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## GARRULOUS LEISURELY FLIPPANT COMMENT

This week the nation is awaiting President Truman's return from Canada and his approval or disapproval of the tax reduction program and the labor bill. Commentators generally lean to the thought that he will veto both of them and this appears likely. What philosophy may lead him to this step is not exactly apparent. His party gets its main strength from the solid south, which will probably support him in 1948 anyway, and from the larger cities of the north where working men often voted for the Democratic standard. To veto the labor bill, which may be passed over his veto, would not please the south which has been having much labor trouble of late. The labor leaders are making a big fuss over the passage of the bill by house and senate. To many readers the advertisements and speeches sound just a little off color as if the heart wasn't in the battle. Labor must know that its leaders have so often overstepped the bounds of public propriety that some curbs may be expected. This nation has often been slow to put a stop to aggression on the part of both capital and labor. When back in the last years of the former century and the first years of this, the government started to curtail the aggression of business, it had no more backing from the public than now when big labor unions are the aggressors. But probably Truman will keep his eye on his supporters and veto the bill. The tax matter is different. The men who are working are among those who would be most helped by the law passed by congress for they would get a reduction in income taxes of around 30 percent while big taxpayers would get about ten percent cut. It looks as if the president will have to follow two thoughts to veto both, although he has been opposed to tax reduction at this time, preferring to wait until another year.

The rains have come and worry about the crop will have to be put off until east winds begin or some other manifestation of nature comes to start it all over again. Even the over-publicized Mormon crickets have stopped to perform one of their family duties and have dropped from headlines and radio announcements to give place to flash floods that destroyed the cherry crop.

Wheat farmers are so cheerful over the rain there is not much discussion of the cherry loss which must be heavy this year so long continued were the rains. Even nature cannot please all sections. Yet legislatures and town councils are expected to make every one happy. And the thought that follows is pity for the conceit of dictators who take of themselves the job as manager of nations.

There is to be a big public hearing soon at Walla Walla on problems that have to do with development of the northwest. One side favors more government appropriations for dams, power lines and other huge improvements; the other prefers private development and also fewer dams because they damage the fishing industry. The nation is getting more socialistic and inasmuch as that is the general course of the world, probably will continue. Men who vote a straight ticket for the old parties, both of which are pledged to the capitalist system, think and talk in terms of government aid with more fervor than the socialists of another day. Karl Marx should be doing no turning in his once forgotten grave, for while his name is anathema over the greater part of the world his ideas have slowly permeated the world's thinking and those who want to be individuals and keep the government restricted to governing are having a hard time of it. Oddly, this nation is still pursuing a different policy abroad than at home. There we praise of individualism; here we are destroying it.

## Stock Ponds Boost Capacity of Eastern Oregon Ranges



More than 5,000 stockwater dams have been constructed on eastern Oregon ranges under the AAA program in the past eight years. This pond on the W. G. Dorrance ranch in Walla Walla county has never been dry since its construction in 1946. It provides a year-around water supply for 1,000 acres of brush grass range that can be grazed from April until late in November. County Agent Charles E. Young says this range is much better than the brush range before construction of the dam. The dam is about 100 feet in the early spring when water is scarce and it was not used the rest of the season.

## Moro School Directors Have Many Problems

The local school board has more troubles than the election of board members next Monday. It also will discuss the proposed budget on which it must have the approval of a majority of the voters. It is for \$39,181.05 with expected receipts of \$28,500, leaving \$10,681.05 to be raised by taxation. Of this amount \$5226.12 is outside the six percent limitation and must be approved also. This will result in a levy of some 16 mills if approved. Two members must be elected to the board the three year term of Carroll Sayrs having expired and the appointive term of Lloyd Henrichs also having ended. One must be elected for three years and one for two years. Furthermore the board would like an expression of voter opinion on the propriety of paying transportation within the district, a move that will be necessary if the Moro board is to aid those within the districts who bring children to school. It also has a bearing on future consolidations.

