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BOND QUOTA MET AGAIN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Douglas County has done it again! H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county Security Loan Drive committee, reports that the assigned quota has been far exceeded and that the county undoubtedly will finish well toward the top of the list both in percentage of quota and percentage of per capita sales.

With an assigned quota of \$390,000, sales to individuals amounted to \$273,000. Sales to institutions, local governmental agencies, etc., amounted to \$114,000, for a total of \$457,000. Two banks have not yet filed their reports, which will add another \$100,000 to the total.

Oregon made a late start in the Security Loan Drive, due to the primary election campaigns, floods and illness of leaders.

When the drive finally got underway, the state quickly climbed up the percentage ladder, but is expected to finish considerably below the first place position which it held consistently during the war period.

Douglas County, starting in 27th spot among the state's 36 counties, is expected to finish near the top, due to the intensive efforts of Chairman Pargeter and his able corps of assistants.

At the time of the July 15 report, Douglas County had reached 14th place with a rating of .70 per cent of quota sales to individuals. This position will be materially improved in the final accounting. The standing does not include any of the sales of F and G bonds, but concerns only E bond sales.

Leading counties in the state, on the same basis of calculation, were Gilliam, 131 per cent; Curry, 110 per cent, and Columbia, 100 per cent.

When a final accounting is reached, expected before the close of the month, Douglas County in combined sales, it is believed, will be very near the top of the list.

We can "point with pride" to our sustained record of bond sales, having been one of the top counties throughout the entire war period. It is a great source of satisfaction to those persons who have held the leadership in past bond campaigns to keep the county in a prominent spot in any statewide competition. The achievement in the Security Loan Drive is one of which we may all well be proud. Congratulations and expressions of appreciation are due the many men and women who gave so much of their time and effort in the intensive campaign of the past few weeks.

Because the state drive has been completed, however, is no reason why those who can afford to buy savings bonds should stop. People in ordinary walks of life can find few better opportunities for systematic savings surpassing government bonds. Weekly payroll deductions accumulate a considerable sum by the end of the year, with investment in bonds affording excellent personal security.

For the nation as a whole there is no better financial security than having individual savings invested in government bonds.

Purchase of savings bonds serves to spread the national debt into more hands. With more people holding bonds—being actual "stockholders" in the federal government—domestic administration will be improved because more people will concern themselves with administration to protect safety of their investment.

Savings bonds, as has often been mentioned, are the best possible insurance against either inflation or depression. By investing surplus money in bonds we hold down speculative and competitive buying power, thus restraining price advances. By having reserve buying power we can prevent depression, because when prices drop below a certain point, money will come out of savings accounts to go into new construction or purchase of commodities, thus restoring production and employment.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

WHAT'S NEWS?

The Coos Bay Times
 Ask for a definition of what is news and you probably will be told that it is that which is not common or usual. For illustration it would be news if a man were to bite a dog, rather than a dog sinking his teeth into a man's anatomy or the seat of his trousers, an act one is more likely to expect.

The question of what to expect brings up the subject of the wedding of one Spike Jones and one Helen Grayco. If you are one of the initiate, you will recognize Spike Jones as an orchestra leader with a certain renown, some might even say clamor. Helen Grayco sings with the Jones organization. Now then, what would you expect might have been the tone of their wedding, bearing in mind that the melange of sound poured forth by Mr. Jones and his musicians is, one might say, disrespectful of the classics and even lampons the sure-fire "moon, June, croon, spoon" of Tin Pan Alley. An Associated Press writer in Beverly Hills (that's the place in California where the wedding took place the other day) seemed to fear just what you did for he reported, seemingly in amazement, that "there were no cowbells, police whistles, screams or other chaotic effects" to accompany the ceremony. Spike, he wrote familiarly, "put away

OUT OUR WAY



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vivian S. Martin

When Aunt Mehitabel bestows a box of candy upon us, we don't feel we have to hoard the candy or keep the box.

