

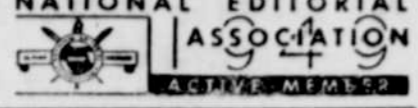
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## Precious Mother Earth

Americans have been long noted as one of the most wasteful of peoples. Perhaps it is because we enjoy a bounty of natural wealth that we can afford to be less conservation minded than others who must get full use from their resources.

Now we are coming more face to face than ever with a future prospect of greater demands on the productive strength of our land. The era of waste is standing out as a particularly dangerous habit for the days that await our future.

There are figures and statistics aplenty that tell of population bulges that are making even heavier strain on our agricultural facilities. And, at the same time, farm population and the amount of arable land is shrinking.

Soil conservationists have heeded the warning and have made great strides, in some instances, to save the wealth of topsoil by measures of approved farming. Flood control, in the matter of erosion, is an important step that is more and more recognized by farm planners.

When it is realized that virtually tons of priceless topsoil is washed from the land, there is some note made of depleted national strength. For, in the top soil, there is irreplaceable fertility which, once gone, can only be replaced by intensive fertilization and chemical treatment.

One might well be inclined to regard such dramatic rivers as the Mississippi as the chief robber of land strength. Surely, anyone who has noted this great waterway at spring time or who has seen its silt-heavy outpourings into the Gulf of Mexico has also been made aware of the land that has been washed away.

In our own Tualatin valley, however, there is a continuing loss of topsoil, not only by the river itself and its main tributaries. Eroded slopes with the tell-tale depth of topsoil collected at its base, tell of the loss.

Action is needed by all who benefit from the soil to work together in close cooperation to save the wealth of precious Mother Earth.

## Ever Hear of Economy?

Action by the city council of Portland, in passing the equivalent of an income tax on all wages and incomes within its boundaries, will prove more than a nuisance to residents of Tualatin valley who are employed in Big Town.

The levy of 1/2% to 1%, as specified in the language of the ordinance will apply only after an exemption qualification to be added to the law. So, after the first alarms, the inference is that the tax "tap" shouldn't annually exceed from \$2.50 to \$10 per average tax-paying wage earner.

The figure of \$2.50, for instance, can not be carelessly shrugged aside. It must be added to the already sizeable tithes demanded by state and federal income tax, the annual take for county government, and the other outright or hidden assessments previously established. And, from now on, the \$5 increase in auto license and added gas-tax will make even heavier the per capita contribution to "the American way".

It is an inescapable comment on the mathematical law of balance that a program of expenditures must be duplicated by income. This is so, whether by individual, corporation, municipality or state. Looking no further than this, therefore, we can but bow our heads to an inevitable and accept new tax demands with as much grace as is possible under the circumstance.

We well recognize, of course, that in an individual case, expenditure is trimmed to match income (within reasonable limits afforded by credit buying). With a city—and many other governments—it seems that its income is fashioned to permit increasing expenditures.

Where the individual must pare his expenses in order to keep somewhat solvent in line with established income, any level of government needs only reach out for more income without necessarily scrutinizing too carefully the expenditures which require it.

The Hoover commission study of federal expenses illustrates this trend in a national way. And some of the worthy charities, with their continuing appeal for funds, reflect the same disinterest in fitting expenditures to income—if the two-color stationery and decidedly expensive printing methods used to spread their messages is any indication of the entire administrative procedure.

In the city of Portland, with putting forward of this new tax measure to affect non-residents there employed as well as residents, it has been admitted that the approximate needs of the city are not known. By the same token, there is no sure indication of just how much will be netted by the new income tax. The way it looks from preliminary advice is that Madame Mayor and her council are affronted by the possibility of trimming expenses (essential services, they are dubbed). And by this new taxation schedule, plus their pious prayers of political prophecy, they hope to build up the municipal moneybags.

"Essential services" should not be denied—if they are essential. But will government—at all levels—ever hear of Economy? It might be worth exploring.

## Agriculturist Founder of Reedville Fostered Future

EXTENSIVE DAIRY AND STOCK ACTIVITIES MEANS NO NOTABLE PROFITS BUT ESTABLISHED PATTERN

### REEDVILLE, PART II

By Hervey S. Robinson (Continued from last week)

The activities of Simeon G. Reed were so many and varied that it is impossible, in a brief sketch like this one, to even make an exhaustive catalog of them. He is best known as one of the founders of Portland and a great captain of industry on the Pacific Slope. He owned railroads and mining enterprises, business blocks, hotels and dwelling houses, whole towns in fact.

He was a leading member of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company and a most successful financier. Everything he touched turned to gold. Although successful in the world of "big business" his true vocation was that of a farmer and live stock breeder.

