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CHALLENGE

The case of Powell and others against the Moro school district has been decided in favor of the district in the circuit court. The plaintiffs have until March 15 to appeal to the supreme court. What action will be taken, if any, is not known to this newspaper.

However, the plaintiffs have often said that their objection to the bond issue for a new high school building to be built by the Moro district was that it was planned to be large enough for all the secondary pupils of the county and was to be paid for by the taxpayers of only one district. That was not considered a sufficient argument by the voters at the election.

It now seems to be a proper time for another bit of action on the school front and the men who objected to the new school built by one district might well support it, if indeed, not lead it. Another vote on high school consolidation with a new county high school would be timely.

The county has a total valuation of \$10,407,508. Major school district valuation is Rufus, \$1,640,492; Wasco \$2,681,213; Moro \$2,928,664; Grass Valley \$1,789,153; Kent \$1,066,766. There is plenty of valuation to build a good school building without high tax levies. Any one of the districts could do it and still have smaller school taxes than most of the districts of the state.

If Sherman county is to have an acceptable school, high school that is, it must put its small enrollment together. That is the trend of the times.

Property owners may have reduced incomes for a time because of reduced acreages permitted for wheat. It is doubtful if school costs can be reduced in the same proportion. The county hires far too many teachers, especially in high school, 12 fulltime teachers instruct about 100 pupils for an average of eight pupils per teacher. Half of the teachers could do the job better and eight or nine could give a much more complete course for the secondary pupils of the county.

THERE WILL BE SPRING

Nature, capricious though she is, is not misleading us with these warmer days that melt the remaining snow slightly before the frost of night settles down to slow the process again.

Nature is being bountiful and sending the kind of weather that has been requested for many, many years. A warm, wet fall, lasting until mid-January, a deep snow that settles into the unfrozen ground as easily as rain and a bit of winter to make spring more enjoyable.

And soon, the spring will be here. One of these nights there will come a rattle from the limbs of the bare trees and a gust of wind will shake the house as in warning. The native will know from his bed that the Chinook has come, that country-wide announcer of spring.

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Because the ground has been warm under its blanket of snow the grass will show green on the hillsides almost immediately and the little yellow buttercups will blossom on the south slopes to proclaim as with a golden seal that spring is here.

Women will rake the yards and men will fret to get into the fields and small boys will find the cache of marbles laid aside last summer. The sun will gradually warm the back more than the wind can chill. It will be spring again. The earth will make the plants to grow and nature will speed the blood of animals and man will have his hopes restored.

LAWS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN

It is an old saying that laws are made to be broken and that they are expected to be broken otherwise no penalties would be incorporated into them.

But any law is an expression of rather general opinion. Circumstances alter the commission of the offense. Even the law against murder isn't enforced half the time. It is against the law to kill another, yes, but—and the jury looks it over and determines the seriousness of the crime. A jury itself is an indication that laws are made to be broken and juries are to decide whether or no the law shall be enforced.

Rules are made to be broken, too. Any administrator of any law knows that his job is to perform his duties within the broad intent of the law and not be a martinet about it. If he sticks to the letter of the law he is a nuisance that the people will remove as soon as they can.

No one can write a law that fits every case it covers; no one with governmental experience expects it to be done. Many laws are on the books only for the hard cases, the deliberate offenses. As long as an offender doesn't break the law with malice aforethought he draws a smaller penalty or none at all.

It is expected that laws and rules will be observed by their intent, not by their letter; it is expected that administrators will use good judgment in enforcement. We would all be in jail if all the rules and laws were enforced in full strength. People are wiser than legislators or administrators and they only stand for so much pushing around.

MR. BENSON

Regardless of what anyone may think of Ezra Benson's ideas about the farm program everyone has to admit that he is a man. He is not a coward or a politician. He is a man who has faith in his own ideas and isn't afraid to pursue them.

Flexible price supports have a tough row to hoe in the congress because farmers are doubtful of them. They want guaranteed prices for the very good reason that prices of what they buy are still high and they want to make a profit. There is good and sufficient reason why farmers should be nervous.

Based on experience before the end of the war and especially before the end of the exporting program to foreign nations not recovered from war, it appears safe

WASCO NEWS

The Tuesday bridge club met with Mrs. Harry Van Gilder last week. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Idah Everett and Mrs. W. A. Nisbet. Club members attending were Mrs. Harley Dutton, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. L. P. Haven and Mrs. George Harris. High score for the afternoon was held by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Dewey Thomas was hostess to her Thursday evening bridge club recently. Bridge was played following a dessert supper by Mrs. Pat Macnab, Mrs. David Richelderfer, Mrs. Al Dormaier, Mrs. Chet Coats, Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet, Mrs. Stuart Macnab, and Mrs. Pete Macnab. High and low scores were held by Mrs. Pat Macnab and Mrs. Stuart Macnab, respectively.

