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CHANGE IN APPRAISALS

Laws passed by the recent legislature affecting assessment of real property will be in effect within time for next year's assessment and will make some improvement in Oregon's appraisal and assessment practices.

Purpose of these laws is to equalize property taxes by obtaining new appraisal of all property. Some of it has not had its valuation changed for year-and-years.

The tax commission is charged with the appraisal of timber, a reform that has long been sought. Now timber is assessed at different rates in every county.

The most controversial bill of all was the one changing the definition of "true cash value", that mythical valuation which nearly every state has in its law books and not in its assessment books.

Land is worth what it will sell for, a pair of pants is worth what they will sell for. Simple, isn't it. Yet, it has never been done. The average value of Sherman county wheat land right now is probably in excess of \$80 per acre.

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To us, there seems no morals in asking users of cigarettes to pay a larger share of the expenses of government than do other people; those who never smoke, those who chew, those who puff a pipe.

It is argued that the state needs the money and that is an argument although not a fact. If the state gets the money it will use it. One might argue that it is immoral to give the state enough money to permit it to dabble in everything.

Miss Donna Cobban, Washington high school's candidate for Rose Festival queen, is a grand daughter of Clarence Mersinger's brother and Clarence and Mary are pulling for her to win.

Mel Schadewitz was here Wednesday from Portland to make arrangements for the internment of his mother in law, Mrs. Delpha Ramsey. While here he met many he knew before he moved to Portland 13 years ago.

Atomic rays are being put to a novel use: they are shot through perishable goods to kill germs so that foods will not spoil.

Within a few years it may be possible to do away with tin cans entirely and eliminate refrigerators except for cooling purposes. One can pick his garden vegetables and put them under an atomic machine and set them away in an air tight container to last until wanted. Then cook them as fresh as when picked.

That sounds like a more desirable way to use atomic energy than to kill people with it. But then a lot of good materials are used for lethal purposes. Iron, for instance.

As long as mankind is reasonably well fed and not too cold he may be expected to raise little disturbance. It may be that future generation will praise the development of atomic energy because it made it easier to keep the world's millions well fed and fairly warm so they would not use the atom to disintegrate their neighbors.

Growth in the use of chemicals in the production of wheat has been so fast that it may seem an exaggeration to say that it is not ten years old in this county.

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CAR OFFERS IN-BUILT COFFEE SHELF



The latest Chevrolets carry an innovation that makes coffee stops more convenient for travelers. The inside of the door to the glove compartment contains two circular wells, forming snug holders for cups. The glove compartment slants downward to prevent spillouts.

Re: Date for Special Election Court sets date of June 29, 1955 for special election, for vote on exceeding budget. Date of hearing set for July 6, 1955 at 2:00 p. m.

Re: Closing roads. County Court signs "NOTICES OF HEARING" for closing 3 roads in Road Dist. No. 1.

Re: Renting of equipment, Road Supervisor instructed to rent heavy equipment from individuals.

Re: Road Equipment to be used for doing work for individuals, when possible work to be done for individuals if no interference with road supervisor's program, equipment to be manned by own crew. Minimum charge of \$5.00 to be made.

Re: Estimate of \$1,219.43 reported for patching roads in Sherman County, by State Highway. Court instructs Clerk to draw warrant in said amount on 1954-55 special tax fund.

No further matters at issue Court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1955, APPROVED MAY 4 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Geo. F. Cake Co., \$60.62; Moro Lum. & Fuel Co., \$9.30; Burroughs Corp., \$0.50; Fields, \$70.00; Geiser, \$28.80

CLERK'S OFFICE: Dunham Print. Co., \$73.80; Craig Supply \$8.20

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Salem Blue Print Co., \$5.94; Burroughs Corp., \$0.55; Balzer, \$83.20; Helen Barry, \$60.00

COURTHOUSE: water, \$4.25; lights, \$28.26; phone, \$56.65

CIRCUIT COURT: John Newman, \$32.10

COUNTY COURT: Miller, \$79.80; Kuypers, \$29.20; Sather, \$30.00; The Dalles Floral Shop, \$5.00; Sherman County Journal \$17.00

JUSTICE COURT: Galloway, \$4.50; Wasco Postmaster, \$5.00

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Small house, garage and store room. House is framed to add extra rooms, well and pressure system, large septic tank, 2 adjoining lots if desired. Good location. Lyle Olds, Grass Valley, Phone 151. 31-4c

FOR SALE: John Deere self-propelled combine No. 55, D-4 Tractor. Claude May, Phone 722. Moro. 31c

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 38tfm

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BARGAINS in used combines: 2 Massey-Harris No. 21 self-propelled combines, priced at \$750 and \$1250. One No. 51 L.H.C. combine on rubber with Hutton stiff hitch, 16 ft. header with Humelover reel, Selberg bulker. Five good 36B John Deere combines priced to sell. Call or write. Empire Machinery Co., Arlington, Oregon. 29-30c

WOMEN with good handwriting. Address, mail advertising postcards at home. Write Box 152, Belmont, Massachusetts, 31-4p

LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE The annual meeting of the Moro Rural Fire District will be held at the Court House in Moro at 8:00 p. m. Monday, June 6, 1955, for the purpose of electing two directors for three year terms.

Collection of remaining pledges and further funds will be a topic for decision. Paul Alley, Secretary

FINAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their Final Account and Report in the estate of WILLIAM H. RAGSDALE, Deceased, in the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, and that the Court has fixed Friday, the 3rd day of June, 1955, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room in the County Court House, Moro, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and settlement thereof.

WILLIAM HARRY RAGSDALE JOHN L. SEARCY Executors BUSH & BRADLEY Attorneys for Executors 26-30c

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman In the Matter of the Estate of Emma Catherine Davis, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the

undersigned Lutho W. Davis 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 1955-1956, the Common Council of the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, is authorized to levy a tax of \$3,700.85, 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 II, of the Constitution of Oregon.

100.....YES 101.....NO The judges and clerks to conduct said election shall be as follows: Dewey Thompson, Judge, chairman Gladys Cochran, Judge Naomi Van Gilder, Judge Catherine Monroe, Clerk Ruth Huls, Clerk By order of the Common Council. Ralph J. Busse, Recorder

Synopsis of Annual Statement For the year ended December 31, 1954

Table with columns: ADMITTED ASSETS, LIABILITIES SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS, STATEMENT OF INCOME

Business in Oregon for the Year Net premiums received \$ 267,738.60 Net losses paid 114,699.20

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