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EROSION OF MANPOWER

All the talk about soil conservation brings to mind a more serious kind of erosion that affects Sherman county particularly and all other rural areas in like manner. We mean the constant loss of manpower to the cities.

No accurate count has been made but within a few years probably fifty well financed farmers have moved away from Sherman county to build or buy homes in larger towns and enter a sort of uncomfortable retirement away from friends and accustomed surroundings.

Had these men stayed in Sherman county and built homes there would be a group of able men to aid local enterprises, to loan money and give advice to starting younger farmers, to fill county and city offices where their experiences could be of vast aid.

For rural United States this condition is as serious as is the more advertised loss of soil. Soil can be replaced by proper methods but a retired farmer gone to the city never returns.

It has been a source of wonder that these men enjoy their new surroundings. Most of them return to Sherman county for celebrations and public gatherings, they keep their lands here and many retain their voting rights in this county. They are undoubtedly more interested in Sherman county than in the city of their residence.

There is less reason for the loss of these men now than ever before. Nearly every farm has electricity, roads are getting better, farm life or small town life can be as enjoyable as that in larger places and with fewer restrictions.

We doubt if many of the usual reasons given for removal are actually the real reasons. Not many are ill enough to be concerned about hospitals, few are confirmed theater-goers, a small portion aspire to making a new life for themselves in a broader field. A better reason seems to be that it is fashionable to retire, the proper thing for an elder farmer to do.

There is no complaint about the retiring. But the county that made the retirement possible could well use the ability of these men and their wives and could make life as enjoyable as the cities.

THANKSGIVING

Here it is Thanksgiving. The harvest is in, the corn stored in the crib, the wheat in the granary, the root cellar filled with its store of winter vitamins. The shoots are fattening in the pen, apples fill the cellar with that delicious fall aroma, the fruit cellar shelves are bending under the weight of canned peaches, pears, berries.

Anyway that is how it used to be—Thanksgiving was the time to have all these preparations for winter finished. Snow might come over the hills any day or frost might make outside work impossible.

Probably Thanksgiving has lost something with man's less direct reliance on his own farm and garden. There is real security in having one's food stored against the winter. That was the feeling that made the first Thanksgiving.

We here in Sherman county, in Oregon, in the United States, need feel no doubt as to plenty. We are the granary of the world and are providing food for many lands. Neither do we skimp to do it.

But obtaining our food indirectly, as most do, is less thrilling than it used to be. The ability to pay twelve dollars for a turkey does not bring the satisfaction that would the ability to shoot one from a tree. The knowledge that one can buy any desired quantity of corn from the grocery store is not so comforting as was the knowledge that the store of dried corn is ample for family and friends.

But families will meet and dine together as of old and there will be satisfaction with

Rufus Club Holds November Meeting

Eleven members and two guests were present when the Home Economics club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. S. A. Wilson with Mrs. Luther Steward as co-hostess. A one o'clock luncheon preceded the meeting. Roll call of members was by quoting "famous sayings."

A baby scales was purchased by the club members and presented to Mrs. James Tate. Election of officers followed the committee reports. Mrs. Joe Morris was re-elected chairman for the year.

Mrs. Harland McDonald was elected vice-chairman to succeed Mrs. Alta Smith. Mrs. George Fox was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. The club decided to have a Christmas gift exchange at the next H.E. club meeting which will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris December 9. The gifts are not to exceed fifty cents in value.

Guests of the club who were present, Mrs. W. G. McDonald and Mrs. Andy Engberg. Members present besides the hostess Mrs. Wilson and co-hostess Mrs. Steward were Mrs. E. Kuyper, Mrs. Curt Tom, Mrs. Alta Smith, Mrs. R. N. Guilford, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Walt Morris, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

The second of a series of card parties sponsored by the Rufus grange was held at the hall last Friday night. Five tables of pinocle and one table of 500 were in play. Winning high scores in pinocle were C. A. Tom and Helen Warner, and in 500 were W. R. Reid and Grace Medler.

The club decided to have two hosts and hostesses at the card parties. This week Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock served the supper consisting of chicken sandwiches, potato salad and coffee. There is a small charge for cards, but a free supper is served to the players.