Mrs. Paul Patrick entertained the Tillicum club at her home recently with a 1:30 dessert luncheon followed by bridge played by Mesdames Bill Nisbet, Anna Lee, Sam Brock, Lee Dehler, L. L. Funk, Trace Fields, George Harris, Harry Van Gilder, and the prize winners Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder who held high, Mrs. Ira Fridley with the traveling prize.

As bad as farmers want to get high prices for what they raise, it is not likely that a majority of them expect the government to continue to buy and store food products that cannot be sold. For this part of the wheat belt the acreage reduction program is a path back to sheep herding. As long as the wheat price is high enough to stimulate production in the big agricultural states the northwest cannot ship wheat east at all. We must export it. Canada's price is \$1.65. Australia's is no more. Another acreage reduction will certainly be larger than the nationwide 20 percent and the countywide 33 percent.

We had better take three-quarters the price for a full crop than a full price for half a crop.

Mr. Benson is staying by his guns as a brave man should. It may be that his program is not the eventual answer to the farm surplus problem. We are very certain, however, that when and if it is solved there will be price competition involved. Until there is the farmers who have big acreages, big machinery, efficient management will get no benefit from the lower production costs they enjoy.

There seems to be no particular reason for suppressing many of the desires written in for the Oregon Journal contest. Perhaps they are merely suppressed by fear or inertia.

Notice is hereby given that the Sherman County Fair Board will accept bids for one or more of the eating concessions at the Sherman County Fair to be held September 9 to 12. All bids must be in writing and be mailed or delivered to the Secretary not later than April 1, 1954. The Sherman County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.
Dated February 14, 1954.

Notice to Creditors
All persons having claims against the Estate of Jesse N. Landry, 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 Jesse N. Landry, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: February 12, 1954.
Eva Landry
Executrix

T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Executrix 16-9c

and Mrs. James Maddox who took home the consolation prize. Mrs. Fridley was a guest, Mrs. Maddox is a member now living in The Dalles but had come up for the party.
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent vis-

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LOST: Hereford heifer, 11 months old, weighs 650 pounds, tattooed 43 each ear, with horns, from Hay Canyon place Ernest Woods Phone 671, Moro. 15c

TAKEN UP: White faced heifer calf, underbit on left ear, weight about 350. Came about November, at my ranch 8 miles east of Grass Valley. Dean Reynolds, Grass Valley, Ore. 15-16c
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ited Elmer Barzee at Moro recently and Miss Vivian Trousce spent the same afternoon with Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer of Moro. The Legion hall redcorating has been completed and meetings are again being held there.

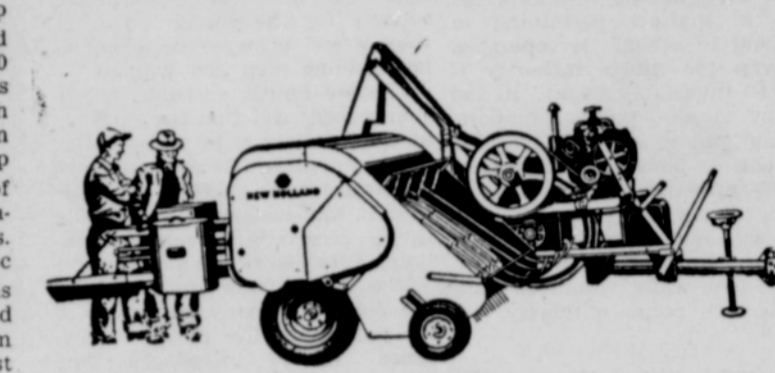
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Striker helped their great grandson, Dick, celebrate his third birthday February 8 by having dinner at the home of Dick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Richelderfer. Miss Margaret Howell spent a week with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobson. She immediately left after arriving home for a weeks visit at Kent with her great grandfather, George Howell and family.

The Wasco high school basketball team is steadily improving and playing some really good games. While with not many wins parents may be proud that the boys are fine sports, good losers

and steady players. For the last few games it certainly would encourage the boys for more parents and friends to turn out. The schedule is February 19 at Rufus basketball and volleyball, February 26 Heppner here with both games, February 27 Rufus at Wasco both teams playing. Let's see good crowds and plenty of cheering.

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