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TAXES
The Oregon Voter which likes
to compile tax information has
gotten together some pertinent
facts about the taxes levied for
the coming year.

As any taxpayer knows by now
taxes are much higher than they
were last year. For the state, the
Voter says, the increase has been
\$15,539,593. In Sherman county
the increase was \$55,781 or 24.8
percent, slightly less than the
state increase of 25 percent. Gilliam
county managed a decline.

Major cause of tax increase
was schools. The increase on be-
half of schools was \$13,100,908.
Percentage of increase on behalf
of schools was 42.7. In Sherman
county this was 46.2 percent or
\$49,229 of our total \$55,781 in-
crease.

School directors say that needed
improvement to the school build-
ings and school system caused the
raise in taxes here. In places in
Oregon where more of the 49 per-
cent increase in population has
occurred there has been need for
new school space.

It is axiomatic that more people
cause more taxes. Thickly set-
tled states levy more taxes than
thinly settled states. We are get-
ting more people in Oregon and
they are costing us money. Un-
less we are in position to realize
some profit from them we may
be better off without them. It is
possible that the wheat grower
will get little benefit from their
presence.

NEW DRAFT
It may seem a little odd that
the first draftees are going to
the army with nary a ripple of
excitement from the public,
whereas there was a lot of oppo-
sition to the idea of a draft.

But drafting men in peace time
is something very new in America
and it is a radical departure from
former notions of what the gov-
ernment should be allowed to do
with its citizens. Perhaps the
great majority has come to the be-
lief that it is necessary, but we
doubt that.

and it often brings rain.
Rain, hereabouts, is almost a
panacea. It maketh the wheat
to sprout, to grow and to fill. In
an economy built around wheat
rain is an integral part. With
the sun combined with it in
proper proportions any good soil
will grow wheat.

But a strong west wind is not
a frequent visitor in December.
The old timers used to say
around the wood stove in the
hardware store that if the chin-
ook came before the new year
there would be an easy winter.
That is not always true.

West winds that bluster and
shake the houses and swing the
bare tree limbs are invigorating.
Cold, sure, but not a biting cold.
One doesn't need to shudder in
them nor shirk into one's cloth-
es. Let it blow and bring whatever
rain is handy to its reach. As
long as it comes there will be
none of that cold east wind that
really chills the blood.

SURPLUS-DEFICIT
Of course, the reader, casual or
attentive, has found by now
that Oregon is a state that boasts
of a surplus along in the spring
of even numbered years when
initiative bills are being written
and bemoans a deficit after each
election before the legislature
meets.

Both are wrong. And yet, both
are right. It is something like a
man who gets paid the first of
the month and is rich until he
pays his bills on the tenth. Then
he is broke again.

Balances that look good in
June when we are operating on
the old budget and right after
income taxes come in are certain
to shrink when the departments
put in their requests for more
money. Our budgets always get
higher each year and will con-
tinue to do so as long as eastern-
ers continue to come to Oregon.
They take money and don't pay
in much for a while at least.

So we might as well get used
to being rich at the end of the
fiscal year which comes shortly
after income taxes are paid and
being poor after those taxes are
spent.

This temporary richness does
cause inconvenience because
everyone tries to get a slice of
the surplus. School teachers plan
to get more state money. Insti-
tutions of higher learning want
more buildings, professors' salar-
ies, elders demand more pen-
sions, departments boost their
budgets. Everyone has his hand
out.

Then the legislature in the role
of an old meany has to cut down
and chisel and reduce until there
is something resembling a bal-
ance. And like as not by the time
it gets home the income taxes
are paid in great volume and
the whole round is started again.
Silly? Yea, but think how much
worse it would be if the legisla-
ture met in the summer when
the cash pot is running over.
Maybe it is just as well the leg-
islature meets when the deficit
period is on.

RUFUS FOLKS DINE IN
GOOD AMERICAN STYLE
Thanksgiving Day and also the
days of the week were quite nice
with a few showers. Some of the
rain fell even when the sun was
shining. Folks entertained or
were guests on Thanksgiving Day
in the true American fashion of
giving Thanks for living in a
land of plenty. Folks especially
in this district have much to be
thankful for with the recent
good crops and good prices.

