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A COMMUNITY'S LOSS

By George Castillo

The News-Review has lost one of its most faithful correspondents, and the Sutherlin community has lost one of its staunchest citizens.

Death has taken Mrs. Brittain (Leona) Slack, from both. She had the longest tenure with The News-Review of any of the correspondents over the county.

Her loyalty and efforts to keep the activities of Sutherlin known to the county were evidenced in the fact she would not give up her correspondence even though she had been ill for some time.

A heart condition had made most activities difficult, but with the aid of her husband, she was able to continue to do tremendous volumes of work in gathering news of clubs, organizations, society and school functions. She gathered the news and dictated it to her husband, who typed it for use by the newspaper.

She served her community in the capacity of correspondent for almost 20 years. She had lived in Sutherlin 54 of her 63 years.

Mrs. Slack was typical of News-Review correspondents who combine loyalty to the paper with loyalty to the community they serve.

Correspondents Are Integral

Most of the correspondents are untrained in journalism, but they have the quality of being an integral part of their community and having a knack gathering reports on its events and reducing them to writing.

For them, it isn't primarily a matter of personal achievement as much as it is the pride of letting the rest of the county know that their communities are active in doing important things.

The importance of the correspondent to both the community and newspaper can't be overemphasized.

Without them, the newspaper would be in difficult straits. It is an impossibility for a limited newspaper staff to cover all the hosts of activities in the population centers of a circulation area. Beside that, it takes a person who is part of the community, knows its history, its idiosyncracies, its pride and its passions to do an adequate job. The home-grown correspondent is the natural interpreter.

She is an extension of the newspaper within the community. And she is a staunch defender of the importance of her community's activities in comparison with other news in the paper.

An editor may get overzealous with the editing pencil or may make an error in rewriting a passage. He soon finds he must defend his action and that he holds a certain accountability to the correspondent.

She Has Pride

This is evidence of the pride she feels toward her community and her desire to do an adequate job in putting her community's activities quickly, thoroughly, and accurately before the newspaper's readers. Both the newspaper and community benefit from this zealous devotion to a duty she has set for herself.

It's difficult to accept the idea that one of these wonderful women is gone, even though death is inevitable for us all. It just doesn't seem possible that the byline of Mrs. Brittain Slack, which has become as regular as the newspaper's masthead, will no longer appear.

Sutherlin will, too, find it difficult to claim another person as devoted to the job of letting the county know it is an active and ambitious town.

Nation's Economy Emerges Battered But Unbowed This Week After Tough Season

By WALTER BREEDER Jr.

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's economy emerged battered but unbowed this week from its toughest spring season in 10 years. From now on, many business men felt, the going should be smoother.

Odds are against any surging pickup in the next two months. For basic industries like automobiles and steel, summer is normally a slack season.

But hopes rise high for a brisk upturn by fall. Like a giant awakening from a long slumber, the construction industry flexed its muscles this week. A sharp rise in construction contract awards signaled a burst of activity in the months ahead.

Retailers, pinched less by the recession than most other business groups, were also betting on recovery by autumn. The National Retail Merchants Assn. polled its member stores on their 1958 prospects and came up with these results: Sixty-three per cent expect their sales and profits to match or surpass 1957.

Confidence Undimmed

M. J. Rathbone, president of Standard Oil Co. (N.J.), told stockholders of the world's largest oil company: "Nothing in the longer term outlook has diminished our confidence in an expanding picture for our industry." Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of International Business Machines Corp., dedicated a brand new manufacturing center at San Jose, Calif. IBM, he said, is "making plans on the assumption that the economy will turn up, but we don't know when."

President Eisenhower said the downward force of the recession is largely spent. "There is ground to believe," he said, "that the worst of our problems are behind us."

But prospects of a broad tax

cut flew out of the window. From several important quarters this week came pronouncements that inflation — the decline in your dollar's buying power — is still a major threat.

Price Boost Worry

Steel consumers started to worry about another round of steel price boosts. William C. Stok, president of American Can Co., said any hike in tinplate prices by the steel mills will be passed on to tin can buyers at once. Said Stok: "We can't absorb any part of such an increase."

