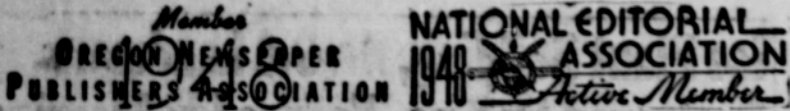


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WATCH OUT FOR THE CHISELERS

Old timers will recall the name of Chas. Ponzi, a familiar name in the news of the late 1920's. He was the guy who did a land office business with suckers with headquarters in Boston. He handled around two million dollars of the public money with a promise of a return of \$1.50 for every dollar invested. He's now a patient in a charity ward in Argentina. Ponzi flourished after the first world war.

There have been no more Ponzi's sprung up since the second world war, but according to the Portland Better Business Bureau, he has a few rivals. They are looking for suckers, promising either something for nothing or double your money back.

Perhaps flourishing as much or more are the phony philanthropists, who according to the '48 Magazine of the Year' deliberately take out the staggering sum of over \$600,000,000 annually from the American public. As pointed out in a previous article, those of us who live in the smaller communities can find real aid in the Chamber of Commerce and more especially the Chamber of Commerce employing a full time manager, where such organization takes pains to investigate the claims of the stranger among us.

The '48 Magazine of the Year' says there are ten ways to avoid confidence men whose pleas are hidden behind false charitable enterprises. These are:

- (1) "Don't be carried away by your enthusiasm for humanitarian aims;
(2) "Don't heed appeals by mail from unknown institutions. In the case of those claiming to perform a local service in some other area, it's well to heed the rule that charity begins at home;
(3) "Don't fall for high-pressure telephone solicitations. Insist that the solicitor put his proposition in a letter. That way, he is liable to a mail-fraud charge if the appeal should be phony;
(4) "Don't shell out to collectors who come begging for obscure charities. Be especially wary of men and women in religious garb claiming to represent loosely identified church benevolences;
(5) "Don't be humbugged by the 'benefit' approach. Before you buy tickets to a baseball game or invest in a car raffle, find out how much of your money goes to a promoter and his aides;
(6) "Don't be misled by a deliberate similarity of names. The 'American Volunteer Army' would be neither the 'Salvation Army' nor the 'Volunteers of America';
(7) "Don't pay for and don't return unordered merchandise. If you have scruples about using something not paid for, simply throw it in the wastebasket. You're under no obligation, legal or moral, to return the stuff foisted on you;
(8) "Don't be dazzled by an imposing list of sponsors. Such lists can be faked;
(9) "Don't give indiscriminately to tag days and street-corner collections. Even poppy sales have been abused;
(10) "Don't send money, food or clothing to strangers in response to begging letters."

OF INTEREST TO US ALL

Perhaps you have read some of Radio Ray's ideas in making a better community which have appeared weekly in this newspaper. We think Ray is on the right track in his appeal for the local merchants to stock a greater variety of merchandise, thereby eliminating some of the excuses for shopping in other centers. A community approaching 5,000 population ought to be able to offer its customers anything from a spool of thread to a monkey wrench. In a trading center of this size, a customer has a right to expect to have his or her needs filled, but should not be unreasonable enough to expect the variety that larger centers have to offer.

The mistake in merchandising that has been made in the past is that store windows might be full of popular items, while the slow moving items could not be found. Nor according to some prospective buyers have merchants always shown a willingness to get what they did not have. We know of at least a few instances where shoppers have taken time off from their jobs to go elsewhere to try and find something they needed and they did this after searching the business district over. When this is done the entire community loses because the shopper usually buys other things too.

The smaller shopping centers may not be able to offer the variety, but they usually can offer a parking place within a few blocks and with the present traffic situation, this is worth a great deal to busy people. This to our minds and to the minds of many others the small town merchant an unusual opportunity, which ought to be considered.

So when the talk of trade at home is revived as it may be soon, the above suggestions are made with the hope that if carried out, we won't have to do so much to get results.

BUT THINGS ARE NOT THAT WAY NOW

We noted from a press dispatch the other day that the American coal miner is drawing an average wage of around \$75.00 weekly now as compared with an average wage of \$23.40 prior to World War II. The same story could be told of a number of other industries. There is hardly a business enterprise in our own community, whose receipts are not twice what they were before the last war. And yet when it comes to voting additional funds for the support of our schools, the city and other tax supported institutions, some can't get away from the fact that government expense was just half the present cost eight or nine years ago.

