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BONDS FOR SALE

Sherman countians are failing in an endeavor at which they were once the best in the nation—bond buying.
 Little has been said about the current bond drive which has indeed been hampered by as many major activities as could be, particularly the presidential battle in Oregon, the flood and now the national conventions. There has been little time to think about buying bonds.
 To residents of this county who have bought enough bonds to hold them in high regard, there is no purpose in trying to gild them or to increase their value. What is selling is government bonds of the E, F and G variety and there is no better investment.
 The county has a quota of \$50,000 which is as nothing compared to war time quotas. So far less than half has been bought.
 With a promising harvest coming on it seems entirely probable that the entire quota could be bought in a week without any one missing the money. More will be coming in soon, anyway.
 These bonds are being used to refinance previous government issues, not for current expense.

TELEPHONE CHARGES

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has filed a higher rate schedule for a large part of Oregon including Sherman county. Effective date would have been July 10, 1948. The public utility commissioner, John H. Carlin, has suspended the effective date for six months pending investigation and hearing of which they will likely be several. The first hearing will be held in Salem, Monday July 19.
 There are two classes of changes affecting this county. Grass Valley is included in Group I. In this group single-line business telephones will be increased from \$3.25 to \$5.75 or \$2.50 or almost 77%. Residence phones will increase from \$2.75 to 3.75 a 27% boost.
 In Group II which includes Moro and Wasco the increase is from \$3.75 to \$6.25 for private business telephones or 66%. Resident phones will go up from \$3.00 to \$4.00 or 25%.
 Farm telephone charges are not increased as they were given a big boost last year. The rate is 75 cents per month now for residences.
 At Grass Valley there are 119 telephones listed that can be called without toll charges. At Moro there are 183 and at Wasco, including Rufus, there are 211. These figures include farmer lines that are seldom in good condition.
 The company states in its argument for higher rates that it will be necessary to install much new equipment in order to bring better service to customers. That sounds reasonable. Certainly there is room for improvement to the service and the temporary dead telephone condition noted locally is probably due to outworn equipment.
 Most businesses, however, improve before asking higher prices. The butcher doesn't say "I'm going to install a new refrigerator so meat prices will go up ten percent while I'm getting the money." The Sherman County Journal bought a new press last fall and didn't raise rates either preparatory to or subsequent to that event.
 And such increases: A boost of 25 percent would be the most that could be expected even by those who expected everything to keep on going up and up. An increase of 60 and 70 percent is entirely unreasonable. An example might be taken from the recent increase in farm rates for which no increase in efficiency has been noted—nor has one been announced in this area.
 There is also the long standing example of the Kent community which is, and has been, practically without telephone service for years. The company says there are too few residents and there is not a great number. However, a monopoly company must assume some responsibility to make its service complete, especially if it insists on continual higher rates.
 There is an increase in toll charges as well. This may be justified although it may be remembered that the company has always resisted any attempts to consolidate Sherman county ex-

changes so that the entire county could be on one exchange. This would eliminate many small tolls between Sherman county towns.

It appears that this county, normally passive about rate increases except freight, and extremely busy during the harvest season, might well prepare to be represented at the rate hearings on the telephone increases.

Telephone calls, a few telegrams and the two men met in Klamath Falls Thursday, all so the "little dog" can come home to the von Borstel ranch, because her accidental abductor felt she needed her old master and her old master felt that he needed his little dog.

In Other Days

From the Observer, June 28, 1929
 Hans Thompson, when in town Monday stated that the wheat straw was so short on his farm crop this year that he saw a number of English Sparrows on their knees in the field trying to get breakfast as he came into town.
 Miss Ida-May-Johnson and William W. Grant of Springfield, Mo., were married in Kansas City Wednesday June 15.
 A heavy truck reported loaded with wheat met the Chas. W. Kenny auto last Sunday in a collision south of Condon near Service creek. Anita, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenny was most seriously injured and was taken to a hospital in The Dalles.
From the G. V. J., June 27, 1919
 The home of Mr and Mrs B. B. Gervais was the scene of a happy event when their daughter, Miss Elsie Elizabeth became the bride of Floyd R. Stow Sunday afternoon, June 22. Rev. B. Trueblood Smith, an old friend of the groom officiated.

A LITTLE DOG STORY

During one of the more violent rain and lightning storms of May the Amandus von Borstel family were away from home and their "little dog" which is really a shepard but endearingly called "little dog" nevertheless, left to find company. She was afraid of lightning and thunder.

Out on the highway the dog's wider experiences began. Whining and looking for some human to comfort her fear she attracted the driver of a California car. As soon as he opened the door she jumped in. He went on to Shanks being too kind hearted to put her out in the rain. At dinner that night he inquired of Shaniko people if they knew the dog, but no one did.
 So leaving word that he had taken her on he went to Los Angeles. "Tuffy" traced his "little dog" to Shaniko and wired to the man in the south to express the dog back home. The stranger found this impossible because express companies were not taking animals during the flood conditions and there was crates, and shearing and inspections to both.

