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See How Its Done — At Sutherlin

Sutherlin's Douglas County Timber Days got off to a rousing start with the coronation of the queen and a big dance Friday night.

This morning, it added a couple of parades, and the big annual event was off and running.

The focus of attention, however, will be on this afternoon and Sunday afternoon in the logging events. Every year, Timber Days has grown bigger. This year, it will take another step up the ladder.

The field of participants has grown in both size and stature, so the excitement will be enhanced.

This timber carnival is an event every person in Douglas County should see. It is difficult to comprehend the activities of the men and machines wrestling with the giant trees which serve as the basis for the county's main economy. The logging "shows" in the woods are a long way away, and the operators generally aren't enthusiastic about worrying over spectators.

But at the Timber Days celebration, it's all laid out for you. You can not only see what it takes to conquer a big tree or a big log, you can see it done by the best.

It's a revelation, and it's fun to watch.

Referendum Shouldn't Be Signed

The preliminary skirmishing is over in the much-discussed special tax referendum.

The Oregon Supreme Court cleared the way for circulation of the petitions for a special election Oct. 15.

The petition reads this way, "To increase state revenues. Abolishes federal tax deduction. Lowers personal tax rates. Provides minimum tax. Increases corporation rates, effective on or after Jan. 1, 1963." The vote will be "yes" or "no."

The court ruled the title was legal. The next decision will be up to the people—first for those who sign or reject the petition and secondly, those who go to the polls.

Although the ballot title doesn't indicate it, the bill passed by the legislature raises taxes. It is designed to bring in \$60 million more than if the tax structure weren't changed. We agree there's a lot about the new tax plan that is awry. But we are just compounding the misery if the referendum vote leads to rejection of the tax proposal.

Despite the increase in taxes, the petition shouldn't be signed.

The cost of the election will be great. And the cost of calling the legislature for a special session will be even greater, with little hope of improving the tax picture.

Meanwhile, during the interim, most State services, particularly education will suffer from lack of funds.

If the legislature decides to cut back to the present structure of taxation, the

property taxpayer will be immediately hit by additional burdens which are already onerous.

These are the stands which have been taken by such study groups as the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and Associated Oregon Industries. Even the Sutherlin School Board issued a plea to people urging them "to consider carefully the consequences" before signing. The Sutherlin board notes that basic school support in the new budget provides 41 per cent of local school operating budgets this fiscal year. If it is cut, the Sutherlin board (and most other boards) will either have to cut back on the school program or seek greater support from property taxpayers.

It is only in the areas of welfare and education that appreciable cuts can be made, so it is certain education will fall in the sights of the legislature if it is called back, since welfare is so tightly tied in with federal programs.

The best approach is to begin making plans for the 1965 session of the legislature with an eye to keeping costs down. The Associated Oregon Industries organization has voiced what should be the keynote: "If the voters are seriously concerned about excessive high taxation, they ought to take a good long look at their demands upon the state for services."

This is the approach to take, rather than compounding our costs this year by having an expensive election and perhaps a legislative session, which would boom our taxes to the ceiling.

"A Penny for Your Thoughts"



The End In Sight For Real Things

By ROBERT C. RUARK



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The end, I sadly fear, is in sight. The Australians have invented powdered butter, which tells me that in no time the kitchen is as good with the wind as will be the floral industry, now that plastic plants, flowers and shrubs are about to knock the dew off the authentic rose.

The powdered butter thing really frightens. If we have powdered butter, we will shortly have dehydrated water, liquid bread, jelly, Scotch whisky, cantaloupe crumbs, liquid ice and quick-frozen fried eggs. I can imagine pink flakes—just a little into some liquid ice, add a little extra of vermouth, and inhale. Put a pinch of butter onto the unfrozen eggs, add a drop of liquid pepper from the handy tube, and cure the indigestion with a bicarbonate spray.

It is a civilization which makes one year for the buggy whip, the lively stable, and the hand-cranked telephone. And it seems to me to be a civilization which is about to automate itself out of business. A man is only a cipher, now, whether in the bank or at the post office, and you can dial directly to any listed subscriber who does NOT want to buy what the night hucksters sell.

