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on the Northwest

There will be a revision of the crop insurance law some changes in which may not be to the liking of those southern Democrats who in recent months have joined with Republican members of congress in opposing recommendations from the White House. Reason for the proposed revision is the simple fact that crop insurance has been a drain on the treasury since the day it was inaugurated back in 1938. The law was repealed in 1943 but pressure from the farm bloc was so great that it was re-enacted a year later only slightly improved from the viewpoint of the treasury department. It is still so full of holes as to be declared a legalized racket by congressmen who are opposed to this form of paternalism.

So far as the growers of wheat, tobacco and flax are concerned, their premium payments cover the cost of the insurance, but with cotton it is a horse of another color—mostly red. The deficit in the cotton crop insurance has been made good annually by the treasury, and economy minded congressmen are now determined that this drain shall cease. What the arrangement will be with respect to cotton cannot be forecast, but almost certainly it will not be such as will please congressional representatives from cotton growing states. It is understood that substantial agreement has been reached by farm organization leaders and Republican policy makers and it is assumed that adequate coverage will be assured growers of wheat and flax.

The loophole in the crop insurance law as now administered is that payments are not made on the basis of physical loss alone but also in cases where crop failures were directly due to negligence on the part of the owner—sometimes to men who had done no more than plant the seed and then left the results to nature. Under the proposed revision, crop coverage would be limited to the farmer's actual out-of-pocket expenses, instead of being based on a percentage of normal yield. This would assure payments, in case of failure, sufficient to enable the farmer to plant another crop but not in the form of a bonus for doing nothing. Some effort has been made to interest private insurance companies in taking over the crop insurance program but so far without success. There are so many causes of crop failure that it is impossible to work out a sound actuarial basis for premium rates a farmer could afford to pay, so reform by the government is altogether probable.

While it is reasonably certain that some measure setting up a national science foundation will again be approved by the senate, and possibly by the house, it would be unsafe to predict which the several bills already introduced will be accepted. The fundamental purpose of each of the measures is the same but there is little similarity in the manner in which the program is to be administered. The purpose of each is to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare, and secure national defense. A bill introduced by Senator Thomas of Utah would provide federal assistance on a peacetime basis for scientific scholarships and fellowships. Another bill, introduced by a bipartisan group including Senator Cordon of Oregon, would turn the whole responsibility for scientific research over to a board of scientists to be appointed by the president. In effect, either of the measures would commit the federal government to pay the cost of discovering and training promising young scientists.

Impressed by the number of biographies and other publications allegedly written by past and present members of the national administration, the senate has decided to investigate to what extent there has been "ghost" writing.

## Quarterly Tax Turnover Tells Story Of Record

In the tax turnover for the second quarter of the tax year ending February 15, the sheriff's office paid to the treasurer \$2,755.14 in taxes of which \$2,404.88 was current taxes, leaving the remainder \$350.26 as delinquent taxes.

The roads will receive \$483.78 and the County General Fund \$485.77. School districts will receive \$1,087.10, School District No. 9 getting the largest portion with \$338.08, and the Non-HI District will receive \$260.01 of the total amount. The cities of Wasco with \$106.96 and Grass Valley with \$161.15 outdistance the City of Moro which receives the sum of \$6.45.

Sherman county has the best record of delinquent taxes than any other county in the state.

## SHERMAN COUNTIANS BUY \$73,702 IN BONDS

During the year of 1946, Sherman Countians bought \$59,591 of E Bonds; 14,111 of F & G Bonds, a total of \$73,702. September was the biggest selling month with 13,762 in E Bonds and 999 in F & G Bonds. Cumulative redemptions for 1946 was 89,632.

Word has been received of the marriage of Barbara Kunsman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kunsman of The Dalles to Glenn Edward Brown of Oreno, Oregon. The ceremony took place at the Oreno Presbyterian Church on January 26. Mrs. Brown had been working in Hillsboro for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nichols returned home from their vacation trip Wednesday taking them to Cuba, Mexico and California and other places. They report a nice and warm time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kaseberg and Ira Messinger of The Dalles visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coon one day last week.

## Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson Jr. and son and Judge J. M. Wilson were business visitors in The Dalles February 12.

The Kent grade school celebrated Valentines Day with parties and the exchanging of Valentines. Several pre-school youngsters attended the festivities with their older brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Robert Helyer spent several days in The Dalles last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bekkedahl were business visitors in The Dalles Friday, February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson entertained several young married couples in their home Friday evening, February 14. The evening was spent playing pinocle. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of The Dalles. The Wilsons have been doing some remodeling and enlarging on their house and the party was in honor of the completion of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacInnis and Art Justesen were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday the 15th.

The Kent Town team won one basketball game and lost one to the Klickitat team in two games played in the Kent gym Saturday evening, February 15.

George Wilson and son, Bud, flew to Portland Monday, February 17, where Bud is receiving dental attention. They returned Monday afternoon.

Kent has been having quite an epidemic of influenza. The disease has been prevalent among the younger children and has caused quite a lot of absenteeism in the school these last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton were visitors in The Dalles Monday, February 17.

Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter Karen and Mrs. Paul Wilson and son Kelly and daughter Connie were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday, February 18.

The Kent school lunch room received delivery of their new refrigerator Tuesday the 18th. Up to this time they had been getting along without his very necessary item.

The Wheatland Rebekah Lodge held drill practice Monday evening, February 18 with refreshments served after practice. The monthly birthday meeting was held Thursday evening, February 21 honoring the birthday of Mrs. Harry Howell. Two members are to be initiated at the regular meeting night March 6.

## Salem Session Faces Many Tax Problems

Excise, Property, Income Taxes Discussed; HB9 Expected To Come Out

Something of the temper of the house was discerned last week when it voted 46 to 14 to give a private power company favorable conditions in which to build a power plant on the Snake river. There was criticism of the attitude of public power advocates who were charged with wanting to prevent any private company from doing any building whatsoever, even though there was demand for the electricity that public power could not reach.

A return to belief in individual rights as opposed to the new deal philosophy of government monopoly is apparent nationally as well as statewide. Perhaps we are in for a swing of the pendulum to the other extreme.

The Tax Study committee excluded reporters from its sessions in the last months, an action that is now being proven erroneous. The report, issued in December fell on a waiting public when it was more concerned with the holidays and it was not read by many. Now it lays like a load of undigested food on the house taxation committee, which, without having studied the report is inclined to by-pass it for something less constructive but simpler. This means probably that there will be a little patchwork on the already well patched garment of state taxes instead of some major reforms so badly needed.

This action will meet with the favor of those who would be adversely affected by the acceptance of the commission's ideas. Property taxpayers would have been better protected, individuals would have paid a little more and business would have been taxed more heavily had the plan been adopted, a result that seems unlikely at this writing. The business tax is admittedly a fairer tax than the one on personal property, but needs more public acceptance than is now possible. The utilities dislike the report because its recommendations would have levied an excise tax on them.

The excise tax amendment also would have removed the present exemption which cooperatives now enjoy. Members of true cooperatives have studied the bill without finding that it would damage them seriously. Some hope that a better definition of a coop would be evolved to eliminate the so-called coops that are tax exempt without being truly cooperatives. Removal of the exemption of utility corporations would have brought in around \$5,000,000 which would have meant more than four mills further reduction in personal property taxes, a little matter that would have meant much more to farmers than any possible tax on farm cooperatives. However, it may be years before, this is sufficiently understood to permit passage. All corporations, except utilities are double taxed, once by excise and once for income of stockholders.

Plan now being considered by those best informed is to raise another four million from income taxes to insure that there will be no property tax for the next biennium and then raise some money for the general fund through additional taxes, which may be necessary if welfare costs are not trimmed down. These taxes may be some on gambling, more from dog and horse racing, perhaps some from a withholding tax on wages which is partly for revenue and partly to insure collection of income taxes from workers, maybe a tobacco tax. If this policy is followed it would permit the state to end the biennium with a fairly good economic condition barring unforeseen conditions.

