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NEW PROCEDURE

By Charles V. Stanton

A person can't but pity Morris Bowker, our county assessor.

Apparently when our reporter talked to him recently, and Morris launched his tirade (deserved) against the Oregon Tax Commission, he was angry. The interview sounded like the times I have talked to Morris when he was disgusted with some piece of inefficiency. He usually is peaceful, patient and easy-going. But don't get him aroused!

The thing that arouses Morris most is an unnecessary cost to taxpayers. The decision of the Tax Commission relative to timber now has been so long delayed that a cost of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 states Douglas County taxpayers in the face. Morris must proceed with a "guesstimate." The law fixes the date when statements of assessment must be delivered to the sheriff, the tax collector. The sheriff then must have time to prepare the tax statements. When there is a delay it is particularly inefficient, and if there is anything Bowker abhors it is inefficiency.

In his own office he has set up machinery and procedure that has saved Douglas County taxpayers large sums of money. The thought of having to send out a supplemental announcement, containing corrections on tax statements, is particularly revolting to the county assessor.

Timber Value Studied

The Oregon Tax Commission has ruled that all property must be placed on an actual cash basis. Heretofore a more or less arbitrary figure, based on percentages has been used.

But what is the cash value of timber? The Tax Commission has wanted the valuation and assessment raised to approximately the maximum sales figure. The mills, which haven't made a profit for a couple of years, want the bare minimum, maybe less, so they'll not have to pay out so much in taxes. I don't blame them.

Here in Oregon we are very anxious to get industry into operation. We want everyone to have a job. Yet, through taxes, on income and on real and personal property, we try to make it as hard as possible for industry to get along.

Some people, perhaps, are inclined to blame the county assessor. They are barking up the wrong tree.

In the last few years the county assessor has become more and more an agent of the state Tax Commission. Although he is elected by the people of his county, his work for the county is largely clerical. He is told, for the most part, what he may do. The Tax Commission decides the relationship between utilities and county property. It binds the assessor to its will.

County assessors have protested time and again the invasion of what they feel to be their rights, but to no avail. The Tax Commission continues to be the leading authority.

Finance Officer Needed

It is my opinion that what we need in our Oregon counties is a finance officer. He would combine the offices of assessor, tax collector and treasurer.

The county assessor now makes out a statement showing the valuation of each piece of property. He surrenders this list to the sheriff, who is the tax collector. The sheriff, in turn, must hire a crew to prepare the tax statements and collect the money. Then he turns the money over to the treasurer who distributes the funds to the several taxing bodies.

Can anyone tell me the sense of such procedure? The assessor is told more or less what he can do. His work largely is statistical and clerical. In the old days the sheriff rode horseback over the county and collected silver and gold for taxes. That's why he's the tax collector today. Is there any good reason why a sheriff should collect taxes? The sheriff, having the money, must make a turnover at intervals to the treasurer.

Why couldn't all this work be combined in one office and one crew, using modern machines, cutting down labor and expense and giving us some efficiency?

8 Persons Injured When Wing Of Plane Hits Water

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A twin-engine amphibian, flying low through hazy weather on an over-water flight from Juneau, crashed into the Lynn Canal 70 miles north of here today.

The pilot and eight passengers aboard the Alaska Coastal Airlines plane were saved, but all were injured. Two of the passengers, a mother and her daughter from Baltimore, Md., were hurt critically.

The plane was on a scheduled 85-mile flight to Haines, near the top of the inland waterway in southeastern Alaska, at the time of the crash.

Pilot John Dawson, 37, Juneau, was quoted by the airline as saying the horizon and the water of Lynn Canal was blended together in the overcast weather as the plane was traveling about 200 feet of altitude.

In Slight Turn
Dawson said he put the plane into a slight turn to change course and a wing dipped into Lynn Canal. The Grumman amphibian spun with the impact and whirled down one mile north of a coast guard light station at Eldred Rock, a small island in Lynn Canal.

