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Veterans Day -- Hope As Well As Memory

Today is a national holiday which has lost some of its tradition because its original purpose as a time to commemorate the end of "a war to end all wars" was canceled by an even greater war -- World War II.

After the First World War, Armistice Day became a national holiday as a reflection of the hope that surging strife which almost engulfed mankind had been settled once and for all.

That hope disappeared just a little more than two decades later

when an even greater war with even more bloodshed again descended on the world.

Despite the two great conflagrations, the hope is still strong that we may find the key which will banish war from the Earth. But Veterans Day, as it is called today, will always remain as a reminder of the great price our men and women had to pay to achieve it. Many died with the hope that many more may live. That hope is reflected in Veterans Day.

Drain Loses A Great Friend

One of Douglas County's finest citizens died Saturday, and no community will feel the loss more than Drain.

The city has gained widespread fame as a town which likes to take care of its own problems without turning to federal or state government. It is also noted for the sound fiscal approach that new things which make it a better community should pay for as they are built.

Probably no man has done more to engender that healthy approach than E. G. (Ernie) Whipple. It was the town he loved, and no one could have worked harder to make it a town to be proud of.

Like so many lumbermen, his is a rags to riches story. But it wasn't the kind of story which started in a small town and ended with expansive offices in some big financial center. Whipple was as down to earth when he "made it big" as he was when he was scrambling to get enough money to get his piling business rolling.

He still considered himself "one of the boys." He kept the tieless attire of a logger and operated from an old building in downtown Drain, even after gaining a rating as the world's biggest piling supplier. He was also a pioneer in the sustained yield concept of logging.

"My friends and neighbors around here helped me build my business," he said in an interview once. "I wouldn't want to pull out on them. And, besides, I like it here."

They helped Whipple, and he never forgot. He was known far and wide for his willingness to help someone in need. At the same time, he was tireless in improving the town of his choice. Monuments to his efforts are the Drain Living War Memorial, the beautiful baseball field, the Masonic Temple and the City Hall.

If ever a patron saint is named for Drain, Ernie Whipple will be the top candidate.

"What Are You---Unpatriotic, or Something?"



Too Much Burden Rested On Jury

By ROBERT C. RUARK

This new law, in the state of New York, which makes determination of both guilt and choice of execution the duty of the jury is, to my mind a bad law, and much too rough on the citizen who did not sign articles to become a professional Solomon. The law, in effect this year for the first time, calls for the jury first to vote for guilt or innocence in capital crimes, and then to vote again

for life or death for the condemned.

Nobody I ever heard of wants jury duty of any sort. It is, of course, the citizen's duty to heed the call; it is not the citizen's duty to afflict his sleep with the knowledge that he and 11 other good men and true sent a man off to fry. It is too much a burden on the nonprofessional.

In the case of Francis Bloeth, convicted of first degree murder in the slaying of a Long Island woman, and also suspected of killing two Long Island businessmen in 1959, the killer sneered at the panel as he left the courtroom.

"Have fun," he said. "You called me a killer. Sleep tight, gents."

This gibe from a killer is cheap enough, but it is more than sufficient to haunt a pillow. More in point was the recent conviction and sentencing of two killers, Henry Dusablon and Emanuel Samperi, who were convicted of gunning down two liquor store attendants in a stick-up.

First the jury deadlocked over Samperi, while ordering the death penalty for Dusablon. The judge sent the jurors out again, and this time they came back with the death penalty for Samperi as well. The shadow of doubt in the measure of guilt was there, or there would have been no deadlock in the first place.

I have never sat on a murder jury, but I have talked with people who have, and the strain of handing in a decision which can influence the sentence of life or death is fantastic. To compound this strain with the responsibility of becoming executioner, as well, must be quadruply harrowing.

At least it would get me to such point that I would hesitate to vote for guilt in the first place, if I had to decide fate in the second place. On this premise I surmise that many fully accredited murderers will beat a guilty verdict if only because of the jury's disinclination to be parcel to the pronouncement of sentence.

It is all very well for the judge, like Judge George M. Carney in the Bloeth case, to comfort the jurors with: "I think your verdict was proper. Under the old law I would not have given any other sentence."

But Judge Carney is an officer of the law, trained in the law, sworn to uphold and administer the law, while deriving his living and his social status because of his position in and before the law. He signed on for the full cruise, and if the jury says the man's guilty, his duty is to pronounce sentence, no matter how it rides his chest of nights.

