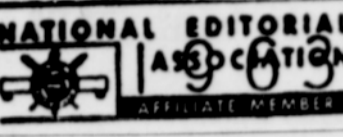


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**RICE COUNTY, KANSAS**

The United States News & World Report tells about a small county, 721 square miles compared to Sherman's 824, and some 14,000 people compared to Sherman's 2888, that is being redeveloped by aid of the Area Redevelopment Administration.

Some citizens opposed, probably the majority; some favored. It appears that officials usually favored, thinking perhaps, that their duty was to get all they could of the material things. The spiritual problem was apparently left to the preachers and the editors.

The editor of the largest paper thought people really had to help themselves but if they could get some thing for nothing that was desirable also. He wasn't philosopher enough to know that it is impossible to get something for nothing. The other editor mentioned lucked and snorted, but without taking very direct aim.

The theory that makes ARA possible has been expressed by responsible citizens over in Wasco county. (When we say "responsible" we mean by reputation, not by action in relation of ARA). It is that the federal government is going to put out billions of dollars to many areas for a number of projects of variable usefulness; the rest will be on the tax bill; if a community does not get its share it is losing tax money.

No place is there mention of morals; no place is there concern over right and wrong; no place is there speculation on the probable end of a nation that engages in such massive boondoggling.

Rice county, Kansas is a prosperous county, always among the leaders in income among the rural counties of that state. It is not the top county as Sherman is in Oregon, but plenty prosperous.

The argument that many things need doing all over the land is undoubtedly true. Who makes the argument we do not know. It might be contractors, wishful thinkers or impractical dreamers. The theory that citizens—and individuals—should be willing to pay for what they get is necessary to stability in economics. The ARA program is based on neither morals nor economics, but is purely political and morally contaminating.

**HUSBANDS, UNITE!**

The realization that the federal government, through the Aid to Dependent Children program is abetting something that could eventually make husbands obsolete should be sufficient cause for an organization to protect husbands, especially in a country where there are many organizations.

Readers will understand that the government will pay sizeable sums to any female possessed of a child who is without the protection of a husband. The number of children necessary to bring in as much money as a husband varies, but husbands are often expensive to maintain, requiring upkeep and recreation so that their earning power is not all available to mothers. The federal government pays money direct to the mother, regularly, in ever increasing amounts (increase in election years) until the child is 18 years old. By that time, if she is female, she is already in business herself.

The popularity of tapping the known and positive funds of the federal government instead of depending on the unreliable support of a husband is growing as its merits become more widely known. The social freedom is another attraction and if a girl has a little curiosity she can acquire a family with a wide variation in size, build and racial background. This variety adds spice to life.

These facts, dutifully attested by the records of the Health, Education and Welfare department, should be reason enough for an organization of husbands. Fathers will continue to be necessary, of course, but there is no reason to think that some public minded do-gooders will not attempt to apply the principles of livestock

husbandry to surplus males after they have abandoned their role as husbands.

Husbands must realize that the federal government is usurping their function as protector and bread winner for a family and that the biologic and social rule is that when an organism ceases to have a use it is eliminated. Awake, husbands, you are in competition with a powerful enemy.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

The state senate passed a bill last week to give varying exemption to persons over 65 who have incomes of under \$250 per month. It is a bad bill. It is bad because it divides citizens into classes and groups each getting different amounts of exemption from the property tax which is—or should be—based on property ownership, not on social condition.

We feel certain that the power behind the bill came from irresponsible sons and daughters who want to inherit the family homestead without the penalty of paying taxes thereon. Some of it may have come from advocates of unlimited tax spending who wished to eliminate one group of complainers against taxes.

We would like to amend that bill to stipulate that property owners who had income under \$3000 per year, OR WHO HAD NO CHILDREN WITH INCOME OVER \$3000, might qualify. And we would like to change the general theory about taxes so that property taxes could never get so high that a couple, aged or otherwise, who had an income of \$3000 per year could not pay them.

**TAX REVOLT**

Magazines are running articles about the growing dissatisfaction over the growth of taxes of all kinds and especially, of course, the one that is immediately due. Right now it is the income tax and even the people who have paid something on their's week by week are unhappy about the growing complexity of it all.

In Oregon farm leaders and organizations are talking more than ever about the property tax and how it has grown and the Oregon senate has passed a bill to make that tax easier on the oldsters.

It isn't so much the money as it is the power government takes over the people when it has unlimited money to spend. So much government spending is touched with some sort of immorality.