## GAVINS RETURN TO MORO

Mr and Mrs Ed Gavin returned to Sherman county Sunday after an absence of several months most of which was spent in New York. They returned by the south and have spent some time in western Oregon where they expect to move this fall or before. Clarence Huls has bought the Wills house, occupied recently by Dick Holdaway, and has moved into the place.

## Vernon Millers Entertain Parents from Eugene And Moro Over Past Week End

Visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller were Mr Miller's sister and family, Mr and Mrs Willard Bear of Scappoose, Mrs Miller's parents, Mr and Mrs M. H. Rice from Eugene and Mr Miller's parents, Mr and Mrs W. C. Miller of Moro. Mr and Mrs Clinton Deyo of Salem were visitors last week at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Thompson. Mr and Mrs Harry Hydorn of Baker were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs Hydorn's parents, Mr and Mrs John Mathieson. Mrs Ernie Engle went to Buhl Idaho last week to be with her small son, Lary, who recently became ill while visiting with his grandparents. Mrs Catherine Bolce returned last week from Albion College in southeastern Idaho where she has been attending school since January. Mrs Helen Deyo recently returned from Wisconsin where she has been visiting relatives for the past month. Mr and Mrs David Reid of The Dalles were visitors Saturday at the Gordon Reid home. Charles Kuypers and Raymond Curtis were business visitors in Goldendale Thursday. Miss Gerita Riggs returned from New Meadows, Idaho last week after spending two weeks visiting relatives. Jim Tate transacted business in Portland Wednesday and Thursday. Mr and Mrs Delbert McClain of Camas, Wash., were weekend visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Harvey McClain. Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum and daughter Shirley were weekend

## Fair Board Votes Kenne Young Hired By Board As Principal

The Moro school board has hired a principal for next year. He is Kenneth G. Young who has taught at Long Creek for the past year. He graduated from Burns High school and attended college and has attended summer schools at Oregon State and the University of Colorado where he obtained his masters degree in psychology. He is a science teacher, is over six feet in height and has taught football, basketball and boxing. He has taught at Crane and at Long Creek both before and after the war, where he served as a captain in charge of training in the medical corps.

## MIDCO DATE SET

The Midco Show & Sale will be held September 20 and 27, this year a week later than the fair so there will be no conflicts as to space. Bob Teale is general manager of the show and Dr. C. W. Hickman of the University of Idaho will again be the judge. The show will be held Friday afternoon and the sale will start shortly after noon on Saturday. Although no stock records have been received to date there is promise of 20 Shorthorns, 50 Herefords and probably 15 or 20 Angus entries.

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Wasco lost its ball game with Fossil Sunday by a score of 2 to 1 after nine innings of close ball that delighted the big crowd but disappointed them somewhat because of the result. Fossil scored in the second when they got on through an error and scored on outs by Scamp and Milo Prindle and scored again in the fourth on two hits and two errors. The remainder of the game Jensen was able to hold the Fossil boys within bounds usually by keeping them off base altogether. Wasco scored in the second inning also when Jensen got on through an error and scored on Welch's hit. The Wasco gang of sluggers were kept safe throughout the game by Prindle, Fossil pitcher. Wasco goes to Prineville Sunday for an out of league game after which the boys will tangle with Lone there and with Condon at home on July 8, another game that will be a lively one, Condon now being the league leader.

- | WASCO              | FOSSIL        |
|--------------------|---------------|
| S. O'Meara, 1      | Miller, m     |
| Macnab, 1          | G. Prindle, 1 |
| Fridley, m         | Boyles, 1     |
| Jensen, p          | Schomp, r     |
| Phifer, 2          | Bird, s       |
| D. Richelderfer, r | Luftin, 3     |
| H. Richelderfer, 3 | M. Prindle, p |
| Welch, c           | Misener, 2    |
| Murphy, s, 2       | Mathew, s     |
| Dormaier, 1        | Partlo, s     |

## Barbecue Billed At Park Sunday For All County

A barbecue, picnic and soft ball game is on the schedule for Sherman countians at the Moro park next Sunday when Walther-Williams company of The Dalles brings its team here to engage a local team captained by George Wilson of Kent. The entire program is by way of introducing E. G. Harlan, new manager of the company, to citizens of this county. Mr Harlan, brother in law of Harry Walther, has long experience as Chamber of Commerce secretary in Oregon towns and in Boise, Idaho. LeRoy Wright will officiate at the barbecue pits and will have Sherman county 4-H club steer beef ready to regale the visitors after the ball game ends, which will be about three o'clock. There will be coffee and ice cream provided as well and other foods will be brought by those who come for the game. A short program has been arranged with the county judge, and local town mayors being given a chance to speak as well as distinguished guests of the day.

