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LET IT BE PROVEN

When district agricultural leaders met in Arlington Monday to discuss a years program the soil conservation service grabbed the spotlight with a scare story that made the front page. It is easy, these days, to dramatize soil conservation for starvation isn't pleasant to contemplate even if it is placed 50 years in the future.

That the mid-Columbia wheat country is the most dangerous erosion area in the entire United States is doubtful. The crop year 1948 was a bad one for erosion because of the heavy storms but such years are uncommon.

Oregon soil conservation men realize the handicaps under which they have to labor because of the poor service made by the soil conservation service nearly 15 years ago. The plan of paying for soil conservation caused farmers to consider it the job of the federal government—and most of them still so consider it.

What is needed is research, experimentation and this the government has never done except on a sporadic program. Joe Belanger had some plots for a year or two and did work on the relationship of different fallow to nitrates and when he quit to work for himself the work was dropped—at least in this county.

Some work is being done at the local station by plant industry men and it is probably as valuable as any.

The government insists that farmers must use trashy fallow, practice strip cropping and grass seeding. We doubt if farmers have ever been convinced that any of these are effective conservation methods. Certainly they are not convinced that any can be used with implements new on farms.

Even if farmers were convinced that trashy fallow and strip farming were desirable they would need a different plow and a different drill than can be bought on the market and probably a different weeder. Who would subsidize implement makers to develop experimental tools for the experimental method?

Soil conservation now suffers from an overdose of emotionalism inasmuch as magazines and books have been prolific in professions of coming food shortages. At the same time soil conservation suffers from a paucity of accurate information, information so convincing that farmers will believe it and act on it.

Farmers have admittedly been mining the soil. So little has been put back that top soil is only about half as thick as it was originally. We do not think that is true because farmers are careless or wanton in their practices, but because no one has shown how to farm a better way.

Almost any theorist can say "do this and do that, and you will keep your soil" unless such advice is backed up with some long time experimentation the farmer will likely follow his present method which he knows to be profitable.

It would certainly be tragic if professional soil savers and some of the more imaginative writers were to rush the country into a program that would neither save soil nor produce crops.

SIX PERCENT CHANGE

On the ballot November 2 will be a constitutional amendment to change the six percent limitation section.

Opposition to it comes from those who professionally save taxes for large property owners. There are two changes incorporated in the amendment, which has been before the legislature for three sessions and which has not been materially changed. It was recommended by the Oregon Tax Study Commission.

First change makes it positive and certain that the six percent limitation apply to property taxes only. One of the reasons given for every raise in the income tax was that it might exceed the six percent limitation; the same argument has been presented against other taxes. Reason for the first change is to quiet these arguments. The six percent amendment was written before the state had other taxes than the property tax and naturally it is all applied to nowdays. Since we have other taxes it seems proper to definitely say to which one the limitation applies.

The second change will give voters the right to establish a

new tax base. When the voters of a district have voted two years in favor of a levy over the six percent limitation they may in the third year vote for a levy over the six percent and also for a new base, which would be the average of the three years levies—or less.

The amendment is not at present important to Sherman county. Here there has not been growth of population in excess of six percent and the regular levies generally do quite well except for an occasional year.

But many places in Oregon have grown tremendously. The average in the state has been 40 percent in population. It is impossible to keep government costs down to the six percent limitation and adequately provide the services needed by this new population. It just can't be done, especially with the lowered value of the dollar.

There are enough safeguards in the new amendment. The people must vote an excess levy three times and specifically approve a new base the third year. There is no joker about that. No board is given authority to change the base; the people must do it themselves. Their rights are well safeguarded.

IS IT WORTH WHILE? A suggestion has been made that the Sherman County Club or some other civic organization sponsor a public meeting the night before election for the purpose of discussing the eleven measures on the ballot.

Probably the proposal was made because interest in the measures isn't very lively right now and won't be until the grain is in the ground.

Usually, it is contended, there is little interest given to the measures on the ballot until a sample ballot is read and the voters' responsibility becomes apparent.

It would not be difficult to have such a meeting sponsored. The question is, "Would enough voters be interested to make it worth while?" It is assumed that the meeting would be non-partisan and without debate on parties or candidates—merely measures.

TOO MUCH HELP The census bureau has estimated that over ten percent of those working for wages are on the government payroll. There are 5,900,000 so employed and less than 59,000,000 working people. That probably means that ten percent of the income of the remaining people goes for wages for government employes.

That is too much. It is not as if the services performed by these workers had been requested by the people. In most cases, if the services were demanded at all, it was only a minority group that asked them.

