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PASS THE LINIMENT!

By Charles V. Stanton

The business editor of the *Oregon Journal*, Lamar Newkirk, is off on another tour of the state to report economic conditions. This time he's investigating the status of our recreational industry.

Personally, I wish he'd stay home. His first tour, made last spring, when he reported general economic conditions, has resulted, in my opinion, in nothing but harm.

The Portland newspaper justifies its publication of depression news by the obvious truism that we shouldn't have our heads in the sand. We should face facts, and not be afraid of the truth, says the *Oregon Journal*.

There certainly can be no argument with the premise that the truth should be published and that we have no reason to fear the truth. The great trouble is that we don't publish all the truth and we can't escape the stretching of the truth elsewhere.

Newkirk's former articles, completely true as far as they went and helpful rather than harmful in themselves, have caused no end of damage to this part of the state because of exaggeration elsewhere. We can't blame the *Oregon Journal* because others amplified the troubles pointed out by Newkirk, but we can question the advisability of parading our troubles before the world, exhibiting them so they can be used against us.

Only Surface Touched

If it had been possible for Newkirk to tell the "whole truth and nothing but the truth," his first series of articles might not have been so damaging. But no newspaper would have the space to explore every area of the economic picture, as was essential to a true presentation.

For example, we had a tremendous drop in bank deposits, particularly checking accounts, at the time Newkirk was in Roseburg. It appeared from the fact that bank deposits were down by several million dollars that Roseburg and surrounding area really was suffering. Had the whole truth been reported, however, it would have been shown that the withdrawals indicated an exactly opposite condition. Newkirk was here just after people had finished paying income taxes. The fact that they had had to withdraw so much to meet tax demands indicates that they had experienced good incomes during the preceding year.

But the investment banker back in New York City, who has had the Roseburg area high on the list of favorable sites for investment, is a most timid character. Since Newkirk's articles appeared, and were copied and "interpreted" by *Time*, *Wall Street Journal* and other such publications, eastern investment dollars are shunning this area as if we had the plague.

Sure we're hurting. We're not trying to hide that fact. But we're not hurting nearly as badly as some people seem to believe.

We have had some departures from our county. Since 1944 we've been absorbing about 3,000 to 3,500 newcomers each year by the growth of our economy. Last year the lumber market softened. We couldn't absorb so many newcomers. Those who couldn't find jobs had to move away. But we haven't lost nearly as many as is generally rumored around the state and elsewhere.

We're Taking The Rap

The lumber industry has been taking the rap for inflationary trends. Construction, it is evident, is the most effective governor on general economy. Whether the lumber industry was deliberately picked to be the brake on the runaway economic vehicle, or whether the situation developed by accident, we probably will never know. But for the past year the lumber industry has been an island in a sea of prosperity. In late months other elements of production have been feeling the pinch. Moans are being heard from all sides.

When a home is built it needs appliances, furnishings, gadgets and many other things included in our general production. Because we are short on housing starts, various lines of manufacturing are just beginning to hurt. Demand is increasing that controls on inflation be lifted.

It is not my purpose to enter into an argument as to whether it is better for us in the long run to experience a temporary depression and avoid inflation, or to let inflation take its course. That's a decision for those with more knowledge of economics to figure out.

But we are not helping ourselves by complaining. No one wants to hire a man who continually bemoans poor health, despite robust appearance. At the same time a prospective investor will avoid an area which parades its aches and pains.

If we could keep our complaints within the family circle, we could discuss our ailments with no prospect of danger. But when we moan about a headache and rumors circulate among our neighbors that we have cancer, we are apt to get scared ourselves when the rumors get back to us.

It seems to me that less complaining and more elbow grease in applying the contents of the liniment bottle is a better prescription for Old Man Oregon's economic rheumatism.

REA Borrowers Making Good

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Rural Electrification Administration said Tuesday borrowers from its rural power development fund are meeting their obligations.

It reported that of the 988 electric borrowers, only nine were in arrears on payments. The amount of the past-due payments was \$200,000 out of slightly more than \$2,900,000 in extended loans.

