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REAPPORTIONMENT

Residents of western Oregon, especially those of the less informed city, are inclined to refer to the "small counties of eastern Oregon" as if convinced that there were really some very tiny counties in that part of the state.

Multnomah is the smallest county in Oregon with 42 square miles. Others smaller than Sherman are Hood River, Clatsop, Columbia, Yamhill, Polk, Washington and Benton. Tillamook and Lincoln and even Marion are not as large as some of the eastern Oregon counties usually called small by the geographically uninformed.

When productivity is considered the "small" county of eastern Oregon show well. Umatilla has the largest number of tilled acres, Morrow second, Sherman third, Gilliam fourth. The 22nd representative district contains 16.87 percent of Oregon's tillable land. Sherman county normally produces enough wheat to feed the entire city of Portland and once produced enough wheat to feed the entire state.

When it is considered that a nation is rich or poor, strong or weak in direct relation to the food its people eat the importance of these highly tilled, agriculturally productive counties is apparent.

In the minds of some it is difficult to connect the economic and political facts of life. They would unwittingly do damage to the economy of the state to follow some theoretical scheme of apportionment instead of the tried rule of giving political power to the sections that are economically important.

In the first convention of delegates who made the first democracy there was recognition of economic and area factors and the compromise effected there has kept this nation from reapportionment squabbles for 160 years. Until the state adopts a similar theory there will be battles for political control and probably a gradual adoption of the form of government advocated by adherents of the population plans—which mean less honest government on the whole.

LOCAL TRADE

There are some 1,512,000 people in Oregon who spent \$1,597,300,000 in retail trade in 1949 according to the United States census. That is an average of a little over \$1000 per capita.

The distribution is very peculiar in many instances and from

it one may learn of the drawing power of cities and towns, which might conceivably include the efficiency of merchants and the quality of advertising.

Clackamas county has 86,574 people in its boundaries and they buy \$50,522,000 at retail in the county. Washington county, also near Portland, has 61,221 persons who buy \$40,375,000 worth in that county. Much the same percentage holds for Columbia county where 22,869 persons buy \$16,431,000 worth locally.

Multnomah county is a sort of a center for some kinds of purchases for the state, although not so pronounced as might be, and it has 468,571 persons living there and the retail sales are \$623,157,000, a part of which comes from Clark county, Washington, of course.

Wasco county also draws some from Washington and there the population is 15,516 and the retail trade is \$21,056,000, a proportion as large as Portland's. In Sherman county where the people are often accused of trading in the Dalles the population is 2280 and the retail trade is \$2,098,000, only slightly under normal.

But look at Wheeler county where 3288 people buy but \$1,660,000 at home or Polk county where 26,184 people buy \$14,739,000 at home and in Grant county where 8,275 people buy \$6,821,000 at home and Harney where 6,068 people buy \$7,200,000.

But all the findings of the census bureau are not included in the report on retail sales.

Wholesale sales include sales of crops, of bulk gas and oil deliveries and actual wholesale sales. The comparisons are less clear in this category but still interesting even though not conclusive as to actual wealth.

Wholesale trade totals \$1,908,000,000 of which Portland has \$1,376,456,000 and Multnomah county a little more. Sherman county had \$4,767,000 which was higher than Columbia, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Morrow and Wheeler counties. Lane county, with 125,000 people, sold \$111,829,000 at wholesale and Marion county with 100,000 people sold \$40,064,000 at wholesale, less than Klamath or Jackson with about half the people.

Sometimes it is easier to dig out and compile figures than it is to correctly appraise their value but certainly there is nothing in the census figures on sales to cause Sherman county to feel depressed or inconsequential.

HOUSEWIVES

We've been cogitating of late about word connections and the above seems as odd as any. Is one to presume that a housewife is a wife that stays in the house, and, if so, could there be any barn wives? or carwives? or maybe, if they worked, storewives?

There are housecats and alley cats, one recalls. There are housemen, too, but recollection connects them with the gambling fraternity. Still the exact definition of housewife evades us.

Wives who are adept at the art of cooking might as a further classification be known as kitchen wives and if good at entertaining be known as parlor wives and we suppose there could be other divisions.

Until we adopt polygamy and are legally entitled to have wives for the several divisions of wife-

ly labor the term housewife seems indicative of poor classification. As of now there is only one kind of wife and she's a wife wherever she is and can go out with her husband instead of being merely a housewife.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The house and senate have passed a bill empowering the state administration to set up a civilian defense program and have appropriated money to operate the program until July 1, the end of the present biennium.

Another bill will be out in the regular budget items to continue the program for the 1951-53 biennium. There were some votes against the first bill and will undoubtedly be some against the other, and larger, one.

Actually there are few persons who really think this nation is going to be attacked and fewer yet who think they, or anyone else, knows what defense measures to take if it were. On the west coast there appears to be almost no one who believes there will be war, despite the daily reading of prophecies of same by the scared writers on the eastern seaboard.

Neither is there blame on the state administration for making a move for formation of a civilian defense agency. The criticism in case there was war and nothing done about it would be tremendous. It is better to err on the side of safety.

Such is the effect of fear, that a legislature should vote money for the purpose of setting up a program few think will be needed.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Chairmen for the 1951 Red Cross drive, which starts March 1, have been secured and are as follows: Kent—Mrs. Bob Helyer; Grass Valley—Mrs. Clyde Stradley; Moro—Mrs. Edna Melzer; Wasco—Mrs. Leo Watkins; Rufus—Miss Cecelia Belloni. The drive will continue until the quota (\$1415.00) is met.

