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FEDERAL SANTA CLAUS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Harry S. Truman now is president of the United States in his own right. It is a right he has earned—earned almost single-handedly, for he had little support in his campaign and was about the only person refusing to admit defeat.

To date our administration has been a continuation of the Roosevelt regime. Even now, the Roosevelt ideology of paternalistic government, the welfare state, will continue, probably with even a further drift to the pure socialistic pattern.

Truman won his victory because people still believe in the myth of a federal Santa Claus. Farmers were fearful lest support prices and subsidies be reduced. Elaborate campaign promises were made concerning socialization of medicine, public aid to education, federal housing, etc.

Bled down to its essence, the welfare state means that the federal government, deeming the public at large unfit to control its own financial expenditures, taxes away surplus funds and then distributes them according to the way the government thinks the money should be spent. Of course, the government in such a state must take care of its friends and supporters first, and, through use of large expenditures, create more political support.

The policy is evident in proposed legislation, in presidential talks, and in campaign promises.

Vigorous attacks are made on profits. This "soak the rich" prattle is exceedingly popular. Yet, as recently explained by Frank Jenkins in his column in *The News-Review*, if all net earnings of the so-called rich were to be taken from them and distributed to that portion of the public with lower income, the amount per capita would be negligible. It is the individual with moderate income who pays the bulk of federal taxes.

The federal government is telling us, in effect, that people with moderate income don't know how to spend their money wisely; that the government can spend the money to much better advantage. Profits, the government says, are evil. They must be taxed away from industry and business. Previously it has been the practice of business and industry to use profits to create jobs. The ultimate end of the welfare state is to manage employment through public works.

The paternalistic pattern calls for the extraction of money from the "rich" to be used in welfare for the "poor."

Who are the poor? The present definition seems to designate as "poor" any person with income of less than \$3,000 annually.

The general income standard in this country has been increasing quite rapidly during current prosperity. More and more people are getting into the moderate income class. How long before public demand will require the definition for "poor" to be raised to \$5,000? And if it goes to \$5,000, why shouldn't it eventually advance to \$10,000? And if the federal government is to act as guardian for a certain segment of our people, why shouldn't it make every citizen a ward of the government?

If we proceed farther down the path, we have only one end—a state in which every person is a government slave. That state we call Communism.

How far will President Truman lead us down this trail to the left?

Personally we believe he will not go nearly as far as might be indicated. He has made campaign pledges, it is true, but past experience is that campaign pledges are in the same category with New Year's resolutions, and just as quickly forgotten. He must, of course, discharge certain political obligations to the groups responsible for his surprising election victory. He definitely has aligned himself with the left-wing do-gooders. But we believe his native Missouri conservatism will prevent progress too far along the communistic path, providing he is able to control his administration.

But we are certain to run into open conflict sooner or later between the theory of federal paternalism and the long-established tradition of free individual enterprise, for the public eventually will awaken to the fact that a federal Santa Claus is a myth rather than an actuality.

Scout Troop 7 to Hold Organizational Meet

Boy Scout Troop 7, sponsored by Umpqua Post 36, American Legion, will hold an organizational meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion post headquarters 118 So. Kane. The evening will be given over principally to registration.

Organization of the troop committee and selection of a committee master has been going on since the first of the month. Troop Committee Chairman Harold C. Lentz urges each member of Troop 7 to be present and to bring a friend. Any boy 12 years or older is eligible to join.

Tom Calaghan is the scoutmaster, and other members of the troop committee are Jim Young, Paul Caskey, Ted Dauber and Leo Santerre.

OFFICE CHANGES NOTED

The Redsport office of the Edward H. Burt & Co., certified public accountants, will soon be moved from the City Building to the Umpqua National Bank Building.

ed by the Burt Co., until recently listed here as C. W. Wray, accountant. The office in the City Building now used by this firm will be taken over by Bob Sund, insurance agent, who now occupies one of the two offices rented there by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright.

Lower Umpqua Boats Rid of Ice Obstruction

Old Man Winter has relinquished his hold on the Smith and Umpqua Rivers, temporarily at least, and mail boats are back on their scheduled runs.

The Bonita, operated on the Smith River by Capt. Lawrence Noel, was able to resume the full run Monday, but the Myrtle, Capt. Paul Annis, remained anchored at the Clarence White ranch below Scottsburg until Monday, and made its first trip Tuesday since getting frozen in last week.