Most of the borrowers are farmer-cooperatives organized to extend electrical service to farms. The Administration reported that as of June 30, the borrowers had paid the government \$862,900,000 since it started making loans 23 years ago. Included in this amount was 285 1/2 millions in interest payments and \$577,400,000 in payments on principal. Of the latter, \$108,900,000 was paid in advance of due dates.

The record of rural telephone borrowers was not quite as good.

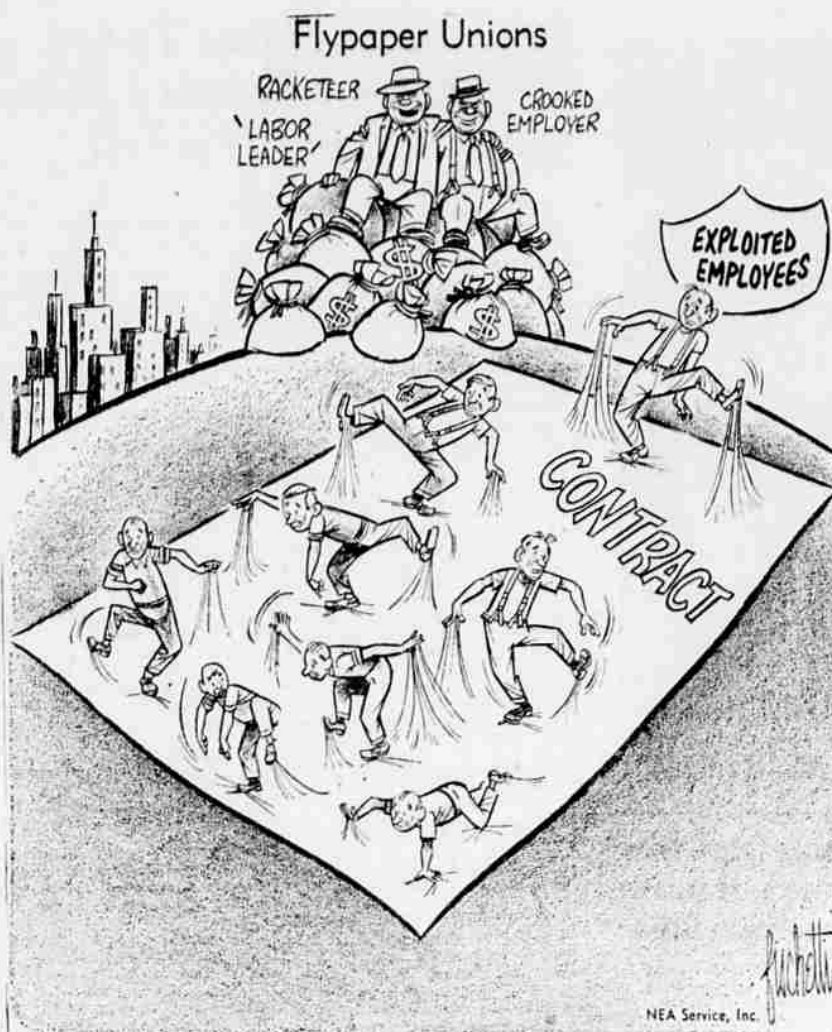
Elizabeth Taylor Escapes Premature Childbirth

NEW YORK (AP)—Show man Mike Todd says his pregnant wife, film star Elizabeth Taylor, appears to have escaped premature childbirth for the present.

"She's starting to scream at me," he said jokingly "so I know she's feeling better."

Miss Taylor was taken to Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center last Thursday after she suffered premature labor pains. The baby is due in late October.

Todd said he was told his wife could leave the hospital in a few days.



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—There are two periods in our history about which Americans are incurably romantic—the gay nineties and the roaring twenties.

Time has removed from the earthy scene most of those old enough to relish the tang of a gay nineties, but millions are still alive whose youth coincided with those years of the grasshopper between the end of first world war and the beginning of the great depression—the so-called jazz age. And at the first tinkling notes of an old Irving Berlin tune, many will drop nostalgic tears in their beer.

There has been a great revival of interest in "the jazz age," and many of today's serious, security-minded young people are inclined to ask rather crossly, "Just what was so wonderful about it anyway?"