Happy informality was the key
note of the card party given by
Rufus grange in the grange hall
Friday evening. A large crowd
was in attendance. Scoring honors
in pinocle were won by Mr and
Mrs Miles Barager high; and Mrs
Curt Tom and Carl Thompson,
low. In 500 prizes were won by
Mrs Mae Fowler and Vernon Mil-
ler, high; and Mrs Vernon Miller
and George Fox, low. Hostesses
of the affair were Mr and Mrs
Curt Tom, Mr and Mrs Andy
Engberg and Mrs Elizabeth Kuy-
pers who furnished the supper
which they served after the card
game.

The college set of this district
enjoyed a four days vacation at
home. Coming from Oregon State
where she is a junior was Miss
Eleanor Fox, daughter of Mr and
Mrs George Fox. Another daugh-
ter of the Foxes, Miss Dolores
Fox who is a freshman at Seat-
tle University arrived home Tues-
day evening. From Eastern Ore-
gon college of Education where
he is a freshman came Miss Don-
na Smith, who is a daughter of
Mrs Alta Smith. Mr and Mrs
Curt Tom's daughter, Mrs Cath-
erine Boise came up from Mon-
mouth where she is a student. The
girls all left for school on the
bus Sunday morning.

Mrs Grace Medler spent the
Thanksgiving vacation in Salem
with her daughter Miss Phyllis
Medler who is a beauty college
student. A son, Elton Medler, who
is a junior at Oregon State col-
lege also joined his mother and
sister in Salem for the holiday.

Arnold Lampert came from
Troutdale last week to spend
Thanksgiving with his brother in
law and sister Mr and Mrs James
Fox. Visiting at the home of Mrs
Mae Fowler last week were Mrs
Winnie Newton of Cottage
Grove and Mrs Lella Wolfe of
Hood River. The two ladies are
sisters of Virgil Matney.

The Boy Scout collectors have
been at work in this district
the past week. Dinner guests of Mr and Mrs
R. T. Dingle Thanksgiving were
Mr and Mrs Andy Engberg.

Mrs Fay Brackett and children
spent Thanksgiving at the home
of her parents Mr and Mrs Louis
Langford in The Dalles, has been
ill with the flu and has remain-
ed with her parents to be near
the doctor in The Dalles.

The Medler family spent an
enjoyable time last week when
members gathered in Bend at the
home of Mr and Mrs Frank
LeMaster for Thanksgiving.
Frank Medler had gone to Salem
a few days previously so he to-
gether with his son in law and
daughter, Mr and Mrs Leo Dum-
ler and family went on to Bend
to his grandson Frank LeMas-
ter's home. From here Wednes-
day went Mr and Mrs William
Macnab and daughters, and Mr
and Mrs Leland Medler and
children. They reported that
snow fell, Thanksgiving day in
Bend, but melted as it fell al-
most, and on their way home Fri-
day the highway was clear. How-
ever, the Dumler's had to put on
their chains when they found
twelve inches of snow going
over the Sawdam pass Friday
on their way to Salem.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr
and Mrs W. C. Miller of Moro
were Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller
and sons and other children of
the W. C. Millers totaling 25

people in all making a nice fam-
ily gathering. Mr and Mrs Charles Kuypers
were hosts at a family dinner at
their home Thanksgiving. Com-
ing from Portland was Mrs Clara
White and son Robert and daugh-
ter Virginia and Mr. Kuyper's
mother, Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers
from Rufus and nephews, Benny
Brooks and Raymond Curtis and
a friend Robert Davis. The party
never broke up until the clock
struck midnight.

Mr and Mrs Miles Barager of
Stanfield, who spent some time
in Rufus last week visiting re-
latives here of Mrs Barager's.
Both walked away with the two
high pinocle prizes at the
grange hall party Friday.

A holiday guest of her parents
Mr and Mrs Herman Brackett
was Miss Mary Brackett who is
a high school teacher in Ione.
Mr and Mrs Curt Tom had as
their guests Thanksgiving Mrs
Sarah Giannotti, Mr and Mrs
Allen Tom and children, Mr and
Mrs Miles Barager, and Mrs Ca-
therine Boise.

Mr and Mrs Herbert Church
who own the Rufus Auto Court
are spending some time in the
valley with their relatives. While
they are away Mrs E. G. Eaton
is taking care of the cabins.
Mrs Alec Vane, who has the
Mobile Station in Rufus, has her
daughter from San Francisco
visiting here.

The Home Economics club is
putting on the dinner for the
Sherman County club at the
grange hall, Wednesday Decem-
ber 8 at seven o'clock p. m.
Mrs Joe Morris will be hostess
at her home for members of the
Home Economics club December
9. Mrs Walt Morris will be co-
hostess for the luncheon and
party which follows. There is
also to be a gift exchange.