Steel production this week hit its fastest pace since January. Mills paid overtime wages to keep their furnaces going on Memorial Day.

The lagging oil industry showed new signs of life. State officials in oil-rich Oklahoma said demand for crude is picking up.

Along Automobile Row this week, dealers said new car sales are finally on the upswing. Buyers in the second 10 days of May signed up for shiny new chrome-bedecked models at the rate of 14,875 cars a day.

But sales for the not-so-merry month of May are still expected to trail last year by about 20 per cent.

Briefly over the business scene: The Associated Press 60-stock average hit a new 1958 high this week. A federal grand jury indicted 29 oil companies on price-fixing charges. The companies said: "Innocent." New orders for machine tools dipped in April after a rise in March. Farm prices remained unchanged between mid-April and mid-May, halting a rise that started last October.

Allied Stores Corp. reported a net loss of \$122,688 for the first quarter of its 1958 fiscal year. Americans burned up nearly 97½ billion gallons of gasoline last year, an all-time record.

"We're Gonna Get Him a Piano With a Thousand Keys"



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That you could probably do without food 30 days easier than you could go 100 hours without sleep. . . so why do modern people insist on shortening their lives by eating too much and sleeping too little?

That the most unnecessary survey we've ever heard of was the one that came up with this shocking conclusion: Women talk more than men! . . . what we need now is a survey to find out whether two plus two still equals four.

That Groucho Marx says, "We owe a great deal to our government. The question is, how are we ever going to get the money to pay it?"

That if you've ever wondered about "a snail's pace," the answer is: The snail's speed has been scientifically clocked at .000333333 miles an hour. (The figure is somewhat lower for a muddy track.)

That the population of New York City in 1729 was only 8,000 . . . or about one fourth of the number who now work in Rockefeller Center alone.

That hospitable Ireland has the greatest number of hospital beds, percentage-wise, of any country . . . one for every 67 people.

Blame Queen Bess

That the male stiff collar is said to have been indirectly originated by the first Queen Bess of England. . . A homely dame, she had her servant, a high collar, including Sir Walter Raleigh, gallantly followed suit, this starting the fashion of starched collars for men.

That night club star George De Witt observes, "Years ago it used to be the local strong man who tore up telephone books. Today it's more likely to be a man with a teenage daughter."

That if you're lazy and want to worm your way out of digging in the back yard for your fish bait, the Fisherman Magazine gives this tip: Turn to your pantry. . . Fish will nibble at a hook baited with macaroni, noodles, spaghetti, cheese or even sweet corn.

That mother elephants very rarely give birth to twins . . . and by and large, you can't really blame them.

Logical Reason

That the Cafe St. Denis here, celebrating its 25th anniversary, claimed it had never lost a penny via bad debts. The reason? It never has had charge accounts.

That if a girl tells you "I eat

Half Of Oregon's Farm Products Sold Out Of State

PORTLAND (AP)—Half of Oregon's farm products are sold outside the state, Oregon State College reported here.

Farm economists said the products bring in more than 200 million dollars from out of state each year.

Some specialty crops, such as the 15 million dollar pear crop, are sold almost entirely outside the state. Ninety per cent of the pear crop goes outside Oregon. So do snap beans and strawberries, each grossing around 10 million a year.

Other berries, filberts, pepper, mint oil, hops, canner's beans, green peas, cherries, prunes and more than a dozen grass and legume seed crops are in the plus-90 per cent groups going outside Oregon.

Topix for dollar volume are wheat and cattle. More than 75 per cent of the cash income for Oregon's 30 million dollar wheat crop comes from outside the state. From 25 to 30 per cent of the 60 million dollar yearly sales of cattle and calves are out of state.

Sales outside Oregon probably account for 75 to 90 per cent of the cash income from farm forest products, a 15 million dollar yearly business, and from such crops as onions, walnuts, sweet corn and barley.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D. (Written for NEA Service)

An old shoe lay by the side of the road. It was covered with dirt and grime. It had been run over by many cars. The sole was good, the heel was scarcely worn. Why was it lying alone by the side of the street? Where was its mate?

