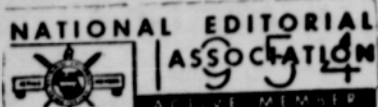


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1.50 WHEAT

It is very enlightening to ask farmers if they can raise wheat for 1.50 a bushel. Some will answer from their political prejudices instead of from their book-keeping knowledge although in general the answers will be their studied opinion.

Many would prefer to use all their acres at a price of \$1.50 than to be restricted in acres and keep on with the present prices.

Some want to hold onto the high price now paid via the loan route despite growing surpluses. Some of these have fanciful schemes for getting rid of it, selling to Russia, giving it to India or destroying it. Certainly there is need for bread grains in Russia and India, although the general opinion seems to be that giving or selling grain to those countries might involve diplomatic troubles we do not care to face.

Over in Wasco county a computation was made to determine the average cost of producing wheat. On enough farms to be considered typical of the county the average cost was determined to be \$1.62 per bushel.

That figure sounds reasonable. It does not mean that a good farmer couldn't grow his grain cheaper. It means that good farmers probably did grow grain cheaper; it was the less careful, more expensive farmers whose cost was above \$1.62.

From our questioning we are certain that a price of \$1.50 per bushel would eliminate very few farmers in this county and that most of them would keep on making some money anyway. There would be less federal income tax paid, in some cases almost enough less to offset the loss in price.

Most farmers realize that the present high price is temporary. Some would hold it as long as possible and let the government worry about the surplus; some are already worrying about the seven to ten million bushels surplus and would like to get the price down to reduce the amount of wheat grown.

There are no farm programs now being considered that would reduce the price below \$1.50 except in a few grain growing areas. Perhaps none of them will be passed and the rigid price system will be continued. In either case some farmers are going to be disappointed.

JOHN DAY DAM

Anyone who has watched the political scene for any length of time will recognize the bill by an Oregon senator and four anti-administration senators from the northwest as one engendered entirely for political reasons. It would appropriate \$700,000 for the John Day dam.

Purpose is to obtain some credit for dam appropriations on the Columbia which have almost universally been obtained by Senator Cordon, who, from his position on the appropriations committee and the committee on interior affairs, has been responsible for money for Columbia river dams and with little help from colleagues.

Furthermore an appropriation of that amount is not needed for the John Day dam at this session. What is needed is a small sum of perhaps as much as \$100,000 to continue and finish the test drilling for foundation on the proposed site below the mouth of the John Day. It may require but half that amount.

Previous drilling has disclosed a hole in the river where no solid rock foundation was found. Before engineers proceed they need to know whether there is solid rock there or not. If there is not the dam will be built above the mouth of the John Day, where preliminary drillings have also been made.

No one interested in the eventual construction of the John Day dam will be happy with the attempt to make it a political football for the purpose of obtaining credit not heretofore earned. We were doing very well without the political meddling.

SOMETHING WRONG

An advertisement for a national insurance company shows that the national income was 2.4 billions of dollars in 1850, had grown to 16.2 billion by 1900 and 69.5 billions by 1920, a part of which was caused by the first World War, no doubt.

In 1940 the national income was 81.3 billions after the longest depression the nation ever experienced. Yet, in the ten years between 1940 and 1950 the national income climbed to 291.6 billion. It is more than that now despite a drop in the economy in 1948-49.

There's something wrong here. We know of no one who is living three and a half times better now than in 1940. The cars are newer—and bigger—the kitchens have more white enamel in them, the radios show pictures, sure. But the faces are no brighter, the children no more playful, the shoulders no straighter, nor the voices happier.

NOT SO FAST

The Oregonian comments on the news that Pendleton policemen will wear cowboy costumes by saying that cowboys are extinct enough to let their "costume" be appropriated by law enforcement men.

It is possible that the Oregonian's editorial writer has been seeing too many movies. Much of what is accepted as traditional cowboy costume comes from Hollywood. Oldtime cowboys were not accustomed to wearing pants that tight unless they were shrunk in the wash. Perhaps the desire to make two pair of denim pants where one had been before had something to do with the tight pants associated with thoughts of cowboys—and girls—in the minds of city folks.

Cowboys did wear big hats and for very good reasons: they give shade in summer, protection against the winds of winter and for the exceptional occasion provide a temporary watering bucket for a horse or a flail for a grass fire. The narrow brimmed hats adopted by city folks are merely decorative with no utility value of any kind.

