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WHEAT LEAGUE PLAN

The Oregon Wheat Growers league makes a very good point about the situation regarding legislation in an advertisement in this issue of the Sherman County Journal.

Although the league is pledged by vote of its members to advocate the certificate plan the officers feel that a law putting this plan into effect is some years away. In the meantime the league will adhere to the present plan which calls for 90% of parity for wheat.

Thus the league calls to mind something that may have been forgotten; the present 90% plan is a wartime measure that was not to last more than two years after the declaration of peace. Despite efforts of the administration to keep wartime measures in effect there must be an end to them sometime. When that time comes the league hopes that the certificate plan will succeed the one now in operation.

Surely some permanent farm program must be adopted soon for it may be assumed that the government will have a part in the national agricultural economy in the future, however, distasteful that may be to those who believe that government meddling causes more problems than it cures.

There are good reasons why the certificate plan should be considered when a permanent farm program (if such programs can ever be permanent) is under discussion before congress. The league is wise in looking ahead to that time and in realizing that wartime measures are not going to last forever.

HOW MUCH FROST?

When three men are gathered together around the stove these days when the earth is snow covered the talk runs certainly to the amount of frost in the ground. The information varies, but the assurance of each speaker is such that it seems advisable to believe it all.

There is one who has had to dig out water pipes and found a foot of frost adding that there hadn't been much snow there. Another walked across a field and stuck a pick through the frost. A bus driver spun his chained wheels and dug through the frost. Theorists insist that the summerfallow that was bare after the last snow must be deeply frozen.

The depth of the snow is so great, the slopes so varied that all may be correct. The elevation of the county varies from from 300 feet to 300 which would make a difference.

It is probably true that the more snow on the ground the less will run off. Proportionately we mean. No part of two or four inches of snow would be saved under present frost conditions, while we may get a high proportion of two feet. There seems to be no doubt that snow will draw frost out of the ground under favorable conditions. Those conditions probably are sun and temperatures slightly above freezing.

If there is necessity for worrying, and some people find it necessary, the possible run-off seems a good subject and a very timely one. But it won't help.

CO-OP TAXES

Some weeks ago this newspaper commented on a change in the by-laws of the Pendleton Grain Growers whereby that organization would pay taxes.

Managers of cooperatives here and at Condon have since given us information showing that a part of that comment was incorrect. The Pendleton Grain Growers will pay taxes on that part of its business done with non-members, not on that business done with members. It is not expected to be a large tax.

As stated before, a study of co-op taxes leads to the belief that taxing cooperatives would lead to little increase in the amount of taxes collected by the state or federal government. In fact, cooperatives are able to control their taxes through establishment of prices and could

reduce prices instead of paying taxes thereby doing no harm to the cooperative but giving more competition to other businesses.

We think that it would make little difference in total tax returns whether co-ops paid taxes (excise taxes) or not and incidently we think it makes little difference to the co-ops although the issue has been blown up to be considered important in some parts of the country.

NATIONAL WHEAT LEAGUE

Oregon wheat leaguers are largely responsible for what appears to be successful organization of wheat growers in ten western states; an organization that will probably spread to all wheat growing states.

The first steps toward such a league are, pleasing to Oregon's wheat men because they have been trying to get wheat men of the nation together for many years. There is much work to be done by wheat growers for their portion of agriculture. Wheat is the grain that is most susceptible to being over produced; it can be grown with fewer man days per acre. Men who grow wheat exclusively have tremendous investments and large farms that are now a target under the Brannan plan and are always suspected by social reformers. The wheat industry, as such, if properly organized might combat some of this criticism by showing that wheat is produced more cheaply in this manner. Manufacturing by big concerns has been pretty well accepted; the same might apply to wheat.

Whether the wheat growers, those who grow the grain exclusively, can enlist enough general farmers (who grow some wheat) to make an effective organization will depend on many things, not all of them in the control of the wheat growers.

