

# Sherman County Journal

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**A column of news  
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with especial emphasis  
on the Northwest**

There is a prospect that \$2 per 1,000 feet will be added to the price of lumber in Oregon and Washington. Loggers are now taken from a starting point in the morning and conveyed to the scene of operations in the forest, returning home the same way. The rise, everages, it is stated, about two hours. For this two hours (going and coming) the loggers are supposed to be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half, as the time for the ride is in addition to the eight hours of actual work.

Logging operators do not object to the payment of overtime while the loggers are taking a ride, as they can cover that charge by increasing the price of lumber, all of which is bought by the federal government anyway. What irks the operators, however, is the word that has been passed out that they will be compelled to pay for these rides for the past two years—the pay is retroactive. Why for two years and not for three years, or one year, is not explained. As the logging operators "back when" did not think they would have to pay for giving the lumberjacks a ride, no fund was set up to meet the prospective demand. And that is what is bothering the logging operators in the Pacific northwest.

Many members of congress are rallying to the relief that the federal government should pay taxes, or something in lieu of taxes, for the great expanse of government owned land. This demand for compensation from the federal government for property removed from the tax rolls was initiated in the Pacific northwest states and has spread to the entire far west, where Uncle Sam is a substantial landowner. Today the movement is being joined by senators and representatives from eastern states and with each new congressman converted the backing for payment becomes more insistent. Half a dozen measures are now helping in various committees each dealing with some phase of the government ownership question. Out of this assortment of ideas it is expected that some bill embodying a compromise proposal will eventually emerge.

Because of the acquisition by the federal government of land in the northwest there are instances of school districts being wrecked, wiped out, because the resident taxpayers were unable to carry the load. Private timber owners are assessed in school districts and timber land has been gerrymandered into these districts, but the national forests are exempt from all sorts of taxes.

Nineteen states grow sugar beets, and notwithstanding that sugar has been on the ration list these states have been permitted to grow only a specified acreage each state being given a definite quota. Cuba, in the meantime, has been sending all of its sugar to the United States (other than the sugar processed into alcohol or gin for sale in this country.) There is now a movement among congressmen from the sugar beet states to demand unrestricted development of the sugar industry on the ground that the present regulations are giving away the market to foreign competition by curtailing domestic production and processing. It is admitted that the beet sugar growers cannot begin to supply the domestic demand and that sugar from outside sources is needed, but the 19 states, it is claimed, should be given the right to grow all they can. This is practically the situation with respect to wool. All the sheep in America are not sufficient to produce the

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## Ship Launching Will Be Done By Bond Staff

Thursday Sherman county will launch its second ship of this war. This one will be the "Fond Du Lac", a troop carrier which will be put in the water at one o'clock. Sponsor of the vessel will be Mrs. Lela French of Moro, Vivette Sparring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparring will be flower girl, Rev. F. L. Cannell will be the minister. Matrons of honor will be Mrs. Thelma Pinckney of Heppner and Mrs. Bertha Dixon of John Day.

Sherman county has this honor because it placed first in the eastern Oregon division in sale of E bonds per capita. It was also first in the state and first in the United States according to present records. Invitations to the launching have been sent to all the salesmen who worked in Sherman county in honor of their service.

## Football Game Ends In 6-6 Tie

The Moro football team went to The Dalles last Friday to play the Papooses and came back with a 6 to 6 tie. Worst luck was that Duane Lemley, two year back, suffered a broken collar bone in the game and will be out for the remainder of the season.

The Dalles scored in the first quarter and Moro in the second. Thereafter the game was scoreless but Moro made two drives down the field that might have resulted in scores had they been made a little faster. The end of the half and game prevented both scores. Moro was slow in getting its plays off.

This Friday Moro meets the Papooses on the home grounds, that being the first home game of the season.

It is probable that Ed Fritts will take the half back position made by Lemley's injury.

## Sales Tax Bill Held Unnecessary At Present Time

Cost To County Surely More Than Resultant Benefits; Money Not Needed

The second of a series of articles about measures on the November ballot. They are an expression of editorial opinion.

Oregon voters will have another chance to vote on a sales tax this election. Last sales tax amendment was voted on in 1936 and was defeated by nearly six to one. This sales tax will, if passed, collect 3 percent from all sales, except those which the federal government excludes, those concerned with public works, motor vehicle fuels, property sold directly to the United States, sales under \$50 per month, sales of sweet milk, raw fruits and vegetables, butter, eggs, cheese, canned milk, fresh meat, fish, bread, sold for consumption on the premises, newspaper, drugs and medicines on prescription.

