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EXPENSIVE DELAY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A resident of the Edenbower-Riverside community is reported to have said recently that he will oppose union with the City of Roseburg as long as possible.

We wonder if the gentleman realizes that he is proposing to add a good many dollars to his tax costs, while proposing also to make taxes higher than necessary for all Roseburg residents.

By postponing consolidation of suburbs with the municipality the entire Greater Roseburg area will suffer financially.

If consolidations are completed in time for inclusion in the 1960 census, the Greater Roseburg area would have approximately \$217,000 more during the next 10 years to apply toward city administration than if annexation were postponed. As anticipated receipts are used in budget-making to lower the sum to be collected by assessment upon property, taxpayers would be saved that amount, which is more than double the tax that would, at the same time, be levied against property.

The combined Edenbower-Riverside community has a population estimated at around 3,000 persons.

Distribution of motor vehicle taxes, liquor licenses, and other funds collected by the State of Oregon, results in revenue amounting to approximately \$7.25 per capita to each municipality. The distribution is calculated on the basis of the last census. No provision is made for including as a part of the base for distribution any population which may be added to a municipality between federal census periods. Thus, if consolidation does not occur in time to permit population to be enumerated as a part of the municipality in 1960, benefits from state distribution of funds would not be obtainable until after 1970.

The most earnest opponent of annexation, we believe, will admit that it will be necessary for both Edenbower and Riverside to join the city before 1970. Conditions will not long permit these suburbs to continue without municipal services.

Based on the existing 3,000 population, benefits from distribution of state funds would amount to \$21,750 annually, or \$217,500 in 10 years. The current rate of city taxation is approximately \$3.50 per capita or less than one-half the amount of per capita state benefit. This latter figure, however, is very misleading, for approximately 80 per cent of all tax money raised by a municipality comes from business and industry, leaving the average per capita tax for municipal purposes on residential property at about 70 cents.

In other words, a family of four would represent city taxes amounting to \$2.80, while accounting for \$29 in distribution of state revenue to municipalities.

Taxes, of course, are levied on valuations and not on population. Our figures, therefore, based on population are for the entire community on an average and do not apply individually. For some persons the amounts would be more than quoted and less for others, determined by property valuations and number of persons per family.

It is quite evident that postponement of consolidation beyond the census period will be exceedingly expensive.

If annexation could be voted immediately, the city would have an additional \$21,750 annually to be used in lowering the sum to be collected by direct levy on property. On the other hand, if annexation is postponed, then for every year between the time consolidation is approved and the year 1971 the city budget will be minus deductions which otherwise would be available and the cost will be distributed among all taxpayers.

We believe it is evident that postponement of annexation will be far more expensive to residents of these suburban areas than immediate consolidation.

We hope they will make a New Year's resolution to proceed with annexation at the earliest possible date.

Most Automobiles Now Running Of Pre-War Vintage

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of General Motors figures that around 55 to 60 per cent of autos now running are pre-war.

Charles E. Wilson, making that estimate, added: "The used cars are still overpriced as compared to pre-war—if you put the dollar back in its purchasing power with relation to a new car."

Among other things Wilson said he expects the next new development in the "automobile

Qualified Negroes Getting More And Better Jobs

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Steady improvement in the economic and industrial conditions of this country's Negro population is reported by the National Urban League in a year-end summary.

