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COMMUNITY WELFARE

Efforts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to lead the community toward purchase of an ambulance for use of the community and county are laudable. It is such things that organizations can do best and for which they reserve the most praise.

Groups of ex-service men sometimes spend their energy in having fun in ways that the elder and less healthy members of the local society find displeasing. Probably no harm is done, but no good is done either.

An ambulance can do considerable service to the county, especially as long as doctors flock to the cities and forego rural practice. Perhaps the day of the old-fashioned country doctor is gone with specialization and the inability to effect a cure without aid of all the gadgets and serums and equipment found in hospitals.

We do have accidents in this county of heavy machinery although they are not the usual thing. We do become ill and need comfortable transportation to a hospital. An ambulance would give us more assurance of safety.

We think the community will respond generously to the call for aid and that an ambulance will be obtained. It will be better if it is done voluntarily and without support of any branch of government. The organizations that have and may interest themselves in the project are entitled to the right to finish it and obtain full credit for their enterprise.

HENRY FORD

Editorial writers are saying of Henry Ford that he was an example of rugged American individualism, that America is the only place in the world where a poor boy could climb to financial heights, that the land of opportunity is still just that. We wish it were all true.

The mere fact that Henry Ford is receiving such commendation is, in itself, almost positive proof that those days are going or entirely gone. He is not the example of a rule; he is an exception.

Those who rise because of individualism are rare indeed in these days when huge organizations prevail. Conformity is demanded. One must belong to trade organization, labor union, chamber of commerce. The days when individualism singly and with no other support than their own brawn and brains hewed out a fortune are probably gone from this land forever.

We are not a pioneer nation. And much has gone out of us in the way of spiritual strength since the day when Henry Ford invented, built and financed his own automobile and business.

But there is something to be said for us: we do still give reverence and respect to those who do dare to be themselves and achieve something by their own abilities.

COMMUNITY PROPERTY

A venture into community property was made by the Oregon legislature, recently adjourned. In 1943 a similar law was passed with provision that it would apply only to those electing to become affected by it. That law was held void by the federal court because it was plainly passed as a means of tax evasion.

Actually the present law was passed for the same reason but inasmuch as it is compulsory it is hoped, by its sponsors, that it will be accepted by the federal tax gatherers as valid.

Intent of the bill is to permit husband and wife to divide their incomes for purposes of income tax paying. Proponents say it will save Oregon taxpayers \$15,000,000 in federal taxes and it will cost the state nearly \$2,000,000 in state income taxes. Boosters for larger population in Oregon wanted it because Washington, California and Idaho all have community property laws and Oregon, they say, is at a disadvantage in getting men to move here with factories and industries.

Lawyers were about equally divided on the matter in both house and senate with the better informed being the more cautious about

forcing the act on an unsuspecting public.

Taxpayers most concerned are those who make their income from professions and business. Farmers, even the larger ones, have often made some division of property or are allowed to divide income because of wifely assistance in the business of farming—an assistance that is sufficiently real to prevent federal tax gatherers from denying its actuality.

Historically community property comes from France. It gives the wife one half of all income from salaries, wages and property held in common. Napoleon wrote it into his code after the French revolution. Italy, Spain and other countries captured by Napoleon still use this system of holding, dividing and transmitting property.

It came to this country by way of the French settlements in Louisiana and has spread to eight other states, mostly in the west and south. It came to Washington and Idaho because many of the writers of their first constitution were from Texas and other community property states.

The English common law, which is used by 39 states, comes from the old English law. Under it surviving spouses retain a third of the property for life.

Both systems have advantages. Community property advocates point with considerable fanfare to the equal partnership of the wife with the husband in the ownership of property. Common law provides for somewhat less equality between spouses but puts a greater burden of support and care on the husband. People live and get along well enough under either system.

The major arguments against passage of the bill for tax evasion purposes is that it brings a change in property rights to Oregon which has been under the English common law for nearly a hundred years. There must be an entirely new and different conception of the law on the part of the people. Lawyers will wax fat on the family inheritances, on property title squabbles for years to come.

The Oregon law comes from Oklahoma and it is not a complete community property law. It gives the husband control of all community property, but the wife can control that part of the property she owned at marriage or at the time the law becomes effective, which is July 5.

It was estimated that less than four percent of the people would benefit more than \$191 per year. The property titles of all would be complicated hereafter because of the change over from one property ownership system to another. It would be advisable to have the bill referred to the people so they could make their own decision as to their needs.

Not many months ago one might as well admit a liking for beans as for round steak; either endangered one's place in society. As in the silk shirt era that followed the first world war we have had a period of spending when war time riches, whether earned or figured, when conspicuous consumption was the only way to maintain a position among one's fellows. If a man eschewed night clubs, preferred proletarian beer to harder and more potent liquors, drove his old car without complaint at the slowness of labor, dressed his wife in anything but mink, or spoke with fondness of round steak, his neighbors presumed that he lacked the proper attitude toward economic nobility.

