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A POOR PLAN

Sam Stewart, state tax commissioner for assessment of property, has suggested to the interim tax committee that provision be made to give a homestead exemption of \$7500 of true cash value to taxpayers over 60 years who have an income under \$2500.

His proposal is based on a conception of taxes held by many persons. It is that a home does not bring in an income and should be taxed at a lower rate than other property. Multnomah county assessors have given lower valuations to homes for years, not so much from belief in this tax theory, probably, as from desire to be re-elected. In any case they have tried to establish the theory that a home is worth less than other property for tax purposes.

With that theory we disagree and we consider it a sign of grave weakness on the part of Mr. Stewart to suggest it. A home may not bring in money but it certainly saves paying rent; it adds to the financial standing and is a definite asset on several counts.

Of course, the proposal is to exempt the "senior citizens" but once the principle is established that homes are of less value than other property there can be no excuse for taxing the homes of other citizens equally with farms, timber and other property.

Oregon has been fortunate in that its supreme court has always held that a variable ratio is unconstitutional. A variable ratio would mean that an assessor could take a different ratio for different classes of property. A \$10,000 farm would be assessed at 40 per cent and taxed for \$4000 while a \$10,000 home would be assessed at 30 per cent and taxed at \$3000. Any such plan will make property taxation a matter of whim and of favoritism instead of one of law and arithmetic.

Property taxation has been based on the ownership of property, not on the income derived from it. The income tax is based on the income. Stewart's proposal is that, to a degree, property tax be based on income as well. Anyone knows that not all farms make an income every year, some buildings do not, industry is not always profitable.

In these days when we shed tears and tax resources over the sad plight of the old folks the proposal may be accepted on sentimental grounds without much thought. It does set up two favored classes, those over 60, a group with fewer expenses than the average family and already with assured incomes from the government if needed; and those with small incomes, which could only result in a good bit of chiseling and establishment of the principle that property taxation should be restricted.

THANKSGIVING
Have you considered that Thanksgiving comes next week, starting the holiday season and putting a rather sudden end to autumn? Our calendar says that is true and we are as much surprised as anyone.

But bring it on, we will put on the most cheerful face and think of things to be thankful for. That is the reason for Thanksgiving, although a few slices of turkey with cranberries and pumpkin help bring the feeling of contentment.

Neither do we intend to be selfish about it and consider our own personal reasons for thankfulness. Let us think of the county. We did have a pretty good crop, not exactly evened up all over but it totalled up at better than average. After the delayed end of winter along in April the weather was wonderful, seasonal, too, with hot days in summer and as beautiful a fall as could be imagined. There have been no epidemics or illness in the county and no more than the usual amount of sickness. Let's see, good health, good weather and good crops. Enough for any rural

community.
Our road and bridge program has made progress during the year and seems on the road to realization. A new school building is almost ready for the shouts of school boys and whispers of school girls.

All these are on the physical side. On the spiritual or emotional side we believe the county is getting better acquainted and more appreciative of county wide problems, less provincial, more united.

It should be a good Thanksgiving.

TAX LEAGUE

The tax committee of the Sherman county wheat league decided at the end of their deliberations that a tax league would be a worthwhile organization for the county and called a public meeting to form one next Friday.

With all kinds of taxes going up at a rate that appalls the taxpayer it is high time he gathered with his fellow sufferers to do something about it. A one voice has little effect while a united shout, well directed, can move officials.

Too long in Oregon taxpayers have let governments boost the costs without protest. The state has increased in population about fifty per cent since 1940. The state budget has gone up nearly ten times. Even considering the reduced value of the dollar that is far too much.

We remember the slogan of the Sherman County Tax Reduction League of some years ago: "To Reduce Taxes, Spend Less Money" and we think it a good time to put it into effect again. It is true that the people have voted most of the taxes themselves but we think they wouldn't have so voted if they knew what it would cost.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that by virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, dated November 1, 1956, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, wherein Myrrhl Perry, as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against Roy B. Grant and Nina F. Grant, husband and wife for the sum of \$5,449.52, principal due, together with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from March 1, 1956; for the further sum of \$500.00 attorney's fees; and the further sum of \$22.00, costs and disbursements, said judgment and decree being dated November 1, 1956, I will, on the 10th day of December, 1956, at the front door of the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, at 10:00 in the forenoon of said day sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

A parcel of land, being a portion of Lots 6 and 7, Block 10, of the platted town of Rufus in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 17 East of the Willamette Meridian in Sherman county, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Block 10, which point is North

1' 26" West a distance of 3 feet from the Southwest corner of said Lot 6; thence North 1' 26" West along the West line of said Block 10 a distance of 30.12 feet; thence North 68' 24" East parallel to and 40 feet distant from the relocated center line of the Columbia River Highway a distance of 106.53 feet to the East line of said Lot 7; thence South 1' 26" East along the East line of said Lots 6 and 7 a distance of 66.85 feet; thence South 88' 34" West parallel to and 3 feet distant from the South line of said Lot 6 a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning

upon as the property of Roy B. Grant and Nina F. Grant, husband and wife; and to sell as much thereof as may be necessary to fully satisfy the judgment and decree in favor of Myrrhl Perry, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Dated and first published this 9th day of November, 1956.

Norman E. Fields
NORMAN E. FIELDS
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Frank J. Ketter has been appointed by the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, as the Administrator of the estate of Pearl

Garrett, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 9th day of November, 1956.
FRANK J. KETTER
Administrator

A. J. Moore
Bend, Oregon
Attorney for Administrator 1-4c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Oral M. Gosson, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned, at the office of Dick & Dick, Rooms 19 and 20, Vogt Block, The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is November 2, 1956.