In a brief period of time we will have quick-frozen, powdered babies. Add a touch of dried water and boom—you have an adult, ready for the psychiatrist, war, or atomic destruction. He will have a vinyl heart, which will throb to electrical impulses, and he will fall madly in love with a girl who is compounded entirely of instant sugar, frozen spice, and everything automatic.

Along the same dismal lines I offer the plight of the florist, a generally decent collection of chaps except when they are on convention, at which times they sometimes cut up as rowdy as undertakers and beauticians.

The florists have just nailed themselves into a box. Foliage falsies are being made now that are so realistic I keep trying to pinch off the plastic petals.

An old-fashioned potted palm, such as salesmen hide behind in hotel lobbies, costs from \$25 to \$50, according to size and caliber of the shop. After a few weeks of air-conditioning the natural tropical plant turns in its fronds and dies.

But you can buy a fake now for about \$30, and it lasts forever. Once in a while you take it to the shower and give it a bath, or flick it with the ersatz turkey-feather to dust it off, and you can forget it. Cheap.

There's no social stigma to phony foliage any more. The swisher decorators are using the phony floral arrangements, and you can buy exact imitations of exotic things like bamboo, which would never make it in an apartment for any computable length of time.

It's no use denying that these imitations aren't as beautiful as the originals, and a sight more practical. But somehow it hurts. There was a time when a housewife prided herself on her flower arrangements, and to me the sign of a well-run, happy house was tastefully-filled vases of fresh bloom. Flower-arranging for the young maiden seems about as obsolete now as the ability to sew a fine seam.

The poor old florists are about to go into the buggy-whip category. They are in direct competition with themselves, because they are forced to sell the falsies in their own shops, since, if they don't, somebody else will, and the sale of the real product diminishes anyhow.

I always liked the florist breed, since they appear to be in business to please themselves, and seemed genuinely eager to abet young love or cement an uxorious rift with a special passel of posies. They generally appeared to be pleasantly killing time amidst a forest of fine sights and smells. With this plastic bit, it would appear that they are gradually killing something besides time—themselves.

From Washington: Secretary of State Dean Rusk and a bipartisan delegation (meaning a delegation composed of members of two parties) left for Moscow Friday night to attend the formal signing of the nuclear test ban treaty.

The White House announced the plan Wednesday and named the senatorial delegates as Democrats J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and John O. Pastore of Rhode Island. The Republicans named are Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and George Aiken of Vermont.

Why the delegation of senators? The answer is quite simple. Before it can become effective, the nuclear test ban treaty will have to be ratified by the U.S. Senate. Since the Senate must either ratify or reject the treaty, it seems logical that members of the U.S. Senate should sit in on the final sessions at which the treaty will be signed—thus getting an opportunity to draw their own conclusions as to the rightness or the wrongness of it.

The dispatches add that the list notably omitted Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, the Senate Republican leader from Illinois, and Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, senior GOP member of the Senate.

WASHINGTON WINDOW

'Radical Righters' Must Be A Strong Contingent

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International
If it is a fact that Sen. Barry Goldwater is the presidential choice of what Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller calls the radical right then there must be a great many more radical righters than anyone has suspected.

Goldwater's national following is no mere fringe, lunatic or not. The polls show that the Arizona senator has substantial support in all parts of the United States. The latest Gallup poll was an eye-opener.

Goldwater appears to be the choice of about 31 per cent of the nation's political independents. He appears also to have about double the independent support which had attached itself to Sen. Robert A. Taft a few weeks before the 1952 Republican National Convention. It is a fact, of course, that the northeastern modern or liberal Republicans strangled Taft in 1952.

But the stragglers had going for them more than their anti-conservative, modern or liberal point of view. That would not have been enough. Taft would have been easily nominated against mere opposition by the northeastern Republican king-makers.

Two factors made the king-makers' attack on Taft the deadly maneuver it was. First there was the fear among Republican moneybags everywhere that Taft could not win, that he had no voter appeal; that he was not an effective campaigner. This fear was in error but it was smartly nourished by the northeastern Republicans who finally did Taft in.

They also had going for them an ideal candidate of their own, a hero-general as corny as Kansas. It was these latter standards that finished off Taft's political career. The kingmakers urgently need another such hero. The elements of the Republican party who master-minded Taft's rejection in 1952 are maneuvering now to cut down Goldwater.

The guilt-by-association plot seeks to tag Goldwater as a member, advocate or sympathizer with the John Birch Society. That is supposed to be enough to lick him if the accusation can be made to stick.

