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GAME REFUGE

A game refuge has been established in Sherman county and there is a promise of more to come. That is a fine step and it has been brought about by the cooperation of several individuals and organizations, who may be complimented for their action. It has been demonstrated that game birds can live through most Sherman county winters, if they can stay where there is some cover. There are many such places. Heretofore these places have been hunted so thoroughly that birds could not exist there. Game refuges will make that illegally impossible.

It may not be expected that the county will ever be filled with game birds. The natural disadvantages are too many. But we can have many more than at present if those having places of natural cover will permit the establishment of refuges, at least, until such time as locally hatched birds become numerous.

Sherman county is the only county in the state that is closed to deer hunters this year. The sportsmen association has asked for this ruling and it has been granted by the game commission. We do have a number of deer here and, if protected, for a few years we could have more. This need not be a barren waste as far as game is concerned and some steps toward conservation of them are appropriate.

TAX DISCREPANCIES

There is general criticism of those eastern representatives who are said to have opposed appropriations for the west because of the cost to their own states. That probably does not fully state the attitude of these men, but might conceivably be partially the cause of their attitude.

Other reasons may have been the dislike for too much government, and the fear of arrogant bureaucracy, but that is beside the present point.

The amount of taxes paid by each state in relation to the others is not generally made public. If it was released together with a list of federal appropriations made to each state the information would be very pertinent. The richer states of the east would probably be found to be paying a much larger percentage of taxes than they receive. Whether or not the business the west does with these states is purchase of manufactured products, insurance premiums, etc., cannot be known in this case.

It is certain that there is a vast difference in the amounts paid and amounts received. Oregon is probably getting more than it gives, although not so great a difference as obtained by many other states. We are far from being the pauper of federal family.

Within the state the same thing applies. Here conditions are different. Sherman county probably pays the greatest amount of taxes per capita into the state of any county. The mid-Columbia area counties are all payers of huge sums that are greater than the receipts. Any statewide tax that is distributed on the basis of population costs this county and these counties more than they receive. Our valuations are too high and our incomes so high that this is necessarily so.

Probably the poorest county of the state is Josephine which has low valuation, a large population which has strangely achieved the distinction of having old folks and lots of children at the same time. Many of the valley counties are tax users to a greater extent than they are tax payers.

Multnomah county is a large payer of taxes and is hurt when a state distribution of taxes is made. Multnomah, however, has an opportunity to recover its losses because much of the state does business there. Neither Sherman, nor it adjoining counties, has this opportunity.

In Oregon we have had a sudden increase in such overall taxes, that are to be distributed back to taxing units. The school tax, is an example. They are bad tax policy because they give lo-

cal municipal corporations money to spend for which they have no local responsibility. And they are particularly bad for us because they cost us more than we can receive.

HARVEST

The harvest season that is now ending in Sherman county, while it has been better than average was not entirely satisfactory. The first harvest blow to a top yield was the hail storm that destroyed some hundreds of acres completely and reduced yields over much more than that.

Then there was rain that delayed cutting and made further threshing a late morning affair. Then, too, many yields were not as good as expected. The result has been a crop of little over 2,000,000 bushels put in the elevators, to which must be added seed and feed kept at home and some farm storage which will boost the total somewhat.

When in early May the papers began advertising our drought the crop seemed no better than normal. June rains and cool weather bettered conditions and at harvest time expectancy of good crops were justified.

The high price makes up for any lowered yield as far as income for farmers is concerned. No one is really hurt except, naturally, those who lost through the hail storm. But farmers like to produce the most that the land will yield. A 40 bushel crop indicates a good job done whether the price is high or low.

In this regard farmers are somewhat different than some other workers, who operate by the dollar and endeavor to get the most monetary return regardless of the amount of product turned out.

But now interest turns to the 1948 harvest. The hope will be for a timely rain that will permit early seeding of fall wheat and a good stand and a wet winter. All farmers live on hope but none has so long a period of hope as the fall wheat grower to whom hope is an eleven month matter.

Wheat hauling is about over, and one might tell it by the quietness of the street. There are no "exhausting" trucks, whose drivers make them roar as a means probably, of demonstrating power-like an adolescent athlete his muscles.

