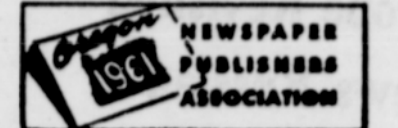
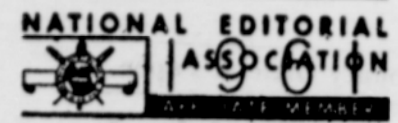


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TRUCK GIVE AWAY

Earlier this month we received a letter and an envelope full of material about the 1952 battle which ended by affirmation of the weight-mile tax for trucks in Oregon.

It interested us very little at the time because the people had defeated the 1952 attempt to cut truck fees by 135,468 to 484,730 and it did not seem likely that any good legislator nor any poor legislator with a memory or one with respect for the people's will would vote for another such bill.

And by big truck we mean big trucks, those over 44,000 pounds. There are two classes of these Rate Table A would have a top of 40 mills instead of 48 mills and for trucks over 76,000 pounds the increase after that would be one mill per ton instead of 2.5 mills.

Where we would like to know, did this 24 senators get the idea the people wanted any such deal as that. There has been no decrease in trucks—not on our road anyway—the cost of nothing else is down; competition does not bother trucks; the roads are better than ever; a new survey of truck damage to roads shows that they do more than a third of the damage. The highway commission strongly opposed the bill.

Besides this state is trying to match federal funds for highway building and the loss of this million dollars to truckers will cut highway spending by ten million dollars. If it passes citizens will have to initiate against it which will cost them money. And in the process they will engender a lot anger.

DO IT YOURSELF

On another day while rummaging in search of something we found a tool once found in many homes and still useful, we presume. It was my grandfather's pair of forceps. Now grandpa was a useful citizen of his several communities. Outside of being a sort of champion chess and checker player he was a surveyor who could run the lines on a projected homestead; he could pull teeth; he acted as justice of peace and coroner and was called squire, which may or may not have been recognition of his many abilities. He performed these things as a service, not as a monopoly.

In those days now referred to as the good old days not because of the physical ease civilization afforded, but because of the large percentage of self reliant men who lived then, people used to get the tooth ache despite their ruggedness and excellent diet. In that case a man who owned a pair of forceps was a much sought after man. A sheepherder with a jaw swollen like a tobacco chewers and a jumping pain all through him had to decide to get rid of his torment and searched out grandpa who twisted out the molar.

Anesthesia was unknown. The numbness of the sheepherder's jaw came after the operation not before and lasted about the same time. The weaker ones might have a few slugs of whiskey to induce numbness and build up courage.

The community's do it yourself tactic toward dentistry also reminds us that the Russians have been reported to be very adept at making new teeth for those who have parted with those nature provided. Stainless steel and nickel are often used and they look more like a horse shoe than a set of teeth. But they chew forever, and even if they didn't, could be made like new with a welder's torch. Furthermore, the story states, a fairly clever workman can make his own teeth. May be that old pair of forceps will come in handy yet.

WELFARE

After a week end of listening to persons in many positions of public trust, the TV programs on the subject and from talking to a lot of folks we have come to have a great distrust of the whole welfare program. There is good reason to believe that welfare is conducted for the benefit of those who have jobs at it. That is the eventual end of all bureaucracies, we know, but we didn't think this one had gone that far.

Welfare and the other state agencies that should be responsible permit women to go right ahead bearing illegitimate children, according to Judge Langtry in his talk to editors at Eugene Friday. Such children are welfare subjects from the start. Sob stories about oldsters and their living quarters seem designed more to arouse sympathy and produce appropriations than to help oldsters who merely want to be let alone. The hassle about distribution of free government food which Oregon does not do because the cost of distribution is more than the value of the food, has nevertheless been blown into an issue. It will now be done.

There's a lot of regulations about the use of money by welfare recipients and it requires a lot of people to try to enforce them when it would be better if the elders were given the money and permitted to spend it as they chose. If they spent it for whisky so much the quicker.

Anyway there is evidence enough to cause citizens to take a long, hard look at welfare and try to determine what the money is being spent to help. The welfare talk may do some good.

