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democratic nations against the so-called communist nations as ruthlessly as a card shark in a logging camp.

You see, the state department thinks Tito might lean to our side if he got to spend a night or two at Blair House and have his picture taken with Eisenhower. He'll want a few tanks and some machine guns for his trouble and he'll get them. A leading nation must deal with useful people whether their morals are often sent to the cleaners or not.

CONVERSATION PIECE

The subject of most conversations this past week has been the weather because the weather has been acting up again, just when it seemed to be going along without showing off.

This county has seen 20 below zero temperatures and existed without great hardship and will again. No one enjoys it greatly, but it does make pretty good conversation to tell how pipes froze up and were thawed.

The spell of cold weather that seems at this writing to be losing its grip has been the longest on the record. Usually something happens to cold weather after a day or two, but this year we had four very cold nights, three of them with temperatures below 20 degrees below. That is comparable to 54 degrees above freezing or 86, which is a pretty warm day.

It has slowed down the tempo of daily living but hasn't made any major change in social or business affairs. Cars run, stores sell goods, mails arrive and depart. Greatest change is the new topic of conversation.

GROUND HOG DAY

It looks like a newspaper published on February 1 would have something to say about the ground hog whose sole opportunity for the limelight comes tomorrow. He is one of the oldest and least proven of our national traditions.

The story is that the ground hog, which is a rodent of the Arctomyia genus, comes out his winter quarters promptly at dawn on February 2 and makes a quick appraisal of the weather from the presence or absence of his shadow. If he sees his shadow he immediately goes back to bed and stays there a full six weeks in which time the weather will remain cold and wintry. Should the ground hog arise in a cloudy dawn and sees no shadow he prepares forthwith for activity and the earth burgeons with the verdure of spring.

The story is simple and long observance of the prophecies of the Aard-vark convinces us that he who put dependence on him is simpler. The fact is that he knows no more about it than the weather bureau or Dr. Krick, who also suffer from inaccuracies about foretelling weather. Prophecy is like other sports, such as boxing or baseball, a follower of which, one Babe Ruth opined: "You're a hero or a bum."

As a weather prophet the ground hog is a bum. Nevertheless, we will watch carefully tomorrow at dawn to see whether the sun shines or not, knowing all the while that there are no ground hogs in these parts and that if there were he'd be smart enough to stay underground in this kind of weather and that if he did come out he'd know nothing more about the future than we do.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. N.G.; Vada DeMoss, Laura Grabenhorst, Secretary

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

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. 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 Gilmore, Secretary

LEADING NATION

If this country is to be the leading nation in the world—and we do not see how it can help it—its citizens are going to have to broaden their ideas of hospitality.

Right now we are entertaining a man whose ideas are far from our Protestant ethic, so far, in fact, that many are critical that such a one was ever permitted to set foot on our shores. It is like inviting the town drunk or a woman off the streets in to dinner and grandma is shocked, but not too shocked for words. King Saud doesn't drink or smoke. And that apparently is the extent of his inhibitions. He permits slavery in his kingdom, spends all the national income on himself and family, provides no education for the people, dislikes Jews, and is arrogant.

We will have to realize that he is here because the government hopes to find him useful, not because the department of state condones his morals or his form of government. King Saud will find us useful, too, you may be sure, and when it is done he will have gold and happily we will have oil. That is the whole point of the matter.

In April, unless congress and the public arouses too much opposition, this nation will be host to Tito, the Yugoslav communist. Grandma isn't going to like Tito any better than Saud. He has no nice little morals like refusing liquor and tobacco. He is a very heavy handed princeling indeed, putting his friends away in nice quiet graves and playing so-called

People's Column

To the Editor:

Economy has been my slogan both in private and public life through the years. I feel economy in public affairs is now a must for the welfare of the citizens of Oregon.

The last legislature increased our income tax with a 45 per cent surtax. In Multnomah county the taxes on our homes were increased by over 12 per cent. Now we are told that we will have an increased residence tax again this year of 35 per cent. Just where are we going?

It seems that when people get elected and become officials they forget all about the taxpayer and start a spending contest. Why cannot we have an economy contest?

About 25 per cent of all property in Oregon is not on the tax rolls, but receive all the benefits of taxing property. Only about one half the people in Oregon pay any income tax.

