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The most unpopular taxation ever invented in this country is the so-called "luxury" tax which places discriminatory taxation on one industry to the exclusion of another. In most instances articles classed as luxuries are every day necessities and the tax simply adds to the cost of living.

Under the new wheat regulations all warehouse or elevator operators, brokers or commission merchants, wholesalers or jobbers in wheat or wheat flour, and all millers of wheat flour, and all bakers using more than 50 barrels of wheat flour per month, must secure license from the United States Wheat Director on or before July 15.

Good Farming Always Pays

This harvest season is a test of farming methods in Sherman county. With very few exceptions all wheat fields to the north of Nigger ridge, running across the county, will produce dandy crops. The Observer office has not heard of any poor wheat in that section of the county. To the south of Nigger ridge there are a number of excellent wheat fields, but these only go to prove that it is the farming methods employed and the personality of the operating farmer that give either a good crop or sometimes none at all.

We have noticed for some years that very few farmers from the south part of the county ever visit the Experiment farm or study the results from the work of the station. We know that those who have are the ones making money from farming lands in Sherman county and they are in part located in a section that for years produced little or no crops.

In these days of high prices for feed, labor and supplies it is folly to farm more land than can be economically handled. A half section of land farmed right, and at the proper season, kept free from weeds by proper cultivation of summer fallow will produce a right crop regardless of its location in the county. Not many years ago land around Moro was producing about one-half what it is now turning out to the acre, and

the same was true of the Monkland country. Now, this year, Dewey Thompson in the Monkland section is harvesting 11 sacks to the acre and a number of other farms will do as well.

This is the third successive year that Sherman county has started its harvest after a shortage of rain fall in the growing season, although the average for the crop year has been close to normal each season. This year our rainfall is normal for the crop year, but short an inch and a quarter since May 1. Yet, at Kent, the part of the county always hit by short crops, there are a number of farmers who will have above an average crop for this year. This goes to prove that personality, seasonal work and the right kind of farming will always produce results.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.

John Hastings, one of Sherman county's enterprising farmers, will always remember Sunday, July 13, 1919, with pleasure from the fact that it was his natal day and the event remembered by his neighbors, though for the time being forgotten by himself. Like the good citizen he is Mr. Hastings accompanied his family to church at Wasco that morning. Soon after their return home Will Deaton called at the house and one of his first inquiries was "How old are you John?" "Bless me," replied John, "I am 53 years old today, but had not before thought of it." Soon other friends and neighbors began arriving at the house singly and in bunches (for a time much to the astonishment of the family) in honor of the occasion, giving him one of the most pleasant surprises of his life.

Among those to offer him congratulations and wish him many returns of the day were Messrs. and Mesdames W. B. Currey, W. F. Johnson, Dr. Ghormley, Geo. Kaseburg, D. E. Maxwell, Grant Armsworthy, E. W. Hastings, C. E. Crites, C. M. Cunningham, Rev. J. O. Marsh, Mrs. M. Beers, Mrs. Cavano; the Misses Iris Mesinger, Norma Armsworthy, Florence Armsworthy, Dorothy Cavano, Dorothy Ghormley, Margaret Ghormley, Opal Duvall; Howard Cavano, Rex Kaseburg, George Kaseburg, jr., Billy Ghormley, Arlie Duvall, Louis Hastings, Will Deaton.

Church Announcements

Presbyterian—Moro. Sunday school, 10.30 a.m. Union services 8 p.m. Christian Endeavor 7.15 p.m. Bible study and devotional service Wednesday, 8 p.m. The members of this congregation are urged to attend the morning service at the Methodist church.

At Monkland Sunday school, 2 p.m. Elmer E. McVicker, Temporary Pastor.

Christian Science Society Services will be held in the church building on Main street at 11 o'clock. Subject—"Life."

Testimonial services are held Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Sunday school in room at rear entrance of church at 11 a.m. Pupils up to the age 20 are welcome to these classes.

The reading room at the rear entrance to the church building is open every Friday from 2 until 4 p.m., where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, bought or borrowed.

The public is cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

Proposed New Hotel

Two conference meetings of members of the Moro Chamber of Commerce have been held this week to decide on a line of action regarding the building of an hotel in Moro to replace the old Hotel Moro, burned July 4th.

At this time the only proposition being considered is a combination building where the old Blue Barn formerly stood. This location is now owned by several people identified with the Farmers State Bank and as that bank lost its business home in the fire, anything to be done with a new building at this location must necessarily also consider the bank.

The plans of the building under consideration call for a garage in the back lower portion facing First street; on the front facing Main street the bank will occupy the corner; next to the bank will come the office of the hotel, with dining room and kitchen in the rear of the office and bank; next to the hotel office will be a store 50x100 feet, and upstairs will be the hotel rooms, 26 in all, with possibly 30 as the maximum.

After taking out the rooms necessary for those operating and managing the hotel, providing rooms for the average number of regular boarders, there will in all probability be very few rooms for transient travel and such an hotel would always be patronized to capacity, but so far as a real utility for transients it would fall far short of what is needed now, without discounting the future. Another story would probably make the difference between profit and loss in the operation of the hotel part of the building.

A committee was appointed by the Chamber to consult with the Webb estate and with W. C. Rutledge for the purpose of buying that property and building an hotel on the old location, but Mr. Rutledge did not want to sell now. The owner of the Maxwell property is willing to sell 15 feet of his property if an hotel is built on the old location. The three pieces of property would make a holding 65x100 feet, nearly as large as the location where the Farmers State Bank will build, and would be an all hotel building.

Why all this talk about Bolshevism gaining a foothold in the United States? Why should not a bit of common sense be applied every day by every citizen—similar to this rule of the Boy Scouts—"do at least one good act each day." Do not merely talk about it, Apply the "golden rule" to everyday life. Bolshevism is based on ignorance, dissatisfaction, envy and greed, more than on poverty and hunger, although the latter do cause desperate acts. It cannot thrive in the open air and bright sunshine of "God's Country" if we all do our part.

Without including any Government owned automobiles or trucks or motor cycles, farm tractors, motor boats, or stationary gas engines used for pumping, lighting, hoisting, drilling, etc., of which in all there are perhaps a million or two, there were 5,945,442 automobile passenger cars and trucks registered in the United States December 1, 1918; one car to every 18 persons.

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