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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

It is axiomatic that we accept that which we possess and hold it in light esteem while chasing after something of less value. If it actually be true, it could account for our lack of attention to the virtues of liberty as a part of our happiness.

These men of another time who scrawled their names at the bottom of the document Thomas Jefferson had carefully copied for that purpose were not fooling about their demand for liberty. The last words of the declaration are a pledge of "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor," and there's not a lot more a man can put on the block. All of them had lives; many of them had fortunes and every one was proud of his personal honor.

After seven years of battle they won their fight and established the United States of America or at least the confederation that later became the U. S. A. We have grown used to the rights granted under that government and to think them commonplace. This they are not. Only a few of the peoples of the world have the freedom of Americans.

To what did these sturdy men of honor object? They objected to having to trade legislative rights for laws they wanted, to having judges made responsive to the whims of the governors, to a multitude of new officers and officers, to imposition of taxes without consent. The king of England, they said, was refusing them the rights inherent to English citizenship.

There might have been some economies in it, too, although it shows little through the idealism of talk about liberty. Not all of the colonists were concerned about the cutting off of trade, the quartering of troops.

The record and the declaration itself shows a strong streak of idealism and love of liberty. They did love liberty because it was something hoped for. It was precious in contemplation, not scored because familiar. It is probable that Americans would react the same way again, but liberty once lost would be harder to regain against machine guns and atomic weapons than against far-off England and its hireling musketry.

We'd better keep it.

QUOTA VOTE

Why farmers voted as they did in the marketing quota vote Saturday is puzzling those who prophesied a negative vote. Actually farmers approved quotas by a stronger margin than last year despite the cut in price brought on by the new parity formula and flexible price supports.

It seems likely that a desire for security had much to do with the vote. Farmers may realize that the tent is leaking but it is the only tent on the camp ground and better than the open storm.

There can be no question that those who favor flexible price supports are going to consider the vote a strengthening of their stand. Politics would be more odd indeed if they did not.

It may be that farmers know that price supports cannot stay at war time levels in the face of a two billion bushel surplus and are willing to take some reduction in order to keep a farm act in operation. No matter how they feel, or why they voted, a better farm program should be written and it should be a farm program designed for peace time instead of war. What we have now is a farm program that works only when the demand for wheat is unlimited.

The wheat men from the northwest may be able to get their two price schemes into the position of being the logical alternative of the present farm program. It seems likely that this would require more work than they can give to it and it is doubtful if there is enough time to get enough farmers acquainted with it. It is a tremendous job for representatives from so small a sector of the nation as the northwest to have a bill adopted in the national congress. It takes money and time and effort and the help of some one of the larger farm organizations.

It is our observation that farm-

ers are not much concerned about the kind of a farm program, nor its social or political implications. They do want to know how much money it will make them. As long as they are getting a return that is fairly satisfactory from one program it will take a lot of argument to persuade them to change. They are not going to leave one rainy tent for another that may leak as bad.

STATE PARK BOARD

Somebody is stirring things up again. We're for that. Questioning the status quo is good business because it keeps the old things up to date. So there's no quarrel with the theory of raising a fuss.

In this case we don't believe in the value of the argument being made. It is about a state park board separate from the highway commission. It is probable that a proper policy would accept a small percentage of the suggestions made for change even though the public has to consider them all.

A group of individuals have been going about the state with the highway commission, now on its annual tour of the state, to see what they think about taking the state parks away from the highway commission and setting up a brand new board to do what the commission is doing for parks.

It looks like duplication to us. First, because the commission is better equipped to give help to parks than anyone else, having the equipment and the men and often, the time. Second, because there is a minimum of overhead about the management now. Third, because it is very likely that we are going overboard on state parks anyway. It is not within our memory of ever having stooped at a state park, here or in any other state, although we might have done so accidentally.

We know the arguments that thousands of out-of-state drivers come into the state annually, that they are all in search of shade and rest and a table to eat a sandwich on. Some undoubtedly are in that class: some of them are pushing down the floorboards trying to get someplace.

So far as has been observed the highway commission is doing a good job with parks. They took clean as we go by, there are ample signs telling about them. If local citizens would curb their ambitions somewhat and not ask that every waste piece of ground be called a park it would help, but that is not expected.

SCHOOL COSTS

The bulletin of the Oregon Business & Tax Research organization includes in its latest number a compilation of school costs based on recent construction.

Costs per square foot for high schools vary from \$6.75 to \$10.15 and the per pupil costs from \$850.48 to \$1300.17. All of the buildings are in the valley where timber is easier to obtain than in eastern Oregon although the material for construction is not given and is probably not lumber.

The costs for elementary schools varies from \$6.29 in Medford to \$12.42 in Portland with a per pupil cost variation of \$303.11 at Lebanon to \$880 at Lacombe.

It is expected that a new school will be built in Sherman county before long and considering the wide variation between costs per square foot and for a pupil it appears that good planning might well effect some savings.

SUMMER SHOWER

There's nothing much more pleasant than a summer shower. Even if one is out in it, it is pleasant for a good wetting doesn't hurt anyone unless chilled and summer prevents that in some climates.

The big black clouds roll up in the west as if direly threatening the whole universe in their ferocity; the thunder rolls awesomely and the lightning darts here and there like a dive bomber attacking a foe. It is a varied and impressive show.

Then comes the rain, peppering the earth with tiny blows that make the dust raise in the gardens. The air is so sweet and clean smelling after a summer rain as if something had been done to the chemistry of it to make it pure.

If one persists in being practical a summer shower is useful to crops. The wheat gets a drink and wheat always needs a drink, being a very intemperate plant from a farmer point of view. The garden plants perk up and seem to grow inches in the next day or so whether they have been well watered previously or not.

