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OREGON WAGES HIGH

By Charles V. Stanton

In connection with the labor trouble being experienced by The News-Review, an announcement by the State Unemployment Compensation commission is particularly interesting.

The commission reports that "after leading the nation in hourly and weekly earnings in April, Oregon's production workers established even higher marks in May."

Oregon's production workers earned higher wages than in any other state. Employees in printing and publishing had the highest hourly rate of all Oregon workers, average weekly wages advancing sharply from \$78.16 to \$83.27, as compared to a new high of \$69.94 for workers in non-durable goods and a drop from \$69.32 to \$66.66 for paper products workers. Lumber and logging earnings set a new high of \$73.33; workers in durable goods received more than ever before at \$71.92 a week.

According to this report, employees in printing and publishing were the highest paid class of workers in the nation. The wage scale offered by The News-Review, \$2.25 per hour for a 47 1/2 hour week, is as high as paid by any other daily newspaper in Oregon. Yet, The News-Review is charged with being "unfair."

But, continuing with the Unemployment Compensation commission's report, it is stated that averages for production workers employed in more than 400 Oregon plants show earnings of \$1.78 per hour and \$69.47 per week in May, compared with \$1.75 and \$68.79 in April.

By way of comparison, other top states included Michigan \$68.47, Wyoming \$67.47, Washington \$66.93 and California \$63.94.

For the entire nation \$56.93 was the average weekly rate with durable goods at \$61.12 and non-durables \$52.17.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Back To The Caves

By BILL JENKINS
Editor Klamath Falls Herald & News

A recent AP dispatch carried this message: "Numerous casualties were reported among the Red ground troops caught in a storm of rockets, bombs, machine gun bullets and — for the first announced time — the jelly-like explosive called Napalm. This incendiary liquid, composed of gasoline mixed in a secret soap-like substance, is carried in special belly tanks. The tanks are crapped and explode on contact, spraying flaming gasoline in all directions."

A new weapon of war. A war fought, of course, to preserve the peace. No war is ever fought for any other reason, apparently. When you think of the new weapons of destruction it is hard to keep your mind from looking backward.

Picture a gloomy cave high on a hillside several hundred thousand years ago. Squatted in the entrance is a squat, hairy man patiently chipping away at a bit of flint or obsidian — putting a keen cutting edge on it. When man invented the knife, he first used it to kill and butcher his meat. Soon he was using it to "defend the peace of his cave" against intruders who moved into the same valley with him.

Later in history another of the cave dwellers stumbled on the idea of the bow and arrow. I can picture him now, putting the finishing touches on his creation and thinking to himself "boy, this weapon will be so terrible it will end war for all time."

The age of armored knights came and with it came use of the broadsword, the crossbow and the battering ram. Then came gunpowder. Then came high explosives. Then planes and finally poison gas.

For years people said that poison gas was such a terrible weapon that another war would never be fought. Then came world war two, fought despite poison gas, little of which was used except in the burning pits of German concentration camps. At the end of the war came the atom bomb.

When we first read of the A-bomb we all thought again that here was a weapon that would end war. Now we have already developed, they tell us, a helium bomb that makes the atom bomb look like a plaything for the children.

We are almost back to that cave on the hillside. The only difference will be that we aren't as well prepared to stand the rigors of climate and the daily drive for food and shelter as was our predecessor. After the H-bombs have blown all the houses, all the cities and most of the people off the face of the earth, you'll be right back there eating with your fingers. If you think it ain't tough, go out on a picnic sometime in your bare feet with a pinch of salt and a knife and see how soon you get lunch by running down a rabbit, mole or porky and trying to cook him over an open fire — even one you built with matches.

After all that we can go back to work building up our arsenal in order to "maintain the peace" in our own valley or mountain or cave or wherever you end up living in.

Aged Bellhop Sends \$100 To Truman To Aid War Effort

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 21 — A 74-year-old former bellhop sent a \$100 money order to President Truman Thursday with a letter explaining it was his "trifling donation to help our country's fight against communism."

