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## WE OBJECT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A representative of a credit firm told us recently that "inflation is catching up with us." He means that the squeeze is being felt; that despite higher wages, people have less money to spend on other than essentials of life.

As evidence of the existing situation, he pointed to the fact that claims turned over for collection are up 50 percent from a year and a half ago. Small loan companies have shown a tremendous growth and are swamped with applications for loans. Payments on delinquent accounts are being reduced; that is, a person who may have been paying \$25 per month on an old account has cut his payments to \$15 per month.

Merchants report that more and more "substantial" customers are asking for credit — people who previously have paid cash for the merchandise they purchased.

All of this, says our informant, means that the merchant is being squeezed in trying to keep up both ends of his business — credit at one end and inventory loans at the other.

At the same time there still appears to be ample consumer buying power as evidenced by bargain sales and price wars.

When consumers are offered particularly good price concessions, plenty of money comes forth to take advantage of the opportunity.

### Middle Class Hardest Hit

The middle class, in the opinion of the credit man, forms the hardest hit segment of our population. These people, largely on fixed salary schedules, are being squeezed between cost-of-living and high taxes. They have no defense against either. Take-home pay is inadequate to maintain the accustomed or "normal" standard of living.

The average middle class family, he reports, is "running in the hole, if not enormously careful of the expenditure of the breadwinner's salary."

At the same time, according to credit reports, the American public is overextended on "attic inventories." During a wave of scare buying, the public indulged in a spree of hoarding everything from nylon to automobile tires, hardware and appliances. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are tied up in hoarded merchandise.

Our friend added another observation concerning the "normal" standard of living; that some people are stumbling over the obstacles of "what they actually need as compared with what they think they need."

### Squeeze Could Be Relieved

Some people may disagree with the credit man's theories and observations. Perhaps his job of collecting bad debts leads to pessimism.

Unquestionably we could lower our standards of living still more. The people in Europe have done so. But most of us resent the squeeze between living costs and taxes when we see the federal government throwing our tax money away, while still talking about the need for higher taxes. We resent the theory that "Papa knows best," and that we are forced to curtail our spending to support fat and growing bureaucracies, waste of foreign aid monies, and countless government extravaganzas.

We resent, too, the force of wage and price controls, which have controlled nothing, but which have, in fact, sent both wages and prices higher than they otherwise would have gone, at the same time piling on more tax costs to support the various administrative price and wage control agencies with their host of administrators, inspectors, enforcement officers, supervisors, clerks, and others, who don't write letters when they can use the more expensive long distance telephone.

We're perfectly willing to accept austerity when austerity is demanded. But we strenuously object to confiscation of our pay check to feed parasitical, socialistic bureaucracy.

## Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Messrs. Rufus Pfister and Clarence Anlauf were swapping stories of the old days, some of their own remembering, some handed down from older folk. It was fun listening.

"The first settler to stay in Pass Creek canyon," said Mr. Anlauf, "in fact he was the first occupant of the Constock cemetery—was a man by the name of William Ward, an energetic fellow. He built the first road through Pass Creek canyon and made a toll road of it—gate was about where Charles Lawrence's place is.

"One time he and a fellow named A. Gardner — everybody called him just 'A' — drove down to this side of Sutherland where Ward had a salt mine. On the way home with a load of salt they traded a barrel of salt for a barrel of whiskey, and I guess," Mr. Anlauf chuckled, "they sampled it pretty freely. When they got to Hardens' — where Bridges' place is now — their dogs took out after something.

"A took out after the dogs. Then he yelled, 'Ward heard him and hollered, 'What you got, A?'

"'Cougar, bring the hammer!'

"'Know where he's at?'

"'Sure, I got him by the tail, round a railing here...'

"'Well,' concluded Mr. Anlauf, 'they didn't imagine it. They took home the cougar.'

The reminiscences touched on fire. Said Rufus Pfister, "remember the time the Pioneer mill caught fire, Clarence?"

