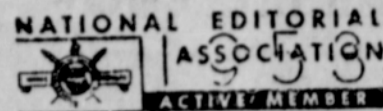


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NEWSPAPER WEEK

This is newspaper week, October 1 to 8. It is not a major event and will undoubtedly be overshadowed by the world series and the whereabouts of Mr. Beria. Not being one to become excited about the American penchant for "weeks," the writer has never paid much attention to this one. Recently there has been evidence that some reason exists for more information about newspapers, which give all sorts of information about nearly everything else and little about themselves.

A newspaper's primary function is to print the news and to comment on it to the best of the ability of its writers. That takes care of the news columns and the editorial. Not all newspapers feel necessary to comment and write no editorials. We do not think that they fill all the requirements of a newspaper. Papers have different kinds of judgment about news and as long as different people run newspapers this condition will exist. Every reader would do it differently—or thinks he would—and that is right and proper too.

One of the main things a newspaper must do is to give information about government and, through news or editorial, explain what is going on in official circles. When this is not done government may become secretive and even corrupt. The best governments are those which are conducted in public, with full knowledge of everyone. Inasmuch as citizens cannot attend to such things personally it is a newspaper's job to report and interpret them.

On the business side a newspaper prints advertisements for such persons or firms that want to tell readers something about what they have in goods or services. Business drops off immediately when newspapers are not published for any reason. From this service a paper should receive enough money to be able to live in the fashion current in the community.

But the financial side is important only that it makes possible the continuance of the newspaper as a purveyor in public information, legitimate news and opinions.

NEEDED REFORM

One of the minor, but troublesome problems for the legislature to consider is the one that prevents any official from having an interest in work done by a municipal corporation in which he is an officer.

Some reformer moved to make more effective this section of the law at a recent session of the legislature but nothing came of it. Neither has it been possible herebefore to repeal the section, 95-210 which is specific in banning officials from taking contracts.

The law is very generally disobeyed and usually no harm is done, but it is still there and action has been threatened many times under it. Small towns are especially offenders because there is seldom enough possible office holders at best.

A means should be found to permit an officer to do such work for the city as is normal without liability and still prevent the graft that sometimes arises when officers milk the city coffers to their own financial advantage and future legislators might search for that solution before the 1955 session.

MAKE THE BEST BETTER

Sherman county has as great a potential ability to build and buy civic improvements as any county in the state and perhaps the nation. It has the money. It does not follow that its taxpayers are willing to part with it. That is another matter, entirely.

There is some demand for better roads and the voters who attended the road meeting last spring would have voted a ten mill levy as quickly as they did a six. Protest was made that the county had insufficient equipment with which to spend ten mills. Better roads would be an improvement to the county in that they would make it easier for travelers to get someplace else. It is also necessary to de-

velop some place else to go.

There is some demand for better schools and such expenditure has been approved by the voters in recent tests at Moro, Wasco and Rufus. New buildings do not necessarily mean better schools although the taxpayer intent was expressed favorably.

Roads and schools are two kinds of improvements that are favored. But approval has not resulted in much improvement so far. Perhaps the time is passed when important construction can be done.

In the matter of cooperation within the county for other things there is less indication of desire for progress.

Highway 97 is growing in importance. Traffic is many times what it was a few years ago. South of Bend the traffic count showed an increase of 23.8 per cent for eight months. That is the most of any highway in the state. By local work and by cooperating with other counties along this route we could obtain more improvements on the highway and in a short time a bridge across the Columbia at Maryhill. No sustained effort has been possible on such an enterprise.

Those who do the public service work in other counties are usually professional people, a group that is very short handed in this county. Farmers, however, have a great deal of time that is not taken up with farm work. It may come unevenly over the year but there is time. They could become the leaders in civic work if they would.

It has been difficult to retain any civic organization with a county-wide interest in public matters. They often degenerate into a sounding board for those who have a project to push instead of retaining their status as a county boosting organization.

What to do about it? History says "nothing." But an interest in the improvement of the county, whether it added to the income or not, would be a beneficial activity for some group that had the ambition and ability to see what might be done.

WORLD'S SERIES

Most fans seem to favor the Dodgers, a laudable sentiment this favoring the under dog. And it is also an indication that the one-time rowdy Dodgers have attained a certain degree of social acceptance. Once the Brooklyn team was considered a bunch of rough-necks with the addition of screw-ball tendencies that were funny but hardly befitting a group that merited the appellation—champion.

The Yankees have won for so long and nearly everyone has lost a bet or two on them (that is a fine way to lose friends) that their defeat is almost demanded in some quarters and even the doubtful Dodgers are considered more acceptable as the champion team.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933.

Of Sherman County Journal, published weekly at Moro, Oregon, for October 1953, State of Oregon, County of Sherman, ss. Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Giles L. French, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Sherman County Journal, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon; Editor, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon; Managing Editor, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon; Business Manager, Lela B. French, Moro, Oregon.

