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THE CONSERVATIVE

A conservative is a funny guy. He wants things to stay like they are so bad that he thinks things will remain the same. He refuses to do anything about it. He just sits. He's a sitting duck for a radical with a verbal shot gun loaded with new ideas.

In international affairs the United States has the role of the conservative. In domestic affairs it is the business man and property owner. The only thing that keeps the conservative element in power is lethargy.

Maybe it has always been that way. Maybe no other way would be as good. But there would be less bemoaning about the good old days if changes had all been popular.

In tax matters the conservative (who is the one who really pays the taxes) does nothing. There is something new proposed that will cost a lot of tax money; he does nothing. A shift of taxes is suggested that will put more burden on him; he does nothing.

Now and an occasional then a group gets together to change some things, perhaps taxes. Chances are they're not conservatives. They meet, organize, talk it up like good infielders, plan arguments, meetings. Then they go out and shoot a bunch of taxpayers who have been sitting still waiting for it.

That's what makes government cost so much. That's why taxes are so high. A blind man could draw the program for a pressure group with eyes shut. It's on old, old game. Everybody knows about it but the conservative (who is really the taxpayer) and he just sits like a schmoo making no defense, uttering no sound except the post mortem squawk as the tax gatherer dives into his pockets.

Two years ago wheat growers were straining their backs and brains to raise enough wheat to feed a starving Europe. And very pitiful and sad were the stories of hunger and of gratitude for the food even though most of them had the professional ring of the publicity agent.

The wheat farmer when started needs no warning about halting. He keeps right on raising wheat until the world has enough, until the bins are filled, until the railroads will load no more cars, until all the government storage is also filled—and then he grows another crop. He has a sublime faith in the federal government—a faith which will probably be justified as long as the two major parties remain in political conflict.

There is too much wheat; there are means of producing too much wheat for years to come. Yet neither the wheat men or the millers or the bakers have attacked the problem of wheat surplus in its most vulnerable spot. Something might be done to make wheat edible.

The generation of men that is now old enough to wear their heads naked can remember when bread was food instead of something to keep peas from rolling off the plate. They can recall with still an anticipatory twitching of the nostrils when they used to come home from school to find the kitchen filled with the smell of newly baked bread. The loaves were still cooling on the table, the crust buttered and a clean cloth over them to retain the moisture.

In those halcyon days bread was probably the staff of life. An average person ate six bushels of it in a year, almost a pound a day. Now he eats a lit-

tle over half a pound and there's many, many times as many cakes, cookies, breakfast foods, etc., made of it than before. Bread, as a food, is rapidly disappearing. A slice to the customer is served in public eateries, and, quality considered, that is often too much.

If Americans could be persuaded to eat six bushels a year again the problem of surplus would be pretty well settled. We would thereby devour some 700,000,000 bushels instead of some 400,000,000.

The way to do it is to make the stuff edible; make it good to eat; stuff people its good to eat; demonstrate that it is good to eat; prove that it is good to eat; eat it ourselves.

Get some grandmotherly person to bake up a batch of bread made from flour not too finely ground, not robbed of all nutritious elements (even if they have been replaced), and eat it. Give some prizes for the best bread and have taste the primary element. Bribe the millers to grind some flour half way. Leave some taste in it.

Remember people used to eat the stuff incredible as it now may seem. They would do it again.

STOCK MARKET

Back in 1929 when the stock market had its biggest and quickest deflation the Wisenheimer said it didn't make a bit of difference because the country would go right on. It would be able to produce as much wheat, as many cars, as comfortable clothes.

It was a fine theory. But it wasn't so. The country could have produced and it did, too, until it was no longer possible to get a price for what was made or grown. Then we had a depression and started experiments that kept us in it until the war brought on the boom.

Maybe it could happen again. We don't feel so certain about what could happen as we did back in 1929. Maybe it could.

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IT HAPPENS AFTER EVERY WAR

The young women who graduated from Vassar college this week were told that "the man must be the person whose career comes first".