## "Now Shake Hands And Come Out Fighting"



## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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I want to be utterly frank in this matter. When General MacArthur said in San Francisco that he would not be a candidate for President, I was disappointed. In this crisis in our career, he would be an ideal leader. He INSPIRES FAITH — in him as a leader. He restores our confidence in ourselves — without which we are lost.

With inspired leadership and CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES, we can pull out of the mess we find ourselves in at the moment. Without them, we shall be in a bad way.

But, disappointed as I was when General MacArthur said in San Francisco he WOULD NOT be a candidate, I find that I am heartened and reassured by his REPEATED statement in Texas that he will not run for President.

Why? It's like this: The General had first said coyly that he would not be a candidate and then, later, had said he WOULD be a candidate, he would have stood convicted on insincerity.

I have the conviction deeper than any conviction I ever held before, that if we are to be saved we must have before us the example of MEN WHO ARE SINCERE.

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## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### FIRST BREAK FOR OREGON

The government's chrome purchase and stockpiling program recently announced, with Grants Pass as the headquarters, will distribute substantial sums of money in this region, some sources figuring the outlay as high as \$17,000,000 annually in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Expenditure of such amounts for the highly essential chrome ore cannot help but give our economic life a decided lift and it also marks Oregon's first substantial participation in the nation's rearmament effort.

During World War II large and small industries of this state completed war contracts to the tune of over \$100,000,000. Since inauguration of the current defense program, however, Oregon has mostly played the role of spectator while California and Washington have grabbed off 90 percent of the defense contracts placed in the West Coast region.

Practically the only thing Oregon industry has been called upon to furnish so far is lumber. While sizeable shipments of this material are being made, there is a decided dearth of lumber re-manufacturing and fabricating orders which could be handled just as well in this state as elsewhere.

Like folding chairs, for instance. The army some time ago gave a Memphis, Tenn., concern a contract for 118,000 folding chairs, at a total cost of \$320,000. The firm had never made a chair, did not have plant facilities for making chairs and didn't even have money to finance purchase of the necessary machinery and material — but the owner got the contract just the same.

There was a bid, some time back, of raising \$45,000 to finance a contract-seeking campaign for Oregon — \$15,000 was to come from industries, \$15,000 from labor and \$15,000 from state and county governments. So far the only money actually put up for such purpose is \$500 from the East Side Commercial club of Portland.

All this means that Oregon is outside the drought belt, as yet. It is but natural that areas de-

void of sufficient water will bend every effort to provide for their needs in any manner possible.

A bitter battle has raged in congressional circles for years between Arizona and California over Colorado river water rights.

The administration in Washington is mulling over methods for diverting water from Oregon rivers to California.

The day will come when water resources of the Rogue water-shed will be eyed enviously by parched areas.

A local citizen, Ben R. Bones, has been looking ahead to the day when residents of the Rogue valley will be forced to fight to retain their water resources.

Bones authored two articles recently published in "Cogs," the Grants Pass Rotary publication, on the subject.

The articles point out that Arizona, New Mexico, more than half of California, Western Oklahoma and Northern California are now in the arid belt.

It also is pointed out that the latitude of near aridity is gradually moving north. Crater lake, Bones says, has a 10-foot lower level than in 1917.

In addition, extensive logging operations are denuding the hillsides and increasing the water run-off.

## Narcotic Sales Practically Open In N.Y. Schools

NEW YORK — (AP) — A narcotics agent says probers, roaming city schools unchallenged by education officials, were able to buy dope from pupils.

The testimony was given by a secret agent Joseph De Ambrose at the New York state probe of narcotics addiction among school children.

In ferreting out student dope peddlers, De Ambrose said, "I was able to go to schools at random" and purchase both marijuana and heroin.

He said a young co-investigator, identified only as "John" at the hearing, "walked right into a classroom" to keep a dope-buying date with a student at public school 52 in the Bronx.