His boyhood was spent on a New England farm where he acquired an interest in agriculture and a love of livestock that he never forgot. While promoting steamship lines, railroads and mines, he made large investments in farming lands in the Willamette valley and was a pioneer in the importation of pure bred horses, sheep and cattle and even poultry.

It has been said that a farmer is a man who makes his money on the farm and spends it in the city but an agriculturalist is one who makes his money in the city and spends it on the farm. From a profit standpoint S. G. Reed's stock-breeding activities and investments described in our preceding chapter were not fruitful but through his efforts Washington County and the Reedville vicinity became a center of the livestock and dairy industry.

The first dairy farm of consequence in the county was that of Ladd and Reed at Reedville established in 1871 with stock imported from England. The fine horses brought in 1874 to the Reedville farm made Washington county the cradle of the light harness horse of the Northwest for around thirty years. Its breeding farms sent forth youngsters to win fame on many tracks.

Simeon Reed was an agriculturist, rather than a farmer. He maintained a fine residence in Portland and seldom, if ever occupied the beautiful farm house which he purchased from Nathan Robinson a few years after coming to Oregon. It, however, was headquarters for the administration of the farm.

In his purchases of live stock in England in 1871 Mr. Reed had the advice and assistance of William Watson, a Scotchman, rated as one of the best and most experienced judges of stock in his day. Mr. Watson remained for a time as superintendent of the stock farm and presumably occupied the farm house.

When Watson left Thomas Withcombe succeeded him. Thomas Withcombe and a young son, James, had also accompanied the Reed consignment of livestock in 1871. James afterward distinguished himself as a leader in agricultural education in Oregon and in the last years of his life became the governor of the state.

Leslie M. Scott wrote of him: "The march of the new time is seen in the election (in 1914) of Oregon's new Governor—a scientific professor of soils and farm animals and withal a practical farmer—Dr. Withcombe, the farmer—Governor, knows the problem fully. His father, Thomas Withcombe, was a pioneer of the later settlement period of Washington County and there grew into the life of Oregon."

It is interesting to note that this distinguished man obtained his early experience in practical farming at Reedville farm. Geo. Gammie, another Scotsman, who had come with a later consignment of imported livestock, followed Thomas Withcombe as superintendent and William H. McEldowney had charge for six years. He used to exhibit blooded livestock at the State Fair and carried away many prizes for cattle, horses, sheep and hogs.

In 1876 George Thyng (the present generation spells it Thyng) came to Reedville, built a residence and opened a store, the first in that place. He also served as postmaster and station

agent. Here George Thyng, for over fifty years past a resident of Beaverton spent his childhood and youth and it was here under the wheels of an Oregon Central Railroad train that George Jr. met with an accident, by which he lost a leg.

An Oregon State Directory of 1881 describes Reedville as a "postoffice at S. G. Reed's farm, 12 miles west of Portland." "The only public building," says the writer, "is a school house where school is taught about six months of the year." There were about forty pupils in the school.

A Methodist preacher conducted services once a month in the school house.

L. B. Lindsay was at that time resident agent for S. G. Reed. A. A. Russell was section boss for the railroad which came in 1871 and George Thyng was postmaster.

In 1881 the village boasted a population of 15. In 1889 the population had increased to 20, with 50 school children in the district.

The Western Union Telegraph and the Wells Fargo and company Express had offices here. J. T. Leonard had a general store and post office and J. J. Morgan ran a warehouse. Two years later the post office was located in the railroad station with S. Buchanan, the station agent for postmaster, Leonard and Buchanan were still in their respective businesses and the population was 25. Land prices in the vicinity ranged from \$25 to \$200 an acre.

By 1903 Reedville had secured long distance telephone service and there had been a complete change in the business set up. James B. Imlay had come as station agent. Later he was made postmaster and served for a number of years. He built a warehouse and grist mill and established the grain and feed business which under the name of J. B. Imlay and Sons, survives to the present time.

J. Miller was dealing in general merchandise as were also G. W. Cooper and Sons but the latter firm had ceased business before 1905, leaving Miller alone in that field. Changes in the ownership of the general store were frequent.

P. S. Anderson and Son had it in 1907, F. S. Borwick in 1909, James E. Borwick 1911-1914. Allen G. Olinger was running it in 1915 and also had the post office. Under the name of Olinger Brothers the business was still going as late as the last Oregon Gazeteer, published in 1931.

Other general merchandise stores were opened from time to time. Gosner Bros. 1911-14, and possibly others. Our data is incomplete, but they did not remain long. Most of the time there was only one general store at Reedville. A Presbyterian church was built about 1911 and by that time Reedville had a population of about 100.