The plane appeared to overturn to coast guardmen stationed at Eldred Rock, but it remained upright and the nine aboard managed to get outside on a wing.

Engineer C. C. Joseph Newcome, Monroe, N. C., one of the four men at the light station, put out in a skiff and brought the plane's occupants to safety.

A second Alaska Coastal plane dispatched to the scene returned four of the passengers to Juneau. A Coast Guard plane brought the other five to Juneau later.

Governor Says Fire Danger Up

SALEM (AP)—As Oregon's fire danger increased, Gov. Robert D. Holmes issued an official appeal urging residents to take "every possible precaution."

The governor noted "we live in a virtual tinderbox with all the makings of disastrous forest, farm and building conflagrations."

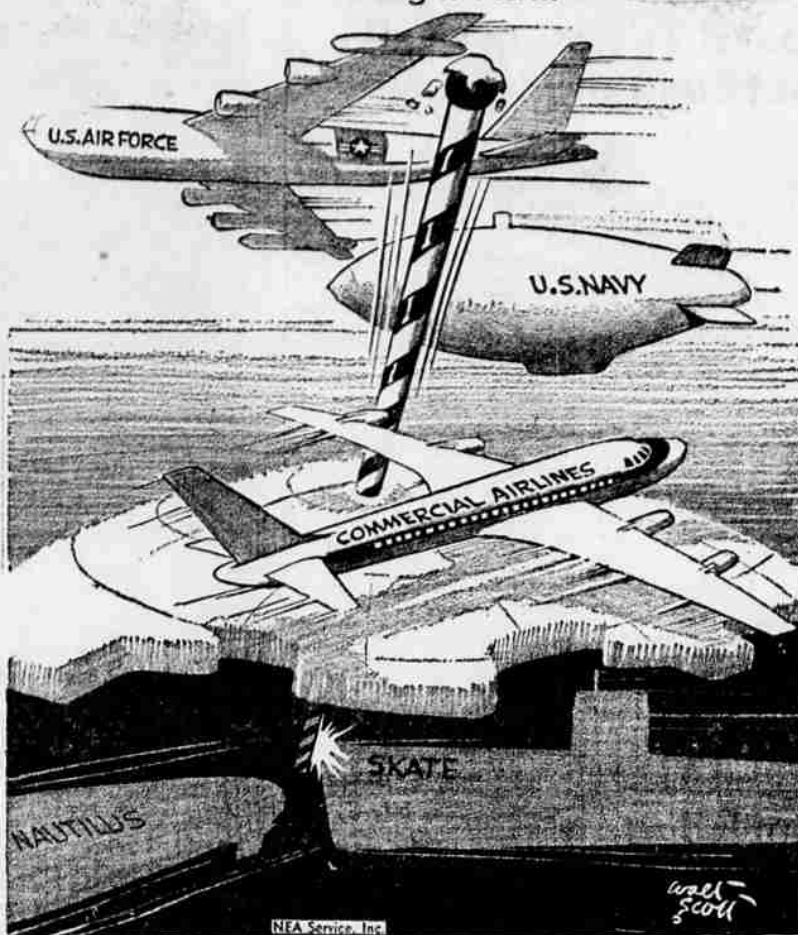
"We can do only so much officially with logging bans, travel restrictions and cancellation of burning permits," the governor said.

"The rest must be the responsibility of every individual in the state and I urge everyone to take every possible precaution to prevent start of costly fires."

"I would like to issue a special appeal to sportsmen and campers who have an extra stake in our forests and recreational areas."

The first of the popular hunting seasons is at hand this weekend, but fortunately sections east of the mountains where there will take place have been blessed with rain already," he said.

Traffic Light Next?



Leading Auto Maker Will Offer Something New In Front Seats With 1959 Line

By DAVID J. WILKIE
Associated Press Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP)—One of the nation's leading auto makers will offer something new in front seats with its 1959 line.

The seats will be called swivel units. They are so designed that they will swing outward at a 40-degree angle at the touch of a lever after the door is opened. Pressure on the cushion returns it to normal position.

