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HIGHEST TAXED COUNTY

Sherman countians pay the highest property tax per capita in the entire state. For 1953 it was \$203.34 for each person in the county. Total tax was \$461,785.19. It is not expected that the budget will be lower for 1954-55.

There are several reasons for it. Sherman county has the smallest population and the evidence is that it has the most generous taxpayers. Either that or it has citizens of the most placid dispositions. There is no reason why Sherman countians should not spend money for improvements. If not spent here a lot of it would go to the federal government which would get less for it.

There is always good reasons why a county—or an individual—should get value received for money spent. Sherman county doesn't do very well in that department. Probably the greatest loss is in schools. Because of the basic school law, which was passed by the people in 1946, we pay in about twice as much as we receive from this state fund.

Our extreme independence has caused us to retain a school organization that delivers a minimum of education at a maximum cost. Three high schools for 100 pupils is neither economy nor education; it is extravagance.

Our road program has consisted of a patch and patch system, a little gravel here, a load there, a promise now and then. We have built no well based, durable roads for 20 years. The economy of such a program must be measured in months not in years.

What opposition there has been to constantly increasing taxes has been expressed in parlors and poolrooms, not before the court where it might do some good.

Maybe that is the way it should be, maybe that is the way the people want it, this letting things go haphazardly along. It takes little effort for there is plenty of money to pay taxes with. But when the time comes—and it will—when times are not so easy voters will wish they had gotten something for the easy dollars.

ORIENTATION

They call it orientation now, we understand. They used to call it "savvy". In any case it means knowing what is going on, which way is straight up, where you are, what you believe and things like that.

For instance, a resident of Sherman county, Oregon. He lives in a county of 2271 persons, containing 830 square miles (830 counting water surfaces), one of the 36 counties of Oregon situated midway between east and west and on the northern border in the Columbia river basin.

The county was established in 1880, being taken from Wasco county, after settlement that began seriously in 1880. The county has the largest percentage of tillable land of any Oregon county, is third in wheat production.

The background for much of the information one uses every day comes from history, history being the recorded acts of grandpa and great grandpa.

There is going to be a history lesson at DeMoss Springs a week from Sunday, June 13. There will be history all over the place; the program will be about history, the talk by the governor will make history and the visitors who come will review personal histories all day as they meet friends.

It is often more interesting to know "why" than "what". To know that Sherman county has 830 square miles is an interesting fact; the why of it is more interesting. The why of its population is a matter of speculation although it came partially, no doubt, by rural backgrounds of its first citizens. Similarly, the why of its formation is more interesting than the fact that it was formed.

Even so, we never heard of a person going to a picnic for information. The usual attractions of food, conversation, pretty girls and attractive men will be on hand as usual.

HIRE AN EXPERT

The recent election demonstrated again that taxpayers are sitting ducks, gabbling contentedly together on the placid water while the tax spenders slip up on them in the bushes for a simple shot.

In Portland a poll showed that nearly half of the voters were not in favor of the new zoo for the city. Yet we did not see a single advertisement in opposition to the zoo; neither were there any on the other proposals up before the city voters.

Why is it so easy to organize citizens into spending blocks and get money for campaigns and so hard to organize them into saving blocks or better management groups?

It has happened dozens of times in Oregon since the start of the initiative and referendum. The people vote for some expenditure that sounds fine and promises more than a patent medicine ad and then growl when the tax bills come in. The people in Oregon will pass measures that would not stand a chance in a responsible legislature.

Should this become a steady habit on the part of voters it will be the end of democratic government; the people will literally spend themselves out of government. It is also pretty good evidence that representative government is superior to democratic government. Unless voters are informed about government it is better to hire a representative than to do it themselves. The old saying that a man who defends himself in a court of law has a fool for a client applies here.

Probably there is no judgment better than that of the people if they are fully informed. It is an idle wish to expect them to be fully informed on government. Neither do we see any necessity for everyone to be an expert on government anymore than everyone should fix his own automobile, prescribe his own medicine, raise his own food.

Naturally the people should establish the principle of government under which they desire to live. That is not what we are talking about. We mean that people should choose their constitution and set its terms and let their delegates pass their laws and administer their money. It could be done cheaper.

