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FARM BILL

The details of the new farm bill have not been generally made known which means that there will be some surprises when it is finally passed and analyzed.

Not only are farmers to be permitted to write their own ticket, the secretary of agriculture is to be given authority to change the rules whenever he sees fit.

Wheat growers from these parts seem in good position to get the bill they have been asking for. It is the remains of McNary-Haugen. Getting it will perhaps change the direction of criticism for a few years which will be refreshing.

By noting that the agricultural producers who have not had any government control or interference have consistently done better than the ones that have, we are convinced that wheat farmers will never again be a healthy industry until it gets out of the clutches of politicians.

CIVIL DEFENSE

The picture of Stanley Earl, Portland commissioner, sitting alone at his desk in city hall while more pliant commissioners were out taking part in a fake civil defense demonstration was another proof—if one were needed—that Stanley Earl was a man strong enough to follow his convictions.

Earl says civil defense is a joke, that we do not have 48 hours in which to get ready to duck an atomic bomb, and is therefore unrealistic. Of course, we don't.

Civil defense has been trying to make a race of burrowing moles out of Americans since the last world war and thankfully the people have generally been too smart to go for it.

Atomic war will certainly be directed toward big cities and sites of heavy industry. No attacking nation will want to wipe out all the citizens of any nation for they will be useful.

The whole thing sounds like the ramblings of some mind muddled by theory than with practical matters.

CONVERSATION

The conversation was one of those that may happen around a table after hunger is appeased and time for the next move has not arrived.

Whereas we once lacked for production we now lack for consumption. Government looked kindly on producers when we

were short of things and now it looks with a friendly eye on consumers even to the extent of subsidizing them with easy money, higher wages, low interest, etc.

"You ate too many hot cakes," replied the first. "You might spoil a producer with a subsidy, never a consumer, the more that is given him the more he wants."

"Then why should anyone be a producer to grunt and sweat under a weary life?" inquired the heavy eater remembering his Shakespeare.

"Aye, there's the rub," said man No. 1, proving remembrance of the bard himself.

WISDOM

The Oregonian, in a bit of mature thinking on a subject about which it has been childish, says that some states that are going to lose representation in the house may not reapportion but let them all be elected at large.

The Oregonian indicates some disappointment with this policy which grows out of the cowardice of state legislators because it will result in election of more national representatives from big cities. That is at least the beginning of wisdom.

The theory that representation in a representative republic should all be by population is unsupported from history. People are pretty much alike. But areas are different. There are different problems that come from geography.

At the next session of the Oregon legislature there will very likely be no representative from what used to be the 22nd district of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties. Yet, there will be a major dam on the Columbia and the state's biggest industrial plant in process of building within that district.

The Oregonian may eventually think enough on the subject—and read enough history—to realize that the majority is often the worst tyrant. The Constitution of the United States was written to protect the rights of minorities and Oregon legislators should read it.

Rev. Maynor Reed, pastor of the Baptist church at Grass Valley, has sent us an interesting article based on the supposition that the nearly three billion persons in the world were concentrated in exact proportions into one village of a thousand persons.

BOILED DOWN

In such a village there would be 60 Americans and they would receive half the income of the town. About 350 of the citizens would be Christians of whom 100 would be Protestants and 250 would be Roman Catholics. The remaining 670 would be of many faiths.

There would be 301 white people and 370 others would be dominated by them. There would be 301 white persons and 697 dark people.

The 60 Americans would live an average of 70 years and the others less than 40 years on the average. And the 60 Americans would have 15 times as many possessions per person as the others, would produce 16 percent of the food and would eat most of it themselves or store it at tremendous cost so the others would get little of it.