They feel like maybe they have missed something. And any man or woman over 30 is inclined to feel they missed considerable.

Just what they missed is movingly told in "The Lawless Decade," by Paul Sann, executive editor of the New York Post, and George Hornby, a big beautiful prose and pictorial saga of the era of prohibition booze and the uninhibited flapper.

It was the heyday of a generation which sometimes liked to call itself lost—and finally did get lost—but rarely merely liked to burn the candle at both ends, and live along on the edge of ecstasy.

Few people today really want the jazz age back. But it had its value. As author Sann concludes:

"(It was) a time that was wild and whacky and finally tragic but never dull. The twenties weren't wasted at all; the wide and wonderful land came of age."

It was a time that believed in free love and felt sure that money could buy anything. Including happiness—and most politicians. Stock just: "We've got the best judges money can buy."

It was a time of liberty and license, of great literary experiment, of personal freedom, when there was still plenty of rules—but the rules were made to be broken.

It was a time of great heroes—Gertrude Ederle, Charles Lindbergh, Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones, Bill Tilden, Red Grange, Clarence Darrow, H. L. Mencken.

And it was a time of terrible bums, including such gangster gentry as Al "Scarface" Capone and Dutch Schultz.

Capone Got Rich

There were more than 500 gangster murders during the prohibition period in Chicago alone, and Capone's beer-brother-gambling empire reached an income of \$103,000,000 in a single year. Capone died in 1931.

It is good news because it indicates that perhaps America's drivers—which means all of us—are becoming MORE CAREFUL. Only by better driving can we hope to keep down the tragic toll of highway accidents.

More bad news.

Little Dale Glawe of Moorhead, Minnesota, CRAWLED INTO AN ABANDONED ICE BOX yesterday with a toy telephone and his pet cat. He CLOSED THE DOOR and settled back to play.

His parents missed him, and two hours later they opened the old ice box and found him—dead of suffocation.

The tragedy arises out of the fact that little Dale's death COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. Man's carelessness had nothing to do with it. Before this old ice box in Minnesota was thrown away someone had taken the precaution to destroy all the locks little Dale would still be alive.

Question: Why are these ice box tragedies so numerous?

The answer is that children love playhouses. An old discarded refrigerator looks to ANY child like a natural in the way of a playhouse.

Church Activities

Methodists Schedule An All-Church Picnic

An all-church picnic has been scheduled Aug. 25 by the Roseburg First Methodist Church.

It was preceded by a picnic recently of the Methodist Men's Club. Featured speaker was the Rev. James Jenkins. He spoke briefly on the advantages and obligations, as well as the need, for an active Methodist Men's Club. The picnic was held on the Harry Wesley property in Garden Valley.

Sutherland Society Holds Discussion Of Bazaar

Discussion of plans for the church bazaar to be held this fall took the spotlight at the last meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service for the Sutherland Methodist Church.

Also on the program was a report by Mrs. Charles Moore. The meeting included a potluck in the church social rooms. Birthdays were recognized.

The next meeting is scheduled Aug. 22. A silent auction of home and garden produce, fresh and canned, is on the agenda, reports correspondent Mrs. Brittain Slack.

Former Haiti President Freed Of Bomb Charges

PORT AU PRINCE, (AP)—Former provisional President Franck Sylvain, charged with complicity in a bomb plot, was freed formally Tuesday on grounds that only Congress—which he dissolved—can try him.

Investigating Judge Andre Cherilus ruled that only the Legislature sitting as a high court is competent to hear charges against a chief of state. Sylvain threw Congress out last April shortly before he was arrested. Since then, no government has been in power long enough to form a new Congress.

Elections were to have been held in the Negro Republic in June but the political situation was so turbulent they were delayed indefinitely. Haiti now is ruled by a military junta.

Boy Shot And Killed By Cemetery Caretaker

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nine-year-old boy was shot and killed in a cemetery here about dusk Monday night. Police quoted the caretaker as saying he fired a rifle intending only to frighten a group of young trespassers.

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Three young companions of Arthur said they had climbed a tree in the cemetery to see a bird's nest, and had just climbed down when they heard a gun fire and Arthur said, "I'm shot."