The manufacturer says the device offers an invitation to back into the lower cars. He adds that it should be a great boon to tight-skirted women drivers and tall men.

Another device coming in 1959 models is a rear-view inside mirror that automatically tips to a nonglare level when bright headlights strike it through the rear window.

Considerable Appeal
The mirror probably will have considerable appeal in the new models with their increased expanse of rear window glass. Many 1958 models have rear windows reaching well into the roof as well as farther around rear quarter panels.

A new device just announced by General Motors' Rochester Products Division is intended to overcome rough engine idling and stalling due to high under-hood temperatures.

The device, attached to the carburetor, has a thermostatically controlled valve which opens an air bleed to the manifold. This permits extra air to pass through the engine when excessively high temperature increases vaporization.

It will be an inexpensive extra-cost item. It is said to facilitate starting and improve efficiency when the engine is hot.

These and numerous other advances will get broadside promotion by the car makers when the new models reach the market in mid-September and early October.

Also to be accentuated in the promotion will be substantial advances in suspension, car-leveling devices and braking systems generally.

Denmark Bars Visit Of Skate, Fears Atomic Radiation

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Denmark this week barred the U.S. atomic submarine Skate from visiting Copenhagen. The country's leading nuclear authorities expressed fear of radiation perils in case of a collision in the harbor.

But neighboring Norway promised an official welcome when the Skate docks Saturday at Bergen, her first port of call after a crossing under the north polar ice. The Skate will visit Oslo from Monday to Wednesday. Then it had planned to go on to Copenhagen.

A member of the Danish Atomic Energy Commission told The Associated Press the commission chairman, famed Dr. Niels Bohr, concurred in the decision to bar the Skate. The great nuclear physicist was a member of the brain trust behind the first U.S. atomic bomb.

Under Norwegian naval source called the Danish decision, after the U.S. submarine was ordered to leave the health director, Karl Evans, sent two health inspectors to try to contact the health office of the Skate before the submarine docks at Bergen.

Evans said this step was planned long before the Danish decision was taken. He added that Norway simply wants "to know as much as possible so as to be able to take our precautions."

The Norwegian Defense Ministry asked its research institute for an opinion on the possibility of danger. The institute's chief research officer said he had no information that would prompt the institute to advise against the Skate's visit.

Danish Premier Hans C. Hansen acted on the recommendation of his atomic advisers, who warned against "disastrous consequences" in the case of an accident involving the vessel.

ITU Will Seek 30-Hour Week

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The International Typographical Union (ITU) has called for a 30-hour week for all printers.

The ITU's centennial convention voted this week to instruct its locals to seek the shorter work week in future contract negotiations.

The delegates also petitioned the government printing office in Washington, D. C., to shorten its employees' work week to 35 hours.

California Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown, Democratic candidate for governor, praised the ITU as "a model of what a labor organization should be" in a speech to the convention.

Brown urged state legislation to guarantee strong, honest and democratic unions. He expressed strong opposition to the so-called "right-to-work" laws.

ITU President Elmer Brown revealed the union is negotiating with a publisher for the sale of the Colorado Springs Free Press, a newspaper owned by the union.

The union leader said the negotiations had not been concluded, and he declined to name the publisher.

In The Day's News

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verbs are pithy words of wisdom distilled out of the experience of centuries:

A penny saved is a penny earned. Many a mickle makes a muckle. Every little bit added to what you've got now makes just a little bit more.

The item reported the July drop in the living carried a brief footnote. The footnote reads: "The drop brought a sigh of relief from ECONOMISTS, who have been disturbed by the steady rise in prices."

Why? Well, economists are students of FACTS. As students of facts, they are aware that steadily rising prices mean INFLATION.

Also, As students of facts—They are aware that the over long pull inflation is bad for everybody and is especially bad for people who are looking forward to retiring on a fixed income—social security, for example.

Unfortunately, the economists are more or less alone in FEARING inflation. Too many of the rest of us are enamored of it.