Mr and Mrs James Tate and
children had Thanksgiving din-
ner with James' parents, Mr and
Mrs Worth Tate in The Dalles.
Mr and Mrs Gordon Reid and
son Gary left last week for Cor-
vallis where they were guests
of Mrs Reid's parents the Rileys
during the Thanksgiving holi-
days.

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY
ARNOLD THOMAS HANSON,
Plaintiff
vs.
ANNA MARIE HANSON,
Defendant
TO: Anna Marie Hanson, Defen-
dant.
IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF OREGON: You are
hereby required to appear and
answer the Complaint filed again-
st you in the above entitled
Court and suit on or before four
weeks from the date of the first
publication of this Summons.
and if you fail to so answer for
want thereof, the plaintiff will ap-
ply to the Court for the relief de-
manded therein, to-wit: That the
bonds of matrimony heretofore
and now existing between the
plaintiff and the defendant be
forever dissolved and set aside.
This summons is served upon
you pursuant to an order made
by the Judge of the above entitled
Court on the 29th day of Novem-
ber, 1948, which said order re-
quires you to appear and answer
the Complaint within four weeks
from the date of the first publica-
tion of this Summons. The date
of the first publication of this
Summons is the 3rd day of Decem-
ber, 1948.

BROWN & VANVACTOR
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Pioneer Building
The Dalles Oregon
5-8c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the Estate of John C.
McDermid, 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 es-
tate of John C. McDermid, de-
ceased, at the office of T. Lester
Johnson, attorney at law, at
Wasco, Oregon, within six months
from the date of the first
publication of this notice, to-wit:
November 26, 1948.
Donald O. McDermid
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 4-7c

NOTICE OF BOND SALE
Sealed bids will be received by
the undersigned until the hour
of eight o'clock, P. M. on Mon-
day the 13th day of December,
1948, and immediately thereafter
opened by the Council of the
City of Wasco at the Council
room in said City, for the
purchase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
(\$15,000.00) City of Wasco Water
Bonds, said bonds to be dated
November 1, 1948, bearing inter-
est at the rate of not to exceed
six percent (6%) per annum,
payable semi-annually, in de-
nominations of One Thousand
Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, matu-
ring serially in numerical order
at the rate of Two Thousand Dol-
lars (\$2,000.00) on the 1st day of
January in each of the years
1953 to 1958, inclusive, and Three
Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) on
January 1, 1959, provided that
all maturing thereafter shall be
subject to call and redemption
on January 1, 1953, and on any
interest paying date thereafter.

The approving legal opinion
of Messrs, Winfree, McCulloch,
Shuler & Sayre will be furnished
the successful bidder.
Bids must be unconditional
and accompanied by a certified
check in the amount of Three
Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).
The right is reserved to reject

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in I.O.O.F.
hall. Transients and
visiting brothers are
cordially invited to
meet with us.
Leo Watkins, N. G.
John DeMoss, Secretary

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 Meizer, Secretary

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH
December 5, 1948
10 a. m. Church School
Classes all ages
11 a. m. Worship Service
Topic "Jesus, Our Eternal Con-
temporary"
7 p. m. Youth Fellowship
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Grass Valley Methodist Church
3 p. m. Worship Service
Carl E. Stierle, Minister

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H. R. White
City Recorder

NOTICE OF FINAL
SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given, that
Donald O. McDermid and Mal-
colm John McDermid, Admin-
istrators of the Estate of
Grace McDermid, deceased, have
filed their Final Account and
Report and that Monday, Decem-
ber 20, 1948, at 2:00 P. M. in
the County Court Room in the
County Courthouse in Moro, Ore-
gon, 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

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Why Dutch is
Growing a Beard
That beard on Dutch Miller's
chin doesn't mean that he's getting
ready to play Santa Claus. He's
simply paying off the election bet
he lost to Cappy Swanson.

And while some folks allow it's
all a lot of nonsense—like the
wheelbarrow ride that Cappy had
to give Dutch after last election
day—from where I sit, it's a mighty
wholesome aftermath to a differ-
ence of opinion.
Because good Americans all take
their politics and voting mighty
seriously. But when the issue's
settled, and the die is cast, they
accept the verdict in a spirit of
good humor.
And that's as it should be when
it comes to any difference of opin-
ion. Some folks vote for beer as
their favorite beverage—others
vote for cider. In fact, we all have
differences of taste in almost every-
thing! But that doesn't mean that
we can't live together in a spirit of
good fellowship.
Joe Marsh

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