We are old enough to remember a tax revolt. It happened right here in Sherman county and it was a dilly. It was back in the first months of the depression when no one had any money to pay taxes with anyway so they made a virtue of it by forming the Sherman County Tax Reduction League, which insisted on cutting county taxes. We keep that list of officers although most of them are dead.

We wish all officials could know about that tax reduction league which had for its motto: "To Reduce Taxes, Spend Less Money". Sounds simple, but it beats all the tax shifting notions all hollow. Also the story of that group should put some caution into tax spenders, for they swung a broad axe and cut some things they shouldn't have. But, as they said, they didn't have any money to pay taxes with anyhow so they didn't want anything on the record. The four Bills (Ragsdale, Jackson, Powell, Bryant) headed it.

Officials should never push taxes up so fast and so far that a revolt is started. But it looks as if they never learn. There are so many unnecessary items in budgets nowadays that taxpayers are constantly tempted to do something about it.

So far as we can remember the county went right on after the tax reduction league got through with its whacking. Much of the stuff governments do is not so very important, and a little attention by taxpayers can make up for most of it. Really, government has been entrusted with jobs that no one wanted done badly enough to do them themselves.

Tax revolts are pretty rough stuff and people have to be a little desperate before starting one—or else just tough like the four Bills. But for shaking the fat off from budgets and out of official heads we recommend them.

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**Grass Valley**

by Anna Balzer

The Gamma Lambda, Theta Rho girls club met in the IOOF hall Tuesday evening for their regular meeting. Peggy Riggs presided and 17 were present. Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, advisor, Mrs. Harold Eakin, assistant advisor and Rebekahs Mrs. Earl Olds, and Mrs. Bill Rolfe and Mrs. Selma Watkins of Wasco, president of the Rebekah assembly were present. The girls had drill practice and made plans for the candy sale held at the C&C store Saturday which was successful. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Robert Tatum and Billy of Kent went to Albany Saturday to visit her mother Mrs. J.E. Norton at the hospital who was injured in an automobile accident last week. They also took their daughter, Bonnie and Peggy McKay to Monmouth.

Mrs Fraak Ketter was hostess at a party at her home Monday evening with three tables of bridge in play. Mrs. John Rust held high score and Mrs. Bill Pausch low for the evening. Others present were Mrs. Dick Rust, Mrs. Glenn Perry, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Ray Rayon of Moro. Refreshments were served later.

Mr and Mrs William Brinkert and Gary and Mrs. Bill Brinkert were business visitors in Vancouver, Wash., Saturday.

Among the members of the George Bell post, American Legion who attended the joint meeting of the posts of the county in Moro Wednesday at the Legion hall were Frank vonBorstel, Bill Johnson, Harold Owens, George Helms, Bill Bardenhagen, George Geiser and Ralph Busse.

Mr and Mrs Bill Pausch were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley.

Mrs Frank vonBorstel and Mrs. A. vonBorstel went to Moro Monday and spent the day with Mrs. Frank Sayrs honoring her daughter, Melissa on her 4th birthday.

Bill Rolfe returned home Thursday from Portland where he had spent ten days in a hospital for treatment.

Mr and Mrs Howard Garland and Cathy of Lexington spent the week end here with his parents, Mr and Mrs Len Garland.

Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel, were business visitors in The Dalles Friday and called on Mrs. L.P. Haven at Wasco and Mr and Mrs. Loy—Cochran on the way home.

Mr and Mrs Dick Earl and family of The Dalles were Sunday visitors at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs James Earl.

Harry Stark made a business trip to Madras Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Don Clodfelter were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs A.A. Dunlap returned home Friday after spending about a week at Tygh Valley visiting her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Harry Hooper.

Mr and Mrs Donald vonBorstel and family and Mr and Mrs Bill Pausch were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen.

Mr and Mrs Burt Holland and family of The Dalles were lunch guests at the home of her grand mother, Mrs. A.A. Dunlap last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs H.O. Dugger, Mr and Mrs Bert Cox and Mr and Mrs John Rust took a drive Sunday going to The Dalles back to Rufus on to Arlington and Condon where they visited awhile at the Warren Morgans.

Mr and Mrs Harold Owens and sons were in The Dalles Friday on business. They had supper with Mr and Mrs Dave Hickman before returning home.

Mrs John Rust went to The Dalles Tuesday where she entered the hospital for medical attention. Mr and Mrs H.O. Dugger, Mr and Mrs Bert Cox and Mrs John Rust went to Sandy last Tuesday where they attended grave side services for Garfield Dugger who passed away at Washougal, Wash. Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and Mona went to Portland Friday

night and on Saturday they went to McMinville for a visitation at Linfield college, returning home that night.