Goldwater's answer to that is that he does not regard the far righters as dangerous to the American way as are the far lefters. And he makes the further point that the far righters are not in federal office whereas the Kennedy administration is salted with representatives of the well left of center Americans for Democratic Action.

Since the nomination of Wendell L. Willkie in 1940 to run against FDR's third term candidacy, the command post of the Republican party has been in the northeast. Some of the Goldwater enthusiasts in the Midwest and mountain states unquestionably are an excitement over the possibility of shifting the party's center of gravity westward.

Goldwater fans claim they can elect their man without the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New

Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and West Virginia in the northeast. They are willing also to concede to President Kennedy in 1964 Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon and Nevada. They call California doubtful.

Objective observers have called Goldwater more conservative than Taft. But this does not imply membership in the John Birch Society or anything like it. There evidently are some millions of Americans who want no part of that society or its leaders but who believe the senator from Arizona is the newly discovered prophet for a holy political war against over-centralized, big spending, deficit government.

Chinese Plight Hard In India

By MICHAEL T. MALLOY

NEW DELHI (UPI)—The Chinese community in India is probably the most insignificant—but the most harassed—in all of Asia. Chinese residents number only 17,219 in a total India population of 450 million.

Some 3,000 members of this small group have been jailed or deported in the past year. Thousands of others have suffered socially or economically for being Chinese.

Persecution was the inevitable result of Communist China's border raid on India last autumn. The invasion led to spy scares, anti-Chinese riots and rigid controls on the movements of Chinese residents.

But before the Red invasion, the Chinese here probably met with less prejudice than in any other Asian nation. They lived quietly and well as carpenters, shoemakers, dentists and small businessmen.

The Chinese community was too small to accumulate the kind of economic power which has created resentment towards them in other nations. Their preference for keeping apart from the rest of the population, blended smoothly with the Indians' own system of watertight caste groups and religious communities.

The Chinese began settling in India, 80 years ago. Most of them landed in Calcutta, where half of their community still lives.

Smaller groups of Chinese settled in other big cities, or scattered through the growing frontier state of Assam. By 1959, the rustic little Assamese capital, Shillong, boasted 176 Chinese restaurants.

Every one of these restaurants has now been closed. All the Chinese have been driven from Assam.

Many of these uprooted Chinese were imprisoned in the Deoli internment camp, in the Rajasthan desert. A total of 3,000 were locked up and slated for deportation. About 2,300 of these have left, or will soon leave, for Communist China.

The remaining 700 say they prefer the Indian camps to the Communist mainland.

The Indian government was itself responsible for pushing thousands of Chinese residents into the arms of Peking, by making them choose between Communist citizenship or the vulnerable status of stateless persons.

While nationalist - Communist differences were breaking out in Calcutta street fights in the late 1950's, the government was publicly supporting Peking while ordering the expulsion, in 1958, of a nationalist newspaper editor. This policy helped lump most Chinese together as officially pro-Peking. The policy of non-alignment continues to foster that impression.

The non-aligned propaganda machine pours out daily attacks on "Chinese imperialism," or "the dragon." It never mentions that the dragon is a Communist, or that millions of Chinese still oppose its regime.

For the unlettered Indian masses, it is hard to believe that a Chinese can be anything but an enemy.

Opinions From Readers

Investment In Forests Needs Fire Protection

To The Editor:
The Columbus Day blowdown has posed a serious fire threat to our forests this year with billions of feet of timber lying on the ground.

Douglas County has a terrific investment in our forests both public and private. Last year the assessment roll listed over 10,500,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. Taxes levied against this timber amounted to \$1,012,846.53. Also an additional tax on timber har-

vested last year amounted to over \$92,000.

Timber on public lands in Douglas County are approximately three and one-half times the amount of private timber. We receive a large share of the money used by the county from the harvest of timber on public lands.

From a tax standpoint the forests are an important item in Douglas County's tax structure. Even more important are the payrolls and income developed from this resource.

On top of all the financial considerations we have the added

beauty and recreational value that our forests provide.

We cannot afford to be careless with this investment. Extreme caution is urged during this particular fire season.