All politicians adore inflation. They adore it because inflation enables governments to go on spending and spending without RAISING TAXES to provide all the money that is spent. Continued inflation involves the printing of a lot of new money (in one form or another) rather than taking all the money out of the peoples' pockets.

Speculators love inflation. STATESMEN, of course, deplore it. Statesmen know there is no such thing as something for nothing.

Elkton Residents Attend Bureau Meeting At Fair

By MRS. WADE HENDERER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedden, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Compton and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Clemo all attended the Elkton Bureau meeting in Roseburg this month, at the Fairgrounds.

They had a potluck picnic supper, followed by a business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hahn and family spent their vacation last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Goff in Sumner, Wash.

Club Meets
The Kellogg Grange Home Economics Club met last Thursday at the Grange hall for a potluck luncheon at noon, followed by a short business meeting. They made final plans for their booth at the Drain fair.

Mel Simpson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Koystra, and friend, Bill Leroy of Culver, Calif., left recently after a 9-week visit at the Koystra home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bainbridge of Oakland and Shirley Bainbridge of Elkton have left for a vacation trip to Canada.

A North Douglas Rainbow Assembly Board meeting was held at the Elkton home.

Riversdale Grange Finishes Remodeling
By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

The Riversdale Grange has completed remodeling its kitchen. Work started during the summer, adding a 13 foot by 8 foot addition.

Additional cupboards and a steel sink have been installed. New plastic linoleum covers the floor and all counter tops. Bamboo draw curtains have been hung at all the windows.

Home economics chairman, Mrs. Eric Trozelle, announces that she is now ready to enter to special dinners. A home economics family picnic will be held Sept. 13 at Umpqua Park in Roseburg. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

Grange social night has been canceled due to conflicting with the fair. Members have been working on their booth.

Services Held For Elkton Man; Leaves Wife, Son

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

Funeral services were held in Eugene Wednesday at the Simon-Lonsberry Chapel at 2 p.m. for Robert Riley, 36, of Springfield.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riley of Elkton and is survived by his wife, Venola, formerly Venola Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arley Marsh of Elkton and a small son. He also leaves two sisters in Elkton, Mrs. John Levenhagen and Mrs. Ralph Sheffield. He was killed early Sunday morning in an automobile accident while on duty as a Merchant Patrolman.

Grain Handlers' Strike Shuts Down Dozen Elevators

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—A spreading grain handlers strike shut down more than a dozen elevators here Friday on the heels of a total stoppage of grain shipments at the Lake Superior ports of Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis.

Members of Local 182 of the American Federation of Grain Millers struck five companies operating elevators here and in suburban areas.

Friday's strike, coupled with the walkout at Duluth tangled distribution of grain to elevator at the peak of a bumper harvest in the Minnesota and Dakota wheat belt.

The shutdown did not directly affect milling operations. Milling employees are not involved in the walkout.

But the Duluth-Superior shutdown halted shipments to such Great Lakes milling centers as Buffalo, N.Y.

The handlers walked out after a breakdown in wage negotiations. They reportedly are asking for 30 cents an hour wage increase, compared with a company offer of 10 cents.

The handlers' current scale ranges from \$2.07 to \$2.47. Contracts expired July 1.

The Assn. of American Railroads said it was embarking rail shipments of grain into affected elevators in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Shipments into Duluth-Superior were halted after Thursday's walkout.

Nearly 50 million bushels of grain are in the 12 Duluth-Superior elevators that were shut down. More than 2,300 railroad cars were caught still loaded.

Worker Walkouts Slow Production Of '59 Automobiles

DETROIT (AP)—Worker walkouts slowed 1959 car production Friday as local union leadership was accused by a General Motors spokesman of "callous disregard for its members" in calling a strike at this time.

Some 4,000 United Auto Workers were off the job at plants of the Big Three auto makers.

The slowed walkouts came as the 13½-million-member AFL-CIO pledged its support to the UAW if it strikes the auto industry to back up demands in current contract talks. Both financial and manpower aid was voted the UAW Thursday by the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

One walkout that had idled 1,500 GM employees ended at Mansfield, Ohio. Strikes continued at Chrysler and Ford plants.

