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The Weather: U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.

In the Day's News

"can't decide the outcome of war" (he may be reassuring his own people, who could be getting skittish with atom bomb fear).

HE thinks Germany should govern itself under allied control, but adds that he is not confident in the light of the recent elections there that Germany is "developing along democratic lines."

Stalin's answers are interesting. On the whole, they are ENCOURAGING.

UP in Tacoma, Henry Wallace cuts loose with a denunciation of "pseudo liberals" in both parties.

NO word in our political language is more abused than "liberal." A true liberal is anybody who believes INTELLIGENTLY in the basic rights of human beings to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

WHILE we're at it, let's add another definition: "An intelligent, honest conservative is one who refuses to believe that two plus two can be made to equal FIVE by the simple process of passing a law."

ONE of the great weaknesses of our political system lies in the fact that too many of us believe too many things that AREN'T SO.

WHAT is a FACT? Well, 2 + 2 = 4 is a fact. The sun gives light is another fact.

Boxing Bout Is Fatal to Negro: PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Boxing today recorded its 10th ring fatality of the year with the death of Robert (Bobby) Burton, 24-year-old Pittsburgh Negro father of two children who, a friend said, was seeking a little extra money while on a two-week leave from his shipyard job.

Frank A. Davis Funeral Is Held at Riddle: Funeral services were held at the Community Church in Riddle at 2 P. M. today for Frank Albert Davis, 76, who died Monday at his home in Medford, where he had been making his home for the past six months with his son, Darrell Davis.

Lester Hern Spencer of Canyonville Passes Away: Lester Horn Spencer, 60, employee of the Cooper Lumber Co., Canyonville, died yesterday after a short illness. He was born August 7, 1886, in Ashland and had made his home in Canyonville for the last 12 years.

Arthur Haskell, Resident of Driver Valley, Dies: Arthur Haskell, 57, resident of Driver Valley east of Sutherlin, died in Portland Wednesday. He had lived in Southern California in recent years, but formerly had lived in Oakland and was well known in Roseburg. He was in the printing business.

Driver Exams Dated: Drivers' license examinations will be given in the Roseburg City Hall next week Wednesday only, November 6, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

It is estimated that women in high income groups spend more than seven times as much for clothing as women in very low income groups.

THE CASE OF HANK SMITH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Having previously considered the mythical case of a mythical Sam Jones, a mythical farmer, let's study today the mythical case of a mythical Hank Smith, a mythical sawmill worker.

Hank is a skilled and experienced man. Because of the demand for lumber, he works steadily and has at least an average income and standard of living.

The Little Townsend Bill is passed and Hank's employer deducts three per cent gross each month from Hank's wages. Experience with the federal income tax withholding act proves that when an employee's take-home pay is reduced, he becomes dissatisfied and demands wage increases which will restore to his take-home pay envelope at least the amount of withholding. In other words, the employer pays withholding taxes out of profits. With that we have no quarrel, for we believe firmly in profit-sharing with those who contribute to making that profit. But, at least, we have definite proof through experience that tax withholding forces an increase in pay in equivalent or greater amount than the sum withheld.

So, when Hank's boss takes out three per cent of Hank's wages, Hank demands, and gets, a wage increase of three per cent or more. But that wage increase is not sufficient, because when Hank goes to the grocery store to buy food for his family, he finds a tax ranging from three to fifteen per cent added to the retail price of all Oregon-grown produce he buys. He also must pay the three per cent or higher tax added to commodities and merchandise wherever he shops, so, with cuts on both ends of his wages, he goes back to his employer for another pay increase.

Hank's employer, required to boost wages for all employees, must pass the cost along, so he adds eight per cent to the wholesale price of his lumber to keep up his profit ratio. But just as the lumber manufacturer is forced to pay more to his employees, the farmer, finding farm workers demanding more money, has had to boost farm wages, the storekeeper must pay more wages to his clerks and bookkeepers, who also are being squeezed by taxes on both ends of their earnings. These increases are charged off in price mark-ups, causing price increases all along the line. By the time Hank gets his wage increase, prices have gone up another 10 per cent, and he must go back and pound the executive desk again for more take-home pay.

Thus the cycle could go on and on until the \$100 monthly pension to beneficiaries of the bill wouldn't buy a cotton handkerchief. This inflationary spiral wouldn't happen all at once; it would be gradual, slow at the start but increasing in tempo as pressure mounted until at last it would reach runaway speed.

Hank's experience, of course, couldn't happen. The illustration is used only to show what would occur should this crackpot scheme be carried out to its ultimate conclusion. The actual fact would be that about the first or second time Hank's boss increased the price of his lumber, he would find all the buyers going to Washington, Idaho, Arkansas or some other lumber producing center. His market would disappear. He would be forced to close his mill and lay off Hank and all the rest of his employees, who, therefore, wouldn't be receiving any wages from which to deduct three per cent to pay pensions. And, as the same condition would result in all other Oregon industry, there would be no pensions.

But someone, we know, is asking: "If the proposed Townsend tax could produce this disastrous inflation, why doesn't the federal income tax cause inflation?"

