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UNWARRANTED

The report of the costs of conducting the four high schools per pupil in this county which is printed in another column this week certainly indicates an unwarranted use of public money.

When the cost of educating a pupil in high school, together with the cost of getting him or her to school, reaches $1355 it is time some different arrangements were made. The sum is outrageous. It is approximately ten times the state average.

It is no wonder that school men in districts where education is limited by lack of funds are begining to obtain some of the wested funds in the higher cost districts of which Sherman county has several. If this county can devise no more economical system of giving high school education to its youngsters there will certainly be some better system forced upon us.

The record of the lowest cost school, Moro-GV, showed a figure considerably above the state average. This lowest mark was only obtained by consolidation, more of which seems to be indicated in the light of audited costs. Even if this county does continue to countenance such costs, the remainder of the state will soon make it impossible to use public money so lavishly while other districts starve for funds to conduct schools.

WHEAT PROGRAM

According to preliminary statements American farmers are going to be permitted to grow almost anything they want to next year, and almost any quantity of it. Of course, the government is still setting the prices the products will be sold for, or the loans made on, which gives it power to pretty much decide the quantities to be produced.

At that, however, the new program does release the farmer from many of the restrictions he has been under in recent years.

It will be a year before the effect of the new program in this county cn be told. We have some 15,000 acres of Crested Wheat grass, some of which is good and some of which is very poor. It is distributed fairly equally over the county.

There has always been doubt about the wisdom of taking our good productive land out of wheat and putting it in a grass crop. Where it is on steep land, it may be justified, otherwise the land will produce more food or more forage in wheat thag in grass.

As for the less productive lands of the county there is no doubt but much of it should be left in grass.

How this adjustment can be made is not known. It is now left to the individual judgment of farmers which in the long run will be equally good as that of experts in Washington if correct and accurate information is given them.

For instance if it is known that the nation needs wheat, and how much, the farmer can plant that crop without fear. If there is a shortage of forage crops the land may be left in grass even though more fodder may be grown on tilled land. Land that is in danger of erosion will be kept in grass.

"When the farmer's welfare is entirely in the farmer's control more may be expected of him than if he is governed by an often unwise bureaucracy. The new program seems to be a step in that direction.

Wouldn't we be lucky if diplomatic conferences would win the war?

POSTURE

Have you noticed that Indians walk much better than do whites? This is particularly true of the female of the species. An Indian woman may lack a great many of the imponderables that go to make up glamor, but she has a much more stately bearing and carries herself much better than does her white sister.

Doctors have told us for years that high heels threw the human form out of alignment and caused it to bulge in abnormal places, hump in places that were supposed to be straight and the walk to resemble a parade on stilts.

Probably no white woman is going to appear in moccasins to improve her walk and posture, but she damaged both when she started to wear high heels.

It seems that everyone discussd the meat shortage except those that knew something about the stock business. Farmers were accused of holding stock from the market, when, as far as this county was concerned, they were merely waiting to put some fat on the animals. The grass was late this year and consequently the grass fat cattle were late. There was a longer spread between the winter fed stuff and the grass cattle, which might account for the May and June stortage of beef in the city markets. Anyway the demand for food when men have jobs proves that this nation needs no restrictions on the production of food but instead some means of keeping men at work at good wages—not relief.

Talk of the possible draftin, of married men and fathers must seem funny to the many thousands of fathers who are already in the army.

One of the minor troubles of war time: Girls going crazy over Frankie Sinatra.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Aug. 12, 1904

The rumor that the E.O.L. Co. offices would be moved to Grass Valley has been confirmed by Mr Parr, resident agent of the company. Offices will not, however, be moved until November 1.

County Clerk McDanel and wife left Portland Tuesday for the St. Louis fair, going by way of Salt Lake City. They will visit relatives in the eastern states before returning home.

Road master Sayrs has finished repairing the wagon bridge just south of Moro, the approaches being washed out by the July rains.

W F Jackson and K Kaseberg are having three header beds built by Ned Florer for use this harvest. They have temporarily discontinued the Rigby-Cove harvester.

