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EDITORIALS

THE TAX EXEMPT INCUBUS

Many communities, through their chambers of commerce and otherwise, have been very active in asking vast government appropriations for industrial projects in their midst. Some of the largest expenditures along these lines, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, have been for Federally-owned hydro-electric plants.

The construction of these plants demand the use of tax funds, and they automatically retard the normal building of taxable private power plants, while claiming for themselves total exemption from all local and Federal tax laws.

The United States Supreme Court has just handed down a decision to the effect that government-owned property is immune from taxation, whether the tax is directed against government itself or someone who leases the property. This includes government business activities competing with private taxpayers, as well as property used for strictly governmental purposes.

Eventually some of the government war plants will be transferred to private interests and returned to the tax rolls. But communities which clamored for permanent government-owned industrial projects such as hydro-electric plants and transmission lines, will find themselves loaded with tax-exempt "problems" which destroy tax-paying properties and force higher taxes on all remaining taxpayers.

It is a sorry sight to see the little business man paying every known form of taxation, meeting his payroll and carrying out his obligations to the community, when a great government-owned commercial monopoly shirks its public duty by dodging taxes.

Communities not yet saddled with such tax-exempt incubuses are to be congratulated.

IT LOOKS FISHY

A great many people were astonished by the proposal of the Secretary of the Interior to give the government's \$20,000,000,000 worth of war industries to the returning soldiers. Of course this would involve a gigantic government-controlled holding company.

Giving away industries "would be a revised edition of the Homestead Act and the land provisions of the Reclamation Law," said the Secretary, although he admitted that perhaps the first directors of the experiment would have to be appointed by the government.

It is hard to see any similarity between such a proposal and the homestead law under which a man got a piece of land of which he was absolutely owner, free from government interference or directors. The homesteader became an independent citizen owning a piece of property in fee simple, which he could dispose of as he wished, and for any price he wished.

All a returned service man would own in this proposed giant holding company, would be a paper stock certificate. The assets of the company would be made up of war industries, most of which could not be applied to peacetime pursuits without heavy reconversion investments. It is probable the service man would even be prohibited from selling his stock, in order to assure continued government monopoly and operation of the properties.

It looks like this proposal to "give" the service man something, is a blind to keep the government in business, using the service man as a tool to accomplish that end.

Put the Paper Puppet



South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

Dec. 29th 1943

We thought of you so much at Christmas and could almost picture you folks in Oregon. All gathering around your table at home. Mother, and hoped you had as nice a Christmas as we did. We followed the plan I mentioned in a previous letter—that is we invited some of the fellows from the men's staff house and some of the single girls from the girls' staff house, to Christmas dinner. The whole thing was a huge success and I believe they sincerely enjoyed themselves. A wife of one of the fellows had sent him some Campbell's soup and he insisted that I take the cans and use for our dinner which I did. He said he wanted to taste the soup and had no way of having it prepared where he lived and anyway he didn't want a Brazilian cook to prepare it for she wouldn't know how. I personally prepared the soup and we surely enjoyed it. We have no bread in the City of Manaus at present so Missy made hot biscuits for twelve hungry people and along with our turkey, Brazilian dressing (No Bread), mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, and your lovely Christmas Fruit Cake we had a very nice dinner. I used the table decorations which Babe had sent me and lighted the long red tapers. Also made a center piece from Pupunias, a small red fruit about as large as a very large marble, and also used sprays of a fern-like plant along with the Pupunias; then sprinkled the whole thing with flecks of tinsel. It looked very Christmassy and was lovely.

We tried in vain to find a jungle tree for the house but they just don't have any kind of a tree down here which can be used for a Christmas tree so in the end I placed a huge vase of palms on our very large buffet and draped it with tinsel. The balance of the buffet was covered with our many gifts and bright wrappings so it really looked nice. I placed dishes of the walnut meats around and also some hard candy which we were able to buy from the American commissary. Also filled the little nut cups at the plates with the walnut meats and they were surely gobbled up in a hurry. Pa did us a real favor when he sent those down for everyone is crazy about them.