It was not some overbearing male who said it, either, but an official of another woman's college. Not that the above excerpt from a graduating address is going to change the situation at all, no more than such talks usually change things. But it did call attention to a rather well established fact: after wars the women become more feminine to meet the tide of masculinity recently shown by the men.

Vital statistics have already

shown that the birth rate goes up during and following wars. And it is very hard for women to have more children without being very feminine indeed.

However, let no man get the notion that the little women is going to give up a new dress so he can buy some new golf clubs to play with customers.

Earlier in the spring when the householder is spading up the back yard in anticipation of some fresh garden truck it seems that Mother Earth is a rather exacting soul.

Now with strawberries ready for gathering every morning, if the householder gets up in time to beat the robins, Mother Earth appears to be rather a generous old dame.

There are those who get along throughout the year without growing anything; who never plant a seed or trim a hedge or garner any of nature's foods direct from the vine. They're missing much.

These warm June days when there's root crops and peas and potatoes and radishes the old earth seems very co-operative. If she just will remain so through the corn and bean and musk melon season it will have been a good year.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, June 17, 1910

A party of Palouers traveling with a double trail 6 horse prairie schooner rig, passed through town Saturday headed for the cheaper land of Crook and Lake counties. They say wheat production in the Palouse will soon be a back number as speculators from the middle west are coming in to buy land and cut it up for orchards.

It is reported that Tom Striker has a new auto.

Water has to be hauled from Biggs to Shaniko so low is the city water supply.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-008, O.C.L.A., to the legal voters of School District No. 17 of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the school house, to begin at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M. on the third Monday of June, being the 20th day of June, A. D., 1949.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 1949.

Attest: Carrel Bennett, District Clerk; Ernest Woods, Chr. Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSED SHERMAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, EMBRACING LAND LYING IN SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of April, 1949, there was duly filed in the office of the State Soil Conservation Committee at Corvallis, Oregon, a petition signed by 51 landowners, pursuant to the provisions of the Soil Conservation Districts Law, Chapter 3, Title 109, O.C.L.A., requesting the establishment of

Want Ads

FOR SALE: 50 lb. ice box, cheap. Ph. 372 Moro, Mrs. Andy Paulson. 33p

WANTED: Reliable man with car to call on farmers in Sherman county. Wonderful opportunity. \$15 to \$20 in a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write today. McNess Company, Dept. B, 2423 Magnolia St. Oakland, 7, Calif. 33-4p

FOR SALE: Friend Portable Sprayer, 400 gal. tank, 2-75 ft. hoses, 2 spray guns, will develop 800-psi pressure suitable for cattle or weed spraying. Price reasonable, Riddell Lige, Rt. 1 Hood River, Ore. 32-4c

CUSTOM-BALING with a new Case pickup slicer baler. See H. Justesen or Bob Helyer, Kent, Oregon. 31-4c

FOR SALE: Lbr. delivered anywhere in Sherman county direct from mill located at Sandy, Oregon. All dimension, 2 x 4 x 6—2 x 8—2 x 10, \$58.00. 1 x 6 & 1 x 8 shiplap or four-sides planed, \$56.00. Lbr. stricted graded, not more than 20% No. 2 bal. No. 1 and better. Also have limited supply of No. 3 lbr at \$45.00 delivered in 5000 ft loads or more. Phone or write Olaf M. Oja, 3629 S. E. 144 Ave, Portland 66, or Phone Sunset 9677. 30-3p

SPETIC TANKS pumped and built. C. F. Johnson, Phone 613 White Salmon, Wash. 1fn

SPRAYING and DUSTING by air, weed control, fertilizer spraying \$1.75 per acre for plane and pilot. Barnett & Fridley, Wasco, Phone 282. 1fn

SHOE REPAIRING—Prompt service. Leave shoes at Smith's Hardware, Grass Valley. Glenn Perry. 15tc

FOR SALE: Now available for immediate delivery Willys Jeeps and four-wheel drive pick-ups. Complete Willys Overland line of panels, station wagons and Jeeps now sensationally reduced in price. Contact Willis Motor Co., Third and Lincoln Sts., The Dalles, Oregon. 22tc