Everything seems better after a shower and one who is in the business of growing things in the soil again feels that the Lord is on his side again and everything will come out all right in the end.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Vada DeMoss, N. G. Jo Gentry, Sec.



Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Shirley LeRose McIntyre of Portland to Mr. Donald Vincent Adams, also of Portland. Miss McIntyre is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre of Wasco and is a graduate of the University of Portland College of Nursing. She is affiliated with Alpha Tau Delta, Beta Beta Beta and Delta Epsilon Sigma. At

present Miss McIntyre is employed at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

Mr. Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of The Dalles. He is a graduate of Gonzaga University in Spokane and is now attending the University of Oregon Medical School. He is affiliated with Phi Beta Pi Fraternity. The wedding is planned for September 24th.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris are the proud parents of a daughter born June 24th. The little girl was named Lael Marlene and weighed seven pounds three ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Duffy of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris of Rufus. The Joe Morris have two sons, Wally Joe and Keith.

The cherry harvest at Rufus began June 24th at the Harland McDonald ranch. The other orchards at Rufus all began picking Monday. The cherries are good quality.

Charles Blake was taken to the Veterans' hospital in Portland Sunday morning after he had suffered a heart attack. His son Ben Blake of The Dalles took him down. Mrs. Blake says the latest word is that her husband is improving. The Blakes operate the Union Station and a grocery in Rufus.

A rain to settle the dust fell

Etthehem Chapter No. 3. O.E.S. fourth Thursday in each month. Visiting members invited. Meets every second and fourth Monday. Moro Oregon. Catherine Thompson, W. M. Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary.

Eureka Dodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Frank Sayrs, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary.

Mrs. Gertrude Foote, who has been a houseguest of the George Foxes the last two months left Thursday for her home in Nephi, Utah. Mrs. Foote's daughter, Elizabeth who teaches at Seattle, Wn., stopped in Rufus to pick up her mother, then they left for Utah to spend the summer.

The women of the Home Ec. club of Rufus grange were pleased with the rummage sale held in The Dalles last week. Mrs. Harland McDonald turned \$126.09 over to the treasurer.



Massive Chimney Rock looms 90 feet above the floor of Dry Valley in Utah's Escalante Land and draws onlookers Robert Pothier, Lodge manager at nearby Bryce Canyon National Park, and his nine-year-old son, Samuel.

Joanne Ross Engaged To Vallejo, Cal. Man

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Ross announce the engagement of their daughter, Joann Rae to Warren L. Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gee of Vallejo, Calif.

Miss Ross is a junior at Oregon State and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She will attend San Francisco State next year.

Mr. Gee was graduated from Oregon State and a member of Kappa Sigma. He will enter San Francisco Dental School.

A September wedding is planned.

Dr. Frank D. Reid DENTIST Office Closed Until Further Notice Moro Hotel 761

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 3 Parakeets, 2 males one female, and wire cage 17 x 12x24 \$25.00 complete. W. H. Davis, Depot, Moro. 35c

FOR SALE: One Papec Hay Chopper, just cut 100 tons hay. Fred Dormaler, Wasco. 34-5p

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING - Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon Ph. 242 47fn

FOR SALE: White enamel wood and coal trash burner, would deliver. Iva Dams, Moro. 34-5p

FOR SALE: Three bedroom house, two lots. Call 613 Moro. 34-6p

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 38fn

FOR SALE: Three Superior Hoe drills with hitch; 24 ft. drag link grain elevator; one Alemtie pressure lube; 1947 KB6 International truck; 200 bu. steel grain truck bin. See Ernest Eslinger, Moro. 34-5p

WANTED: Job as household helper by girl 15. Joan Gilman, Moro Phone 311. 35p

WANTED: Job as cook's helper by high school girl. Susie Woods Moro, Phone 671. 35p

FOR SALE: 1-36B John Deere on rubber completely overhauled, hydraulic header, top bulker, straw spreader, Hutton hitch. Late machine \$1500. or 1-51 L.H.C. combine on rubber, stiff hitch, V-belt drive, Felberg bulker on rubber. Late machine \$2000. or 2-33 John Deere combines in good condition, 1 with electric header, 1 with pickup reel. Each \$750. or Contact H. T. Peter-

son, Interstate Tractor & Equip. The Dalles, Ore. 35c
FOR SALE: Baled grain hay. Floyd Root, Wasco. 35p

LEGAL NOTICES

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, Oregon, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of John B. Coon, deceased, and that Wednesday, August 3, 1955, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Theresa Fern Schilling Executrix
T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Executrix 34-7c

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

State of Oregon)
County of Sherman)
Union High School Dist. No. 1)
NOTICE IS GIVEN HEREBY that, at the school district bond election hereby called, to be held at the Kent, Grass Valley & Moro Schoolhouses, in and for Union High School District No. 1 of Sherman County, Oregon, on Friday, the 8th day of July, 1955, A. D., between the hours of 2 o'clock

Ivan A. Blagg Chairman, District School Board, Union High School District No. 1, Sherman County, Oregon
ATTEST: Clara E. Houston District Clerk 33-5c

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Whatever your plan for the long holiday weekend, there's a place in it for light, mild refreshment. And light, mild refreshment means Blitz! You'll find wonderful refreshment in every dancing drop of this golden, sparkling beer. Blitz is really something special...it's brewed especially to the taste of people in our own Northwest. Buy Blitz for the long holiday weekend... you'll be glad you did!

Better buy the Milder Blitz!
Dr. Max Zimmermann, Blitz Weinhard brewmaster, whose formula for lighter, milder Blitz was developed especially to suit the taste of the Northwest. Dr. Zimmermann's brew is available at your favorite grocery store or tavern. Better buy Blitz...and taste the difference.