The poor civilian slob that gets picked off a list, hauled off his job, quizzed by defense and prosecution, warned against prejudice, warned not to discuss, warned not to read not to breathe until all the evi-

SOLVE BURGLARY

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—Detectives said recently that the holdup of a suburban service station managed by Jesse L. Powell, 40, had been solved. Police Lt. Herbert Vogel said Powell, of Cincinnati, admitted he was not robbed of \$496 last April, but had taken the money himself to pay personal bills.



The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Era Of The Free Lunch With Beer Remembered

Old-timers among News-Review readers must have had some nostalgic moments when they read recently the letter from Frank Leining of Winston.

Pot roast at seven cents per pound. Free lunch with a glass of beer. Liver for the cat and a hot dog for the youngsters as a handout accompanying a purchase from the butcher. Those were a few of the things Leining recalled from the "good ol' days."

But he goes on to say that he doesn't want the old days back.

"You can have the horse and buggy and the mud," he declared. "I prefer the freeway and the jet plane."

He did, however, speak out against waste and inefficiency and what he considered an inequitable distribution of tax levy.

Leining's letter must have called up recollections of the old butcher shop with animal carcasses hanging on hooks around a room covered daily with a layer of sawdust. Meat open to the air and flies, with storage available only in refrigerators cooled by ice.

Things Were Different

None of this meat was held indefinitely in electric freezers and displayed behind glass in sanitary cases, sold in plastic covered containers, free from hands, flies and polluted air.

It amazes me that people managed to exist in the older days, as we observe the sanitation on all sides today.

Anyway, Leining's letter shows the relativity between wages, prices and expenses. In the times to which he refers, a man didn't need money to support an automobile. He didn't have a radio, a television set, and he didn't need a set of golf clubs.

He worked ten or twelve hours per day, six days per week, and didn't have much time for recreation, so saved money on that score.

Then came a time when there was a tremendous change. Change is started.

Actually the change didn't get a start until about a century ago. At the time of the War Between the States it took almost as long to travel from place to place as it did a thousand years earlier.

But we had invented the telegraph, the steam engine. We were beginning to build railroads. Steamships opened up our rivers.

Then, a comparatively few years ago, our whole economic structure underwent another change as we produced the internal combustion engine which made possible the automobile and later the airplane. We invented radio, movies, television, refrigerators, freezers, furnaces and heaters.

Our people demanded these things. But they couldn't raise their standard of living on the wages they were getting.

So, we experienced a bitter war between capital and labor. Labor demanded more wages, the employer has had to increase the price of goods or services sufficient to meet the rapidly mounting expense.

Same thing in taxes.

Now we're up against the same thing in taxes. To meet the cost of the big government, which people seemingly demand, government must have more money. Perhaps there is a measure of waste and inefficiency in government operations. There usually is in government. But, actually, trimming waste and inefficiency would amount to but little saving in taxes.

Either we must greatly reduce government and governmental services, it seems to me, or we must provide more money.

Leining said he was "glad the old days are gone." I prefer the freeway and the jet plane," he said.

How about government? Can we square a government financed on the horse-and-buggy days pattern with today's speed?

Opinions From Readers

Unemployment Brings Thefts, Reader Claims

To The Editor:

I would like to comment on the fact that so many thefts are being committed in Douglas County. People are wondering why we have so many cases of theft.

There is so much unemployment in the county. It is almost impossible to get a job. I should know, because I have been unemployed for the past two months. Though I would not take anything that does not belong to me, I can understand why some persons are tempted to steal.

If some of the local sawmills could hire some of these unemployed people, you'd see the number of thefts go down.

There is so much automation these days that it puts a lot of people out of work. Automation makes more money for employers but does not help the workmen.

Let's try to find some solution to the problem and cut down on the thefts in Douglas County.

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Umpqua Area Demands Work On Tye Road

To The Editor:

When the driver of the school bus refuses to pick up your children and when the mail carrier refuses to deliver your mail because of the deplorable and dangerous condition of the road in your community, it is time for the people affected to "speak out." Complaints, via telephone and in person to the Douglas County Court have been of no avail. People who are forced to drive the Tye road are now taking their lives in their hands. Several people have already suffered hair-raising experiences with falling rock, skidding down embankments and having their vehicles mired in mud that is a foot deep in places. One person had to have her car towed to a garage, having lost the oil from the car being dragged over high spots in the road.