Workers struck at five locations in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois in the worst outbreak of trouble since contracts between the manufacturers and the UAW expired last Memorial Day weekend.

Umpqua Man Back After Hospital Stay
By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON

Mr. Roy Nichols was able to return home from the hospital where he was taken after being seriously burned on his arm while working on a tractor on the Iverson ranch, where he has been employed.

Drive To Alturas
Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans drove to Alturas, Calif., where they spent several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Evans. They also visited friends in Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strubel of Klamath Falls were guests at the home of Mrs. Strubel's sister, Mrs. Robert Monett, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartel and family who have made their home for several years on the Esselstrom ranch near Umpqua, have moved into their new home on Tye Road near Umpqua.

Barb Damp spent last week at the home of his aunt Mrs. Gerald Bacon, and family.

Mrs. Lucy Kruse and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Miller, were Sunday guests at the home of the former's niece, Mrs. Archie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henry and family are planning to move to Klamath Falls where the elder Henry will attend OTI this fall.

Umpqua Revisited
George Prior who lived for many years on the George Allen place near Umpqua, was a visitor in the valley this week from Eastern Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bailey from Seattle have been guests at the home of the latter's brother, Archie Moore, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Munson and sons, Tommy and Steven, Mrs. Opal Munson and Mr. and Mrs. William Gadoway and son, Steven, were at the Teller Beach house near Yachats where they spent the weekend.

Eugene Truck Driver Held For Forged Check
William Earl Ivey, 41-year-old Eugene truck driver, was held to answer before the grand jury this week by Circuit Judge Carl E. Embery, acting for District Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

Ivey, charged with issuing a forged \$22.88 bank check on Aug. 11 to an employee of the Harris Cafe, Roseburg, waived his right to an attorney and a preliminary hearing.

Judge Wimberly set bail at \$1,000.

RESERVES TO MEET
A Roseburg police reserve meeting is scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall. In announcing the meeting, Mel Taylor, assistant police chief, issued an invitation for anyone interested in the reserve to attend. There are openings in the ranks of the organization, he said.

Wenatchee Narrows Yakima Leads; Ems Lose To Salem

Sports

Brodie To Open For SF Tonight

PORTLAND (AP)—The one-time Stanford flash, John Brodie, is slated to open at quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers tonight in an exhibition football game against the Washington Redskins. Coach Frankie Albert didn't say what he had in mind in holding back veteran quarterback Y. A. Tittle.

The 49ers held their final pregame drill at Moraga, Calif., before flying here Friday.

The Redskins gave a passing and kicking exhibition at a baseball game preliminary Friday night but they got their last heavy workout Thursday.

Both teams were defeated in their opening National Professional Football League exhibition last weekend. The Redskins fell before the Los Angeles Rams 31-10. The 49ers lost to the New York Giants 19-10.

The only reported injuries limiting action tonight are to the Redskins' halfback Jim Polowy and end Gene Brito. Neither is expected to play.

Names familiar in the Northwest fill the starting rosters.

Starting with Brodie in the 49er backfield will be Hugh McElhenney, R. C. Owens and Joe Perry. For Washington it will be Eddie LeBaron, Dick James, Burt Zagers and Johnny Olczewski.

The field will be dry, and the temperature in the middle or high 60s.

De Gaulle Offers Madagascar Its Choice Of Freedom
TANANARIVE, Madagascar (AP)—Premier de Gaulle Friday bluntly told Madagascar and all other French colonies that they can leave the French Union as independent nations before the end of 1958 if their peoples so desire.

De Gaulle, starting a swing through France's African territories, told Madagascans that the test of their desire will be their vote in the Sept. 28 referendum on his proposed new French constitution.

The referendum, he told a special joint session of the island's representative Assembly, will offer all peoples in the French Union a chance to decide their own future.

