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FARMERS ARE GETTING OLD

A recent census of Oregon farmers shows that the average age of men of the soil is going up. In fact, 17 per cent of them are over 65. Farmers of western Oregon are older than those of the eastern part of the state.

Anyone in a farming community can have his opinion about why this fact has come to be. Perhaps the comparative ease of farming in these times compared to the hardships of the horse age is a factor; maybe the difficulty of selling out without endowing Uncle Sam with a big slice of the sale price has something to do with it; the high prices of land and equipment may make it impossible for young men to buy out their elders.

It may well be that farming is less attractive as an occupation than it once was. This is said despite the demand for farm land in this area. Most young people seem to want to live in cities where the lights are bright and services are available for nearly everything. They do not like the isolation of country life. Even small towns have trouble keeping professional men and artisans.

There is a trend toward farmers living in towns and going to the farm daily or at less frequent intervals to look after things although it has not taken hold in this county to much of an extent. It was once argued that electricity on the farms would keep farmers from moving away but that proved erroneous. It seems more likely that farmers deserted farms because man is a gregarious animal who doesn't like to be alone.

Older farmers may be used to lonesomeness or less intrigued by the glamour of the city.

THE SCIENTIFIC MIND

We have great respect for the scientific mind. It gives us many things of value such as nylon which isn't as goo' as the silk or cotton which it replaced but is new and shiny, two qualities that delight our simple tastes. We especially like the engineering mind which moves to exact decisions by the aid of calipers and calculating machines. It helps make our life precise and accurate and produces some really startling information.

For instance, few, if any, of the villagers and yeomen hereabouts would have ever believed that it is nine miles from Grass Valley to Moro and ten miles from Moro to Grass Valley unless we had seen it on the signposts and knew that it had to be correct because engineers said so.

Which ones of us simple folks would have thought to build little hills in a straight and level highway to keep approaching traffic from our view and keep us awake from apprehension? Who of us would have thought to build up the top of a hill on a highway to give a better view of the valley?

These are some of the products of the engineering mind, evidences of the great wisdom and learning of the age in which we live and we cannot resist paying our deep respect to those who practice the science.

TIME TO WATCH TAXES

This is not the time of the year nor of the biennium when taxes ordinarily bother the citizen. Nevertheless it is a time when taxes grow at a faster pace than at other times. Budgets are being made by state agencies and they are very generous budgets indeed.

The only protection the taxpayer has against them is the legislature which in recent years has more often supported the taxing bodies than the citizens although it is the citizens who elect them.

Of course, we are going to have taxes. We are going to support schools and colleges and the hordes of bureaucrats who for one reason or another have been attached to the body politic. But there is no reason for supporting them in the manner they desire which includes support of their imaginations as well as their needs.

We have made working for the government too easy a job and civil service removes the normal risk of being fired (even for cause) until few persons care to work for themselves anymore, nor can afford it if they did want to.

We don't know what will happen to the bureaucrats when they finally eliminate all the taxpayers and are not going to lie awake nights worrying about it. But if we remove from the economic scene the man with ability to run his own business we will soon go into decadence as have other nations that tried it.

A case can be made for every requested appropriation and such a case is always made by the requesting body asking for it. There is no group constituted to make a case against them which would often be easy. Taxpayers may vote accordingly.

COUNTY FAIR

Whether everyone attends the Sherman County Fair or not is a matter of personal concern. But Sherman countians will find it the only fair in the whole world that is their fair. They or their neighbors will be competing there, local children will be showing their stock and their basking, and the crowds will be largely Sherman countians.

The tendency in fairs is to make the entertainment outweigh the exhibits which may be a natural tendency because folks like to be amused or entertained. The trend has caused a goodly part of the money that comes from racing to go into entertainment. A spectator at the Sherman county fair will get two dollars worth of show for every dollar he pays. By which we mean that it will cost twice the gate receipts. That ought to be bargain enough for anyone.

But the best part of the fair is free. It is the exhibits of farm produce that even a small and undiversified county like Sherman can provide.

Whether one goes to see the chutes open and the buckers come bawling out or to see 4-H clubbers show their sleek stock he will not be disappointed. There will be plenty of both.