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5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the twelve months preceding the date shown above is 710.

GILES L. FRENCH, editor
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September, 1953.
Bon Christanson
notary public seal my commission expires July 28, 1956

People's Column

Dear Editor:

My attention has just been directed to your recent comment to the effect that "the state board of control stopped the attorney general from opposing the bill to give offshore lands to the states." I would appreciate an opportunity to correct before your readers the erroneous impression created by the foregoing statement.

Even though I have the legal authority to do so, I felt that I did not want to go into this case without the board of control's approval inasmuch as the legislature had passed Senate Joint Memorial No. 3 in 1949 asking Congress to pass such a law. In my initial letter to the board of control I stated:

(1) "In view of this (Senate Joint Memorial No. 3) I think it would be improper for me to spend state funds and participate in this test case unless a majority of the board of control feels I should do so."

(2) This office was requested by a number of Oregon citizens and organizations to join in the test case brought by the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Montana, Rhode Island and West Virginia, to determine the constitutionality of the new law, which gives to the states of Texas, California, and Louisiana offshore oil estimated as worth between 30 and 50 billions of dollars at the expense of the other 45 states, including Oregon.

(3) While it is true that this became a political issue in the 1952 presidential campaign, substantially the same measure was passed twice by Democratic Congresses, but President Truman refused to sign both times. So it may be fairly said that the controversy cuts across party lines.

(4) Oregon's share in this natural resource could conceivably reach between one-fourth and one-half billion dollars. Rather than acting against the state's interest as you suggest, I believe that I would have been subject to criticism had I not referred the decision to the three top officials of the executive branch comprising the Board of Control. After all, Oregon has a big stake in the outcome of this case. I was careful to point out to the Board of Control both sides of the question when I said, "If the case can be won, Oregon would stand to receive its share from the sale of these natural resources. However, Oregon would thereby lose sovereignty over her own submerged lands and exclusive control over minerals and other natural resources beneath which the new law gives us."

Robert Y. Thornton
Attorney General

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

A grass fire broke out early Saturday evening behind the fruit orchard about a mile west of Rufus. The fire of unreported origin quickly spread up the hill. Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields who saw the fire from their house turned in the alarm for the Wasco fire truck. The fire going south was checked before it burned as far as the road going south of Rufus. The fire fighters backedfire from a cow trail and were able to check it. The grass on Harland McDonald's place hadn't been pastured off for several years so it burned even though the wind was against it. The summer fallow field on top of the hill was a good fire guard. It is estimated the fire burned 160 acres of Trace Fields' land, 100 acres of Harland McDonald's land and 50 acres of Curt Tom's land. It was just three years ago that this same piece of land burned from a human's carelessness.

The Wasco grade school boys came to Rufus Monday for a game of tag football with the Rufus boys. Wasco out played Rufus, and the score ended with a 12 to 26 victory for Wasco. This was

the Rufus boys second game.

The Rufus high school chose its student body officers recently for the coming year. George Fox Jr. was elected president, Wally Morris, vice president; Lola Johnson secretary, and Russell Blake treasurer.

Spray high school boys held a practice football game with the Rufus-Wasco high school boys Friday afternoon at Rufus. Spray showed good team work. A score was kept and it said 32 points for Spray and nothing for us.

Rufus and Wasco high school boys are combining their strength this season for football because each school has so few boys. The Wasco coach being their teacher assisted by Larry Cagle of Rufus school.

Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti was a Sunday dinner guest of the Geo. Foxes. She came out in her shiny new Studebaker car which she bought a short time before school started.

The Wasco American Legion auxiliary will meet at the Wasco Legion hall Monday, October 5 at 2 p. m. This will be the first meeting this season. The reason they didn't meet in September was on account of Mrs. Lydia Darby's funeral came the same afternoon.

It rained during the night early Monday morning. The rain fell for a short time, but it wet down about one half inch of the earth. This helped settle the dust.

Some of the farmers say the moisture has gone down several inches in their summer fallow now. The first of September after the rain fell in August the moisture was right at the top of the ground. This is slowing up some of the deep seeding in the wheat fields at present.

The days have been warm, but some of the nights were chilly. On one occasion it got down to 40 degrees above. It is the beginning of heat in our homes. There aren't many years that we go to nearly October first before there is need to have steady heat in the houses. September was warm with its "Indian Summer."

Rufus Home Ec. Club Meets

Mrs. Roland Johnson chairman called a special no host meeting of the Home Ec club Tuesday afternoon at the grange hall.

The members told what they did on the vacation they had or what they were going to do when they get away. Mrs. Johnson reminded the members of the State Grange conference at Harlandview for October 28. The club plans a baked food sale for the near future.

