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CHIEF ALLEY OF BAD GOVERNMENT

We have been to two or three public meetings recently where only a handful of people turned out and where under normal conditions we might reasonably expect a 100. Perhaps you may remember our grade school election some weeks ago. In this election there were some 190 people who voted in the contest for two directors and only six voted on the budget; despite the fact that it was the largest budget yet approved so far as taxes go.

We have found no challenges to our statement that a hospital is and should be the No. 1 project for Cottage Grove and the surrounding communities, yet only twenty people attended the hospital meeting Friday night. Three nights previous an auto parking meter meeting was held at the same place with about the same number of people attending. One or two favoring the meters made the mistake of coming out. In this meeting the fact was brought out that out of the 2,000 questionnaires mailed out, a total of 657 people receiving the cards or questionnaires had thought enough of the proposition to drop a reply back, which cost nothing but a little effort. As bad as some people hate the meters, results of the questionnaires would indicate the public has given meters passive approval.

And previous to the installation of the meters the city officials gave the public opportunity to express their opinion regarding the meters, but only three or four merchants turned out.

Public indifference is a bad thing for our national unity as well as our local unity. Except during a war or a conflict, we can't seem to be persuaded to give any time to national affairs and when it comes to local affairs, we let the other fellow do it if it costs any money or takes any of our time.

Living in a democracy as we do, most of us give it our passive approval, but we are unwilling to be active, aggressive or alert.

LEAD, WE HAVE IT

A few of our readers may have read an article appearing in the Saturday Evening Post about eight weeks ago, wherein the author in trying to point out some of the things that would go against us the next war, when and if we have one, cited several national shortages and among these were lead. We happen to remember that the Bohemia mining district has lots of lead as well as zinc among its ores, but mining operators tell us that up until recently or at least under the OPA, the price of lead ore at the mine wouldn't pay the freight and smelter charges.

Bohemia during the years we have lived here has been a sort of step child among our potential industries, except for the time Higgins and Hinsdale operated two or three mines employing 100 men in the early forties. The war ended all hope of profitable operation of the mines and shortly after the partnership existing between these two men was dissolved we are told, which ended one of the brightest prospects of development that has occurred locally in thirty or forty years.

Bad management, misfortune and too much promotion in many instances has kept the mining district out of the lime light, but the prospects are still there for establishment of a future industry, which could be made substantial.

Few of us are miners, perhaps, but we could give the people who are trying to develop it, our moral support.

One of the worst drawbacks is the lack of accessible roads, which the county does not seem to want to aid in repairing. But if a rich strike would be made in the Bohemia district, the tax assessor would be out before daylight to see that the mine was put on the tax roll.

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WALKER - Two flying saucers were seen July 16th by a local farmer, Clyde Wright, who said they were shaped like loaves of bread, flying south very high. They were brilliant, and traveling at such a speed that they could be seen for about 30 seconds only. Wright's attention was caught by a plane which was nearing the saucers. He thinks that the plane might have been chasing them or with them.

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Hospital Plans Are Outlined at Public Meeting Friday

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ing a decision. In addition to his report consisting of several typewritten pages, he gave us an opinion, which we quote as follows:

"Based on all the information that I obtained, and the averages based on information contained in Part I, it would indicate that the following plant and staff would be best suited here:

Plant—One story of wood construction.

Size—30 bed (5 beds per 1000 population.)

Staff—6 graduate nurses—8 practical nurses, 2 tray maids, 2 clean up maids, 2 cooks, 1 janitor, 1 superintendent, 1 manager.

Equipment—Surgery, delivery room, laboratory, X-Ray, laundry.

There should be among the graduate nurses, one who could run the Lab room, one that could help in surgery. The superintendent should be highly trained and able to administer the anesthetic during operations.

As to the cost of the equipment in the hospital, that ranges from \$25,000 to \$75,000, which all depends on the practice of the doctors who use the facilities are at business to equip it with specialized equipment if no specialists were there to operate it. It would therefore be necessary to make a canvass of the doctors that would bring their patients to this hospital, and equip it accordingly.

It is also questionable if it would become self-supporting if no surgeons were available. In a like size hospital as recommended here the average number of doctors who use the facilities art at least six, of which two should be surgeons. I therefore strongly recommend that the doctor situation be given very careful consideration before any decisive steps are taken.

Another thing to take into consideration is the trend toward socialized medicine - on a National scale; when the government gets into the business, no one knows in what form it will blossom forth.