Receipts will be divided as follows: Twenty percent to the public assistance fund which shall be divided 60 percent for old age assistance, (state contribution) and 40 percent to counties for county contribution in the proportion each county expends for old age assistance.

Sixty percent goes to the general fund for property tax reduction.

Twenty percent goes to the school support fund. This bill, as is usual with sales tax bills, has the backing of industrialists of the state. Another bill, already passed by the legislature, makes a reduction in income taxes, when and if, this sales tax bill is passed.

This newspaper has favored a sales tax bill when the state and

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## Non-High Board Refuses Rufus; Costs Too High

At a meeting at the court house Saturday the non-high school board of Sherman county told the Rufus and Biglow districts that it would be impossible for the non-high board to pay tuition to the Rufus school for two high school pupils attending there this year. It was estimated that the average cost per pupil at Rufus would be near \$1500 this year and the non-high board's budget would not permit payment the members stated. Cost at Moro will be under \$300, and at Wasco probably between \$500 and \$600, it was reported and the estimate of \$1500 per pupil seemed high to the non-high directors.

It was considered probable that the Rufus school would absorb the cost.

## DIVIDEND DUE

Checks in payment of Pacific Power & Light's second 1944 "rate dividend" were reported ready to go in the mail Wednesday night and the company's customers throughout Oregon and Washington should receive their share of the \$200,000 distribution on Thursday or Friday.

The "rate dividend" plan was developed with the approval of Oregon and Washington regulatory authorities as a practical method of sharing the benefits of wartime earnings with customers.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHED

The fire department was called out Saturday night to combat a fire in the Jones residence but the water was not turned on as the fire was under control through activity of neighbors with a garden hose. Little damage was done.

Conference on the condition of the fire engine motor resulted in some repairs being made by Tiny Berman so that the motor now clicks along in a more satisfactory manner.

## 4-H Fair Due This Week End; PI Next Stop

Steers, Hogs and Sheep Ready for Big Show and Following Auction

The annual 4-H club fair will be held this week end. The livestock fair being a feature of Saturday at the county fair grounds and the domestic science being held Friday at the Moro school house.

The 14 steers that have been fed by 4-H club boys this year are in very good trim, according to LeRoy Wright, county agent, who weighed them for the last time Saturday. Biggest gain was made by a Hereford owned by Fred von Borstel that gained 3 pounds per day since last weighing. Second best gain was made by a calf fed by Merle Eakin that gained 2.5 pounds, a shorthorn.

The biggest calf is being fed by Clarence May which weighs 1080 pounds, Harry and James Hartley have a 1020 pound Shorthorn. The two von Borstel Herefords weigh 965 and 930. Angus calves weigh as follows: Ed Fritts, 855, Harry and James Hartley 810, 861, 900, Terry Bucholtz, 965. Other shorthorns being fed by the Eakin boys weigh 802, 780 and 876.

Together with two pens of 4 pigs each and 4 pens of singles and 6 sheep the steers will be led out to the cars Saturday night after the fair for shipment to Portland and the PI exposition. E. I. Woods, Crook county agent, will be the judge of the fair.

The two Grass Valley 4-H clubs, one in cooking and one in clothing, and the Moro cookery and Wasco cookery clubs will compete Friday for honors in the domestic science division. Judge will be named by Miss Helen Cowgill, state club leader.

Harry Kunsman and Keck McKean left Sunday for a few days hunting in the Blue mountains.

## Caucus Date Set For Nomination Of City Officers

Next Tuesday, October 10, a caucus will be held at the council chambers for the purpose of nominating candidates for city office. A regular meeting of the city council will be held the same evening.

To be elected is a mayor to serve a two year term, three councilmen to serve a four year term, three councilmen to serve a three year term and a treasurer to serve a two year term. Terms of all present office holders expire the first Tuesday in 1945.

The city council is at present composed of but five members, who are Harry Kunsman, G. Douma, Clyde Gillmor, Ralph Brisbane and Wily Knighten. Gles French is mayor and C. V. Belknap, treasurer.

Since an election has been held changes in ownership of city property has made some new men available for official civic duties. Property qualification for mayoralty and council is ownership of \$350 in real property in the city.

## Government Bonds Not All Cashed

Although government bonds may now be cashed at any bank without delay there has been little desire to do so on the part of a great majority of those holding them.

