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THE STATES CAN'T TAKE IT

A recent press dispatch reports that high costs peril highway work plans. Recent bids for proposed projects were a million dollars in excess of estimates of the State Highway Commission. And "these estimates had been pitched 50 per cent above the cost levels of 1941 to make way for increased costs." Bids received ranged from 12 to 25 per cent above the Commission's estimates. As a result, it was stated that "it is impossible to proceed with the road program on the basis of the bids received."

It seems the officials of the state of Oregon have never heard of OPA's cost absorption policy which, in effect, says that it is okay for costs to rise so long as the public doesn't find out about it. OPA states its policy another way: Manufacturers' costs and prices may rise, but not so the retailers'. Retail prices must not reflect increased costs. The OPA is proud of the fact that it is sticking to this program like a dog to a root. The retailers are criticized as promoters of inflation if they dare to cry "impossible" in protesting cost absorption. Yet, a state government not only says it is impossible for the state treasury to "absorb" inflated costs, but serves notice that road construction will be stopped. What would happen if the retailers of the country lay down in this fashion? The uproar would rival the blast of an atomic explosion.

PRIVATE SPEAKS HIS MIND

He is a brave soldier indeed who dares to tell the "brass hats"—in person—what he thinks of them. But one did—and the generals listened. The army private who appeared before the Senate committee to voice his opposition to universal military training minced no words in declaring that the "Pentagon boy scoffs" wanted it to pass because a large peacetime army would enable them to hold their high ranks. He contended that the entire universal training idea was the product of the "be-medaled fourflushers who pass out decorations with one hand and doctored reports on demobilization with the other." We don't know just how red certain official ears were after hearing this, but at least they know just how one man feels toward universal training—and "brass hats".

LET'S WORRY RIGHT

"The powers that be in Washington are worrying entirely too much about giving big wages, bonuses and \$25-a-week pensions to discharged war workers (for not working) who drew excessive big wages during wartime, while GI's were working for \$50 a month, and who now in many instances are being held out of jobs while war workers turn down millions of jobs because the work does not suit them or the wages are too low. Let's worry a little more about the GI's and less about war workers." —The Belleville Telescope, Belleville, Kansas.

There are over a million retailers faced with the dilemma of rising costs and frozen retail prices. These retailers are being asked to carry the main burden of inflation. This is neither fair nor workable. The only possible result is lowered production as thousands of merchants are slowly forced to drop the distribution of necessary items.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: After reading in the Sentinel about the wonderful accomplishment of the Cottage Grove dam and the U. S. Engineering crew by averting a serious flood in this vicinity I cannot refrain from expressing my views on the matter.

The paper states that "unfortunately Lt. Col. LaLonde and his assistant got the blame for letting the water out of the dam when such was not the case," and that "the run off between here and the dam, a distance of 5 1/2 miles, caused the river to overflow at points." There must have been a terrible run off just below the dam then, as the river was completely full clear up to the dam. Anyone who drove by here or lives here can attest to the fact that the water poured out the gates of the dam with such fury that the water splashed in the air for 15 or 20 feet. I admit some water was held back but nothing near as much as could have been. The article in the paper has a big headline "Dam holds," leading people to think that the dam had held back so much water that it might have been in danger of breaking. Every one that I have spoken to seemed greatly surprised that it was only about one-third to one-half full and that a great amount of water was being let out during the flood, when they had been led to believe that what dams were for—to hold back the flood waters.

Wouldn't it be interesting to find out who turned in that news about the wonderful accomplishments of the dam?
VIRGIE QUIMBY,
Cottage Grove.

Income Tax Facts

1. What Federal tax form must be filed by January 15? Your Declaration of Estimate Tax (or an amendment of your 1945 Declaration).

2. Does everyone have to file a Declaration? No. This filing should not be confused with the regular time for filing annual income tax returns, which must be filed not later than March 15th.

3. Who does have to file January 15? Three groups as follows: (a) farmers, (b) persons who filed a 1945 Declaration of Estimate Tax, but wish to change their estimates, (c) persons who should have filed a 1945 Declaration but have failed to do so.

4. Did everybody have to file a 1945 Declaration? No, only persons who had over \$100 income outside of wages from which tax was withheld (assuming their overall income was at least \$500).