INVENTORY TAX

Members of the legislature who are trying to get rid of the tax on inventories have not done their home work. Now the inventory tax is a most inequitable tax in that some merchants move their stock every two weeks and others every two years which means that one man would pay on one-twenty fifth of his valuation and another twice the valuation. That is poor taxation.

The suggestion that all personal property taxes be done away with is better yet. Why should a man who raises beef have to pay at least one year's taxes while a man who raises turkeys or mutton pays none? There are inequities innumerable in that sort of taxation.

But there are two things wrong with the plan and that is where these boys in Salem haven't done enough studying. First: it would take at least 4 1/2% tax on business to offset the personal property tax and that is too much. Second: there is no equitable way to send it back to the counties that would lose income from it. Harney county has around 44 percent of its total in personal property; some others have 12 percent.

As a practical measure it can't be done although the theory is excellent. The practical often stops execution of the theoretical.

MOTIVATION

Mike Frey, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, was being a little rough on legislators of all degrees when he intimated that the tax problems of business were beyond their ken. But he did start a train of thought that should be valuable. Legislators, like every other humans, are interested in themselves and in their future. Also nearly every legislator has lived 40 years and developed some habits of thought. And furthermore, like all other humans, legislators have prejudices.

If Mr. Frey finds them unresponsive to the pleas of business it is because they do not think they can gain anything by that attitude and their prejudices are of another kind.

Legislators who are fully oriented to the area they represent are the only ones who can be depended upon and in this complex world there are divisions almost every place.

The solution, naturally, is for business to elect more legislators. Sometimes business tries, but a business man most certainly is partially motivated by money and the legislature is no place for such a one. One must be motivated by pride to become a legislator. They are not much different than the average who read each day of legislative goings on and think they are a little crazy.

We don't think much of the proposal to raise the driver age to 18. Sure, some youngsters drive too fast and are careless. It is a stage they go through, which, with proper training can be shortened, and which 18 year olds would go through as well. It might be well to have a law to lift driver's licenses of youths who are reckless, but to deny the good drivers a license is a policy that would reduce responsibility.

Rufus News

by Mrs. George Fox

A pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. John Griffith was held at the Rufus Grange Hall last Wednesday afternoon. The hostesses were Mrs. Fay Brackett and her daughter in law, Mrs. Jerry Brackett with Mrs. Dolph Baker helping serve the refreshments.

Mrs. Fay Brackett had charge of the program which consisted of guessing games, readings by Mrs. Trace Fields and Mrs. Fullington sang a number with Mrs. Jerry Brackett accompanying her on the piano. Then Mrs. Griffith was seated at the gift laden table where she opened her many gifts assisted by Mrs. Fullington and Mrs. Jerry Brackett. The gifts were passed around for all to see. The guests were placed in a circle around the gift table.

The refreshments of white decorated cake and coffee was served. The favors were napkins made in the form of diapers holding candies at each place. The centerpiece was a long clothes line down the center of the table with miniature garments held by clothes pins on the line.

The Home Ec Club meeting of Wasco and Sherman County was held at the Rufus Grange hall Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Buettler of Oswego, the district H. E. chairman, was present. She told of the different programs of the Grange.

Rufus Grange met Thursday evening at the hall with a 6:30 pot luck supper honoring the Rufus Grange's birthday anniversary. Mrs. Rolland Johnson made the decorated cake and the H. E. club brought the ice cream.

There was a good crowd out for the evening meeting at which the master Mrs. Rolland Johnson presided. Roy Means was a guest of the evening. He is the State Grange deputy and gatekeeper.

Mrs. Bert Swigart H. E. chairman made a presentation of a master's cloth. Rufus Grange has never had a cloth for any of the offices excepting the altar cloth. The H. E. Club got the money by saving White Satin sugar sacks.

Agriculture chairman Rolland Johnson told of farm subsidies. Mrs. Harland McDonald on legislation told of work being done to relieve the unemployment.

George Fox on education says the Rufus school has been allotted federal funds to build on extra classrooms and for help with the teaching staff. The Rufus school census has expanded from 85 to 185 pupils in the last year.