According to Treasury department statistics Series E, F, and G bonds have been sold to the amount of \$36,252,000,000 of which \$3,347,000 or 9.23 percent have been cashed.

Of E bonds alone \$25,077,000,000 have been sold of which \$3,045,000 or 11.86 percent have been cashed.

No records for each state have been published, nor for individual counties within the states, but it is agreed by bond officials that the record of bond retention in agricultural counties is better than in industrial regions.

## Assessor's Report Shows Taxpayer Where It Goes

Full Information on Taxes And Assessments To Be Found In Annual Statement

The assessor's annual published statement of taxes and assessments has been printed and is ready for distribution to those interested. It may be found in this issue of the Sherman County Journal.

Total valuation of the county is \$9,722,530 of which \$7,888,270 is local and the remainder is owned by corporations and is assessed by the state commission. Tilled land at \$21.25 and untilled land at \$15.1. Horses are assessed at \$14.4, cattle \$36.22, sheep at \$6.15, hogs at \$7.22 and poultry at 37 cents.

The total tax to be raised this year is \$138,048.44, higher than it has been since 1940. Principal item of the tax are \$22,361.82 for county purposes, \$672.25 for roads, \$8,623.18 for the non-high school district, \$7,845.10 for special city tax.

Bigger items are \$40,534.88 for the post-war sinking fund for road repair and construction, and \$17,411.61 for special school taxes.

If the \$3810, in county school fund is put in the school operation, the report shows that school cost over three times as much as does county government. The post-war sinking fund will require twice the taxes of county government.

Property called local, meaning that assessed by the county assessor, comprises 81.13 percent of the total and pays 79.78 percent of the total tax. Personal property represents 11.04 percent of the value and pays 11.45 percent of the tax. Railroads pay 9.75 percent of the taxes in the county. The reason the road fund tax is so small is that a great deal of cash was declared from the road fund, wiping out nearly all the tax.

## ABSTRACT OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 1944-45 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE YEAR 1944, SHERMAN COUNTY, ORE

District	Value	Levy	Tax	Ttl. Levy
1 Biglow	\$ 222,810	none	none	8.2
2 Rufus	1,346,184	9.2	12,384.89	15.8
3A Rufus	213,819	6.9	1,473.97	13.5
4 Emigrant Springs	81,200	none	none	8.2
5 Locust Grove	486,897	1.9	924.34	10.1
7 Wasco	1,036,670	7.7	7,982.36	*14.3
9 Kent	961,256	12.7	12,207.95	19.3
13 DeMoss	304,999	none	none	8.2
15 Gordon Ridge	357,970	6.2	2,219.41	14.4
16 Erakine	440,270	none	none	8.2
17 Moro	775,315	16.4	12,715.17	*23.0
19 Monkland	259,097	none	none	8.2
20 Harmony	372,489	6.2	2,309.43	14.4
21 Fairview-Gorman	358,009	none	none	8.2
22 Boardman	230,700	none	none	8.2
23 Grass Valley	586,172	4.9	2,872.24	*13.1
24 Rutledge	322,700	3.0	968.10	11.2
26 Klondike	628,890	.6	377.33	8.8
32 Rosebush	281,075	2.5	702.69	10.7
33 Buckley	456,217	.6	273.73	8.8
	\$9,722,530		\$87,411.61	

Non-high school district fund levy is 1.6 mills and applies to all school districts except 3, 3A, 7, 9 and 17.  
VALUATION \$5,389,486 TAX \$8,623.18

City	Valuation	Millage	Tax	Total millage
Wasco	\$221,363	19.3	\$4,272.31	36.6
Moro	180,787	12.6	2,277.92	35.6
Grass Valley	140,747	9.2	1,294.87	22.3

Item	Amount
Weed control	\$200.00
Wages, repair, gas, oil, tires, tubes, ins. & misc.	19,200.00
Bridges over ten feet	500.00
Road machinery	1,000.00
Crushed rock and road improvement	500.00
	\$21,400.00
Less estimated receipts & cash declared	\$20,700.00
Plus estimated uncollectable taxes	28.50
	\$728.50

District	Valuation	Millage	Tax
Road 1	\$9,179,633	.1	\$917.96
Road 2 Wasco	221,363	.1	22.14
Road 3 Moro	180,787	.1	18.08
Road 4 G. Valley	140,747	.1	14.07
			\$972.25

Item	Valuation	Millage	Tax
POST-WAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION SINKING FUND	\$9,722,530	4.2	\$40,834.63

