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**TAXPAYER FEDERATION**  
 Taxpayer groups are usually formed whenever property taxes get so high they cannot be paid. As long as farmers and other property taxpayers can find the money to pay their taxes they do so with little protest other than some grumbles about how big the tax bill seems to be growing. But when there isn't money enough in the sock to pay the tax collector at all taxpayers arise and form groups and cut down expenses drastically, sometimes doing violent harm to needed institutions.

The procedure is most human. It could be improved upon. Right now would be an excellent time for property owners to get together and learn about property taxes and other taxes and try to prevent the confiscation that will come for property unless expenses of state, county, school district and city are halted and kept within the power to pay in normal times.

Right now it is only possible to pay property taxes in some parts of the state because prices are high and incomes large. If there should be a state tax levied at this time it would be nearly 30 mills. Property in Oregon couldn't stand that much of a boost in taxes. The immediate danger to property in Oregon is the threat in

two house bills in which two legislatures ask that the legislature put the state income and excise tax funds in the general fund where they would be available for appropriation by the legislature. Now they are used as property tax offset.

Both the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and the Farm Bureau are opposed to such a program and the grange opposes the transfer of the income tax funds and is not acting very anxious about transferring the excise tax. It must be recognized that both the wheat league and the farm bureau have long records of tax study behind them.

Both of these organizations are expected to take an active hand in the defeat of the proposals. It will be to their advantage to start work immediately.

**POWER SHORTAGE**  
 There is an undeniable shortage of electric power and the agencies handling it say it will continue until new power can be obtained through the construction of new dams.

This naturally means the McNary dam, now under construction, but which will not be making power for four or five years. No other major development is being built and the shortage will be really serious before five years.

It is reliably stated that Bonneville dam is selling more power than it is able to generate and is therefore drawing on other power sources to fill the need if its customers. Joined with Bonneville is Grand Coulee and all other power dam and stand-by plants in the area, public and private.

One must wonder why it is impossible to build some dams on the Deschutes river where there are good looking power sites (to a layman) and where water runs swiftly and steadily. It would surely not take many months to build a dam in the gorge of the Deschutes.

Perhaps the main reason why it will probably not be done is the fear that private industry has of government. The Oregon law is not helpful to private power development either, and the people refused to change it at the last election.

A private power dam might return a profit for a few years and then find itself crowded out by government power, when more federal dams were built.

This means that we are dependent on the federal government for our power, and that we will be for an indefinite time to come. We have the same opportunity to protest when power is inadequate as would we have under private control, but we have to holler so much louder because the responsible heads are far away in Washington, instead of being in Portland or Salem.

Arguing about the theory of the matter is useless, however, because federal control of power is already an accomplished fact.

**SHERMAN COUNTY CLUB**  
 It is probably as important to keep the Sherman County Club, or some similar club, going as it is to keep county government. That may sound fantastic but it really isn't.

There are many things in which a good service club can represent the county that a county court cannot. And they are of great importance.

Politically, and more things depend on political action these days, Sherman county is a small unit. It is a good unit and one that must be retained for all kinds of economic reasons as well as social ones. None of our problems would be solved by joining with another county.

In order to retain our integrity as a political unit we must have some group that will actively support and represent the county. The Sherman County Club is designed to do that. It does not include just one single group but asks for membership from everyone, men and women; farmers and business men, professional

men, laborers, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief. Sherman county needs a more active road program; the club can help; Sherman county needs better schools; the club can help; Sherman county needs better health services; the club can help; Sherman county could use some variation in its agriculture, or may; the club can help. In fact no community can achieve much without it is organized.

We think the above facts cannot be successfully controverted. Those who would like to see the county progress—and who would not?—can best get it done through the club. It deserves support.

**In Days of Old**

From the Observer, Jan. 19, 1900  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith of Grass Valley have returned from Portland.

Miss Pearl Dean has a fine assortment best quality gent's ties. Dr. Hartley is attending Chris Anderson who was recently seriously injured by being thrown from a horse.

E. Hamlin sold six fine hogs, total weight 1900 pounds to Paige & Parry Monday.

From the G. V. J. Jan 21, 1910  
 Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock several car loads of freight arrived at Grass Valley for our merchants and railroad contractors. Married at Kent Sunday evening Miss Hattie Houghton and George Kentner.

A band of thirty-six mules arrived at Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon, stopping over night, and the day before the same number of horses, all going to Shanks and they belong to Porter Bros., contractors.

From the G. V. J. Jan. 16, 1920  
 The county court has appointed a new Sherman County Fair Board as follows: A. H. Barnum, J. J. Wiley, V. H. Smith, L. B. Payne and Roy Powell.

Roy Barnett and Wren Hogue are in Corvallis taking a course in the tractor school.

There was an important business transaction in Grass Valley Monday afternoon when Milton O'Brien bought Mr. Leary's interest in the hardware and implement store, Mr. O'Brien continuing the business under his own name. Mr. O'Leary has been in the hardware business here for nine years.

**DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER COMING JAN. 27**

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Thursday, January 27, 1949, at the courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 3 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Ida M. Olds  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble  
 Alton Olds

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brisbane were in Portland last week where Ralph had a medical examination. They came home in time Friday afternoon to assist the John T. Johnsons from their wreck in the Biggs canyon.

