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## Fairs, Horses and Dogs

With our fair a main point of interest to a good many residents of this area at the present time we are going to take a look at a highly controversial measure to appear on the Oregon ballot this November that has more than a minor connection with our Morrow county shows—the bill to prohibit pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog races in Oregon.

To some there may seem to be no connection, but actually there is a very decided tieup, for a goodly share of the finances that make possible our fair and the North Morrow county fair at Boardman, and many others like it come from revenue derived from the state "take" or tax on this betting. Morrow county this year will receive somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,500 from this source which is divided between the two fairs.

Could the fairs continue to operate without this money? We rather doubt it, and if they did it is a certainty that there would have to be a considerable amount of corner cutting and many events and classifications would be dropped to make ends meet, for a fair in itself, is no great source of admission revenue as most keep their admittance prices low to attract as many persons as possible.

As to the argument of the opponents of pari-mutuel betting that gambling in any form is contrary to the best interests of the people, we hardly can doubt. However, the American people have always been a race of gamblers, and seemingly it will take much more than just mere laws to change that tendency. It can be said that the temptation should be removed, but we find it hard to

believe that that would help much. We have always been an ingenious people when it comes to finding new ways to entertain ourselves, especially in this matter of making bets.

It has been said, and we believe it true, that if Oregon does outlaw pari-mutuel betting, the tracks will move across the river, (referring to Portland) to Vancouver, Washington and the betting will go on as usual the only difference being that Oregon's treasury will be deprived of tax funds from this source while Washington's will get the benefit. There is betting on horse races in other sections of the state too, mainly at county fairs, though, and these only on a very small scale and for a quite limited run of three or four days a year.

That gambling in any form is not wise, we do not argue, but in this case we fail to see where there is much to be gained by outlawing what we consider is now a well controlled plan with the state watching every move made by the operators of the tracks. It has been said that gambling, even legalized, draws gangsters and racketeers, and if Oregon's few tracks were under the control of such elements, that would be a different story—we can find no evidence that they are, however. It is our belief that probably one of the best ways to prevent such infiltration by the racketeers is to have our tracks rigidly controlled by the state, as they are now, even though the ownership remains in private hands.

To sum it up, we doubt that Oregon has anything to gain by banning dog and horse races. If pari-mutuel betting is voted out, we believe many fairs and like events around the state will be forced to suspend, unless the people vote a special tax levy for their continued support. Such a likelihood, we can't foresee.



**OREGONIANS ARE THRIFTY**  
The people of this state must have a weather eye cocked for the proverbial rainy day. Nobody can prove it's a bad idea.

A healthy economic condition is verified by the steady increase of new saving accounts and the increase of the average amount carried.

This is one place where the people are ahead of their government that is not stashing away for the day when jobs may not be so plentiful nor wages so high. When those days come there will be less income tax money to offset property taxes.

Economists of the Congress of Industrial Organizations are saying that despite defense production the supply of consumer goods and services by the end of 1953 will reach the unprecedented annual peak of \$1,8795 worth for each person in the nation.

**OREGONIANS EARN MORE**  
An indication that income tax returns for 1952 will exceed the previous year is seen in the heavy withholdings from employees for the last half of the 1951-52 fiscal year which showed a gain of 10.7 per cent when compared to the last half of the 1950-51 fiscal year, the state tax commission reported this week.

Tax commissioners attribute the increase to the many additional personal income tax returns and the commission's collection department.

Personal income tax returns increased from \$35,945,614 in 1950-51 to \$42,849,000 in 1951-52. More withholding tax revenues are expected during the current fiscal year, as federal employees in Oregon will be subject to withholding tax. These withholdings will start after January 1, under an agreement now being correlated by Ray Smith, in charge of the state income tax division, and federal officials.

**OREGON EDUCATES VOTERS**  
Maybe the state needs an advertising solicitor.

When the Voters' Pamphlet was authorized by the legislature it was designed to pay its way with ads from candidates and statements from opponents or opponents of measures on the ballot.

It will cost \$95,000 to publish and mail the November election pamphlet. This is \$30,000 more than estimated receipts, and printing and postage cost more than they did in 1950.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has asked the emergency board for the extra expenses, to be taken from the governor's emergency fund or that the cost of issuing the pamphlet be carried in to the next calendar year when the legislature could make an additional appropriation.

