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REEDSPORT ECONOMY IMPROVES

By George Castillo

William Tugman, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier at Reedsport, is crowing because his community is showing one of the brightest comebacks from depression in the county.

In his latest editorial, he says: "As of today, more people are at work in the Port Umpqua area than in many months, and still more are getting ready to return to normal employment. There can be no doubt that Reedsport and the Port Umpqua area are on the 'comeback trail' after having suffered the unenviable position of being among the worst hit communities of the 1938 depression in Oregon."

His reason for jubilation is the rash of new and expanding industry in that area. He cites the following:

Cascade Plywood Corp. is starting test operations in its new veneer plant on the old E. K. Wood site.

The community-backed Reedsport Mill Co. Inc. now has enough stock subscriptions to begin operations.

International Paper Co. has announced that about Aug. 1, it will hire a second shift at its Gardiner sawmill.

Umpqua River Navigation Co. is about to begin shipping rock to new yards at Coos Bay and Bandon.

He uses the editorial as a springboard to put in a plug for more subscriptions to the Reedsport Mill Co., a cooperative sawmill and stud mill venture. He says the project will bring in at least \$250,000 a year to the community.

"If this community mill succeeds, it will be Reedsport's proudest achievement," he concludes.

The marked improvement of Reedsport's plight on the county's economic scene appears to be another indication that the dark days of the recession are being shafted with rays of light from the dawn of recovery.

MOON REAL ESTATE

Anyone interested in investing in real estate may want to look into the plans for organization of the Space and Telescope Club. Its promoter is Thomas V. Pearson of Show Low, Ariz.

Payment of membership fee of \$2 will entitle the payee to a deed for 10 acres of the King Solomon Mines Subdivision on the moon. Pearson is the original filer on the moon. His subdivision plans were filed in Arizona last month.

The project gives a new meaning to the term "blue sky" venture.

PORTER PLUGS STATE SONG

Rep. Charles O. Porter of Eugene is a man of many crusades. One of his most effective appears to be the glorification of the state song, "Oregon, My Oregon."

He reports in a newsletter to The News-Review that the song "is rising from the ashes of neglect into the limelight of attention."

He reports that the song got international attention Wednesday when a special concert arrangement was performed by a 50-piece American Federation of Musicians symphonic orchestra on the banks of the Potomac River in Washington, D.C.

Last month, the U. S. Navy Band and a Navy chorus, the Sea Chanters, recorded the song in the Sail Loft of the Naval Gun Factory. Porter presented the record to Gov. Holmes to be used during the Oregon Centennial in 1959.

Porter's crusade is not one of world-shaking significance, but it's certainly another step in his campaign to prove to Easterners that Oregon is a state in the Far West, not a town in California.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON (NEA) — If Congress gives its final approval, the Eisenhower administration's proposed new secondary metals program will set some questionable precedents.

In the case of lead and zinc, subsidies costing the taxpayers a maximum of around 70 million dollars in the first year will be paid to domestic mines. This is intended to keep them in production against foreign import competition.

Other subsidies on tungsten and fluorapatite will cost an additional six to seven million dollars a year.

The same idea was at first proposed for copper. Then it was found simpler to buy up to 150,000 tons of domestic copper for stockpiling. Maximum cost of this will be \$2.5 million, but it could be less.

THE RISKS in these plans are that, once established, they will be hard to get rid of. To guard against this, the copper stockpiling has been made a one-shot, one-year program. A five-year limit has been set on the subsidy program.

In these periods, it is hoped that these sick mining industries—victims of depression and foreign competition—can be stabilized and stood on their own feet.

There are about 375 lead mines in the U. S. and 630 zinc mines. Total employment is around 16,000 with another 15,000 employed in processing plants.

Twenty-five mines produce 75 per cent of all U. S.-mined lead and the top 25 producers mine 70 per cent of the zinc. It isn't a big industry. It's mostly small business. So extra subsidies are to be paid the small producers.

TODAY, ABOUT a third of the lead used in this country comes from domestic mines. Another third comes from scrap and the other third from imports. On zinc, half is U. S. production, half imports, with only a little scrap.

Mexican and Peruvian lead and zinc are frequently found with silver, which makes their production more profitable. Also, Latin-American labor laws, with heavy dismissal pay requirements, often make

it cheaper to keep their mines going. So they cut prices.

The copper situation is somewhat less complicated, but just as acute. There are 475 U. S. mines with 32,000 employees. Four companies produce 75 per cent of 1,000,000 tons mined. Imports are 600,000 tons, but U. S. exports are 450,000 tons.

SO U. S. NET imports are only 10 per cent of U. S. consumption and are not a problem, as in lead and zinc.

But in the last five years and particularly in the current recession, supply of all these metals has been way over demand. This has forced prices down and made relief necessary.