The answer, we believe, is obvious. The Townsend tax is a GROSS income tax, while the federal tax is on NET incomes. Therein lies a big difference. Undoubtedly the federal withholding tax on incomes has contributed to the existing inflation, because it has boosted payrolls and, as a natural consequence, has increased merchandise prices. But because it is on net income it can provide a balance between wages and prices. There is no reason why its inflationary effect should go beyond a fairly well established point.

But the proposed Townsend bill permits no balance point. The tax is on GROSS income. Therefore, every time wages go up, prices must go up. As prices go up, wages must again be boosted, each round taking a little deeper bite, both in taxes and in prices, from the pay envelope. The cycle needs only a few turns until the whole situation is out of hand.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Confusing Titles

Noted: Enactment of Fish Bill Advocated

There have been frequent advertisements on the radio regarding the fish bill, number 312, to be voted upon November 5. The advertisements stated that in view of the lack of meats available, that we should do everything possible to use more fish; that there were plenty of fish in our streams; that the fish were on the increase, and that present fishing facilities in no way was depleting the fish supply in Oregon.

This advertisement was sponsored by the Oregon Fisheries Commission. I wondered when I first heard it if this was the Oregon State Fish Commission, but I finally decided it was another fancy name for someone who had a chestnut to pull from the fire. Certainly, something should be done about these fancy names which are signed so frequently to political advertisements, such as the Citizens Committee for this or that, or the Parent-Teachers Committee for this or that, or the Veterans Committee for the war, or the Committee of One Hundred, and many others which will appear in the newspapers for the next few days. Many of these are only self-starters.

For my own part I know only one thing, that the only salmon I have caught in the last ten years was hooked by me at the mouth of the Rogue River in September. Of course I do not go fishing many days during fishing season, but the many times I have gone, and always with a good fisherman with me in the boat, I come back empty handed. My suggestion to the voters in Douglas County, if it worth anything, is vote 312 "Yes." Maybe we will have some fish here in the future.

And while I am on the subject, may I earnestly urge our next legislature, many of the members of which will be elected this year, to give earnest consideration to the passage of a sales tax, which of course will have to be referred to the people for their choice. Many tax bills are coming up at this election, and as long as our incomes remain high, our property tax will probably not suffer. But if it slumps comes, which many people think is inevitable, your property will have to carry the burden; but a sales tax with proper exemptions will bring in a tremendous amount of tax money, and with a property tax offset will tend to lighten the load on property taxes. And don't let anybody "kid" you that a 3 per cent sales tax will tax the shirt off of the poor man's back, and the food out of the poor man's mouth. I will merely refer you to the financial situation in California and Washington, with regard to inflation.

Rodeo Funds Go for Improvements to County Fairgrounds

Mr. C. E. Young of Glendale recently referred to our Douglas County fair grounds. We have one of the finest sites in the state of Oregon, one of the largest and best grandstands in the state. We have a non-climbable fence around the property. The grounds and all improvements are completely paid for. Now, a crew is roofing the grandstand and will complete its work this fall. Enough money to pay for the job is on hand.

In 1945, the Sheriff's posse showed a net profit of \$2,500, which was turned over to the fair board, and in 1946 had a profit of \$4,500, which also went to the fair board to be used in improvements to the county property. This money was raised through the rodeos about which Mr. Young speaks disparagingly.

Mr. Young, however, is right—we do need more than a rodeo. We need an annual county fair. We need exhibit buildings where farmers from every part of Douglas County can show their livestock, poultry, fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. We also need a race track.

We will have those things if voters approve the proposed one-mill tax levy at Tuesday's election. The proposal calls for a one-mill tax to be levied each year for three consecutive years. If passed, the measure will provide that each taxpayer pays 10 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

If Mr. Young or others who are skeptical concerning the value of the fair grounds will come to Roseburg, we will be glad to introduce them to the three fine men who comprise the county fair board and will be glad to show what the fair board has done and what it plans to do. We believe that anyone who will take the trouble to investigate will become a 100 per cent booster for the Douglas County fair grounds.

ADRID DIAL-LOG

There seem to be quite a few political speeches 'fer and agin' tonight, but, as the boss says... "bear with us, friends; there are two, three and sometimes four sides to every question and this is the country of freedom of speech." Besides that... listen to the speeches and then you'll be able to make up your mind how to vote intelligently.

By Popular Demand gets our vote anyway. It's one of the top musical shows being aired, with Ray Bloch's orchestra and a couple of good vocalists on the top tunes of the day.

Also recommended: House In the Country at 7:30 and Sound Off, the Army show, at 8:00. There's a possibility that the latter may be cancelled for this one time only to make way for a Halloween party... That's not official—just a "maybe."

The political pot is boiling right briskly and we're getting our news coverage arranged for Tuesday night. Plans are not yet quite complete, but we can assure you that you'll hear everything as it comes off the wire, plus a complete local coverage, if you'll just tune 1490 for the evening.

- KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles. REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. Ben Hur Products. 4:15—Rex Miller, Nabisco. 4:30—Paul Carson at the Organ. 4:45—Buck Rogers, 20th Century, General Foods. 5:00—Hemingway at Five, J. A. Folger Co. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's. 5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co. 5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina. 6:00—Fish Bill, Roseburg Rod & Gun Club. 6:15—Musical Interlude. 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:30—By Popular Demand. 7:00—Boyd Hasbrouck. 7:15—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 7:30—A House in the Country, Emery Insurance Agency, J. A. Folger Co. 8:00—Sound Off. 8:30—Dr. Louis Taibot, L. A. Bible Institute. 8:45—Tommy Dorsey Orch. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 9:15—James Crowley, Wildroot. 9:30—Here Comes the Band, E. C. High. 9:45—Oregon Fisheries Commission. 10:00—Jan Savitt Orch. 10:15—Behind the World News. 10:30—Anderson & Brace. 10:45—Nocturne. 11:00—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's. 11:00—Sign Off.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1946: 6:00—Farm Bulletin (Hearst). 6:30—Yawn Patrol. 6:35—Schriker Auction. 7:00—Frank Hennevey, J. A. Folger Co. 7:15—Rise and Shine, Sterling Drug Co. 7:30—State and Local News, Borling Optical. 7:45—Lud Furniture. 8:00—Bhapedy in Wax. 8:00—Dr. Louis Taibot, L. A. Bible Institute. 8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time. 8:45—Victor H. Lindharr, Healthbids. 9:00—Art Baker and His Notebooks, Montgomery Ward. 9:15—Morning Melodies. 9:30—Man About Town, Josse and Lowell's. 9:45—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Marshall Wells. 9:55—Musical Interlude. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:05—Snowboat, Theatres. 10:30—Dick Jurska's Orchestra. 10:45—Easy Listening. 11:00—Swap Shop, Kampfer's. 11:15—Top Tunes, Modern Furniture. 11:30—Queen for a Day, Miles Labs. and P. & A. 12:00—Musical Interlude. 12:05—S. Recap of Sports, U. S. Tire Store. 12:15—Musical Interlude. 12:20—Buyer's Guide, Associated Distributors. 12:25—Rhythm at Random. 12:40—State and Local News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank. 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt. 1:00—Man on the Street, Henniger's Marks. 1:15—The Johnson Family. 1:30—Request Program. 1:45—Teen Talk from Lowell's. 2:15—John J. Anthony, Carter Products. 2:30—Joe Heichman Orchestra. 2:45—Walters Serenade. 3:00—Billy Mills Orchestra. 3:15—Wheel of Fortune. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Ben Hur Products. 4:30—Good News Program, Assembly of God. 4:45—Buck Rogers, General Foods. 5:00—Hemingway at Five, L. A. Soap Co. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's. 5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co. 5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Healthbids. 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola. 7:00—Veteran's Information Guide. 7:15—Oregon Fisheries Commission. 7:20—Eddie Miller. 7:30—The Cisco Kid, Modern Furniture. 8:00—Let George Do It, Standard Oil. 8:30—Burl Ives, Pallo. 8:45—Sons of the Pioneers, Lockwood Motors. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 9:15—Rex Miller, S. & W. Fine Foods. 9:30—H. Neighbor, Carsten's Furniture. 9:45—Henry J. Taylor, General Motors. 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg Pharmacy. 10:15—Behind the World News, Everett Parlin. 10:20—Nocturne. 10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's. 11:00—Sign Off.

Cummings, Kash Tie in Wednesday Golf Play

Ward Cummings and Charlie Kash tied for low honors in the regular Wednesday tournament at the Country Club, Oct. 30, with scores of 39. Art Pearson won low net with 36-0-36, and Maurice Hallmark won close to the pin on number eight.

Lynn V. Beckley REPUBLICAN for COUNTY COMMISSIONER Election November 5, 1946. Economical, Efficient Administration Equal Treatment to All Parts of Douglas County

My Community Chest Contribution To: FRANK WICKHAM, Chairman Roseburg Community Chest Drive, 116 N. Jackson St., Roseburg. I am enclosing herewith \$ as my membership contribution to the Roseburg Community Chest.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh Friendship—Three Thousand Miles Apart. Ever play chess? It's a great game! One of the strongest friendships I know of started with a game of chess—between Dad Hoskins, in our town, and a man named Dalton Barnes, in England.

SAVE EVERYDAY. PEAS Our Value, 4 Sieve, No. 2 can 2 for 27c. CORN Our Value Standard Cream Style, No. 2 can 2 for 29c. SAUER KRAUT Doodle Dandy, fancy new pack, 22-oz. jar 19c. DOG FOOD Friskie, meal or cube 5-lb. sack 65c. PANCAKE FLOUR Sperry 9-lb. sack 98c. OLD DUTCH CLEANSER 2 cans for 15c. SODA Arm & Hammer, pound package 2 for 17c. VEG-ALL 2-Lb. Can 19c. WHEATIES Regular size 2 Pkgs. 25c. PLA SAFE MATCHES 6 Boxes for 23c. Red & White Coffee Always the Best... All Ways!

"COLD BUG" GOT HIM? HELP EASE ACHING CHEST MUSCLES RUB ON MENTHOLATUM quick!