held in the Kent School auditorium Wednesday evening, May 21st at 8:09 p. m. Mr. Brumbaugh, school superintendent of Wasco county, will be the speaker of the evening.

Lt. and Mrs. W. W. Adams and son were over night guests at the Lester Wilson home Saturday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Swander and son Courtney of Portland were overnight guests at the L. W. Amick home Saturday night.

Elbert Wilson of The Dalles was a business visitor at Kent Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter Karen were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith at Dufur Sunday.

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spent the week end here at the J. H. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and children and Hans Koepke of Redmond were dinner guests at the George McKay home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta spent Mother's day at Goldendale, Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson were shopping in The Dalles Thursday. The Wilsons purchased a new car which was delivered here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adams of Orting, Wn., Mrs. R. T. Kaser and daughters Kay and Carolyn of Portland, Lt. and Mrs. W. W. Adams and son Denny of Fort Lewis were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and children were dinner guests at the Alfred Lyons home Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. K. Wilson, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz, Mrs. R. P. Barnot, Vivian Fritts, Nellie Wilson, and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and grand son, George Sacre attended the shower at the home of Mrs. Dick Reckman near Grass Valley Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and children of Redmond were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cratty Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Davis motored to Corvallis Friday accompanied by her daughter Evelyn. They spent the week end with the former's son, Luther Warren Davis, a student at O.S.C.

MORO SENIORS DINE

Parents of the members of the senior class were hosts last Thursday night at the Odd Fellows hall to the class and members of the school board and faculty. Max Barzee, president of the class, acted as toastmaster and introduced each member of the class when they gave the prophesy, will, history, and Ardis Truitt and Merle Miller who sang and Connie Ruggles also sang, and the directors who responded with talks.

Willie—is my dinner ready, mother?

Mother—Not yea. It's only half-cooked.

Willie—Well, can't I have the half thats cooked?

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Joe Ritner N.G. Vernon Milles, Sec.

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Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Helen Martin N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

Wendell Balsiger W.M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78 O.E.F. Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Patricia Woods Sec. Dorothea Moore, W.M.

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