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#### PRICE OF ACRES

Whatever attempts the Republican administration might have made toward making an effective farm law the inequitable acreage reduction program is still with us with farmers still waiting to find out what they can do for next year and how much.

The best break for farmers in the new farm bill is the promise of the government to withhold a large supply of wheat from the market. If there is continued drought to reduce some yields and continued wet weather to damage grain in other places this promise may result in putting wheat on a market basis sooner than thought possible.

The farm bill makes a start toward adopting the policy of competition on a basis of price and quality and not on governmentally allotted acres.

Farmers in the Columbia river basin, unusually efficient in wheat production, can compete in both price and quality and maintain their business for years to come. They cannot compete on the basis of allotted acres for that cuts their income in a way they cannot combat with assured success.

Under the rigid price system wheat is being grown on desert land where yields are small but costs are small also and such production will continue as long as prices are so far above market. Grain is also being grown on irrigated land which is economically possible with high priced wheat. Growing wheat in either place would not be done if competition was on a price basis.

Problem of the wheat grower in wheat growing areas is to maintain his business even if his returns are smaller for a few years.

Cutting acres is no solution to him as he cannot grow much of any other crop and his costs are higher per bushel on reduced acreage. Low acres at high price is no more productive of income than high acres at lower price. Three times two is the same as two times three.

And if he can cut out competition with a lower price and full acres he can stay in business. Some improvement seems on the way.

#### PROPER PLACE NAMES

This week we read that a contract would be let by the government, some branch or other, will let a contract for construction of a railroad bridge across "Spanish Gulch".

We are pleased at this evidence of progress and advancement of the program of getting road and railroad up out of the water behind The Dalles dam. But our feeling for accuracy was gravely injured by the reference "Spanish Gulch".

We know that reference was being made to Spanish Hollow, which is the proper name for the canyon down which Highway 97 runs to the Columbia. MacArthur says it was named because a Spanish ox died in the canyon during the days of immigration. Another version is that two cows of the

long-horned Spanish breed were lost there and lived there for some time before succumbing to the fate of all stray cows in those days. In either case the name is Spanish Hollow.

Why the early citizens who settled here used the name "hollow" as a designation for the longer canyons we do not know. Some student of languages might find out after long study. The fact remains that they did call them hollows.

There is Buck Hollow, which the state highway commission with some arrogance, persists in calling Buck Creek. When accosted with their grievous error they said that it couldn't be a hollow unless there was water in it and so creek was correct. Actually it is often so dry that fish walk about on their fins like a seal.

The name Buck Creek is very common in Oregon. Every trapper who saw a buck on a creek had a ready name for the stream. So far as known there is only one Buckhollow and why it should be thrown into the general category of buck creeks because of lack of imagination of the highway commission is beyond us.

Information is gradually being received about the crops that may be sown on land taken out of wheat production for 1955. Full information is expected by next week. News stories say that Secretary Benson will permit seeding of half of the diverted wheat acres, a move that will ease restrictions greatly in the wheat belt. Barley and oats may be grown for sale, it is understood. It appears that as usual fear will surpass realization.



Candidates must get around: Joy Baumgartner, candidate for labor commissioner, talks to Kenneth Friddle, Charles Burnet and Ronald Powell and others on the fair grounds.

#### Joy Baumgartner Attending Carleton

Joy Baumgartner of Grass Valley arrived at Northfield, Minnesota Thursday, September 9, to enroll for the first year at Carleton college and participate in Freshman Week activities.

Until classes open Thursday, September 16, Joy is kept busy with registration, tests, health examinations, auditions, meetings with deans and campus organization leaders, parties, faculty picnics and teas, and a dinner with President Laurence M. Gould on Tuesday, September 14.

Carleton personalizes its freshman week so that, by the close of the special orientation period,

all new students have met each other and most of the college faculty and staff.

A graduate of St. Helen's Hall Portland, Miss Baumgartner holds a freshman scholarship at Carleton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner of Grass Valley.

#### Grass Valley School Ready For Students

The Grass Valley school house received a new coat of paint inside and out this summer which greatly improved its appearance. School opened Monday September 13 with an enrollment of 68.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grades have 15 pupils with H. L. Arbow, principal and teacher; 4th and 5th grades have 15 pupils with Mrs. Mary Gaston teacher; 2nd and 3rd have 22 pupils with Mrs. Rhoda West teacher; the first grade has 16 pupils with Mrs. Dorothy Blagg as teacher. There are ten in kindergarten with Mrs. Bertha Brinkert as teacher. John Rust is the janitor and drives one of the buses, other bus drivers are Clair Adams, Boyce Blaylock and Lyle Oids. Mrs. Sim Duncan is cooking school lunches this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles went to Ellensburg Labor day to the rodeo. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap returned Friday from Portland where she spent a week on business and visiting friends. Mrs. Emma Pleumke of Portland came home with her and stayed until Sunday. They attended the Sherman County Fair Saturday and Mrs. Dunlap took her to Madras Sunday to the home of her son, Albert Pleumke and family, from there she returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper were hosts at a dinner Friday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ketter and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Buether and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Emma Pleumke of Portland.