From the Observer, Aug. 14, 1914

A 'bob-cat' was killed on the summer fallow of the W G C Woods farm near Boardman school house Saturday evening by Clyde Woods as he was driving home from a visit to the George Hennagin farm.

Thursday, August 6th, fire destroyed the separator and derrick table of the Asa Eslinger outfit on the E H Moore farm, supposed to have caught from an engine spark.

L Barnum, R C Atwood and W C Rutledge made a fishing party to the ole fishin hole at Shearer last Saturday. Dru landed one redside trout that weighed five pounds and measured 24 inches long as part of his catch. It is supposed to be the largest ever caught on the Deschutes.

Albert Kaseberg had the misfortune to have the fingers of one hand crushed while oiling a combine Saturday afternoon.

From the Observer, Aug. 15, 1924

Fire totally destroyed the Vintin hotel at Grass Valley last Friday afternoon about four.

L W Amick expects to leave next week for Missouri where he will visit his mother, whom he has not seen since leaving that state twenty years ago.

Another old land mark was lost to Sherman county last Monday when fire completely destroyed the interior of the old McPherson home at Wasco.

A harvest ball and all night dance, including supper served at the hotel, will be the feature entertainment at Moro opera house this Friday evening.

Kelly's Column

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avoid. It is said legislation in some form will be asked by the department by which farm land prices can be controlled.

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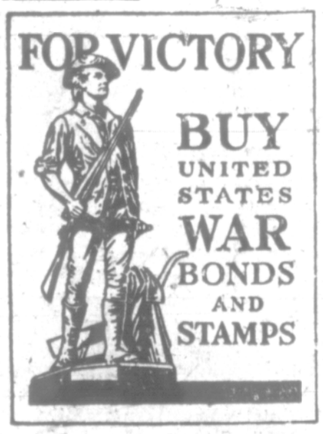
Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau still insists a steeper income tax is the proper answer to his prayer for $12 billion more revenue. Tax experts, on the other hand, say any such increase in taxes will fall squarely on the middle income groups, the white collared workers, whose salary has not increased anything like others but whose living costs have. All tax men agree corporations and in the higher income brackets are now paying the limit, which is from 40 to as high as 99 percent on their incomes. Many members of the ways and means committee have remained here all during the recess, wrestling with the new tax bill which they hope to have ready for the house hopper, come September 14. However, several key men on the committee are of the opinion by far the larger part of Mr. Morgenthau's additional $12 billion will have to come from some other source than income taxes. They argue the only out, so to speak, is a sales tax which would raise the additional amount of money needed. These same congressmen are frank to say they doubt very much if the house will accept any bill which has for its purpose heavier income taxes, at least until all other expedients for additional revenue have been exhausted.

People's Column

Bill McDonald, the one time Lone Wolf, is now in Africa with the army and, from his address, is guarding prisoners of War. Bill says "have been transferred to another outfit as my old feet just wouldn't take the infantry any longer. My idea of the thing is that every branch of the service is doing a great job, but anybody that hasn't been in the infantry don't know what the word 'war' means." This in a letter to Dan McLaughlin.

Bill also relates that he has been in some well known battles; that some things now seem funny that were pretty serious at the time. "The worst scared I got" he relates, "was one morning I was standing with my hands in my pocket watching some Jerry planes bomb a place below us. I was feeling pretty safe as they were too far away to hurt me. All at once the dirt began to fly up just to one side of me. I looked around and here came a Jerry out of the sun, machine guns going. There was a little narrow slit trench right beside me, so head first I dove for it. It was too narrow and I got stuck half in and half out. You never saw such kicking in all your life. I would like to take that guy out on a far party some evening and make him sorry he ever scared me."



CHURCHES

Moro Community Presbyterian Church

James D. Moberg, pastor.

Bible school at 10:00 A. M.

Pastor on vacation during August.

Christian Science Society

Sunday morning services at 11:00 A.M. Subject, "Soul".

Wednesday night service at 8 includes testimonials of healing.

The reading room in the rear of the building is open. All authorized Christian Science literature can be bought or borrowed.

Rev and Mrs F L Cannell will not be home this week so there will be no church at the Methodist church Sunday.