The next party is dated for November 26 with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom, Elizabeth Kuyper, and Hazel Engberg as hosts and hostesses. Mrs. James Tate and her new son returned home from the hospital last Wednesday. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

There was some rain Sunday night, and although there didn't seem to be a great amount of wind accompanying the rain there must have been quite a bit. Leland Medler who is building a new large machine shed had run the cement several weeks ago, and all last week the carpenters work went forward. The studding and rafters and some sheeting with braces had been accomplished. Monday morning the shed was a sad sight laying flat amidst its twisted timbers.

The wind must have caught it just right to send it flying to the ground. With no power over things like that, work was resumed Monday taking nails out of the timbers, the preparations went forth to try again.

Mrs. Harland McDonald entertained for the pleasure of her husband at dinner on November 7 honoring his birthday. Guests bidden were Mrs. W. G. McDonald, Grace Medler and Robert Davis.

Claude Coats and Fay Brackett have been hauling gravel for the new Nazarene church basement in Rufus. Plans were started for the church last spring. Reverend and Mrs. W. E. Rice were visitors in Giddendale, Wn., Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and daughter Joan, Mrs. E. Engles, and Mrs. W. E. Rice spent Wednesday in Walla Walla, Wn., attending a zone rally of the Young Peoples society and also doing some shopping.

More suits have been added to the clearance sale in the Value Bar. Greta, The Dalles.

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WAR GUILT

It is too bad that we don't bring our courts back and try the ones here who were, in part, responsible for the war. We have tried and condemned many Germans and now a bunch of Japanese. Why not be fully fair about it and try some of our own who, through carelessness, ignorance or plain perfidy are responsible for our part of the war.

True enough, the most important of them have gone beyond the reach of human courts. This trying leaders of defeated nations smacks of barbarism no matter how much legal bocus pocus is wrapped around it all. It is the victor trying the vanquished in the victor's court, according to the victor's creed.

Tojo dead will be a worse example for us than Tojo alive and probably the same can be said for the Germans we hung with pious pleas of our superior virtue. Had we let the Germans try them it would have been proper but for us to do it adds to our reputation as self-made gods, as strutting, superior-acting snobs. We think it will cost us more in prestige than we gained by thus pandering to our arrogance.

Portland newspapers are sympathizing with legislators who will face the problems of the state created by the vote of the people November 2. No doubt they need sympathy and respect, but if they are the kind who think the legislature controls Oregon policy—particularly tax policy.

Fact is the people control it; the legislature merely suggests. Like a faithful, but lightly considered wife the legislature timidly speaks and the burly and sometimes opinionated public in the role of husband decides, occasionally without bothering to look over the facts in the case.

The older and wiser legislators, like a timid wife, will merely wait until further suggestions are timely. There is no point in fretting, sulking or threatening to go home to mother. If there is not enough meat there, there will be too little stew. If his hand wants to feed the children more he can work harder and bring in more bacon. If not—

A dollar, after all, has a very limited elasticity, somewhat less than mashed potatoes. The legislature is only bound to give to the people what the people will pay for. It is not the final arbiter.

From the Observer, Nov. 15, 1929 The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson was celebrated Monday, November 11, when dozens of friends met with them in celebration.

The county court is being sued by Lot Rust, et al, to force resumption of the salary of L. W. Rakes, county school superintendent, to its statutory size. The Moro football team defeated the Dufur team, 7-0 here Armistice Day as Keith McDonald scored from the seven yard line.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Langford, Mrs. Clara Macgib and Mrs. Nelke Morris, all of The Dalles were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers Thursday afternoon. The three women are aunts of Mrs. Meyer.

There was a four day vacation for the children of Rufus school last week when Armistice Day fell on Thursday, and the principal Mrs. Brady let the children have Friday off also.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dingle enjoyed a few days vacation at the home of Mrs. Dingle's daughter in Eugene. The Dingles came home Sunday and reported it rained from Salem on the way home. Accompanying them home was C. A. Miller, an uncle of Mrs. Dingle's daughter. Miller had been visiting his mother in Eugene and after stopping with the Dingles will go on to Walla Walla, Washington.

Elton Medler who is a student at OSC in Corvallis visited his mother, Mrs. Grace Medler, last weekend. He came up especially to be in the initiating class of the Elks lodge.