As long as we have public schools, paved streets, roads and other modern day necessities, we either have our choice of paying for them or going back to the horse and buggy. The only advantage we would think of is that in going back, the horse fly wouldn't worry us quite so much. We could at least thin his numbers with DDT. That is if the control method was not too expensive.

FIRE

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3 Have Narrow Escape in Auto Accident May 4th

At least three people had a narrow escape in an auto accident which occurred Tuesday night near 10:20, a mile and a half south of town on highway 99. Henry A. Dobbs, driving a 1938 DeSoto sedan struck a 1936 Plymouth driven by Gerald Dean Smith, Jr., as Smith was attempting to turn off the highway to go home. Dobbs, a resident of Ward's butte community told investigating officers he did not see the Smith car until within 25 or 30 feet of it. The Dobbs car followed the Smith car into the ditch, smashing the top. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and baby, occupying the front seat of the Plymouth were said to have escaped death by being thrown on the back seat of the car by the impact of the collision, otherwise they might have been crushed to death by the smashed top.

Mr. Dobbs suffered a badly wrenched left knee. A companion riding with him, whose name was not learned was less seriously injured. Both cars were badly wrecked.

Jack Bartlett is Chamber Speaker

Jack Bartlett, state director of the board of aeronautics, guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening gave an interesting address on the growth and development of the aviation industry and what it means to the state. This industry has not only additional employment of several thousand in the state, but it has offered a quick way of getting fresh produce on the markets across the nation. He cited two instances where aviation had enabled producers to get on the market a few hours after preparing produce. One was cherries from the Dalles, placed on the eastern market a few hours after packing and another was crabs from Newport placed in individual packages and shipped a few hours after being caught.

In comparison with the prewar period, the aviation industry has shown gains as high as 800 per cent, he said and will become a major industry because there is no expense of road building connected with it, he said.

At the suggestion of Dr. H. A. Hagen, Ben Heinz and George Maccready will serve as a committee to get business men to join the Dorena dam tour scheduled for Saturday.

The chamber was asked to give moral support to the coming rodeo of the Cottage Grove Riding club.

MOUNT VIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jensen were pleasantly surprised one evening last week when the shop crew and their wives came out from Cottage Grove and gave them a house warming. They also presented them with a new table lamp. They have now moved into one of their duplexes.

Mrs. Clea Worley and two daughters were called to the sick bed of her mother, Mrs. Conklin in Washington.

Mrs. Cora Teeters went to Salem Monday to attend the funeral of her cousin, J. L. Sloan. He had lived in Cottage Grove several years ago.

Mt. View Extension Unit club will hold its last meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Walter Downs, Friday, May 14th. Project of the day will be "Frozen Foods".

There are several cases of chickenpox in the neighborhood. Although the weather was cloudy and not so warm, many were out trying their fisherman luck, Saturday.

Edna Ann Peterson is still confined to her home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Denney and daughter Marjorie Jane and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Land visited over the week end in Dunsmuir, California with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sheary, former residents.

Small Timber and Logging Operators Hold Meet May 1

The Pacific Northwest's small lumber and log operators Saturday at Portland renewed their fight against cooperative logging units.

More than 500 independent lumbermen were in session at Portland at a Western Forest Industries Association meeting.

The heard R. T. Titus, executive secretary of the organization, assert Saturday that the forestry laws of 1937, which provided for the cooperative logging units, eventually will have to be changed.

A debate was scheduled today with H. J. Andrews, regional forester, and W. H. Horning, regional director of the Bureau of Land Management, defending the units and Leif Erikson, Helena, Mont., and Ellery Foster of the CIO-IWA and Eli Erickson, Helena, Mont., opposing.

New directors elected were: L. G. Pauze, Hoquiam, Wash.; William Griswold, Drain, Ore.; J. P. O'Neil, Eugene; Joseph Crahan, Brownsville, Ore.; Maurice Lieberman, Albuquerque, N.M.; elected were: H. S. Vernon, Boise, and John Harris, Redding, Calif.

CURTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peroto and grandson, Clifford, visited at the Isadore Groleau home in Sutherland Sunday afternoon.

Jack Westfall returned from California Sunday and has again entered the eighth grade at Curtin school.