It is expected that the school bill, HB9, will come out this week, unless changed in committee it will be fought vigorously, and it is doubtful if the committee will change it much. It has become sacred to teachers and principals and parent-teachers, few of whom seem to have an understanding of it. It is impossible to believe that it will not eventually react against the present bunch of educational leaders and injure schools. Taxpayers are entitled to efficient administration and economy, especially in times of high taxes and they are not getting it. Schools that cost the state nearly 40,000,000 dollars should really educate.

The furor over the pay of state policemen is sort of a week end temper in a teapot, caused by personal rancor and will probably result in nothing. Ways and means is trying to find out the pay scale of similar officers and will act when that is available—not much before if any. Senate ways and means members are little concerned over the attitude of the speaker and might be inclined to enjoy his discomfort. There will certainly be a substantial raise in pay for the members of the state police before the legislature adjourns. That much is accepted as certain.



HOLDS QUADS FOR FIRST TIME . . . Mrs. Charles Henn Jr., Baltimore, Md., holds that quads, even if only a month old, make a real arm full. She is shown at St. Agnes hospital as she holds her famous month-old quads for the first time. At left are Tommy and Bruce, while at right are Joan and Donald. The children are reported to be doing exceptionally well and to be growing fast. The parents have been offered bushes from one end of the country to the other—and jobs for the father.

## Moisture And Warm Days Arouse County

Reports from the station show that during the past week we have had .75 moisture. Most of this was on Saturday the 15th with .31. Temperatures have ranged from 47 to 55 degrees during the day with 29 being the coldest for the week on Monday the 17th, however on the day of the 18th the mercury rose to 54 degrees.

With the oncome of the robin, rain and warm days the farmers are getting ready to start their spring work, the housewives their gardens and the seeds are out in the stores reminding us it is time to plan our vegetable gardens.

## POWER AND LIGHT CAPACITY INCREASED 100 PERCENT

Wednesday night between the hours of 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. the construction department of the Pacific Power & Light under the supervision of R. E. Forman of Portland removed the old bank transformers and installed three larger ones which will increase capacity 100 per cent.

## 2-4-D Used To Destroy Seed of Weeds

Possibility of using 2-4-D to reduce the spread of perennial weeds by seed, after the weeds are too mature to be killed by the spray, is suggested by Virgil H. Freed, assistant agronomist at the O.S.C. experiment station.

Tests conducted last year indicate that application of 2-4-D late in the growing season reduced the seed set and lowered the germination of seed of Russian knapweed, Canadian thistle, wild parsnip, Morning glory and a number of other kinds. Further work is required to determine the best time of application and the dosage, says Freed. This is not suggested as a substitution for earlier, properly timed sprays to control the growing plants.

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## Breakfast Club Elects New Officials

The Breakfast Club met Wednesday morning, February 19, and elected Merle Becket, President; Truman Strong, Vice-President, and Carrel Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer. M. M. Oveson and B. H. Roberson are to serve on the executive committee for a two year term while W. T. Balsiger and Giles French were elected to serve for one year.

Those put on an initiation committee were Vernon Platt, Harry Benson and G. Douma, date of which is yet indefinite. The next meeting will be held March 5 with the program committee consisting of Ed Eaves, Chairman, B. H. Roberson and Jacob Ferguson. No business at hand the meeting was adjourned.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE GIRLS MEET AT WASCO

The Junior League girls held a party in the basement of the Methodist Church, February 12th. Entertainment was directed by Patricia Kaseberg, who also made the arrangements for the decorations of a beautiful Valentine dinner table, decorated with a lovely Valentine paper table cloth and matching napkins. The center of the table was resplendent with two pink frosted angel food cakes. Miss Jean Lang was guest of the evening.

Larry Nisbet who is attending college at Yakima, Wn. was a week-end guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet.

Mrs. B. Estelle Halley returned to Portland to visit her father Henry Ford.

Mrs. Hene Callaway and son Lanny were week-end guests in Portland of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carlton.

Mrs. A. M. Hockin arrived recently from a visit of several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Walker and grandson Jimmy at their home in Olympia, Wn.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson and sister Carol Dae Drinkard motored to Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Wilma Wilde left for Stanfield to care for her mother, Mrs. Wh. Huping.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet were called to Portland last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nisbet's grandmother Mrs. Albert Cook.