A majority vote against the constitution, he continued, "will mean that Madagascar no longer wishes to be associated with France... and the French government will draw the appropriate conclusions."

The implication was that secession would mean an end to French financial support, essential to the economy of the big island off the southeast coast of Africa.

De Gaulle did not specifically include or exclude rebellious Algeria in his promise of independence. Algeria is technically a colony but a part of metropolitan France.

Longshoremen Halt Deep Sea Freight Handling
VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—A strike of 1,300 longshoremen halted handling of deep sea freight in five major British Columbia ports Friday.

Pickets of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union appeared last night at ports of Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Port Alberni and Chemainus. The union struck in demand for higher wages, increased pension and an eight-hour day instead of nine.

The British Columbia Shipping Federation, representing employers, contended the industry was in a depression and couldn't afford higher costs this year.

Shippers got a few vessels away before the strike started, but 12 ships were bottled here and five in New Westminster.

The liner Himalaya is due here Sunday from Australia with 789 passengers. Her agents cabled London and Sydney to see whether she should be diverted to Seattle.

Longshoremen, now getting \$2.57 hourly, asked a 24-cent increase and a conciliation board recommended 10 cents. The leaders said their request for a better pension plan was a major issue.

Senate Passes Federal Aid To Education Measure
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Friday passed a compromise bill providing for a four-year program of federal aid to education. It is intended to help meet the challenge of Soviet scientific advances.

The measure, authorizing 295 million dollars for college student loans but stripped of the competitive scholarships urged by President Eisenhower, now goes to the House for final action.

Entitled the National Defense Education Act of 1958, it is estimated to cost about 900 million dollars.

RAINS MAROON TOURISTS
DOMODOSSOLA, Italy (AP)—Torrential rains fell in northern Italy Friday, causing floods and landslides and marooning tourists. At Bognanico, health resort town, about 2,000 tourists, residents and patients at the local baths were marooned because of flooded roads.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
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Yakima	36 19	35	
Wenatchee	33 22	40 3	
Lewiston	30 25	54 6	
Eugene	29 29	500 8½	
Tri-City	27 30	474 10	
Salem	14 44	241 23½	

Friday's Results
Wenatchee 14, Yakima 5
Salem 2, Eugene 1
Tri-City 7, Lewiston 3

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wenatchee, meek as a kitten most of the night, tore into Yakima pitching in nine runs and seven hits in a big fifth inning Friday and beat the Northwest League leaders 14-5 in a series opener at Wenatchee.

The win moved Wenatchee, in second place, within three games of the Chiefs. The teams will play again Saturday and Sunday to what is their last meeting of the season.

Perhaps even bigger news was the fact that Salem won for the second time this week. This time Eugene was a 2-1 loser in a new series at Salem. The Senators now have a 14-44 record for second half play.

In the third game of the night, Tri-City beat Lewiston 7-5 at Lewiston.

Aside from the Chiefs fifth-inning donnybrook, the game at Wenatchee's only highlight was a ninth-inning, two-run homer by Yakima's Herb Anderson. Ernie Tolner hit a two-run four-bagger in the Wenatchee fifth. Thirteen men went to bat in that inning for the Chiefs. The home team played lackadaisical ball, committing six errors.

At Salem, the home town's Twink Pederson doubled in the fifth inning and came home on Jack Dunn's single to provide the winning margin for the Senators. Milt Martin's second-inning home run was Salem's other score. Eugene tied it in the fourth on a double by Tom Agosta, an error by pitcher Don Robertson and a single by Carl Dutler.

At Lewiston, with Tri-City leading 5-4 in the ninth, Braves Jack Riley and Ray Looney hit back-to-back homers to provide the margin of victory. Their circuit blows nullified one by Ted Rhodes in the Lewiston ninth.

Reserve Call Up Policy Announced By Army Officers
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army announced today a reserve call-up policy aimed to put the most recently trained reservists on active duty first in time of national emergency.

The plan applies to 800,000 officers and enlisted men in the ready reserve who are not members of organized units or of the National Guard