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**GRAND LARCENY**

Sherman county this year received .0019 percent of the basic school fund apportionment. It comes from income taxes paid to the state. If Sherman county paid income taxes on the same basis as it would pay property taxes (and we are sure we pay more) we paid .004663 percent of the state's taxes.

On that basis the county received \$59,343.67 and paid in \$149,092.88 if our feeble arithmetic is equal to the task. That means we are already paying in about \$2.50 to get \$1.00 back.

The basic school law was passed by the people in 1945 and the amendment raising the take to \$80 was also passed by the people at a later date.

So much for history. A crew of mathematicians from the University of Oregon have used material from the department of education to write a new treatise on the basic school law—with recommendations. And what do you guess they are?

If the legislature accepts the fine theories incorporated in the 370 page mimeographed tome the portion of basic school money that Sherman county gets will be further reduced, perhaps entirely removed. Other rural counties would suffer likewise and so would Multnomah.

It must be said that the writers have a good understanding of figures. They know that rural counties, particularly those in eastern Oregon, have more assessed valuation per school child than do the more thickly populated areas. From there on it doesn't require a master's degree in mathematics to devise a plan to get some of it—maybe all of it.

The basic school law was passed to "equalize educational opportunities." The effort has been to equalize tax resources. Standards for buildings and grounds have been set; standards of education have been neglected.

There would be little complaint about the basic school law if it did what it was passed to do, viz., equalize educational opportunity. If it did that we would have better courses in our high schools and more equal educational opportunities. The law takes the cash and lets the education go. And now it is planned to make it more unequal educationally.

Beneficiaries of the basic school law are largely the timber counties where there are many children and small valuation per school child. The reason is that the timber is owned by the federal government to large extent. But another reason is that privately owned timber is not taxed at any reasonable percentage of its true value—not near as much as wheat land for instance.

And it is done with all the piety possible in a self anointed majority.

**BARGE LINE MOVE**

Decision of the Inland Navigation company to move out of Oregon has aroused interest in The Dalles and Pendleton as those are the towns that patronize it more than others.

It is not here assumed that the decision was made in October of this year. It has been contemplated for some time as many persons were aware. Ocean towing has been activity of Inland for many months and it is very likely that it is more profitable than river barging.

The problem of taxation is undoubtedly one of some importance to the company as taxation is of importance to nearly every company. The legislature passed the tax law affecting Inland to equalize taxes between river transportation and other forms of transportation, of which, except aviation, pay sizeable taxes to Oregon for privilege of operating.

It is not beyond reason to believe that the company might have been more successful in advancing barge transportation on the Columbia had it been in position to make a strong effort to get business. Storage facilities and loading facilities along the river would be have helped. While other forms of transportation are accustomed to make investments

in such facilities it was not the policy of the barge companies on the river.

Removal may be a blow to use of the river which has been long advocated and seldom achieved. If the river is to be used someone will have to make that use easy and convenient and cheap enough to compete with railroads. It is probably true that the rails do cut rates to run out barge competition and it is also true that barges used the same tactics. All of which gave great joy to wheat farmers, who must eventually realize that playing one form of transportation against another can only go on so long.

The construction of an oil pipe line to Pasco from Utah probably had as much to do with the recent decision as any as that surely cut barge line income.

**CARDS OF THANKS**

I am grateful to those who have supported me the six years I have served as judge.  
C. A. Tom

I want to express my sincere thanks to the voters who supported me in the recent election and to say that I will do my best to make good on the campaign pledges made.  
Vernon I. Miller

I want to say to the voters of Moro that I am appreciative of their vote that re-elected me to the city council.  
Tom Monroe.

By this means I wish to express thanks for the confidence expressed in me by the voters of Moro who elected me mayor.  
Darwin Van Gilder

**Grass Valley**

Marion Crews and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lear of Stevenson were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds. Mrs. Crews and small son went home with them after spending a week here with her parents.

Marcus Eslinger left Monday for Couer d'Alene, Idaho where he will spend a week at the ranch he brought recently.

Miss Patricia Johnson of John Day spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mrs. Kenneth Sather of Kent returned to her home Saturday from The Dalles where she was hospitalized for a week with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter brought their son, Wendell, home Saturday from Portland where he spent about two weeks at the Emanuel hospital with a mild case of polio. He will have a rest for three weeks before he goes back for a checkup and then to school.

Mrs. William Pausch, a teacher at Jefferson high school in Portland came home Friday evening and spent the weekend here with her husband. She brought three friends, Margaret Purvine, Glenna Teeters and Dorothy Flegel, all teachers at Jefferson high, home with her for the weekend at the Pausch ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles had friends in Saturday for an

evening of television. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelly and son, John, Max Brown and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and family and Robert Holmes. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Freeze were dinner guests Saturday eve at the John Rust home. After dinner they all went to Moro to the Halloween party held at the VFW hall. Others going from here were Bud Eslinger and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and daughter, Nancy, drove to Newberg Friday afternoon where they spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty.

Clyde Straley and Earl Sawtell and Vernon Shipley of The Dalles left in a party on an elk hunting trip.

Mrs. Robert Schilling and children and her mother, Mrs. H. A. Branden of The Dalles left Thursday for Seattle to visit her sister.

**WANT ADS**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
All persons having claims against the Estate of Richard Abel, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified administrator of the Estate of Richard Abel, 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: October 29, 1954.  
Luther W. Davis  
Administrator  
T. Lester Johnson,  
Attorney for Administrator 52-3c

Kent School District No. 9 will accept bids for purchase of a new school bus with a chassis 126 to 140 inches long, 7:50 x 17 dual tires with mud tread, shock absorbers and single speed rear axle. One ton. Body: 16 passenger with 30 inch seats wide in four rows, heavy duty upholstery and large heater. The district has a used

bus to trade in. Bids will be opened and bidding closed at 2:00 p. m. November 8, 1954.

Frank von Borstel, Clerk  
Grass Valley, Oregon

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the Estate of John B. Coon, 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 John B. Coon, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: October 29, 1954.

Theresa Fern Schilling  
Executrix  
T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney for Executrix 52-1-2-3c

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as the administrator of the Estate of Agnes R. Andrews, deceased, and that Wednesday, November 17, 1954, at 10:00 A. M. of said day, in the court room of the County Court in the court house at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate. This notice is published in pursuance of an order of the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, made on the 11th day of October, 1954.

William H. Andrews  
Administrator  
T. Lester Johnson,  
Attorney for Administrator 50-3c

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her Final Account as the executrix of the Estate of Ralph P. Brisbine, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 17th day of November, 1954, at 10:00 A. M. of said day, in the court room of the County Court in the court house at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate. This notice is published in pursuance of an order of the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, made on the 11th day of October, 1954.

Havie Stella Brisbine  
Executrix  
T. Lester Johnson,  
Attorney for Executrix,  
Moro, Oregon. 50-3c

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*Joe Marsh*  
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