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NO FIREWORKS!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A public hearing on the County budget ain't what it used to be!

We attended Tuesday's meeting and expected momentarily that someone would rise to his feet with a denunciation of "racketeers and grafters." But not one voice was raised in condemnation, no department or agency was subject to attack, no scalps were lifted.

That's a lot different from custom in the good old days. The annual budget hearing only a comparatively few years ago produced some real oratory.

We can't recall that much was ever accomplished, but a lot of words were spilled.

Dignified taxpayers in fine voice and fettle vied most vigorously in their efforts to outdo one another, both in volume and redundancy. Circumlocution was out. If a man was to be called a "liar" he was called a "liar" not an "unprincipled purveyor of untruths." Four-bit words were tossed in, whether they fitted or not. The main effort seemed to be devoted to proving who could talk the most, the longest and the loudest.

Despite the fact that budget hearings frequently lasted all day and long into the night, as eagle-eyed tax vigilantes scanned and questioned each ten-cent appropriation, the argumentation had some favorable results. Extreme care was taken to keep budgets pared to an absolute minimum, eliminating all frills and any possible item which might strike fire from the ever-ready tempers of critics.

On the other hand, the fact that too frequently pennies were held before eyes to obscure vision has proven costly at times.

Continuation of oratorical contests finally became too burdensome and the Taxpayers League began assigning studies to committees. The senior orators objected strenuously to delegating prerogatives of free speech, but the assignment system stuck and the fun began to disappear from budget hearings.

Tuesday's session was tame but efficient. A few questions were asked, succinct explanations given; everyone cooperated and the whole thing wound up in two hours. Kind of disappointing to one who can recall the days when fur flew, and the air reeked with the smoke from strong cigars, mixed with the pungent odors of shoe polish, bay rum, and bootleg liquor.

We can imagine how some earlier day extravagance detectives would have reacted to the County Court's proposal to hire aerial photographers to map timberlands for purpose of appraisal. The fact that the work can be done from the air at from 20 to 25 cents per acre as compared with 85 cents to \$1.00 per acre on the ground would have had no effect in restraining remonstrances against the use of newfangled contraptions. Why, in the good old days, that argument would have been good for at least two hours and a half dozen smashed hats!

But the County Court is quite serious in its intention and its program was commended.

It seems that we haven't had a thorough appraisal of timber lands for about 30 years. When the original appraisal was made, timber had little value. Consequently appraisers gave the edge to grazing rather than timber. But at current prices farm woodlots, which once were virtually worthless, are now worth much money and the Court feels considerable increase in valuation will result from a new survey.

Aerial cruise reports made independently by the Roseburg Lumber Company and Harbor Plywood Corporation are to be made available to the court, it was announced, thus eliminating necessity of mapping several thousand acres. The survey is expected to require several years to complete and will cost up to \$250,000.

The fact that Tuesday's budget hearing produced no old-fashioned fireworks does not mean that County Finances were not carefully scrutinized. The Douglas County Taxpayers League had made thorough study of the budget and members came to the meeting well informed.

But in contrast with the old days, when an antagonistic approach was a foregone conclusion, more recent meetings have shown a definite spirit of cooperation, both from financial watchdogs and budget committees.

If our federal budget could be set up with one-half the care and economy of our County budget, this nation would be a lot better off.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Why All These Socialistic Projects Now?

(Salem Capital Journal)

With a national debt exceeding \$250 billions there seems no effort on the part of the administration to economize in any way. Instead there is a never ending stream of messages from the president for projects involving the expenditure of more billions.

Karl Marx, the father of the Communist ideology, held that the way to kill capitalism was to tax and tax until it was bled white and then to take over by armed revolution. Under Harry Hopkins' precept of "spend and spend, tax and tax, and vote and vote," that is what is being done, even if it is not realized by those in power.

Granted that our most critical problem is the probability of war, and essential defense, aiding Europe to recover, which requires billions, why should there be a must program of more billions for new pensions, price supports, educational and the "welfare state,"

socialized medicine, minimum wage increase and a mushroom growth of bureaucracy?

Why should not these peace time projects be deferred until we find out how we are to make out with Russia. Then there will be time enough to take up these projects one at a time as necessary. Why demand them all at once to increase taxes, assure deficit spending as well as increased federal powers in the direction of state socialism, that is now prostrating Britain?

Some control should be put on the present unlimited power to tax which eventually means the paralyzing of private enterprise as Marx forecasted.

During the early stone age—about 50,000 years ago—in Europe, prehistoric man developed stone tools, used the first hatchet and made fire by chipping flint.

