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LOCAL TAXES

Nearly every one has paid his taxes for the year and some of them have gotten over the soreness that the operation sometimes causes. We think it time for a little review.

A resident of Moro who owned property assessed at \$10,000 paid \$798 to the sheriff in taxes. Such property would have had an actual cash value of nearly \$38,000, (which in itself shows up one of the unnecessary complications in tax procedure).

His tax money would have been divided into several parts. There was \$77 to the county, \$59 for roads for a total of \$136 for county services. Schools would have received \$282 divided into \$187 for rural schools, plus \$110 for the local elementary school, and \$85 for the high school. In addition there would have been \$280 for the city of Moro.

The taxes in some parts of the county are lower this year and we are not at this moment making protest about higher taxes in towns or for buildings anywhere. What we do want to talk about is the very apparent unbalance in the taxes paid for the services rendered.

The \$77 for county services is certainly not large although it contains items that are certainly controversial. The \$59 for roads is certainly small, too small for the upkeep of equipment used on them. There will have to be more money spent on roads.

The \$282 spent for schools is large, but look at the lack of balance in it. Elementary schools require \$197 and high school \$85. Sure, a child goes to elementary school twice as long but the equipment needed for his education is much less and the teachers required are fewer.

Then there is the \$280 paid for city tax. That is plainly excessive considering the services rendered by the city. The city gets \$10,000 from the taxpayers, around \$5500 from water rents and enough from the state for streets to make a total of nearly \$20,000 to be expended in Moro. We don't think the taxpayer gets his money's worth.

A taxpayer in Grass Valley paid much less. He paid \$50 for his local school and the same amount to rural school and high school and he paid \$131 to his city instead of \$280. Grass Valley has long been the area that handled tax money with greatest intelligence, both in city and school affairs. It gets more for its tax dollars and it is probably the best looking town of the three with more new residences than any. Tax rates may be important.

EDUCATION

Anyone who looks at schools with a critical eye must be impressed with the fact that schooling has gotten to be a formalized matter that is badly in need of modernization — or, at least, change.

Schools attempt to do many more things than they did a generation ago and to do them in less time. It is not surprising that the quality of training in some subjects has been lowered although equipment is much better than it was. The addition of athletics, home economics, shop work, a fast and sometimes furious activity program has undoubtedly reduced the time that could be given to mathematics, English and history. There are just so many hours in a day and the school day is now about five hours long which is shorter than before.

We think schools in general, not only ours, but the state's and the nation's, would be benefited by an analysis to find out whether or not the methods can be improved, whether or not the curricula fits the nation's needs, whether the time is being best spent.

Schools are costing a lot of money. In Oregon it amounts to more than a third of the income taxes in Sherman county to over 70 per cent of the property taxes. Times are good and big taxes are possible — for the present. But times are not always good. If something happened to the mois-

ture or the price we could not support schools in the style to which they have become accustomed. We need to consider plans for a better basis for schools and at the same time an examination of the things schools can do to improve the quality of education. In this county school construction and repair has gone on so fast in recent times that expenditures for that should not be a further burden for some time. But it is time for thoughtful men and women, including teachers and administrators, to consider the problem of schools.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Mark Hatfield, governor elect, said after the election that he wanted to reorganize his party, the Republican, and get some new life into it. Later he said there was no reason why the Republican party should be against labor, or the reverse.

His words caused a little discussion, both pro and con, and we might as well join in with a few words of our own.

Certainly it is customary for the holder of the highest office to have a say about the politics of his party and guide as well as he can its direction. Every leader tries to make his party over in his own image. Of course, a party's strength comes from below and those who are members must work with effort and enthusiasm if it is to be successful.

What we need in this country is a new alignment of parties. One party that represents people and one that represents government; one that believes in people, one that believes in government.

A weakness of the Republican party is that it has attempted to get support by adopting the "give-away" policies of the new deal. That has left the conservative and tax minded citizens without a party about which he can be enthusiastic.

A party that believes in people would work to let people do everything they could and hamper them as little as possible by taxes. A party that believes in government would attempt to have government do everything which means treating citizens as if they were ignorant and incapable pawns or robots. It would have to have high taxes because it costs so much to take care of subservient people.

We do not know Mr. Hatfield's thoughts on the subject and will be interested in learning about his program. We have hopes that he favors people over government and if he does we will be glad to help him; if he favors government over people we will be glad to oppose him.

WHEAT PROGRAM

Wheat growers attending the county wheat league meeting took note but gave no support to proposals for change in the program for the future. Before them was a request for opinion on a plan to permit fence to fence seeding and lower the price to \$1.25. There were other proposals. For lowered limits on seeding, on different rates of loans.

The idea of letting farmers seed all they want to has merits. Say a man has a 100-acre field. Now he can grow wheat on 60 acres and he may produce 40 bushels per acre. If he seeded it all he might average 35 bushels. If the price was \$1.25 he would get about the same amount of money (assuming that the market didn't improve it) and there would be more wheat.

