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LET'S FACE IT - GROW OR SIT!

During the past week both the Oregonian and the East Oregonian, and possibly other newspapers, have seen fit to criticize our six-county planning organization for the stand the members took last week to hold up further work until the state tax commission and the Wasco county assessor and board of equalization have settled their disagreement over the amount of taxes Harvey Aluminum Company at The Dalles will pay. We think they have ample reason to take the stand they have taken.

The chairman of the group, Morrow county's judge Oscar Peterson stated last week that the group hasn't thrown out all ideas of future work, but that the members felt until the basic question of how much property tax an industry must pay, if it locates in Oregon, is settled, there isn't much sense in spending taxpayer's money to get it. If that industry is going to have to fight, through the courts, for its right to do business on an equal basis with industry in other states.

Just exactly how that equality can be determined, we know is quite a problem, with such a wide variance as there is in every state's taxing program, but when two tax-levying bodies can get as far apart as are the state and Wasco county (\$42,000,000 and \$23,000,000) there must be something radically wrong with the entire taxing setup in Oregon. Which one will eventually be proven right, we don't know... but, we do know one thing, that the question had better be settled mighty soon, if we expect to gain much from our efforts to attract industry to Oregon.

Regardless of the outcome of this particular fight, Oregon as a whole has probably been deprived of at least a whole year's benefit of industrial development just because it happened.

Why? If you were the person responsible for naming the location for an industrial expansion program, would you pick a place where you didn't know whether your property taxes would be (for example) \$300,000 or \$600,000 a year? I know I wouldn't, if I had such a job, and I doubt that many other persons would either.

The point we want to make is, that regardless of the outcome of the Harvey question, any

business or industry that is considering coming to Oregon, should be able to determine, with reasonable assurance, before it ever buys a square foot of ground or drives a nail, basically what its property tax will be for a given investment. If it can't arrive at such a figure, it will probably decide to go someplace where it can, because taxes are a major item of fixed overhead that must be considered in any business.

How any industry could establish such a tax figure under the present taxing "environment" in Oregon we don't know. But, we are pretty sure of one thing—if we expect to gain industrial growth in our state, we had better see to it that any prospective industry won't have to fight through the courts for its tax base. If it is going to be \$23,000,000, or \$42,000,000, as in Harvey's case, that company is entitled to know which figure will be taken before it ever makes up its mind to settle anywhere.

If the final decision is that Harvey will pay on \$23,000,000 valuation we probably will have some more Harveys in Oregon. If it is determined that it will be \$42,000,000 (and that figure proves to be out of line with what would be charged in other states) we might as well forget about our hopes for much development on the Boardman Bombing Range.

If the "tax climate" of our state isn't favorable to industry and business, we can't expect to get much industry and business, and we will remain a state where land values, and agriculture, will have to bear the tax load. If we can put a million dollar plant on a thousand dollar piece of property, then our tax pattern will change—but not before.

Maybe our planning commission took a bold step, but it was one that is needed. If its action can help bring this problem to a head—and quickly—it will have served a big purpose, even if it were to never accomplish anything else.

We don't think our planning commission members "goofed". They just took a stand that will bring this whole question out into the open where it belongs. They'll go back to work when the air is cleared and they can accomplish something with their efforts.

a third chosen by these two.

We are somewhat surprised at your statement that a temperature of 109 degrees is too hot for a Heppnerite. Our impression has always been that Heppnerites have the strength and vigor to withstand most anything. But we are glad that our warm breezes have stirred up something up your way.

However, the "hot air" mentioned in our last letter was more or less ascribed to the exchanges we have been having, also to a certain bombastic politician many years ago. A certain publication

accused him of emitting a lot of hot air which it defined as a "learned scientific term which connotes a superexuberance of asseverative volubility, accompanied by concomitant irresponsibility of deductive ratiocination."

Hoping these exchanges will help bring an end to this hot, hot weather, and with all good wishes.

Yours very truly,
L C Buchner
Chairman, Arlington C of C
Committee on Thermometers
Approved:

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the
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August 14, 1930

J G Thomson and Jas Thomson, Jr left on Tuesday for the fishing grounds of south central Oregon, expecting to spend several days.

B G Sigsbee closed a deal the first of the week for the Vic Groshens lot on East May street and is getting ready to install on the property a miniature golf course.