Mrs. W. D. Barnett was a dinner guest Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Olan Stark and family celebrating her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and family went to Bend the Saturday before Labor day and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark. On Sunday they all went to Burns and to Summer Lake where they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wagers, and returned home Labor day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams took his mother, Mrs. C. P. Adams, to her home in The Dalles Thursday after spending several days here visiting them and the Donald Clodfelters.

Among those enjoying a pot luck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap in Moro Sunday evening after the fair were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall and daughter, Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper and son, Floyd, and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap all from Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Wilson of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson from Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins from Wasco and Mrs. Verne Mobley and children from Kent.

Arden Peters left Sunday for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horner.

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold joint installation at the Kent Legion hall Thursday September 23 at 6:30 p. m. preceded by a pot luck dinner.

Larry Smith and Keith Barnett went to Warm Springs and spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner had as guests a few days recently

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baumgartner of Auburn, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. William Sissler and daughters of Portland arrived Friday and were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner attending the Sherman County Fair with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sant and family left Saturday night for Idaho to attend the funeral of his brother in law.

Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughter, Carolyn, drove to Gresham Wednesday where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley and they brought her daughter, Mrs. Roger Moore and son of Los Alamos, New Mexico back with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Smith and family returned home Sunday from a vacation trip to Portland where they saw the football game and visited her niece, Mrs. Ernie Tyler and family and on to the coast for a few days before returning home.

Miss Barbara Alley came up from Portland Friday evening and spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oids.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lemley and daughter, Nancy, of Cleveland, Ohio who have been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley left last Tuesday for Grants Pass to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tolin. They will visit friends in Eugene and Salem and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley at Gresham before returning here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark had as their guests several days last week his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Nye and his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Birdwell from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Raven of Kelso, Wn., and Miss Phyllis Rust Larry Haynes and Norman Garrett from Portland arrived Friday night and spent the weekend at the home of the girls parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams had as guests over the weekend her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Selleck and children of Wenatche, Wn., and her mother, Mrs. E. C. Allegre of Hood River. Her brother Donald Allegre of Hood River was a guest Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen and family of Kent attended the state fair at Salem Labor day weekend.

Donald Wells left Monday for his home in Roseburg after spend-

ing the summer here helping his uncle Willard and Bob Rolfe. Mrs. Lydia Wassenmiller went home with her daughters, Mrs. Walter Reese and Miss Natalie Labor day for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins of Portland spent several days last week visiting their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd and family left Tuesday for Salem where they attended the state fair and visited friends returning home Sunday.

Roy Harvey, who spent the summer at the Bill Todd home, left Sunday for California where he will attend Westmont college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens left last Tuesday for Portland and on to Salem where they attended the state fair Wednesday and home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Payne and Mrs. Betty Gaines and son, Clark of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and family of Portland arrived Friday night and spent the weekend at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

William Walter of Hood River spent Sunday visiting his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May.

Mrs. John Hays came up from

The Dalles Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Block and to attend the Sherman County Fair.

Mrs. Mildred Bell of Mayville spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Bibby attended the Sherman County Fair both days and met old friends of Mrs. Bell.

Roseburg spent Labor day week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike.

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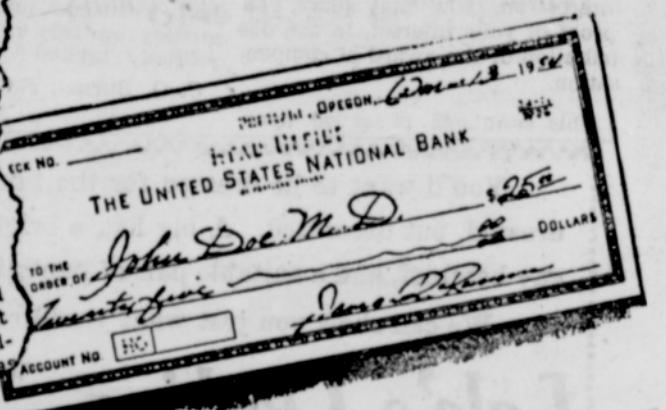
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#### Congress Passes Liberalized Tax Deductions

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