The various town quotas which go to make up the grand total are Kent—\$150; Grass Valley—\$300; Moro—\$400; Wasco—\$450; and Rufus—\$135.

Many condemn the Red Cross and its work saying that "they get paid for the work they do." This is true but in a different sense than money. They are repaid by seeing the people who benefit from such programs as the blood donor project and the swimming program.

When the above mentioned chairmen visit the various homes of the county it is hoped that they will give generously to support the Red Cross.

Remember the quota—\$1415.00

Mrs. Clair Balzer
Sherman County Chairman
Red Cross

Garden Bulletins

Available at County

Agent's Office

Why not have fun, save money and "grow your own" vegetables this year?

You'll never buy any that taste as good as those right out of your garden, says R. Ralph Clark, OSC extension horticulture specialist, who recommends a "library" of seven trusty garden publications that are available from the county extension offices. Thomas W. Thompson, county agent, indicates these bulletins may be obtained by dropping a card or calling at the county agent's office in Moro.

The seven bulletins, he adds, will provide "how to grow it" and question answering information for bulk of the puzzlers confronting home gardeners.

Title and short description of each is as follows: "Farm and Home Vegetable Garden," extension bulletin 614. This is one of the most popular numbers ever printed by OSC. It includes a planting calendar and gives variety recommendations for all common garden vegetables, 41 altogether.

"Vegetable Garden Insect Pest Control," extension bulletin 676. This 11-page publication describes common Oregon garden insects and tells how to get rid of them using insecticide materials.

"Controlling Damping-Off in Vegetable Seedlings." This is experiment station circular of information No. 447. It tells what to do when the damping-off fungus organisms attack young vegetable seedlings as they emerge from the ground.

"Booster and Starter Solutions for Vegetable Transplants," extension bulletin No. 703 is another brief, easy-to-read publication, in three pages. The author



FIRST BIRTHDAY STROLL . . . Renato Roberto-Giusto Giuseppe Rossellini, celebrating his first birthday, couldn't take his eyes off the photographer during his birthday party. Screen director Roberto Rossellini's son by a former marriage, Renzo, helps little Robertino walk across the room, while a dating mother, Swedish actress, Ingrid Bergman, lately of Hollywood, Calif., looks on.



MOLUCCAN OFFERS JUNGLE TROOPS . . . Karel J. V. Nikijulaw, representative of the republic of the South Moluccas, south Pacific island group, points to his country during a New York press conference. The Moluccas, part of the Indonesian federation of republics, has offered to the U.N. two thousand trained Ambonese jungle troops to fight in Korea. He told newsmen his nation would become the first Asiatic nation to take up arms alongside America in the conflict.

describes when and how, and what to use to make transplanted vegetables bridge the transplanting period with uninterrupted growth.

"Garden Soil Management," extension circular bulletin No. 612, describes how to handle garden soil for best results. It also describes effects of various common fertilizers.

"Compost for Garden Soils," extension circular 415, tells how to make and use compost material.

"Growing Fall and Early Winter Vegetables," extension bulletin 594, tells how to make a garden produce over a long period.

The Junior Ladies club have set March 16 as the date for their annual silver tea. It will be held at the home of Mrs. George Mitchell from 2 to 4 p. m. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of dishes for the Moro church kitchen.

Harlandview Grange News

Harlandview Grange held their regular meeting February 17, with Master Clarence Higley presiding. The lecturer's program consisting of a talk and slides on tree planting for windbreaks given by County Agent Thomas W. Thompson. At the next meeting on March 3, the first and second degrees of the order will be conferred.

News has been received of the birth of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vetterlein of 3117 N. E. Mason, Portland, on February 17. They have been named Cathleen and Carol. Mrs. Vetterlein is the daughter of C. W. Johnson of Aloha formerly of Wasco.

Paulen Kaseberg Heads Farm Group

A statewide farm crops committee to lay groundwork for this phase of a 1952 agricultural conference has been organized and the 60 farmers who met at Oregon State college named Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, to head their group.

E. R. Jackman, OSC extension farm crops specialist, said members of the committee decided to sub-divide their field of consideration, using five sub-committees to make recommendations on potatoes, forage, seeds, cereals and hops.

This statewide farm crops group was the first of 11 similar committees which will meet to organize and decide how to function. Each committee will be responsible for preparation of a report to be submitted at a statewide agricultural conference scheduled for March, 1952. A similar meeting, held in 1924, laid the groundwork for Oregon's booming small seed industry, Jackman reminded farmers present.

Farmers named to head the sub-committees are Earl Mack, Klamath Falls, potatoes; C. C. Hoover, Medford, forage crops; Glen Strome, Junction City, seeds; Don McKinnis, Summerville, cereals; and F. A. Christie, Grants Pass, hops.

Clarence Sparling of Gresham is here until his spring work is finished at the ranch.

On the Hostess House Party on KGW Wednesday, March 7, Sherman County Club and friends in Portland will be honor guests. Broadcast time is 10 a. m.

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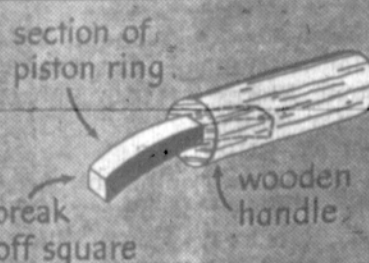
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