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**MORE OF THE FOOD DOLLAR**

Food prices are still going up although the drop in coffee price has slowed it temporarily. The boost in bread prices here is an indicator that processors will demand bigger profits.  
This is going on despite the slow reduction in farm income from food since 1951. Beef is down and pork will be this fall and other farm prices are off.  
These figures bring to the forefront another factor of the already complicated farm problem.  
When Herbert Hoover considered the farm troubles some 25 years ago he started his attack on marketing his advisers having shown that getting farm produce to market was too expensive. The story is told that when Alexander Legge, Hoover's farm board chairman, was traveling between La Grande and Pendleton he met and passed bread wagons going both ways and remarked that right there was one cause of the farm problem.  
The new deal method of solving the farm problem was to pour money into every pocket and drown all complaints in a flood of public money. It did not concern itself with the economics of the problem and consequently has made no contribution to the eventual settlement of one of our national worries.  
The farmer is now getting some 44 percent of the consumer's dollar. The processors get the rest. The processors have to deal with unions and with freight rates and with pleasing the public. But it is doubtful if the farm problem can be satisfactorily solved without giving attention to marketing as well as to production. Surely the policy of paying for more and more production without a marketing system that will take it away is utterly foolish.  
The wheat farmer is almost the worst off of any farmer for he gets but 15 percent of the price the bread buyer pays for wheat.  
Ezra Benson has some ideas on the subject and has tried to get the dairymen to try new marketing methods to get rid of their surplus; so far without great success. Dropping the price might serve as a market stimulant although we believe that better salesmanship might make that unnecessary.  
Wheat farmers have groups and committees and organizations devoted to the study of wheat production, wheat freight rates, wheat varieties and wheat programs, none of which have done much good as far as helping the main problem is concerned. It might not be too late for them to begin the study of marketing.

**COUNTY MUSEUM**

There has been discussion by the officers of the Sherman County Historical society about possibility of starting a sort of museum in this county, not a conventional museum, but one of historical value particularly from an agricultural viewpoint.  
Someplace, probably, there is an old separator rusting in an old shed although it is doubtful if there is an old fashioned steam engine anywhere in the county. If on old derrick table could be found they would make a display that would already be interesting to half the county.  
How long has it been since headers were used, not for hay cutting, but right out in the open field cutting a stacking spot and circling clear to the fences or draws? There are a few header boxes still in use, but not many. Reapers are almost historic and even the once ordinary wagons are hard to find.  
Other items that could properly be gathered together to help illustrate the agricultural history of the county are Jackson forks, old plows, (who has a Casady), an early day Monitor drill, a wooden spike-tooth harrow, a tail-gate seeder, even a comparatively modern "stubble-bug".  
It would be so much easier to tell the grandchild'ren how farming was done in the "good old days" if some of the implements then used were preserved and unless a start is made it may soon be too late.

**TOO BUSY**

From some inquiry around and about it is learned that this is not the only place where everyone is too busy. Anyway we are all too busy here in Sherman county to get half the things done that need to be done.  
Everybody has his own plans, his own interests that take up his time and isn't able to spend many hours in a year to further the activities needed for the public.  
One solution to the problem would be to have fewer public problems and that would mean fewer lodges, fewer clubs, fewer this and that. We think this a solution that is not likely to come about. Nevertheless we are a terribly over organized nation and county. In fact, we've got so

organized that we have to have new organizations to do the work we were organized to do.  
Another solution would be for individuals to break away from their businesses and their duties toward present organizations and take on other duties. That doesn't seem likely, either.  
What we need is a few dozen retired or semi-retired men and women to take charge of some of the public duties. We have very few of them because they retire to some place where there isn't anything to do, instead of staying around where they could be used.  
So the job of looking out for ourselves in other ways than the daily job of making money gets less and less attention. We will have no new road work, do nothing about a bridge, send our kids

to the same school buildings and get along without some simple community improvement that could be had with some more time and effort. That's what comes of being too busy.

**THE WEATHER**

It need not surprise anyone, especially in the southern and higher part of the county, that Dufur had a frost one night recently. There is nothing so uncommon about frosts in this county although there are seldom any freezing nights in June, July and August. Yet, no one has lived here for many years without seeing summer frosts.  
The weather for 1954 has been discussed by everyone, almost as a daily topic, and its eccentricities are well covered with comment. There wasn't any winter until

February and there has been no summer to date except for a few rare days.  
We are not in position to criticize the weather because it has been remarkable for the past 15 years and made wheat crops greater than any in the memory of man. So long as nature sends two inches more rain than the average we should not complain

about minor matters like the absence of summer.  
Indications are that the drought is spreading from the middle west, creeping from badly burned Texas clear to the Canadian border. It may reach us before it recedes. It is not one of the things man knows about or can change. And despite all our efforts the weather is a subject of conversation,

not changed by the wishes of man. And wouldn't it be a mess if it were?