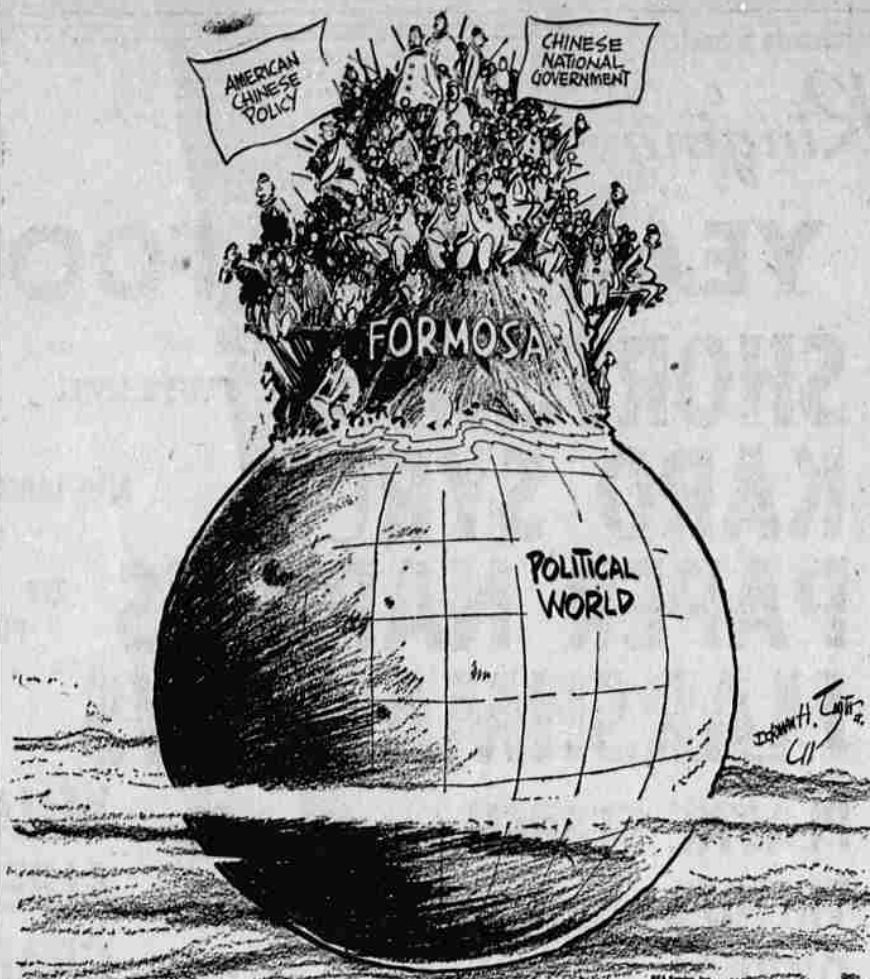
The report said that an increasing number of qualified Negroes have obtained positions as engineers, chemists, physicists, accountants, bank tellers, telephone

Naval Reservists To Get "Arctic" Drills In Colorado

WASHINGTON (AP)—Training for work under simulated Arctic conditions will be given more than 800 naval reserve engineers and Seabees during the next three months at the army's Camp Hale, high up in Colorado.

The reservists, coming from states west of the Mississippi, will get their training in three groups

Just a Little Dot on the Map



Scenes from the MENDING BASKET
By Vianett S. Martin

"Moving Stars Akin to Music" is the title of an article borrowed from Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, astronomer, Oregon Higher Education System, clipped from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Says Dr. Pruett:

"When we contemplate a clear night sky, artistically set with its myriads of twinkling stars of many degrees of brilliancy, and note how the entire crystalline sphere turns smoothly westward, do we not sometimes feel that, intertwined in all this perfect order and harmony is something closely akin to exquisite music?"

Since reading the delightful clipping in which is explained the theory of the Greek Pythagoras, 6th century B. C., from which has come our expression, "music of the spheres," I have been trying to find a poem which stays in a corner of my mind about that very thing: the music of the spheres. Does any reader know it?

"Astronomy and music surely are not discordant," says Dr. Pruett. "Witness the great of the world who have worshipped at

the shrines of both: Galileo, Herschel, Saint-Saens, Jeans, Einstein. In his symphonic suite of seven tone poems, "The Planets," Gustav Holst memorized the "harmony of the spheres."

Pythagoras believed that "as the planets in order bright swing through the firmament they emitted clear and pure musical notes. Since the note of each depended upon its speed—and this in turn on the distance—he felt that the spacing of these heavenly bodies was perfectly arranged, for the combination of the notes produced splendid harmony; . . .

"Why do we not notice them? Because so accustomed to them are we, having heard them since birth, that we are no more conscious to their vibrations that is a coppersmith of the din he produces. . . . The seven planets, (sun and moon included) are the seven strings of the heavenly harmony . . . a heptachord. The sphere of the fixed stars furnishes an eight."

Dr. Pruett continues: "This notion was generally held even to the time of the astronomer Kepler, about A. D. 1600. . . ."

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE FARMER AND CVA

The Dalles Chronicle Lowell Steen, speaking before a luncheon meeting of The Dalles Lions club, has effectively disposed of the notion that the Oregon Farm Bureau federation is neutral in the controversy over CVA.

Emphasizing that most of his comments reflected the views of the Farm Bureau as expressed at the convention a few weeks ago in La Grande, Steen took a firm stand against control of North-west development by a Columbia valley administration or other government corporation.

Among the sections of the CVA bill (SB 1645) to which the state Farm Bureau president drew special attention are the following: Section 6, page 10—(3)—to conduct economic scientific and technical investigations and studies, to establish, maintain and operate research facilities, and to undertake experiments and practical demonstrations.

Section 7, page 13—(a)—The administration shall be responsible for preparing such multiple-purpose and unified plans and programs for the conservation, development and use of the natural resources of the region as may be useful to the President and the congress in guiding and controlling the nature, extent and sequence of federal programs, projects and activities in the region, and in coordinating them with related national policies and programs.