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Punishment Deserved By Owners, Not Dogs

To The Editor:
There was an article in The News-Review Wednesday night concerning someone shooting a dog. I think they shot in self-defense. The phrase, "I turned him out about 7:30" and "I don't know where he went," tells the whole story.

The dog apparently was turned out without knowledge or care of whose lawn or flowers he was on while engaged in his morning "chores."

People who have neither the time nor the facilities to keep dogs at home have no right to keep them.

It isn't fair to people who have nice lawns and flowers to have to clean up after other peoples' pets. If you turn the dog in, the dog control officer gives the owners a warning. Then you must sign a complaint before a court to get action. The city manager says there isn't enough money for effective dog control, yet there is a surplus in the city budget. Why can't some of that be used for this purpose?

If someone has an accident because of a dog running loose, who pays for the damage to your car or you?

It is a sad state of affairs when people have to turn to poison or shooting to get rid of a nuisance. It isn't the dog who should be punished but the owners.

Let's all of us who feel this way cause such a cry that the city council will have to act.

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SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS
DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—The "Little People of America" will hold their 41st annual convention at the Little People Hotel in Keokuk, Iowa, this weekend. The all-day program will include band and orchestra music, specialty numbers, etc., together with an old-fashioned contest.

10 YEARS AGO
Aug. 3, 1953
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Plans for a new fire station in West Roseburg were revealed last night to the City Council. The proposed station would be of concrete construction and have room for three trucks, a meeting room, dormitory and other fire hall appurtenances.

Most folks' wallets would eventually fatten up if they removed all the credit cards.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 3, 1923

Calvin C. Collidge took the oath of office as 13th President of the United States after the death of President Warren G. Harding last night.

One of the most complete and quickly printed extra editions ever published in Roseburg, was issued last night by The News-Review. The sudden news of the President's death at a time when it was least expected offered a problem which required prompt action and untold work. Many employees worked nearly all night in printing and distributing papers to residential districts and giving news to all without charge.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 3, 1938

The Japanese government directed its second protest in 24 hours to Soviet Russia today in an effort by diplomacy to end bitter fighting along the Russian Siberian-Japanese Manchukuo frontier.

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Dear Abby!

He Sings -- She Seethes!

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: I hope you won't think this is too trivial to answer. I have recently begun to go out with a distinguished bachelor who is in his fifties. I am a widow in my forties. He has escorted me to the ballet, concerts, and symphony. He is a patron of the arts and I love music. But, Abby, when he sings along with the performing artists, or orchestra, I want to run and hide. I haven't the courage to tell him how much this annoys me, and the "looks" he gets from those seated near us don't seem to penetrate. Is there a polite way to tell him how I feel? I don't want to lose him.

EMBARRASSED: He appears to be a man who wants everyone to know that HE knows the score. Tell him in a friendly way that his "singing along" bothers you and those around you. If he has done this unconsciously, he'll appreciate knowing. If he is aware that he's disturbing others and doesn't care, he's selfish and inconsiderate, in which case, if you lose him, you haven't lost much.

DEAR ABBY: My husband (and I spew the words out of my mouth) was found dead with a woman, in a suicide pact. I made all the necessary funeral arrangements, but did not attend the rites, nor did I send flowers. It may seem hard to believe, Miss Abby, but in the 16 years we were together, right up to the day of his death, I had no knowledge that there was another woman. His family, and mine, condemn me for the stand I have taken, but I cannot be a hypocrite. I have debated writing this letter to you for over a month but, somehow, I feel that your wise counsel will help me. Sincerely,

WITHHOLD MY NAME

DEAR MRS.: Under the circumstances you should not be condemned for refusing to go through the motions of a grieving widow. You have suffered enough humiliation. Don't let his family, or yours, punish you further.

DEAR ABBY: We have a seven-year-old grandson who is smart as a whip. The big problem is that he uses some of the dirtiest words in the English language. At first we thought he didn't know what he was saying, but he uses the words in all the right places. His parents said he must have picked it up at school. His parents tell us to pretend not to hear him. How can you pretend, Abby? My husband almost choked once, and I came close to fainting. What should we do?

HIS GRANDPARENTS: Seven-year-olds who are this smart in the head should be "smart" some place else more often.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "INTERESTED PARTY": Read Proverbs 26:17: "He who seizes a passing dog by the ears is he who meddles in a quarrel not his own."



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as near as your nearest mailbox.



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