We in Oregon want and should have the best schools and teachers. We hear a great cry for more class rooms and new schools, yet we use our present school buildings only 8 hours per day for 175 days out of 365. What other business or profession could avoid bankruptcy if it operated on such a basis?

I doubt if there is a single department in the state, county, city or school district which could not effect economies if a real effort were made.

It is time for a taxpayer strike! I believe that the home is the most important institution in America. The power to tax is the power to destroy. The present tax trend will destroy our homes. I will not sit by and see this done. I for one am willing to help with an initiative measure to enact a homestead law to reasonably exempt homes and farm residences from taxes. I hope others feel the same way.

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Portland 5, Ore.

Claiming Correct Exemption Trick Of Law Tax

One reason many persons overpay their federal income tax is that they fail to claim the correct number of exemptions, internal revenue surveys indicate.

In tallying your exemptions, begin with yourself—for you will count as from one to three exemptions, each reducing your taxable income by \$600. If you're under 65, credit yourself with one exemption; if 65 or over, two exemptions; if over 65 and blind, three; if under 65 and blind, two.

This same rate of dependency credit applies to the spouse. In addition, if the husband or the wife died during 1956 and if you were not remarried during that year, you are still eligible to file a joint return claiming the exemptions—including the additional credits for age and blindness—to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death. Five general tests to consider in arriving at the proper dependency credits:

1. Relationship—In general, the dependent claimed should be closely related to you. Relationship may include: Your child or children's descendants (legally adopted child is considered a child by blood); stepchild (but not his descendants); your brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or step-sister; parent, grandparent or other direct ancestor (but not foster parent); your stepfather or stepmother; your brother's or sister's son or daughter (direct nephew or niece); your father's or mother's brother or sister (direct uncle or aunt); or your son in law, daughter in law, father in law, mother in law, brother in law, or sister in law.

An exemption for a dependent who is not related to you in any manner may be obtained if the person claimed is a member of your household and lived in your home for the entire taxable year. It is also possible to claim a cousin who during 1956 received institutional care for a physical or mental deficiency but who was a member of your household prior to such institutional care.

2. Support—The dependent claimed generally must receive more than one-half of his support from you. There are two exceptions: (A) When several persons join in the support of another individual and all other tests are met, except for the support provision, they may agree by means of a multiple-support accord (Form 2120) to allow one who contributes more than 10 percent of the dependent's support to claim exemption. All others who contribute more than 10 per cent must agree in written form that they will not claim the same dependency exemption. (B) In the case of a son, daughter or stepchild who is a student and received a scholarship, the amount of the grant need not be considered in determining whether you have furnished more than one-half the support.

3. Dependent's Gross Income—This figure must be less than \$600 for 1956 before you are entitled to claim the individual as a dependent. However, your child may receive gross income of \$600 or more and still be claimed as a dependent, provided (A) he is less than 19 or (B) a student who was

regularly enrolled full time in a school for at least five calendar months during 1956. A recognized, supervised, full-time on-farm training course can qualify, but not night school training while working days, nor correspondence courses, nor other on-job training courses.

4. Citizenship and Residence—The dependent must be a citizen or resident of this country, or a resident of Canada, Mexico, the Canal Zone, or the Republic of Panama. A person living outside any of these boundaries must be a citizen of the U. S. to qualify as a dependent.

5. Joint Returns—The dependent must not file a joint return with his spouse. Often unusual or borderline cases arise and the internal revenue bureau advises consultation with properly qualified advisers for those needing help.

FOR SALE: One cat—choice of one D-6 Caterpillar, less than one year old, 620 hours, factory built cab, big front idlers, lights, Beegee pump, \$11,000.00; OR either of two TD-14s complete with cabs and lights \$4000.00 each; ALSO: one John Deere 14-foot disk plow, 24 in. blades. Contact M. M. Powell, Phone Jordan 5-3228. 11-14c

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, his Final Account as Executor of the Estate of Vernon K. Van Gilder, deceased, and that Monday, February 25, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of said County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for said hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Luther W. Davis
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 13-16c

