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ORGANIZATIONS

We fell to wondering a day or so ago about how many truly local and independent organizations there were in Sherman county and had to conclude that there were few indeed.

The lodges and churches, of course, are neither local or independent, members having agreed to support a social creed much beyond the confines of the county in scope. Some are more independent than others, naturally, but none are Sherman county organizations.

Then there are the multitude of organizations sponsored by the extension service, committees for this and that, 4-H clubs, home ec clubs, that meet every so often, and have enlisted the attention of many citizens. They are not local for their counterpart can be found in nearly every county in the nation.

There are a couple of riding clubs that are local and affiliated with larger groups but still maintaining their individuality. There is a discussion club at Moro that is independent of everything and the Sherman county Historical society is a local affair. Then there is the Sherman County club suffering from anemia because so many Sherman countians have enlisted as officers or members of so many clubs and organizations outside the county.

It is our feeling that the county might be better served if its citizens paid more attention to their own problems, formed their own groups, worked for their own welfare. The reason they do not may be a sort of inferiority complex that makes them feel that local affairs are too small to be significant. They may be so to the world or the nation, they are not too small for Sherman county.

CAPITAL TAX

There is some talk of giving Oregon taxpayers some benefit of a capital gains tax similar to that given by the federal government. Surely, it is a badly needed reform.

But the capital gains tax is an iniquitous thing in any tax law. Let us say that a man bought land twenty years ago for \$50 per acre and sells it for \$100 per acre now. He must pay the government 26% of the gain or \$13 per acre on the gain. Sounds alright on the face of it. But the man cannot buy with the \$100 he got for the land as he could buy with the \$50 he paid. He is really paying a tax on the inflation the government has permitted.

Another example. Say a man bought government bonds in war time and kept them to the present. If he bought \$3000 in bonds and cashed them at due date for \$4000 he owes the government 26% of the \$1000 gain although he made no gain at all in purchasing power.

A few deskside that find the government would be a party to, confiscation of the man's capital. It is highly unfair.

THE STRANGE STORY OF THE SHIRT TAIL

We had a bit of trouble with a title for this piece the first thought being to call it "Disappearance of the Shirt Tail" which would not be accurate for the shirt tail hasn't disappeared, it has become more prominent. Then we thought it might be titled "The Appearance of the Shirt Tail" and on second thought we considered that the shirt tail has gone entirely.

What we are talking about, of course, is the old fashioned long tail that used to be apart of every masculine shirt. In the days when men swung brawny shoulders with axe or sledge or stretched mightily with pitchfork or shovel a long tail on a shirt was necessary to keep the shirt within the suspender held trousers. It would have been unthinkable for a man to let his shirt tail protrude in those days when modesty was the rule for both male and female.

As a purely historical note it might be remembered that shirts in those days had but three buttons and were only a short distance below the neck. They had to be pulled on over the

head. Then came the belt to supplant the wide-shouldered suspenders and the job of keeping a shirt tail in became more difficult. Along with a relaxation in modesty, men sometimes let their shirt tails hang outside for a bit of air up the back. Shirt makers, alert to a chance to save, promptly cut them off starting a style of square bottomed shirts.

And now men, from the shirt tail youngster to the dignified banker on vacation run around in gaily colored shirts that can be seen and admired from neckline to hem.

Because no editorial should be written without an appended moral we point out the ultimate fate of anything—or anyone—who becomes useless, who no longer has a function to perform. It, or he, is cut off and thrown away.

LET'S DO AWAY WITH HALLOWEEN

It is probably time that Americans quit celebrating Halloween and quit believing in ghosts. Youngsters are trained by the holiday to go about scaring people with false faces and vigorous but childish "Boos" and the elders let it go on and sometimes pretend to have a good scare to the delight of the youthful pixies.

So what happens. The children grow up still believing that stuff and as soon as another nation develops a new missile they go about scaring the populace like they did when children. "The Russians will get you if you don't watch out."

We read that Russia has 600 submarines and could, come right into our harbors and blow our cities into smithereens with one lucky shot out of a deck gun. Just like that, "Bang, Bang, you're dead."

Then the Russians have got a Sputnik that flies around the earth, zip, zip, in an hour and a half from far off Moscow could (maybe-someday) draw a bead on the capital at Washington and shoot the American flag down just like that.

So far as we have observed no one is scared but the politicians and the fact that they're politicians may have more to do with it than anything else. But, we'd better quit playing scared business for if there is ever a time when a fellow should not be scared is when things are scary.

HJR 22

House Joint Resolution 22 is a resolution passed by the latest legislative assembly to repeal the county manager provision in the constitution and substitute therefor another amendment.

We fail to see any improvement in the new amendment over the old. Both provide that when the legislature passes a bill setting forth the methods to be used in adoption of a county manager system a county may do so. The legislature has already written such a law and passed it years ago. It gives as much authority to local persons to write a county charter as possible.

Wording on the resolution indicates that there was intent to limit the local powers, as granted in the present county manager law. Of course, these could be expanded later but that takes time and we see no purpose to be served by HJR 22 other than delay or confusion.