LAVILLA MORRISON
Administratrix

DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate 53-3c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MODIFY WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Weather Modification Company holders of Oregon State License No. 17 located at Condon,

Oregon, at the request of the farmer's organization the Tri-County Weather Research Association of Condon will attempt to increase the precipitation from natural storms and to reduce the intensity of damaging rain and hail storms. The seeding chemicals will be released from the ground and aircraft. The main nuclear agent will be silver iodide crystals, however, other agents will be used such as dry ice and various chlorides to further the cause of basic research and development. The operation will continue until August 31, 1957, and will affect all or Sections of Sherman county. 1-2c



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

There'll Always Be An "Expert"

Drove out to see how they're getting along with the new super-highway that's going to pass through town.

While I was there a fussy little guy—a spectator, like me—came up to the foreman on the job and started making all sorts of suggestions: "Shouldn't it go a little farther left there?... Why don't you bank the curves more?... Those ditches are awful close"... and so, on and on.

The foreman took it as long as he could, then asked politely, "How does she look for length?"

From where I sit, free advice is called "free" because it's usually not worth much. That little fellow was typical of the kind of "expert" who can't resist getting in digs—about how you work, what you wear, why you happen to prefer a glass of beer with your supper. People like that don't mean to be troublemakers... but the road to real intolerance is paved with their good intentions.

Joe Marsh

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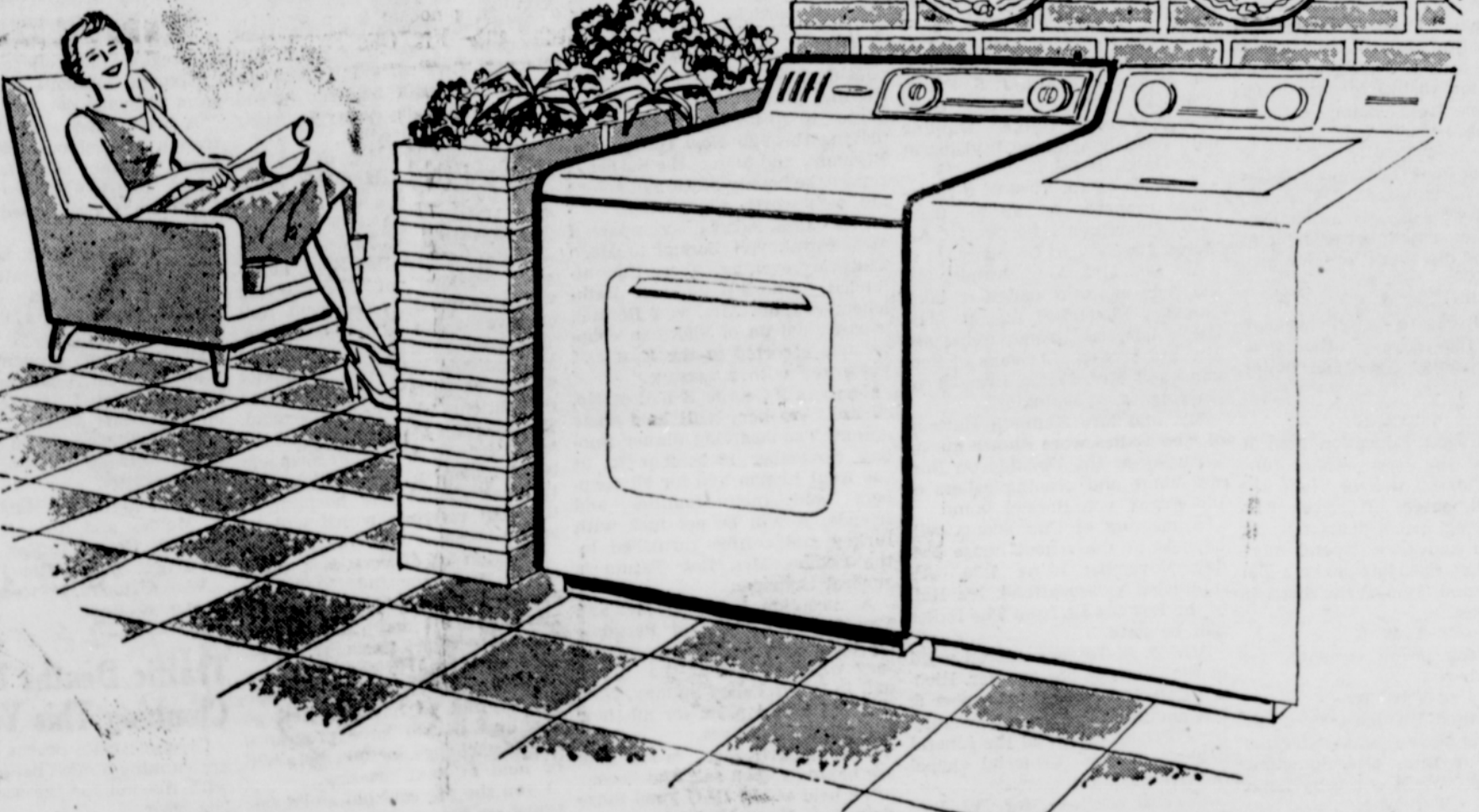
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Dorene Hall, W. M.
Dorothy Heater, Secretary

Eureka 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.
Dean Pinkerton, W. M.
Clyde Gillmore, Secretary