But, certainly there would be a bigger market for wheat at \$1.25 than at \$1.80 or \$2.00. Turkey growers, hog producers and other livestock men could use more of it. Considering the poor record of northwesterners at raising their own livestock the plan might improve conditions.

It may be assumed that the government would be willing to withhold the surplus if some plan for greater use of wheat or curtailment of crop was to be accepted. The offer was made once.

No one knows, of course, what will happen in congress about farm legislation. Most often made prophesy is that little will be changed. Politically it seems probable that if change is made it will be to aid the mid-west, although no one of the big farm organizations favor an indefinite continuation of payments to farmers for crop curtailment.

Politically the growers of the surplus are weak, being big business men with great acreages and expensive outfits. Economically they are the only farmers who really count because they feed the country. The little farmer who raises no surplus is of no use to a city dweller for he grows so little to sell.

Whether big farmers can convince the growing majority of congressmen who come from urban areas that they are really important or not is their problem in the immediate future.

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THE LADY who took my black Rothmoor coat by mistake last Monday night at the Woman's club banquet, may call at the Hotel for her own. If you have a black coat in your closet, would you please double check, one of them may be mine. Cecil Hockman, Moro. 3p

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Meets each First and Third Tuesdays.
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Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
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HISTORY'S CELEBRATED SOUP ENTHUSIASTS INCLUDE PERSONAGES SO DIVERSE AS: JOAN OF ARC, LOUIS XIV, DANIEL WEBSTER, GIUSEPPI VERDI, QUEEN VICTORIA, IGNAZIO PADERENSKI AND GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.
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By Mary Lou Griffith
The Wasco Girl Scouts met in regular meeting November 3rd in the basement of Mrs. Estrella Hailey's home.

They worked on proficiency badges: Journalist, Radio and Television. A survey of favorite TV programs was made of the troop members, the top winner was the Ozzie and Harriet program.

The entire troop played "Rhythm" with Maxine Dormaier as winner. Refreshments were served by Mary Hockett and Kaye Whipple.

It was decided that each patrol would plan a meeting for the future. The Tenderfeet worked on their second class badge.

By Mary Hockett
Girl Scout meeting was held at the usual place November 10. Patrol 1 was in charge of this meeting. They led flag salute and Girl Scout Promise and Laws. A game of "Wink-um" followed the opening ceremony.

Refreshments were served by Patrol 1, then the girls worked on badges for one half hour. A game of "Cat and Dog" led by Barbara Byars was played. Then the meeting ended by singing "Taps".

NORTH SHERMAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK CLUB MEETS
By Mike Lane, Reporter
The North Sherman Livestock

club met in the basement of the Methodist church November 11 for its first meeting of the year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: John Fields, president; Karen Macnab, vice president; Alice Kaseberg,



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Whitey "Auto" Not Sell Now

Foiks thought it was a big joke when Whitey Fisher—who owns a chicken farm up on Murphy Hill—bought an old taxicab.

"Bought it mainly to haul eggs," Whitey told me. "Take out the rear seat and there's as much room as a truck. Put it back, and I can take all the kids on the Hill to school.

"In warm weather," he continued, "I can slide back the roof and get sunshine. And when I go hunting, I'll wind up the glass partition and the dogs can't lick the back of my neck!"

secretary; Mike Lane, new reporter; Joe Thomas, song leader; Virgil Fields, sgt.-at-arms.

It was decided the meetings would be held the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p. m.

Tommy Thompson gave out the record books and explained to the new members the 4-H program. He told them to bring their fathers to the next meeting and that there will be a P. I. for all members 12 and over next year.

The Mealtime Fun 4-H club met with the leader, Mrs. Cleora Spencer at the Wasco school. Election of officers resulted in selection of Margaret O'Meara, president; Margaret Spencer, vice-president; Kaye Whipple, secretary; Linda Van Gilder, treasurer; Carolyn Pearson, news reporter; Dorothy Grader, song leader. Refreshments were served of cup cakes and cocoa. A candy and cake sale is planned.
Carolyn Pearson

The Wasco Stitches met with Jerry Engberg, leader at her home. Achievement night and a dress review were discussed and goals for the year conferred. The girls started projects Charmingly Yours and Teen-Age Miss.
Alice Kaseberg

The Silver Sewing Machine met with Mrs. B. O. Stark, leader at the Grass Valley school and elected officers who are Lorraine Stark, president; Melva Alberty, secretary, Sheri Rolfe, vice-president; Janice Lemley, news reporter; scarf, pot holder and a draw string apron.

The Happy Healthsters met with their leader, Steve Stivers, Tuesdays at the Moro grade school with

Bob Parker, president in charge. Weights were taken of all boys in the club for the month. Roger Cyphers gave a report on the structure of the teeth; Kenny Dunlap reported on the care of the teeth. At the next meeting Gary will report on the structure of the eye and Fred Hall will talk on the care of the eyes.
Bob Parker

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Administrator of the Estate of Jennie K. Foss, deceased, and that Monday, the 22nd day of December, 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, 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.
John A. Foss
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 3-6c

CALL FOR BIDS
Sherman County School District No. 17, Moro and Sherman County High School District, Moro are calling for sealed bids for fuel oil and gasoline to be opened at the Moro Grade School, School District No. 17 at 8:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 9, 1958.

