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They're Your Dimes

"A good thing to remember," says the Abilene, Kansas, Daily Reflector, "in these days of all kinds of 'federal aids' is that the federal government hasn't got a dime that it doesn't take away from the people, so it can't give anything to a school system, building program, county welfare, flood control, crop surpluses or anything else, without first having taken it away from the people."

In this gigantic federal process of taking and giving, a large chunk of the local taxpayer's dollar goes to support the bureaucracy which provides "give away" services that in most cases could be better handled locally in the first place. Moreover, the money that is taken from the people

and returned in part under the guise of "federal aid" is to a large extent extracted from the taxpayers indirectly. The next time you hear the political cry for a higher tax on a business or an industry, you should remember that the latter are like government too, in one respect. They have no money except what they take from consumers in payment for products or services. Their profits are either regulated by law or by competition. When additional taxes are levied against them they are forced to become collection agencies for government. The taxes are passed along to their customers.

The old saying that you can't get something for nothing is still true, even though many of us act like we don't believe it. (Industrial News Review)

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

One of the greatest honors that could be earned by any 4-H club member came to our own Patsy Wright this past week while attending national 4-H club camp in Washington, D. C. We have known all along that Patsy was an outstanding young lady in 4-H, school and any activity in which she participated. The honor of having been selected to represent the nation's 4-H girls on the Firestone television and radio hour in late July affirmed our convictions that she and an Iowa boy were selected as outstanding members for this great honor—only two in the nation.

The marketing committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, this week agreed to mail to all Morrow county livestock men a market listing card in an effort to get all cattle sales listings to facilitate a marketing program. The committee had earlier planned to contact personally all livestock men but due to the busy season they agreed to obtain the listing by mail. A number of inquiries have been received from out of state buyers for calves at weaning time. With the slow backward market for calves in the fall of 1955, the committee feels that there will be more in-

terest in this service from livestock men. When listings are received, with a deadline of July 15, a complete list of cattle offered for sale will be published and made available to prospective buyers. This listing service has worked so well in other counties in eastern Oregon that the marketing committee is sure that it can be made to work here. Livestock growers are urged to get their listings in by return mail.

Things are shaping up well for a big show this fall for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo which will be held August 29, 30, 31, September 1 and 2. The premium list is being printed and will be in the hands of all farm and towns people in very early July. The fair board and rodeo committee met early this week to plan administration for the best fair and rodeo yet.

Exhibit space will be increased this year with the use of the dance hall end of the pavilion, so exhibits should not be crowded. A number of new classes have been added to the premium list. A special effort will be made to get more farm crops, hay and grass exhibits at this year's show. Farmers should keep in mind a selection of hay now and grain

when harvest begins.

A schedule of stops for the annual Boardman soil conservation district sponsored tour was worked out Monday afternoon. Plans now are for holding the tour on Saturday July 7. Stops will be made at the Maxwell Jones farm, Irrigon, to see newly leveled land seeded to range and vernal alfalfa, comparing these two varieties. The tour will concentrate on weed control practices, with a stop at the Glen Aldrich farm, Irrigon, to see soil sterilants in a weed control demonstration in an irrigation ditch there. Stops in Boardman will be made to see roadside weed control work in cattails, quackgrass, and other troublesome weeds using Karmex and Dalapon. A complete schedule of stops will be outlined in this column next week.

Considerable interest has been shown this week by farmers in claiming refunds of federal tax on gasoline and special fuels used on farms. The forms for claiming this refund are now available at our office with complete instructions for their use.

Farmers who would like to have an application in for Omar and Columbia, the two new wheat varieties to be distributed this fall, are reminded that applications will close June 30. The allocation committee will distribute these varieties from applications in the office in early July so that those who have made applications will know what to expect before harvest time.

Applications for Columbia and Omar seed wheat are still being accepted in this office. The increase of the original seed allocated to Morrow county growers last year will be distributed from these applications after June 30. If you cannot call at the office for an application blank, drop us a letter and we will mail one to you.

A supply of refund claim forms and instructions for claiming federal taxes on gasoline and special fuels used on farms has just been received at this office. According to the Internal Revenue Service, arrangements have been made for County Agents to distribute these necessary claim forms. Refunds on such fuel was made possible under provisions of public law No. 466, approved this spring. The relief in the case of gasoline tax is accomplished by providing annual refunds payable by the federal government directly to the farmer. The first claims to be filed will be with respect to gasoline purchased after December 31, 1955 and used on a farm for farming purposes before July 1, 1956. These claims must be filed on or before September 20, 1956.

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From Files of the Gazette Times June 24, 1926

Walter Moore, cashier of the First National Bank, Earl Hallock, assistant cashier of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank, Cleve Van-Scholack, Roger Morse, county agent, of Heppner and Victor Peterson, cashier of the Bank of Ione, were Morrow county representatives at the state bankers association meeting at Moro yesterday.