"No one stopped him, no one questioned him," De Ambrose said, adding that a teacher was in the room.

De Ambrose testified that he and "John" also mingled with students at Boys High school in Brooklyn and at no time were they asked what they "were doing in school."

At Boys High, De Ambrose said, "John" contacted a youth in a fourth floor lavatory and bought 10 "reefers" for \$5.

The witness said that three trusted pupils of one junior high school sold marijuana cigarettes to a youthful-appearing agent during school hours.

De Ambrose said the pupils were able to negotiate during school hours because they were student monitors and had some extra time for freedom of movement. The three boys were arrested May 10.

Testimony during the past two days disclosed that the school children often were given marijuana cigarettes free and that later, after they got the dope habit, they were milked of their lunch and allowance money.

At one point in the wire-tape testimony the question was asked: "And what did they pay for, say, marijuana?"

A voice replied: "75 cents per cigarette, and naturally, if they continued the habit, it would be \$3 or \$3.50."

In a recorded confession, one youth — a former inmate of the city's detention home — told of narcotics being smuggled into the home while boys awaited court disposition of their cases.

## Brand Inspection Applies To Oregon Livestock Only

SALEM — (AP) — Oregon's brand inspection and livestock transportation law doesn't apply to livestock shipped into Oregon from other states, the state supreme court ruled.

The court, upholding the Multnomah county circuit court, overruled State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson, Peterson had ruled that the law, passed in 1948, applies to shipments coming from other states.

The suit was brought by Swift and Co. and Armour and Co. who contended Peterson's ruling that all livestock entering Oregon establishments must be inspected by state brand inspectors. They contended the law applies only to cattle originating in Oregon, and the supreme action agreed.

"The principal sources of out-of-state livestock are from Idaho, Washington, Alberta, California, Montana and Colorado, and all of these sources have brand inspection laws requiring brand inspection before the stock may be shipped from such state or countries," the decision, by Justice Harold J. Warner, said.

Justice Warner said the 1949 law is a reasonable and legitimate exercise of the police power of the state in order to prevent livestock theft.

This law, he added, is a modern way of restating the Moasic law that "thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's ox nor his ass."

Doctor Gets New Trial

The high court ordered a new trial in the suit of the state board of medical examiners against Dr. George H. Buck of Portland.

The board revoked Dr. Buck's license to practice medicine and surgery after accusing him of performing an abortion five years ago.

Buck appealed to the Multnomah circuit court, which reversed the board on grounds that the board didn't have enough grounds to revoke the license.

Thursday's decision, by Justice James T. Brand, orders a new trial because the board did have grounds which, if proven, would authorize it to revoke the license.

## Grange Delegates Meet For Dinner

The Douglas county delegation to the 78th annual Grange convention in Portland were entertained Wednesday night in the banquet room of Waddle's restaurant on Sandy boulevard. Howard E. Cracroft, Douglas county Pomona master was toastmaster. He requested each delegate to encourage 100 percent payment of dues among the members to win the state Grange, Paul Krueger, Douglas county deputy also gave an after dinner speech.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Cracroft of Sutherland; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krueger, Melrose; Mrs. Katherine Simmons, Riverdale; Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Ros M. Heinbach of Evergreen; Mrs. Frances C. Kellough; Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Moore of James Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Eric L. Jones, master of Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Eva L. Tucker, Umpqua Valley; James A. Croff, master of Azalea and Mrs. Grace Croff, Pomona secretary of Azalea.

## Turkey Gobbler Hatches Brood Of 27 Ducklings

RAWLINS, Wyoming — (AP) — A turkey gobbler gave his legs their first good stretch in weeks as he strutted around the yard with his brood of 27 ducklings.

The big bird sat on the eggs for five weeks at the home of Mrs. C. V. Brandenburg.

Strangely unafraid of his strange guardian, some of the ducklings climbed aboard his tail feathers for a free ride.