Hal Morrow Visits Friends At Kent

Mr and Mrs H E Morrow of The Dalles and son Joe of the U.S. Navy, stationed at Farragut, Idaho were visitors Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday at the Sather ranch.

The G L Hoskinson family and Paul Smith went to church at the Catholic church in Grass Valley last Sunday.

Glenn, Merrill and Helen Sather were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday. They took the pick-up down for repairs. Merrill returned home that same night and Glenn and Helen returned home Friday. They were accompanied by a girl friend of Miss Sathers. Miss Alice Smith a nurses aid at the T B hospital.

Mr and Mrs Lester Wilson have moved back to Kent from Dufur. They will be here for a few months.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Wilson jr., George jr., Paul Wilson and Carole and Ross Norton went to Buck Hollow Monday to look for a pocket purse that Jerry had lost.

Mr and Mrs Roy Justesen and Bill Jefferies were visitors in The Dalles one day last week.

Bon Christianson of Moro spent Saturdy night with the Sather brothers, Glenn and Merrill. He returned to Moro Sunday.

Glenn, Merrill, Helen and Leona Sather, Bon Christianson and Wilbur Alford were Sunday visitors at the Blaine Miller home.

Federal Employes Get Huge Sum

The 22,000 of federal government civilian employes in Oregon exceed by approximately 14,791 the 7,209 employes of the state of Oregon, and the federal employe monthly estimated $3,564,000 payroll is more than four times Oregon's estimated employe monthly $811,000 payroll.

Total of all state, local government and school employes in Oregon is 31,418 divided, 7,209, 10, 509 and 13,700 respectively, according to Washington D C report of the Citizens National committee from official census and labor bureau statistics.

For every 1000 state and local government employes in Oregon, there are about 700 federal civilian employes.

According to the non-partisan Byrd committee report, which contained such men as Senators La-Follette, Glass, Nye and McKellar and Congressmen Doughton, Treadway and Taber, there were 3,034,700 federal civilian employes as of March, 1943, with a payroll of $561,457,000 which is at the rate of six and three quarters billions a year.

This federal payroll of March was 50 percent greater than the combined payrolls of all employes of 48 states, 17,792 cities and towns, 3061 counties and 17,667 other local government units as estimated from Bureau of Census report on Public Employmen in the United States.

'Little Italy' Rejoices at Benito's Fall

New York's "Little Italy" went wild with joy at the news of Mussolini's sudden political demise. A jubilant family is shown on the fire-escape balcony outside their flat. A picture of President Roosevelt hangs on the balcony railing. Italians throughout the country generally hailed Italy's change of government.

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As debated by

William B. Ziff
Author of The Gentlemen Take to Panic?

Max Werner
Author of Attack Can Win in '43

MR. ZIFF OPENS: It would be silly to argue that a combination of all available arms is not more useful in attack than a single arm. It is equally silly, however, to contend that a principal arm of combat, such as the Air Force, cannot be decisive under conditions favorable to its use. Such conditions exist in reference to German Europe, where fortified areas, vastly superior communications, and overwhelming military forces would make a large-scale landing suicidal at the present time. It is the goal of every army to slice through the front lines in order to get at the communications behind; hence no essential principle of war is violated by an all-out pulverizing assault from overhead which will make the fact of great organized military forces meaningless by destroying the transport system and factory facilities on which they depend. Ignoring the morale factor, whose existence must be given some weight, it is estimated that the present air attacks have reduced German industrial production by over 15%. An acceleration of this process will bring Germany to heel, and will make the fact of her defeat clear. It it at this point that auxiliary forces can take over the job of mopping up.

MR. WERNER CHALLENGES: Mr. Ziff's doctrine of decisive victory by Air Power engenders confusion and portrays a misleading picture of the war. The greatest inherent danger is that it diverts attention from a military decision, leading to beliefs in an easy, lightly won victory without struggle, without strategy and without crushing the Nazi war machine. This misdirected Air Power propaganda, a hypnosis of mere production and technics without strategic concepts can be near fatal. He preaches an over-developed technology, and under-developed strategy. If anti-Hitler plans proceed on the concept of Air Power alone attaining decisive victories, Hitler will monopolize military strategy and the Allies will lose the opportunity for early victory!