Mrs Olan Stark and Kathy were business visitors in The Dalles Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Herman Peters went to Madras Saturday to visit their son and wife Mr and Mrs Arden Peters, returning home

Sunday afternoon.

Archie Cantrall and daughter, Mrs Jim Rodda and children of The Dalles went to Moses Lake Saturday. Mrs Cantrall and Mrs Kendrick Dunlap went up Sunday to visit their son, Airman 2-c and Mrs Cantrall and the new grand daughter, returning home Sunday. Danny Rodda stayed with his grand parents, Mr and Mrs Bill Rodda at Soap Lake. Mrs Olan Stark and Carol Owens were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

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In preparing your tax return the first item you must determine is your gross income. Unless you are engaged in a business or have income from property this figure will normally be made of cash received from your employer. However, some cash receipts are excluded and you may have income even though you receive no cash. Normally the fair market value of things you receive as compensation must be included in income. If your employer provides you with a house in which to live its rental value is income to you. So too if he pays for your meals. The only exception to this rule about meals and lodging is that if they are furnished to you on your employers premises for his convenience they are not income. For example, if it is essential to your employer that you be on his property 24 hours a day and he furnished you a house on the property its rental value is not income to you. If, on the other hand, he pays your rent as an inducement to get you to move to a new location, the rent he

pays is income to you.

Although usually the fair market value is the amount to be included in income as the result of the receipt of property from your employer, if you have agreed to work for a specified amount and he pays you with property rather than cash, the amount you have agreed upon will normally be the amount to include in income.

Some cash payments by an employer are not included in income. Premiums paid by the employer for group insurance, and group health insurance, etc., are not income. Payments made by the employer for moving expenses when he requires an employee to move to a new location are not income to the employee, accept the pain of living through in the nature of a bonus. And probably most important, most payments made to an employee while he is unable to work because of sickness or injury are not required to be included in income.

**Salem Scene**  
by Robert H. Elsner

Nearly 1,500 bills have been introduced during the first 12 weeks of the current legislative session. Yet, only a small percentage have come up for votes in either the house or senate.

With so little floor action to date, it indicates a hectic wind-up, as committees begin to heap bills on their respective houses for final debate and voting.

The seemingly slow progress thus far can be attributed largely to the abundance of bills up for consideration and the necessity for each to be funneled through a committee. Here they are screened, amended and often killed.

But this takes time, whether the bill is of utmost importance or of questionable need. In this regard, there seems to be an increasing number of superfluous proposals. More and more legislators feel inclined to introduce "political" or "pet peeve" bills.

Many lawmakers no longer believe that legislation should be generated by the people, who logically are the ones to point out a specific need, express dissatisfaction with an existing condition, or urge action when a change is necessary.

Today, there are those who believe government should automatically be bigger and play a greater role in our private lives and decisions. They would have government solve more of our problems, regardless of our ability—or incentive—to solve them ourselves. They feel government is better qualified to think for us than we are for ourselves.

Often, sponsors of these bigger government bills believe they actually are aiding the public and our free enterprise system, without considering the new problems that may arise as a result of their legislation.

A legislative committee last month turned thumbs down on the controversial Sunday closing proposal. This killed the issue—

at least for the next two years. Most opponents of the bill felt that it is an infringement on personal freedom and free competition to determine — through legislation—when people can or cannot buy or sell retail merchandise.

Still to be considered is a bill, HB 1642, which would regulate and control trading stamps companies in Oregon. Introduced by a single legislator, this bill actually would eliminate most, or all, merchants who offer trading stamps in this state. In addition to telling stamp companies how they may operate and with whom they must do business, the bill would also require them to pay a \$5000 annual license fee in EACH Oregon county where their stamps are offered.

The state board of pharmacy, in asking for introduction of HB 1500, seeks power to PROHIBIT sale of aspirin, headache remedies and common medicines to drug stores only.

We wonder if the public asked for these bills.

Another bill seeks to cure a 50 year old law which requires freight trains in Oregon to have three brakemen, even though most states either have no such requirement or else specify that two brakemen are adequate on today's modern railroads. Trains which can cross the nation, under present law, must add another brakeman when entering Oregon. Central issue is whether this is a matter for legislation, or negotiation. In most states—and in other industries—management and labor negotiate such matters. In supporting the bill (SB 275) the railroads point out that no presently employed brakeman will lose his job in Oregon if the legislation passes.

Although a federal law covering minimum wages applies to most Oregon workers, SB 64 proposed in the legislature would go even farther.

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