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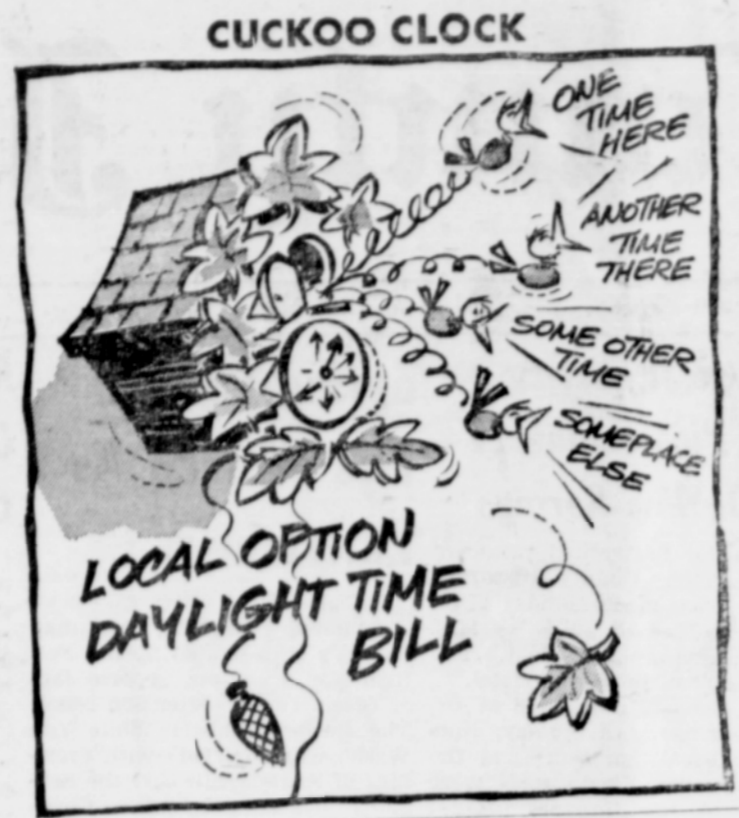
Atomic war will certainly be directed toward big cities and sites of heavy industry. No attacking nation will want to wipe out all the citizens of any nation for they will be useful. But supposing the cities and the manufacturing towns are destroyed, how would the scattered residents of an attacked country defend themselves after they came out of their holes at the end of two weeks, pale, scared, hungry and certainly ill tempered? They would have no weapons, no organization.

HAM HEARING

The federal government is going to hold a hearing in Portland May 11 to hear about watered ham. It is possible to put water up to ten percent into a ham, and the state of Oregon thinks that is even too much.

It is our conclusion that the customers have already decided that something was being done to ham-bacon, too, for that matter—and have quit using as much of it as before.

Cured pork that spoils without freezing is not cured. If it be full of added water it is adulterated in a way. Whether the government should be involved in it is a question. But the butchers will lose their business unless they put out a better product.



County Ramblings

County Agricultural Age

An annual grass plant belonging to the rye grass family, Medusahead, threatens to become an important range weed. Medusahead occurs in Wasco County. It has been reported in Sherman County but not identified to date.

The plant is branching at the base with slender stems 8 to 24 inches tall. Leaf blades are narrow and short. The head has long spreading bristly awns or

beards. The grain is much like a small very slender barley.

Chemical control and reseeding methods are now under study here in Oregon on Medusahead. Last week a portion of this trial program was established in the southern portion of the county. Chemical trials on established stands of grass were initiated to determine effects of the materials or these grasses. Trials directly on Medusahead can then be coordinated to determine what will kill the grass and what type material can safely be used.

One trial was established on the Phil and Fred von Borstel two-year-old crested wheatgrass south

Special Election will be held on Friday, May 12, 1961 in each voting precinct in Sherman County at usual polling places. Polls will be open from 8 o'clock A. M. to 8 o'clock P. M. Standard time.

STUB TO BE TORN OFF BY THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK OF ELECTION BOARD OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR ALL PRECINCTS, SHERMAN COUNTY MAY 12, 1961 VOTE YES OR NO Mark X in the square for answer voted for

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER. There are some strong indications along the Potomac that the hey days of the internationalists, the foreign monopolists, and other do-gooders who stampeded the nation into an expenditure of more than \$70 million in all manner of foreign give away schemes, may just about be over.

of Kent. Another was applied on native bunchgrass on the Max Brown ranch in the Finnegan area.

Meat Type Hog

Pork consumption per person in the United States has trended downward since World War II. Just after the war, it was 70 lbs. now it is 65 per person. The economists tell us that higher incomes and a population shift to the cities are the two main reasons for the decreased demand.