Henry Smouse, chairman of the Morrow County Wheat growers, Louis Bergevin, Laxton McMurray and Charley Hudson of Ione and C C Hutchcroft and George Kitching of Morgan, attended the meeting of the wheat growers held Saturday in Pendleton.

Miss Gwen Evans of Lexington left Monday noon for Herminston where she will visit Miss Alice Dyer.

Leslie E Grant, President, Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Probably by the time your readers see the above, if you choose to print it, the writer will be many, many miles away or at least on his way, to the northern most tip of Maine with his wife to see her folks. I'm NOT running away, it just happens we want to attend their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on August 15th.

(Editor's note—We were hoping that in due time we could get to the bottom of this argument, and the above letter brings us considerable pleasure. The writer finally ADMITS that there is a thermometer in Arlington that reads 123 degrees on occasion—that is the point we've been trying to make all along.

Inasmuch as you have admitted the existence of such a thermometer we respectfully decline your offer for further investigation feeling that it would be pointless.

We too, hope that this discussion may bring an end to this hot weather, but so far it hasn't worked very well.

Not that we question your statement that you are leaving for Maine to attend a wedding anniversary, but we wonder if maybe it just didn't get too hot for you down there.)

LEXINGTON

Mr and Mrs Bob Kilkenny and family are spending their vacation in British Columbia.

Mr and Mrs O W Cutsforth are spending the week in Fresno, California.

County Agent's News

By H C ANDERSON

Now is the time to file 2240 claims for refund of federal tax on gasoline used on a farm. Deadline for filing is September 30, 1960. You must file for a refund in order to receive one. The rate is 3 cents per gallon of gasoline purchased before October 1, 1959 and 4 cents on that purchased after October 1, 1959 and used before July 1, 1960. It takes but a few minutes to complete this form. If you have mislaid one received from the Internal Revenue Service or if this is your first filing, you can pick up a form 2240 at this office.

While a few of our farm flock sheep owners are breeding ewes now for early lambing many who breed later still have time to "flush" ewes before the breeding season. Ewes gaining in condition at breeding time will generally produce a more uniform lamb crop and many people agree that they get more twins if this is the case. Flushing may be brought about by putting ewes on the best pasture available at this time. If good pasture is not available, use 3/4 to 1 pound of grain per day to get them in condition.

With a few of our small farm flock ewes in over-fat condition this can result in slow breeding with lambs strung out over a long period of time and in some cases, a high percentage of ewes that do not breed at all. While it is a bit late to be bringing these ewes down into good breeding condition it may be necessary even though ewes will lamb later. Many sheep breeders put these ewes on a dry pasture or in a lot feeding them only maintenance rations. After their weight has been brought down they are turned out on good pasture or fed grain so that they begin to gain condition and settle with lamb at once.

It is also important that special care be given to the ram at breeding time. This is especially true at this time of the year as rams are affected more than any other farm animal by heat as it relates to fertility. One of the things the sheep man can do to help fertility of a ram is to shear him prior to breeding season. If it is not possible to shear the ram, at least the belly should be sheared as well as the

scrotum. Night breeding is another method of getting more efficiency from your rams. The rams should be separated from ewes during the day and given (Continued on Page 5)

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TO THE EDITOR...

Mr Robert Penland, Editor and Publisher
Heppner Gazette-Times
Heppner, Oregon

Dear Bob:
We very much appreciate your finally conceding, although maybe a little reluctantly, that our official temperature on a certain Sunday last month was 109 degrees. (ONLY, you say!). But apparently the reading of 123 degrees on ONE certain thermometer made better news.

Now for your information and any others who might be interested, a little investigation reveals that there is one certain thermometer on the north side of a certain local service station (and NOT in the shade, there is no thermometer on any service station in this town so located) that consistently registers at least 14 degrees higher when the late afternoon sun shines on it, i. e., from about 4:00 P M on, than another certain thermometer on the east side of the same masonry building. Also that these thermometers register the same temperature prior to the above time. The owner of the service station and his employees have fun, although somewhat questionable, I'll admit, inviting the attention of some of their customers to the one certain thermometer in the sun, listening to their exclamations, then directing them to the other thermometer. But some refuse to be directed or maybe they can't see straight by that time.

We cordially invite you or your representative to make your own investigation of the two thermometers in the company of a local resident we will choose and

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