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SELF TAX FOR SELF HELP

The reputation of the members of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League as independent, self-reliant farmers is enhanced by their vote to levy a tax on their industry for development of outlets for their product.

Realization that the northwest wheat crop may be thrown into a market that cannot absorb it has caused a committee of the league to recommend study of new uses for wheat. The league backed the committee with its votes and agreed to back it with a tax of one half cent per bushel.

The tax would bring in but \$75,000, no great sum to use in finding new markets for wheat. It is, at present prices a little over one quarter of one percent of the price of wheat. Every business spends much more than that for promotion. The sum isn't large, but the fact that it was voted is significant. It means that the farmer considers his future a matter of personal concern instead of a function of the federal government.

Development of new uses for wheat may well take a long time. The chemurgic experiment now being started does not at present seem destined to absorb a large part of the crop. Our soft wheat might be used more abundantly for pastry but it will take some money to bring the mills here that for that purpose, although two have already established branches in the northwest.

Manufacture of wheat into alcohol might take quite a bit of it, especially when it is considered that the refuse from an alcohol plant is very fine stock feed. The alcohol might be used as tractor fuel or as base for synthetic tire manufacture.

Whatever is done with surplus wheat must be done with the cooperation of the farmers, themselves. No independent group would dare start a venture without having the farmers in on the deal. Otherwise there might be a change of policy that would take wheat to foreign countries, might take it for food or feed and leave the new industry without supply. First need of a new use for wheat is assurance of wheat to use.

The wheat league, as the spokesman for the grain growers of the mid-Columbia basin, can be the leader in the effort to find new uses for the crop better than can any other agency. If it gets the support of the farmers it may do much to solve a problem that is again getting serious. For overproduction is a danger the big wheat grower must face except in times of drought or of war.

BILBO

It looks as if the senate is getting ready to give Senator Bilbo a coat of whitewash perhaps accompanied with some words of admonition.

Bilbo has just been Bilbo in Mississippi as on the floor of the senate. He is not the only senator, surely, whose campaign utterances make him seem a menace if read in the cooler days after the voting is done.

Not many of the reliable sort of Mississippian are proud of Bilbo and he would likely have remained there had it not been that northern writers attacked him during the campaign. If easterners wrote disparagingly of an Oregon senator, we might rally to him like the voters of Mississippi did for Bilbo.

His danger is past. There will be less resentment if he is allowed to keep his seat.

NEW YEAR

Before the next edition of this paper is delivered another year will have ended and another one begun. It is an annual event that falls to arouse more than alcoholic interest among the majority of the citizenry.

It is, however, a sort of a mark from which events can be dated. From the financial point of view the year just ending has been a very good year in Sherman county. Total take must have been in excess of \$6,500,000 for here and the land lords who col-

lect from the county. That gives the 2000 some people who live the county an income per capita larger than the per family income of the nation. Wheat, stock and wage incomes were all large. Perhaps the money we earn has less to do with the happiness we have than usually thought. Sherman counties wear the same troubled faces as they did when they were trading wheat for apples and pork for groceries. Maybe they feel more secure, but it doesn't show.

But the rying year has brought some other developments that should bring contentment with farm living. Electricity would be delivered to farm homes before another year is too far gone and better roads will give opportunity to get away at any season of the year.

Socially we have made little progress; about the same hates and fears dominate us and the same prejudices guide our action. Probably no change can be expected in these matters for each is convinced of the righteousness of his position.

Sherman county could utilize its favorable financial position to move forward socially and educationally in 1947. The money is not likely to be spent for purposes so plainly useful. 1947 will be a new year, but it will have to deal with the same people whose natures have been hardened in other years gone before. It is only the year that is new born, when perhaps it would be better if it were all of us.

MR. TAFT

There is something of a to do about the committee preferences of Senator Taft who must be considered a man to be reckoned with in the Republican party and whose intentions about the presidential nomination occupy considerable space in the daily prints.

Mr Taft, it is said, is a thinker, not a glad-hander. His disposition has not the warmth usually thought a requisite for the highest party honor, say the columnists. But the same men admit that Mr Taft has mental resources that make him formidable. He thinks things through.

Our great American game is politics but it does seem that we might be doing ourselves a good turn if we forgot the great 1948 race for a time and concentrated on legislation to aid the nation on the long path toward recovery. But we don't do it.

Perhaps, though, in the next year and a half we may come to have respect for a candidate with mental ability which will be quite a lesson for a people that has been led to think a charming manner and a golden voice the only qualifications for the highest office.

That school teacher from England who stated her opinion of discipline in American schools may have served a purpose indirectly. Her remarks may be a cause of starting an investigation into American educational methods that could do great good. Many of the habits and customs of our schools could be improved and perhaps an examination of them by parents, public and teachers would serve to bring about improvement. Surely a system that has been in operation for 160 years during which it has presumably taught the precepts of democracy should have produced a nation of people better informed about that governmental theory.