## BEN BONES PROPOSES A PRUDENT STEP

The Grants Pass Courier

We hear much these days about the conservation of our natural resources—especially timber and sportfishing.

With its bountiful water supply here in Western Oregon, little thought is given to its conservation except by agriculturalists seeking needed immediate irrigation.

There is a huge area in the Southwest which is concerned with getting water at all.

Right now, California stockmen are shipping cattle in large numbers to Oregon as feeders.

Wednesday's Medford Mail-Tribune reports that one Bakersfield concern has shipped in 83 carloads of feeders in recent weeks.

Josephine county does not have available any great surplus feedlots but such as are available are being snapped up.

A Bakersfield sheep producer has shipped 8000 head of sheep into Jefferson county for grazing purposes.

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## "Ole Debbil Rum" Might Get Support From Woman's Will

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK — (AP) — Oh, that ole debbil rum. Yes, that ole debbil rum.

Some people cry about it while they are alive. Some people buy it while they are alive.

Some have been known to drink it absent mindedly. Some use it as a hair tonic. A fair-minded few employ it for both purposes.

Liquor has done a lot of things to people through the ages. But very few people have returned the favor. Who ever offered to do anything for liquor?

Oh, of course, I don't mean anything so obvious as naming your daughters after it—such as Champagne Smith or Ambrosia Jones. Naturally any thoughtful family does that. Even the Bourbons, wry as they are.

But did you ever hear of anybody almost leaving their money to liquor?

Never mind the juvenile ruins haunting our kindergartens. Never mind the startlingly falling cost of aspirin and the disturbingly steady price of beef. Let's get down to fundamentals. The subject:

Well, a lady named Miss Nancy Alma Livingstone left rainy Los Angeles last December for the sunshine sanctuary of heaven. She was a stubborn 71.

Besides the wet climate she left behind some \$1,134 to 19 relatives. That is darn near \$60 apiece, if it were split evenly, which is something the average relative ordinarily mightn't forgive.

Apparently foreseeing some difficulty about cutting her small pie into so many slices, Miss Livingstone put in her will a stipulation that if any portion were refused it should go to "some sabon-keepers' society fund for the promotion of liquor drinking."

I have discussed this situation with several of my friends' favorite bartenders. They all agree the lady's will is unreal.

"Any relative who can get \$60 out of \$1,134 today isn't likely going to contest the will," said one custodian of the mahogany.

Another said:

"If we could get a Rockefeller or a Du Pont heiress to make the same provision, I would be more willing to wrestle her survivors for the cash."

But the general consensus of the bar hoppers was that the very idea was an insult to their trade.

If the promotion of liquor drinking depended on the rejection of inheritances, said one, "I would become a traveling salesman."

"Well, it is a long bar," said a customer. "What are you but a traveling salesman?"

This accurate but ill-timed remark cost the client a drink on the house. The bartender had been about to pop. Instead he said:

"Obviously, a wise man is not going to turn down a bequest and let it go to the promotion of drinks for someone else. What'll you have?"

He said he thought the poorest way possible to wipe out ole debbil rum was to threaten a relative that if he refused to inherit your money he would subsidize the liquor industry.

Of course, it might work. It never has been given a fair trial.

Water furnished by the U. S. Reclamation Service irrigated 5,000,000 acres in 1950.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

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## A Tribute To... FATHERS!

There's an old saying that "mother knows best." Well, it seems to us that Father, bless him, should come in for some compliments, too, once in a while. It is true, of course, that upon mother's patient shoulders rests the upbringing of the children. And this is as it should be. But let's not forget that Pa is generally the family breadwinner and it is up to him to pay the bills. When day is done and he comes home, make things as cheery and loving as you can. Have a nice dinner ready. Lay out his slippers and his beloved pipe. Show him how much you love him by being kind and considerate. He may not tell you how he appreciates these attentions. But he will... as all good fathers do!

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