

Sherman County Journal
Published Every Friday at
Moro, Oregon

Giles L. French Editor

Entered as second class matter at the Postoffice at Moro, Oregon, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.



NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
ONE YEAR \$2.00
SEPTEMBER 2, 1955

ABOUT POWER AND WATER

Probably no part of the recent report of the Hoover committee received so much criticism as did the report of the task force on water resources and power. That might have been expected.

There were good men on it, many well acquainted with the west. On power generation and distribution Albert Mattel of San Francisco, where he is president of the Honolulu Oil corporation, Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, a former publisher and long time public servant, William Shannon of Seattle, a consulting engineer and state senator. They are not "power" men as has been charged by those opponents of the report who choose to attack the personnel of the committee rather than their conclusions.

The committee found a different set of figures for the federal projects than is used by the administrative agencies that manage them. In this regard it would be but natural for Bonneville or TVA to try to make their project look as good as possible. The purpose of the task force on power was to find out the total costs. We believe that the chances are that the task force figures are more nearly the correct ones.

The balance sheet for TVA, according to the Hoover committee task force, shows a loss of \$99,574,167 as a minimum and \$107,807,007 as a maximum. For Bonneville the figures are \$96,626,893 and \$99,018,623. Other federal projects show similar losses when total expenditures are compared to total incomes with interest and taxes added to the costs.

We were somewhat startled a week or so ago to read that Portland General Electric pay out about \$7,000,000 in local and federal taxes a year, which is a lot of money when it is considered that Bonneville, a much larger operation pays no taxes at all. Whatever one thinks of the figures it is a compliment to private management that PGE is in business at all.

The task force recommended that rates for federal power be set at a figure that will repay the government its costs plus three per cent interest, provide payments to state and local governments in lieu of taxes and equalize the costs to consumers of all power, that the government stop building steam plants (which it now does, as surprising as it may seem), that private agencies be permitted to buy federal power for their customers, that transmission lines be built by private agencies where they are available, that the federal agencies be incorporated and empowered to raise their own money through sale of bonds and that representatives of the states be on the boards of directors.

It all sounds businesslike. In fact, that is one of the criticisms of it; it is too businesslike to be understood by the "liberals" who like to spend government money and are not anxious to have the bookkeeping too exact.

Governments are notoriously poor managers. The men they hire are too often political appointees; the managers derive no benefit from efficiency or profit-making; advancement too often comes from other things than ability on the job. We would hate to try to run a newspaper or a farm like the government is operated. We wouldn't want our tractor driver elected by the public nor our editor appointed by the president.

We are hearing a lot these days about Russian farmers in America and American farmers in Russia. It all adds up to the same story. Americans do better because if efficient they make a profit which they can retain (or the part not going for taxes). Russians can't. So Russia, with vast areas of farm land, is hungry while in America we are troubled with a surplus.

We hate to see American ingenuity and good management handicapped by government.

The proper function of government is to make the rules of the game so that every citizen has a chance equal to that of others. It is not a function of government to play the game and referee it, too.

We assume that inasmuch as the University of Oregon's Ducks were not as good as expected last year, they will not be so bad as expected this year.

NEW SALESMAN

Ezra Benson is in Scotland on a trip to Europe that is for the purpose of selling some of the food surpluses that the government owns. That is fine and we wish all kinds of success to Mr. Benson. What we have needed for some time is someone to sell American food abroad.

One of the worst things about government ownership and control of agriculture is that it wiped out the salesman who formerly sold our products at home and across the seas.

We doubt that Mr. Benson, all by himself, or even with his department, can replace these thousands of men who once were active in selling our wheat and cheese and bacon to other nations and to ourselves. There used to be competition for the business and it is not possible for Mr. Benson to compete with himself. Besides, he's a government man and every one will be looking for a bargain from him instead of a fair price.

Incidentally, on behalf of Ezra Benson it might be said, that the government now has less dairy products than it had a year ago. And that may be traceable to his campaign to advertise and sell milk, cheese and butter. Putting American sales ingenuity to work is helping there.

We, therefore, wish the secretary the best of luck in the world and wish he didn't need it so badly.

WANT ADS

WANTED: Stubble pasture for 100 head of cows and calves for 2 mos. D. W. Helyer, Kent. 44c

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

SPINET PIANO and bench. Will sell at sacrifice in this locality to save moving expense. Easy terms or cash. For information write Tallman Piano Stores, Inc., Salem, Ore. 43-5c

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

WANTED: Washing and ironing in my home. Phone 594 or inquire at Tavern, Moro. 42-5p

BOOMING business makes opening available for responsible man or woman with car to call on farm women in Sherman county. Full or spare time. Opportunity to make up to \$40 a day. Write McNess Company, P.O. Box 14, Bayshore Station, Oakland 23, Calif. 43-4p

FALL

Lots of Sherman countians say that fall weather is the best of the year. It is usually fine in September and much of October for then the wind dies down (usually) the sun shines brightly although with less intensity and the earth is still warm, unchilled by frost. There is ample reason for thinking that the fall is the best season.

But there is a psychological reason for considering the fall the best part of the year. It is that the crop is harvested and the field work for it finished. True, there will be more to do when it rains and there expectancy that it will go on indefinitely but the early fall is a time to pause, a time to look over the accomplishments of the past year and to plan for the next.

Many families choose this time to take vacations before sending the children back to school and thus tying themselves down for

another nine months. The streets are quiet these days except for those who are using the time to lounge on the corners and in the places of business dressed in their comfortable clothes and enjoying the time away from dusty labor.