Christmas made angels out of Angelinos.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Dec. 30, 1927

Rutted roads and icy conditions caused the cars driven by Wm. McKinney and J. N. Landry to collide as they were passing each other near the county court house early Wednesday evening.

A McMinnville paper of recent date had the announcement of the wedding of Miss Florence Snodgrass, daughter of Mrs Pearl Snodgrass of McMinnville and a former teacher in the Grass Valley public schools, to Mr Theodore Johnston, son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Johnston, former residents of Moro now living at Salem.

Application has been made to the Federal Power Commission at Washington D. C., by the Deschutes Falls Power company of Carson City, Nevada for permission to develop the power resources of the Deschutes river at Shearer bridge.

Miss Zella Burnett is enjoying the Christmas holidays at the Moro home of her parents, coming up from Portland last Saturday, where she is attending business college.

A social hour of good fellowship and friendly neighborliness will be the main thought sponsoring a New Years Potluck dinner to be given at Moro Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

WAKE UP, AMERICA! Security or Opportunity—Which Does Young America Want?

As debated by Alvin B. Glaser, Graduate, Alfred University, 1944; Thomas J. Gartland, Student, Iona College, New Rochelle, New York

MR. GLASER OPENS: Representative of the many youth organizations throughout the country which favor social security is the American Youth for Democracy program which states that "We shall work to assure youth's economic and social security, health and happiness, through working to maintain and extend labor, social and youth legislation..."

MR. GARTLAND OPENS: Social security and opportunity are not antagonistic. To say either one flourishes only at the utter extinction of the other is folly. However, weighing the benefits and disadvantages of each, the scale swings unmistakably in favor of opportunity. In the eyes of America's youth the war was the unfortunate and necessary prelude to the day when it can live again in a world at peace, offering to it, as a small measure of compensation, the awaited opportunity. More minute details for the post-war world are being dealt with. One of the most discussed and vital problems concerning American youth is: Social Security or Opportunity. The veteran must be offered opportunity without restraint for having made so great a sacrifice for the cause of Democracy.

He certainly is entitled to partake of the essence of Democracy—Opportunity. Social security, in a sweeping aspect, will must out the flame of opportunity by burdensome cost and excess taxation. It cannot be introduced effectively until opportunity has been extended to its fullest. It is an illusory project which will frustrate natural American instincts for independent progress and place in its stead a hysterical passion for security. American youth has proven itself continuing to prove itself is, therefore, prudent enough to prepare its "Tomorrow" without unneeded government regulated social security.

MR. GLASER CHALLENGES: I am grateful my opponent does not perceive social security and opportunity as antonyms, for individualism, of which Mr. Gartland really speaks, is anything but hindered by social security. It merely provides against old age, unemployment and disabilities. An individual is still free to venture into any industry or business, while the 1% from a person's salary is a small enough price to pay for future economic security. In the past, opportunity was present and social security non-existent yet the individual was insecure. To date, social security has not shackled an individual to one job while it has permitted a freedom from fear of insecurity. It is not this freedom from insecurity one of our prime objectives?

MR. GARTLAND REPLIES: Opportunity, utilized intelligently, provides adequate security for old age. Fear of unemployment can only be dispelled when opportunity is allowed to flourish and is extended to all while the meager compensations to be doled out to the disabled under social security would barely cover initial medical costs. One should never lose sight of its ultimate consequences. Social security is a disguised tax. No matter how innocuous it may first appear, it involves governmental interference with private salaries; is an infringement upon our right to handle our money as we see fit. Give American youth opportunity—it will prove its ability to provide for the future without supervision!

Down in darkest Africa the tax collector was having a hectic time explaining to an old tribesman why he must pay taxes. "It's like this," says the collector, "the government loves you. It takes care of you when you are out of food, or sick. It provides you with shelter. It also sees to it that you are educated. All this costs money." The old darkey thought for a while, then replied: "I see. I have a dog and I love that dog. Now when my dog is very hungry, I cut off his tail and tell him that I give him a nice piece of meat to eat."

WASHINGTON NEWS Continued from Page One Departments. A few companies then issued additional insurance. Others declined to circumvent their own rules. Some distillers, deciding that present valuations on plentiful raw whiskey were being made on the basis of currently scarce, aged whiskey, have advanced their valuations more conservatively. The remainder, however, are still looking for an insurance salesman whose pen hasn't run dry.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 11:00 a. m. Wasco Methodist Church Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all ages. Special Christmas service at 11:00 a. m. The choir has been rehearsing for several weeks, they will be looking for you, don't disappoint them.

