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INCOME

Figures recently published show that the average income of Americans is $1436 or was in 1950. Oregonians do somewhat better with $1523 but are poorer than residents of either Washington or California. Delaware and Washington, D. C. where government employees live, are at the top with $1909 and $1986 respectively and Mississippi is at the bottom with $698.

How these figures compare with the cost of living is not told and there may be less difference than indicated when all the facts are known.

With a $10,000,000 wheat crop and income from stock and wages and other income Sherman county is in its usual fine comparative position. The average income in this county will be about $5,000 for 1951 and was but slightly less for 1950. It is probably one of the richest counties in the nation.

We are speaking of monetary wealth.

We do have a high standard of living but that could be improved with some expenditures that would be minor in comparison to the income. We could provide for ourselves better schools, better roads, better recreation facilities and for Moro anyway, more water. We would have to stay home to enjoy these things and that may be enough to prevent the accomplishment of them.

Inasmuch as this county undoubtedly contributes more than its percapita share of Oregon's payment of $361 million to the federal government, many of our citizens will pay 40 to 50 percent of their income to Uncle Sam. If we spent $100,000 locally per year for better living the net cost to us would not be over $60,000.

However, high incomes always seem to bring a high state of independence and men who count their dollars in the thousands are harder to get together behind any project than those who count by ones. The writer will not forget a remark by the late Hans Thompson who some years ago had just returned from a trip to his native Denmark. He was telling of the fine degree of cooperation between the farmers and the exporters to produce the exact type of pork preferred by the English who bought it and the care at saving food and fodder in that productive land. Some one commented that it was fine thing to work together. Fine, sure", said Mr. Thompson. They have to."

We have sufficient incomes to ermit us to be independent—nd we are. And while we can be rich in the things individuals do for themselves, we do not excel in the possession of those things which are customarily done by the community or town or county.

MORSE AND MAC ARTHUR

We find ourselves in positive disagreement with Senator Wayne Morse in his opinion about the MacAuthur hearing. The senator seems of the opinion that the president had authority to fire MacArthur, with which we can agree. He also feels that MacArthur should have been relieved of duty because he did not agree, nor follow, American foreign policy. As to that we think it pardonable that the general did not follow there being little evidence that there was any such thing as a policy. How, for instance, can a general follow a secretary of state who would not defend Korea in January and went to war over it in June?

But the two points above mentioned are not so important. The only purpose for holding the hearing at all was to hear about the results of our previous attempts at working with the Koreans, Chinese and Japanese and see if we could not evolve a policy upon which the nation could agree. Politics prevented that—and secrecy.

The joint committees, having heard all the evidence available from the many sources, might have given opinion as to what sort of a policy this nation should pursue. Everyone agreed that Truman could fire MacArthur. Probably the general was in disagreement with the administration. What we wanted to know was whether the administration or MacArthur had the best ideas about Asia. Anything less than that was a waste of time: It was a suppression of MacArthur evidence. The senator would have us assume that if MacArthur did not follow the dictates of the ill-informed administration, with its previous bad record about Chinese communists, he should be fired. To our mind there should have been an impartial review by the joint committee to determine foreign policy. MacArthur was not the issue; he served no purpose other than a means aof letting the people know about what was going on in the Orient.

We think the senators who have issued a report acted in the public interest and those who refused to make a report acted politically.

STATE FINANCE

Citizens of Oregon should take every opportunity to enjoy the plight of the state of Washington whose governor has called the legislature into special session for the purpose of finding funds to pay a $50 million deficit and in addition provide money to pay the biennial expenses of some $680 million.

Oregon has been saved from a similar dilemna merely because its legislators have been more cautious and its people less imaginative. Whereas Washingtonians voted millions for welfare and like millions for schools we in Oregon voted but one pension bill and it was declared unworkable. As for school moneys our reputation is about as bad as that of Washington but our figures have been smaller.

In looser banking days it was said that nothing would stop a man from writing checks except the cold eye of a cashier or the tap of the sheriff. The same is true of voters. Both states had a little money on hand from the free and easy days of the war. Washington spent its pile more quickly than did Oregon. It went broke first.

Had the voters merely spent the money it wouldn't have been so bad but they signed notes agreeing to pay each year for an unspecified period. There are those who for pay are saying that the funds will last forever, that 30 million taken from 35 million leaves another 30 million, but they have, neither arithmetic nor reason on their side.

There are those with poor memories or impaired veracity who criticise the legislature for not passing revenue measures. Many many more have been passed than the people have approved. In this regard it is entirely possible that the people have been wiser than the legislature because it is likely that the final decision will be that economy is a better policy than unlimited spending, the example of the federal government notwithstanding.

So let us make fun of Washington and poke the finger of scorn northward so maybe we'll feel more contrite when the same thing happens to us for Washingaton isn't the only state with a fast check book and a slow adding machine.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Rex Mitchell and Edwin Smith went to Prineville Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Vannoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler Jr, Carl Ziegler, Evelyn Kirkelie, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smethurst all drove to Crater Lake Sunday and spent the day. Mr. and Mrs. Smethurst returned to their home at Lexington.

Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner and daughters, Joy, Susan and Jeanie went to Portland Tuesday on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles left Sunday for Portland to attend the Sherman County picnic held at Laurelhurst park. They went on to Stayton to visit his brother, Starr Ruggles.

Thought for today...

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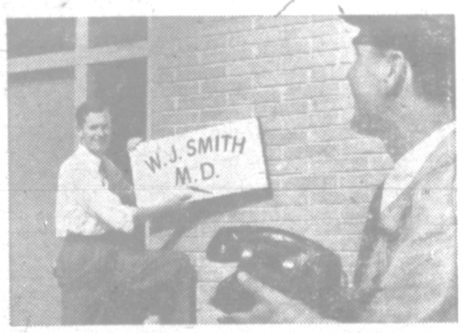

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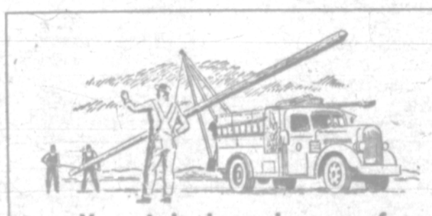

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