## Two Special Tax Elections Will Be Held Next Week

Next Monday electors of the various school districts of this county may go to the polls and cast ballots for directors and in many cases pass on excess levies for school purposes. This is an American right that should not be forgotten. In addition to voting for school directors the voters must select a new board of five to comprise the rural school board which will have power over district budgets hereafter. Wise selection of these men will aid schools. Nominated by petition are C. A. Tom, H. H. Brackett and George Fox in the Rufus district; W. A. Nisbet in the Wasco zone; Irving Hart in the Moro zone; Wallace May from Grass Valley and Frank von Borstel from Kent. Voters may write in the names of others if they choose and rumors of some campaigning for other candidates have been heard. One man for a place on the non-high school board must also be chosen. Incumbent is Kenneth Fridley from Wasco who must be elected from that zone. So far as is known there is no opposition to Mr Fridley who has served for some years. Next Friday, June 20, all Sherman county voters will have the chance to vote for an increase of \$40,000 per year for two years for road purposes. This election will be held in the regular polling places with regular election officials conducting the election. This is an election for a special levy in excess of the six percent limitation. The list of roads to be improved has received wide publicity and everyone may inform himself on the purpose for which the money will be used. The county court is pledged to follow the list. There has been no campaign either for or against this levy which was proposed by the court and examined by a committee of citizens from all parts of the county, which brought in a unanimous report favoring the levy. Both of these elections will be held next week, one Monday and one Friday. Both are important.

## Kent Family Celebrates Birth of Daughter With Family Dinner

Mr and Mrs Grover Young entertained Sunday with a family dinner to celebrate the birthday of their daughter Mrs Florence Clark of Portland. Other's present were Mr and Mrs Clarence and Mr and Mrs Harry Young, Mrs Clark returned to Portland Sunday evening. Mrs Theo. vonBorstel motored to Pendleton Sunday afternoon and returned the following morning with her daughter, Mrs Keith De Courcy who has been in nurse's training at St. Anthony's hospital. Mrs De Courcy has a two weeks vacation before returning to duty. E. C. Smith and son, Billy, left for Bay City last Friday. They visited at the home of Mr and Mrs George McKay and attended the oyster festival Sunday. They then motored to Bridge for a visit at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Erig. They are expected home late in the week. Miss Joyce Smith has spent the past week visiting her aunt, Mrs John Koepeke at Redmond. She returned home Tuesday. Ted Urban of Sweet Home visited Sunday evening at the E. C. Smith home on his way to Pasco, Washington. Mr and Mrs George Buckle of Sweet Home were visitors last weekend at the E. C. Smith home. Mrs Ray McKay and daughter, Darlene and mother, Mrs Ann Barrows left Thursday for a family reunion at Chiloquin. Mr and Mrs Robert Helyer and family returned Saturday from a weeks vacation at Rockaway. Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies and family were dinner guests Thursday at the John Koepeke home. Mr and Mrs Harry Justesen drove her father, John Docker of British Columbia to Portland Wednesday to catch a United Alfliner for Los Angeles where his only son, Ken, is critically ill. They returned home the following day and then left for Los Angeles by car Saturday to be with Mrs Justesen's brother. Mr and Mrs Eugene Norton and family and Mr and Mrs Paul Smith and family were dinner guests Saturday evening at the Jerry Wilson Jr home. Mr and Mrs Jerry Wilson Jr, Mr and Mrs Eugene Norton and Paul Wilson were Sunday evening visitors at the John Koepeke home in Redmond. Roy Justesen who has been staying at the home of his mother Mrs Thora Justesen motored to Condon Sunday. Mrs George Gregg of Portland, Mr and Mrs Bill Rutherford and children of Grande Ronde, and Mrs Bill Jefferies and children were guests at the James Matthes home Saturday, May 31. Mr and Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Gregg were dinner guests the following day at the Alfred Lyons home.