We have more government than we need and more than we want. There can be little argument against using the government to perform acts for the people and if they desire tax collection, pension payments, road building or other things done by public support that is possible and proper.

The complaint is against services that have not been accepted by the people but have been foisted upon them in some way or another. Nearly all government bureaus become encrusted with useless working regulations. Each down working hours civil service cuts down efficiency and that which started as a noble enterprise becomes a burden.

From the Observer, Oct. 4, 1929 Viola Hansen won the "Dollar Dinner" contest at the state fair in Salem and was presented with a pressure cooker by Gov. Patterson. Other winners were: Maurice Feely on his pig; Melvin Hansen won a place on his sheep; Mildred Hansen on her sewing; cooking and canning; George Hennagin on his turkeys and camp cookery; Dorothy Olds on cooking.

Girls who are out daily for volleyball practice are: Doris Amidon, Lois Bryant, Grace Cothran, Doris Fortner, Josephine Johnson, Eva Miller, Marjorie Kunsman, Marjorie Na-house, Leora Peets, Althea Powell, Laura Ruggles, Patricia Powell and Helen Searcy.

Officers of the student body were elected as follows for Moro high 1929-30: David Boardman, president; Charles Burnett, vice-president; Lamer Sayrs, secretary; Dean Silvers, treasurer; Albert Pluemke, sergeant at arms.

From the Grass V. J. Oct. 3, 1919 William Alsop and Miss Dorothy Tiller, Roy Tiller and Miss Ethel Kelley were married at Vancouver, Washington Wednesday Sept. 24 and arrived in Grass Valley Saturday evening.

Chris Taylor has resigned his position as manager of the Sherman Warehouse company and will do the farming act on his ranch on the John Day river. Chris bought a team and left Wednesday morning for his new home.

Ben Taylor has reportedly sold his ranch two miles below town, the old Mays ranch, to Chris McRae, getting from him in part payment the Johnnie Clarno ranch at the mouth of Pine creek.

From the Observer, Oct. 1, 1909 Moro has three new autos and they appear to be very satisfactory to their owners, Messrs H. S. McDanel, W. D. Wallan, J.

F. Foss and Judge Henrichs. Mrs. G. P. Higinbotham - of Umatilla county was a Moro her real estate possessions here, visitor last week attending to A. R. Kessinger has cleaned up his first harvest on the A. C. Thompson farm and he is well pleased with results and is prepared for another effort.

RUFUS NEWS

By Mrs. George Fox

Rain began to fall meagerly in the Rufus vicinity Friday, and by Sunday it continued to rain all day. This amount of rain has brought the moisture together in the soil, therefore there will be a hustle and bustle to get the wheat seeded around here.

Mr and Mrs Ted Reid were moving last week their household furniture to Rufus from Maryhill where they have been living. They will live in the house owned by Fay Brackett of Rufus. Ted works on the Maryhill Ferry.

Mr and Mrs Ernie Engles had to return to Rufus from Buhl, Idaho, on account of their son, Larry, who suffers from asthma up in Idaho. Larry has registered in the first grade at Rufus bringing the first grade class number to four pupils.

Mrs R. A. Wallis and son Tom of Portland, a sister and nephew of Mrs. Mae Fowler stopped over in Rufus on their way to visit another sister, Mrs. Inez Heywood who lives in Calgary, Canada. While in Rufus they were guests of Mrs. Mae Fowler.

Mr and Mrs Stuart Johnson who live in Salem came last week to be house guests of Mr and Mrs Trace Fields. While here Mr and Mrs Fields took them to the Pendleton Round-Up and also to the Sherman County Fair. The Johnsons returned to Salem the following Tuesday.

Mrs Belva Steward returned to her home in Seattle, Wash., Sunday from Rufus. While here she was the guest of Mr and Mrs L. French, Moro, Oregon.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933.

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Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Giles L. French, Editor, and G. L. French, Manager, of the above-named publication, known to me to be the editor and manager of the same, and they acknowledged to me that they were the owners and managers of the same, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the same, as required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in Sections 1103, 1104, and 1105 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

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5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the twelve months preceding the date shown above is 695.

GILES L. FRENCH Editor Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of October, 1948.

Carrel S. Bennett notary public seal, my commission expires March 2, 1951.



FLYING TIGER AND WIFE . . . Claire L. Chennault, wartime commander of the famous "Flying Tigers" who made life miserable for the Japs in China, is back in the United States temporarily, accompanied by his pretty Chinese wife. Chennault was called home to testify in connection with proposed U. S. aid to China.

she was a houseguest of Mr and Mrs Luther Steward. Luther is her son.