Mrs. Jane Peterson on safety said the Grange should have a first-aid kit in the Grange. Mrs. Bert Swigart was given \$2 which had been given to the Grange for a birthday gift to buy first aid material. Rolland Johnson said the leak in the main hall had been repaired. The leak came from around the chimney. Miss Mary Brackett spoke of the bills in the legislature concerning education.

Bill Huck on insurance says he can write insurance if anyone needs it.

The new password was given

out by the Master. On the card party committee Ailee Wilson told of the good attendance. He was told to buy some new decks of cards to use at the hall.

The Grange will stop having their pot luck dinners now that it is time for the work season. The Grange will have refreshments after the meetings now.

For the literary program the lecturer had all sing "Twilight is Stealing" with Mrs. Fay Brackett on the piano. A round "Row, Row Your Boat" by different groups. A reading George Washington by lecturer; "The Woodpile" a poem written by Robert Frost was read by Mrs. Richard Doyle; Mrs. Bill Huck read "The Grocery Store"; musical chairs was played by the group and a game was played to end the program.

The gifts which were brought for the Grange's birthday were opened by the master. Quite a few cups were given. Roy Means spoke briefly on increase in grange attendance, farm surpluses and Huck said she purchased a set of stainless steel tableware and a toaster with the money she got for the Art Macheels when they burned out recently at Biggs.

Roy Shafer won the gift for the lecturer's fund drawing. Rolland Johnson made three altars for use of the three graces of the grange and presented them at this meeting. A special thanks went to Rolland for all his work.

The Rufus Community church held a basket social at the Grange hall Saturday night. Several skits, readings and vocal pantomime numbers were given by the local people. Robert Davis acted as the auctioneer, first selling the girls baskets, then the womens. With several donations given afterwards the fund to buy equipment for the basement recreation room in the church is more than \$200. Rev. John Griffith, pastor of the church, was well pleased.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baum were leaders in another square dance at the Rufus school gym Saturday night. Couples as far away as Wamie and Tygh Valley were present as well as a good bunch from Moro. Mr. Baum is more than generous with his time in conducting these classes for the community.

The Wasco school came to Rufus Friday night to play games with the Rufus school. First the girls volley ball game with the Wasco girls victorious. Then the Wasco grade school basketball boys beat the Rufus boys. The town basket ball team of men drew sides, and the Wasco side beat the Rufus bunch, but all had a fine time playing and watching this fine sport.

Neal Eaton who has spent the last year in the armed services in Germany arrived in Rufus a week ago with his wife, Brenilda, from Wiesbaden, Germany. They are staying with Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eaton, and Neal will seek a job with the construction company here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Blackburne and sons, Craig and Scott, of Portland spent the weekend visiting Rogers folks Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne of Rufus.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the estate of GUY C. ANDREWS, 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 by law required, to the undersigned at 6927 N. E. Broadway, Portland, Oregon within six months from the date hereof.

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HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets first and third Saturdays each month at 8:00 p. m. Earl Gentry, Master Florence Bruckert, Sec'y.

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Table with columns: BUDGET 1961-1962, ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, ACTUAL RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE. Includes detailed financial data for various services and departments.

WASHINGTON AND 'SMALL BUSINESS' By C. WILSON HARDER

Congress, is of course, and understandably so, concerned about the current unemployment situation. And while there may be differences of opinion as to just how widespread this situation actually is, there is sufficient of a problem to cause concern.
However, it should be no great shock to anyone to learn that such a problem exists. For C. W. Harder several years, through their votes on various measures, the nation's independent businessmen, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, have foretold that such a situation would surely result.
Because before there can be people employed, there must be employers, who supply the tools for a job. And each employer must be able to replace those tools when the old ones are worn out or obsolete, and in addition, must be able to add more tools to supply even more jobs.
Of course, the left wingers delight in hurling imprecations at the employing "class" as they phrase it, yet few if any leftwingers, missing a few meals, fail to be Johnny at the same employer will put them on a payroll.
Thus, the only way to solve unemployment is to have more employers.
For the glanis of any industry have a way of shrinking their employment. The auto industry is a good example of this. Money paid out of a business in taxes cannot be used to expand that business and provide more jobs.