Marselle, originally known as Masilia, was founded in 600 B.C.

Ambidextrous



Scops from the MENDING BASKET
By Viaknett S. Martin

"Thunder eggs?" I repeated, looking at the queer, round stony things. "Aren't they odd looking?"

We had stopped in a little agate shop on highway 97 just north of Redmond at a place called Terrebonne. There were the most beautiful slices of agate all around the shop. The proprietor's eyes twinkled behind his glasses; here was someone who wouldn't mind questions!

"Yes, thunder eggs. I have near a ton of them out back. Got them not far from here. But the big ranch where they are to be found has just changed hands. The new owner won't raise any cattle on that stretch of land—but he has shut off the ranch to outsiders.

"The Warm Spring Indians have a legend that the Spirits of Thunder tossed these thunder eggs out of the craters of Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Hood. There are Opals in some."

In chatting about this and that, we discovered the proprietor, Olen Vestal, and his wife Dorothy, know many Roseburg people. They also lived in Drain, Eugene and other places. We didn't like

Congress Sidelights

By Harris Ellsworth
Congressman, 4th District of Oregon

Hearings are now being conducted by both the House and Senate Public Works Committees on the CVA (Columbia Valley Authority) bills. There are several bills introduced by different Representatives and Senators, but they are identical. The bills were not written "on the Hill" as Congress is generally referred to here in Washington, but were written down town. Just who actually authored this type of legislation has not been stated but it is assumed that the writing was done by some bright young men down in the Department of the Interior.

Numerous witnesses from the Pacific Northwest States which are concerned with CVA legislation are here to present their testimony to the committees. I know that Governor McKay, Oregon Senate President Wm. Walsh, and Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, Frank Van Dyke, are here. They will speak in opposition to the bills. I saw Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville Administrator, in the House restaurant. He told me he was appearing in favor of CVA. I believe there are other proponents of the legislation here but thus far I have not seen them.

Speaking of visitors to Washington reminds me to say that the Capitol has enjoyed an unusually large number of visitors from distant states during the past two weeks. I believe newspapers have carried a story to the effect that the deluge of visitors has become a hardship on the members of Congress. Perhaps it has been a hardship for some—I don't know—but so far as I am concerned I was mighty glad to see the folks who stopped off here on their way to or from the various conventions. There were not many and it was very pleasant to see them and have a visit. I want everyone in my Congressional district who makes a trip to Washington, D. C., to be sure and look me up. I am not hard to find, and can always be located through my office, 1631 New

In the Day's News

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WHERE . . .

IN the campaign that preceded the election, the Liberals promised to work for peace and prosperity—and Liberal Party aims. One of the Liberal Party's aims is to EXTEND social security measures to include a system of contributory health insurance. Canada's present social security system includes a "baby bonus" that pays all parents about \$5 a month toward each child's support.

The idea of guaranteed security, you see, is gaining rather than losing strength in Canada.

Fires Fought In Southern Douglas

A DISPATCH from Toronto Monday carried this bit of explanatory background:

"Under Canadian law, the Liberals could have held on until 1950 (in Canada, as in Britain, elections don't follow a rigid pattern, being called, within certain limitations, at the discretion of the controlling political party). Instead they exercised their prerogative to call the election this year. They presumably considered it better to put their fate up to the voters now THAN AT A LATER TIME WHEN CANADA MAY BE LESS PROSPEROUS."

Tuesday's dispatch, telling of the result of the voting, says: "The Conservatives . . . conducted a vigorous campaign, but Canadians apparently looked at their relative prosperity—and then looked the other way."

WE have a number of proverbs covering that trait in human nature (a proverb, you know, is often defined as a bit of realistic wisdom distilled out of long human experience). Here are some of them: Don't shoot Santa Claus. Don't change horses in a stream. Let well enough alone. The Canadians obviously followed all these rules in their voting.

LET'S try to draw a conclusion

If the so-called free enterprise system is to survive, it must be more concerned with ALL of the people and less exclusively concerned with that smaller and more select segment of the people who possess the qualities of thrift, good management, ambition and self-reliance that bring success in a free enterprise society.

That seems to be the lesson of the present world-wide social trends.

IN closing, here's a sidelight on the Canadian voting: All 19 Communist Party candidates in the Dominion lost decisively. SO DID ALL THE 15 WOMEN RUNNING.