THEM CITY FELLERS

We are no little amused at the stories in the Portland papers coming from Canyon City where a trial is going on because of a family shooting a few weeks ago. The city writers find it very romantic that one man wearing boots should shoot another similarly booted whereas if the participants had been wearing oxfords the crime would have been routine.

One writer, obsessed with the movies, has termed it a "High Noon" murder and constantly advertises that picture in his stories probably to the delight of the advertising department.

Now whether Mr. Williams was justified in forbidding Mr. Sproul to use a disputed road or whether Mr. Sproul was in keeping with the customs of the country we do not know. That is the jury's business, not ours. But we are some what concerned that a pair of neighbors cannot indulge in little good, clean murder without having the city papers make a wild western fiesta of the trial.

Maybe it all emphasizes how far Portland is from eastern Oregon in spite of good roads, air planes and constant social and commercial association by citizens of each place. Whoever, if anyone, is held guilty it appears that both men were armed, both were warned, neither sneaked up on the other, nor bushwhacked another at night. It was a nice, fair shooting, much different than city murders which include throwing in wells, choking women, accompanied by robbery, drunkenness and evidence of depravity.

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Signed: George J. Geiser Jr. Sheriff 44-7c

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By order of the district school board of Sherman County High School District of Sherman County, Oregon, made this 4th day of September A. D. 1958.

Attest: Leland C. Medler Chairman, District School Board
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Back: Hershel Evans, John Shearer, Tom Bayless, Alex Jackson, Ted vonBorstel, Art Sanders, Harvey Thompson, A. M. Palmateer, Frank Forbes, Norman Smith, Henry M. Palmateer, W. C. Thompson, W. E. (Mike) Smith, Art Zobel, James Palmateer, Herman (Hub) Nichols, J. J. Thompson, Richard Bruckert, Earl Hall, Theodore Johnston; Front: Lester Kuks, Bryan VanGilder, Earl Richeldefer, Tracy Hines, Giles French, Henry Peters, V. L. Agee, Oliver Schadewitz, Art Holt, Guy Hoskinson, Reinhardt Wassenschmiller, T. H. (Sleepy) Epperson, Stacy McPherron, O. Ray Hulce.



After 40 years those who met Miller, Vernon Agee, Earl Hall, E. (Mike) Smith, Theodore Johnston, Front row: Giles French, at the reunion seem in a fair Richard Bruckert, Earl Richeldefer, state of preservation. Back row: Oliver Schadewitz, Willard Ted vonBorstel, Guy Hoskinson, Tracy Hines, Reinhardt Wassenschmiller.

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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 Administratrix with Will Annexed of the estate of Dell H. Wright, deceased, and that Monday, October 6, 1958, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the Court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has 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.

Sally A. Wright Administratrix with Will Annexed

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administratrix 44-7c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of T. S. Reese, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is September 12, 1958.

CLARENCE HIGLEY Executor 45-8c

DICK & DICK The Dalles, Oregon

Attorneys for the Estate September 12, 19 and 26, and October 3, 1958

NOTICE: The County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, has appointed Frances Lamborn Guy and Laveille Maxine Dormaier as executrices of the estate of Alice Josephine Lamborn, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned executrices at the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County, Oregon, at the

District Clerk Court House, Moro, Oregon, within six months from August 22, 1958.

Frances Lamborn Guy Laveille Maxine Dormaier Executrices

BUSH & BRADLEY Hillsboro, Oregon

Attorneys for Executrices 42-7c

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Elton Medler, W. M. Gordon Harper, Secretary

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Helen Bruckert, Master Florence Bruckert, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore.

Annabelle Kelso, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

She's Got Dad's "Number"

Dad Fowler and his Mrs. are about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary—so I asked them if there's any "secret" to this kind of wedded bliss.

"Oh we've had our arguments," said Dad, "but for fifty years I made it a point to count to fourteen before any argument could turn into a real quarrel. Fourteen—because that's exactly the amount of money I had the day we were married."

"From now on," smiled Mrs. Fowler, "you better count to twelve. The two dollars for the marriage license was mine."

From where I sit, we all need some kind of formula for getting along with each other. The best one I know is "tolerance"—the business of live and let live. It has to do with little things, too, like your preference for tea, and mine for beer. Let's count to ten, twelve or fourteen—and never let our differences turn into quarrels.

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