Certainly county government is archaic and inefficient. Certainly the people have it in their power to change it. Certainly they will change it when they become sufficiently aroused to study the possibilities and write charters. And we think it about time it began.

HAMBURGER

That ever informative Wall Street Journal notes that Americans are now eating 24 per cent of their beef in the form of hamburger an increase from the 12 per cent that prevailed before the war. Also the price is going up faster than the price of other beef because of the demand.

Stockmen, encouraged by the good prices being paid for beef, are holding back their heifers with intent to increase their herds and feeders are still putting all the fat on their beef possible, using stillbestrol to achieve that end. This despite the fact that housewives pick the leaner meat when given a choice.

Hamburger is made from lean beef, bulls, skinny cows. Buyers like it. What the news will do to the practice of stuffing a steer until his steaks are marbled with fat we do not know. It would seem that there might appropriately be some change probable.

For years we have tried to get the fattest beef possible and it is remarkably tasty in a steak and easy on the teeth. For quality it cannot be beat. But, it isn't popular and it is expensive to trim off a wedge of suet from the meat that costs around a dollar a pound. If there is a conflict between the taste and the pocketbook it is likely the pocketbook will win and housewives will have leaner beef. Grass fat cattle may top the markets and the fine art of beef feeding go into eclipse.

Bill Coats Finds Association Helpful To Understanding

Salcedo
Dominican Republic
January 13, 1958

Dear Friends: Who says that Dominican youth don't enjoy physical activity? I thought this until this present home, but I don't believe I ever had so many sore muscles at one time in my life as I've had here. I changed homes January 1, moving about one mile to the home of Chu Garcia. It was late in the evening when I moved so I got the rest of the day to rest, but the next day the activities began. At the breakfast table the next morning I mentioned enjoying sports, and not enjoying putting on weight, so prompt action was taken. Four of my brothers and I mounted three bicycles and away we went. The bicycle ride itself was considerable activity after the slow life I've been living, but that was only the beginning. We rode the bicycles until the road disappeared and then walked another half mile until we came to a cow pasture big enough to play baseball. I've played baseball on some pretty rough fields before, but this one had the distinction of having about three dead furrows running through the infield, which greatly improved one's fielding ability. We played baseball for about three hours, the hot, tropical sun streaming down on us the major part of the time. Believe me, I was bushed. Knowing how well I liked physical activity though, this was only the beginning for the day. In the afternoon, my older brother, who is a medical student in the University of Santo Domingo, and I went bird hunting, walking what seemed like miles through the cacao plantations. This activity was very worthwhile besides being physical, however, for the farmers here have considerable problems with woodpeckers damaging the cacao, and we shot several of these birds.

Evening came, and with this I thought a good night's sleep was in order. Silly boy! Two or three neighbor boys came over, and with my brothers we went to the other house where we boys sleep and played dominoes until 11:00. Sags and all that, bed sure felt good.

Activities of this sort have been typical of everyday since I've been here, too. Some times we play volleyball instead of baseball, and times in the evening it is dancing instead of dominoes or other games, but it is continually go, go, go. Now that I'm conditioned to it, I really find this type of living quite enjoyable.

While the younger generation is playing games, the older men have their favorite sports, too, namely cock-fighting. My father here has about 25 roosters so ever fiesta, holiday, Sunday and what ever other occasion which might merit it, my father takes his roosters and goes to the nearby arenas to play them. My brothers took me to the fights one day as I'd never seen anything like it. For the first 30 seconds, I watched the fight, after that, the crowd, being exceptionally emotional people, the whole fight audience went crazy after the fight started, and with the betting that followed, people were shouting every direction at one time as loud as they could I never thought of the effect it would have, or I'm not sure that I'd have gotten my camera out to photograph the fight, but I did. As soon as the camera and flash were in sight two policemen ushered me right up into the center of the ring, and I stole the glory of those two poor roosters. The crowd began shuffling a bit to get into my pictures, and when the flash went off, the whole group hooted.

Rich and poor alike, I've never seen people so anxious to have their pictures taken. At times, I actually believe they would pay me to take their photograph, even though they never expected to see it. In ways this is good. I can take pictures wherever I want without hurting people's feelings, and without objections, but on the other hand it is nearly impossible to get a natural picture. Children mugging for the camera isn't bad but I don't enjoy adults doing likewise.

In Oregon now, you may be having plenty of cold weather, snow and the like, but we're getting all the rain, I think it has

rained every day for ten days straight, and with the rain came the colds and flu just as in the states. At one time, six members of the family here were in bed with the "grippe" which is very similar to a minor case of the flu. Fortunately, I've managed to dodge it thus far.

Possibly I'm a bit inhuman, but the customs here regarding death in a family strike me a bit wrong. I went to a Dominican funeral while in Puerto Plata for an old lady who had suffered three strokes, and thus I felt her death was a blessing. The whole community went to the home of the woman, the men staying in front of the house talking, while the women went into the house and worked themselves into a near fit. After an hour of this, the hearse, a horse drawn affair, came and the funeral procession went to the church.

