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**FARM PRICES**

Farm income is dropping off. So far lowered income is not the fate of all farmers and enough are still at the peak to give the impression that farmers are still a favored class. Cattle men and wheat men are doing well although the cost of production is closing in on their net incomes.

Meat and bread is an important part of our national diet but the largest sums are paid for milk and eggs and other foods. Pork is down too and may not reach the peak again for years. Hog parity is now at 80. Eggs are cheaper than for some years and the milk producer, always a target of housewives, has trouble staying in business because of high wages and distribution troubles.

It is natural for farm products to fall in comparative price after a raise. Farm prices often go up rapidly and then other prices catch up with them. The farmer's net income is shrinking.

Farmers have increased their efficiency tremendously in recent years partly because of new and better machinery, partly because of research in crops, partly because of applied intelligence in the farming field. Fewer farmers are feeding more industrial workers every year.

To some economists a small percentage of the population on farms is an indicator of high economic efficiency in a nation. The fewer farmers the more citizens who can work at making industrial products, either for peace or for war. A nation is often poor that has a large percentage of its citizens on the land. China and India are so busy raising a poor living that they cannot produce machinery or clothing or the innumerable other articles that make life easier.

Politically farmers are endangered when their numbers shrink. That is a prime fault in political control of agriculture and no farmer will overlook it long.

If a farmer is to provide food for a great number of others he must have sufficient cash income to keep up his machinery and his land. In the days when he grew his own horse feed, tilled the land with old and inexpensive equipment and needed only enough cash to feed his family farming was a safe way of life but not one that required much income. Our modern farmer is on a different economic basis.

There are few farm products that bring the farmers a half of the consumer's dollar. Processing, transportation, distribution, even packaging often cost more than the raw product. City people who want cheaper food might well join the farmer in a campaign to lower such costs rather than accuse farmers as a class of profiteering.

**COUNTY FAIR BILL**

Officials of the county fairs association have filed an initiative measure which would guarantee county fairs almost a half million dollars per year from the general fund in case the initiative against racing is passed by the voters.

The whole thing is a sad commentary on the awkwardness of our initiative law which permits all sorts of legislation by petition.

Of course the strength of the racing law comes from the wisdom of its writers in providing that a part of the profits be used for county fairs. Such is local pride that the racing law has lasted almost 20 years without serious change.

The threat against it will become stronger with the filing of this new petition which would provide for county fairs without dog or horse betting money.

There seems to be a minority who feel that county fairs should be pretty much self supporting or that if not self supporting, the needed funds should be raised in the county, where the fair is held. "We've got to have a fair" is the plea that overcomes suggestions of curtailment of the ex-

pense or of the gambling from which the money comes.

If all the initiative measures get on the ballot and some of the proposed ones the voters will have 20 measures to pass on in November. Such a series of decisions is worthy of two weeks hard work and legislators would spend more than that on them. Legislators, however, have the privilege of amendment, which voters do not.

**DECISIONS**

A suggestion was made the other day by Albert Kaseberg, a member of the special five man committee to aid the county court on road matters, that Sherman county could obtain more aid in road building if decisions as to location were left to the engineers.

Similar ideas are being expressed by others. It is probably time that Sherman county came to the realization that those who can say yes and no about road building may not decide to build here unless there is agreement locally.

This does not mean that everyone must agree, merely that the disagreements be settled at home or left to the engineers. Recently a decision was reached—or re-stated—about a state road and there was agreement by both sides when the engineering reasons for the location were stated.

Both Morrow and Gilliam county have obtained more road aid than Sherman county and while there have been arguments there, and still are, there has been enough agreement to satisfy the highway commission.

Mr. Kaseberg was speaking particularly about use of the special road fund. If its spending can be decided on engineering we will have made a step away from local prejudices—usually a step to be desired.

**WHY UPRIGHT?**

Every now and then we read that some scientist has said that it is unnatural for man to be walking upright, that normally he is a quadruped. As to that we'll let the scientists decide while remembering that some of the other great apes do walk upright.