Item	Amount
GENERAL FUND	none
State Tax—state and elementary school	.392
School per capita	1.908
County	2.1

The valuation of taxable property in Sherman county is \$9,722,530.00 The levy for the General Fund is 2.3 mills producing \$22,361.82 State Tax and Elementary School tax is provided by state surplus

Item	Amount
PARTIAL SEGREGATION OF ITEMS IN COUNTY BUDGET	
Per-Capita School Fund	\$3,810.00
School Library Fund	38.10
Circuit Court and Justice Court	650.00
Cricket Control	2,000.00
United Service Organizations	1,000.00
Fire Fighting equipment, operation, insurance	450.00
Public relief, old age & blind & dep. children aid	5,084.00
Emergency	5,000.00
Remainder for other county purposes	31,967.00
	\$49,999.10
Less fees and balances	29,015.00
	20,984.10
Plus estimated uncollectable tax	850.00
	\$21,834.57

Item	Amount
RECAPITULATION	
General Fund	\$22,361.82
General Road Fund	972.25
Post-War Road Construction Sinking Fund	40,834.63
Special School Tax	57,411.61
Non-High School District Tax	8,623.18
Special City Tax	7,845.10
Less fractional gain in extensions	.15
	\$138,048.44

Item	Amount
Collected by Assessor	30.39
Amount to be collected	\$138,018.05

I, C. A. RUGGLES, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of September, 1944

C. A. RUGGLES, County Assessor

Item	Amount	Percentage
TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$22,361.82	
Average consolidated levy	14.1988	
Total Value	\$9,722,530	100%
Total Local Value	7,888,270	81.13%
Local Real Value	6,814,930	70.09%
Local Personal Value	1,073,340	11.04%
Total Tax	\$138,048.44	100%
Total Local Tax	110,194.55	79.76%
Local Tax on Real Property	94,322.55	68.33%
Local Tax on Personal Property	15,782.03	11.43%
Public Service Tax	27,943.86	20.24%
O. W. R. & N. Co. Tax	13,390.59	
Oregon Trunk Tax	71.40	
	13,461.99	9.76%
O. W. R. & N. Co. Value	\$871,299	
Oregon Trunk Value	8,115	
	879,414	9.05%
Shaniko Branch Value	581,750	5.98%
Shaniko Branch Tax	7,865.46	5.7%

## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL, SHERMAN COUNTY, 1944

Real Property	Number	Value	Unit
Acres of all unplatted land	461,299	\$5,983,120	\$12.97
Acres of tillable land	267,508	5,691,310	\$21.25
Acres of non-tillable land	193,496	291,310	1.51
Structural improvements on unplatted land		616,920	
Platted lands		46,010	
Structural improvements on platted lands		287,510	
<b>Total Real Property</b>		<b>\$6,815,960</b>	
Personal Property	Value	Unit	
Merchandise and stock in trade	74,088		
Movable machinery and equipment	14,040		
Farming implements and equipment	473,330		
Furniture and equipment in commercial use	15,550		
Horses and mules	1,094	18.68	
Cattle	11,998	434.80	
Sheep and goats	3,143	13,040	
Swine	2,580	25,480	
Poultry	6,153	2,230	
		27	
<b>Total Personal Property</b>		<b>\$1,072,540</b>	
<b>Total Local Property</b>		<b>\$7,888,500</b>	
Less Veterans' and Widows' Exemptions		8,500	
<b>Total Net Taxable Value</b>		<b>\$7,880,000</b>	
<b>NET VALUE AFTER REVISION</b>		<b>\$7,888,270</b>	

Dated—June 12, 1944

Note:—This does not include railroads and other public service corporations or other property assessed by the State Tax Commission, the valuation of which in 1944 is \$1,524,200.

C. A. RUGGLES, County Assessor

## VALUATION AND TAX COMPARISONS

Assessment Year	State Ratio	Valuation	State & County Tax	Total Tax
1926	86	\$14,878,508	\$174,880.88	\$303,029.09
1927	85	14,187,486	171,638.22	312,899.91
1928	85	14,214,817	181,949.85	348,469.39
1929	84	14,251,591	169,593.93	319,788.61
1930	80	14,481,885	146,481.88	266,844.63
1931*	73	11,637,743	91,988.17	192,612.24
1932	73	11,146,873	112,573.32	194,828.31
1933	69	10,028,890	116,276.43	216,950.68
1934	70	9,760,525	111,269.29	