Americans are strong for organizations and have one for nearly everything. No one can prophesy what any one of them might do, or try. It must be admitted that the possibility of having each group of producers organized into trade associations might lead to something no one can now foresee. It might not be fortunate for wheat men.

Wheat growers, because of the size of their plants, are of necessity a small fraction of the population. In times when financial returns are based more on political power than on economic value there may be reasons why a small minority group should seek support from other similar groups instead of being independent.

BERGMAN'S BABY

There could be a more descriptive word used in the title but we refrain.

It sometimes looks as if we in the United States are adopting the same kind of values for breakers of the moral code as we have for imbeciles and the physically ill. We overlook their actions as if they were not responsible, forgetting the plain fact that it is impossible to build a civilization unless individuals are responsible for their own acts.

As for Bergman, some will call it love; the more factual will call it lechery. As for Rossellini (or whatever his name is) some will forgive because he performed the masculine function and gave evidence of his manhood. Yet, it does seem that in these supposedly enlightened times being a man should entail more responsibility than that expected of a bull.

In any language, Italian, Swedish or profane, it is a nasty mess and adds nothing to the standing of the participants, nor the industry of which they are a part—or were.

UNEMPLOYMENT

There are approximately 100,000 persons unemployed in Oregon, with a quarter or more of them in Portland. That means that one in six persons who ordinarily work are out of a job. It is too much for safety.

The weather has had much to do with unemployment as lumber mills and camps have shut down because of the cold. Experience, however, shows that mills do not often shut down for long periods unless there is also a shortage of orders or the plant needs repair.

There is not so much building as there was a few years ago and export of lumber must compete with a cheaper Canadian product—just as does wheat.

Naturally when farm work begins next month there will be more work and thousands will find something to do although it must be remembered that farm work is not the summer long job it used to be. Farm jobs are short jobs under prevailing conditions.

People's Column

To the Editor:

An inspection of the teaching schedules and enrollments in the three high schools of Sherman county, show the following extreme disparity 1949-50. Hi A. twenty-one daily classes averaging 16 pupils per class.

Cost of staff per pupil approximately \$254.66.

Hi B. fourteen daily classes averaging 4.3 pupils per class.

Cost of teaching staff per pupil approximately \$900.00.

Hi C. sixteen daily classes averaging 6 pupils per class.

Cost of teaching staff per pupil approximately \$753.00.

These figures are based on a 100 percent attendance. (An ADA tabulation would raise figures B & C faster than A.)

Please bear in mind that while we are here considering only one cost factor, other costs such as school plant duplication, while imposing more detailed figures, offers an even more barren picture.

Ah proud, wealthy Sherman County—her fertile hills respond to the West wind and bring

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FOR SALE: Reject gravel from stock pile 1/4 mi. East of DeMoss Spr. Park 50c per yd - U. Load. John or Don DeMoss, Ph. 857, Moro. 14-15c

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FOR SALE: Two late model John Deere 4-bottom tractor plows, \$300 each, including tractor hitch; One No. 26 John Deere Combine, 20-ft. header, all rubber mounted, stiff tractor tongue, Felberg 150-bu. trailer bulker or regular 65-bu. John Deere bulker.

At Irby's ranch at Olex, Ore. Phone 3540 or write 709 W. 10th The Dalles, Ore. tfn-13

AVAILABLE: A 4% Federal Land Bank long term loan has all six of the famous features of a safer farm loan. See The Dalles National Farm Loan Association, 308 E. 4th St., The Dalles, Oregon. "Owned by farmers for farmers." 13-19c

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

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 seasonally reduced in price. Contact Willis Motor Co., Third and Lincoln Sts., The Dalles, Oregon. 22tc

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. C. S. Bennett, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.

Naomi Van Glider, Secretary
Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Helen Kruger, N. G. Lucille May, Sec.

forth more than abundance—can she ever bend over to examine cost factors? I'll spare her more of that! Let's on with her ideals—the lip service so often given. "I am interested only in the welfare of our children." Could this be a mockery? Some of our educators say it could be and is!

