

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of The Dalles were honored guests on their 57th wedding anniversary at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eakin at Condon Sunday, November 16. Other members of the family present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family and Penny Hiley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin and family, all from Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl had as overnight guests Friday Mr. and Mrs. Shawhan of Carlisle, Iowa.

Mrs. Don Earl and Mrs. Don Leach were in The Dalles Monday on business.

Members and friends of the Baptist church are building seven new class rooms on the church. The work is coming along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust were business visitors in Portland last Friday till Tuesday November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger were visitors in The Dalles Saturday and visited John Rust at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox left Tuesday for Corvallis to make their home this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds and daughter, Mrs. Marion Crews and Donald of Stevenson, Wn., returned here last Monday from Yucapa, Calif., where they attended the reception honoring her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hall on their golden wedding, November 2. Mr. Crews came Tuesday and took Mrs. Crews and Donald home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl spent a week in Seattle recently visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Stinner took Fritz Braack to Bend Monday when he left for his home in Weiser, Idaho and then left Saturday, November 15, for Germany to visit relatives.

Thursday Mrs. Harold Owens Mrs. Olan Stark and Mrs. Frank von Borstel attended the home extension lecture on nutrition in Moro.

John Rust is recuperating from a recent operation at The Dalles hospital where he is a patient. Mrs. Rust and daughter, Mrs. Oran Raven were down Sunday to see him.

Delores Rolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe underwent an emergency appendectomy at The Dalles hospital Thursday night. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox left Monday for Portland and Chehalis to spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel returned home last Monday from Portland. Frank is recuperating from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Maxfield arrived Wednesday from Appleton, Wis., and plan to make their home in the west. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield of Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Stinner of Roseburg spent last weekend at the A. von Borstel home. Tuesday they had dinner with the Frank von Borstels and visited at the Carl and George von Borstel and Bud Kock homes, and went to Moro where they were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and Gary were in The Dalles Sunday and while there visited Mrs. John Engstrom and also visited John Rust and Delores Rolfe at the hospital.

Earl Olds, John Alley and Melvin Alberty left Friday for Lehman Springs elk hunting.

Mrs. Earl Olds and daughter, Barbara Alley, went to Portland Saturday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and family returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters received word of the death of her brother in law, Raymond George Hoffman, in Salem Wednesday Nov. 12 after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. Peters and sons, Arden and Herman Jr. of Hood River left Friday evening for Newberg

to the home of her brother in law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox. They all attended the funeral in Salem Saturday and the Peters returned home Sunday.

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Dalles the weekend of Nov. 8 for the 1933 class reunion of the DHS of which Mrs. Scott was a member. On their way home they stopped here Tuesday to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Belshie and Mr. and Mrs. Mae Hall at Moro.

Shower For Shirley Well Attended

About 66 friends and relatives attended the bridal shower for Miss Shirley Sather held at the Kent Legion hall Saturday afternoon. The hall was beautifully decorated in fall colors of crepe paper, pine cones, autumn leaves and chrysanthemums by the hostesses Mrs. J. C. Helyer and Mrs. Robert Helper. The latter escorted Miss Sather to the decorated gift table to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Harry Justesen. The Misses Marv Miller, June Jefferies, Linda Helyer, Peggy McKay and Darlene Miller assisted Shirley with opening and displaying the many lovely gifts. Mrs. Kenneth Sather, Shirley's mother and Mrs. Frank von Borstel took pictures to be presented to Shirley as a record of the shower. For a game each guest brought her favorite recipe and put it in a decorated box out of which Shirley drew the winning recipe which was Mrs. Blaine Miller's who received the prize.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated tea table with silver tea service, centerpiece of fall flowers flanked by yellow candles in silver holders and a large cake decorated with pink rosebuds. Mrs. Harley McKay and Mrs. Harry Justesen poured.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Larry Kayser and son of Centerville, Wn., Mrs. Roy Barnett, Mrs. Ernest Barnett and Mrs. George Barnett of The Dalles; Mrs. Charles Powell of Portland; Mrs. Rudy Olsen, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mrs. Cecil Hochman, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, Mrs. Paul Cyphers, Mrs. Ted Thompson, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. J. K. McKean, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Mrs. W. C. Miller, Mrs. Blaine Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and the Misses Denise Miller, Patty Miller, Darlene Miller, Kathleen Miller and Mavis Miller of Moro; Mrs. Irving Hart and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Wasco; Mrs. Don Cox and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley and Mrs. Donald Maxfield of Appleton, Wisconsin.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

With temporary rules on procedure issued by the Internal Revenue Service, it is expected several thousand small corporations will take advantage of the benefits secured by independent business in the revision of the tax laws by the recent Congress.

Basically, this measure, which was fought by many, but solidly backed by the nation's independent businessmen voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, provides that small corporations may elect to be taxed as partnerships. Based on this expression of businessmen's sentiment at the grass roots level George Bergen, Washington vice president of the Federation appeared before many Congressional Committees to explain the vital need for this revision.



C. W. Harder

Tax savings up to 25% will result for many enterprises.

The background is briefly this. Many small firms are incorporated largely to take advantage of the limited liability of such an operation of the principals.

But under the law, as it existed, such a small corporation had to pay 52% of any profit over \$25,000, plus a heavy tax on the first \$25,000. This has taken away from these small enterprises capital needed to expand, or compete.

Under the revision of the law passed by Congress, these corporations can now elect to be taxed as partnerships. In many cases, the tax rate on the individuals is far less.