The relatives and a few friends gathered at the Fred Thompson, Jr. home Saturday evening to help Fred Thompson, Sr., celebrate his birthday.

The Curtin post office has received some of the new issue of stamps with the word Mississippi misspelled on them.

Ernest Hammick, foreman of the Newbridge Lumber Company, states that the company has discontinued plans for rebuilding the mill. Mr. Hammick finished his work here Saturday and plans to go to Coos Bay.

A birthday party was held at the Oleson home Monday in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Oleson's birthday. Those present for the potluck dinner were Mmes. Goins, Marvick, Suiter, Meacham, Grace Thompson, Oleson and Miss Minnie Zeigler.

School Boosters' club meeting was held Thursday evening at the school house. Mrs. Helen Suiter resigned as vice president because of ill health and Mrs. Grace Thompson was elected to fill the vacancy. Present plans are to go ahead and purchase a projector.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wells and Mrs. Wells mother, Mrs. Edna Raymond, of Eugene spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

BIRTHS

HEYEN - At the Smith maternity hospital, Thursday, April 29, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Merrian Heyen of Black Butte route, Cottage Grove, a son, Marvin Virgil.

WILLIAMS - At the Smith maternity hospital, Thursday, April 29, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Disston route, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Patricia Genevieve.

FOSTER - At the Smith maternity hospital, Friday, April 30, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Foster of Drain, a daughter, Claretta Marie.

MACKINSON - At the Smith maternity hospital, Tuesday, May 4, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mackinson, Disston route, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Sue Ann.

JOHNSON - At the Smith maternity hospital, Monday, May 3, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Cottage Grove, a son, George Grant.

LEACH - At the Smith maternity hospital, Wednesday, May 5, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leach, Cottage Grove, a son, Dean Allen.

PHILLIPS - At the Smith maternity hospital, Thursday, April 29, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Phillips, Disston route, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Susan Naomi.

PALMER - At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, April 29, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Disston route, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Candace Ann.

ABE MARTIN



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Perhaps It Was Not as Bad as Pictured by R-G

The following was clipped from a recent issue of the Oregon Statesman, under the heading "It Seems to Me", by Chas. Sprague.

At Eugene the Register-Guard has reported the loss of many thousands of dollars to the county because the county court sold off its foreclosed timber lands at prices based on 50c or \$1.00 per thousand board feet of standing timber. It cites this as an argument for a county manager form of government a charter for which is to be voted on in Lane county next month.

The Register-Guard did not report however that Lane county has turned over for administration as state forests some 20,000 acres of its lands. On one portion of these lands where the delinquent tax was \$2,500, the state forester's office has made a cruise and sold the old timber at \$24 a thousand, which will bring in

\$360,000 of which the county will get 75 per cent.

Counties should never have sold their timber lands. Marion county which had comparatively little foreclosed timberland has turned over to the state 17,871 acres which are being administered by the state forester; and the county will receive for distribution among taxing units 75 per cent of the income from sales of forest products.

FIRE DAMAGES DUFFY RESIDENCE

Fire of unknown origin damaged the residence of Theodore Duffy, near the east city limit Thursday afternoon. The blaze started in the living room where most of the damage was confined. Firemen estimated the damage would run in the neighborhood of \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.



By GENE WARE

Mother's Day, May 9, is a day when we should appreciate the devotion of our mothers. I don't recall anyone trying to organize mothers on a basis of regular hours, minimum pay, and all the things that workers in other fields receive. Mothers are expected to be on call 24 hours a day for the hundreds of different demands they get from Pop and the kids. . . and I think Mom would be the first to object to any change. But that doesn't mean she doesn't like a pat on the back. . . so let's not forget her on her one big day in the year!

Let's all get behind the AUCTION sponsored by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce May 15th. Proceeds will help build our much needed hospital. Many of us aren't in the position to give cash but every donation will certainly be considered a valuable contribution to this worthy cause.

An Indiana schoolteacher was fired for waking up sleepy students by giving them a "hot-foot." he was just working on the wrong end. Special note to fathers and children: Looking for something nice to give Mom on Mother's Day? Then you'd better "hot-foot" it over to COMMUNITY JEWELERS, at 612 Main Street, where you'll find a complete selection of gift items. But you'd better hurry. . . not much time left! Phone 351.

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