5. What are some examples? A wageearner with a wife and one child has two exemptions besides his own, and if his wages exceed \$6,000 (\$5,000 plus \$500 plus \$500), he had to file a 1945 Declaration. Also required to file were merchants, landlords, lawyers, doctors, and others who received income from which tax was not withheld.

6. Why is January 15 a special date for farmers? Other taxpayers were required to file declarations last March, but the law specifically permitted farmers to wait until the next January 15.

THOUGHTLETS

By Carl B. Balch

If you will recall some recent press dispatches, you will note that John Barleycorn often contributes to race dissensions. Perhaps out of this struggle between labor and management will come a better pattern for wage for workingmen.

It seems to us that it was very poor taste for Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, to make political capital out of President Truman's non-political speech. The church means next to nothing to anyone unless he puts something in it.

To some people, to give money is the easiest way to save their conscience.

Piety is not properly presented by platitudes but by upright acts of daily living.

It is much easier for us to tell the other fellow how to solve his problems than it is to solve our own.

Often irritability can be traced to ill health, or mental stress instead of just plain cussedness.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHIROPRACTORS GRANTED RIGHT TO PRACTICE IN STATE'S COUNTY HOSPITALS

A measure relating to South Dakota county hospitals was passed by the legislature and if signed by the State's governor becomes a law July 1.

The bill, HB No. 31, reads in part: "... said board of trustees in the management of said hospital shall not discriminate between practitioners of the various healing arts and every duly licensed doctor shall have the right to and shall be entitled to practice his profession in said county hospital." The original bill allowed for admittance of only medical and osteopathic men.

Another bill under consideration deals with sanitoriums, etc., and the latest report said the bill is still in committee. South Dakota chiropractors, however, are not too concerned because many of the original "teeth and catch clauses" were removed and other amendments made.

DR. H. A. HAGEN.

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From Old Files

A five dollar gold piece, dated 1864, arrowheads, and small coins were discovered 18 inches under the ground by workmen on the site of the S. P. terminal this morning.

A city cleanup, especially of the business section, was planned by the Lions club.

An old Cottage Grove newspaper found by a resident of this city tells of first graduation exercises, members of the class were Elsie Lea, Edgar Wood, Celia Lurch, Lula Currin, Ernest Purvance, Effie Younger and Roy Knox. Births in 1925 are 84 above deaths.

The Lane County Hoo Hoo club organization of lumber manufacturers will hold its regular monthly meeting here January 23.

A son was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Mosby at the home of Dr. Kime.

Rex Wheeler was home from O.A.C. for the week end. Mrs. Ray Trask has as her guest her aunt, Mrs. Amanda Babcock of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nixon left Saturday for Portland to be guests of Mr. Nixon's brother, Ray Nixon.

10 YEARS AGO
The fact that the general rain which had continued several days closed Saturday may have saved Cottage Grove from flood.

Operations at the big J. H. Chambers & Son mill have been crippled since a lockout Monday morning. The strike is for time and a half for overtime.

There were 58 arrests during 1935 and 31 persons paid fines totaling \$310.50.

J. H. Chambers & Son have offered a reward of 100 dollars for the conviction of party who put soap on the rail of Chambers railroad.

Meager news of one of the biggest strikes made in the Bohemia mining district for many years has reached here. The strike is at the Champion mine.

Half the amount due Lane county farmers on 1935 corn-hog control under the AAA have not been paid.

W. B. Johnston Jr. and son of Medford spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston Sr.

Ed Adams has been in Eugene the past two weeks.

Miss Wilberta Wilson, who is working in Albany, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilson.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

Election of officers for the year 1946 of the Christian church was held Sunday morning following the church services with the following results: church clerk, Mrs. Aubrey; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Wheeler; pianist, Mrs. Herbert Moon; assistant pianist, Mrs. Bob Beach; Bible school superintendent, Roy Hands; assistant superintendent, Ed Finnerty; Bible school secretary and treasurer, Mrs. O. J. Thiel.