**OREGONIANS SAY 'PAY'**  
Oregon is a tough spot for alimony dodgers. Attorney General George Neuner has just ruled that husbands cannot escape alimony payments by moving from another state to Oregon. Neuner explains that the reci-

procal enforcement of the support act passed by the last legislature provides that Oregon will accept the alimony decrees of other states without the necessity of filing a separate claim in Oregon.

**OREGON KIDS GIVE MOST**  
Oregon school children gave more money to the 1952 March of Dimes than any other children in the nation.

The average was 25 cents apiece. Altogether they gave \$42,000, the best per capita showing of any state. Dr. E. T. Hedlund, state chairman for March of Dimes, reported to Governor Douglas McKay this week.

**OREGONIANS LIVE LONGER**  
Life expectancy in Oregon is higher than the national average of 67.2 years, according to the department of vital statistics of the Oregon State Health Board.

Women can look forward to 69.3 years from birth, while men trail with 65 years.

The National Office of Vital Statistics recently reported that last year's marriage rate dropped to its lowest point since 1938 and the divorce rate to the lowest point since 1941.

Oregon marriages dropped slightly to 10,446 last year compared to 11,300 in 1950, while divorces gained slightly to 6,135 last year as compared to 5,943 in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruggles had as their guests last week, her mother Mrs. Cauthers of Moro and Mrs. Cauthers' sister of California. Mrs. Neal Knighten and daughter LaDelle of Kennewick, Washington are visiting this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Nell.

## TO DEFEND OUR FREEDOM



From The  
**County Agent's Office**  
By N. C. Anderson

Many of our farmers in the North edge of the wheat area have been asking questions about Requa wheat. This variety has been grown by a number of farmers during the past few years with apparently good results. In trials at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro it averaged 36 bushels per acre, compared to Elgin at 44 bushels, Rex at 38 bu. and Orford at 38.7 bu. It is slightly earlier maturing than Elgin or Elmar, but not as early as Rex. It is 6 to 8 inches taller than Elmar, slightly taller than Rex. It is very weak strawed, which with its tall growing habits make it very susceptible to lodging, especially in higher rainfall areas. Requa, being a cross of Forty-Fold and Turkey, has the loose chaff of Golden which with the Turkey beard causes considerable shattering. It is susceptible to 9 more races of smut than Hy-mar, Elmar or Rex in addition to being susceptible to the same races of these varieties. The varietal-smut survey in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in 1950 showed that of 1,351,599 bushels of Requa, 11.5% of them were smutty.

While there appears to be many disadvantages to this variety, it is still one of the recommended varieties for the Horse Heaven, Rattlesnake and Bickleton areas of Washington. These areas compare with our far North Morrow wheat area. It has been reported as a relatively higher yielder in most years where grown in Washington.

Monday, August 25, was "threshing day" at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro. Participating in the "bee" were county agents from all Columbia Basin counties. The occasion was the annual computation of fertilizer trial plots and wheat variety nursery yields. Representative samples from plots and nurseries were gathered in July. Monday threshing was completed, grain cleared, test weights taken and yields computed. This year, additional data was collected on increased stubble by use of fertilizers, as well

as grain yield. While detailed computations are not finished on wheat nurseries, the fertilizer plot yields for Morrow county are ready for release. Highest yield was received on the plot treated with 16 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre, which was supplied in the form of Ammonium Nitrate. The yield was 30.2 bushels per acre compared with a yield of 25.5 bushels for the check plot. Straw weight was 1184 pounds per acre compared with 1019 pounds on the check plot.

The addition of these 16 pounds of N to the 38 pounds of N in the soil at the time of the application while somewhat lower than usually recommended, was evidently sufficient for the best yield on a year as we had this growing season.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
J. Palmer Sorlien, D. D. Minister  
Sunday August 21.  
Morning Worship and Sermon at 11 a. m.  
Sunday Church School at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Oliver Creswick, Superintendent.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Boyer will be with us for the morning service on this Sunday. After the morning service we will have a pot luck dinner at the church. This will give all who wish an opportunity to visit with the Boyers.

Suzanna Wesley Circle of the Womens Society of Christian Service meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p. m. The Womens Society of Christian Service will meet at the Ted Smith home Tuesday August 2 at 8 p. m. Mrs. Ted Smith and Mrs. Lincoln Nash will be the Hostesses.

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Coronation of the Queen

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