Some floating ice is still coming down the Umpqua, but it is mushy and does not seriously interfere with navigation.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



THE HAVE-TO AND DON'T-HAVE-TO'S

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

If I waited till I had "time to read" I guess I'd never get any reading done. Two things have opened the doors to wide-reading: One was the emphasis a high school teacher placed upon "scanning" and reading at different speeds. After all, would you drive at the same speed on any kind of road? In any kind of traffic conditions? Then why read at the same speed regardless of the subject-matter? Just a little practice takes care of this limiting habit!

Some things we read to remember; some for the news value at the moment, ephemeral news needs not be remembered! It is generally agreed by educators that the slow reader does not necessarily "remember" more than the quicker page-turner. If one reads word by word—and maybe moves one's lips at the same time—oh, how that slows us down! But if one scoops up phrases, and one's eyes run along ahead of where the voice is, if reading aloud, the reading is faster and smoother. Note when the bottom of the page is reached—is it still in front of you? Or have you turned the page a half or a whole sentence ahead of that point?

Another reason I can tuck away a lot of reading in my day is that I always have something to read in my handbag, in the car pocket, here and there scat-

tered over the house. Why do people stand in line without using that time to read? In the days when we had a telephone—and at times, rash people that we were, wished we hadn't—I accomplished a lot of reading while waiting for answers to calls, or for the line to be free. Of course there have been times when the called "Number" took so long to answer that I couldn't think to save me which club-member in my list to be called was answering, for when I read—I read! I dive right into the book!

In the latest State Library report I notice that Douglas County is second from the top in mail-order patrons. Hurrah for our side! Maybe one of these days Douglas County will even have a county library as so many other counties, less wealthy, have. Out of the 31 post offices in Douglas county, 29 have been served. (The cover of the report is crowded with cancellations.) In our county there are 25 traveling-library stations which have lent 4,186 books. Three of our public libraries have requested 759 volumes from the State Library, and 26 reading courses have been sent into Douglas County by request of patrons, that report was for July 1948, and Marion County is top of the list by far. But Douglas County was second!

In the Day's News

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member, not feet.)

There are stars so far away from us that it takes thousands of years for their light to reach us. Obviously, if you tried to reduce a distance such as that to miles, you'd have a figure with too many ephers to mean much to you. For one thing, you'd have to use an adding machine to count the naughts.

WE ordinary people have somewhat the same difficulty in comprehending the billions of dollars that are tossed around like chaff these days when governments get to talking about spending. We need a measure stick (something like the astronomer's light year) to judge by.

In an effort to provide some crude measuring stick of that sort, this writer figured out a while back that in terms of the present population of the United States, a billion dollars in taxes means about seven dollars per person. Using that rough yardstick, we find that eight billion dollars in taxes per year comes to about \$56 per individual.

PER BREADWINNER, it comes to as much more as there are dependents. For example, if you are the sole breadwinner for a wife and a child, it will come to around \$165 per year so far as you are concerned.

That figure (which isn't guaranteed to be exact accuracy in terms of odd cents) will give you at least a hazy idea of what eight billion dollars in taxes means to you.

YOU will be confused, of course, by the too prevalent belief that the big shots pay the bulk of the taxes. On that point, you shouldn't kid yourself too much. IN THE

Banquet Honors Pioneer Doctor, Native of Douglas

Dr. Walter S. Chapman, a pioneer physician of Walseburg, Colo., but a native of Douglas County, Ore., was honored Dec. 29 by the Huerfano County, Colo., Chamber of Commerce with a banquet in Walseburg, to commemorate his 50 years faithful service as a physician and surgeon in that city and county, according to information received here from his niece, Mrs. Morgan G. Denton, Seattle, Wash.

The observance also commemorated Dr. Chapman's 50th year as a member and fellow of the American Medical Association. Two hundred seventy-five citizens of the surrounding towns and counties, as well as many physicians from various parts of Colorado were in attendance.

Among the guests were doctors and officials who have known Dr. Chapman through the years. Dr. N. S. Saliba, secretary of Huerfano County Medical Society read many telegrams and letters of congratulation.

Dr. Chapman was born 76 years ago at Buckhorn on the East Umpqua River near Roseburg, the donation land claim of his father, Jefferson Chapman, who, with his family, crossed the plains from Iowa in 1854 and settled in this locality.

Dr. Chapman, the youngest son, received his medical education at the old Umpqua Academy at Wilbur. He later attended Washington State College at Pullman, and graduated from medical school at the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1896. He is in the staff of the hospital and Arapahoe County Hospital, now Denver General in Denver.

He served as a surgeon in the Spanish American War, at the close of which he went to Walseburg in 1898, where he is still on the medical staff of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. and Utah Coal Co. He is the local surgeon for the Denver and Rio Grande and Colorado Southern Railroads.

