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OF TAXES

This is taxpaying time for property owners and soon it will be time to pay federal income tax and shortly then the state will want some money.

It is a good time to consider the effect of these taxes.

There are some who approach the tax problem with the assumption that all taxes are bad—an attitude that is hardly realistic because if there is to be government it must have some money.

Original concept of government was that it should keep the peace, protect the country, equitably collect needed funds and that was about all. Oregon's constitution was established "to the end that justice be established, order maintained and liberty perpetuated." Except for the highly ambiguous phrase "promote the general welfare" the federal constitution is no broader.

We are doing a lot of things with public money these days. This may be an appropriate time to ponder a moment on what the people could do with the money if they were able to keep it. Certainly no one would argue that pooling the funds of the people and placing them in the hands of some elected or appointed persons increases the amount of said funds, nor endows the persons with more sense or ability than the taxpayers had who earned the money in the first place, and seldom does anything that the taxpayers couldn't be better able to do for themselves.

This county is paying \$324,000 within the county. Most of it goes for schools which cost \$900 per pupil, about \$100 per month of the school year. We're not sure that many housewives couldn't earn their pin-money by teaching junior herself and obtain results as satisfactory. And if she had six—think of the income!

To the state this county's citizens will probably pay as much as to the county. (These figures will be available next year.) It gets state government, some pension money—about \$1500—police prisons, and an energetic bunch of investigators, permit writers, and higher education. It pays extra for good roads which come close to being worth what they cost.

To the federal government we probably pay at least as much as to all other governments all together. The state pays over \$300,000,000. We get about \$2700 for pensions, a goodly sum in agricultural "help" of one kind and another, a world of advice, an army and navy, the "pleasure" of being generous to past enemies, something for roads and that vastly entertaining panorama of national politics.

Each man might appropriately consider what he would do if he was permitted to keep the money he pays in taxes and think about what he could do with it. Maybe he doesn't need it, but if he does there's a good chunk of money that could be used to build homes if it wasn't drawn away by government. Most of the things we obtain could be had cheaper and better if the money was retained right at home.

Frankly, government isn't worth the price it costs.

A PROPER AGE

One may well ponder on what is the proper age for a man to achieve the most security from this hectic, governmentally handicapped period. Perhaps he should be 65 so he can already begin to reap the security benefits and quietly let the world go on its ultimate end.

Youth isn't so good a time because it is faced with the debts and it is not at all certain that there will be anything left but the shells by the time maturity is reached.

Middle age has a better chance but pessimists keep saying that the bubble will burst before the middle aged can get their fingers on any of the promised security. Inflation is moving it away faster than time is bringing it closer.

HORSE STEALING

A horse thief detecting society elected new officers this week and is apparently going to continue activities whatever they might be in this gasoline age.

The horse has been the noblest of our domestic animals that have been superceded by the machine. We have little need for the dog in modern times, either, and both have been made pets; their utilitarian value much diminished.

A horse thief nowadays could be detected easily because he would of a certainty have a sort of silly look. Horses have no value, except the limber legged variety used for pleasure and the few that are used to round up cows where a jeep cannot go. A man who would steal a horse would be some sentimental person or a kleptomaniac of large proportions.

The New York society that is preparing for another year of activity is 144 years old and in that time it might well have found some social custom worthy of perpetuation, something little akin to detecting culprits who had stolen a horse. We like to preserve ancient things.

CONTENTMENT

Some firm without a very correct appraisal of our financial standing and a yet more incorrect estimate of our luxury needs has sent us a very fine catalogue in which is pictured some very fine jewelry and other personal equipment most of which we have been able to live without.

Yet we do not mind looking over the list of things and wonder what life would be like if we owned it. And also to wonder what life would be like if we wanted to own it.

Being raised plain was not a virtue so much as a necessity among the homesteading settlers of these parts and a survivor of those times may properly so illiquize over that fact. If one is too poor to own such things he may also be rich in not coveting them.

An old poker player was once given to remark that the best poker player was the man who could lay down the best hand. He boasted that he had once put four queens into the discard after betting them for some time. Be that as it may, perhaps he is the richest who wants the least.

The morning sun, the brightness of the wild flower, the smile of friends, the warmth of home, some old and well road books, work to do, may suffice a simple man and make him rich. He may be richer in his simplicity than a neighbor who has much—and wants more.

MORE PIGS, SAYS LINGREN

Let's keep more feeder lambs and cattle in the state and fatten them on Oregon wheat writes an OSC extension animal husbandry specialist, Harry Lindgren, in a new extension bulletin, number 695, entitled "Feeding Wheat to Livestock."

