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DEPRESSION

There is little doubt that Oregon is in a depression. Everyone is talking about it and those who have traveled say it ends at the state line in any direction. We haven't had money enough to find out about that, but Oregonians are pretty unanimous in the opinion that business is bad. This is probably the best part of the state because we have good crops at very good prices.

Everybody has an idea of the reason for the spell of bad business and is either trying to cure it or criticizing those who are trying to cure it.

Oregon has depended too much on the cutting of timber, that much is agreed on. It has shipped it in a raw state to other places to be made into manufactured products. Why? Oregon is on the seacoast and can ship readily to England and Japan that have been big users of fir timber; wages have been higher here than in other places; demand for manufactured products from timber is light here because there are few people.

Oregon agriculture is doing pretty well. Wheat is above average and the prices of livestock are good this year. Production of smaller crops is not so good. Freight rates are too high to make pea production boom and that also has affected the market for frozen fruits and vegetables. We have to compete for markets far away on canned goods and the pack is smaller.

Oregon has some unimaginative business men. It has only one city and there is little competition for business or incentive to development that would prevail if there were two or more cities and no monopoly of banking or other business.

Any discussion of Oregon's depression comes around to taxes after a while. Oddly those who attacked the tax system with the most vigor are now defending it. It hasn't changed, only grown worse and coming rapidly to its inevitable end.

It isn't so much the taxes that are at fault as the spending. Oregon spends too much money. For years Oregon legislatures would give money to any group that had nerve enough to ask for it, would provide any service requested by almost any organization. As a public policy that is a foolish policy and, naturally, cannot continue.

Oregon has listened to a lot of clap-trap about taxes. It has kept the income tax as a major source of income and may find that the depression makes that seem very unwise. It has retained a rate schedule that helps the low income earner and penalizes the well to do. Therefore, we have garnered unto ourselves a plethora of workers and lost a goodly number of those who might have invested in new manufacturing plants.

If we learn our lesson the present depression will be valuable to us; if we go blithely on trying to spend and tax our way out of it we will have a hard time—and deserve every pain it involves.

POLITICS

Eighteen solid southerners have succeeded in stopping civil rights legislation by dividing the opposition on several fronts. The whole bill wasn't defeated but enough amendments were tacked onto it to kill its effectiveness to a large extent.

The southerners, led by Senator Russell, divided the so-called liberals with the jury trial amendment. That sounds good but a jury trial for contempt is almost unheard of. They divided labor adherents by devious means and did enough trading to win a majority for the crippling amendment.

It was a very neat job and so far as we can see the south lost nothing in the process. The house defeated the Hells Canyon bill some few of them voted for, and there seems to be no other deal on which the south may lose anything of value. It looks from here as if the 18 southerners took the north like Grant took Richmond.

The worst of it for us will be reading the explanation of the pseudo liberals for the next year.

NEW PLAN

It is generally agreed that farm groups have lost power because of disagreement between them. Now a new group is being formed, led by an accomplished lobbyist, with the idea of letting each commodity group put forth its own program. They will be combined into one bill for which all will work—in theory.

Certainly it is time for some new farm legislation. Farmers have had the government in their business long enough to prove that government is no asset to farming.

The notion that five crops are basic and the others not was a foolish one to start with and only prevailed because the five had enough political support. Each of the five, except tobacco, has cost the government a great deal of money and each has remained in the economic doldrums longer than others. The dairy business is getting along better since going on its own to a large extent.

The consumption of wheat has gone down alarmingly during the time of government programs because no one has cared whether consumers ate wheat or not. Had it not been for expensive export programs we would have our bins full of wheat, still have in other parts of the nation than the Pacific Northwest. Cotton has been unable to compete with foreign nations. Only good prices for livestock has reduced the corn carryover.