The boys carried Arthur from the cemetery to an alley, ran home and told their parents who called police.

14 Business Buildings Burn At San Rafael

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Melrose Man's Foot On Mend

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Don Jackson of Melrose is recuperating at home now from a broken foot received in an accident while working at Evans Products Co. at Winchester. He was treated in a Roseburg hospital last week.

Portlanders Visit
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landon of Portland and their daughter, Evelyn Lewis, visited scenes of Mrs. Landon's childhood in the Melrose area last week. Her father was Frank Reed, and she attended the old Melrose School at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Houston are now at home in Roseburg following their recent marriage in Reno. She is the former Patricia Jensen. He is the son of Mrs. Olive Houston of Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pankey and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry were deep sea fishing aboard their boat at Salmout Harbor recently.

Go North
Karl Hoffman and daughter, Karleen, visited relatives recently in Portland and Kennewick, Wash. Karleen remained to spend the summer here.

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Fires Halted; Damage Listed

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Range and forest fires dotted the state Monday, but were under control Tuesday.

The most damaging blaze occurred in 1,500 acres of a Bureau of Land Management created wheat grass seeding project in the Jordan Valley area, west of the Oregon-Idaho border.

Loss was estimated at \$10,500 to \$13,500 in the seeding project. The fire apparently was set by lightning Sunday night and after seemingly being brought under control that night, exploded again Monday and again had to be stopped.

Two fires in Morrow County destroyed several hundred acres of range and grain lands and burned an old 9-room farm home.

Exhaust sparks from a truck traveling through a field of high stubble touched off one of the blazes which charred 50 acres of wheat and 200 acres of stubble. The loss at the Otto Ruhl ranch out of Lexington was estimated at \$5,000.

Damage was estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 in the fire that destroyed the house of LeRoy Vaddi in the Rhea Creek area, south of Heppner, Monday evening. The fire spread to 160 acres of range land before being brought under control.

Gar Leyva, a Lexington spray plane pilot, filled the spray tanks of his plane with water and helped put out the fires by flying over them with the cocks open.

Another fire was reported Monday in a 40-acre area along the Oregon-Washington border in the Umatilla National Forest.

A fire which blackened 100 acres near Gold Beach in Southern Oregon was reported in good shape Monday night.

Albany Couple Drowns In Yaquina Bay Monday

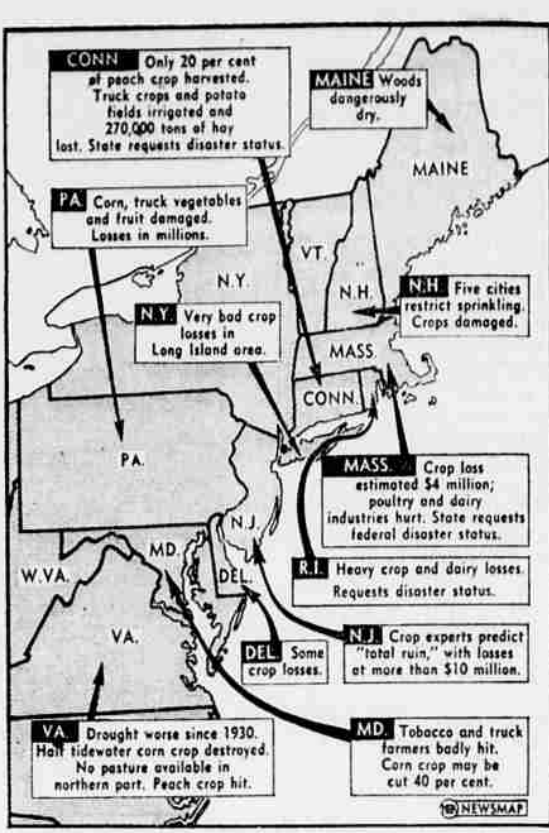
NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—A young Albany couple drowned Monday when their outboard motorboat capsized in the choppy, fog-shrouded waters of Yaquina Bay.

They were Cloriel Leon Hayes, 29, and his wife, Anne, 27. Two other persons in the boat were rescued—Austin Hayes, 61, of Turner, father of the drowned man, and Lester Melvin Yoder, 27, of Lebanon.

