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**GALETTE**

They were a family group, a man in the half worn habiliments of a small town merchant, a boy in the sweater and slacks of an adolescent, a tired woman in the same sort of dress as far as style was concerned as she wore when she was married on the farm 25 years ago, and a daughter in the close fitting sweater and skirt of college days.

"They're trying to educate her," said the waitress when they had left, "and they come to see her every week and talk about her advantages until I'll bet she's tired of it all." And she went on to indicate that she thought there was no profit in the whole deal; that the girl would get little out of her chance for education, the parents would not be proud of the accomplishments achieved and the son would be unhappy that so much of the family fortune was expended on so hapless an adventure.

The girl talked of how hard she had to work, of the tremendous hours of study, the difficulty of exams, the toil and effort required. The mother, misshapen at 45, weary with the wisdom of wise peasantry, looked as if she was thinking of the days spent picking beans, of hoeing corn, of milking cows which were the occupations of her girlhood. The father had the evident pride of petty bourgeoisie and the hope that his daughter, who looked so much like other college girls would turn out to be of the same mold: a graduate in a cap and gown (with a picture in the local paper) a bride in a white dress to a well financed bridegroom from a distant town, a fetching young matron visiting her parents over the weekend, the distinguished Mrs. So and So from Podunk. Mother would have settled for a home on a nearby farm with a few kids and a disposition to work and earn.

**BY THEIR GAMES**

Everyone knows about some kind of game or another. And it is possible to know the kind of person they are by the kind of games they talk about.

Take the rough featured character on the bus who knows the baseball players, the hockey players and indicates a knowledge of poker. He would not be confused with the checkered suited personage with the shifty eyes and the hard hat who speaks of race horses, their pedigrees and their odds and seems to know something about basketball players.

And the gracious lady who tells about bridge hands and the latest news from the hunt club is different from the younger matron who has a good canasta story and carries a tennis racket.

Then there are the contented elderly couples who discourse about five hundred or pedro and who remember such obsolete games as shiny or mumble-peg. It may be presumed that liking for some games is proof that we are a competitive people; that we love to vie with others to deter-

**County Ramblings**  
(By County Agent)

Dear County Friends:  
Inauguration of this column has been made to extend to Sherman county people farm and home news notes. Presentation will be made as to daily events and particular problems of interest to all Sherman county friends.

Frank Ketter, down Grass Valley way, has inquired about grasses to seed in a permanent dryland pasture. Frank has a small acreage he plants to grain each year for continual working and reseeded operation which adds expense to his farming operation. A permanent pasture will provide a better balanced feed for a longer time, producing more forage. Improved grasses are also more beneficial to the soil by adding organic matter through root and top decomposition.

**TAXATION**

Oregon's taxation system is in a period of change. Whether one believes that the present crop of bills are proper or not it is evident that some change is coming—and a little history may prove that.

Oregon as a state had nothing but a property tax to rely on until 1929 when the people passed an income tax and the legislature passed an excise tax. Until that time the property of the state had carried the full burden.

At first there was little income from income and excise tax because there was little income and little business in the state. The property carried most of the burden. Then came the war and income and excise taxes came into importance. They offset the entire state property taxes for the past ten years and produced surplus. The surplus was attractive. The school lobby got to it first. It had been used, not only as a surplus but as an actual tax.

The income and excise taxes that were once a protection for property taxes have become a menace for because of the surplus caused by such income taxes property owners are endangered. The answer is to stop the foolish practice of permitting property taxes to be the backlog of all tax programs. By the adoption of the offset provisions of the income and excise taxes the property of the state was kept as the only basic tax for state purposes.

Now, we contend, that provision should be removed, by constitution if possible, by statute certainly. There is no longer a reason why property should be considered the only certain tax resource of the state, especially in the face of the many known and unknown—iniquities of the present tax system. There is no satisfaction in keeping the income and excise taxes as a buffer to protect state property taxes unless there is some money available for the purpose. There is no money. The offset provisions are useless.

It is high time to provide that there be no automatic state property tax and that when additional revenues are necessary the legislature apportion them among tax payers. Some will go to income tax payers, some to business (utilities are exempt) and some to property. That is a much better arrangement than the present one which merely presents property taxpayers with the check. HB 689 may cure it.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Foss left The Dalles by train Wednesday in company with their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Matteson, for Washington, D. C., where they will visit about a month at the Matteson home. They expect to return by car with another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg who are going east later on.