MR. ZIFF REPLIES: The strategy of this war from the Anglo-American side is based precisely on what Mr. Werner refers to as "an over-developed technology." His insistence on adherence to a convention he refers to as "strategy" is not understandable. The German failure in North Africa was a failure of their Air Power. The loss of Pantelleria, stepping stone to Sicily, was a failure of their Air Power. The decisive factor in the invasion of Sicily was overwhelming Air Power. If we possess sufficient all-out Air Power Herr Schickelgruber can monopolize all the conventional military strategy the books—his defeat is then certain and automatic!

MR. WERNER OPENS: This is the military dilemma facing the Allies: a Seven Years' War or victory in '43. The conception of exclusive air warfare is technologically false because it cannot destroy the bulk of production forces of Hitler Europe. This kind of action will not even try to hit the real German war machine, that is, the German fighting forces. Air War alone is not full military action, it is only a partial material destruction. The American-British way, leading to victory, is warfare waged with *all the fighting forces combined* to smash Germany in full coordination with the Red Army. The Air Power doctrine as a basis for strategy must inevitably lead to faulty war planning, while opportunities for offensive action are missed, because its arguments appeal to pacivity, shying away from direct action. Air Power proponents promise that after softening Germany from the air the landing of a police force would be enough to occupy the country. I can assure you that if such a police force lands on German-controlled areas, they will not be captured—*they* will simply be arrested. The Germans are ripe for defeat because their strategy has failed. I hope we won't make that same mistake!

MR. ZIFF CHALLENGES: Mr. Werner infers that decision can be gained by land invasion alone. This ignores the decisive sea battles of history as well as the potentials of submarine warfare. He infers that the German war machine can continue after German production forces have failed. This is a fundamental error in military concept. The entire German military system centers on the Ruhr, which supplies the largest share of the Reich's coal, iron and steel. The obliteration of the Ruhr and its corollary transport and production centers, is the prelude to military collapse. The Battle of Germany will be determined by logistics, with Air Power the instrument of decision.

MR. WERNER REPLIES: Material destruction is not military victory. Germany is not Pantelleria; Europe is not Pantelleria. The Allies succeeded in the invasion of Sicily because they had not only air power but sea and land power sufficient for the operation. Germany is losing the war, and I hope *this* year, not because their industrial production was diminished by 15% but because the German army failed and was beaten in Russia. We are winning the war because the United States, Great Britain and Russia together are stronger than Germany on land, on sea and in the air. Let us, consequently, exploit this total superiority.

Driving Dangerous In Central Oregon

Oregon motorists were urged to avoid driving in the central Oregon army maneuver area at night whenever possible in a statement issued today by Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

He reminds motorists that army field maneuvers are conducted under simulated war conditions and this means a great many vehicles moving along the highway without lights. Foot personnel also travelling along highways without lights may be encountered in this area.

"The army is not asking Oregon motorists to stay off highways in the maneuver area, but it is advisable for drivers to avoid these roads after dark if they can," Farrell said. "From the stand point of convenience alone, it would be wise to avoid night travel in this area. Military movements along or across highways may hold up traffic for some time.

The most critical highways in the maneuver area are 97, from Redmond to Lapine; 20 from Sisters to Burns; 31 from Lapine to Valley Falls; and 395 from highway 20 to Valley Falls.

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C. V. Belknap, Secretary

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Norma Balsiger W. M.
Marie Hoskinson, Sec.

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All persons having claims against the estate of W. A. Raymond deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of W. A. Raymond, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, to-wit: August 13, 1943.

Harry Kunsman, Administrator
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NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of 10:00 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1943, and immediately thereafter opened by the Council of the City of Wasco at the council room of said City, for the purchase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000,000) City of Wasco Refunding Bonds Series B; said bonds to be dated June 15, 1943, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, in denominations of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) each, maturing serially in numerical order at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) on the 15th day of June in each of the years 1945 to 1950, inclusive, and Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) on June 15, 1951.

The bonds will not be sold for less than the par value thereof.

The approving legal opinion of Messrs. Teal, Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Kelley will be furnished the successful bidder.

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E. F. Feldman
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