He belongs to the Rochester, Minn., Mayo Clinic's Surgeons Club; Royal Arch Masons, Shrine, Kiwanis, and is a life member of the American and Colorado Medical Associations.

Dr. Chapman has many friends and relatives living in and around Roseburg. He is an uncle of Mrs. Earl S. Powell and W. Fred Chapman, a druggist of this city.

Deputy Sheriff Will Fight Ouster Action

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Ard Pratt, fired Wednesday by Sheriff Mike Elliott, will resist the action.

He has employed an attorney to ask the Multnomah County Civil Service Commission to investigate the firing as politically motivated "and not made in good faith for cause."

Elliott fired Pratt—nephew of former Sheriff Martin T. Pratt—for "disobedience of orders and neglect of duty." Pratt was one of a group of law enforcement officers and business men attending a meeting of the Foot-printers when it was raided and slot machines were seized at the meeting place.

Pratt said he didn't see the machines. "Apparently they were in the back of the place," he said. "I was in the front of the club all the time."

Electric Rate Boosts Asked by Two Concerns

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Rate increases are sought by the Portland General Electric and the Pacific Power and Light companies.

New rate proposals submitted to the State Utilities Commissioner would involve 186,000 PGE and 38,000 Pacific customers—all of PGE's except in Salem and West Salem and all of Pacific's in Portland, Multnomah County and Rainier.

Riverside PTA Plans to Sponsor Three Youth Units

Sponsorship of a Blue Bird group, Girl Scout troop, and Cub Scout pack will be undertaken by the Riverside School P.T.A. It was voted at the meeting this week at the school. Roy W. Barnhart, scout commissioner, presented an outline of procedure in organizing a new Cub Scout pack, which will be undertaken in the near future.

Highlight of the meeting was a surprise pastry auction and collection of contributions for the playground fund, which netted \$23. A carnival is planned for Feb. 18 to raise more funds for the playground equipment project. A collection of \$11.01 was also taken for the March of Dimes.

It was reported that the membership contest for the Riverside School P.T.A. was won by Mrs. Woodford's third grade and Mrs. McCarty's fourth grade. It was decided to give a \$3 prize to each room, because of the work the pupils did to sign new members. The monthly attendance prize of \$1 went to Miss Coon's second grade for the second consecutive time.

Mrs. Clifford Travillion introduced the following new officers and committee chairmen:

Mrs. Lou Marsters, vice president; Earl Ladd, second vice president; Leo Goergen, secretary; Mrs. Ed Nolte, treasurer; program, Mrs. Howard; Mrs. Earl Ladd, Mrs. Coy Short, Mrs. Mrs. Woodford, budget and finance; Mrs. George Nisley, Mrs. T. L. Finley, Mrs. M. C. Doyle, hospitality; Mrs. Kenneth Linder, Mrs. Davis, Leo Goergen, Jack Doyle, publicity; Mrs. Leo Magnuson, Cub Scouts; Mrs. Carl Koelner; Blue Birds and Camp Fire, Mrs. T. Doyle; parent education, Mrs. M. C. Henry Wilcox, Mrs. Leo Magnuson; National Parent-Teacher magazine and publications, Mrs. Kenneth Ladd; safety, Henry Wilcox, Clifford Travillion; Kenneth Ladd; historian, Mrs. Clifford Baxter.

Mrs. Kenneth Linder introduced the new room mothers, who include Mrs. M. M. Cowdin, Mrs. Blaine Paulson, Mrs. C. A. Horton, Mrs. J. W. Doyle, Mrs. C. L. Bowers, Mrs. R. H. Gladwell, Mrs. Coy Short, and Mrs. Leo Kimball.

Mexican Admits Killing Two Deluded Girls

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Twice 48-year-old Victoriano Corrales returned to his native Mexico and each time he returned here with a 20-year-old girl after filling her head with tales of luxurious living.

And twice, said sheriff's deputies, he killed, in the same way for the same reason: each girl threatened to leave him for a younger man, so he struck her down with a hammer and an ax, then butchered her body and threw the pieces into a river.

Today a charge of murder in both deaths was on file against the greying day laborer. The sheriff's office said he made statements admitting both slayings.

Injuries Kill Woman Enroute to Mother

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. May Nelson, Yuba City, Calif., died Wednesday of injuries received when an automobile in which she was riding crashed into a guard rail on a curve.

Mrs. Nelson was traveling to Eugene, where her mother, Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, 91, is ill from pneumonia.



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