True the hind leg of a steer produces food as stimulating, as tasteful and as digestible as does any other portion of the animal. In fact breeders have done much to develop steers with huge hind legs whereas they have been able to do little to increase the size of the back from whence comes the more favored cuts.

What sort of a revolution is this that again puts round steak in the recipe column? Is it a sign of the times like being able to hire a brick layer or a plumber? Are we going to dangle earthward from our position in the skies until our feet touch the ground once more. Must we pay attention to dollars and handicap our souls, so used to planning a new world these past years?

Perhaps it would be wiser to cut out that item and save it for the day when other things as well were back to normal and round steak again a delicacy.

Perhaps it would be best if the telephone strikers stayed out until the public had demonstrated that it could get along without them.

The locusts seem slow - this year, perhaps there is more cold weather coming.

WASHINGTON NEWS

They received last November, but the critics do not understand congress. It is not like a state legislature where business must be conducted with a rush. Congress must move with deliberation and consideration and there are many conflicting views and opinions which must be harmonized. All things considered, congress is moving as fast with the labor legislation as it does with any other subject. The one thing that a senator or representative hates is to be pressured into rushing national legislation. And in the case of labor laws, all the leading labor bosses of the country are united in firm opposition to any amendment that will lessen their grip.

People's Column

Business houses throughout the county will shortly have in their windows showblinds advertising an Ambulance Benefit Dance; this letter is to explain the purpose of this dance.

Many people and some organizations have been talking recently about the need for an ambulance in this county. The results of these talks have been small—some information about ambulances has been obtained but no decisive action has been started.

The V.F.W. proposal is to buy an ex-army ambulance, which is rugged, large (four stretchers) and capable of traveling through mud, snow and over rough ground. The initial cost would be about two thousand dollars, this would take care of all licenses, insurance and other miscellaneous details. It would be staffed by trained volunteers, so organized that a driver would be available at all times.

Maintenance would be by private donations or public benefits. Some people have wanted to ask the county to buy and maintain this vehicle. This is a good plan; however, the county is limited strictly by budget limitation. Also some taxpayers would feel that they would never use it, which is true. We want an ambulance for just those people who feel there is a definite need for one. But who will these people be?

Any organization wishing to work with us on this project will be gladly welcomed. Norris Gilkison, Darwin VanGilder, Frank Sayrs.

Christian Science Society Lesson for Christian Science "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real." Tues Wednesday at 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

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In Other Days

From the Observer, April 13, 1928 The three school districts, Rufus, Biggs, and Brock, at a special election held at Rufus last Tuesday voted to consolidate the three into one school district. The vote was unanimous.

The annual typing contest will be held in the Legion hall at Moro April 20th at 8:00 p. m. Some entertainment will be given while the papers are being graded.

Three horses are now in training at the county fair grounds for harness racing this spring and next fall. Lady Lovelace, owned by L. V. Moore, Hal Brown, owned by Wiley McDonald, and Prince Zolock, owned by Roy Beishee. All three are pacers.

From the G. V. J. Apr. 12, 1918 Wednesday noon, Barnum Bros. passed through town with a bunch of cattle, having sold them to Truman Strong and were taking them to the Strong ranch near Bourbon.

There was a very heavy frost here Wednesday morning and it is hard to estimate damage done to early fruit buds. The Tum-A-Lum Co. in Kent have the frame for the new shed well under way. They have unloaded several cars of lumber this week. The crew on the elevator are blasting out the pit for the elevator. They have received three cars of gravel this week.

From the Observer, April 10, 1908 A Sunday school was organized in Monkland Presbyterian church last Sunday. Claude Thompson was named superintendent; Fred Kessinger, assistant; Charles Nish secretary; and Edna Melzer organist.

Mr and Mrs Ben Downing are visiting friends and relatives in this city and Grass Valley after an absence of 20 years. W. S. Powell is seeding a half section near Erskinfeld, recently purchased from N. W. Thompson. When that is done he will summer-fallow his Taylor-Fleck place east of Willerton Grove, 450 acres.

City election passed off very quietly in Moro Monday. Councilmen were elected as follows: for one year, W. H. Ragsdale; for three years, W. C. Bryant, C. K. Cochran, Dr. O. J. Goffin; treasurer, W. D. Wallan.

FARM LEGISLATION MAY BE DELAYED

If the plans of those who are shaping up political strategy for the Republican majority in congress are not disarranged by pressure from farm group leaders there will be no new legislation until after the 1948 election. The present purpose is to hold extensive hearings in the next session in an attempt to draft legislation satisfactory to the farmers, whose votes played such an important part in the 1946 overthrow of Democratic control of congress. In the meantime, government attitude toward crop restrictions and price stabilization will rest upon interpretations by the department of agriculture of the Steagall amendment and the bonus, if any, will fall upon the Democratic administration.

