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**THE TAXPAYER AND
THE BULL**

When you stop to think of it, or even think of it on the run, the taxpayer is much like the bull in the bull fight.

He charged into the ring, bellers with proficiency, slices at his opponents with a dash and fervor unexcelled anywhere in sport (sic), occasionally puts a man over the railing, now and then rips the pants off a torador or two with or without accompanying hide, and in all, has for himself a very dramatic afternoon. BUT, he always gets killed in the end.

Taxpayers are like that, too. They scent the coming of a new tax, they bluster and roar and write to editors and congressmen; they say the country is going to hell; they talk about the need for economy and hold meetings with fervent speeches by fellow sufferers. BUT in the end they get stuck for another tax.

Quitting taxes is worse than quitting liquor, said an acquaintance who never quit either. Couldn't! That finely developed taste for governmental cumshaw, that desire for forbidden fruit (perhaps inherent in the sons of Eve), that yearning for something for nothing makes taxes high. Fear of losing the paltry four bits piece from the government keeps the citizen feeding dollars into the tax machine, and voting for more of the same. When they laugh at the laborer who dribbles his nickels in the slot machine or the stenographer who loses her paycheck on the dogs.

The self confessed expert on slot machines says that none of them ever pay off more than 80 percent and 60 is nearer to actual. We defy anyone to find a federal function that returns that much of the taxpayers dollar.

But we were talking about taxpayers and bulls. You know they've been breeding up those bulls for years to make them quick and mean and vicious. They make a better show that way. And they always get killed in the end.

WORLD CALENDAR

Perhaps every newspaper office has this week received a letter and some pamphlets about the proposed world calendar along with some arguments about the advantages thereof.

It would start every year with Sunday, January 1. January, April, July and October would have 31 days and the other months would have 30 days. Each date would occur on the same day-year after year. December 31 would be world day and have no significance at all except, perhaps that people would eat on that day as usual. When they would recover from the last night of the year celebration is not stated. Saturday night, December 30 would occur on Saturday night, but the next day would not be Sunday.

The same thing would happen each year only after June 30 there would be another day, neither Saturday nor Sunday. Perhaps a continuation of Saturday night.

The advantages listed do not include the need for dropping the old criticism of one somewhat "wake cum tux" such as "He doesn't even know what day it is." There would be little variety in the calendar and everyone would know.

This is an effort to standardize living and make it simpler and is therefore in line with modern political economy which requires a simpler citizen than a generation or two ago. Since we have done so much to eliminate the battle of wits by government controls it may be proper to simplify calendars.

Those who are inclined to be bored with life may resist for to them every day is too much alike already. If all Fridays had the same dates year after year there would be less change than now. Yet the calendar reformers have thoughtfully provided four Fridays on the 13th. We rather like reformers. They are so wonderfully enthusiastic and starchy eyed about

THE BEAR BEHIND I



their proposals but we seldom accept their doctrines because that would deprive them of their stock in trade and leave them useless. If the adoption of the world calendar would simplify the world so we could learn to understand even a little of it we would join the club.

But we are terribly afraid that the payments would come due as usual, taxes would continue to grow larger, the administration would keep on laying big expenses to the Russians, it would be cold in winter and people wouldn't love one another after all.

NO SHEEP, NO WOOL

The clip of wool this year is the smallest on record. Stockmen have turned to cows as an inhabitant of their ranges for many reasons. There are fewer losses, marketing is easier, less labor is involved. Perhaps, also, cows are more romantic.

Another reason would be the extreme shortage of that rare specimen of humanity, the shepherd. First he wanted the sheep. Then he demanded greener pastures than dried beans, then it was jelly and butter, a few days in town each month and

that meant more money. Even the simple pleasures of the shepherd cost more now days. Thus the shepherd became a material being, imbued with the struggle for things of the flesh and lost the desire for spiritual pleasures so abundant in his lonesome role.

A shepherd could be the most learned of men if he chose. Except for watching his charges which required little time if the dogs were well trained the day was his own. He could sit under a juniper and master the classics while the summer sun warmed the hillside and the sun spread its shadow downward from the cliffs.

The strain of self reliant, out doors men who used to herd sheep is gone with desire for companionship. Few can stand loneliness these days and radios and phonographs and magazines only serve to accentuate the lonesomeness they were invented to cure.

No shepherders, no sheep; no sheep, no wool. Someone has made a kind of rayon that looks like wool, is warm and cheaper than wool. So perhaps that fine individualist, the shepherd, is gone for good and the sheep, like that misunderstood individualist, the mule, is on the way down to oblivion in America.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of W. A. Raymond, deceased, and that Monday, the 12th day of September, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Harry Kunsman
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY
Anna M. Middleton, Plaintiff vs
Lawrence E. Middleton, Defendant NO. 2730

SUMMONS

To: Lawrence E. Middleton.
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON;
You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for a decree of absolute divorce from you and the sole care and custody of the two children of the marriage, the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for a period of four consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper published in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, commencing with the issue of August 12, 1949, the date of the first publication of this summons, by virtue of an order of the Honorable D. N. Mackay, Judge, of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 5th day of August, 1949.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**If They're Wild,
They Belong To Tiki**

Saw Tiki Anderson last week and was reminded of the first time I ever spoke to him. The missus had sent me out one Saturday afternoon to hunt for some blackberries.

I took a long hike and couldn't find any. Finally, I came to Tiki's house along that low stretch east of the fork on River Road. "Hi there," I says, "any blackberries around here?"

Tik says, "There used to be—but I don't know much about things that grow wild." Later, I found how Tik supports his family by picking berries. Ever since, I've

been like the rest of folks in town—respectful of his right not to tell where "his" berries grow.

From where I sit, respecting other folks' rights comes natural in our town... in America for that matter! Whether it's a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer or ale, or whether it's Tik Anderson's right to keep secret where his berries are, it's all a big part of a real democracy!

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