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNTING

All persons having objections to the final accounting of Clyde L. Finley and Virginia E. Finley, executor and executrix of the estate of Alvin Keenan, deceased, shall file same before the 11th day of March, 1957, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed for settlement of said account and the County Court Chambers

WANT ADS

Custom Slaughtering by appointment only. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market. Grass Valley, Oregon. Call 242 for appointment. 7c

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 38ftn

FOR SALE: 3 registered Hereford bulls, one 5 in March, large, good, sound bull; two will be 2 in March and are in very thrifty condition, wt. at present approximately 1400 lbs. Price very reasonable. Phone 412 Grass Valley, Oregon. 10-13c

COUNTY CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF FEES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT OF SAME JULY 1, 1956 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1956

MONTHLY RECEIPTS	
JULY	\$ 83.45
AUGUST	265.25
SEPTEMBER	232.45
OCTOBER	204.30
NOVEMBER	154.80
DECEMBER	219.10
Total Receipts	\$ 1159.35

SOURCE OF RECEIPTS	
Recording fees	\$ 366.25
Law Library fees	56.40
Circuit Court fees	74.00
Probate & County Court fees	230.00
Marriage Licenses	6.00
Miscellaneous copying & indexing	386.20
Migratory Liens	18.50
Litigant fees	22.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1159.35

DISBURSEMENTS	
Migratory Liens paid to Secretary of State	\$ 18.50
Litigant fees paid to State Treasurer	22.00
Fees paid to County Treasurer	1118.85
Total Disbursements	\$ 1159.35

STATE OF OREGON) ss.
County of Sherman)

I, Marie Hoskinson, County Clerk of the within County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing report is prepared from and based upon the records of this office, and that the same is a full, true and correct report to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 28th day of January 1957.

(SEAL) Marie Hoskinson
County Clerk

SPECIAL ROAD TAX EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 1956 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1956

SPECIAL ROAD TAX 1954-1955	EXPENDED	BALANCE
GRAVEL	\$ 77.25	
BRIDGES & CULVERTS	1000.00	
	\$ 1077.25	
Balance as of July 1, 1956	\$ 5268.30	
Total Amount Expended	\$ 1077.25	
Unexpended Balance as of December 31, 1956		\$ 4,191.05
STATE OF OREGON) ss.		

County of Sherman)

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(SEAL) Marie Hoskinson
County Clerk

CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT SHOWING BUDGETED ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1956 TO JUNE 30, 1957 INCLUSIVE, SHOWING EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 1956 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956 INCLUSIVE, AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS OF DEC. 31, 1956

COUNTY COURT	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance as of Dec. 31, 1956
ACCOUNT			
Judge's Salary	\$ 2000.00	\$ 999.96	\$ 1000.04
Judge's expense	310.00	179.37	130.63
Com'r's fees, mileage, admin.	800.00	437.50	362.50
CIRCUIT COURT			
Witnesses & jurors fees	800.00	412.36	387.64
Reporter's fees & salary	1100.00	538.33	561.67
Juror's meals	25.00	2.50	2.50
Balliff's fees	100.00	100.00	
JUSTICE COURT			
Judge's expense	50.00		50.00
Salary	1800.00	900.00	900.00
Office administration	370.00	64.85	305.15
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
Office equipment	350.00	167.00	183.00
COUNTY CLERK			
Clerk's Salary	4000.00	1999.98	2000.02
Deputy's salary	2000.00	999.96	1000.04
Incidental expenses	400.00	329.55	70.45
Record books & blanks	300.00	158.95	141.05
Office equipment	300.00	300.00	
Photostat equipment	1760.00	1758.20	1.80
COUNTY AGENT			
Salary	6750.00	3375.00	3375.00
COUNTY ASSESSOR			
Assessor's salary	4000.00	1999.98	2000.02
Incidental expense	400.00	315.27	84.73
Appraisal, field work, salary, Office equip., repairs, main., Reappraisal sinking fund	2000.00	238.58	1761.42
Board of Equalization	200.00	176.95	23.05
COUNTY SHERIFF			
Board of Equalization	100.00	50.00	50.00
COUNTY SHERIFF			
Sheriff's salary	4000.00	1666.65	2333.35
Deputy's salary	3600.00	1800.00	1800.00
Incidental expenses	850.00	821.82	28.18
State Industrial Accident Comm.	125.00	52.17	72.83
Official car	840.00	420.00	420.00
Travel outside county	200.00	130.36	69.64
COUNTY TREASURER			
Treasurer's salary	2000.00	999.96	1000.04
Incidental expenses	150.00	145.41	4.59
Office equipment	100.00	59.29	40.71
SHERMAN-WASCO HEALTH UNIT			
Office equipment	5000.00	5000.00	
COUNTY CORONER			
Fees & expenses	75.00	31.60	43.40
Jurors & witnesses	25.00		25.00
ELECTIONS			
Judges & clerks	500.00	607.05	107.05 O. D.
Ballots & supplies	300.00	208.75	91.25
Booths	50.00	86	36.00 O. D.
Ballot boxes & registration	20.00	20.00	
COUNTY SCHOOLS			
4-H Club Fair	700.00	875.00	175.00 O. D.
Teachers' Institute	250.00		250.00