So we got to wondering how we would look walking around on all fours. Perhaps we would sit on chairs as we do now, we could drive cars and probably eat at a table and certainly sleep in bed.

We'd have straighter shoulders and more limber necks; we'd see more of the ground and less of the sky; we'd probably raise our back in pride instead of sticking out our chest; football would come more naturally than basketball. Probably we would not have so strict a division of labor between our hands and feet and if the hands shared the chore of walking the feet might do some of the holding and picking.

The idea seems to have some possibilities although if the scientists are correct it has once been discarded. Maybe with a little stimulation some group in southern California would try it for awhile, say long enough to have some pictures taken.

**ODD DECISION**

Up in Seattle the voters by a near 2 to 1 margin have decided against putting flourine in the drinking water. There are several agencies of national scope working against flourination of drinking water and they probably concentrated on Seattle.

Whether or not flourine actually does prevent tooth decay is not fully settled but dentists think it is a help and there seems evidence that there is less decay where there is ample flourine. The case of Deaf Smith county, Texas, is an example. But there the flourine is in the water as an act of nature.

There was once a long campaign against vaccination against small pox. A famed English woman found that the Circassians inoculated their children with pustles from small pox victims thus inducing a mild form of the disease which prevented serious attacks. It was more of an economic matter to the Circassians than a health measure.

They had a good trade with the Turks to whom they sold their daughters to become harem inmates and the pock marked ones brought a reduced price.

Vaccination did not become common for many years and there are still some who hold it to be cruel to intentionally give a child a loathsome disease. There are not many such left, however.

The same thing may happen in the case of flourine in the water, but that will have to be done by popular vote and a majority in a given area must be convinced before it can be tried. Vaccination was a more personal matter. We boast of our development of science and we sometimes refuse to heed its teachings.

**JUNIOR LADIES SPONSOR**

**SILVER TEA**

A silver tea to raise money for the church was given last Friday by the Junior Ladies club of Moro who used the reception room of the church for the occasion. Antiques were displayed and some flowers from Hawaii were shown by Mrs. Anna Moore and Mrs. Mary Eva who had recently returned from a tour to that island.

Sandra May played two piano numbers. Mrs. Homer Townsend sang, "He'd Have to Get Out and Get Under" and "A Bicycle Built for Two" in keeping with the antique theme of the tea. Mrs. Carroll Sayrs gave a book review of "Them Was The Days" a book of reminiscences of her uncle by Martha McKeown of Hood River.

Serving were Mesdames Carroll Sayrs, Homer Townsend, Dewey Thompson, Wendell Balziger, Arthur Christianson, Geo. Mitchell, Truman Strong, L. E. Kaseberg. Coming from out of town were Miss Vivian Trounce, Mrs. G. A. Sargent, Mrs. H. Gravenor, of Wasco; Mrs. O. J. McCoy, Mrs. F. R. Babcock, Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale and Miss Marcy McCoy of The Dalles and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner of Grass Valley.

Mrs. Virgil Archer, president of the club, presided and Mrs. Paul May was in charge of the program.