Rather than raise tariffs on imports—which would cause international economic dislocations—the Eisenhower administration has chosen the subsidy and stockpile plan as the best way out of the difficulty.

This puts the burden on the U. S. taxpayers. Raising tariffs would put the burden on metal users. Total costs are estimated the same. The only alternative would be some kind of international agreement, dividing up world markets and limiting production in each country. The United States has opposed such restrictions in the past. There is an international tin agreement working, but the U. S. doesn't belong.

The United Nations has called a London meeting for September, however, to consider agreements on copper, lead and zinc. Fourteen Latin-American nations are participating. The United States may have to go along.

NAMED TO OFFICE

PORTLAND (AP)—Clancy Jean of Portland this week was named executive vice president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Mr. Jean now is manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce's agricultural department. He replaces Dick Baum, who resigned to become administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Bumpers



Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

RX: SHAKESPEARE

Medford Mail-Tribune

The annual Shakespearean Festival, which opens in Ashland next Monday evening, affects different people in different ways.

There is a touch of midsummer madness involved for some—mostly the active participants, the actors, stage crews and technicians—who find in the festival something more than simply an opportunity to improve their skills in the theater arts. They also find glamor, excitement, camaraderie, intellectual stimulation—the mystique of the stage and the magic music of applause.

Sensitive members of the audience, too, feel something of this aura. In the fresh air, under the stars, they can become captivated by the lights, music, color, action—and the timeless poetic insights of the world's greatest playwright.

In a more prosaic vein, the Festival has other things to offer other people—to the hotel and motel proprietors, to the restaurant operators, to the merchant and service-station man.

For the festival has come to be one of Oregon's major tourist attractions, ranking only behind the Rose Festival, the Pendleton Roundup, Crater Lake and the Oregon coast.

As such it draws thousands of people into the valley, and once here, they furnish the county's economy with its third—greatest stimulant, tourist dollars.

In cold cash, it is a major asset of the county, to all of Oregon. And, if for no other reason, tourists deserves the support of all local people.

But it is something more than just a source of economic stability. As man does not live by bread alone, neither is he wholly motivated by economic considerations. And the festival has gone far to give Jackson County, and specifically Ashland and Medford, something of a reputation as a cultural center.

The Festival itself, of course, is the core of this, but as the reputation grows, other types of artistic activity are attracted and stimulated.

For the arts and humanities—the things which make men a little something more than merely dull, workaday creatures—thrive and feed on each other, for all are related to man's instinctive desire for finer things.

Here is a suggestion to those in this county who have never attended a Shakespearean Festival play: Try it, just once; give it a chance. And who knows, maybe you will find something in it for you.

It may be the enchantment of what goes on on the colorful stage; it may be amusement that a large number of highly intelligent people find it worth while to sit for hours in the night air to watch young people perform; it may be the simple pageantry to which the productions lend themselves.

You may find it's not your dish of tea. But, until you've tried it, you'll never know what you may be missing.

NEW HIGHWAY PROGRAM?

Salem Capital Journal

The State Highway Commission's plan for increasing the state gasoline tax from six to seven cents and the license plate fee from \$10 to \$15 a year has received approval of the legislative interim committee on highways.

But we aren't convinced. The reason given for the increase is that Oregon needs more money to match federal highway aid funds. And that doubtless is right. But figures we've seen don't prove that both federal funds for the Oregon program as mapped out in 1956.

One statement we keep hearing from highway people is that it would take a program 10 times larger to take care of all projects desired. We'd all like to have a fine, four-lane, divided, controlled access freeway connecting us with our favorite destination, but that is neither practical nor desirable. And we can't believe that even the most dedicated highway engi-

neers would want to apply interstate standards to every strip that civic boosters have beaten the drum for.

According to the commission's figures, the penny tax increase would bring in \$45 million in the next ten years and the license plate increase, \$30 million.

But we've been wondering. Both these sources of revenue have built-in escalators.

Looking at Department of Commerce figures, we see that gasoline consumption increased 5.2 per cent around the country last year with a proportional increase in the tax. Auto registration increased four per cent. Highway construction costs have increased, too, but certainly not more than have these two taxes. And projections of auto use indicate that in years to come the increase will be even greater.

Oregon's gas tax is average in that only 12 states have the seven cent rate, and some have less than a six cent tax. The average auto in America means \$42.62 in state gas taxes each year plus half that much for the federal kitty. That's already a hefty toll.

We like highways as well as the rest of us. And we'd like to see Oregon's program continued at the present rate. But we detect the highway lobby at work trying to speed things up without coming right out and saying so.

AWKWARD, AIN'T IT? McMinnville News-Register

One of the strangest city names in Oregon is "The Dalles." When you go to look it up in any list of Oregon cities, you look under "D" in the alphabetical arrangement.