Arthur Justesen, Richard Abel, and Mr and Mrs George Wilson and family attended the baseball game in Wasco Sunday. Mrs B. A. Hogue and daughter Gertrude were driven to The Dalles by Frank Bennett Saturday. They remained at the Bennett home over the weekend and returned to Kent Monday. Judge J. M. Wilson, Luther Davis and George and Lester Wilson attended the meeting of the Moro Breakfast club last Wednesday. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley and Merle Becket of Moro were business visitors in Kent Tuesday afternoon. Mr and Mrs Malin Tracewell and twin sons of Portland were week end visitors at the home of Mrs Tracewell's mother, Mrs Emma Davis. Mrs James Matthes attended a bridal shower for her niece Miss Dorothy Barnett at the I.O.O.F. hall at Grass Valley last Monday. Rainfall at Kent in the last two weeks has now reached 1.66 inches. It has been estimated that crop prospects have now doubled in the Kent area. Miss Mary Brown of The Dalles came Saturday to spend the summer at the Theo. von Borstel home. Mrs Jay Clum of Portland and small daughter, Linda, were over night visitors at the Kenneth Sather home last Wednesday. Mrs Clum is the daughter of D. E. Bicknell who is employed on the Sather ranch. Mr and Mrs Clum were overnight visitors at the Allan Bekkedahl home Thursday. Mr Clum spent Wednesday there, also. Mr and Mrs Joe Bibby left last Friday for a fishing trip to Clear Lake. They returned Sunday. Mr and Mrs Bill Holmes and sons, Sam and Robert, and Mrs Holmes' mother, Mrs Vanotter, Mary Bowman and Father Degman of Dufur were dinner guests Sunday at the Theo. von Borstel home. C. J. Kulick arrived at the Theo. von Borstel home from Portland Friday night and returned early Sunday morning. Mrs J. E. Norton and Mrs Frank von Borstel attended the meeting of the Sherman County Republican women in Moro last Tuesday. Mr and Mrs Jess Brewster of Vancouver, Washington accompanied by their son and daughter and son in law were overnight visitors at the Harry Howell home Saturday. Mr Brewster homesteaded the land now owned by George Howell across Buck Hollow. They left Kent thirty-two years ago. Mr and Mrs John McInnes are staying at the home of Mrs Thora Justesen during the absence of Mr and Mrs Harry Justesen.

## Shaniko News

Mr and Mrs G. B. Harris left Thursday for California on their vacation. Others taking vacations are Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees Sr and Miss Margaret Olson who went to spend a few weeks with their son and family, Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees Jr in Portland. Henry Spalinger was a week end visitor here Sunday and Monday. Mr and Mrs James Phifer were in The Dalles Thursday. Mr and Mrs J. E. Hinton were here at the home ranch Monday leaving for their home in Bend that evening. Mr and Mrs George Ward drove to Bend the same day. Old residents of Shaniko here to spend a few days were J. F. Fine of Portland, O. S. Holer of California, Pat and Lyle Whaley of Washougal, Washington. Mr and Mrs Ernest Akin and family of Medford were visitors of his mother, Mrs Althea Whitman and his sister, Miss Annette Akin and Clark Akin Saturday. With his mother and sister the Ernest Akins drove to Mitchell Saturday afternoon. Miss Jean Brown returned home with Mr and Mrs A. J. Brown who had gone to LaGrande to bring her from school. The REA crew is wiring to the houses now. John Joyce, Pete Robertson and others of the Hinton & Ward ranch crew are located near Lapine where the sheep have summer range. AAA APPLICATIONS UP Oregon farmers are being reminded by county committees that June 30 is the last day for filing application for payment under the 1946 agricultural conservation program. Most farmers who participated in last year's program already received payments for the government's share in the cost of soil building and erosion control work. Those not sure about whether they have signed an application are asked to visit or telephone their county AAA office before June 30.