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END OF THE SESSION

The special session was not as bad as it well might have been and some thanks for this must go to two Democratic senators, Bolvin and Musa, who refused to follow the party line on the tax program. Certainly there was no need to call the session for the very minor tax changes the governor asked in his message and a greater reduction was indicated to all who believed—the rather hastily made estimates of the new tax commission.

It is true, as the Democrats said, there could have been no reduction without the call of the session. It must be followed by the statement that no call would have been needed had not tax rates been boosted far beyond the need.

We are glad Republicans did not get all they asked, not because we believe in a large surplus but because we doubt the estimates of surplus. If Oregon builds up a surplus under present economic conditions the tax rate should be cut drastically in 1959. Such things lead to extravagance.

It is said, and from official circles, that the next budget will be around \$330,000,000 or another increase of around \$50,000,000. This should be ample warning to taxpayers to elect men who will not vote for any such increase. The cost of government does not have to go up that much although we know it is easy for the bureaucrats to find places to put a great deal of money.

Now the rates are being lowered that were so hard fought for just last spring. The need for more funds was proclaimed and now, in apology, some is to go uncollected. Certainly it is time for some maturity and forethought in Oregon's government.

DECLINE OF THE VIOLIN

Even the modern orchestras have no violins. The musicians depend on squeak sticks of one kind or another to make the sounds called music, or some sort of blasting instrument. The violin is out.

And we want to admit our age and state our musical preferences by feeling sad about it. A violin was music in our day, easy to pack around on a saddle horse, loud enough to be heard all over the dance floor that had been the parlor until that afternoon, and beautiful in tone.

We wouldn't go so far as to say that what is wrong with modern music is the abandonment of the violin. No one change could be responsible for so devastating a thing as modern music. It is jumpy and squeaky and probably fits the nervousness and aimlessness of the times.

Every generation makes its own music which is the way it has to be and we are grateful that our generation started off with the fiddle. There has been a lot better mood for thought and a much greater appreciation of beauty than if it had been dedicated to the saxophone.

INFLATION END?

The action of the federal reserve board in reducing the discount rate may mean that that board has decided that the danger of inflation is over or that it can be controlled from now on. At least, we hope that is what is back of the lower rediscount rate.

It should not be supposed that Mr. McChesney Martin, that stubborn Democrat, would listen to political arguments. That is not his reputation. And it is not necessary for him to do so for he has a long appointment and is as independent as any public official can be.

There are some bits of evidence that inflation is halted: steel is not selling well, people are asking prices, the stock market reflects possible lowered dividends. But prices are still high and there is little evidence that they are coming down and if people still continue to buy there will be some inflation in our economy still.

In the recent international conference in San Francisco the representatives of all nations talked about inflation and how to stop

it. Many are having a terrible time with prices going beyond the ability of people to buy—and as in France—doubt about the nation's ability to pay its bills. Farmers will of necessity oppose inflation because many of them can get no larger price because government sets their price. If inflation pushes up their costs they are pinched quickly and dangerously. In a nation of so many elderly and retired persons inflation can wreak havoc in living conditions. For that matter, inflation is good for no one, or no class, although the speculators sometimes make some fast bucks out of it.

One of the dangerous aspects of this inflation has been that some irresponsible politicians have criticized efforts to curtail it and thus aligned themselves on the side of public disaster. Inflation is not a political matter; it is economic and all public officers should help stop it.

THANKSGIVING

Although it is nearly a week away this will be the last chance for this newspaper to write about Thanksgiving unless it is to be read as the turkey is eaten and at that time the blood in the human system is being used some other place.

Materially it has been a good year. The nation has prospered, so has the state, and the county has reaped a bountiful crop and realized a satisfactory return. All of us are complacent, sitting gleefully on top of the world, surrounded by gadgets, living at ease and hoping that nothing comes along to disturb us.

And maybe that is something to be thankful for although when something happens—as it surely will—we will look back on it with shame.

But compared to the Puritans who proclaimed the first Thanksgiving we are very comfortable, very secure and, of course, very smug, which they couldn't afford to be. We are not surrounded by Indians who might become dangerously hostile at any moment and our food supply is embarrassingly huge. Everyone who will work can be fully fed—and many who do not work. Truly, no nation has reposed in the midst of plenty so supinely.

Cows dislike to be driven from a clover patch because their owner fears bloat and this is no day to point to the rather apparent fact that we are too fat and sassy. Let us, for the day, congratulate ourselves on our superior wisdom and our constant ambition that has made us able to procure ease, to obtain more food than we can digest or assimilate, and to rest more freely than those of benighted lands.

Property owners should feel happy that the legislature repealed the automatic property tax. Now they are in the same position as other taxpayers—if and when the governor signs the bill. Of course, they are still stuck for local taxes.

Stockmen Asked To Register For Vote

Producers of cattle in Sherman county either beef or dairy breeds must register to vote in a producer referendum to be held on creation of an Oregon Beef Commission, states T. W. Thompson, county agent.