We thought this was kind of silly, so we looked up the name in Lewis A. McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names." According to McArthur the name is derived from the French word "dalle," meaning flagstone and was applied to the narrow of the Columbia River, evidently suggested by the peculiar formations of volcanic rock (basalt) to be found there. The incorporated name of the community is Dalles City, but the postal name is The Dalles.

We have been watching the issues of The Dalles Chronicle, which come to our desk, and we find that continually that newspaper leaves out the "The" from the city's name. We think that is a problem. This is not an act of confusion. This is an act of omission, however, as there is also a Dallas, Texas.

We don't know what the answer might be. Possibly the Indian name for the location would solve the problem. That would be "Wingque" meaning "a place encircled by rocky cliffs."

Certain it is that an English "The" and a French "Dalles" don't belong together, but then we Americans have never been logical about our use and misuse of the English language. As a matter of fact, neither have the jolly English themselves.

BLOW TO REFORESTATION Bend Bulletin

Reforestation programs in the Douglas fir regions of the Pacific Northwest, both state and private and perhaps federal as well, suffered a blow this year.

Reports from various areas in the Northwest indicate there is practically no Douglas fir seed crop this year. This is particularly true in the medium and higher elevations, where the most desirable seed cones are obtained.

Particularly hurt will be aerial reseeding programs, for unless operators have saved surplus seed from earlier years they will be out of luck. And it is unlikely there is any large supply left on hand, for this is only the latest of several poor seed years.

Most conifers are not too regular as seed producers. The occasional really good years are offset by several bad ones. This is one of the bad ones for fir trees.

In contrast is the report from the State Board of Forestry that there is an unusually heavy crop of Ponderosa pine cones in certain areas. Pine planting differs greatly from fir planting, but there apparently will be a big enough seed crop this year to take care of needs and perhaps store some extra seed for the bad crop years which are sure to come.

In The Day's News

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ated to a perpetuation of the status quo ("status quo" is diplomatic language for keeping everything as it is) in the ARAB WORLD.

"The U. S. recognizes and SYMPATHIZES with the yearning of the Arab peoples for a greater nationalistic unity."

In that statement, Ike was talking over Khrushchev's head to the PEOPLE OF THE ARAB WORLD, who are giving striking evidence of their desire (and, perhaps, DETERMINATION) to RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS in that part of the world which for more centuries than the historians are able to enumerate exactly they have regarded as THEIRS.

He is saying to them that the United States of America, which in its immortal Declaration of Independence threw off the yoke of colonial imperialism, understands and SYMPATHIZES WITH the desire of the Arab peoples to do likewise.

That is a far-reaching statement. It could have far-reaching results.

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—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a wise woman who avoids positive declarations and an all-or-nothing attitude.

The other day I overheard my young daughter, in a fit of pique, tell a small neighbor, "All right then, I won't be your friend—and I'll never play with you again."

Well, I had to laugh. It always makes me chuckle when I see a member of the feminine sex get up so high on a horse she doesn't know how to get down.

It reminds me of the sad fate of Mrs. Barnes.

The story begins about 40 years ago. Mrs. Barnes and her husband had eight children.

Barnes was a cheerful, easygoing soul, just this side of shiftlessness. His wife, who came from what she claimed was a better family, was prideful and ambitious. She was always after her husband to get a better job and make more money so they could live in a finer neighborhood.

Morning and night she scolded him.

One night Barnes, who had stopped for a couple of beers on the way home, suddenly interrupted her in the middle of a long complaint:

"You got a mouth like a buzz saw. Don't you ever give it a rest!"

Startled Mrs. Barnes glared at him. Her lips formed in a thin line.

"Unless you apologize for that unkind remark, Mr. Barnes," she said sternly, "I'll never speak to you the rest of my life."

"Well, I am," about to apologize, Mrs. Barnes replied.

Mr. Barnes was a strong-minded woman, and her word was her bond. Day after day went by—and she spoke to her husband not at all. And he didn't speak to her.

At First Uneasy At the start of this strange duel

House Bill Governs Labeling Imported Seeds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed and sent to the Senate this week a bill that would apply federal regulations governing the labeling of imported seed to sugar beet seed.

The new regulation for the sugar beet industry would not go into effect before July 1, 1959, the beginning of the next sugar beet seed shipping season.

The Agriculture Department has estimated the additional regulatory work would cost an additional \$63,800 a year.

TO MEET EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Wednesday Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani of Italy will confer here July 29 and 30 with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

These are your Pa's last words, young 'uns. Tell your Ma the last 10 years have been the happiest of my life, and I sure am grateful to her.

Then he fell back on the bed and died smiling.

Mrs. Barnes had the undertaker lay him out in the house. According to neighborhood gossip, she talked to him for three days and nights without stopping.

Moral: It's terribly unsatisfying to try to punish someone and then find out you've actually done him a favor.

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SWIM TRUNKS