GRADUATION

It is doubtful if ever in this county, a graduation program fitted the class better than did the one Tuesday night when eight boys finished Moro high school.

The boys are all athletes but one and he is interested in athletics. The speeches were short and decidedly masculine; the speaker was "Nig" Borlesko, probably the most famed athlete of the northwest ever produced and above all the program was short putting the boys on show for a minimum of their precious time.

The advice given was masculine and understandable by boys who like games. "Never Say Die"; "Get into the race where you can do some good and stay with it." "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins."

Just like that. Shake a few hands, take off that formal robe, throw away that flower and go do something else. We've got that over with.

Rufus Personals
Mrs. George Fox
The Bluebirds had arranged a May day display of their handiwork. Mrs. Bob Bishop is their leader. Coming from The Dalles to see the plays were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Macnab and grand daughters, Mrs. Worth Tate and Mr. and Mrs. David Reid.

A good rain fell here Saturday which by evening was making

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
Howard Jones, W. M.
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 18 O.E.S.
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
Moro, Oregon.
Betty Christianson, W. M.
Elsie Jones, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 12 L.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in L.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited.
C. O. Burnett, N.G.
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.
Althea Burnett, N.G.
Elen Martin, Sec.

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were't removed from the Meyers' house while moving it. A Portland firm moved the house.

WANT ADS

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. complete painting and decorating service, spray or brush. Phone 3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Oregon 38tn
MAY ELECTRIC, electrical contracting, Moro, Oregon, Phone 722.

WATKINS DEALERSHIP: Make up to \$400 a month and more if you qualify for the Watkins Dealership in Sherman county. Car or truck required. No money required. Write J. R. Watkins, Seattle 9, Wash. 26-31c

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, OrOegon. 47 ttn

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of Herman H. Nichols, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Herman H. Nichols, 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: June 4, 1954.

Wesley E. Nichols
Executor

Brown & Van Vactor
and T. Lester Johnson,
Attorneys for Executor 31-4c

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All persons having claims against the Estate of Chester B. Halfpenny, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Chester B. Halfpenny, 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: June 4, 1954.

B. C. Baumgartner
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator,
Moro, Oregon 31-4c

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

ON JUNE 15, 1954 IN THE CITY OF MORO, OREGON

Notice is hereby given that a special election has been called to be held in the City of Moro on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1954. The polling place for said election will be the Council Chambers, Moro, Oregon, and the polls will be opened from 8 o'clock A. M. until 8 o'clock P. M.

Said election has been called for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters for their acceptance or rejection, the following Proposition:

PROPOSITION SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COMMON COUNCIL.

In the fiscal period 1954-1955, the Common Council of the City of Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, is authorized to levy a tax of \$8,800.71 for the purpose of providing for the increased cost of operating the various departments of the City of Moro, which tax is to be outside the limitation on taxation set forth in Article XI, Section 11, of the Constitution of Oregon.

100 — for tax
101 — against tax

The judges and clerks to conduct said election shall be as follows:

Dewey Thompson, Judge, Chairman
Ernest Eslinger, Judge
Eva Virtue, Judge
Catherine Monroe, Clerk
Jim Dyce, Clerk

By order of the Common Council.

Ralph Busse
Recorder

31-32c

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the schoolhouse; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 21st day of June, A. D. 1954.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for a three year term of office and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1954.

ATTEST: Clara E. Houston
District Clerk
Lloyd V. Henrichs
Chairman Board of Directors
Charles Burnet
Arthur Bucholtz 31-32c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

CLARA VAN KLEEK, Plaintiff,
vs.
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By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 20th day of May, 1954, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said Court on the 20th day of May, 1954, in favor of Clara Van Kleek, plaintiff, against Alexander M. Hicks, defendant, for the sum of \$500.00 with interest thereon from December 18, 1948, \$150.00 for attorney's fees and costs and disbursements taxed at \$34.70 and the costs upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property situated in the County of Sherman and State of Oregon, to-wit:

All of Lot Ten (10) and east 20 feet of Lot Nine (9) in Block Four (4) of ARMS-WORTHY ADDITION to the City of Wasco, Oregon, in the County of Sherman and State of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said execution,