Visual observation over the county should convince many of the values of various engineering and tillage conservation practices. Everyone in the county practices some type of conservation or wise use of resources at one time or the other. Experience since breaking up the sod indicates that clean smooth black fallow is a serious erosion problem.

Results over the years have demonstrated the need for more advanced conservation practices. Objectives should be to keep the water and soil in place. If too much water is available or soil is in such a condition that penetration is decreased supplementary tillage and engineering practices are needed. No one practice or combination of practices will eliminate all erosion. Many practices have demonstrated their value.

Strip-cropping, grass and grain waterways, diversion ditches, grass-legume rotations, and others are practices that need to be incorporated as needed.

Grass-legume rotations to replenish our decline in organic matter is a program that can be used under any tillage system.

Measuring soil loss, mathematically, provides evidence of erosion control practices. Recent calculations by Hank Grabenhorst, Soil Conservation Service, add statistical information to this year's erosion. Soil loss measured in tons per acre varied from nearly nothing to as much as 80 tons per acre from entire slopes.

Comparison of soil loss on stubble mulch to moldboard plowing were noted in the Locust Grove area. On a 10% slope with wheat seeded last October on both field moldboard plowing lost 33 tons per acre and soil loss on stubble mulch was too small to measure.

On a similar slope with different seeding dates, soil loss was similar on moldboard and little loss on stubble mulch.

On two Walla Walla silt loam sites with 13 and 10 percent slopes in the Moro area fifty tons per acre of soil loss occurred. These were moldboard plowed with fine surface soil and mid to late October seeding.

A Condon silt loam soil with a 27% slope in the Grass Valley area lost seven tons per acre of soil. This was on stubble mulch with late October seeding.

Soil loss data taking average conditions points out, the value of mulching coupled with September seeding. The results of soil loss have renewed interest in stubble mulching.

No one best way is spelled out to conduct stubble mulch tillage. Practices vary from farm to farm. Experimental work at the Pendleton station with various types of tillage implements resulted in seven general suggestions for stubble mulching.

1. Use a straw spreader on combine to scatter residue uniformly over field 2. Leave stubble standing over the winter unless weeds are a problem. Standing stubble gives greater erosion protection and tends to hold snow. If fall tillage is necessary, use sweeps at shallow depth—4 to 5 inches—to cut weed roots. 3. Stubble bust ahead of spring tillage, or sweep and follow with a skew treader. Wide sweeps have fewer shanks to cause plugging. Duckfoot blades, spaced at 12 inches, give more surface cultivation for control of small weeds, volunteer grain and cheatgrass. 4. Follow first tillage immediately with skew treader or center drive rod weeder to close soil pores, save moisture, and start cheat control. 5. If mulch is still too long, and fluffy or if cheat is a problem, skew tread again after about seven days of drying weather. 6. Rod

weed for rest of summer only as necessary to control weeds, going only deep enough to keep rods submerged. Rod weeding does not have to be done at regular intervals. Excessive working of the soil tends to destroy the residue cover, pulverize the surface soil, lets moisture escape, and nullifies the benefits of mulching. Seed with 14-inch-spaced deep furrow drill and wide shovels on moderate slopes. Seed with semi-deep-furrow single disk drill with 10 to 12 inch spacing on steeper slopes.

Conservation Assistance like an angry stepmother than a benign state government. We don't know why. Surely those who administer Oregon laws are as secure as similar men in other states; it may be that the legislature writes its bills with too background. Whatever it is, it can be a nuisance.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Fir poles for corral or stockage, 16, 18, 24 ft. long, average dia. 4", peeled or unpeeled. See Don Shawe. (Kirk's House) Moro, Ore. 26tn

ELEC. ORGAN: to be sold in this area. Will sacrifice to responsible party. Also spinet piano. Cash or terms. Write Tallman Piano Stores, Inc., Salem, Oregon. 26-28c

FOR SALE: In Wasco new 3 bedroom home with full daylight basement - two full lots - close to school. GI 2-5488. 26-7c

BOATS - MOTORS - TRAILERS AT COST: Evernude Electric 40 & 75 HP; Bellboy & Dot Boats. You can't beat my prices, must sell by January 1. Come in or call - terms available. OSCAR'S SPORTING GOODS, downtown MADRAS. Also Chinook Camp Coach 10 ft. 8-9c