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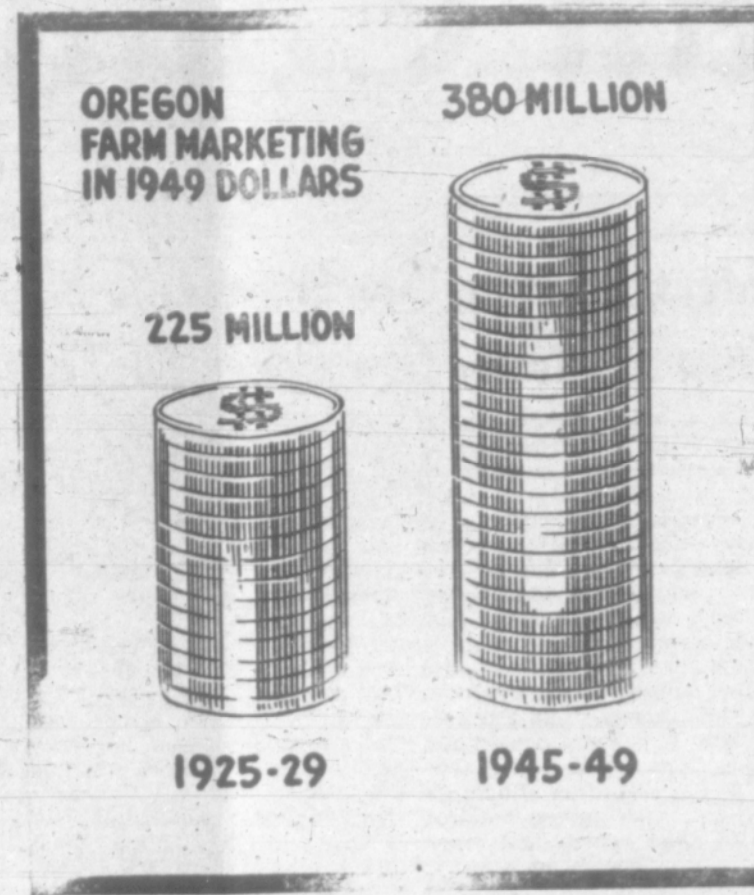
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**Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.** Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited — Floyd Lane, N. G., Leo Watkins, Secretary

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116** Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome Josephine Gentry N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.

**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 Clyde Gillmor, W.M. H. D. Pinkerton, Secretary

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 73 O.E.S.** Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Bonnie May, W.M. Gwen Ross, Secretary



Discounting inflation, value of Oregon's farm products are more than 70 percent greater than they were 25 years ago. Today, farmers are selling more, better products from about the same amount of cropland. Much of the planning that led to this shift was charted 25 years ago on the Oregon State college campus during a statewide conference of farm leaders. A similar economic conference is scheduled March 17, 28 and 29 at OSC.

**TAG EXEMPTION FOR SOME VETERANS POSSIBLE**

Disabled veterans and war widows were warned today that April 1 is the last day on which they may apply for a \$1500 property tax exemption provided by state law. Application is made to the county assessor in the county where the property is located.

The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs said the special tax exemption on homes or personal property is available to the following persons:

1. Only war veteran with a 40 percent disability or more, as certified by the Veterans Administration or a branch of the armed forces. The veteran must obtain this statement from the Portland VA regional office, or from the branch of service from which he was retired, and submit it to the county assessor when he applies for the tax exemption.
2. The unmarried widow of a war veteran. She must submit proof of the husband's military service and copies of the marriage and death certificates.
3. Any war veteran who, lacking a disability rating from the VA or the armed forces, submits a certified statement from his

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of State Representative from the 22nd Representative District comprising Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Morrow counties, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primary election May 16, 1952.

Robert Smith  
Condon, Oregon

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the estate of Olive F. Robinson, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of the above named deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: March 7, 1952.

John Q. Robinson  
18-21c  
Attorney for Administrator

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the estate of Cathrine C. Wilke, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Cathrine C. Wilke, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: February 15th, 1952.

Catherine Anderson  
Geo. G. Updegraff, 18-21c  
Attorney for Executrix

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT**

Notice is given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Thomas P. Zimmerman, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, and that said court has fixed Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1952, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day and the courtroom of the above entitled court in the time and place for hearing all objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

Fred C. Zimmerman  
Administrator  
Carlton L. Pepper  
Attorney for administrator 17-20c

**physician and the county health officer that he is 40 percent disabled.**

The veteran in this category is not entitled to the exemption if his gross income in the last calendar year exceeded \$2500.

4. Any union veteran of the Mexican, Civil or Indian wars. The applicant must also submit proof that the property is recorded in his name. All evidence supporting his claim must be filed before the April 1 deadline. The tax exemption applies to the person's homestead—that is, the property he owns and on which he resides—or to his personal property.

Men who have served in the armed forces for 90 days or more since June 25, 1950, are now classified as war veterans and they or their widows may receive the exemption if they otherwise qualify.