A watch on Mrs. Hayes' wrist stopped at 6 o'clock and the Coast Guard believes the mishap occurred at about that time in the morning.

First report of the accident came in a radio message at about 1:15 p.m. from Herbert Rosen, a Newport boat operator. He said that he had pulled two men from the water and that possibly two other persons were missing.

Later the bodies of the couple were recovered. Artificial respiration failed to revive them.



DROUGHT GRIPS EAST—One of the worst droughts to hit the eastern United States since 1900 is burning up fruit, vegetable and tobacco crops from Maine to Virginia, lowering water reserves and leaving woodlands tinder dry. The three-month dry spell has brought 11 Eastern states (see Newsmap) to the brink of agricultural disaster. Losses to farmers, florists and home gardeners reach 75 million dollars. Crops being harvested are 40-80 per cent below normal and market prices are resulting higher. Rainfall has been about 60 per cent below normal since May 1.

VA Patients See Circus, Have Picnic

By EDITH DUNN

The Roseburg Shrine Club and Military Order of Cooties arranged major activities for patients of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital over the weekend.

Saturday, 121 patients attended the Shrine Circus as guests of the Shrine Club.

Then, Sunday, the Cooties gave their annual picnic and watermelon feed for some 450 patients.

Games and contests were conducted in the morning by the 25 Cootie volunteers who assisted. In the afternoon, the softball playoff between the Umpqua Valley and Twilight league teams was held.

Mrs. Nancy Wulf, spokesman for the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services, reported the VAVS committee would meet Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the VA recreation building.

Girl Told Second Time Mother Dead; Last Report True

WHITLEY BAY, England (AP)—For the second time in 10 days, 11-year-old Carole Draper has been told: "Your mummy is dead." This time it was true.

Mrs. Nicolette Draper, in her early forties, collapsed in a store on July 19. She was taken to a hospital with an undisclosed ailment.

The next day a policeman called at the Drapers' home.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Draper is dead," he said.

"Please, God, make my mummy live."

Relatives prepared for the funeral. Mrs. Draper's brother called at the hospital—and found his sister alive.

"A horrible mistake," a hospital official said of the policeman's message. "We are making an inquiry."

At home, Carole said prayers of thanksgiving.

Monday her father, W. Draper, an engineer on the liner Queen Mary, left the hospital and went home to his golden-haired daughter.

He broke the news, and this time there was no mistake. Carole collapsed.

"It was too much," her father said. "She broke down. I don't think she will ever get over this double shock."

Oakland Church Needs Painters

By EDITH DUNN

Siding for the new Oakland Community Presbyterian Church has arrived and volunteer painters are needed. It was announced at the last meeting of the Women's Assn. of the church.

The siding must be painted on both sides before it is put on.

At the same meeting, it was announced the Sunday school picnic will be held Aug. 23.

The meeting followed a dessert luncheon. During the meeting program, Mrs. Carlton Goff read a psalm and a story. Mrs. Jesse Lee, at whose home the meeting was held, had charge of the missionary lesson.

Articles of clothing to be sent to Haines House, an orphanage in Alaska, and to Bethany Hospital in the Philippines were shown. Mrs. Ethel Wainman read an article about the hospital.

It was reported that the Harriet-Rosa Circle will have charge of the janitor work during August.

Sutherland Grange's Picnic Site Shifted

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK

The site for the Sutherland Grange picnic has been changed to the Williams picnic grounds at Winston.

The announcement was made at the last meeting of the grange, at which time an invitation was read to members asking them to attend the Riverside Grange jubilee Saturday, Aug. 3.

The next regular meeting of the Sutherland Grange will be held August 14. Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bringle will be hosts. Thirteen members attended the last meeting.

The next Home Economics Club meeting has been set for Aug. 6 at the home of Mrs. Floyd Bringle. Mrs. Lloyd Cornish will be co-hostess.

The last meeting of the Neighborhood Club of Nonpareil was spent in sewing and crocheting after the noon potluck at the home of Diane Ameling. Betty Colvin won a prize.

The next meeting is scheduled at the home of Jo Carr Aug. 22. The agenda includes a picnic.