Eventually we must get back to something like a market basis for agricultural products, basic or other. Growers cannot expect the public to continue to subsidize the production of huge surpluses and we think few of them do. Neither do we think it is possible to get back a market basis in a short time. It will require several years for the government to withdraw without disrupting an important industry for marketing plans will have to be built all over again. They were entirely destroyed during the reign of government over these crops.

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BIG TAX

If Moro was trying to attract industry it would have a serious handicap in the 90 mill tax property owners will pay this fall. Wasco would be in little better position with an 82.6 mill tax. Taxes of this size effectively discourage industry and new citizens and give no incentive to new construction.

Normally we think local taxes are better than other taxes for the money is spent at home where better value can be obtained. This assumes good management, of course. Local taxes are a direct offset on income taxes and figuring on that basis the \$655,000 local tax will cost something less than that.

Because some of the citizens of the county are extremely well to do there has been a tendency to increase costs. It is entirely possible that the services that will cost \$655,000 could be had in adequate amounts for \$500,000. But it is not a time for penny pinching; economy is out of style.

The pendulum of public spending is still swinging high although it must be almost to the end of the arc. Usually governments and individuals go into debt before they quit spending and there has not been much of that so far. The next phase is that of paying off the debt while cursing the men who incurred it and this is the longest period. It was only a few years ago Sherman county and some of its towns were in the unfortunate stage of debt paying and many citizens should remember it.

NOT MUCH ABILITY

The summer long arguments about the quality of radio music and television acting are common and certainly there is reason for both. There isn't talent enough to go around. Imagine trying to find speakers and singers and musicians for all the radio and TV stations. Long ago that was found to be impossible so networks have organized and the same program goes out on many stations.

Radio has been playing second fiddle to TV lately and radio stations have quit trying to compete and have hired disc jockeys who play popular records hour after dreary hour with a few spot announcements thrown in. Television has borrowed old movie films on the assumption that viewers must be amused every minute of the day and night and that they are simple enough to be amused by such programs.

The job of planning to say something or hire someone to say something bright and lively or entertaining or instructive twenty hours a day is a very hard one and it is not surprising that it is done no better.

Labor and farm leaders are in agreement in Klamath Falls that if lower freight rates on meat between Pacific coast and the west are permitted both will suffer. Consumers are not organized.

Everyone Likes Fodder

BOTTLE BABY—Little Sue Anne Lindborg came to the rescue, at feeding time, after this lamb's mama abandoned it. Now, "Midnight," like the mythical follower of Mary, follows Susie all over her grandparents' farm near Union Mills, Ind.



DOWN THE HATCH—Corky, a cockatoo residing in Dallas, Tex., helps itself to a "shot" of refreshing cold chocolate milk. Gripping the cream container in its beak, the bird has learned to tilt its head and let the milk trickle down its throat.



EAR! EAR!—No, this tame squirrel isn't trying to make a meal of the ear of its young owner, 12-year-old Charles Ellis, Pine Ridge, Va.; it's merely taking a playful nip. Since the Virginia lad, the pair have been constant companions.



FEEDING TIME ON ROAD JOB—Gigantic construction vehicles must be "fed," too. Here, a pair of diesel-powered International Model 75 Pyscraper units, get "filled up" with 105 gal each of diesel fuel—to provide the energy to move 20 cu yds of material at a time.

Take Rest On Vacation Say Some

Here are some thoughts on late summer vacations:

An employer's and an employee's conception of a vacation differ considerably. The employer emphasizes rest and relaxation for the vacationers. The employee thinks in terms of fun and activity.

Possibly more attention should be given to rest in connection with vacations. Too many people returning to work after their two weeks off sigh wearily and say "I'm glad to get back to the office for a rest."

The annual vacation in the United States has become an actual necessity for health and well-being. But for maximum benefits it should be restful above all.

Rest the mind, rest the eyes, rest the body, is good advice to the late summer and early fall vacationists.

The annual "rest-period" should be spent so that you return refreshed rather than fatigued.