Section 1, page 14—(5) fostering the use of the mineral, forest, land, water, fish and other resources of the region to assure a balanced and stable economic development.

Powers similar to those conferred in section 6 have been used by the Tennessee valley authority to conduct "experiments" which led to direct competition with a number of private businesses, Steen pointed out.

Section 7 would give CVA the right to assume the functions of planning and controlling virtually all programs now conducted by other federal agencies.

as possible. He cited the extension service as an agency drawing its finances from various sources but remaining subject primarily to local and state control.

Steen's strongest point, one which cannot be dismissed by those who scoff at the genuine fear caused by continual extension of government control over the lives of us all, was this:

If the government can take over the electric power business, as it has already done in a large area dominated by the Tennessee valley authority, it could also conceivably assume command of agriculture or any other industry.

Reduced to its simplest terms, that is the question which confronts the northwest or any other area which later may be included in a valley authority blueprint.

It is easy to say that such extension of power is not contemplated, that CVA is designed simply to develop resources and conserve soil, forests and fish for the benefit of all. It could do just that, provided the all-powerful three-man board firmly believed in the American system of free enterprise in addition to their required belief in the "feasibility and wisdom" of the CVA act. Otherwise it could be dictatorship.

Unless there are abuses which appear to be uncorrectable by any means other than federal control, no farmer or business man should advocate for someone else's business a form of government domination or ruinous competition which he would be unwilling to have applied to the economy as a whole.

Lost Diamond Ring Found In Gift Package

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 28.—(AP)—The day after was just as happy as Christmas at the Robert Dillard home this year. Santa Claus paid a return call, as it were.

Sometime during the holidays Mrs. Dillard lost her \$1,000 diamond ring. Yesterday she got it back.

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

the master speaks) and delegations from foreign countries.

WHERE was Ivan Ivanovich, the Russian common man?

Oh, he was out in the cold and the snow shivering and slaving and toiling TO PAY FOR ALL THIS POMP AND GLITTER.

That's where the common man always winds up when too much power is held in too few hands too long.

IN Washington, D. C., the other day, Representative Mack, Republican congressman from the state of Washington, ran into Charlie Watkins, who handles Pacific Northwest news for the Associated Press. (Charlie prowls the halls of the Capitol and the House and Senate office buildings in search of Northwest lawmakers who are in the mood to say something that might make news. When they say it, Charlie wires it out here for consumption by the home folks.)

Mack said to Charlie:

"The main effort of the coming session of Congress SHOULD BE TO REDUCE THE PRESENT WASTEFUL AND EXTRAVAGANT FEDERAL SPENDING BY ABOUT TEN BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR."

That sounded O K to Charlie, and a few minutes later the stuff was coming off our teletype.

DON'T know Representative Mack personally, but I'm in complete agreement with his statement that Congress ought to nick about ten billion dollars off the federal government's spending.

Congress could DO IT, too, if it really wanted to. The wise founding fathers made Congress the KEEPER OF THE PURSE STRINGS.

Until Congress appropriates the money, NOBODY CAN SPEND IT.

If Congress refuses to appropriate, the administration can't spend.

NOBODY knows all this better than Charlie Watkins, who is a news hound, and a good one; and so when Representative Mack got those winged words off his chest Charlie lost no time getting them onto the wires.

I'M all for Congressman Mack's proposal.

But I wonder. I wonder what he would do if somebody proposed to reduce the federal spending by some millions of dollars IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

That's where the shoe would begin to pinch.

ONE trouble with our Congress is that its members are against reckless federal spending EVERYWHERE EXCEPT IN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS.

TWO POST BAIL

Angeleta H. Welton, 38, Klamath Falls, charged with being drunk on a public street, was released upon posting \$40 bail. Judge A. J. Geddes reported. Kevin Duwayne Eaton, 22, Menlo Park, Calif., charged with being drunk on a public highway, was released upon posting \$40 bail. Geddes added.

J. F. Bonebrake Again Elected To Head PMA

J. F. Bonebrake of Melrose route will again head the Douglas County Production and Marketing Administration committee. He was elected on Dec. 21 to serve as chairman for the coming year.

Vice-chairman of the committee is J. L. Atkins of Riddle. Harvey J. Cockeram of Oakland is the third member of the 1950 county committee. The first and second alternates are R. A. Busenbark of Melrose and Delbert Trask of Myrtle Creek.

The following is the list of the three committees elected in each of the county's ten districts: District I—Glendale-Azalea—chairman, Louis Brady; vice-chairman, Joe Payne; regular member, B. G. Johnson, all of Glendale.

District II—Riddle—chairman, L. C. Walsh; vice-chairman, Ivan Worsham; regular member, Roscoe Ball, all of Riddle.