But let Aunt Mehitabel present us with some atrocity (in our opinion) and we punish ourselves with putting the thing where we have to see it every day—all because we are afraid to offend Aunt Mehitabel, who, poor soul, had only one thought in her head and that was to please us.

We can think our way out of a lot of dusting, not to mention other results of looking at 'white elephants' by doing one of two things: we can come right out with it and tell Aunt Mehitabel we will keep the loving thought, as indeed we shall, but the tangible material present just doesn't fit our color-scheme, or our needs, or our particular notions of what we want in that room.

Aunt Mehitabel is sorry, of course, she guessed wrong. She might even like its return. Maybe she was self-sacrificing when she let it go, anyway! Or she may want to give it to somebody else, as you hope she will (you shouldn't) in which case your problem is solved.

Secondly, a bit of honest thinking can be done and like as not an idea will come for the disposal of the 'white elephant' that is really a good one! If the name of the right person who will not find it a 'white elephant' fails to come to our mind, we can take it to the first rummage sale. We are not giving away Aunt Mehitabel's gift—no indeed! Her real gift was the thought; that we can keep and appreciate!

Oh, it took me years to learn this—the hard way! I remember one family heirloom... I didn't like it! One day, years ago, I walked about it. "To have to look at that thing!"

I wasn't so well acquainted then with a certain gleam that sometimes comes into my husband's gray-green eyes. "Don't you like it?" he asked, holding it in his hands, examining it (I thought!) "Why don't you get rid of it? What—you can't? Well, I can!"

He swept up the pieces too. This method, a third way, I do not recommend.

Petty Irritations Plunge Mankind Into Series of Sour Incidents

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the tale of the piece of burnt toast that backfired.

Wilbur Peebles awoke with a bad taste in his mouth. It may have been that extra cigar, or it might have been that he got hold of a bad olive in a Martini.

It was late.

"Just caffeine," Wilbur yawned, heading for his shower. His loving spouse, Trivette Mae translated this to mean her soulmate didn't want to wait for his usual ham and eggs. She had the coffee steaming ready when he hit the breakfast nook. But the toaster was stuck.

Wilbur fiddled impatiently. Little curls of smoke rose from the toaster. Then up clicked the toast. Burned. Too burnt to eat.

"Ugh-h-h-a-a-row-w-w-e-r-r-r," said Wilbur, making zoo noises. But there was no time to wait for more. He gulped his coffee and left.

Wilbur missed his toast. He still had the bad taste in his mouth, and as he drove to work his annoyance grew. It didn't help any when his secretary, Miss Alice Squelch, reached the office 15 minutes late.

"I don't mind your not knowing how to spell," Wilbur greeted her, "but aren't you old enough to tell time yet either?"

Miss Squelch didn't answer. She just thumped down to the drugstore to get some orange juice and coffee—against all office rules.

"Out late with your boy friend last night?" said the counterwoman cheerfully.

"Save that guff for your wife, baldy," snapped Miss Squelch. She departed without leaving her usual nickel tip.

Thus It Continued

The counterwoman viciously banged some dishes on the tin drain. He looked in the mirror at the bald spot on his head. When the dairyman came in an hour later to deliver his milk, the counterwoman bawled him out for being alive.

And so it spread from person to person throughout the day. Wilbur's ripple of resentment over his burnt toast grew into a wave of contagious ill-will.

Sometime after noon the dairyman dropped a case of milk on the foot of the man who owned a grocery store in the suburbs, the store where Mrs. Peebles traded. The owner later bawled out his delivery boy.

Still smarting, the delivery boy honked his horn sharply as he sped across an intersection. The traffic cop, nerves tingling, leaped three feet in the air as the

By J. R. Williams

Sutherlin-Elkton Highway Project Making Progress

Construction of the 7.37-mile highway unit from Yellow Creek to Calapooa Creek between Sutherlin and Elkton is progressing satisfactorily, according to L. H. Young, resident engineer.