Approximate yearly requirements: Light Fuel Oil (PS-300) 35,000 gallons.
Standard Gasoline 5,000 gallons.
Bids should be submitted on or before 8:00 p. m. at the office of the school clerk of Sherman County School District No. 17, Moro, Oregon.

Marjorie K. Marvin, Clerk
Sherman County High School District
Clara E. Houston, Clerk
Sherman County School District No. 17 2-3c

NOTICE OF VACATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the City of Moro, Oregon, has by Resolution initiated proceedings to vacate the following described property, to-wit:

That portion of Second Street lying southeasterly of the south easterly line of Main Street and between Block 4 and 5, City of Moro, Oregon.

and that the 16th day of December, 1958, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p. m. has been fixed by the Council of said City as the time and the City Hall of said City of Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the matter of said vacation and objections or remonstrances thereto may be made in writing and filed with the City Recorder of said City prior to the time of said hearing. Recorder of City of Moro, Oregon 2-5c

W. M. Alsop

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 administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Grace Darling Guthrie, deceased, and that Monday, the 1st day of December, 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, 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.

T. Lester Johnson
Administrator, with Will Annexed
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 52-3c

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 Clema A. Allen, deceased, and that Monday, the 1st day of December, 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, 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.

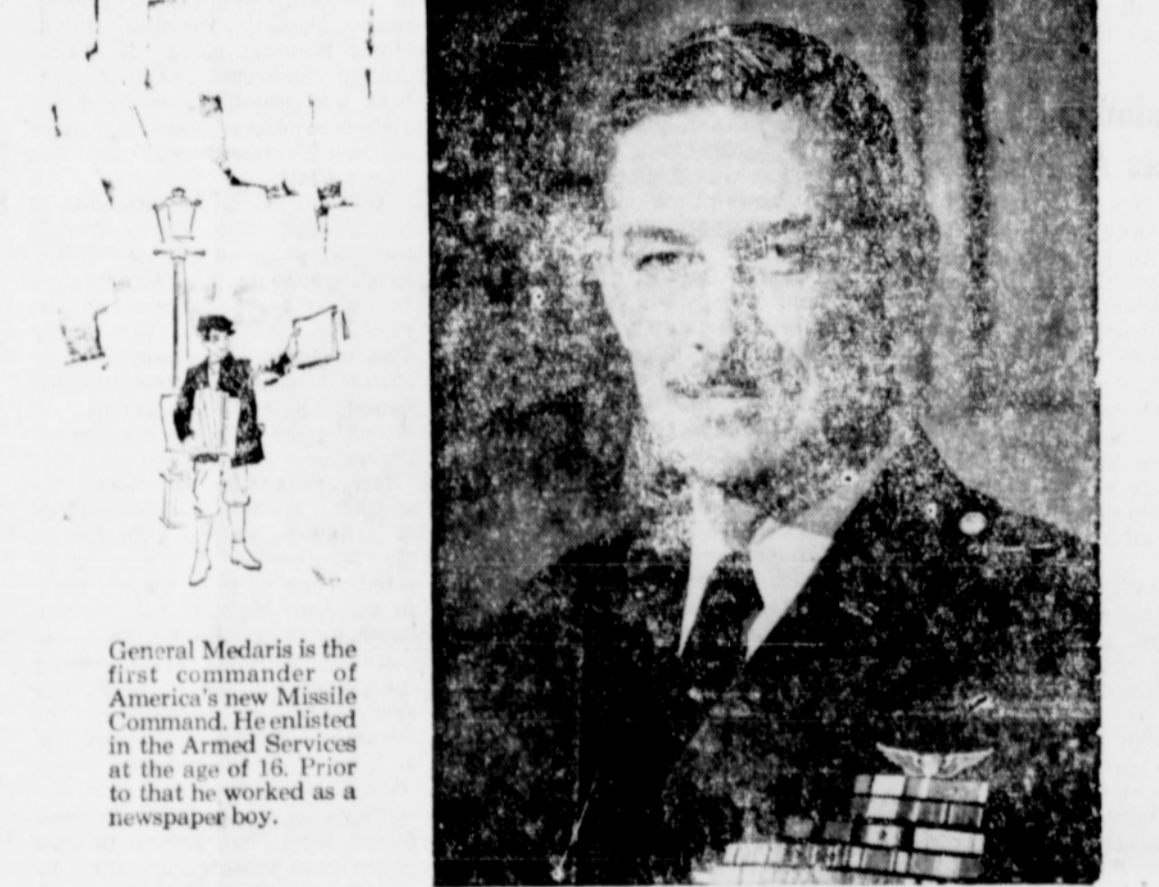
Agnes Pauline Merritt
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Attorney for Executrix 52-3c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of L. E. DEHLER, Deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the Estate of L. E. Dehler, 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: November 7, 1958.

Elva Dehler
Administratrix
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administratrix 1-4c



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