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Postal Deficit Needs Study

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Bills to rescind the Post Office department's recent cuts in mail service await floor action in both houses of Congress. But the lawmakers might better devote their energy to something else, for these measures won't mean anything even should they become law.

The reason is simple: Congress won't provide the money needed to restore the service reductions. In fact, the department in all likelihood will enter the 1950-51 fiscal year with its budget somewhat trimmed.

It's another case of the legislators trying to have their cake and eat it, too. Post office deficits are chronic. The Congress never has faced up to the problem of how to put the department on a consistently paying basis. This year postal operations are \$545,000,000 in the red.

If the cuts ordered by Postmaster General Donaldson serve to stir the public enough to push the lawmakers toward some real solution, they may be a good thing. Even though, according to an early survey of the effects of the changes, a considerable number of business firms are suffering.

The reductions in service themselves are certainly no solution. At best it was hoped they would chop \$30,000,000 off operating costs, but experience to date suggests the saving may be substantially less.

The big money losers in the department are the second, third and fourth class mail services handling, respectively, newspapers and magazines, advertising circulars, and parcel post. Only first class mail and postal savings earn their way.

Each of these red-ink services ought to be examined closely by

Congress with a view to streamlining it and getting it onto the most efficient basis possible. Wherever they apply, the recommendations of the Hoover Commission should be adopted.

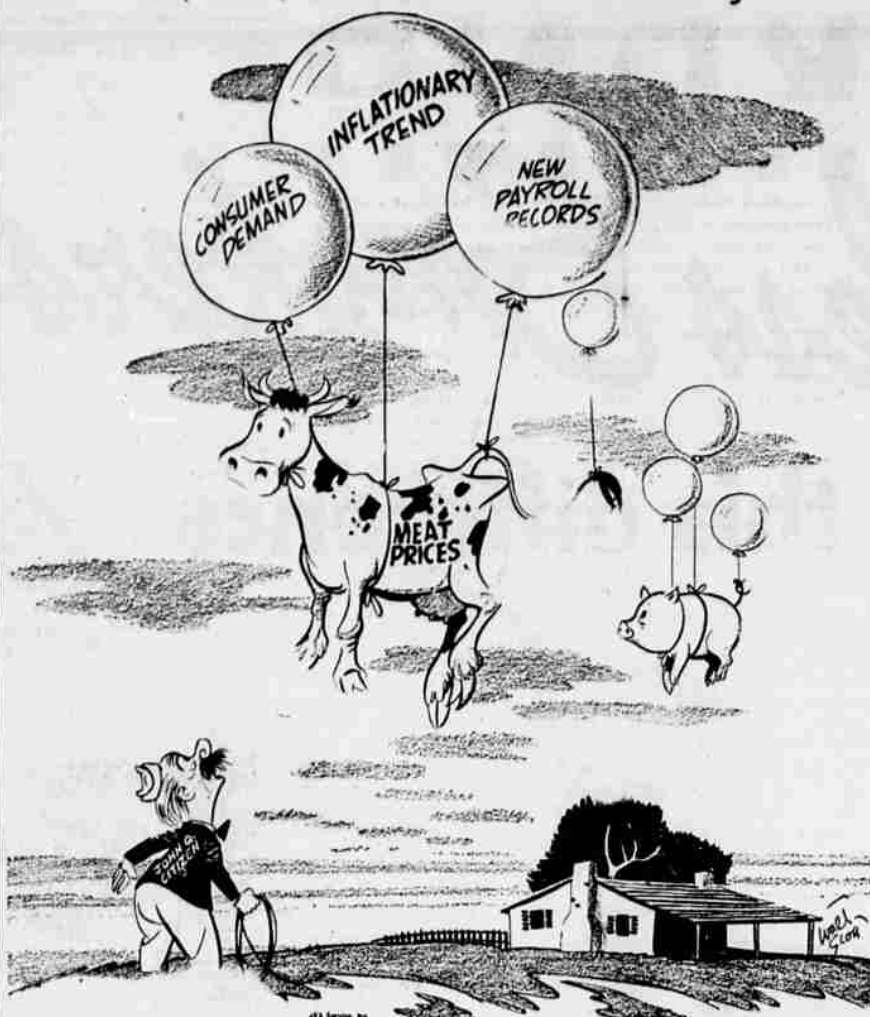
If such revamping does not produce the economies needed to wipe out the deficits in these categories, then Congress would seem to have no choice but to raise rates so operations can get into the black.

Any other course amounts to flat acknowledgment that Congress is prepared to carry the Post Office Department indefinitely as a cumbersome, inefficient giant that cannot earn its salt.

If the lawmakers should surprise by really bucking down to this task, they ought also to end for all time the absurd fiction of "air mail subsidies" to the airlines. American civil aviation may need subsidy to survive; that's a problem of another sort. But what is thought wise for the airlines has nothing to do with running the air mail service, which should function according to costs and standards suitable to its own special nature.