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance as of Dec. 31, 1956
Per Capita @ \$10.00	6480.00		6480.00
COUNTY COURTHOUSE			
Incidental expenses	2500.00	1044.81	1455.19
Janitor's wages	2800.00	1399.98	1400.02
Repairs & improvements	1000.00		1000.00
COUNTY JAIL			
Board of prisoners & supplies	250.00	91.80	158.20
COUNTY PRINTING			
INDEMNITY (Bang's diseased cattle)	600.00	218.25	381.75
MENTALLY DISEASED CASES	100.00	48.00	52.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	50.00	28.50	21.50
General Assistance	831.00	623.25	207.75
Old Age assistance	3362.00	2521.50	840.50
Aid to dependent children	1259.00	944.25	314.75
Aid to permanently and totally disabled	705.00	528.75	176.25
EMERGENCY FUND	4339.00	147.00	4192.00
ASS'N OREGON COUNTIES			
Dues	140.00	158.77	18.77 O. D.
Public Lands Committee	5.00	5.00	
COUNTY AUDIT			
PREMIUM ON OFFICER'S BONDS	900.00	375.00	525.00
DEMOSS MEMORIAL PARK	450.00	221.53	228.47
Incidental expenses	200.00	539.26	339.26 O. D.
COURTHOUSE INSURANCE			
INSURANCE KENT LEGION HALL	675.00	496.56	178.44
U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE	105.00	105.00	
GOVERNMENT TRAPPER	2410.00	2410.00	
COST OF DELINQUENT TAX	790.00	65.83	724.17
Foreclosure	25.00		25.00
ANNOTATIONS & LAW BOOKS	400.00	24.00	376.00
FAIR GROUND INSURANCE	750.00	750.00	
SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR ASS'N	2000.00	787.35	1212.65
RETIREMENT	2000.00	278.35	1721.65
AMBULANCE FUND	2000.00	2045.92	45.08 O. D.
Total Amount of Budget	\$ 88,601.00		
Total Amount Expended		\$ 39,006.71	
Unexpended Balance as of December 31, 1956			\$ 49,594.29

GENERAL ROAD FUND	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance as of Dec. 31, 1956
ACCOUNT			
WEED CONTROL	\$ 3500.00	\$ 641.09	\$ 2858.91
WAGES	57000.00	26447.09	30552.91
REPAIRS	13000.00	5521.23	7478.77
GAS & OIL	8500.00	4420.40	4079.60
TIRES & TUBES	4000.00	2687.20	1312.80
GENERAL SUPPLIES	12000.00	4198.97	7801.03
INSURANCE	2100.00	843.38	1256.62
MISCELLANEOUS	2500.00	873.30	1626.70
BRIDGES & CULVERTS	7000.00	628.47	171.53
ROAD MACHINERY	17500.00	3632.06	13867.94
MACADAM MAINTENANCE			
Sinking Fund	3000.00	287.00	2713.00
RETIREMENT	90.00	458.93	1041.07
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	1000.00	1000.00	
F. A. S. ROAD MAINTENANCE	6800.00		6800.00
Total Amount of Budget	\$ 139,400.00		
Total Amount Expended		\$ 37,839.12	
Unexpended Balance as of December 31, 1956			\$