Garnet Barratt departed Wednesday for Baker where he will make arrangements for the care of the W. B. Barratt and Son sheep on the government reserve for the summer.

Charley Swindig and family returned home on Thursday evening from their trip to the Southwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Phill Cohn and Miss Eleanor Cohn, who have been spending several days of this week with the family of Harold Cohn in this city, departed for their home in Portland on Wednesday morning.

Leonard Schwarz has gone to Pendleton where he has accepted a position in a meat market for the summer.

Subsequent claims will cover the fiscal year period, July 1, to June 30. Further information, with the claim forms, is available at this office.

Governor Elmo Smith has proclaimed the week of June 17-23 as "Oregon Strawberry Shortcake Week". This week was set up since Oregon is a leader in the production of fine strawberries which are ripening now. Strawberry growers claim that you will never taste a better shortcake than one made this week using Oregon's fine flavored berries. Several Oregon organizations are joining in promoting the use of our strawberries. They are the Oregon Wheat Commission, Oregon Dairy Products Commission, Oregon-Washington Strawberry Council, Oregon Bakers Association, United Groceries, Safeway Stores, Oregon Food Merchants Association and the Oregon Restaurant Association. They suggest that everyone eat more Oregon Strawberries, talk about Oregon Strawberries, promote the use of Oregon strawberries as a part of this twelve million dollar Oregon industry.

Columbia and Union counties are the most recent counties to be established as Bangs testing areas, in an attempt to become modified Bangs free. Wheeler,



NEW MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

On July 1, 1956, fifty-one years of supervision of the motor vehicle division by Oregon's secretaries of state will come to an end, and the state's first motor vehicle department, headed by a director appointed by the governor, will come into being.

Automobiles were first registered in Oregon on May 19, 1905, by the secretary of state, who had been assigned this new duty by the legislature. On the first day 32 "horseless carriages" were registered without charge. The first registration fees were collected in 1907 when a non-recurring charge of \$3.00 was made. From the 32 automobiles registered on May 19, 1905, the number of motor vehicles in Oregon has grown to more than 800,000. The few hundreds of dollars of fees collected in the biennium beginning in 1907 has grown to more than \$25 million for the current biennium.

Grant, Gilliam, Hood River, Malheur and Harney Counties are now circulating petitions which will make it possible for them to join in a compulsory Brucellosis eradication program. Morrow County led the way as the first range beef county in Oregon to become a compulsory test area and as modified, certified free.

Morrow County friends of E. R. Jackman, long time Range Crop Specialist from Oregon State College are happy to hear of his award of the United States Department of Agriculture, Superior Service Award for 1956. Mr. Jackman is a frequent visitor to Morrow County and has given valuable assistance to the range and forage crop producers here.

Farmers are reminded of the annual field day of the Pendleton Branch Experiment Station which will be held this year on Monday, July 2. This early announcement is being made in order that farmers might plan to hold that day free. The Tour will start at the Lester King Pilot farm at 9:30 a. m. That farm, as well as the Hill ranch pilot farm will be studied during the morning. The afternoon program will center on work being done at the Experiment Station at Pendleton.

AMALGAM FEVER

Attempts to move the motor vehicle division, which now employs about 500 workers, from the secretary of state to the governor began during the terms of Secretaries of State Earl Snell and Robert Farrell. At that time the proposed change did not get past the talking stage.

Early in the first term of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry the legislature made determined attempts to order the move, but opposition organized by Assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy defeated the proposed change.

NEWBRY A TARGET

Early sponsorship of the proposal to move the division to the governor were based entirely on grounds that the secretary of state was taking advantage of the opportunity to publicize his name. In both the 1951 and 1953 sessions bills were introduced forbidding the secretary of state to place his name on the many documents and papers issued by the motor vehicle division. Senator Richard Neuberger was usually in the forefront of the maneuvering, but senators of both parties gave his bills support.

It was Healy again, who organized opposition to those bills and twice Neuberger's attempt to bury the name of Newbry failed by a single vote. In numerous appearances before the highway committees of both Houses, Healy claimed the attempts were politically inspired and would unnecessarily hamper proper administrative functioning of the office. An interim committee created by the 1953 session to study state government re-organization found Healy cooperative when it was made clear that greater efficiency and economy were the goals—not a concern with the publicity received by any particular elective officer. It was his suggestion that caused the committee to include the financial responsibility division and motor vehicle fuel tax division in the recommendation to move the motor vehicle division. The recommendation of the committee was adopted by the 1955 session of the legislature with the only potent opposition from the Democrats of both houses.

Governor Elmo Smith announced the appointment of Warne Nunn as the first director of the new department. As the appointment was made only a short time before the primary election its importance was somewhat lost in politics. Nunn's service to the state has been in the Civil Service Commission and as Assistant Public Utilities Commissioner.

LOOSE COGS JARRED

The transfer will affect almost 500 employees in the present motor vehicle registration and title, driver license, and traffic safety divisions, 47 in the financial responsibility division, and 14 in the fuels tax division.

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