It is reported that Eleanor and Elliot have gone into partnership to raise Christmas trees. Think of the practice they've had at this Christmas business.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Aug. 12, 1908
DeMoss hill has been strawed to a depth of 6 or 8 inches which makes it splendid for wheat hauling.

Mrs Walter Rutledge is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs Lottie Rinearson at Grass Valley.

Three weeks will just about finish up harvest in Sherman county.

From the G. V. J. Aug. 23, 1918
Butcher Ziegler has improved the appearance of his place by installing a new glass refrigerator show case.

Dean Reynolds has rented the Davis farm east of Grass Valley and will take possession this fall.

All young men who have reached the age of 21 June 5, this year, must register August 24 at the Court House.

From the Observer, Aug. 24, 1929
The wedding of Marie Amidon and Robert Hoskinson was held at the home of the bride's parents Saturday evening.

Arthur Christianson arrived from Oregon City to take over the book work at the Farmer's State Bank replacing Lloyd Hennagin who will go to the university this fall.

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

Eureka 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

Moro 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

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

Wasco School Opens Sept. 8

The public school in Wasco will start on September 8 this year. Mr and Mrs L. L. Funk with Mr and Mrs W. A. Nisbet and daughter, Gwen, and son, Billie, met the Funks' son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs T. L. Whipple and baby Kay of Portland at Viento park Sunday where they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mr and Mrs Bill Edwards, who have spent the summer here, left Sunday to make their home at Salem where Mr Edwards will attend Willamette University.

Among those who attended the Dodger-Don football game Sunday in Portland were Art Watkins, Henry Righelderfer and Mr and Mrs Paulen Kaseberg.

Miss Lorraine Gosson of The Dalles spent the weekend visiting her sister, Mrs Lavilla Stone.

K. R. Ferguson of Portland was a week end visitor here. On his return he was accompanied by Mrs Ferguson and daughters who have spent the past month at the home of Mrs Ferguson's mother, Mrs Lydia Darby.

Mrs Pearl Grascup left for Seattle Saturday to attend open house at Dolly Meyers Dress Manufacturing company. On her return she spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Portland for further fall buying.

Mr and Mrs Jim O'Meara and children were week end visitors in Portland.

Carl Tuggle left for Seattle Thursday and returned Sunday evening accompanied by Mrs Tuggle who has spent the past week there.

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recently returned home after an absence of about a month. They visited Mrs Sterle's parents at Danube, Minn., and also spent some time in Duluth and Chicago.

Mr and Mrs Ray Mest and family of Woodland, California called at the home of Mr and Mrs M. J. Schwendel Wednesday. They were en route to Washington.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Shull with their daughter, Jean, and son Douglas, left Monday to spend a vacation on the Oregon coast at Taft.

Mr and Mrs Afton McIntyre and children left Sunday to spend a vacation on the Oregon coast.

C. W. Johnson and Hawes Yates left Friday for a week's outing at East Lake.

Mr and Mrs George Moon were business visitors in Seattle last week, attending the furniture market there.

Mr O. W. Barnett and Mrs Charles Everett left for Portland Tuesday for a stay of two weeks.

A Monday overnight guest at the home of Mr and Mrs P. G. O'Meara was Mr O'Meara's cousin, Joe Wilson, of San Francisco.

Houseguests at the home of Mr and Mrs Raymond Van Gilder are Mr and Mrs Victor Crans and daughter, Bonnie Jean, of California.

Mr and Mrs Pal Wallace went to Portland Saturday for a day's visit.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Van Gilder and Mr and Mrs Ora Workman and family spent Sunday at Stevenson, Wn., visiting friends. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Ruby McCall who plans a few days visit here before leaving her home in Bend.

Mr and Mrs Sid Johnson of The Dalles were Sunday callers at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Everett.

Art Smith and P. G. O'Meara were Monday business visitors at Hood River.

Mrs E. D. McKee left for Portland Monday. She also plans to go to Seaside to help her daughter, Mrs Hal Shelton, move from there to Hood River where the Sheltons will make their home. Mr Shelton has been in business there for some time but they have been unable to find housing accommodations until recently.

Lester Gray left Wednesday to spend a week with his father, Dr. C. L. Gray at East Lake.

Mrs E. F. Feldman returned Monday from Hermiston where she has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Walter Maffei for several days.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of Julia Smith Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Julia Smith Brown, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: August 8, 1947.

Norman E. Fields Administrator 40-43c

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