Essential Federal Expenditures, headed by Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, states that the number of civilian employees in the executive branch of the Federal government in April increased at the rate of 350 PER DAY! This means that the annual cost of our Federal government increased during that month at the rate of more than a million dollars a day. How can we avert financial disaster in this country if such reckless spending continues?

New York City Represents All That Comprises Ingredients Of Democracy

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Oh, I tell you New York is a wonderful town!

It must be fine or there wouldn't be so many people crowded here together to enjoy it.

It's really a terrible place to visit or die in, but a grand town to live in.

For here the poor man has courage, and fights for his rights. He's as good as a millionaire any day, and he'll stay up all night to tell you why. Yes, rich or poor, you're just another number here, and sometimes it's pleasant to wonder whether you're 8,675,341 or maybe 1,435,768. Who cares?

There is one thing sure: You never can be Mr. Number One. Because nobody is big enough to be really important on this \$24 island. You have to belong to it—it can never belong to you. This is a man's town, and it's cut on size. It has outgrown everybody who ever lived in it—and it's still growing.

And the people who live in it are growing, too. The fat-voiced tourists come here and look around and shake their heads and leave again, saying, "after all, New York City isn't America."

But New York City is America, and there is no town more American. Because here people are working toward the kind of Democracy the rest of the country reads about in high school civics books.

There are only a few cities in the world that are really cities—London for courage, Paris for loveliness, Calcutta for misery, Shanghai for sin, Rome for healing and hurt, Athens for blue skies, Cairo for gold and intrigue, Naples for a merry heart and a dirty face, Berlin, the tomb and womb and anvil of war, Moscow for mockery of human rights, and Washington, where every man who has been elected twice can hope for a marble monument.

And, of course, there are smaller cities with a breadth of mind—say Philadelphia, say St. Louis, say Baltimore, say New Orleans, say San Francisco, the city with the singing name, or Boston, the only place I know where nobody hollers against \$2 bills. They are all old cities, each marked by an antique bigotry or prejudice of its own and stamped by an individual careless freedom, too, as all old cities are.

America's Long Dream Wrap them all together and you'll almost have New York—but not quite.

For there is nothing as tremendous as this tremendous village, America's long dream pushed into a few square miles of struggle and grope, where people move like moles underground and hope in terms of towers. Never a day dawns here but my spirit feels taller on the way to work from seeing the Empire State building shoulder the morning mist, comforting as a fairy

Joe Gray, Glendale area fire warden, reports that he participated in fighting two fires last week: One on the mountain just above Glendale, to the north, and the other in cooperation with George Hamlin, Azalea fire warden, in Dismal Creek area out from Azalea. Both fires were caused by lightning.

The first fire broke out June 19, about a mile above the Howard Burke residence on the Reuben Road, north of Glendale. It was not completely out until about noon on Monday.

Monday evening, June 20, Gray was called to assist George Hamlin whose car had broken down. The two men reached the second fire about dark and worked all night and until about 6:30 the following morning when a call was put in for a crew with saw and wedges to cut down the immense snag which was the original source of the fire.

Gray returned, but the four-man bucking crew and Hamlin worked until about 4:30 in the afternoon before the fire was completely smothered. It took them four hours to walk back down from the scene of the fire.

The tree which had been struck and had to be cut down was fully five feet in diameter, according to Gray, and with two-thirds of its height felled by the lightning, still stretched 65 feet into the air. The snag was rotten in the heart and the fire was smouldering down through its center.

Larcenist Taken To Pen On Three-Year Sentence

Deputy Sheriff Red Eckhart took Dallas Crumpacker to the Oregon State Penitentiary Wednesday. Crumpacker was sentenced Saturday to three years in the penitentiary on a charge of larceny from an office. He had previously pleaded guilty upon arraignment before Judge Carl E. Wimberly, but the judge had postponed sentence until the later date. Crumpacker allegedly took a money box from the Greyhound bus depot at Sutherlin.

Two other men were released to California authorities Wednesday, reported Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter. Hugh C. Dean, wanted on a car theft charge, was released to Sgt. Thomas J. Miller of Alhambra, Calif. Henry Youders, wanted at Visalia, Calif., was released to Deputy Norman C. Robb.

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(NEA Telephoto) NEEDS "HUMAN RADIATORS" —Dr. Robert R. Newell, Stanford University radiologist and authority on radiation tolerance, disclosed in San Francisco that not even experts in radiation field can agree on how much radiation the human body can stand and still survive. Dr. Newell has hinted that he would be happy to accept volunteers for radiation tolerance tests. To date he has had only "a few" applications.

It takes 11 lambs to supply the "cat gut" for a single tennis racket.

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