Widows of Spanish-American war veterans receive another \$500 exemption in addition to the \$1500 for a \$2000 total exemption.

**SQUARE DANCE AT BEND**

A square dance jamboree will be held in Bend March 15 at 8:00 p. m. in Kenwood gymnasium. All square dancers are invited. Forty sets of dances can be accommodated and dancers from all over Central Oregon are expected to attend.

Merton Sauer, Tygh Valley, who has been holding classes in Grass Valley since early November, will be one of the numerous invited callers.



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**Rufus News**

Mrs. George Fox

Mrs. Donald Macnab was hostess to the community pinochle club Tuesday evening. Spring daffodils were used for decorations. High score was won by Mrs. Tom Macnab. Mrs. Chester Coats received consolation prize. Late in the evening, jello, nut bread, cookies and coffee were served by the hostess. Besides the hostess and prize winners there was Mrs. Bill Macnab, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Leland Medler, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. Elton Medler and Mrs. George Fox.

Twenty two members were present when the Rufus grange met for its regular meeting Thursday night. Roland Johnson master, was in the chair. The grange charter was draped for Mrs. Clyde Fridley, a Rufus grange member who died in The Dalles last Thursday.

The Home Economics chairman, Mrs. Roland Johnson, had charge of the lecturers program. The program was on "Safety" and opened with a song by all. Safety in the home, in the car, on the farm and in recreation were stressed by Mrs. Johnson and others who had part in the program.

Supper was served later in the

evening. Several square dances were enjoyed afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland C. Medler were hosts at Sunday dinner for Mrs. Francis Leehan and two children of Portland, Mrs. Bee Macnab and son, Bob, and daughter, Joan, of The Dalles, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab and daughters of Rufus. Mrs. Leehan came up especially to see the nice new home the Medlers recently moved into.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bartron and family were moving last week from the David Reid place into the former Hugh Mathieson house, now owned by the Reids. Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid and sons are going to live on the David Reid home ranch. Dr. Reid just recently was released from the military service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox left Thursday to spend the weekend in Troutdale. They will visit relatives and attend to business affairs while away.

It was quite cold here Thursday. A strong cold wind was blowing. But it was warmer over the weekend. A few sprinkles of rain even fell Saturday and Sunday.

**DORIN WILBURN**

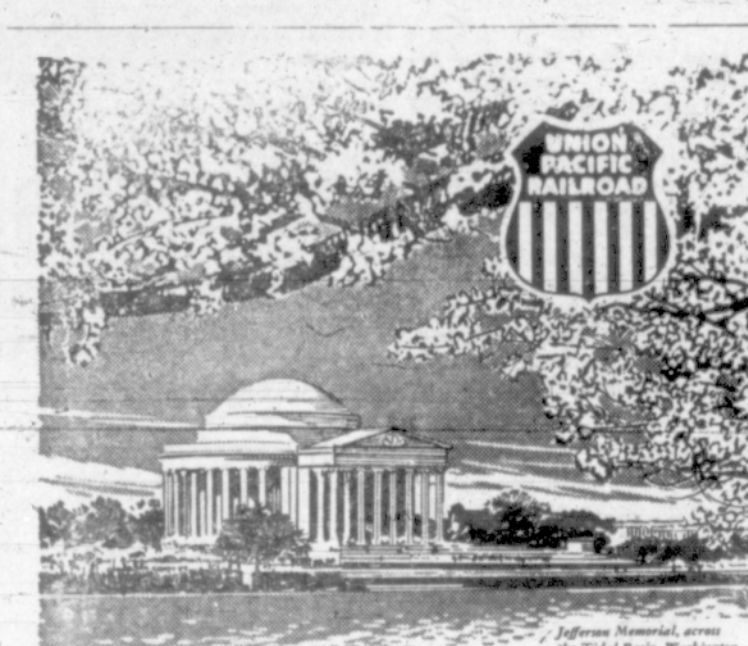
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