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**MORO PERSONALS**

A guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mitchell is the latter's aunt, Mrs. Elmo White of Salem. Also here over Saturday night was Mrs. Albert Thuss of Pendleton, the Mitchell's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hitchcock and two children of Camas, Wn., visited the latter's aunt, Mrs. J. F. Bazzel, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Townsend, Gresham, visited here over the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. E. Townsend. Homer Townsend is the new school principal who assumed this position when the former principal, Maj. George Koehler, was called into active service. Mrs. Townsend joined her husband here two weeks ago.

Ladies of the neighborhood carried out a little surprise party Tuesday evening honoring Mrs. Dar-Edna Melzer, bringing a shower of handkerchiefs as remembrances. After an hour of visiting, the guests served light refreshments which they had brought. The group included Mrs. Melzer, Mrs. Leo Giles, Mrs. J. F. Noonan, Mrs. T. W. Thompson, Mrs. Dar-Edna Melzer, Mrs. W. W. Van Gilder, Mrs. W. W. Gearhart, Mrs. Dewey Thompson and Mrs. Jennie Martin.

Mrs. Mollie McLachlan is visiting her son Wendell and family at Boise, Ida., this week.

with livestock operations is a profitable practice here in Sherman county. Generally the use of the production of a hay crop using alfalfa should be limited to 25 bushels or more per acre wheatland. Ladak alfalfa and Sherman big bluegrass is the most desirable hay mixture. This mixture produced a ton per acre on the third crop in 1946 at the Sherman branch experiment station. Crested wheatgrass or Whitmar beardless wheatgrass could also be used and has produced well with alfalfa.

The hay mixture gives most favorable results seeded at a rate of 4 lbs for Sherman big bluegrass and 5 lbs. of Ladak alfalfa. Growing of such a mixture will add organic matter and nitrogen. To insure the addition of beneficial nitrogen, legumes require inoculation. Legumes likewise attract rodents; therefore operators need to have a control program in mind before planting.

Four-H Fun and Achievement Night is set for Wednesday, May 2, at the Moro public school building. Club members, past and present and future, parents and friends are invited to attend. Jessalie Mallilieu, the lively square dance instructor who was here a year ago, will conduct the recreational portion of the program.

Yours for better pasture and rangeland,  
Thomas W. Thompson  
County Agent

**EXAMINER COMING**

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, May 1 at the court house, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., according to word received from the Secretary of State's office. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive should get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the closing hour.

Thought for today....  
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By JOHN DOE

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"Bang-bang!" screamed the playmates of young Hubert Lott. But Hubert seemed strangely aloof and un-shot.

They tried it again with: "I gotcha—you're dead," But Hubert just smilingly waggled his head.

"I've got a new hero," said ex-cowboy Lott. "I want you to meet him—his name's Kilowatt."

"For rescuing mothers, ol' Reddy is tops. He really is fast, and his work never stops.

"The way he saves payrolls is somethin' to see, My mom says he charges the littlest fee!

"Let's play Reddy Kilowatt—lay down your gun And coil up your rope, men, we'll really have fun."

**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**

**You've Got To Hand It To Sandy**

Sandy Johnson's wife "Tiny" suddenly asks him at breakfast the other morning "Why don't you build me some bluebird houses?"

"What for?" asks Sandy. "Why for bluebirds, of course," says Tiny. "We always had 'em at home when I was a girl. May sound silly—but I sorta miss 'em."

Well, I know how busy Sandy's been lately and the thought of taking time out to build birdhouses could have made a lot of men blow their top. But not Sandy. He says, "No, Tiny. It doesn't sound silly. I think it's a wonderful idea—we're going to have bluebirds—and I'm starting on some birdhouses tonight."

From where I sit, we could do with more understanding people like Sandy—and Tiny, too. He respects her likings, and she respects his. He likes a temperate glass of beer now and then—and although Tiny sticks to coffee, whatever Sandy likes is O.K. with her. They live and let live—and that's why they live so happily.

Joe Marsh

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