Equally as significant is this fact. Many times in the past, huge corporations, employing expensive batteries of legal talent in Washington, have secured revisions of the tax laws for their benefit. But this is the first instance where a grass roots movement has resulted in a tax reform not to benefit one or two Goliaths, but one that can help a widespread number of small business enterprises.

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The Internal Revenue Service has set up for the present the following regulations. Any domestic corporation, not a member of an affiliated group of corporations, with not more than 10 shareholders, with only one kind of stock, and whose shareholders, with the exception of estates, are individuals, can elect to be taxed as a partnership.

For the tax year of 1958, such small corporations that qualify who elect to take advantage of this benefit, such election must be made not later than December 1 of this year.

Naturally, whether or not a qualified corporation elects this method is a highly technical matter which undoubtedly will be preceded by conferences with the accountants.

But it is interesting to note that for the first time in income tax law history, a definite, specific provision is being made to aid the small business operation, and to put the taxes on small business at least on some semblance of a basis of equity.

This provision is just one of the several passed in the last Congress to protect the welfare of independent enterprise. And while this provision, and the others, do not do the entire job, needed, it is significant that a start has been made.

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English Sparrow Control

Now that cold weather has started English sparrows are again gathering closer to farm buildings and homes in farm and city. Here are some ideas on English sparrow control. These ideas have been put together by Andy Landforce, extension wildlife specialist.

"Apparently there isn't any one method of control that is best year in and year out, or at least it hasn't come to my attention yet. One method of getting sparrows to leave a ranch is to remove all sources of their food, nesting and roosting facilities. However, this is very impractical most of the time, and besides the sparrows just move somewhere else."

Poisoning

"Poisoning with strychnine and thallium sulphate treated grain is usually only partially effective. The birds seem to take to the poison bait just once. Some birds just eat enough to get sick and then shy away from poison treated grain. One of the best methods to get a partial kill with poison is to bait a spot where the sparrows naturally come. Wheat, oats, barley and other grains have worked well in gathering sparrows together at feeding time. Place the untreated grain in the same spot for five, six or seven days in succession. When the birds are

coming to the area regularly, substitute the poison treated grain for the regular bait grain.

"To poison any birds in Oregon legally, a permit must be obtained from your local Oregon State Game commission District supervisor. Of course, extreme caution is to be exercised to prevent the grain from being eaten by other birds and animals.

Catching By Cage

"A large wire cage or box type trap 4 feet wide and 6 feet long with a wire door in one side can catch sparrows if worked right. The sides are made out of small

mesh chicken wire so the sparrows cannot pass through. Of course, the bottom of the cage doesn't have any wire. Prop up one end of the cage about a foot or more, and put the wheat, oats or barley under it. Feed the sparrows under the cage until they are accustomed to feeding without suspicion or fear.

"Periodically, substitute the permanent prop with a temporary one. A 1"x2"x12" stick works well. A string or small cord can be tied to this supporting pin and extended behind some brush, chicken house or garage. When the birds gather under the cage and are feeding eagerly, merely pull the stick out from under the cage, allowing it to fall down and trap the English sparrows. Crawl inside the cage and destroy the birds. A short paddle is handy to get the job done. This type of trapping arrangement works best when sparrows can't find easy feed elsewhere.

"Where a small flock of poultry is housed inside a chicken house usually the sparrows can enter through the openings. Hinged lids can be made ready to quickly flop over the openings to trap the sparrows inside. You have a harder time killing the sparrows in a large area or room; however, a broom makes a fairly good swatting tool.

Use of Traps

"Number one steel traps (or smaller) can be used to trap the English sparrows. Set the trigger on the pan very lightly, place the grain around and under the trap. The sparrows hop while feeding and unsuspectingly hop onto the pan. Also rat traps and mouse traps seem to work well at times. However, it takes a great deal of diligence and persistence in resetting the traps to catch many sparrows with this method. Perhaps arrangements can be made for a boy to trap them. A reasonable fee per bird could be an incentive to earn some spending money.

"Within suburban areas infested

by English sparrows, relief may be obtained during nesting season by using a nest box trap. The bird enters the normal looking box nest only to find a tilting interior which drops the birds down wards to pass through a chute into a receiving sack below. Destroying the nests and their young is effective. One female nests several times during the summer.

"Where the English sparrows are roosting in enclosures of moderate size such as in chicken houses, barns and some types of sheds, gassing with cyanide gas or other toxic fumigants has proven effective. The buildings must be sealed reasonably tight in order to build up a concentration of gas. Fumigation to kill roosting sparrows is usually done on hot, still summer nights.

Shooting and Spring Trapping

"Persistent shooting with rifles and shot guns of various calibres can help to control the sparrow population. Perhaps some enthusiastic teenage boy can learn marksmanship and safety of fire arms in helping to control sparrow population on his ranch.

"Trapping in its various forms is best done during the colder winter months and in the early spring. The winter mortality has occurred in the sparrow population by springtime. Therefore, spring trapping directly reduces breeding stock. However, when the young sparrows have just come off the nests, a larger proportion of these newly hatched birds can be poisoned as well as caught.

"English sparrow filth resulting from roosting in open machine sheds, barns and garages can be irritating. Installation of wire netting to block access to roosting spots has helped. We don't know of any sparrow repellent for help in these roosting problems. Trying to destroy them on their roosts by use of a dim light and swatting pole gets a few and scares the rest away. Often they abandon that roost after being disturbed a few times."

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