**WANT ADS**

**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
To all Necchi-Elna owners and fans:  
Aug 9 & 10 you are invited to FREE special Factory Demonstrator sewing classes on how to do it yourself on zig-zag or straight sewing machine.  
Come in any time from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. and bring your sewing problems and bring friends. Courtesy of your Necchi-Elna Dealer. SEWING SERVICE CENTER 203 E. 3rd. The Dalles

FOR SALE: John Deere 55D combine, cut two seasons, Neal leveler, Love reel, wide rear axle, 7:50 tires, heavy duty booster brakes, Earl McKinney, Ione, Ph-8-720. 40c  
WANTED: Steady year around work, ranch or otherwise. Experienced, married. Call Lester Warren, Moro, 311. 40p  
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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 38ftn  
MAY ELECTRIC, electrical contracting, Moro, Oregon, Phone 722. 19ftn  
CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING - Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon Ph. 241 47ftn  
FOR SALE: 6 room house, bath, lot and three-quarters, two car garage. Mr. or Mrs. L. O. Kirby, Phone 404, Moro. 32ftn

**COUNTY CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT OF EXPENDITURES, LISTING OF TRANSFERS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES COVERING PERIOD JULY 1, 1953 TO JUNE 30, 1954 INCLUSIVE.**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	UNEXPENDED BALANCES
<b>COUNTY COURT</b>				
Judge's salary	\$ 1800.00	\$ 1800.00		
Judge's expense	250.00	310.00		60.00 O. D.
Comm'r's fees, mileage, administration	1000.00	676.26		323.74
<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>				
Witness' & jurors' fees	200.00	276.86		76.86 O. D.
Reporter's fees & salary	1033.00	1106.80		73.80 O. D.
Jurors' meals	25.00	25.00		25.00
Bailliff's fees	25.00	25.00		25.00
Judge's expense	100.00	100.00		
<b>JUSTICE COURT</b>				
Jurors, witnesses, etc.	50.00	24.50		25.50
Salary	1800.00	1800.00		
Office administration	250.00	232.31		17.69
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>				
Office administration	300.00	298.70		1.30
<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>				
Clerk's salary	3600.00	3600.00		
Deputy's salary	3360.00	3360.00		
Incidental expense	350.00	340.07		9.93
Record books and blanks	250.00	241.45		8.55
Office equipment	200.00	200.00		
<b>COUNTY AGENT</b>				
Assessor's salary	3600.00	3600.00		
Assessor's salary	350.00	319.50		30.50
Appraisal & field work, salary	2000.00	1145.10	577.00	277.90
Transferred to office equipment				
Office equipment, repairs, etc.	200.00	577.00		
Transferred from Appraisal, etc.				
	777.00	576.71		200.29
<b>COUNTY SHERIFF</b>				
Sheriff's salary	3600.00	3600.00		
Deputy's salary	3360.00	3360.00		
Incidental expense	800.00	746.91		53.09
State Industrial Accident Commission	125.00	134.26		9.26 O. D.
Official car	840.00	840.00		
Travel outside county	150.00	224.64		74.64 O. D.
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Treasurer's salary	1800.00	1800.00		
Incidental expense	150.00	152.25		2.25 O. D.
Office equipment	100.00	46.75		53.25
<b>SHERMAN-WASCO HEALTH UNIT</b>				
Office equipment	3677.26	3180.75	496.51	
<b>COUNTY CORONER</b>				
Fees & expenses	75.00	42.00		33.00
Jurors & witnesses	25.00	25.00		25.00
<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
Judges & Clerks	600.00	214.30		385.70
Ballots & supplies	300.00	212.55		87.45
Booths	50.00	20.00		30.00
Ballot boxes & registration	20.00	15.00		5.00
<b>COUNTY SCHOOLS</b>				
4-H Club Fair	650.00	650.00		
Teachers' institute	150.00	150.00		
Per capita at \$10.00	5680.00	5680.00		
<b>COUNTY COURTHOUSE</b>				
Janitor's wages	1800.00	2111.84		311.84 O. D.
Repairs & improvements	2500.00	2500.00		
Repairs & improvements	1000.00	826.83		173.17
<b>COUNTY JAIL</b>				
Board of prisoners, supplies	150.00	385.64		235.64 O. D.
<b>COUNTY PRINTING</b>				
Board of prisoners, supplies	600.00	535.25		64.75
<b>COUNTY STOCK INSPECTOR</b>				
Board of prisoners, supplies	12.00	12.00		12.00
<b>INDEMNITY (BANG'S DISEASED CATTLE)</b>				
Board of prisoners, supplies	1000.00	24.00		976.00
<b>MENTALLY DISEASED CASES</b>				
Examinations, expense, etc.	75.00	15.00		60.00
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>				
General assistance	1101.00	1101.00		
Old age assistance	342.00	312.00		30.00
Aid to dependent children	463.00	463.00		
Aid to permanently & totally disabled	387.00	387.00		
<b>EMERGENCY FUND</b>				
7000.00	621.73		6378.27	
<b>ASS'N OF OREGON COUNTIES</b>				
Dues	140.00	101.77		38.23
Public Lands Committee	5.00	5.00		
<b>COUNTY AUDIT</b>				
900.00	900.00			
<b>PREMIUM ON OFFICERS' BONDS</b>				
400.00	445.00		45.00 O. D.	
<b>DEMOSS MEMORIAL PARK</b>				
Maintenance, repairs, etc.	200.00	64.08		135.92
<b>COURTHOUSE INSURANCE</b>				
Building & fixtures	500.00	451.05		48.95
<b>INSURANCE KENT LEGION HALL</b>				
111.00	105.00		6.00	
<b>U. S. FISH &amp; WILDLIFE SERVICE</b>				
2240.00	2240.00			
<b>GOVERNMENT TRAPPER</b>				
700.00	700.00			
<b>COST OF DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE</b>				
50.00	732.60		682.60 O. D.	
<b>ADVERTISEMENT WHEAT LEAGUE ASSOCIATION</b>				
30.00	25.00		5.00	
<b>ANNOTATIONS &amp; LAW BOOKS</b>				
625.00	667.50		42.50 O. D.	
<b>FAIR GROUND INSURANCE</b>				
750.00	750.00			
<b>SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR ASS'N</b>				
2000.00	2287.50		287.50 O. D.	
<b>RETIREMENT</b>				
600.00	485.38		114.62	
	\$ 75,358.26	\$ 67,132.84	\$ 377.00	\$ 8,225.42
<b>TOTALS—July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 General Fund Budget</b>				
Less General Fund Expenditures				\$ 75,358.26
				67,132.84
<b>Net Balance</b>				\$ 8,225.42
<b>ROAD FUND</b>				
WEED CONTROL	2000.00	2035.40		35.40 O. D.
WAGES (less \$864.59 refund)	22500.00	22510.59		10.59 O. D.
REPAIRS	5000.00	4945.98		54.02
GAS & OIL	4000.00			
Transferred from Tires & Tubes	386.95			
	4386.95	4386.95		
	3000.00	2584.05		386.95
<b>GENERAL SUPPLIES</b>				
2500.00	2497.02		2.98	
<b>INSURANCE ON ONE-HALF COMPREHENSIVE POLICY</b>				
1650.00	1650.00			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
2500.00	2525.62		25.62 O. D.	
<b>BRIDGES &amp; CULVERTS</b>				
7000.00	6900.00		100.00	
<b>ROAD MACHINERY</b>				
14000.00	13989.70		10.30	
<b>MACADAM MAINTENANCE</b>				
3000.00	3000.00			
<b>SINKING FUND</b>				
800.00	455.65		344.35	
<b>RETIREMENT</b>				
	\$ 67,950.00	\$ 67,480.96	\$ 386.95	\$ 469.04
<b>TOTALS—July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 General Road Fund Budget</b>				
Less General Road Fund Expenditures				\$ 67,950.00
				67,480.96
<b>Net Balance</b>				\$ 469.04