This \$355,492 state project in under contract to C. E. Edson with associates. The work calls for relocation, straightening and widening, and surfacing with bituminous macadam, said Young. The project was started in May, and the contract calls for completion July 31, 1948. This will be an all-winter project. The northwest end will adapt easily to winter work, as it consists chiefly of removing a large amount of rock. This portion will be the most difficult to complete, according to Young.

The project begins about four and one-half miles northerly from Sutherlin, follows Dodge Creek to the summit, then extends down Little Canyon Creek to the Umpqua River near the bridge at Tye's on the five miles to Kellogg. From this point the county road continues to Elkton. Rebuilding of the latter section is contemplated as a future project.

When completed, the road will serve as a shortcut to the east for persons living south of Sutherlin. The route to Reedsport over this road will be shortened by about 12 miles as against the route via Drain.

Another state project underway at the present time is the Roseburg-Dixonville 4.39 miles of grading and paving. Leonard and Slate are the contractors. The work, which joins with a half-mile of city construction on East Second Avenue South, is scheduled for completion Dec. 31, said Young.

West Portland Site Advised For State Building

SALEM, July 29.—(AP)—The Portland City Planning Commission asked the state board of control yesterday to locate the proposed \$2,500,000 state office building in Portland on the west side of the city.

Last week the East Side Commercial Club asked the board to put it on the East Side.

The board said it is studying 14 proposed sites, but that no decision has been reached.

The Planning Commission said it wants federal, state, county and city buildings all centralized on the West Side.

The board approved construction of a pedestrian tunnel from the capitol to the new state office building now being constructed across the street from the capitol. The tunnel would cost about \$47,000, and would be 400 feet long, 7 1/2 feet high, and 8 feet wide. The board said it would save lives of state workers crossing the Pacific Highway, which runs between the two buildings.

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 29.—(AP)—Yugoslavia has dropped all plans for a future Balkan federation with Bulgaria and Albania because of "the changes which took place in relations with the two countries," the Yugoslav Communist Congress was told.

Moshe Jijade, vice-president of the National Presidium, did not use the words "Balkan Federation" in his address to the congress, but he did say this:

"I propose, in the name of the project committee of the Congress, that the whole part of the future program dealing with future relations with these countries be omitted."

The originally proposed project—made public only two days after the announcement of Premier Tito's split with the Moscow directorate Cominform—had called for "closest possible economic, political, and social unity with Bulgaria and Albania."

Miss Oregon Given Great Welcome on Return Home

REDMOND, Ore., July 28.—(AP) Agriculture got back to normal in Central Oregon today, now that Joyce Davis was back home.

Farm work nearly halted throughout this section when the 18-year-old girl, named Miss Oregon last weekend, came home in a noisy caravan that paraded through Madras, Culver, Metolius, Terrebonne and Redmond yesterday.

The welcoming committee met her at Madras. Cow hands and farm workers thronged the towns en route. A band was waiting here and Bend sent a large delegation for a welcoming ceremony. A luncheon was held later.

June Gasoline Sales in Oregon Set New Record

SALEM, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—Gasoline sales in June topped the 44,000,000 gallon mark for the first time in history, Secretary of State Newby reported.

He predicted July and August sales would be even higher.

The June figure was 14 per cent over May, and was almost 20 per cent more than in June, 1947. Gasoline taxes paid in June totaled \$2,200,184, of which 13 per cent is refunded to farmers.

Credentials Offered To Attend DAV Convention

Any person planning to attend the D. A. V. national convention in New York Aug. 15 through 21 is asked by Martha Wells to call her at 988-L or Mrs. C. E. Hoover, phone 290-L, in order that credentials may be made out.

The D. A. V. auxiliary unit 9 will meet Aug. 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Vada G. A. gln, 1332 Umpqua Ave. The members will wrap gifts for the Veterans Hospital. All members are urged to be present.

NEW HIGH FOR STEERS

SPOKANE, July 29.—(AP)—A new record price of \$36.50 per hundredweight was paid at Old Union Stockyards yesterday for five cross-bred Angus steers sold by Rosenberg Brothers of Wilson Creek, Wash., to Armour & Co.

The previous record price of \$36.00 was set July 15.

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