The Sherman County Cattlemen's association has requested forms to be mailed directly to producers. County extension agents have been deputized as registrars. Registration forms will be mailed to Sherman county producers the week of November 25. The registration report is confidential and must be returned by mail or in person to the Sherman county agent's office, court house, Moro. A definite date for termination of registration has not been set, but will probably last two or three weeks, states Thompson.

Registration must show the total number of cattle (of all kinds and ages) reported by each producer to the county assessor as of January 1, 1957. Only registered producers will be eligible to vote. Polling places will be set up at a later date with the referendum being held at least 20 days after registration has been completed.

The State Department of Agriculture, Salem, is in charge of the Beef Commission registration and voting, Paul T. Rowell, Chief, Division of Market Development, State Department of Agriculture, Salem, is in charge.

The beef commission petition, sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's association asks that 10 cents a head be collected at all brand inspection points on cattle sold for slaughter or shipped out of the state. It also limits commission activities to problems associated with marketing.

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This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Can You Identify This Object?

CLUE: In 1855 this object was instrumental in delivering a message from Charles F. Johnson of Oregon City to Thomas J. Dryer, then editor of the Oregonian.

ANSWER: The object is one of the early, crude telegraph keys. The first telegraph line between Portland and Corvallis, the line which ran through Butterville, was erected in 1854. The first message was sent Nov. 16, 1855, by Charles F. Johnson, chief promoter of the telegraph company, to Thomas Dryer, Oregonian editor.

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Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Kenneth Crews and Mrs. Sam Alberty will be hostesses at a layette shower for Mrs. Everett Cantrill Monday evening, December 2, at the Crews home at 8:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Harold Owens, president presided with nine members present. More plans were made for the Thanksgiving dinner to be held at the Kent Legion hall Sunday November 24 for members and those eligible. Gifts were brought to be sent to the Gift Shop at the Veterans hospital. Those who have not brought their gifts may leave them with Mrs. Edgar Alley hospital chairman, or bring them to the Thanksgiving dinner. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Theodore von Borstel, small son

of Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel was christened at St. Paul's Episcopal church in The Dalles Sunday November 17. The Rev. E. Ernest Taylor officiating. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albrecht of Baker and Allyn Roberts of The Dalles. The Rev. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht and Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins of Portland had dinner with the family at Hotel Dalles.

Hill Rolfe, Scoutmaster, and Harold Eakin and Boyce Blaylock took the explorer scouts to the Rolfe ranch at Clarno for an outing Saturday returning Sunday. Those going were Jimmy and Johnny Duncan, Tommy Eakin, Orville Blaylock, Larry Middleton, Dick Stradley, Gene Schilling and Jerry Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Miller of Moro were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family were dinner guests Sunday of the Ivan Blaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and

children and Mrs. Gerry Wolf of Vancouver were visitors Saturday at the Wallace May home.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland visited their nephew, Adrian Arney and family, at Silver Lake last weekend and returned home on Monday accompanied by Mrs. Arney who will spend a week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel were business visitors in The Dalles last Tuesday.

Mrs. Cora Russell of Portland spent last weekend as a guest of Mrs. O. N. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer left for Carlton, Wn., to spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vinton.

The Misses Cassie and Mabel Holmes, Ted von Borstel and Mrs. Emma Anderson of The Dalles visited relatives here Saturday and had dinner with the Donald von Borstel family.

Mrs. Alfred Kock and Mrs. Donald von Borstel were in The Dalles last Tuesday to visit Miss Cassie Holmes and Mrs. Arzell Lemley, patients at The Dalles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles of Lexington were over night guests Saturday of Mrs. O. N. Ruggles. They attended the Historical society meeting in Grass Valley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Griffith received word recently from her son Dennis Andersen that he made ordnance-man second class. He is stationed at the naval air base, Alameda, California.

Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst of Kent spent last weekend at her home in Roseburg.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap had as over night guests Thursday her brother, Donald Haynes and Paul Smith of Los Angeles and George Smith of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. W. D. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family of Kent.

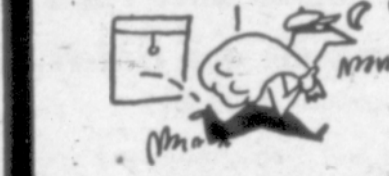
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Riggs drove to Bend November 9 and met his mother, Mrs. Blanche Riggs from Colorado Springs, Colo., who is spending several weeks with them.

Mrs. Maude Garrett of Shaniko spent the weekend here visiting at the H. N. Riggs and Don Smith homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Draga of Portland spent the weekend here

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with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and Robin went to Portland Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and family returning home Saturday.

Earl Olds, John Alley and Melvin Alberty left Tuesday for the Ukiah country elk hunting.

All members of the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge are asked to have their donations for the hope chest in by December 1. The filled chest will be raffled off at their barn dance held some time in December.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

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Norris Gilkinson  
Executors

T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney for Executors 3-6c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Dell H. Wright, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix, with Will Annexed, of the Last Will and Testament of Dell H. Wright, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at Law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice, to-wit: November 22, 1957.

Sally A. Wright  
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