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND 1953-1954**

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED
WAGES	\$ 12,424.99
REPAIRS	10,516.36
GAS & OIL	2,126.50
TIRES & TUBES	51.86
GENERAL SUPPLIES	227.17
BRIDGES & CULVERTS	815.16
ROAD MACHINERY	1,041.20
RETIREMENT	269.20
INSURANCE	145.11
ROCK CRUSHER	2,276.33
MISCELLANEOUS	6,723.03
	\$ 36,976.91

TOTAL Amount Collected	\$ 56,076.01
Amount Expended	36,976.91
<b>Net Balance</b>	\$ 19,099.10

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TO WHAT FUND CHARGED FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 1953 TO JUNE 30, 1954, INC.**

COUNTY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY MONTH	AMOUNT
JULY	\$ 7,506.83
AUGUST	2,808.03
SEPTEMBER	5,691.33
OCTOBER	6,558.38
NOVEMBER	6,092.80
DECEMBER	4,451.40
JANUARY	3,424.87
FEBRUARY	4,477.35
MARCH	3,683.82
APRIL	4,067.04
MAY	3,783.78
JUNE	8,307.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 61,452.84

**GENERAL ROAD FUND EXPENDITURES BY MONTH**

JULY	\$ 4,651.99
AUGUST	4,148.11
SEPTEMBER	3,448.14
OCTOBER	6,396.63
NOVEMBER	5,342.07
DECEMBER	6,066.77
JANUARY	5,055.18
FEBRUARY	2,168.97
MARCH	1,661.22
APRIL	872.89
MAY	5,706.98
JUNE	18,421.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 64,480.96

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND 1952-1953**

JULY	\$ 4,335.96
SEPTEMBER	115.83
OCTOBER	8,408.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 12,860.10

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND 1953-1954**

OCTOBER	\$ 7,600.00
NOVEMBER	2,456.32
DECEMBER	1,669.57
JANUARY	2,187.56
FEBRUARY	4,714.97
MARCH	8,130.85
APRIL	4,372.06
MAY	846.23
JUNE	4,999.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 36,976.91

Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 61,4
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