After death, the people don't permit themselves to forget it, but go into mourning wearing black clothing. If it is a near relative such as a brother or father, the women must wear all black clothing for one year, then combinations of black and white for another year. Besides this, they can't dance or take in major social amusement functions. When people really believe in a custom such as this it is fine, but the major part abide by the custom because of the tongues of the people, and not the belief of the heart. Then, too, the inequality of the sexes comes out here, as the men can't observe the mourning customs, only the women.

This community set up never ceases to interest me, the close intermarriages. At one dance last week there were probably 100 people in attendance, and all were related in some manner or another. I think the closest marriage I know of is double first cousins. According to the old Spanish traditions here, the family uses the names of both the husband and wife. In this community nearly all names have a Pantaleon, Gonzalez or a Garcia so one doesn't dare say anything about anyone.

Last week I listened with interest and admiration to the state of the union message by President Eisenhower. His many statements of the necessity of understanding on the parts of the people of the world, and that people the world over want peace, made me realize more than ever the value of such a program as IFYE for an interchange of ideas at this level is with these peace-loving people.

Sincerely Yours
William R Coats

Best Form To Use Important In Taxes
While it may seem like an odious comparison, filling the federal income tax return is like playing golf in some respects: The form you use helps determine the score. The best possible form helps achieve the lowest possible score.

In filling your 1957 return you have a choice of forms—1040-A, a short form 1040 or long form. You cannot be sure which is the most advantageous until after you have completely filled in long form 1040. After you have filled in that form, taking advantage of every deduction that fits you, then make your decision on the following basis.

1040-A—EMPLOYEE'S OPTION-AL RETURN
If your total income was less than \$5000 and consisted of wages reported on withholding statements (Form W-2) and not over \$100 of other wages, dividends and interest, you may use form 1040-A. If you had income from other sources, you may not use form 1040-A but must file your return on form 1040. If you use form 1040-A you have a choice.

You can figure your tax from the table in the instruction sheet, which allows \$600 for each exemption and about 10 percent of your total income for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, casualty losses, medical expenses, and other miscellaneous items. If you owe a tax you must send it in with your return. If you have a refund due, you will receive a

check. Also, you can just ignore lines 11, 12 and 13 of the 1040-A form and Uncle Sam will figure your tax and send you a bill or a refund check.

If you owe some tax, this is a good way to get some extra time in which to pay it. You and your wife may file a joint return on form 1040-A if your combined incomes do not exceed \$5000. You and your wife can file a joint return even though one has no income.

1040—SHORT FORM
If your adjusted gross income is less than \$5000 and your itemized deductions are less than 10 percent of your adjusted gross income, you should use short form 1040 and find your tax on the table in the instructions.

1040—LONG FORM
If your adjusted gross income is over \$5000, you must use this form and either take a standard deduction or itemize deductions. If your itemized deductions are over ten percent of your adjusted gross income, it will be to your advantage to use this form, regardless of the amount of income.

To assure any benefits of the split-income provisions, you and your wife should file a joint return. Both you and your wife must sign a joint return. One spouse cannot file a long form 1040 and take all the deductions and the other spouse file a form 1040-A or take the standard deduction or use the tax table.

You are expected to pay your income tax on the basis of the lowest figure possible; therefore you should choose the form that results in the lowest tax for you.

WANT ADS

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

It's in the Bag

Out-of-towners must have wondered what was going on last Tuesday. Every parking meter was covered by a paper bag lettered "Free Parking."

Tuesday was officially designated "Free Parking Day" by the Town Council as a reward for going a year without a traffic accident.

"Traffic safety, like virtue, is its own reward," said Judge Cunningham as he proposed the motion. "But let's show our

drivers we're proud of 'em!"

From where I sit, a little praise never hurts—in fact, that's why I talk in this column about the nice, fair-minded people I meet. Folks who live—and let live... who don't care whether you like beer or buttermilk at dinner time. I say real neighbors never try to "park" their ideas on others!

Joe Marsh

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Consultation with your public accountant may help you determine which form provides the greatest "tax break" for you.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNTING

All persons having objections to the final accounting of Lavilla Morrison, administratrix of the estate of Oral M. Gosson, deceased, shall file same before the 24 day of February, 1958, 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 at Moro, Oregon is the place fixed.

LAVILLA MORRISON
Administratrix
The Dalles, Oregon 11-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the estate of Etta M. Moore, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, duly verified, with vouchers attached to the undersigned at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Cecile B. Morse and
Leo V. Moore,
Executors
C. L. Gavin
Attorney for Estate.
The Dalles, Oregon 12-15c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed administrators of the estate of Margaretha vonBorstel, deceased by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and have qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to Frank vonBorstel, Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is January 17, 1958.

AMANDUS vonBORSTEL
Administrator of the Estate of
Carsten vonBorstel, deceased
BROWN & VANVACTOR
Attorneys for Estate 11-14c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNTING

All persons having objections to the final accounting of Vernon W. Dutton, executor of the estate of William Edma Dutton, aka William E. Dutton, aka W. E. Dutton, deceased, shall file same before the 5th day of March, 1958, 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 at Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed.

VERNON W. DUTTON
Executor
DICK & DICK
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