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length of four or five inches and before the farmer had thought of killing them off. There's no need trying to compare the appreciation with which these early greens were regarded with any gustatory delight of these effete times. Another biscuit, a little more bacon and some more greens went down the vitamin starved throats of the whole family until the field was near denuded of mustards.

Nowadays we have strawberries at Christmas, lettuce every day and radishes are a salad vegetable instead of a spring conditioner and none of them even come close to the taste of the mustard green when the winter woollens were beginning to scratch, the woodpile getting low and the work stock being caught up for the spring plowing.

People's Column

To the Editor:
 Some of the interested residents of Sherman County may be asking "Whom does the Sherman County School Committee represent?" Due to the nature in the written material being issued during the past few weeks in the name of the Sherman County School Committee, it would seem that the members have a deep personal interest in the forthcoming election. That members have a deep personal interest cannot be denied, since many are parents and the deepest human interests lie in the welfare of children.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION IN THE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON UPON QUESTION OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION II, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday, April 19, 1948, by the Rural School District of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in all component school districts of said Rural School District.

The election will begin at 2 p. m. and will be held in the school house in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the rural school district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948, over the amount limited by Section II, ARTICLE XI of the Constitution.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: The Rural School District laws state that the base shall be determined by adding all existing bases of school districts. This amount is too low to meet the need for operating the schools.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Blanche Lovelace Savage, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1948, 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.

Fred Cole
 Administrator
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Administrator
 23-26c

COUNTY UNIT VOTE

Citizens of the county who are registered will have an opportunity on April 17 to vote for or against the adoption of the county unit plan for Sherman County.

There has been a pretty fair discussion of the plan in general and many arguments on its pro and con features are had daily. Nevertheless, it is possible that the decision will be made on some factors that cannot be determined by the decision at the polls.

It is the opinion of this newspaper that the schools of the county, especially high schools, would be improved by any change that consolidated them into one. Concern for the county's best crop—its children—indicates that the county school law would improve educational standards. That is the first consideration.

Second, it now seems certain that the taxpayers would save some money by the adoption of the plan. The budget of the rural school board for the schools of the county is \$245,900. A reduction in that figure seems entirely possible under the county school law. In fact, it seems very likely.

A majority of the members of the rural school board have said that that law would be improved if he board had authority to administer the budget it makes. That would be practically the same as the county school law.

The only question on which people are voting is the adoption of the county school law.

Although some members of the school committee have said that they hope to immediately hold an election to issue bonds for construction of a new high school building, that question is not before the voters. When and if it does come to a vote the question will be on that specific matter. It appears possible that school facilities now built could be used without large immediate expense.

Neither are the people voting on the question of consolidating grade schools. There is no sentiment for that. The very school committee that voted to sponsor the county school law voted almost unanimously against changing any of the grade schools.

The county school law would give to the county school board the power to consolidate schools. Whether it would find it possible to bring the high schools together by next fall cannot be known in the absence of more study on the matter.

The young people who are working toward the adoption of the county school law want better schools for their children; they think they can obtain them through the suggested change. The record is that they can do so. If this county is to develop socially and educationally we must be willing and able to change to meet the demands of the people who are on the farms and in the towns as to better social conditions.

This newspaper is not going to stand in the way of any improvement in the county which the people most concerned want, especially if that improvement has proven satisfactory in other places, and especially if it bids fair to cost less money.

MUSTARD GREENS

If the prospects of getting anything from the radish seeds that were recklessly put in the ground between snow storms seem remote, there is one means of getting something fresh into the menu. That is mustard greens.

Now mustard greens are an old-fashioned sort of provender and one that was more highly regarded in the days when hot houses and Californians didn't supply fresh vegetables through the winter. In those days a family went into the winter family went into the winter with a pile of potatoes covered with straw and earth, a good barrel of sauerkraut, a box of dried apples, a few dried peaches, a smokehouse filled with cured meat and a sack of beans. With biscuits from the flourbin that made up the diet until the radish seeds and the onions and rhubarb brought spring to the table.

Green stuff was considered necessary to thin out the blood after three or four months of winter food, although the masculine part of the family used to keep the blood thinned otherwise.

Naturally when the ever-ambitious mustard shot into the first sunlight to grow veritably like the weed it is, it attracted the attention of the housewife who hadn't seen anything green since the Christmas decorations faded. With basket akimbo she trod out over the fields to gather a mess of greens as soon as the tender leaves had reached a

TAX BILL

Congress has passed a tax reduction bill, the president has vetoed it and congress has passed over that veto. The procedure makes a lot of people very happy partially because the tax cuts apply to this year and are retroactive to January 1, 1948. With-holding will take less after May 1.

It is probably fortunate that the bill was passed now because it will seem very impossible soon if the defense measures go through which seems likely. Anyhow it is thought highly probable that taxes in 1949 will have to be higher. There is a seven billion surplus that we are using to make good the Republican promise of tax reduction. There are few who think it should be applied to the national debt, but the number will grow, when the tax cut has been spent and the debt still faces them.