Dentist Dresses, sun back with or without jacket. — Greta, The Dalles

**'Safety' Is Topic of Moro Womens' Club**

The Moro Women's club met Friday afternoon, January 14, at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson with about thirty members present.

After the business session Mrs. Thompson presented a program on Safety. Mrs. Orlo Martin gave a paper on traffic violations and safety measures; Mrs. Chas. Burnett, a paper on accidents in the home. Each member was called upon to contribute a suggestion on removing accident hazards common to the home.

It was voted by the club to have a committee meet with the council and help them to secure flashers at dangerous intersections on the highway within city limits. The council has already contacted the state highway commission with no success.

Next meeting of the club will be Friday, Jan. 28. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, director, and the topic is "International Relations."

Jim Brown, road foreman, recently purchased the Eddy house across from the courthouse, from John DeMoss. He also bought one of the C.C.C. houses at the fair grounds and will move it over to the new location. When completed he will have a modern home close to his work.

Darkness doubles traffic troubles—Slow down at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sather left Monday night for Santa Barbara, California, to attend the funeral of his brother, Richard Sather.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Carted and daughters of Culver spent the weekend at the D. A. Van Gilder home.

**New Year's Resolution Tip—**  
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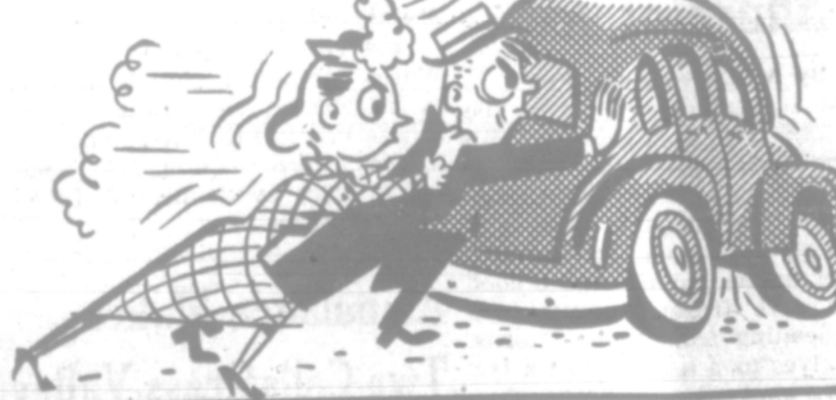
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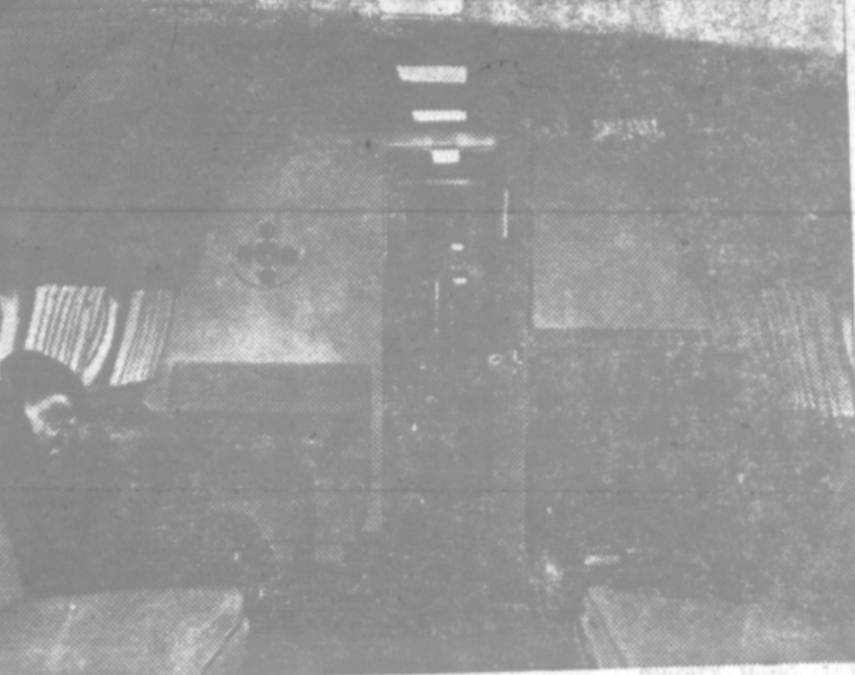
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**GLAMOUR PLANE . . .** The stately interior of this U. S. air force Lockheed Constellation shows the "executive stateroom" which reportedly was too weak for President Truman. He prefers his less glamorous DC-4. The "mystery plane," said to have been outfitted for use as a flying flagship for Dewey, is now at Mitchell field. The plane holds 30 passengers plus a crew of six.

**ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER**  
 SLATED FOR FEB. 13  
 The Sherman County Luncheon group wish to announce that the annual get-together meeting will be at the Portland hotel on Sunday 2-13-49, from 1 to 4 in the Mirror room.

This meeting is especially planned to include the husbands and families, according to Esta M. Powell, president.

**"STRANGE"**  
 Bob: "I want a girl just like the one my grandfather got."  
 Friend: "Don't be silly, there's none like that anymore."  
 Bob: "That's strange, he only got her yesterday."

Cars often collide without injury to passengers. But when pedestrian and car collide it's certain injury or death for the walker.—Remember that, next time you're thinking of jaywalking.

**T. Lester Johnson**  
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