Had it been discarded or was it a lost article? Did someone wonder where it was, or had its owner forgotten that it existed? One could ask a thousand questions.

Hundreds of people had passed by without noticing the old shoe. Very few people could use just one shoe. Even those who glanced at the wayside item barely noticed the condition of the shoe or questioned the what and why of the shoe, its location or anything about its owner.

Many men and women treat their associates and their neighbors as this old shoe was being treated. They pay little attention to the circumstance or the plight of others. If they do notice other people, they offer no service and they even avoid any interest in understanding the lost soul.

None of us wants to be treated like an old shoe.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Any ideas that small atomic power plants will dot the American landscape in the next 20 years can be forgotten. It will be 1980 or later before atomic reactors will be cooking competitively with conventional steam-powered electric plants.

This is shown by Atomic Energy Commission's first three approvals for small atomic power demonstration plants at Elk River, Minn., Piqua, Ohio, and Parr Shoals, S.C. Costs will run up to five times conventional steam plant costs.

The only thing that makes these three projects possible is the new government subsidy program authorized by Congress last year to get development started.

ATOMIC ENERGY Commission can not pay all costs above what comparable conventional fuel power cost would be.

Elk River's total costs are now estimated at 14.2 million dollars. This is nearly double first estimates of three years ago. Atomic power reactor and a conventional superheater to use its excess heat energy will cost \$9 million. Research and development will be 2.5 million more.

The Elk River Rural Cooperative will kick in another 2.5 million for land and turbo-generating plant, of 22,000 kw. capacity.

Present estimates are that its electricity will cost from 12 to 15 mills per kw. to produce. This compares with four to nine mill power in U.S. steam generating plants.

American Machine and Foundry made the original offer to build the reactor for 6.8 million dollars total cost. Later the company asked a raise to 11.5 million.

THIS WAS UNSATISFACTORY to AEC, so the company bowed out. In the meantime, atomic power reactor technology advanced. The plant was redesigned for a new fuel, a combination of thorium and uranium oxide.

New bids were called for and the contract went to Nuclear Products — Erec division of ACF Industries, Inc. The Elk River plant is now scheduled for completion by 1960. This will be five years after first approval of the project.

The Piqua plant is likewise a five-year project. Bids were called for in 1956. The 12,500 kw. plant is scheduled for completion by July, 1962.

KHRUSHCHEV TO SOFIA

LONDON (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev went to Sofia, Bulgaria Saturday to attend the seventh congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party, Radio Moscow reported.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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our debt—or at least had paid it down to the point where it would be manageable—we would be sitting on the world now, with few financial worries.

Instead, we took the easy way, and piled up more debt.

Another example:

We came out of the war with a farm bill based on subsidies that were designed to PROMOTE FARM PRODUCTION in order to meet the demands of war FOR FOOD.

Knowing that with the end of world war would come a slump in the demand for food and more food and still more food (history tells us plainly there is never enough food in time of war) we should have repealed the subsidies. But we didn't. We took the EASY way and kept the subsidies going in time of peace.

As a result, we now have fabulous agricultural surpluses that hang over the markets of the future like a dark thundercloud.

Put it this way: When came the end of the war, STATESMEN would have started paying off our debt.

When came the end of the war, STATESMEN would have repealed the farm subsidies that were designed wholly as a war measure.

But—

When came the war's end—

POLITICS, rather than statesmanship, ruled our governmental policies. So now, along with the French, we are paying the bill. When one elects to dance, you know, one must pay the piper.

Ah, me!

What a wonderful thing is hindsight. It always has been that way. A century ago, John Greenleaf Whittier put these words in the mouth of the aging judge as he watched comely Maud Muller raking the meadows sweet with hay: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN."

Nearly a thousand years ago Omar the Tent Maker put the same thought in this quatrain:

"The moving finger writes, and having writ,
"Moves on, nor all your piety

and wit.
"Can lure it back to cancel half a line,
"Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."
We LIVE, but we don't seem to LEARN.

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery

Finds Healing Substance That Relieves Pain, Stops Itching as It Shrinks Hemorrhoids

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