"After listening to your broadcast of Wednesday night, versus Dave Epstein, I firmly agree that no form of government can succeed by military and bullets instead of bullets."

"Please accept enclosed postal money order made out in the Treasury of the United States as my humble donation to help our country in its effort to assure the peace of the world the right to choose the form of government they want."

"Freedom is priceless! Liberty is priceless! It is not the first time I have given money to help our country."

Epstein, born in Pook, Lithuania, and a naturalized American citizen, was a member of a German infiltration unit in 1947, which year he has sent the U.S. Treasury \$100 as an expression of gratitude for the freedom to enjoy in "my country."

Two months ago he donated \$100 to a local boys' club.

Births At Mercy Hospital

MCCARTHY — To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stephen McCarthy, Myrtle Creek, July 15, a son, Michael Scott; weight eight pounds 12 ounces.

COLLINS — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheeta Collins, 817 Lilburn street, Roseburg, July 15, a son, Charles Cyrus; weight nine pounds.

BROWN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Brown, Myrtle Creek, July 15, a son, Timothy Eugene; weight six pounds eight ounces.

K. OF C. PICNIC DATED

Louis Adamski has received notice of the state Knights of Columbus picnic, to be held in Salem at the state fairgrounds Sunday. Persons planning to attend should bring their own basket lunches. Several are planning to attend from Roseburg, said Adamski.

Just As Sure As Night Follows Day



OPEN HOUSE will be held today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with members, employees and the general public invited to view the newly-completed, modern home of the Douglas Electric Cooperative. The new building, located on Highway 99 north about a quarter of a mile from the Garden Valley junction, features the very latest in building and room design, lighting and use of eye-ease colors. The structure was built at a cost of about \$64,000, excluding the cost of the lot and equipment. Manager Harold Backen Jr. is pictured in lower photo, seated at his desk in the new office. See also story on page one. (Staff photo.)



Scissors from the MENDING BASKET
By Yvonne S. Martin

After the Long Beach earthquake the gas was not turned on anywhere until each line and each house had been inspected for safety. So for some time folks made out as best they could for cooking and bathing, the latter being most-esteemed used to call the "lick-and-a-pronise" kind. So when a friend had water and heat before we did, she promptly urged us to "come and have baths" and we lost no time enjoying a good hot "soak."

This is the third day now we have been making out with lick-and-a-pronise bathing. Not only that, but I keep turning on the faucet and when no water runs I feel silly. How strong is habit! By the time I get a meal on the table I feel nearly added—you should see our kitchen! Pots and pans and kettles and pails setting around full of water. Oh yes, the washing machine, too. Were we tickled last night to find that? We had forgotten that was filled too. But each day is one day nearer normal living with water coming once more from a fine spring now being enclosed with cement blocks, above the rock "box," with a new housing above that over the pump.

When we returned from Victoria we found one end of the 12-inch plank where the pump rested, had fallen, and the pump was at a crazy angle. What ever kept it from crashing down into the spring we'll never know, for one end rested only on air. Was that a job to get props under. The high bank behind had begun to force the back timbered wall inward, and at a touch it collapsed into the spring. Earth followed. All that had to be shoveled out of the spring. F. J. found it difficult to get help, and was pretty well worn out, when a neighborly friend from the Bear Creek canyon came over and lent a strong back and knowledge of how to set cement blocks. A friend in need is a friend indeed!

Our springhouse will be almost like the one we dreamed about having, during our city years. The water is a joy to even look at in a glass, so sparkling clear, and a delight to drink. When I remember the chloral-tasting water we drank for so many years, I am full of gratitude for our spring. But one more day of this and I'm going visiting, suitcase in hand, and ask some astounded friend, "Would you mind if I have a bath?"

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think any evidence we have so far shows that to be a fact."

What does he think is happening to the enemy?