Interest in wheat feeding increases whenever surpluses appear and when prices tend to stay no higher than support levels. Prior to the war the Oregon experiment station conducted extensive feeding experiments with surplus wheat supplied by the federal government and determined when it is economical to feed wheat in various livestock operations.

Lindgren points out that it has been customary to ship feeder lambs and cattle to other areas for finishing despite the fact that surplus feed wheat has been frequently available. Experimental results at the college showed that wheat is equal to corn and barley for fattening hogs. It requires about 715 pounds of wheat to fatten a 30 pound feeder pig to a 200 pound market weight.

With wheat as well as other grains, protein supplement—tankage, fish meal, or some other high protein concentrate—is required to make the proper balance between carbohydrates and proteins.

Lindgren says wheat may be used satisfactorily to fatten lambs and cattle. It will require about 800 pounds of ground wheat to put a 650 pound yearling feeder steer at market weight. The wheat is best fed with hay.

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ABOUT THE COUNTY

There will be Divine worship in the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday, November 6 at 3 p. m., Rev. H. Gravenor, pastor.

Keith Fields, former minister of the Wasco Church of Christ, spent several hours this week renewing acquaintances and visiting relatives in the Wasco area coming from his present home at Klamath Falls.

A district meeting of members of the Eastern Star was held in Wasco Wednesday night with Annie Fulton chapter as the host lodge. After a dinner at Moro the degree work was exemplified and other district meeting work performed.

A number of the local people are planning on attending the REA meeting which will be held in The Dalles Saturday November 5, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. There will be a lunch served at noon.

The upper grade room at Rufus school enjoyed a Halloween party at the school house Monday. The girls fixed the decorated table from which the students enjoyed their lunch which they had planned. The boys played in the gym while the girls were fixing lunch.

A pot luck supper is being planned for Monday November 7th at 6:30 p. m. at the Rufus school, and invitations have gone out to all the parents of the children attending school there. The purpose is to take some definite action for organizing a parent teacher association at Rufus and electing the officers.

Among the Rufus folks who attended the Shrine dance in The Dalles Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Youcum.

Not too many of the children were out "Trick or Treating" at Rufus Halloween night. It was reported only about fifteen showed up most of the places and everything seemed very quiet. Some wore masks while the other children didn't.

Miss Gerita Riggs and Miss Lorraine Millard who are taking beauty culture work in Portland spent the week end with their parents, Mrs. Ted Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard. Gerita will stay here this week to have some dental work done.

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Coats have their grandchildren Betsy and Jimmy Beck of Condon with them for awhile. Betsy has entered the school in Wasco. Mrs. Charles Beck, the mother of children has the flu and Charles is still in the hospital with a foot injury when his gun accidentally discharged while he was hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown were Sunday visitors in Arlington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank

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 Percy J. Thompson, deceased, and that Saturday, November 26, 1949, 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.

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Adams.

The Community Sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Herman Brackett Wednesday afternoon.

Theodore Reihl of Portland and some friends spent the week end at the James Fox residence. They came up especially to try their luck hunting.

The primary pupils at Rufus school invited their mothers to their Halloween party which was held at the school house Friday afternoon. Most of the mothers were able to attend. Mrs. Allen Tom treated all the little folks on home made candy suckers.

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To all owners of lands lying within the proposed Sherman County Soil Conservation District, comprising the territory described as follows:

All land lying within the legal boundaries of Sherman County, Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 1949, between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. a referendum will be held in the said territory upon the proposition, of the creation of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District as a governmental subdivision and a public body, corporate and political, and in conjunction with said referendum, three (3) district supervisors will be elected under the provisions of the Soil Conservation Districts Laws of this State, Chapter 3, Title 109, O.C.L.A., as amended by Chapter 348, Oregon Laws, 1945.

Every person, firm and corporation, state, county, or municipal agency being the recorded owner of, or holding under contract of purchase, more than ten acres of lands lying within the said territory, is eligible to

vote, and only such are eligible to vote.

Voting divisions and polling places for the referendum are as follows:

Division No. 1 Polling place located at Wasco, in the City hall.
Division No. 2 Polling place located at Moro, in the Courthouse.
Division No. 3 Polling place located at Grass Valley in the office of the Grass Valley Grain Growers.
Division No. 4 Polling place located at Kent, in the Grange hall.

Eligible voters who will be absent from their division on the day of the referendum may apply in person or in writing to Vernon Miller, Polling Superintendent, at Moro, Oregon, for absentee ballots.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF OREGON

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Executive Secretary
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