Boots were and are worn because the high heels keep the foot from sliding through the stirrup and if caught will pull off and free the erstwhile rider. Nowadays boots are being worn for decoration. The costume of the cowboy was utilitarian; there was a purpose for most of it. In the places where men ride the open ranges for cattle the same clothes are still being worn and for the same reasons.

More of the nation's cattle are now grown on farms and are sometimes driven by jeeps. Yet, cattle graze where even jeeps cannot go and men on horseback must see them, count them, salt them, appraise their condition, drive them in and perform for them the services herdsmen have assumed toward cattle since the first bovine was domesticated. Such men will wear clothes best adapted to the job.

If movie actors, Pendleton policemen, drug store characters, rodeo performers, want to wear the same kind of clothes it is no matter to the real cowboy who has no time for any of them. It is entirely probable, in fact, that there will be tenders of cattle long after Hollywood is forgotten.

RUFUS ITEMS

From the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade school news at Rufus. April 15 Mrs. Barbara Paist's room had their Easter party. The activities were many and centered around an egg theme. David Reid and Bobby Byrd tied for first while Eleanor Smith and Patricia O'Brien tied for second in the unusual egg contest. Mike O'Brien won the prize for having the prettiest single egg. An egg rolling contest was enjoyed by all members of the room. The winners were David Reid for the 6th, Bobby Byrd for the 7th and Jimmy Fox for the 8th. Grand champion

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pion was David Reid. Jimmy Fox discovered the most eggs in the hunt, while Jeanne Magral and Vincent Belloni found the least. Refreshments were enjoyed in the cafeteria afterwards.

The girls and boys of Mrs. Paist's room have been competing in spelling. Every six weeks the teacher announces the winner. Last time the boys beat the girls. The girls thus were servants for the boys for an entire day. The girls' time has come, however, since they are winners this time. Alex Schied is the most recent addition to Rufus, a 6th grader coming from Arlington.

The final arrangements have been made for the Junior-Senior Prom at Rufus school gym. The date has been set for May 15 and they are to have Ken Knott's orchestra. The theme of the dance will be an underwater one called "Mermaid Melodies". Miss Lola Johnson was elected queen for the occasion with Dottie Stewart and Phillis Stewart as the princesses. The dance will be semi-formal and is to be held in the Rufus high school gym.

The decoration of the gym, which is in charge of Lola Johnson, will start a week before the dance. A ticket sale sponsored by the seniors will be held prior to May 15.

The 1st and 2nd grade room now has a new face. Jannis Matzker is in the second grade and comes to Rufus from Pendleton.

The Easter egg hunt and party was held Thursday April 15. In the egg contest Kathleen O'Brien had the prettiest egg; Douglas Reid with a frog decorated egg had the most unusual egg. Larry and Monya Neal won the additional prizes for their clever eggs. In the hunt Loren Byrd discovered the gold egg, Douglas Medler the silver egg, Larry Schied had the sharpest eye, having a total of 12 eggs.

Mrs. Stenberg assisted by Mrs. Meyer gave a demonstration on surgical nursing by donning her costume and relating the procedure encountered in the operating room. Information on nursing as a career was left in the library for future reference for the girls.

After a week of warm weather the rain fell in this area Monday evening. Coming as it has, is very good for the growing crop. We need a cool moist spring to keep the early seeded wheat of last fall growing and in good condition.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION IN THE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, UPON QUESTION OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION II, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday,

May 17, 1954, by the Rural School District of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in all component school districts of said Rural School District.

The election will begin at 2:00 p. m. and will be held in the schoolhouse in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the rural school district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954, over the amount limited by Section II, Article XI of the Constitution.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: The Rural School District base is too low to permit the raising of sufficient funds for operating the schools. The amount of tax, in excess of the six per cent limitation proposed to be levied by the rural school district of Sherman county, Oregon, for the fiscal year year beginning July 1, 1954, is \$134,952.04. Dated this 16th day of April, 1954.

C. O. Burnett
Chairman, Rural School Board
Wily W. Knighten
Secretary, Rural School Board

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting of the Board of Equalization for Sherman County.

To the taxpayers of Sherman County, Oregon: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, will attend at the County Assessor's office of the Sherman County Court House, Moro, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 10, 1954, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or quality of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney and shall be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board. Each such petition or application shall state thereon the address to which notice of the action of the Board of Equalization shall be sent.

CLAIR L. BALZER
Sherman County Assessor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary E. Schaeffer, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting

IRMA C. LAFFOON
Executrix

ARTHUR LANGGUTH
Attorney

WANT ADS
LOST—LAST FALL: Three coming two-year old registered Hereford heifers, branded lazy S-S on right rib. No ear mark, but tattooed on right ear. Reward for information leading to their recovery. Sid Seale, Condon, Oregon.