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING—Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Bring them in any day but Sunday. C & C Food Store, Grass Valley, Oregon. 21tc

FOR SALE: Appliances for the home, 90 days. Free service, De Moss Springs Electric, Phone 857, Moro. 18tc

the Sherman County Soil Conservation District, and, WHEREAS, the lands described by said petition, and any other lands which will be considered for inclusion in the said district are located in Sherman County and described substantially as follows:

The entire area of Sherman County in the State of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held pursuant to the said petition, on the question of the desirability and necessity, in the interest of the general welfare, of the creation of such district; on the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such district; upon the propriety of the petition, and of all other proceedings taken under the said Act; and upon all questions relevant to such inquiries. The said public hearing will be held by the State Soil Conservation Committee on Friday, the 17th day of June, 1949, beginning at 2:00 o'clock, p. m., in the County Courthouse at Moro in the County of Sherman.

Every person, firm, corporation, state, county, or municipal agency holding title to ten acres or more of land lying within the limits of the above-described territory, and all other interested parties are invited to attend and will be given opportunity to be heard at the time and place hereinafore specified.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF OREGON By Howard E. Cushman (Executive Secretary) Dated: 2nd day of June, 1949, at Corvallis, Oregon. 32-3c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY.

SS. Final Notice. In Matter of the Communal Estate of Anna K. Barnett and Wm. D. Barnett, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the above entitled estate has rendered, filed, and presented for settlement his final account therein, and that the Court has appointed Monday, August 1st, 1949 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room, in Court house at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as a time and place for the settlement and final hearing on said account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and make objections thereto. Date of first publication being June

10, 1949. Willard H. Barnett, Administrator 32-5c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Mae Moore, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly ap-

pointed qualified and acting administratrix of the estate of Mae Moore, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: June 10, 1949.

Evelyn G. Bonney, Attorney for Administratrix 32-5c

HAIL - FIRE CROP DAMAGE. For Details See WE WILL PROTECT YOU John E. Meeke or Ralph A. Miller or PHONE WASCO 231 COMPLETE INSURANCE GRIFFITH & MEEKE INSURANCE - REALTORS Wasco - Hillsboro - Aloha

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh. Don't Fence Yourself In. Every spring, Handy Peterson and Easy Roberts patch up the stone wall that separates their farms. They walk along talking—Easy on one side, Handy on the other—picking up the fallen stones and putting them back. Afterwards, over a friendly glass of beer, Easy says, "You know, wall-mending is a nice neighborly custom, but we really don't need that wall. We keep it up just because it happens to be there." "Yes," says Handy, "a lot of walls and fences and boundaries keep on separating people for no good reason. Maybe we'd all be better off if some of them were torn down, instead of kept standing." From where I sit, Handy said a mouthful. Take the "walls of intolerance" that people build up against each other. I like a temperate glass of beer now and then, you may prefer—buttermilk—but that's no reason for me to criticize you, or you, me. Let's live and let live together—making more friends and fewer "walls." Joe Marsh

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE BEGINS. One Coast-wide school system is for telephone people only—and better service for the West is the result. 1. As this young lady learns to use a training switchboard, she'll also learn many things that will be mighty important to good service. All through her training she'll see how operators make courtesy and helpfulness a normal part of their jobs. And the same spirit is present as other telephone people learn their new skills. 2. On stubby poles like these, linemen learn to use their new climbing equipment. This is just one of the more than one hundred courses that telephone people study in towns large and small—and down the Coast. In 1948, thousands of employees received training. That means thousands of men and women better able to furnish good service to you. 3. On-the-job-training here in the West is typified by this "student" who is learning the workings of a trouble indicator frame—an automatic detective that constantly makes sure the lines on its "beat" are giving good service. Even experienced employees take refresher courses like this to keep up-to-date... and keep learning their way up the ladder. 4. Good service for you comes from telephone people who know their jobs. You can help them serve you best by making sure you always have the right number in mind before calling, leaving a little time between calls, giving the called person time to answer. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Your telephone is one of today's highest bargains

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