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Oh, Well, We Can Always Go Fishing



In the Day's News

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THIS one is from South Carolina: "Federal retirement pay drawn by former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was injected into the South Carolina governor's race yesterday."

"Leslie L. Bates, one of Byrnes' three opponents for the governorship in the Democratic primary, declared that Byrnes draws \$6,637.08 a year in a federal pension. Bates said the money, no doubt, is deserved and is being put to a good use. 'But,' he added, 'the regrettable thing is that all our people can not be provided for in the same proportion as the politicians provide for themselves.'"

THAT's a crack at the fact that under the federal retirement pay system our politicians are pretty well provided for when they "retire"—which means when they get defeated for re-election, for no politician ever retires for any other reason.

In fairness, it ought to be added that they put up a fair-sized chunk of the money themselves by deductions from their salaries while they are still in office.

THIS week's big politics news is the statement by Ohio's Democratic Governor Frank J. Lausche that he hasn't made up his mind yet whether he will vote for Ohio's incumbent Senator Taft in November or for Taft's Democratic opponent for the senatorship!

That, by any accepted political standard, is HERESY, and since Taft is a national figure Democrats all over the country are wondering what the heck this guy Lausche is up to.

WELL, he MIGHT be so completely sincere as to believe that Taft is the best man for the state of Ohio and for the nation.

The political slant on the incident, however, seems to be that Lausche has decided that Taft is going to be overwhelmingly re-elected and he might as well make political medicine for himself by climbing on Taft's bandwagon NOW.

Politics is a great game.

Banquet Closes DUV Convention

The 32nd annual convention of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War closed Wednesday evening at a banquet in the dining room of the I. O. O. F. hall. The tables were decorated in keeping with the theme, "Roseburg." Small red rosebud corsages and rose-shaped nut-cups were used. Wayne Wagner and Rolland Wagner of Roseburg presented vocal and piano selections on the program.

The Oregon convention of the organization went on record as sponsoring a college at Parget, Tenn., for the national living memorial.

The three tents in Portland extended an invitation for the 1951 convention to be held in that city. The retiring department presi-



It says here in the May issue of The Forest Log: "Newspapers are at liberty to publish, either with or without credit, any article appearing in this publication. So here's one from 'The Duffel Bag,' that rather racy page presided over by Ye Editor, Hazel Hoe, one of Richard Armour's brilliant poetic dissertations—source otherwise not disclosed: (yes, I know I've mentioned sawdust before but don't skip this!)"

Out of the Woods . . . Successful fattening of poultry, hogs, and cattle on chemically treated sawdust is reported at a meeting of the American Chemical Society.—News Item.

Go hustle up some redwood And fetch a bit of pine, For cattle now are fed wood, And so, it seems, are swine.

The sawmills busy whirling Turns out, with every gash The stuff that, with some stirring

Makes very yummy mash.

Here's Bossie, better feed her, She's had a busy day, Fill up her bin with cedar, She'll never miss her hay.

And here a hen comes clucking, She waddles up a goose, So start your mealtime clucking Of tasty bits of spruce.

Rejoice, you farmer fellows, And praise the chemist's brain, In lofts the sawdust melloes For all the world like grain.

No lack of food this winter For fattening the stock, There'll always be a splinter A chip from off the block.

Give thanks to mental giants Who've done what seemed incredible, God made the tree, but science At last has made it edible! —Richard Armour

Canyonville Lions Install Officers

The Canyonville Lions club installed officers at a dinner meeting held at Ford's cafe Wednesday night. District governor Louis Hardin of Grants Pass installed the following: Henry Ford, president; Ed Oaks, first vice-president; John Hamlin, second vice-president; R. E. Olsen, third vice-president; John Bingham, secretary-treasurer; Ray Hays, lion tamer; George Brinkworth, tail twister; Gordon Harry and D. W. Gill, directors.

Hardin gave a brief resume of the district convention held recently in Medford and presented 100 percent attendance pins to R. E. Olsen, John Hamlin, John Bingham, Henry Ford and Richard Mesick.

D. W. Gill was master of ceremonies and was also responsible for getting the barbershop quartet from Roseburg to appear on the program. Their selections included "Rufus Rustus Johnson Brown," "After Dark," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Dear Heavens and Gentle People," and "The Anatomy Song." They were well received and following the singing announced they were available for community appearances. Don Lillard was the spokesman.

Another highlight of the evening's entertainment was Fritz Snyder, playing his Hammond electric organ. He played several selections and accompanied by the group singing by the Lions and their guests.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Hardin of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce of Bremerton, Wash., and Kola Bregman.

Lions and their wives attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mesick, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harry, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. George Brinkworth, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chappel, Mr. and Mrs. James Reid and John Bingham.

dent of Oregon, Martha Curran, of Albany, her officers and visiting tent members expressed their appreciation to Roseburg tent members and the citizens of this city for the many courtesies extended during the 1950 convention held here this week.