Teachers say that without harmony and cooperation from our voters any hope of minimum success with their charges is impossible. They say that their allotted tasks repeatedly topple under unwise provision of working tools and insufficient pupil participation. Those who have spent years and small fortunes studying to make a success of their profession come here earnestly intent upon developing our superb potentialities, leave in despair at our selfishness, jealousy, lassitude and indifference to the advancement of our own "best crop". They say that our educational system is a "sick system." That it is, "founded on sand and only a major overhaul will base it soundly on rock." They come, they try, they see and, lo, all but three of our last year's high teachers gave up and went away! Was it pay? No! They are getting salaries that compare favorably to the statewide average.

What do they mean by harmony and cooperation? Why, they just mean that if we would expend only the same money and spleen to get all our high school resources together that we are spending to keep them apart, then the teachers could do the rest! Music courses, instrumental and vocal, could be strengthened. They could vitalize Latin if they had enough participants for a drama course. Visual education could be enhanced by proper facilities. Academic classes become yawning periods when there are not enough students to furnish competition; gym classes are no better. I have already described what could be done with our boys in Smith-Hughes work. There is a parallel course for girls which can be financed and conducted similarly if we can get our girls in one place!

What are we waiting for? If you believe in the consolidation of our high schools under any method the voters see fit; will you sign the following petition and send it to Superintendent Willy Knighten, Moro:

With the understanding that a single high school for Sherman County be financed and established at no greater expense than our present total high school budget, I hereby petition that a referendum of the voters be affected at the earliest possible date.

Signature

The time for budgeting and teacher contracts is upon us. Therefore I urge that you mail this promptly.

Ted M. Ball—Board Member

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Charles A. Tom, Administrator of the Estate of Cora E. Bartholomew, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account and the Court has set the 13th day of March 1950 in the Office of the County Clerk in the Court House at Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. as the time and place for the settlement of said accounting and hearing objections to the same, if any.

Charles A. Tom Administrator

J. Tracy Barton
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Grass Valley, Phone 232

From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

"Left-Handed Compliment"

See where a bank in Denver is putting in left-handed checkbooks. They figure their southpaw depositors deserve just as much consideration as the right handers.

Time was when it was believed that left-handed people had no right to exist at all. If a youngster showed signs of using his left hand, his parents were supposed to break him of the habit—to force him to use his right.

But today most doctors will tell you that changing a child's natural left-handed tendency usually causes more harm than good.

Stammering and other nervous disorders often get their start that way with children.

From where I sit, if a man wants to use his left hand—that's his business. It's not such a good idea to make anyone do things our way, just because we think it's right. Personally, I think a mellow glass of beer is the finest beverage on earth. If you happen to prefer a Coke—why, go to it! Only leave me the same freedom of choice, won't you?

Joe Marsh

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In Days of Old

From the Grass Valley Journal February 11, 1921

Wednesday Herman Ziegler sold his butcher shop to Dell Olds. Charley Olds will be in charge.

VanDersal and Quigley came up from Portland and closed a deal for the P. N. Lemmon store.

Two construction camps have been established between The Dalles and Deschutes to spread gravel on the new highway.

The heavy wind Thursday is drying up the roads so they can be used once more.

From the Observer, Feb. 10, 1911

The John H. Landry blacksmith shop has been opened by Haskins & Stevens, late of Elgin.

William Sherar returned from Linn county Saturday and says that the roads down there pull a set of new shoes off a horse in four miles.

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Rocksprings lump coal \$9 per ton at the Independent in Wasco.

From the Observer, Feb. 13, 1931

J. L. Davis, W. S. Powell and Earl Jones have been appointed to administer the federal drouth funds allotted to this county.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gosson of Klondike at the hospital in The Dalles February 9.

Two steam shovels are now at work on the highway widening job between Kent and Shaniko.

George G. Updegraff
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Remember: \$3 today mean \$4 ten years from now—when you may need them more!

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