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**PROPERTY EQUALIZATION**

The assumption that a house is a house and is of equal value wherever located is an untenable theory held by some Oregon tax officials. It is no more accurate than to say that an acre of land is an acre of land and all of equal value regardless of location. That is, however, only a part of the argument against the county board of equalization's decision regarding building and land values. Any responsible dealer in real estate could sell any of the better land in Sherman county for \$200 per acre and would probably require no more than a week in which to do it. That is sufficient proof that the top value on Sherman county farm land of \$135 is about sixty percent of the true cash value. There is no real estate agent who could possibly sell houses on farms at their assessed value without the farm land. Also the dealers who could sell town residences at the values placed upon them by the state appraiser are few. In no case could many of them be sold in any one year. If the state tax commission is to adhere to the law and its own expressed aim of tax valuation equality it must review the appraisals in Sherman county. They are certainly unequal as between buildings and land in the figures now on the assessor's books.

**LEADERSHIP**

Those who are new in government—and our elective practice is to change too often—always seem anxious to obtain power by the passage of restrictive laws. The state and federal government and to a lesser extent local government is constantly setting up boards and commissions with a grant of power from legislative authority when legislative authority should primarily be used to prevent such grants. It is common to assume that nothing can be done governmentally without power, without the authority to give orders and enforce obedience. Such ideas come from a conception of government formed long years ago. They are foreign to a republic such as ours was designed to be. If we are to retain a democracy we must learn to rule by consent instead of force. The power lies in the people, not in the government. That is the essence of democracy. Leaders in a representative form of government such as ours must be those skilled in the arts of persuasion and should forgo force entirely. Any dummy can be a Stalin. Such a man doesn't have to be right, nor popular. The backing of the military force is enough. That is not leadership and dictators are seldom leaders although they may have risen to dictatorship by being a popular leader. A leader in a republic must have ideas and must express them so as to attract followers. Having the police power to put ideas into effect does not make a leader—only a dictator. Furthermore we do not see how one can become a leader in our kind of government without boldness, without having ideas and ideals and having the willingness to stand or fall by their acceptance. The latter qualification is the thing that bars most of our politicians from leadership. Most of them are not leaders but followers of what they believe is the most powerful groups of their constituency. The theory of government we profess to follow is still less than 200 years old and we are not using it as intended. We are inclined to rely on force instead of consent and that is indicative of an older form of governmental theory. We are, in effect, practicing totalitarian forms within the machinery of a republican form of government.

**LOUSTS ARE IN BLOOM**

It looks as if there will be a fine crop of locust seed this year for nearly every tree is covered with bloom. Some say that means a good crop of wheat, presuming, we suppose, that locusts respond to the same kind of weather that wheat does. Whatever it means it is always a pleasant sight to see the locusts in bloom. They do it with so little restraint bursting out all over with clusters of off-white flowers that sent the air most pleasantly. Now that is a bit odd of locusts which are our most conservative tree, almost never getting out until the frost is gone, never growing too fast. But when conditions are right for a locust tree to bloom, it blooms with an ardor the most radical bush might envy.

**SCHOOL IS OUT**

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**GOVERNMENT AND LABOR**

Government and labor are both reluctant to have income reduced. That can go on until the citizen learns enough to stop them both.

**NORTHWEST POWER**

It seems about to appear on the horizon and may change the scene of battle where believers in private power and adherents of public power have been so long engaged in cut-throat war. It is in the form of a bill to establish a northwest power authority which would sell bonds for dam construction and would manage power distribution. The Oregonian is sponsor of the idea. At this date no one knows how it will look when it finally gets through the committees—if it does and there is no need for anyone to rush into conclusions about it. But it will bear watching. Already it has been praised by Gov. Holmes and Bill Niskanen, head of the Republican policy committee, both of whom have been criticized for speaking out. In general it would permit control of northwest power by northwesterners although they would be appointed by the president. That doesn't mean much for citizens of all varieties of power thoughts can be found in the northwest. It would eliminate the nefarious preference clause in the Bonneville act which is good. On the bad side it would certainly delay construction of dams until the new corporation was started and had conducted tests. It now looks as if we were on the verge of some major construction which could be put off because of the new bill. Copies of the original have been distributed but they were the idea of Gus Norwood and Senators Neuberger and Morse are in on the deal. If it is a compromise between public and private power forces it comes from strange ancestry. Or maybe it comes from a feeling on the part of public power people that some compromise is desirable or necessary. It may end one battle only to start another.

**CENTENNIAL**

An Oregonian reporter has observed that the centennial now being observed by British Columbia is scattered in that several independent celebrations are going on all over the province. He says the Oregon centennial next year will be centered in Portland. That may be true. But we think it is not. At least we have heard of plans to encourage each part of Oregon if not each county to take a part in the centennial by producing its own show and give recognition to its own history. The trade fair will be at the PI grounds and it will undoubtedly be an attractive display of modern this and that. Perhaps the greatest display of historical material will be there. A centennial is first a celebration of the hundredth year of something and that being the case it cannot be done without attention to history for the very simple reason that the past 100 years is history. Many Oregon towns and half of Oregon counties have 100 years of history. It is an appropriate time for them to celebrate along with the state. Portland was fairly small potatoes 100 years ago. The centennial will be longer remembered if local celebrations are held, some factual history written and observances held.

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**SHS Graduates 28 Seniors Wednesday**

Graduation of the second class from Sherman high school was a countywide event of Wednesday May 28, when Ray Hawk, dean of students at the University of Oregon, spoke to pupils and parents in a ceremony held at the school gymnasium. There were 28 graduates: Patricia Blackburne, Joe-ile Blaylock, James Brown, Wendell Clodfelter, Jeanie Duncan, James Fox, Gene Fridley, Nadine Griggs, William Godier, Edward Hawkins, Thomas Higley, Geraldine Holzappel, Kay Kirkelle, Valerie Liacos, Otto Macheel, Myrtle McLaughlin, Arnold Miller, Gerald Miller, Mavis Miller, Chester Peterson, Dale Redding, Jean Ross, Shirley Sather, Bonnie Schaumburger, Diane Schilling, Carl Swett, Lynn Thoele, Karen Wilson to receive their diplomas from Marvin Thomas, chairman of the school board.

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lake. All were sporting a good tan and reported a re-licking good time and praise for their chaperones. The seniors here are Geraldine Holzappel, Duke Macheel, Bill Godier, Jerry Miller, Valerie Liacos, Chester Peterson, Dale Redding and James Fox, all from Rufus or Biggs and mouth of the John Day river. The Home Extension group met Thursday morning at the Rufus grange hall to learn to make corsages. The leaders were Mrs. Kenneth Spagle and Mrs. Morris Burnett. Not only the expense of corsage making is saved if you make them yourself, but you can have them when they are needed. In a sparsely settled area like this, it means a fifty mile trip to visit a florist. Mrs. William Huck served the angel cake, ice cream, iced tea and coffee for the refreshments at noon. Mrs. Sammy Tsuboia brought some sliced strawberries which were delicious with the other lunch served. Mrs. Frank Reid installed the new chairman for next year, Mrs. Kenneth Spagle. The other officers were not present. Mr. and Mrs. George Fox attended a wedding of Mr. Fox's niece Mary Rae Bergeron at Gresham Saturday. The wedding was held at St. Henry's Catholic church in Gresham and the reception was held at the bride's parents' lovely and spacious home in Gresham. Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and family all attended church services in Grass Valley Sunday, then went on to Dufur to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Addington, who are Edna's parents.

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