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TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS.

Cottage Grove never has and won't have unless probably a miracle happens, parking meters. Normally we should have parking space enough to accommodate people from this trade area who come here to trade and we would have if the business people who drive to work would cooperate more by parking out of the main street district.

There are advantages in shopping where you won't have to walk several blocks to buy your needs. And in this respect the smaller communities have the advantage over the larger centers. It is a question of seeing that this advantage is not hampered.

In towns with narrow streets there is also a problem created by the cars and trucks parked along the main thoroughfares. On rainy nights it is pretty difficult to have a clear vision for safe driving and the parked car or truck along the street and especially one that is used for a highway as 6th street, is dangerous both for the owner of the parked car and the passing motorist. While sane driving helps, it does not remove the possibility of a collision.

A TOWN'S YARD STICK.

Last week the Sentinel published an article under the caption of "A Yard Stick for Your Town," as taken from the Publishers Auxiliary without any comment. We wish the Junior Chamber of Commerce might see fit to complete this survey which involves gathering a few statistics from other communities to see how Cottage Grove measures up. This community measures up fairly well on all factors involved in arriving at a grade with the exception of one point, according to one man well informed on local affairs and that is our reading habit. Patronage of the city library maintained without cost to the average individual is surprisingly poor according to our information. This sort of improvement requires no cash outlay; only a little effort. If the condition does exist, it is nothing to be proud of.

CAN WE FACE A NATIONAL CRISIS?

The nearer we come to war, and we seem to be fast approaching actual armed conflict, the more lots of people wonder how the American nation will stand up under the crisis. It is the consensus of opinion that if we falter it will be because we are too soft to stand the hardships or have the intestinal fortitude to stand for what we believe is right. There is room for bewilderment of course and the average American isn't much better off than some of the conquered European countries, where the people don't know which way to turn.

Airplane Production
According to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc., the airplane manufacturing industry has so increased plant facilities in recent months that it now has a production capacity of 1,250 planes a month.

Don't Cut In
Cutting in at dances sometimes paves the way for wedding bells, writes a heart throbber. And on the highways, says the California Highway Patrol, it paves the way for tolling bells.

Four Foundations
There are four Guggenheim foundations. They are the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim foundation; John Simon Guggenheim Memorial foundation; Murry and Leonie Guggenheim foundation; and the Solomon R. Guggenheim foundation.

Flamingo's Tongues
The early Romans regarded flamingo tongues as a great delicacy, and these shared with peacock's tongue the place of honor at the extravagant feasts of royal and princely houses.

Most Wins in Season
Charles Radbourne of the Providence National league club won 60 games in one season, which still stands today. John Chesbro won 41 games for the New York Yankees in one season and Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants won 37 games.

Baking Crust First
One way to keep the lower crust of a pie from soaking up the fruit juice is to bake the crust before the fruit is put into it, and thicken the fruit slightly before it is put into the pie.

Leading Rayon Producers
The United States produces 15 per cent of the world's rayon. Japan produces 30 per cent, Germany 24 per cent, and Italy 14 per cent. These are the leading producing countries.

Washington Corralplained
In 1778 George Washington paid a farmer \$7.67 for a bushel of apples, complaining that before the war the price was only \$2.00 for the same quantity.

Maxey Surprised At Protest of the Rod and Gun Club

Springfield, Oregon, January 18, 1941.

The Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.
Dear Editor: I read in the Sentinel's last issue much to my surprise that the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club wishes to stop construction on the remaining flood control dams until somebody tells us what affect they might have on the salmon run.

As I write you this letter I have before me a copy of a signed petition taken from my files written on Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce stationery, the original of which I personally forwarded to Congress while serving as president of the Willamette Valley Flood Control association, in 1934. This petition lists 97 business and industrial firms in Cottage Grove who declared that on January 2 and 3, 1933, there was a flood on the Coast Fork river and that as a result they sustained losses to store stock, property and streets in the amount of \$16,350.

These leading business people of Cottage Grove and the public officials of that city, petitioned the Willamette Valley Flood Control association and members of Congress on January 29, 1934, to take all steps in their power to control the floods of the Coast Fork river so that they would not again sustain these severe flood damages in their city.

I have also before me another petition written on Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce stationery and signed by 50 land owners on the Row River and the community directly east of Cottage Grove. These petitioners claim they are sustaining serious flood losses due to the floods on the Row River. They petition: "We enlist your aid in securing help from the proper branch of the federal government to prevent these serious flood losses." This long petition was presented to me in person by a delegation of farmers living in the vicinity of the steel bridge east of Cottage Grove, and was unsolicited.

People of Cottage Grove you are getting this aid you so earnestly sought in 1934 and 1935. Congress has approved the Willamette project and has appropriated \$11,300,000 for the construction of the Coast Fork, Row River and Fern Ridge dams. The Coast Fork dam is now under construction and you are to be safe from serious floods in the future.