(To be continued.)

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

I have been reading where somebody here and there is losing 100 dollars or 300 dollars every day or so—leaving it in an unlocked car or misplacing it somehow or other. As she looks to me, this is just another argument for a sales tax. If money is so plentiful that people can kick it around, then Uncle Sam just as well be getting his cut of it. That Old Boy certainly could use it.

Any time anybody is carrying 200 or 300 dollars around in his jeans, he is carrying too much. The safe place for that money is either in a bank or in a war bond, and if it is in a war bond, then the bond should be in the bank, too. And while we are on banks, you will go a long way before you will find any place where they have more alert employees, and where you get nicer treatment.

If you have a hundred dollar bond or a few 20 dollar bills under the mattress or in a fruit jar, you better take heed and go on down to the bank with them. No banker is paying me a nickel for writing this, but I think it is time somebody gave these boys a kind word, and a boost, so I do so.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

Mrs. Mande Davis was excused from jury duty as she had her two small grandchildren to care for.

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Many Drivers Ignore War-time Speed Rule

Less than ten percent of the motorists traveling the Pacific highway during the month of April held their speed under the 35 mile wartime speed limit, the safety division of the Oregon state department disclosed today.

Speed checks made by the state highway department disclosed eight percent of the drivers traveled 33 miles an hour or less. On the other hand, 85 percent traveled at 51 miles an hour or less.

For the first four months of this year, 85 percent of the drivers have traveled at or under 50 and 51 miles an hour each month.

Closer observance of the 35 miles wartime speed limit is more important now than ever, due to the fact that many vehicles are approaching the age at which mechanical defects may be expected to show up, the safety division declared.

While mechanical defects played a minor part in causing accidents during normal times, accident reports today show more and more accidents due to mechanical failure.

Lower speeds conserve vehicles, equipment and fuel, the safety division pointed out.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The W.R.C. Memorial services will be held Sunday at the Christian Church. The W.R.C. extended an invitation to all soldiers of foreign wars to join them.

The Civic club thanks Mr. John Perl for the benches he donated to the club, also for delivering the same to the city park.

Citizenship award given to Ernest Pinkham and Evelyn Stanley. The award is given annually to the outstanding senior boy or girl for services rendered during the year.

So What—Howard Waelty proudly showing his certificate for writing and looking quite crest-fallen when he discovered his name had been misspelt.

TEN YEARS AGO

The graduating class of the high school were entertained at the Tex home. Twenty five members were present. Prof. and Mrs. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Zobel, Mrs. Grieve, Dewey Hill and Bill Askwith, all of Prospect, were also present.

Miss Arlene Hay planned a surprise party on her second grade pupils on last day of school. She was to be assisted by Mrs. Ted Hill and

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber left for a trip to Alberta, Canada where they will visit Mrs. Faber's parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Miss Helen Lees and Eddie Martin took Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones, Miss May Jones and Marjorie and Stanley Jones to Crater Lake Sunday.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of

OLOF K. NELSON, also known as O. K. NELSON, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled court has fixed the 26th day of May, 1944, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the court room of said court, in the Court House at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Report and Account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof.

DATED and first published this 4th day of May, 1944.

GEORGE W. NEILSON
Administrator of the Estate of Olof K. Nelson, also known as O. K. Nelson, Deceased
26—May 4, 11, 18, 25.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.
FREDERICK CLARKE and RUTH J. CLARKE, Plaintiffs,

vs.
ALBERT H. DeWOLF, JANE DOE DeWOLF, UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON), LAWTON E. POWELL, C. V. WEDDLE, and also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, interest, lien or estate in or to the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO EACH AND ALL THEREOF:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit

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The North Half of the Northwest Quarter, and the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 in Township 35 South, of Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon;

and declaring any and all such claims to be null and void and decreeing that said plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of said premises, and the whole thereof, free and clear of any and all right, title, estate, lien or interest of the defendants herein, or any of them; and each and all of the defendants herein, and each and all persons claiming or to claim by, through or under them, or any of them, be forever enjoined, restrained and barred from asserting, attempting to establish or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to said property, or any portion thereof, and that plaintiffs' title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest, and such further and other relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

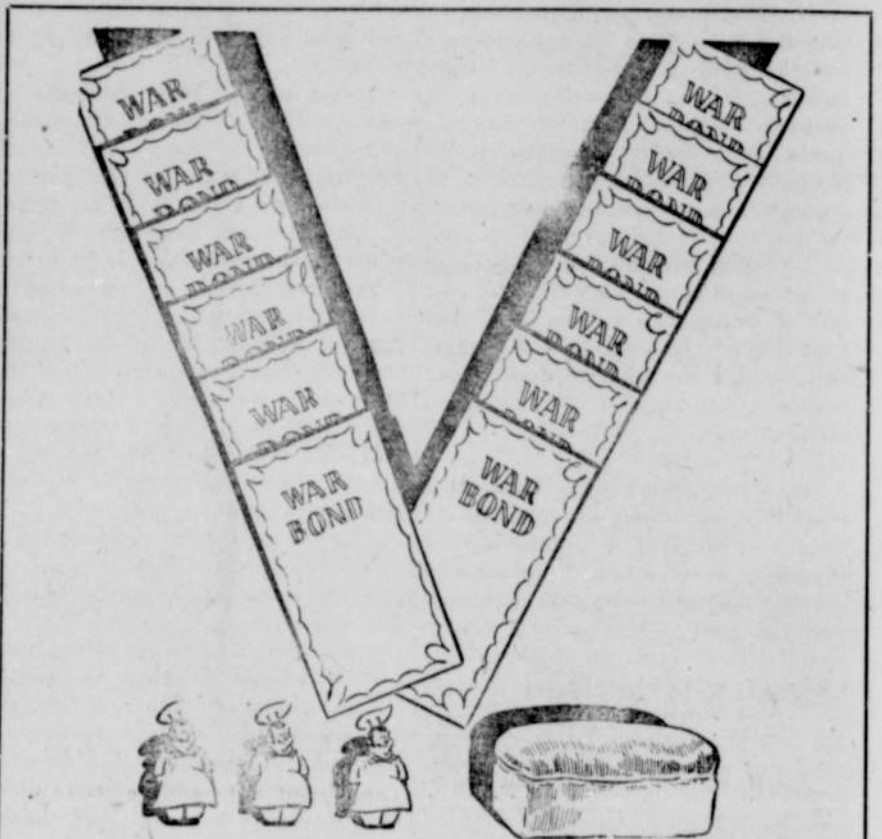
This summons is published by order of the Honorable H. K. HANNA, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered in said Court and cause on the 3rd day of May, 1944, prescribing that this summons be served by publication thereof once each week for four consecutive weeks in the American, a weekly newspaper published at Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon.

May 4th, 1944, is the date of the first publication of this summons.

F. P. FARRELL
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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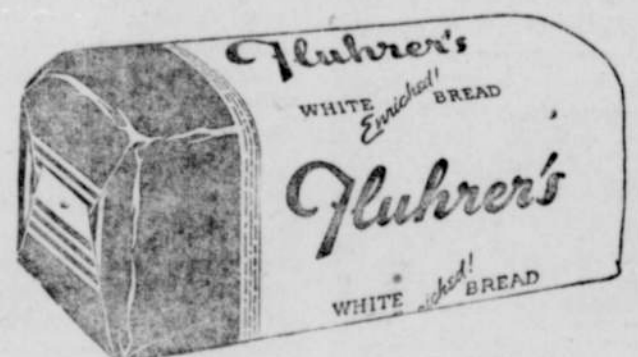
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