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WANTED: Man or woman to call on farmers in Sherman county. Some making over \$50 a day. Full or part time. Write or wire for free proposition. McNess

Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Schaeffer, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: April 23, 1954.

Max Barzee
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator

ESTATE OF CLARENCE I. LAFFOON, Dec'd. ARTHUR LANGGUTH, Attorney 602 McKay Bldg., Portland, Ore. NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT No. 572

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PROBATE. In the matter of the Estate of Clarence I. Laffoon, Dec'd.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executrix of the Estate of Clarence I. Laffoon, Dec'd. has filed her Final Account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and that Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1954, at the hour of 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the Court Room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published April 2, 1954. Date of last publication May 21, 1954.

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CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by School District No. 23, Grass Valley, Oregon, up to 8 p. m., May 10, 1954, for painting the schoolhouse and building a three bus garage and doing some other repair work on the building and grounds. Specifications may be obtained from the board. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Harold Eakin, chairman

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Cal Horn, your Telephone Manager

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If you ever visited your local telephone office, you most likely were amazed at the thousands of small wires that connect the intricate equipment. It used to be that each tiny wire connection had to be soldered by hand. But today, on some kinds of equipment, a new wire wrapping gun is used. It literally "shoots" wire around a terminal. And it grips so tightly that, if you tried to pull it loose, you'd break the wire first. By doing an important job faster, better, cheaper, the wire gun helps us provide service at low cost to you. Pacific Telephone works to make your telephone a bigger value every day.

Long distance calls now cost you less

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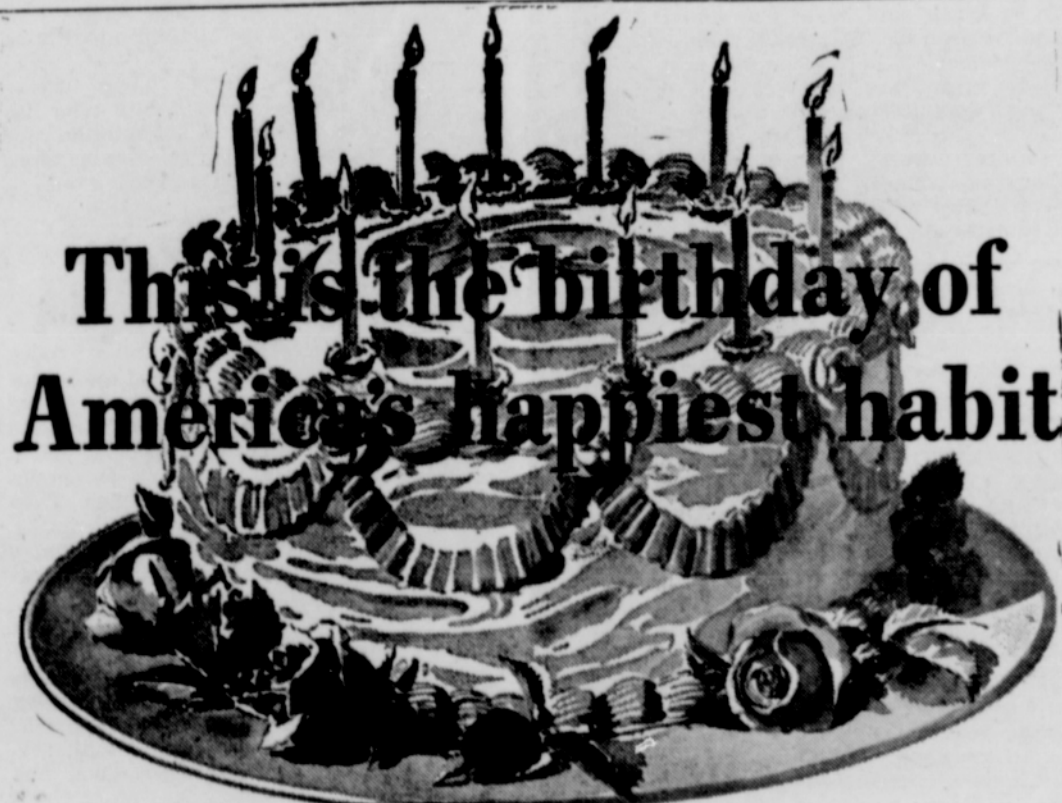
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