Now, we all know that the road is under construction, but why did the County Court allow the contractor to plow up huge portions of the road for a distance of twelve miles, knowing that it would be im-

possible to get these portions of the road into "winter condition" before the rains came?

Much of the existing road is merely a cow trail right on the edge of the river on one side and fifty foot banks of fresh dug earth with shale rock sliding down it on the other side, water draining over the road and washing out the path into the river.

Do we have to wait until there is a major tragedy on this road before something is done to make it safe for the winter months? We understand the contractor, Hamer Corporation is moving out his equipment and work will be suspended for the winter months. If someone suffered a sudden illness or a serious accident, an ambulance could not negotiate portions of the Tye road to bring them to a hospital.

We, the undersigned, residents of this community, demand that the County Court, whose responsibility it is, immediately see that the dangerous conditions of the Tye road be eliminated.

R. R. League
Tye Road
Umpqua
And 16 others

Shakespeare On Taxes? Maybe So Reader Says

To The Editor:

Do you suppose Bill Shakespeare had us voters in mind when he cried out: "Lord! what fools these mortals be?" Just came to me what fools we really be!

Don'tcha remember daylight saving? How them politicians tried time after time to put this over on us. Us voters would have none of it. So what did they up and do but make one unholy mess out of time. So us voters decided anything would be better than that and let 'em have it. Funny, twasn't so bad after all; the sun rose and sat and so did we.

Haven't they tried for ages to put this sales tax across? Nothing doing--says us voters. So up to their old tricks they make a mess out of the whole tax structure, claiming that without millions more our fair state will be ruined and crying: "What will we do? We just can't let our kids walk, take the pie out of our aristocratic paupers' mouths, and--Heaven forbid--us politicians might have to earn our increase in salary."

"So now from all sides I hear this sales tax is not so bad; only equitable tax there be. Might even cut our income and property taxes. In fact it's been our ideal all along."

I'll bet you my last bottom dollar (if I have one left after paying my taxes) that they get the sales tax, maybe the cigarette tax and still our income and property taxes goes up. And a year or so from now the big

problem before our politicians will be how to squeeze out more taxes.

Wanta bet?

A. M. Cooper
Coopers Gardens
Star Route
Canyonville, Ore.

-In The Day's News-

By FRANK JENKINS

From Salem as this is written:

Did voters in the October 15 special election mean for the level of Oregon state services to be lowered PERMANENTLY, or were they more concerned about a new tax base--possibly a sales tax?

That was the overriding question yesterday as members of the legislature's joint ways and means committee met in the capitol to study problems that will confront the special session that will convene on Monday.

It's an interesting question. This is the probable answer: It was a little of both.

The people of Oregon, along with the people of other states, are getting fed up with the big and ever growing burden of taxation -- especially federal taxation.

Taxes are beginning to BITE.

From Washington:

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine, is giving serious consideration to suggestions that she seek the Republican Presidential nomination and enter the New Hampshire primary next March, her top assistant said today.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1923

The Ku Klux Klan withdrew from today's Armistice Day parade after it had gone to considerable expense to prepare a float. Shortly before the parade, the Klan heard that a protest had been made. Rather than cause the American Legion embarrassment, the Klan voluntarily withdrew.

The parade was proclaimed a tremendous success. Observers said it stretched for more than a mile and involved more than 1,000 people.

25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1938

The widow of the founder of Oakland, Mrs. A. F. Brown, died earlier this week at her home in Pasadena, Calif., it was reported today.

The Roseburg All-Stars defeated a similar team of all stars from Eugene, 6-0, today

as the major sports attraction for Armistice Day. As the second half of a doubleheader, Myrtle Creek won the county six-man championship from Glendale, 38-0.

At Grants Pass, the Roseburg High School Indians fell to the Cavemen, 12-0.

10 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1953

Final adjustments in Roseburg's first television system are being made by workers for Umpqua Radio and Television. The receiving and sending equipment are being built on a ridge five miles southwest of Roseburg.

Sen. Wayne Morse will spend the day tomorrow, highlighting the visit with a speech at Central Junior High School.

Sutherland High School will dedicate its newly-lighted football field tonight when it hosts Myrtle Creek in a contest.

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WANTS LOLLIPOP STICKS

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