Children's program at 7:30 p. m. and treats for the children. Preaching service at Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

F. L. Cannell, Pastor Christian Science Society Subject of Christian Science Lesson Sermon 11:00 A. M. "Ancient and Modern Necromancy Allas Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

WASCO CHURCH OF CHRIST 10 a. m. Church Bible School W. D. Watkins, Supt. The Communion; Message, "Whi The Lord Be In This House This Year?" A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all. F. Claude Stephens, Minister

Wasco Women Have Christmas Party

The ladies of the Methodist church held their Christmas party Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. M. Huckin. A Christmas tree with various colored lights and with the mantle lent distinction with white and pink candles in India brass holders with holly and pine cones, all of which were suggestive decorations for the living room. Pine cones, reindeer and sled, candles in India brass holders displayed on plate glass centered the dining table. A program was rendered: solo, Gladys Moore; duet by Nell Coats and Jean McIntyre, accompanied by Shirley McIntyre; reading by Mrs. Pauline Kaseberg; piano solo, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and a Christmas poem by Mrs. Harry Van Gilder. Refreshments were served in the late afternoon. Mrs. F. L. Cannell and Mrs. G. A. Sargent poured. A Christmas shower was given for Mrs. Lloyd Roysse, who is in a hospital in The Dalles.

The Standard Bearers of the Methodist church accompanied by Jean and Shirley McIntyre and Mrs. Irene Callaway met at the home of Rev. Cannell Tuesday evening. The group went carol singing and later celebrated Patricia Kaseberg's 16th birthday. A large decorative birthday cake with red candles and holly were assembled on the table. A lovely lunch was served and Christmas gifts were exchanged among the members.

The seventh and eighth grades gave a farewell party for Carlee Roberts who is leaving soon for Astoria. The afternoon was spent in playing games and ice cream and cake were served.

The contract club met at Stiles for their Christmas party Monday afternoon. A 1:30 luncheon was served, followed by three tables of cards. High score was held by Mrs. Joe Hillbrand and Mrs. F. S. Lamborn.

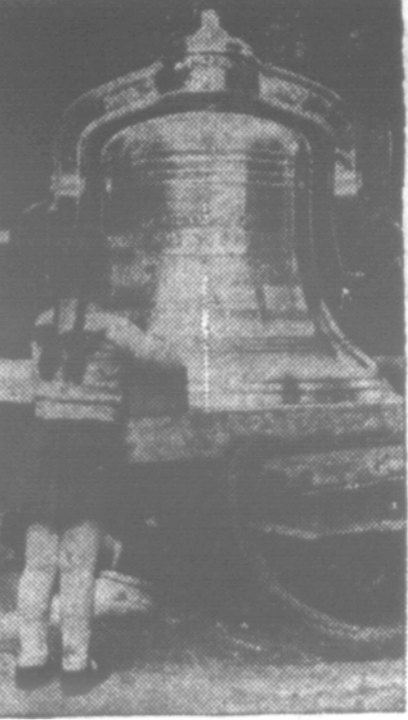
The Past Matrons of the Eastern Star met at the home of Mrs. H. A. White Tuesday evening for their Christmas party. The dinnable was centered with red candles and holly. Three tables of contract were in play and gifts exchanged.

December of 1946 has been a very dry one although the patter of rain began to be heard Thursday morning. It is possible although not probable, that a holiday rain could bring the month and crop year up to normal.

Mrs. Gordon Harper motored to Portland Wednesday to meet her son, Stanley Anderson, who is attending college at Corvallis and is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Glenn Van Gilder of Portland is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Ove T. Hansen. Mr and Mrs F. M. Crews will spend Christmas with their son.

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BELL TO HONOR HERO... A pig-tailed little girl is reading the inscription on the bell whose tolling will be a ringing memorial to the late Gen. George S. Patton, former commander of the U. S. 3rd army. It was presented to St. John's Episcopal church, Beverly Farms, Mass.

and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Marion Crews of Salem. Mrs. Belle Clothier left Monday for Portland to spend the holidays with her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs D. B. Johnson and her daughter, Miss Belle Clothier of Longview, Wash.

Mrs. A. M. Huckin motored to Olympia, Washington Monday to spend Christmas with her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs M. G. Walker.

Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder and daughter, Emma Jean, returned home from Portland after a short visit with the former's son, Glenn Van Gilder.

Mrs. Irene Callaway and son, Lanny, left Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs Wm. Carlston of Portland.

Mrs. Catherine J. Sonnenberg left Friday for Portland to spend the holidays with daughter, Esther Sonnenberg.

Mr and Mrs Philip O'Meara spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Booth of Boring. Mr and Mrs Hal Shelton and daughter, Nancy, of Seaside were

Christmas guests at the home of Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee. George H. Stanley of Casselton, N. D. is a houseguest of his step mother, Mrs. Esther Stanley arriving Tuesday. Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Sadie Rich were Mr and Mrs Arthur Van Gilder and son, Mr and Mrs Elvia Rich and sons, Mr and Mrs Harry Van Gilder and Mrs. Esther Stanley.

Mr and Mrs Fred Hennagin of Portland stopped in Wasco Thursday. They were on their way to California and Florida for the winter.

Mr and Mrs Blossom (Patty Yocum) of Seattle, Washington spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Orval Yocum.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Morehouse left Friday for Texas, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Morehouse's parents.

FOR SALE: Spitzenberg Apples Frank Tate, Moro Phone 454

Methodist Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon Helen Ruggles, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 118, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Ernest Houston, N. G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

Lureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. Roy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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We hope each of you enjoys A HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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