New Tax Bill Is Assailed By G. O. P. Leaders

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY
WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—House Republican leader Martin of Massachusetts has called his policy committee to a huddle to map party strategy on what he called the "phony" new tax bill.

Some Republicans, privately describing the bill as "political dynamite," said they will vote for it despite misgivings about some of its features. The vote is expected next week.

The measure would slash excise taxes an estimated \$1,010,000,000 on fur coats, jewelry, luggage, cosmetics, movie tickets, travel tickets, telephone bills and scores of other items. It would make up the excise revenue loss to a large degree by new taxes on big corporations.

Rep. Kean (R-N.J.), member of the ways and means committee, said: "This bill reduces the tax on luxuries and transfers the tax burden to necessities."

Martin told newsmen "it is a kind of phony tax reduction bill. True, it gives relief to some taxpayers but at the same time it makes taxes much more burdensome on others."

The GOP leader and many other Republicans, as well as Democrats, have been battling for reduction of the wartime excise taxes to make up the revenue loss, the excise relief should be accompanied by reduction in government spending.

Spending Cut Favored
Ways and means committee chairman Doughton (D-N.C.), the top Democratic tax manager, takes the view also that the \$535,000,000 boost in taxes on big corporations goes too far. He said that he would rather see a reduction of government spending, to save money. He is going to pilot through the House the bill approved by the committee, however, since it apparently is the only way now to get excises cut.

The measure applies increased tax rates only to corporations earning \$167,000 or more a year, while reducing the tax burden for corporations earning between \$5,000 and \$167,000.

Kean said that this actually will mean that the smaller corporations will get a tax reduction of about \$267,000,000 and the largest corporations, that produce about 75 per cent of the nation's goods, will have to pay about \$700,000,000 more a year.

To make up the higher taxes, the New Jersey member said, the prices of food and other necessities will rise.

"It is a good political bill, looking at it on the surface," he said, "but the impact on the cost of living might be serious."

Canyonville Appoints Nimmo As Police Chief

At the regular meeting of the Canyonville city council Tuesday night Ted Nimmo was appointed chief of police for the city. He has been acting patrolman for about a year here. Canyonville has been without a police chief for about six weeks since the resignation of Harry Howard.

Johnny Hamilton, employed a month ago, will continue as patrolman.

First Presbyterian Church
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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
"The Flow of the Master's Spirit" delivered by Rev. Allen A. Kohler, Frankfort, Ind.

Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
"Man of Sympathies" by Rev. Robert Hall

Evers Regains Lead In All-Star Baseball Poll

CHICAGO, June 23.—(AP)—Walter (Hoot) Evers, of the Detroit Tigers today regained the lead among American league outfielders in the fans' national all-star baseball poll to determine starting lineups for the 17th annual game in Chicago's Comiskey park July 11.

Evers has 202,532 votes, while runnerup Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, has 200,447. In third place is Joe DiMaggio with 196,304 votes.

Enos Slaughter, St. Louis, continues to lead the National league's outfielders with 200,447, followed by Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh, with 198,216, and Duke Snider, Brooklyn, 192,064.

The poll opened on June 12 and will close at midnight July 1. Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal first baseman-outfielder is still the individual leader in the balloting with 214,194 votes.

Program Announced For Season's First 'Y' Day

The first "Y-Day" will be held Tuesday, June 27 according to Marlen Yoder, local "Y" secretary. All boys from about eight to 13 years of age are invited to take part in this program. The first day will be spent in playing games, croquet, and planning the activities to be held this summer on "Y-Days." All boys are asked to bring prepared lunches and be at Umpqua park at 9:30 a.m. Marlen Yoder will direct the program.

RARE MINERAL FOUND

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—(AP)—Discovery near Kingman, Ariz., of a rare radioactive mineral that may be valuable in atomic research has been disclosed by Santa Barbara college, a branch of the University of California.

The mineral, called thallite, heretofore has been found only in Sweden, the college said. C. Douglas Woodhouse, lecturer in mineralogy, found the sample last spring.

ADVERTISING PAYS

CHICAGO.—(AP)—The big sign Arthur H. Miller, 34, a recent Michigan State college graduate, had put up along a highway near Lansing, Mich., has landed him a job.

It advertised him to motorists as a mechanical engineer "trained in better methods."

It worked. His mother, Mrs. Harry A. Miller, of Chicago, said he accepted one with a consulting engineering firm in Lansing.

Our most sincere thanks to a multitude of friends and relatives for the help, kindness and flowers, during our boy's tragic accident.

Fred and Thora Braaten

POULTRY MEETING

SUTHERLIN GRANGE HALL

Friday, June 23, 8 P. M.

All Producers Invited

This meeting is being arranged and sponsored by Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, who will have for demonstration several new type dry egg cleaning machines. Also a complete low cost humidifying and cooling unit.

Current poultry subjects will be discussed by Noel Bennion, Extension Poultryman, O. S. C.

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