We will conclude our sketch with the description of Reedville as given in Polk's Gazeteer in 1931, eighteen years ago. The population was then 105 and Olinger Brothers had the general store. Five dairies were operating here. J. W. Churchley, O. Gustafson, P. A. Kelley, H. Hagg and the Reedville Dairy company, Willoughby Churchley was postmaster.

A. S. Becker was engaged in fruit growing and H. T. Bruce was a nut grower. Hoeffel and Sons and P. T. Smith were poultry breeders. James B. Imlay was in the grain and feed business.

Three contractors were located here: Frank Fowells, Walter Hickenlooper and W. Warren. There were two garages. W. M. Snipes and L. R. Gott. The latter also ran a blacksmith shop. Theo. Nault had a carpenter shop and A. M. Jensen was a well digger.

At present Reedville has a population of about 250. With the growth of Aloha, two miles to the east, Reedville has declined as a trading center but remains an important center of dairy, poultry, fruit and nut production.

(Continued next week)

### KINDNESS GROWS

They who scatter with one hand, gather with two not always in coin, but in kind. Nothing multiplies so much as kindness. —John Wray.

## County Drive Set On Savings Bonds May 16 - June 30

Another savings bond drive will be conducted by the Treasury department from May 16 to June 30, according to William C. Christensen, Washington county savings bond chairman. The drive is to be known as the Opportunity Bond Drive.

Christensen has set up a county committee at the request of the state director of the U. S. savings bond division with local men as the head of various activities. Named on the committee are: W. Verne McKinney, advertising and publicity; Henry R. Johnson agriculture; J. L. Searcy, banking and investment; H. L. MacKenzie, community activities; Henry Young, payroll savings, and Austin Scraftford, schools.

A dinner meeting of the committee will be held just prior to the drive. George Mimnaugh, Portland, state director and E. C. Sammons, Portland, state chairman, are expected to be present. Two bankers from each of the county banks will also be invited.

## Sold To Die

GALILEE—Year 31 — Along with the twelve called to be His disciples, Jesus chose Judas to betray Him to His death—for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave. Matthias, named later to take Judas' place, makes twelve Apostles to witness to His resurrection.

Going about with Jesus, the disciples saw Him create new eyes for the blind and raise the dead and show God's compassion for the weary and worn and sad. Then He was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He rose from the dead to ascend back to glory. From there He sent the Holy Spirit to give new birth to all who possess Him as dying for their hearts. Possess Him down in your heart as dying for all your sins. POSSESS, not just profess. At that God gives you new birth into eternal life. Now grow up—eat the Bible and live by prayer.

"Each Monday on company time, we have a simple service with all our people together. Songs, Scripture reading but primarily to thank God for his guidance and help and to ask for his continued leadership." —VIRGIE L. FISHER, Pres. and owner, Lee Phone Co., Martinsville, Va.

*Stan Taylor*  
S. W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Oregon. This space paid for by a Seattle family.

## Manager Expects Spring Disposal Of 1948 Walnuts

John E. Trunk, general manager of Northwest Nut Growers, returned recently from Chicago, where he set in motion a special spring walnut sales drive expected to dispose of the major part of remaining stocks of 1948 Oregon and Washington walnut crops.

Representatives of Northwest Nut Growers who will carry on the drive by visiting nearly every important walnut market East of the Rockies in the next few

weeks are R. L. Melden, sales manager, W. K. Gast, advertising and promotion manager, A. R. Mars, mid-west representative and Frank L. Sullivan, regular Atlantic representative.

Prior to launching the walnut campaign, Trunk and his associates set up a special Northwest Nut Growers display booth at the National Food Brokers Convention held in Chicago the week of March 21st. The complete line of filberts and walnuts packed by Northwest Nut Growers, shell and in-shell, in many types and sizes of package, were on exhibit.

Trunk estimated that 2,000 brokers, food processors, packers and shippers attended the convention.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### How We Liked The Parking Problem



For a while it looked like we'd have to put up parking meters. Folks working in town—including some of the store owners—were taking up all of the space along Main Street.

Farmers coming in to shop never found a place to park, and sometimes had to lug stuff a half mile or so. Some started to do their buying in other towns. Finally, store owners and farmers had a get-together—with the result that the empty field near the depot was fixed up for all-day parkers.

Now farmers get their shopping done comfortably, and the merchants have a better place to park than they had before. Just took a little friendly co-operation to make everybody happy.

From where I sit, most differences can be ironed out by just talking things over—maybe with a cup of coffee or glass of beer—and seeing the other person's side of it. Next time you have a problem or a little difference to settle, why not try just that?

*Joe Marsh*

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