On the ground that its adoption will help to relieve the unemployment situation, when and if the retirement pay of civil service employees by 50 per cent or \$600 a year, whichever is the lesser. Mr. Butler argues that, if given this annuity boost, fewer employees will hang onto their jobs after reaching the retirement age and thereby make room for someone else to get on the government payroll. What such a law would do to budget-balancing efforts was not commented on by the New York congressman.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Classes for all ages. Morning worship 11 A. M. Subject "The Ascension" J. MacFarlane, pastor.

Wasco Church of Christ 10 a.m. Church Bible school, W. D. Watkins, Supt.; 11 a.m. Divine morning worship. The communion message "The First Evangelist" Dismissing a little early for county Sunday school convention at Moro. Each coming will please bring covered dish dinner. F. Claude Stephens, minister.

Grass Valley Baptist Church Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. The pastor will speak on "The Necessity of the Resurrection." Evening Service 7:45 p.m. There will be a baptismal service.

The annual meeting of the church will be held on Tuesday evening, April 10. Election of officers for the new church year will be held.

Howard A. Schilling, pastor Christian Science Society Lesson for Christian Science "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real." Tues Wednesday at 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

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Table with financial data: SYNOPSIS of annual statement for year ended December 31, 1946, of the FEDERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Chicago. Includes columns for INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS, and LIABILITIES.



CONGRATULATIONS... Kenneth Spencer, 6, offers his congratulations to "Blackout of Tokeden," winner in male colic class at Valley View Park Country club, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

POT-LUCK DINNER HELD AT MARVIN HOWELL'S

A potluck dinner was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Marvin Howell. Those attending were Mr and Mrs Howard Spencer and son, Eugene, Mr and Mrs Ed Olson, Mr and Mrs Arvid Anderson and son, Fred, Mr and Mrs Clarence Spencer and daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Margaret Hattie, Mr and Mrs Clayton McCall and sons, John, Bobby and Jimmy, Mr and Mrs Matt Schwendel and son, Lejand, Mr and Mrs Ort Norvald, Mrs Grace McDermid and sons, Donald and Malcolm and grand-

GAS AND OIL Three-Accessories

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Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Irma Johnson, NG Clara Houston, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting Members invited—Moro Oregon Genevieve Powell, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

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

Lodge No. 113, 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. John Lawrence, N.G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

son, Keith Blau, Ann Jean Briggs, Carol Briggs, Dick Booth, and the host and hostess, Mr and Mrs Marvin Howell and son, Bob, meeting in Portland.

The Women's Study club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs H. A. White for its Garden day program. Dorothea Moore of Moro demonstrated her dry flower collection pictures, Mrs F. S. Lamborn and Mrs L. E. Kaseberg demonstrated making corsages, and Dorothea Moore, Mrs F. S. Lamborn and Mrs L. E. Kaseberg wreaths. A very interesting afternoon was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Mrs Lloyd Royle returned Tuesday from a Dalles hospital to spend Easter week with her husband, Liloyd Royle and children, Carmon and Everett.

VINCENT C. GENTEMAN

Wholesale Dealer in SHELL OIL PRODUCTS Luber Finers Storage Tanks and Fittings

OIL BURNERS TEL. 241 MORO, ORE.

Mrs Keith McDonald went to Portland Monday, and Wednesday attended the funeral of her aunt Marcella Butler.

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as Administratrix of the Estate of Wilford Belshe, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1947, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

HAZEL BELSHE Administratrix T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administratrix, Moro, Oregon. April 4, 11, 18, 25.

The Junior Class presents Junior Prom Saturday, April 12 Wasco Gym Adm. \$1.20 couple Melodians. 9 to 1 Singles 60c

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh And That Ain't Hay -Or Is It? I guess all of us secretly hanker, from time to time, for the good old days and the good old-fashioned pleasures. I must say, Buddy Richards done a thriving business reviving the old-time hayride. With a team of horses, and a stout straw-bedded rack, Buddy can take as many as thirty adults—at fifty cents a head! Two or three times a week they start from Town Hall, and go out along the river; stop for a friendly glass of beer at Shoreside Tavern; and come home by way of Pound Ridge... nine miles in all. Not very exciting, you might say. But from where I sit it's not excitement that we need these days—but those simple country pleasures that are part and parcel of America—the old-fashioned hayride, with its song and jollity; the horseshoe games; the friendly glass of beer; and the good companionship that they engender. Joe Marsh Copyright, 1947, United States Brewers Foundation

Jonathan Logan Perpetual Motion—that's it! best way we know of describing this skirt, which holds its circular fullness by way of stitched pleats all the way around. Designed by Dorris Varnum in plaid gingham, the dress has flattering U-neckline, wide sash of self fabric. Available in assorted pastel plaids. Sizes 9 to 15. under \$13.00 GRETA 300 E. Second Street The Dalles, Oregon we invite you to open an account for your convenience open until 6 p. m.