Rufus grange will have its Booster night October 10. It was found Harlandview grange will have theirs the same night.

The fruit canning for the grange women will be judged at Rufus on October 15 at 2 p. m.

Mrs. George Fox won the drawing.

Colds are already going around amongst the school children at Rufus.

enables the family to limit the cost to its needs or wishes.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

One for the Books!

Noticed the Missus had a red ribbon tied around her finger at breakfast one morning last week.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"Your memory slipping?"

"It's not for me," she answers, "it's to remind you, and everybody else who asks what it's for, to contribute to the Woman's Club Library Fund. We need \$200 and we figured we'd get more help if we could get people to ask us about it."

Well, as it turned out, the red ribbon worked just fine. The ladies are having the library all

fixed up—and there's enough money for some new books, too.

From where I sit, it would be a fine thing if we had some sort of private reminder when we forget the rights of our neighbors. Like when we start telling them what we think is best. I may like a travel book and a temperate glass of beer while you prefer a cup of tea with your historical novel. Let's both remember not to "put the finger" on the other!

Joe Marsh

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William O'Brien president reminds everyone of the Rufus Parent Teachers meeting for Monday October 5 at 8 p. m. at the school.

WANT ADS

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ABSTRACT OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 1953-54 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE YEAR 1953, SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX & NON HIGH				PERCENTAGES			
DISTRICT	VALUE	LEVY	TAX	COMB. LEVY	Sch. Tax	RSD	GR SR S&C
1 Biglow	\$ 209,940	6	125.96	40.9	1.4	59.2	9.8 14.7 14.9
3 Rufus	1,640,492	15.9	26,083.82	56.2	28.3	43.1	7.1 10.7 10.8
4 Emg. Springs	91,280	6	54.77	40.9	1.4	59.2	9.8 14.7 14.9
7 Wasco	2,681,213	none	none	40.3	none	60.0	9.9 15.0 15.1
9 Kent	1,066,766	none	none	40.3	none	60.0	9.9 15.0 15.1
17 Moro	2,928,664	none	none	40.3	none	60.0	9.9 15.0 15.1
23 Grass Valley	1,789,153	6	1,073.49	40.9	1.4	59.2	9.8 14.7 14.9
Rural Sch. Dist.	10,407,508	24.2	251,861.69				
(Applies to all Districts)							
Non High School District	Sch. Tax			LEGEND			
6 Mill Levy, Value 2,090,393	RSD			Special School Tax & Non High			
Tax \$1,254.22 (Applies to districts No. 1, 4 & 23)	S&C			Rural School District Tax			
				State & County General Fund			

TOTAL SCHOOL TAX				TOTAL CITY TAX			
\$ 279,199.73				COMB. CITY TAX			
From Wasco County (Joint Sch. Dist.)				LEVY TAX TAX RSD GR S&C			
\$ 279,880.14				Wasco			
				Moro			
				Grass Valley			
				TOTAL CITY TAX			

DISTRICT	VALUE	Gen. Road Tax	TAX	Spe. Road Tax	TAX
Road No. 1	\$ 9,653,798	4.0	\$ 38,615.19	6.0	\$ 57,922.79
Road No. 2 Wasco	324,662	4.0	1,298.65		
Road No. 3 Moro	251,991	4.0	1,007.96		
Road No. 4 G. V.	177,057	4.0	708.23		
TOTAL ROAD TAXES			\$ 41,630.03		\$ 57,922.79
COUNTY VALUATION			LEVY		TAX
\$ 10,407,508			6.1		\$ 63,485.79
State tax is provided by State Surplus					

RECAPITULATION					
General Fund Tax			\$ 63,485.79		
General Road Fund Tax			41,630.03		
Special Road Tax			57,922.79		
Special School Tax			279,199.73		
Special City Tax			18,866.44		
TOTAL TAX			\$ 461,104.78		
School Tax from Wasco County			680.41		
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 461,785.19		
Total Value	\$ 10,407,508	100.0	Total Tax	\$ 461,104.78	100.0
Total Local Value	8,845,430	85.0	Total Local Tax	389,113.40	82.4
Total Real Value	7,190,010	69.1	Tax Real Property	307,049.80	66.6
Total Personal Value	1,655,420	15.9	Tax Personal Property	73,063.60	15.8
Public Utilities	1,562,078	15.0	Tax Public Utilities	80,991.38	17.6

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL SHERMAN COUNTY, 1953-54

REAL PROPERTY:				
Acres of Tillable Land	268,185.44	Value	\$ 5,698,120	Per Unit \$ 21.25
Acres of Non-Tillable Land	195,092.14	Value	294,460	Per Unit \$ 1.51
Platted Lands		Value	52,950	
Structural improvements, unplatted lands		Value	743,420	
Structural improvements on platted lands		Value	405,730	
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY			\$ 7,194,680	