Best reason for tax cut is that only by that means can the cost of government be reduced. There is no assurance that the present bill will do that. It is coming from surplus and not from expense cuts. Cutting the cost of government is a hard task and one that is not often accomplished until the money is gone and found to be irreplaceable. Individuals have found the same condition to prevail in their private business.

Although there seems almost universal joy over the tax cut and congressmen rushed to the veto vote with pleasure, it is doubtful if it will look so glamorous in a couple of years. We do hope, however, that some bright student of taxation will be able to tell us how to get out of debt painlessly.

AIR INSPECTOR HERE

C. W. Nelson safety supervisor of the state board of aeronautics, was in Sherman county Wednesday to establish a system of search for lost airmen.

Norman Fields, sheriff, will be in charge of ground search and Frank Pike of Grass Valley will be in charge of air search.

Coordination of local work and of work on a statewide basis is provided through the state board and telephone service arranged. Expense will be paid by the state board which derives its funds from flier fees. A system of signals has been developed and can be learned by those needing it.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr and Mrs Theo. von Borstel were Mr and Mrs Donald von Borstel, and daughter, Joy, Bill Pausch, and Kenneth Crews.

Sam Stark of Grass Valley, Art Barzee and Jean Joyal of Fossil were business visitors in Wasco Monday.

Mrs M. Knaus returned from Lonview, Wash. She was accompanied by her mother Mrs Harper and brother, Donald Harper. They returned Sunday.

Mrs T. E. Kirk & daughter Joan of Waitsburg, Wn., are spending a few days at the Charles Wilson home.

The new Nazarene church basement forms are taking shape, and the concrete will be run in the near future. A committee meeting was held recently and full plans were completed for furnishing the basement which will compose of a kitchen, rest rooms, coat and furnace room, spare room and an auditorium.

Thomas Lewis spent his vacation last week with his mother in Forest Grove. Lewis is the Rufus music teacher.

Miss Verhoet who is the county health nurse visited at the Rufus school house Monday.

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Leo Watkins, N. G.
 John DeMoss, Secretary

The school committee, one of the six committees appointed last October to work on Sherman County problems, made its report on January 27. The original committee consisted of 39 farmers, businessmen, and housewives representing all sections of Sherman County. At the present time about 30 of the original members are active.

The Sherman County conference endorsed the report of the school committee which included a recommendation that the county unit system be adopted as the most feasible means of achieving the goals set and of strengthening the schools of the entire county. In the words of the committee, "... such suggestions if carried out would bring to us an educational system unequaled in advantages offered and over a long period of years at no extra cost."

The members of the committee resolved themselves into a permanent body until such time as their purposes have been achieved. They retained Kenneth Fridley as chairman and elected Millard Eakin as permanent secretary. "Your committee has set \$250.00 as a budget, which will be raised through contributions, to be expended in defraying the necessary expenses in placing the School Law before the people."

The recent circular letters and advertisements urging Sherman County residents to register and comparing the costs of education, in county unit with those in non-county unit systems were financial releases to the public will be a comparison of the school programs offered in county unit and non-county unit systems. Another release will give the results obtained from a questionnaire sent to people in the counties having the unit system. Officials included county judges, county assessors, masters of Po-mona Granges, county librarians, editors of local papers, chairmen of county school boards, presidents of county teacher groups, and others.

At present 21 replies have been received. As can be expected, a few individuals pointed out difficulties which were experienced in their own counties. Adverse as well as favorable criticism will be reported fairly to the public so the voters can make their own decisions. Any system should stand or fall on its own merits. The Sherman County School Committee feels that evidence so far assembled is decidedly in favor of the county unit system.

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Kenneth Fridley, Chairman
 Millard Eakin, Secretary

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 Administrator of the Estate of Wesley J. Wilde, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1948, 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.

Wilma Wilde
 Administratrix
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Administratrix
 23-6c

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 his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Henry I. Savage, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1948, 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 settlement of said estate.

Fred Coel
 Administrator
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Administrator
 23-26c

T. Lester Johnson
 LAWYER
 WASCO MORO

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Donald O. McDermid and Malcolm John McDermid, have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of Grace McDermid, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, with proper vouchers, to the said administrators at their home on the McDermid Ranch in Sherman County, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: March 26, 1948.

Donald O. McDermid and Malcolm John McDermid
 Administrators
 Brown & Van Vactor
 Attorneys
 21-4c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Jessie A. Potter, 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 Jessie A. Potter, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: March 19, 1948.

George A. Potter
 Administrator
 T. Lester Johnson,
 Attorney at law,
 Wasco, Oregon
 20-3c

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A majority in favor of the county school law Saturday, April 17, 1948 will do the following things for the educational situation in Sherman County:

- Improve Educational Services
- Make School Administration More Efficient
- Equalize the Tax Load Throughout the County

GO TO THE POLLS APRIL 17
Vote: 300 X Yes