FOR Agricultural loans see FLB. of The Dalles and the Mid-Columbia PCA, 4th & Court Sts. C/Press 6-2468. tfn

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING by appointment only. Custom curing. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley. Call ED 3-2345 for appointment. 23-11c

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. complete painting and decorating service, spray or brush. Phone CY 6-3977 or CY 6-5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Ore. 38trf

LIVESTOCK Men - Do it your self - "Anchor Brand" Animal Health Products, penicillin, and instruments are available at your Co-op Oil and Supply at The Dalles. 20c tfn

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, brick-faced house daylight basement, built-in kitchen appliances (stove, oven, garbage disposal, D washer), wall to wall carpeting, 2 fireplaces, recreation room, laundry room, patio, and landscaped, storage in garage. Call Wasco GI 2-5210.

FOR SALE: John Deere combine No. 36 B, 20' cut. Ph. GI 2-5438, Leo C. Watkins, Wasco, Oregon 27-29c

WANTED: Livestock for Consignment, The Dalles Livestock Commission, Inc. Sale every Saturday, 12:00 Noon. For information, Ed Coles CY 6-4672, or CY 6-4513. P.O. Box 631, The Dalles, Oregon. 13trf

WINK - GOLDENDALE SALES Yard, Goldendale, Wash., has an auction every Friday at one o'clock. We have the market if you have the livestock. Guaranteed top prices. Frank Wink 33c-11n

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Max Belshe, W. M. Irving Hart, Secretary

Moro LODGE NO. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Floyd Haines, W. M. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.O.J. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore. Erma Johnson, W.M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

HARLANDVIEW GARAGE Meets First and Third Saturday each month at 8:00 p.m. Earl Gentry, Master Florence Bruckert, Sec'y.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 114 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Mary Brackett, W. G. Helen Martin, Secretary

Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M. Wasco Meets First and Third Tuesdays. Visiting brethren welcome. Harland McDonald, W. M. Vernon Root, Secretary

80 BED OREGON state approved nursing home located in beautiful Hood River Valley, with lovely fenced grounds. We accept all types of elderly cases, as well as room and board care. 31-tfn

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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 Executor of the Estate of Dewey Thompson, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 7th day of June, 1961, at 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. Theodore Thompson Executor

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executor May 5, 12, 19, 26, 1961

CALL FOR BIDS The City of Moro will accept sealed bids until eight o'clock May 9, 1961 for a 1931 Ford truck used by the city as a fire truck on the few occasions when necessary. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Clair Balzer, recorder

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, their Final Account as Administrators of the Estate of Anna M. Moore, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1961, at 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. Collis P. Moore Administrator Roscoe E. Moore Administrator

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrators April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 1961

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given that Marjorie Marvin, Administratrix of the Estate of Harry O. Kunsman, Deceased, has filed her Final Accounting and Petition to Close Estate and that Monday, the 29th day of May, 1961, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. on said date in the County Court Room in the County Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to said Final Accounting and Petition.

Marjorie Marvin, Administratrix of the Estate of Harry O. Kunsman Brown & Van Vactor The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Estate April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 1961

NOTICE OF INCREASE Notice is hereby given that the Assessed Value of all property in Sherman County has been increased 25 percent over the 1960 assessed value.

In addition, the Assessed Value of Improvements in the City of Wasco have been increased an additional 6 1/2 percent over 1960. This 6 1/2 percent increase is due to elimination of district depreciation allowed in prior years. The ratio between assessed and true value for 1961 is 25 percent. Clair L. Balzer Sherman County Assessor April 21, 28 & May 5, 1961

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 8, 1961, the Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, will meet at the County Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, to publicly examine the assessment rolls for said County of Sherman, for the year 1961, and to correct all errors in valuation, description, or qualities of land, lots or other property assessed by the Assessor.

The ratio between assessed and true cash value adopted by the Board of Equalization pursuant to ORS 309.034 is 25 percent. It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Petitions for adjustment of assessments must be filed with the Board of Equalization not later than the end of the first week that the Board is in session, which date is May 12, 1961. Clair L. Balzer Sherman County Assessor April 21, 28 & May 5, 1961