Well, he comments that the North Koreans are taking "terrific casualties." "General MacArthur's that accurate figures are impossible. The briefing officer thinks perhaps our strategic bombing is beginning to show on supplies reaching the enemy front. "Strategic" bombing, you know, is bombing far to the enemy's rear, smashing up his supplies, knocking out his trucks and railroad trains, and so on. No army ever yet was able to fight without supplies.

The briefer in the Pentagon also refers to dispatches telling that only four Commie tanks have been seen in the past day. That, he says, "is a good sign." He adds, "It might be that the enemy is GETTING LOW ON GASOLINE." It might indeed. There isn't too much gasoline in that part of the world. You must have noted that the British have shut off the petrol they had been sending into Communist China.

So much for the goodish news. This paragraph is grimmer: "A Red force to the east (of our line at Taeyon) poses a serious threat. General MacArthur's headquarters report the Reds are moving reinforcements to their fifth division driving southward from Taeyon, 60 miles northeast of Taeyon. STRIKING FOR AMERICAN SUPPLY LINES." This Commie column is trying an end run around our right flank. It is heading down a long, more or less flat, valley that leads to Pusan. Pusan has been our port of entry for our campaign so far in Korea. Here the ships come and discharge their cargoes. Here the cargo planes land at a big airport.

This paragraph is from a dispatch sent by Bill Moore, one of the correspondents at the fighting front. It is grimmer still: "Thirty wounded American soldiers are reported tonight to have BEEN SHOT TO DEATH ON THEIR LITTERS by the North Koreans who swarmed across the Kum river Sunday night."

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LETTERS to the Editor

Two Sutherland Dogs Victims Of Poisoner

SUTHERLIN — Last Saturday evening and late Sunday afternoon our pet Dachshund and two other neighborhood dogs met with sudden death. The cause? Poisoning. The evidence? Partially eaten and regurgitated "hot dogs." The type of poison is, at this writing, unknown. An analysis will answer that question.

I do not wish to comment now on the distortion and depravity of the mind that conceived and perpetrated such a crime; nor do I wish to comment on what the loss of our pets has meant to us—any rhetoric on the subject would be superfluous to a dog lover and incomprehensive to the maniacal crank who killed our dogs. But I do wish to point out the urgency of tracing crimes of this nature to their source.

You see, I have two chubby little children who are very fond of eating and who have not the least aversion to a little garnish of dirt on their food. The poisoned "hot dogs" would have been a tempting snack for them—but "Sophie" found them first. The next time poisoned food is put out for a dog, its victim may instead be a child.

THERESE S. SEYMOUR
Sutherlin, Ore.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
PARKHURST-OSBORNE — Irwin Edgar Parkhurst and Beverly Jean Osborne, both of Roseburg. WEAVER-PETERS — Raymond James Weaver, Lookingglass, and Betty Jo Peters, Tenmile.

Divorce Suits Filed
STAFFORD — Merle vs. Willie Stafford. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks custody of minor child and that custody be awarded to the defendant of two minor children.

HOLCOMB — Shirley Lee vs. Ira Eugene Holcomb. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks for property settlement, custody of three minor children and \$100 support money.

SOCIAL NIGHT PLANNED
Plans for a social night to be held Aug. 4 were made by the Roseburg Active club at its meeting Thursday morning in the Shalimar. The place will be announced later. Installation of officers is planned. All Active club members and their guests are invited to attend.

SPREE DRAWS FINE
Hamilton Meredith Ward, 42, of Tenmile was fined \$45 on a drunk charge and released upon payment of the fine, reported Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes.

NOTED ATHLETE DIES
LOS ANGELES, July 21.—(AP)—Richard Lewis Treweeke, 35, former United States Olympic games athlete, died yesterday in the Veterans Administration hospital in Sawtelle.
Treweeke held several broad jump and high jump marks and was a member of the Olympic team in 1920. He had operated an employment agency here since 1943.

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