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 Being wary, the boys provided chicken sandwiches and cake and cider—for those wives who might have other tastes. But though they were grateful for the choice, most of the wives agreed that ham burger sandwiches and beer were a mighty pleasant combination.

After the "feed" the husbands took their wives on at a game of darts, and later they played "indications." The party broke up around ten, with the boys agreeing that it was mighty successful.
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Lumber has been received for the J. J. Wiley new farm residence east of Grass Valley.
 From reports I. N. Lemon who went to the valley on a visit met an accident while fishing, receiving a fall that will confine him to his bed for a month or so.
 Mr. Berrian of the EOL Co. had business at Mitchell last week but had very little time to devote to it. His faithful auto put him there and back in 24 hours.
 Mrs. David Maxwell and daughter Bessie are visiting G. R. Hulse and family in Washougal. They report their health much improved by the change.
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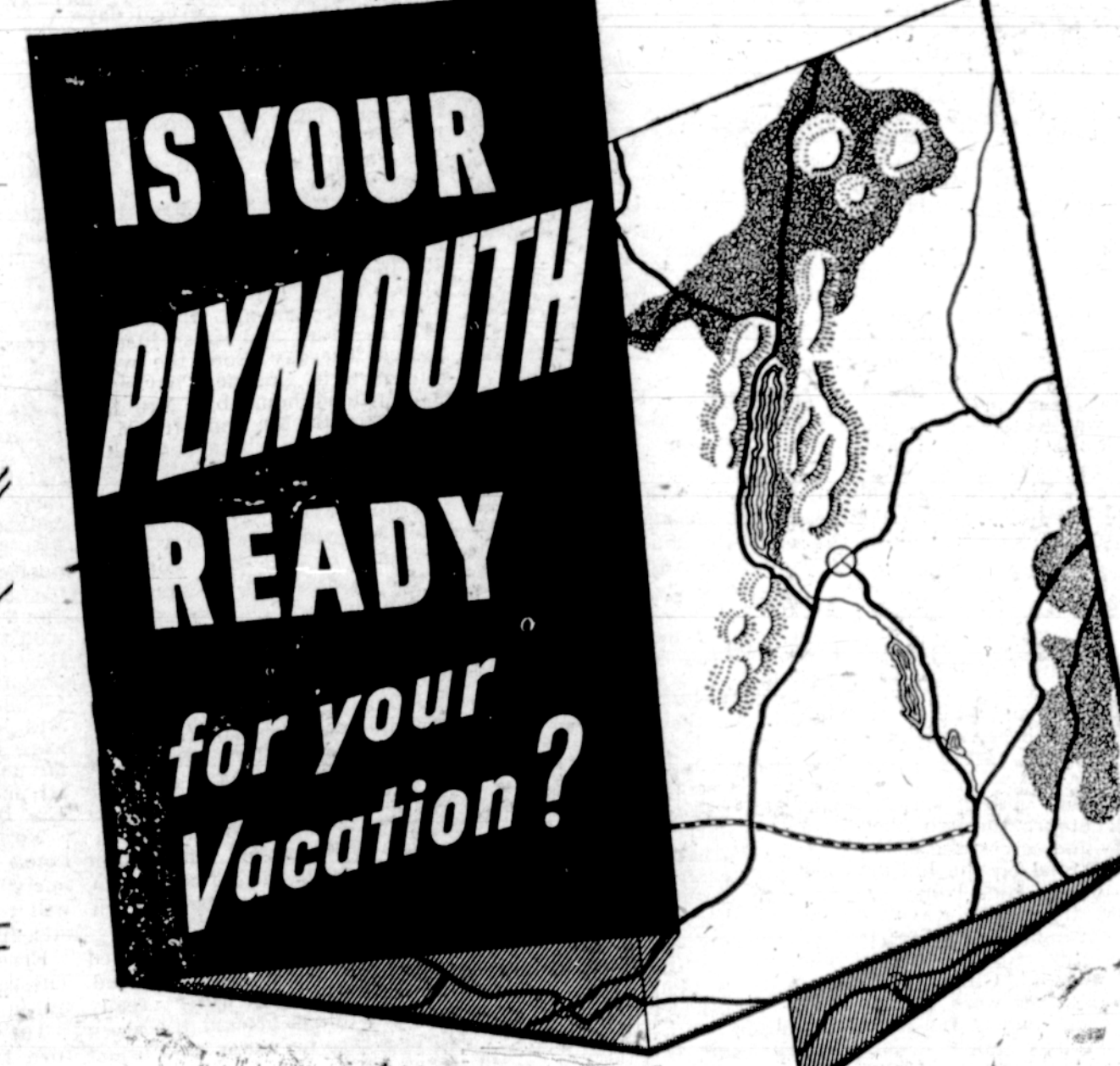


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