Winona and Ila Miller of Arlington who are the grandchildren of Mr and Mrs S. A. Wilson of Rufus were weekend guests of their grandparents.

Mr and Mrs Adee Wilson report that their son, Stacy, who has been in the army for several years is still on duty at the air base in Greenville, South Carolina, where he has been for the past year.

Felicitations have been extended to Mr and Mrs Joe Morris on the birth of a son on Wednesday, September 22 at The Dalles hospital. The baby is named Keith Roger and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. at birth. The Morris' have another son, Wally Joe, who is nine years old. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Duffy of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs Walter Morris of Rufus.

George Landsav, editor and owner of the Optimist a weekly paper, and Jim Lance his advertising man were in Rufus Saturday on business, and while here were dinner guests of the Sherman County Pomona grange.

Mrs Hugh Mathieson, who has been in San Francisco the last couple of weeks arrived home Friday. She was accompanied home by her daughter Helen and a small girl. Mrs Mathieson is keeping as the child's parents are dead. Mrs Mathieson drove to San Francisco in her car but due to the gas shortage it was necessary for her to leave it there and come home by train. She reported quite a bit of snow in the mountains on the way home.

The house of Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers is getting a utility room added on the back part. She has also had a cement walk run in the front of her house.

A group of grange members met Friday afternoon at the hall for a clean up day, and to prepare the tables for the Pomona dinner.

Mrs Alta Smith and daughter Darlene who have relatives living in Goldendale spent the weekend there visiting. Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller

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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.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month, visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Pauline Douma W. M. Edna Meizer, Secretary

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Your Most Important Right

Now that the bandstand has been painted, and the park re-landscaped, we have about the nicest village green in the county.

And it's all because, at the last town election, folks got out and voted—85 per cent of them! That way, they passed the amendment calling for park improvements—over those opposing it.

Reminds you again how important the right to vote is in this country. And it's a right we can retain only by exercising it! ... like all the other individual liberties—from freedom to enjoy a glass of beer or ale, to a woman's right to vote along with men.

Folks can thank themselves that on summer evenings they'll be able to listen to band concerts in a well-kept park... enjoying a bottle of beer or soda pop (whichever they prefer). Because from where I sit, that's a freedom they've earned by exercising a still more important freedom: Voting!

Joe Marsh

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and their three sons were dinner guests at the George Fox residence Sunday.

Mr and Mrs A. B. Christenson and son Ronnie of Portland stopped briefly in Rufus last week end at the home of Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald. The Christensons were on their way to Monument on a deer hunting trip.

Mr and Mrs George Fox accompanied by their daughter Dolores left Monday for Seattle. Dolores will register Wednesday at Seattle University for her freshman year at college. She was a member of St. Mary's graduating class in The Dalles last spring. While their parents are gone, George and Jimmy Fox will be houseguests of Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller.

Big plans have been going forth for Booster night by the Ladies come to Greta's. See 1.00 items on the Value Bar.

Dresses, some short, some long. Value Bar, Greta's.

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J. Tracy Barton The Dalles, Oregon Attorney for the Estate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the Estate of Frank S. Lamborn, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, her final account as such executrix, and that the 5th day of November, 1948, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

Alice Josephine Lamborn Executrix

Notice is hereby given that Guy C. Andrews, Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account, and the Court has set the 11th day of October, 1948, in the Office of the County Clerk in the Court House at Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. as the time and place for the settlement of said accounting and for hearing objections to the same, if any.

Guy C. Andrews Administrator

George G. Updegraff Attorney at law

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ABSTRACT OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 1948-49 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE YEAR 1948, SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON.

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Table with columns: CITY, VALUE, LEVY, TAX, COMB. City Tax, Sch. Tax, RSD, GR, SR, S&C. Includes rows for Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, and TOTALS.

Table with columns: DISTRICT, ROAD TAX, VALUE, GEN. ROAD LEVY, TAX, SPEL. ROAD LEVY, TAX. Includes rows for Road No. 1, Road No. 2 Wasco, Road No. 3 Moro, Road No. 4 G. V., and TOTALS.

Table with columns: COUNTY GENERAL FUND LEVY, COUNTY VALUATION, LEVY, TAX. Includes row for State tax, Elementary School tax, and the School Per Capita is provided by State Surplus.

Table with columns: GENERAL FUND, GENERAL ROAD FUND, SPECIAL ROAD FUND, SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX, SPECIAL CITY TAX, TOTAL, Plus fractional gains in extension.

Table with columns: TOTAL TAX, AVERAGE CONSOLIDATED COUNTY LEVY IS 28.7586 Mills. Includes row for I, Bill E. Todd, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies, and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.

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