Charles Hartman, Jerold Nisbet and Bill Rotherway went to Soap Lake, Wn. where they will be employed by the N.R.A.

Mrs. Albert Dormaier and daughter Maxine went to Portland Tuesday, they were accompanied home by her parents Mr. and Burness Guy who spent the week-end in Wasco.

Emmajean VanGilder and Mrs. Hene Delco returned to Portland Friday. Miss VanGilder will visit her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanGilder.

The Dorcas Society of the Christian Church held their class party Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. D. Watkins. A business meeting program and games were the diversion of the afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served in the late afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. White and Mrs. G. A. Sargent went to The Dalles Thursday and became members of the White Shrine.

All the grade teachers had Valentine parties in their rooms Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip O'Meara recently moved into the Patrick O'Meara house.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blatt were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krafcik and John Mardquet of Portland, they also called on Mrs. Grace McDermid and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker.

C. W. Johnson of Aloha returned to Wasco Sunday and is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson.

A very enjoyable Valentine's party was held in the basement of the Methodist church given by the President of the Standard Bear girls, Patricia Kaseberg. Carl Stierle started them off on some new games that were enjoyed by all. They had a fashion show and Miss Clair Ball, Mrs. Carl Stierle, and Miss Jean Lang were the Judges. Roe Decker won first.

Atzell Lemley brought Mrs. Lemley home from Portland Wednesday after spending several weeks in a hospital for medical treatment.

## Farm Sign Up Program To Start Monday

One Day Alloted Each Area; \$60,000 Is Sherman County's Allotment

Next week there will be a Farm Plan Sign Up for 1947 practice payments. There will be one day allotted to each area starting on Monday, February 24, in Moro at the Court House, Tuesday at the Wasco City Hall for the Wasco and Locust Grove areas, Wednesday at the Grass Valley Grain Growers, and Thursday at the Kent Garage Hall. All Sherman county farmers are to attend and all operators with their last names beginning with the letter "A" to "M" inclusive will work out their farm plans with the community committees between 9:00 and 1:00 o'clock and the operators with their last names beginning with the letter "N" through "Z" will work out their plans from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

In order for any payments to be made under the 1947 practice program, all practices must have prior approval of the County Committee. Sherman County's allotment for these payments is \$60,000.00. In order for you to receive payments for the practices completed in 1947, it is quite important that you attend this sign up day in your area, according to LeRoy C. Wright, secretary of the Sherman County Committee.

## Veterans Entitled To \$3000 Deduction

Oregon veterans discharged from active duty any time during 1946 are entitled to \$3,000 deduction on their state income taxes, and the same exemption applies for each year or part of a year in active service. George E. Sandy, director of veterans' affairs, said today.

April 15 is the deadline for filing state income tax returns, veterans were reminded.

The \$3,000 deduction is in addition to the regular personal exemption on incomes of less than \$750 for single persons and \$1500 for married persons living with their husband or wife, Sandy explained.

Veterans who served as enlisted personnel or in the lower ranks of commissioned officers and who had little or no income other than service pay will have no tax liability in most cases for years of service, and Sandy said in such cases a letter should be sent to the tax commission setting out income received in each year for which a return has not been filed and no further return will be required.

Veterans so filing should give the date they entered service, date of discharge, and if they were officers, both the date they left active service and the date their terminal leave ended.

Oregon law says the full \$3,000 may be deducted if a person was on active duty for any part of the tax year. It is not limited to service pay, but may be applied against any type of income. It may not be claimed, however, by a person who became a resident of Oregon after discharge unless he had income subject to Oregon tax during the period of service.

Base pay, flying pay, overseas pay, and retirement of regular army officers are taxable. Non-taxable are muster-out pay, government allotments to dependents, amounts received under the GI bill, and pensions for total or partial disability, including amounts paid to retired emergency officers. Returns should be filed at the state tax commission offices in Salem, or at 1137 S.W. Yamhill, Portland.

## DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER TO BE HERE

A Drivers License Examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro Thursday, February 27, 1947, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.