If the doctor situation can be satisfactorily adjusted, I can see no reason, if properly managed, that such an undertaking should not prove of benefit and a credit to this community."

Sgt. E. R. Lemley

At our meeting on July 3 it was decided that we had obtained sufficient information, and after weighing same, we came to the unanimous opinion that it would be advisable to construct a hospital in Cottage Grove such as that recommended by Mr. Lemley. It was also our unanimous opinion that a corporation should be formed, with details to be handled by a competent attorney, this attorney to be selected by a board of directors of said corporation, this board of directors not to exceed nine and be divided into three classes whose terms of office would be for three years, staggered so that new directors would intermix with the old directors each year; for the first year they should draw lots for terms of one, two and three years, the board of directors to elect its own officers and to determine or elect its own successors each year for those whose terms expire.

At previous meetings we had received offers of locations—some to be purchased, others outright gifts; some located within the city and a few blocks from Main street, others located in outlying districts. After considerable discussion it was decided that the matters of location, construction, financing, and other details should be left entirely to the discretion of the board of directors. In other words, it is our desire that this Board have a free hand to operate as they see fit, calling upon this committee from time to time for any information we might have that they may desire.

It is also our intention that this board of directors act more or less as a control board and appoint committees—either within or without their organization—to handle the important details involved in the raising of funds, construction and maintenance of a hospital in Cottage Grove, thereby relieving the directors of too great a responsibility of de-

tail and making this a community project in which we all desire to take an interest.

With these thoughts in mind, it is our recommendation that the following persons be elected by this group to become the original Board of Directors: W. H. Daugherty, Paye Stewart, W. A. Woodard, Edmond Hayes, representing the lumber industry; Wilbur Workman, representing the business men; Ruth Stewart Caldwell, the B. & P. W. club; Matt Smith, labor; Raymond Wicks, the grange groups; Father Louis Sohl.

At our last meeting July 3 a motion was made, and unanimously adopted, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. W. A. Woodard and also to Mr. E. R. Lemley for their unselfish contributions to our efforts in obtaining information.

It is our desire that this appreciation be shown by a hearty applause.

Respectfully submitted,
YOUR COMMITTEE:

Floyd Githens, chairman, W. A. Woodard, H. E. Eakin, W. C. Martin, Sr., Maynard Wilson, Alice Breedlove, Ruth S. Caldwell, Mary Workman, Della Gallo.

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WHALEY - At Sacred Heart General hospital, Thursday, July 17, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Whaley, Black Butte route, Cottage Grove, a son.

DANIELS - At Sacred Heart General hospital, Monday, July 21, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daniels, Cottage Grove, a son.

McELHINNEY - At the Butler maternity home, Tuesday, July 22, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McElhinney, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Linda Jeanne.

CRON - At the Smith maternity hospital, Saturday, July 19, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cron of Disston, a daughter, Mary Louise.

NELSON - At the Smith maternity hospital, Saturday, July 19, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Nola Gen.

ROBERTS - At the Smith maternity hospital, Monday, July 21, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Dorena, a son, William Lewis.

ROYALL NAMED
WASHINGTON - The Senate Armed Services Committee today approved the nomination of Kenneth C. Royall to be secretary of war.

Royall was named by President Truman yesterday to take the place of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who resigned.

Patterson, satisfied that his fight to unify the armed forces is won, will leave his cabinet post next Thursday and return to private practice of law in New York after seven years of service in the War Department.

His successor, Royall, is a North Carolinian, a veteran of both world wars, and a former brigadier general.

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Dorena Scouts Attending Camp

Three Boy Scouts from Dorena troop 13, Millard C. Ward, Ted Godard and Jack Leonard, are among the 100 Boy Scouts who attended the summer program at Camp Lucky Boy up Blue River for a week's period. Scouts attending have developed a cooperative hiking program which included a two day hike to the Middle Sister. A new axe yard and rope yard were developed by the staff as a part of the training program.

Instruction is given in first aid, beginners swimming, advanced swimming, life saving, bird study, camping and related outdoor skills.

PULLORUM TESTING SCHOOL IN AUGUST

A pullorum testing and flock selection school for all persons who desire to do this work under the National Poultry Improvement plan, of which the state department of agriculture is the official state agency in Oregon, will be held on the state college campus at Corvallis August 11 and 12.

Persons who desire to take the course must register by August 5 and must bring their own testing equipment to the school.

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