Elders elected were: Roy Hands, Amil Thies, Austin Becholdt, Ernest Wheeler, Bob Powell, Marvin Shaw and Pearl Campbell; deacons: Herbert Moon, Ed Finnerty, Marvon Harpole, Albert Hull, James Hemenway, Joe Gleason, Fred Beidler and Bob Beach; trustees: Marvon Harpole, Harry Neet, Dan Clasby; deaconesses: Mrs. Pearl Campbell, Mrs. Marvon Harpole, Mrs. Joe Gleason, Mrs. Albert Hull, Mrs. Ernest Wheeler, Mrs. Amil Thies, Mrs. Herbert Moon, Mrs. Sam Eastburn, Mrs. Marvin Shaw, Mrs. Laura Ishmael, Mrs. Bob Powell, Mrs. Roy Hands and Mrs. Austin Becholdt.

J. Michael Shelley is the pastor of the Christian church.

PICTURE CARDS WANTED

A call has come for the picture part of Christmas cards to be used to teach art in small country schools, also given as rewards to children of the tenements in large eastern cities, where often they are the only pretty thing the children own. Everyone has Christmas cards which are too pretty to burn and cannot be saved from year to year and would be glad to use them in this way.

Anyone interested, take the picture part of your Christmas cards, cutting off any personal notes or writing and mail to "Save the Children Work Shop," 8 Washington Place, New York City, New York.

L. L. Strongs Observe Golden Anniversary

A social event recently was the observance of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Strong, who were married fifty years on December 20th. The occasion was celebrated on Christmas night with a dinner at the Delight Valley farm home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown by the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Strong and a few friends, numbering fifty-two in all. The honored guests were presented with a refrigerator from the children and grandchildren and Mrs. Strong received an orchid corsage and Mr. Strong a chrysanthemum boutoniere. They also received many other lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong have five daughters and one son, all of whom were present but one daughter, Edna Daniels, of Gaylor, her husband and children Glen, Charlee, Evelyn and Virgil who is overseas.

Those helping to observe the anniversary were their son, Boyd Strong; wife and daughter Cheryl of Toppensish, Wash., daughters, Edith Brown, husband and daughter Jeannine, also of Toppensish; Viola Greenfield and husband of Eugene; Lila Decker, husband and children Donna Dee, Deanna and Larry of Cottage Grove; Audrey Strong and husband of Cottage Grove; grandchildren: Aubrey and Alfred Strong of Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Delos Herman and children Betty, Jackie and Larry of Myrtle Point; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Daniels and son Donnie of Gaylor; Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Daniels of Gaylor; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hoffbahr and son Jackie of Klammath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sheldon of Cottage Grove. Also present were Elbert Akers, brother of Mrs. Strong, of Cottage Grove; Charlie Strong and wife of Roseburg, brother of Mr. Strong; William Decker of Cottage Grove; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Martin and son Dale and daughter Irma Lee, Mrs. Lucy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Chase, sons Neil and Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Layton, all of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fisher and children Billy, Buddy and Mildred of Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong have six children, 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, most of whom were present for the anniversary.

TOWNSEND CLUB

The Monday night meeting of the Townsend club started with a 6:00 o'clock dinner open to the public which was followed by a Dutch auction of a surplus pound of butter that brought \$4.08 and a loaf of bread at \$1.35, the butter going to a visitor from Seattle and the bread to Mr. Brockvogel. Music was furnished for the evening by Mrs. O. W. Blackmore and Mr. Hazen with group singing led by Mrs. William Dorwood. The kitchen committee was Mrs. Blackmore, Mrs. May Barton and Mrs. Eleanor Partin.

The regular business meeting was followed by readings and stories. The chairman asked the oldest person present to occupy the rocking chair placed near the stove. George Hawley, just past 88, had that honor. While Mr. Hawley is not interested in pensions from a personal standpoint, he never misses a meeting as he enjoys the social part and believes in the principle of security. A very interesting account of the security of the country of Norway was given by O. E. Hongslo of Seattle, Washington, who was visiting in our city. Mr. Hongslo, a native of Norway, but a citizen of the U. S., told that prior to the



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The library report for the month of December released by Mrs. Dan Hamant, librarian, shows 622 adult fictions were loaned and 111 adult non-fictions; 135 children's fiction and 63 non-fiction books, making a grand total of 931. Fines received amounted to \$6.20 and money taken in from the rental shelf was \$5.55, a total of \$11.75 received for the month. New books purchased, 45 and books discarded, 3. There were 15 borrowers' cards issued and nine canceled. The total number of borrowers, 1741.

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