As bad as some of your floods in Cottage Grove have been they are very small indeed compared to the annual flood damage of \$1,693,000 in the Willamette basin. We in Springfield can have no security from devastating floods until the Middle Fork dam is constructed. The people of Eugene, Junction City, Harrisburg, Albany, Independence, Salem and the farmers living along the river can not have security from floods as you are to enjoy until all the other dams are built.

I have read the federal biologist report on the salmon run and I have met and talked to the biologist now engaged in the fish study of the rivers. None of them have said that the building of the high dams will damage the salmon run materially and all believe that the \$1,000,000 set up in the project for new hatcheries and rearing facilities will more than compensate for any losses to either the salmon run or resident trout provided this money is properly used.

The areas above these dams are not now being used for the propagation of salmon. The fish commission has for many years trapped all the salmon run either below or in the vicinity of these daggites. The salmon have been stripped of their eggs at the racks and all the young salmon artificially hatched. Except to relocate some of the hatcheries the dams will not disturb the present practice of the fish commission. Those who tell you otherwise are trying to deceive and sabotage the hard work many of us have done to secure federal approval of flood control on the Willamette river.

I do not believe the people of Cottage Grove are the kind of folks who would ask the rest of the valley to help them secure flood control to the other communities of the valley more heavily damaged than is your community. Therefore in your own words "we enlist your aid" in controlling elements in your community, either through ignorance or intent, who would make double-crossers out of the good folks of Cottage Grove.

Yours truly,
H. E. MAXEY, Member of the Willamette Valley Project Committee.

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JUST PUBLIC SERVANTS.

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To the Editor: Last week it was my privilege to attend the open part of a session of the city council called to consider applicants for police chief. Captain Lansing of the state police department was present at the invitation of the council, and made a splendid talk on the qualifications of a chief, that they should be chosen on their merits rather than on pull, political or otherwise, that the chief should remember he was just the servant of the police committee that selected him. Perhaps he should have gone farther and said the police committee were just the servants of the people who elected them. We have no fault to find with any of the applicants, and having served on school boards, building committees and other thankless jobs similar to that of a councilman, we realize that every whim of the public could not be considered, but on the day of the meeting a petition was circulated in favor of a man who has proven his ability by his services, as time did not permit this petition did not get further than Main street, but several hundred names could easily have been added if it had, however the nearly fifty was a representative list, and after all what other way can the public express their opinion unless they attended the session which might prove tiresome. Was this petition given consideration? Ask anyone who was present. The business of our city must be conducted by the council, but anyone interested has a legal right to know how it is conducted and that is not possible only in an open meeting.

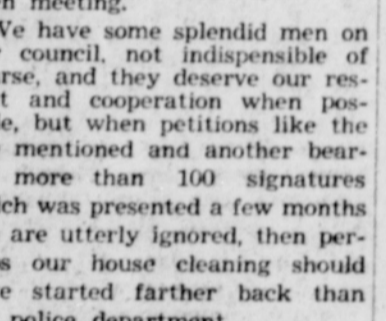
We have some splendid men on our council, not indispensable of course, and they deserve our respect and cooperation when possible, but when petitions like the one mentioned and another bearing more than 100 signatures which was presented a few months ago are utterly ignored, then perhaps our house cleaning should have started farther back than the police department.

Yours for justice,
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'Mrs. Prospect' Has Say

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Improving Appearance of Room

Cornice boards covering the tops of your window will do much to improve the appearance of a room and at the same time will help keep the tops of the drapes clean. They can be made easily by the amateur craftsman using pressed wood applied over a wood frame.

Camels for Warfare

Congress, in May, 1855, appropriated \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the war department in the purchase of camels for military purposes.

Servants in Minority

Ninety-five out of every 100 families in the United States employ no paid help.

Gordon to Deliver Three-day Bridge Lectures Masonic Hall

Sam Gordon, The Kibitzer, will be here to deliver a three-day contract bridge lecture - lesson series on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 30, 31 and February 1 in Masonic hall. He is being sponsored by the Rainbow Girls, who are conducting the advance sale of tickets.

The subjects to be covered each afternoon and night of the same day will be the same. In this manner, the holder of a series ticket receives the complete course by attending either the night or the afternoon sessions, with privilege of review by attending both.

Mr. Gordon is the contract bridge pioneer of the northwest as lecturer, newspaper columnist, radio and class teacher. He is author of the Horse Sense method, a simplified and easy-to-learn treatment of the game.

His is not a new system. It is a tie-up of the basic rules used in all systems, free from complications or confusing non-essentials. He covers bidding, defense, leads and plays presented in the entertaining, simple, comprehensive manner for which he is famed.

Prevention

Candies and sauces can be prevented from boiling over by rubbing inside of top of the kettle well with butter down about an inch from the top. Contents will not pass the line.

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