Soon the rains will come and a hurried start made all over again or it will frost and thus announce the coming of another winter. Such is always the end of this rest period and going back to work is as much fun as resting.

RUNNING AWAY

We cannot help but be amused at the plans for evacuation of large cities in case of atomic attack. With planes flying 600 miles an hour and bombs destroying whole sections of area, the chances of getting out are somewhat less than good. That is, unless the enemy is so good as to give warning. If they leave on

threats, city folks will be leaving far ahead of actual attack in order to escape possible death. The very idea of trying to run away from an atomic bomb is the height of hope.

Kent Items

By Nancy Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houge of Bridgeport, Wn., were visitors Friday evening at Frank von Borstel home.

Mrs. Kate Nave of Butler, Tenn., spent the past week visiting the Len Garlands. They went to The Dalles Sunday to visit her brother Grant Garland. Tuesday Mrs. Nave left by train for Tennessee.

Mrs. Thea von Borstel and Mrs. George von Borstel put John Nichols, 10 year old brother of Mrs. Carl von Borstel on the train Friday in The Dalles after spending the summer with his sister. His parents will meet him in Chicago and take him to their home in Michigan City, Illinois.

Mothers of the summer music pupils of Mrs. Ben Maxfield were entertained with a recital Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Maxfield. Bonnie and Colleen Jefferies, Teresa Bardenhagen, Patty Knott and Judy MacInnes were presented in the recital. Miss Carl Kopp and Miss Karen Wilson also played.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John Shipley, N. G.

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

Antioch Chapter No. 5, O.E.S. Meets fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Catherine Thompson, W. M. Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

Barreka Lodge 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 Sayers, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION— PUBLIC SALE — ISOLATED TRACT — UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR — BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Land Office, 1001 N.E. Lloyd Blvd. Portland 14, Oregon
August 5, 1955

Under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274; 43 U.S.C. 1171), and pursuant to the application of Wesley Edward Nicolis, Moro, Oregon, Serial No. Oregon 02802, there will be offered to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1,030 for the entire tract at a public sale to be held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on the 11th day of October next, at this office, the following tracts of land: Lot 9 sec. 7, T. 1 S., R. 19 E., W. M., Oregon, containing 50.74 acres, subject to a reservation to the United States of the right-of-way for transmission line and access roads across the land which was authorized September 15, 1952, upon application Oregon 02451 of Bonneville Power Administration, and all appurtenances thereto, constructed by the United States through, over, or upon the land, and the right of the United States, its officers, agents, or employees to maintain, operate, repair, or improve the same so long as needed or used for or by the United States, in accordance with Departmental instructions of January 13, 1916, contained in 44 L. D. 513.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. Bids must be in sealed envelopes accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders made payable to the Treasurer of the United States for the amount of the bids. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner "Public sale bid, Serials No. Oregon 02802, Sale, 10:00 a. m., October 7, 1955."

The highest bidder will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof. Any adverse claimants of the above-described land should file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. Any contiguous owner claiming a preference right must assert such right within 30 days from the above sale date.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of Mal McDermid, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Mal McDermid, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: September 2, 1955.
Donald O. McDermid
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson 44-7c
Attorney for administrator 43-47c
Frances A. Patton
Manager

During the Fair
The Husky Hut
will serve Lunch and Dinner
and be open Sunday
Good Food Quick Service

The ZIPPER



Childrens shorts	1.39	1.98
Childrens Pedal Pushers		1.98
Nylon-orlon baby rompers		2.19
plastic lined		2.19
Boys shorts	1.19	1.49
Nylon slips	3.50	4.50
lace trimmed		
Waist aprons	.89	1.00
Strapless bras	2.69	4.00
Ladies pajamas	1.98	3.50
Nylon hose	.69	1.19
Ladies blouses	1.39	3.25
Childrens pajamas	1.79	1.98



EVEN PLAY-DAYS ARE PAY-DAYS JERRY, WHEN YOU OWN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS!

HEY TOM— WHAT A WAY TO EARN A LIVING!

What a grand and glorious feeling to really relax while on vacation, yet know that important savings goals are getting closer all the time. That's how you'll feel with every U. S. Savings Bond you buy. For Bonds go right on earning money for you—no matter where you are or what you're doing.

Start feeling good today. Join the Payroll Savings Plan where you work. Just tell your pay office how much you want to save each payday. Your company invests this money for you in U. S. Series E Savings Bonds. Then the money you worked so hard for, starts working equally hard for you. When held to maturity (9 years and 8 months) each Series E Bond pays an average of 3% per year, compounded semiannually. With the automatic extension privilege, it will go on paying that same fine interest for 10 more years. For example, save just \$3.75 a

week—in 5 years you'll have \$1,025; in another 4 years and 8 months—you'll have a total of \$2,137.

The secret of saving is system. And system is the whole idea of the Payroll Savings Plan. Get in the Plan, stay in the Plan, and you'll get where you want to go.

SAVE AS AMERICANS
U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

If you want your interest as current income, ask your banker about 3% Series H Bonds that pay interest semiannually by Treasury check. Annual limit, \$20,000.



Roger CRANDALL
and his famous
Calgary Stampede
Stars of TV, Radio and Stage
ann Starring HELEN JONES
will appear at the SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR
Saturday and Sunday
with Music and Floor Show at Wasco Dance