District III—Days Creek-Canyonville—chairman, Lawrence Michaels, Canyonville; vice-chairman, Delbert Poole, Days Creek; regular member, Frank Brown, Canyonville.

District IV—Myrtle Creek—chairman, E. W. Hollinger; vice-chairman, Delbert Trask; regular member, Fred Neale, Myrtle Creek.

District V—Roseburg—chairman, R. A. Busenbark; vice-chairman, Clifford Hess; regular member, V. T. Jackson, all of Roseburg.

District VI—Camas Valley-Tentacle—chairman, Ernest Wheeler; vice-chairman, Jack Parrott; regular member, Howard Milton, all of Camas Valley.

District VII—Oakland-Sutherland—chairman, C. H. Davison; vice-chairman, George A. Wilcox both of Oakland; regular member, Harry Norton, Sutherland.

District VIII—Elkton-Kellogg—chairman, George Madison; vice-chairman, J. B. Brady, both of Oakland; regular member, J. W. Goreman, Elkton.

District IX—Yoncalla-Drain—chairman, L. W. Wise; vice-chairman, E. K. Mulkey; regular member, D. C. Wilson, all of Yoncalla.

District X—Reedsport—chairman, R. North; vice-chairman, Paul McAllister; regular member, Edmond Pyritz, all of Reedsport.

The county committee and the county committee of each district have as their responsibility the job of administering the United States Department of Agriculture conservation program.

More Farmers Join Plan

Douglas county has an appropriation of \$64,000 for assistance to farmers using conservation practices recommended by the program. The objective of the committee in the following year will be to get more farmers interested in the conservation program. The program offers at least one practice that is needed on every farm in the county. More and more farmers are becoming interested and actually participating each year. The county committee would like very much to have more range land seeded to long-lived perennial pasture plants, said Bonebrake. The committee is also stressing drainage work and the removal of brush, so that wasted farmland can be utilized.

For information on these practices or any other practices included in the 1950 program, any interested farmer should contact his nearest committee member listed above, or the county office, room 321, Pacific building, Roseburg.

Long Juvenile Records Not Rule

EUGENE (AP)—The juvenile offender with a long record is the exception rather than the rule in Lane county. After one treatment by Lane county juvenile authorities, the chances are five to one that the offender will not return.

Those are the conclusion reached this week by Robert Blaha, a University of Oregon student who examined three years of juvenile records to prepare a study on "recidivism."

Noting each time a "twotime loser" appeared before the juvenile authorities, the senior in psychology from Portland prepared a detailed statistical study. He noted that after the second referral to the authorities, "recidivism" dropped off until only a handful of youngsters appeared five or six times.

"Recidivism" is the term social workers and criminologists use to describe a falling back or relapse into criminal habits, especially after punishment. While the boys outnumber girls four to one on the delinquency rolls, the rate of recidivism is just about the same—or 19.7 per cent for boys and 18.5 per cent for girls.

Prison Doors Open For Japanese War Criminals

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Forty-six Japanese war criminals were freed from Sugamo prison today. They are the first to win freedom under General MacArthur's Christmas day announcement that war criminals could reduce their sentences by good behavior.

Members of the group were serving sentences of four years or less for minor war crimes. Included are Maj. Gen. Naohi Kurihara; and Kogyo Yonegaki, former Japanese consul general in Canton, China.

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between 6 15 and 7 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.

Ask for Harold Mobley

Japan Given Permit To Build Merchant Marine

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—General MacArthur today gave the Japanese government permission to spend 8,600,000,000 yen (nearly \$24,000,000) to build up Nippon's merchant marine.

Earlier the allied occupation commander announced private imports will be restored in Japan on New Year's day.

Occupation sources have long argued that if Japan could import an export under her own steam the United States could reduce its spending in Japan.

In authorizing private imports, MacArthur took the final step in returning Japan's foreign trade to private hands. Exports were put on a private basis on Dec. 1.

Christmas is still celebrated on January 6, the ages-old Twelfth Night, by residents of Rodanthe, small village on Hatteras Island off North Carolina.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 30 YEARS AGO

Dealer Is To Identify Stolen Car At Glendale
E. J. McLain, a well-known automobile dealer of Pendleton, Oregon, arrived in this city yesterday en route to Glendale, where he goes to identify the Oakland car which was left in a garage there by two youths who disappeared. The machine, which is the property of T. Rude, of Pendleton, was stolen some time ago at Seattle and driven as far as Glendale by two unknown boys.

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Can't you just see two thieves streaking down the muddy roads in a 1918 model car? No wonder they abandoned it—probably got tired of cranking the beast! Modern cars are easy to run, easy to start—and easy to steal. Best preventive medicine is theft insurance—then you can let US worry about your car!

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