Here are some tips on taking vacations for rest and relaxation: Don't get into a cross-country driving marathon. Realize that you can't see the whole United States in two weeks. Settle for a leisurely sightseeing trip if you

- Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. Grabenhorst, NG. Yada DeMoss, Sec.
- HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets first and third Saturdays each month at 8 p. m. Orlow Martin, Master. Agnes Benson, Secretary
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- 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. Paul Alley, W.M. Clyde Gilmore, Secretary

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Another big shower of rain fell here Saturday night. The moisture went down an inch into the soil in some places. A slight shower fell Monday evening and a few sprinkles Tuesday morning. Harvesting operations were brought to a standstill on account of the moisture in the wheat and barley. The clouds were heavy and dark Tuesday, so perhaps more rain will fall before another warm spell comes along.

The railroad has a number of box cars setting on the siding at Rufus. The railroad plans on new work in this area.

The surveyors were busy last week doing some work in Rufus. It is reported a new state machine shed will be built up on the present rock pile site.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cagle of Goldendale, Wn., were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byrd. Cagle who was a teacher at Rufus for several years, and taught at Powers, Ore., last year has decided to leave the teaching field for awhile and go into the building business with some of his folks at Goldendale.

Bob Byrd who has a feed and fertilizer store at Arlington has taken over the Ford Agency there. Joe Morris working for Bob Byrd in the garage at Arlington.

Bill Huck is out running the combine to harvest grain for Sam Davis at Grass Valley.

Dolph Baker flew in his airplane to Bend Saturday where he took in the two day Civil Aeronautics air show. He returned home Sunday evening.

Judy Hydrorn of Hinkle, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydrorn, is a guest at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson.

companies and mutual companies also suffered underwriting losses on automobile liability insurance during 1956.

"The insufficiency of premiums earned by the companies to meet the costs and expenses of claims incurred by insured cars also explains why automobile liability insurance rates in many states have been revised upward this year.

WANT ADS

I have property to sell in Moro, both residence and business property, some at a very low price. Come and see me when harvest is over. Giles French

FOR SALE: 3-year old 2 bedroom home in Wasco, insulated, oak floors, pine paneling, located on nice corner lot for \$5000, and terms can be arranged. Write or call Cora or Lawrence Driscoll, Centralia, Wash., Rt. 2 Box 663A PE 6-3762 40-2p

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FOR SALE: 200 Acre Stock Ranch, located in Heart of Feeder Country. 186 Acres irrigated permanent pasture and alfalfa, will run 300 cattle. \$20,000 modernized Home. This place is reasonably priced with terms. 39-1c

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LEGAL NOTICES

BUS DRIVER WANTED School district 17, Moro will interview candidates for a bus driver at the school house Tuesday, August 13, at 8 p. m. and give a contract to the one the board hires. For information contact Clara Houston, Clerk of District 17, Moro.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of) of) GLADYS MORRISON,) (Deceased)) No. 634

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned executrix of the Will and Estate of Gladys Morrison will sell at private sale to the highest bidder, for cash or upon terms, on or after August 26, 1957, the interest of Gladys Morrison in the following described property: Lot 6 Block 12, Moro, Sherman County, Oregon.

Bids should be submitted to the undersigned, in writing, at Moro, Oregon. DORIS COELSCH Executrix

C. L. Gavin Attorney for Estate The Dalles, Oregon 38-41c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the Estate of Jennie K. Foss, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of

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Jennie K. Foss, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: July 19, 1957. John A. Foss Administrator

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator Moro, Oregon 37-40c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of the will and estate of Gladys Morrison, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice, to-wit: July 19, 1957. Doris Colesch Executrix of the estate of Gladys Morrison, dec'd

C. L. Gavin, Attorney for Estate The Dalles, Oregon 37-40c

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, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 9th day of September, 1957, 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. Leona F. Smith Executrix

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executrix 40-43c

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 Mary F. Smith, deceased, and that Monday, the 9th day of September, 1957, 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. Thomas Barnett Executor

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