Phyllis Medler who is a beautiful college student in Salem came up Sunday to drive her mother, Mrs. Grace Medler, down to Salem where she will be a guest of Mrs. Phyllis in her apartment until after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Medler who suffered a severe fall at the grange hall several weeks ago is still on crutches and is unable to drive her own car.

Notice to the Sherman County Pomona grangers, It was reported in the bulletin that the next Pomona meeting would be November 26; but the meetings are always on Saturday, so the date would be November 27, and will be at Hardlandview.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Irving Hart, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Bertha Belshe N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

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 Melzer, Secretary

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given, that Donald O. McDermid and Malcolm John McDermid, Administrators of the Estate of Grace McDermid, deceased, have filed their Final Account and Report and that Monday, December 20, 1948, at 2:00 P. M. in the County Court Room in the County Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to said Final Account and Report.

DONALD O. McDERMID and MALCOLM JOHN McDERMID, Administrators of Grace McDermid Estate BROWN & VAN VACTOR Attorneys 3-6c

NOTICE OF BOND SALE Bids will be received until the hour of 5 o'clock p. m. on the 8th day of December, 1948, by the undersigned, and opened thereafter by the City Council at the Council Chambers in the City Hall of Moro, Oregon, at a regular meeting of the City Council on such day, for the purpose of selling the \$5000.00 issue of the CITY OF MORO GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BONDS authorized at an election held on May 21, 1948, said bonds to be numbered 1 to 10, inclusive, in denominations of \$500.00 each, to be dated November 1, 1948, and to mature serially in numerical order at the rate of \$500.00 on the first day of January in each of the years 1950 to 1959, inclusive, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum.

The interest on said bonds shall be payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States, at the office of the City Treasurer of City of Moro; said bonds to be issued pursuant to Chapter XV, amendment to City of Moro Charter, and to Ordinance No. 125.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of 2% of such bids. The successful bidder will be furnished with an approving legal opinion of Messrs. Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Sayre of Portland, Oregon. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Carrel S. Bennett Recorder, City of Moro, Oregon 3-4c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County their Final Report and Account as Administrators of the estate of Asa David Richelderfer, deceased and that Saturday the 13th day of November, 1948, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate. David R. Richelderfer Henry N. Richelderfer Geo. G. Updegraff Attorney for Administrators 50-3c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Estate of Gus Engstrom, deceased, ss. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: You are hereby notified that the above entitled Court has appointed Helen E. Olds as Administratrix of the above entitled estate, and all persons having claims against the same are hereby required to present their said claims to the undersigned on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Oregon with the proper vouchers annexed. Date of first publication being November 5, 1948. Helen E. Olds Administratrix Roy J. Baker Attorney 1-4c

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T. Lester Johnson

LAWYER
WASCO MORO

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

CHURCHES
Grass Valley Methodist Church 3:00 p. m. Worship Service Rev. Lawrence Todd, guest speaker.

Carl E. Stierle, Minister
WASCO CHURCH OF CHRIST extends to all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Services for Lord's Day 10 a. m. Church Bible School 11:00 p. m. Divine Morning Worship

'Abounding In Thanksgiving' You are welcome to be with us in this Thanksgiving service. F. Claude Stephens, minister

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH November 7, 1948 10:00 a. m. Sunday School Classes for all ages 11:00 a. m. Worship Service Willamette University Day Students from university in charge. 7:00 p. m. Youth Fellowship Carl E. Stierle, Minister

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

It's Your Fight, Too!

Bing Crowley was "beefing" the other day about all that Our Town's doing in the way of sending food and clothes to Europe. Bing felt that those struggling democracies should look after themselves.

But most agreed with Judge Cunningham who said: "So long as any family or individual in Europe is helping hold the line for freedom—against the forces of intolerance—it's common sense, and common decency, to help 'em."

Because that's everybody's fight: To see that individual freedom is preserved in every aspect, big or little—whether it's the right to vote, or the right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer or ale with friends.

And from where I sit, no liberty's too small to overlook. Because the minute one small freedom is threatened, all the others are in jeopardy—just as the minute one small country loses freedom, all its neighbors are in danger!

Joe Marsh

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