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RETIRE AT 50

A business man attending a meeting last week which had a turn out of about twenty per cent or less of the people who should have attended, made a pertinent remark. He said, "It seems like when people reach the age of fifty in this town they want to retire and shake off all responsibility." Most any kind of a task that carries any responsibility is turned down with the remark that "I've served my time, now let somebody else take over."

However we all know that communities need the benefit of the experience of the older heads. In communities that go ahead, you will find both young and old working side by side. Neither would we think much of the individual that would say in times of emergency, "I have fought one war, now let somebody else do the fighting". As a matter of fact we know of several individuals who have had a part in at least two wars and would fight another if the occasion demanded.

It's nice to be able to quit, but the ordinary fellow can't afford it. There are a number of organizations here trying to operate, but are having quite a struggle in trying to do it because too many have quit and turned the task over to someone else. We would not have to go very far to cite specific instances. The Boy and Girl Scout movements are ones that have suffered since their inception for lack of leadership. In the process of trying to keep these organizations functioning, some have been overworked and have had to shoulder so much of the responsibility that they have become disgusted.

FORECASTING THE PRICE TREND

Will commodity prices go up? Go down? Stay where they are? Newsweek recently asked 50 leading economists, connected with business, labor, governmental, statistical and educational institutions to forecast the price trend for the balance of the year. Twenty-six thought prices would continue upward; 14 said they would remain about the same, and the remaining ten believe they will be lower by the year's end.

Averaging the answers, the consensus is that prices won't change substantially one way or the other. That may be a disappointment to the consumer, who has watched his dollar shrink like wool in water, but it is completely understandable. Spending—by government, business, and the individuals—goes to higher and higher peaks. The vast sums being spent for foreign aid and military purposes will further strain the supply-demand balance. And millions of Americans have a higher standard of living than they ever had before.

So, when you go shopping, don't expect to find a lot of bargains soon. What you will find, however, are merchants who tell you what you want at a far lower profit margin than most people realize. The profits per sale are so small, generally speaking, that if they didn't exist at all it would make little difference in your purchasing power. Retail trade whether we realize it or not, deserves much of the credit for the abundance that exists in this nation.

THE VANISHING TEACHERS

We noted recently that there are some 300 teachers graduating this year to take their place in Oregon schools. The present graduating class can't even fill half of the present demand for we are told that there are 8,000 public school teachers in the state and there is roughly a ten per cent turnover or better, all of which means that the state could use more than 500 teachers if they were available.

To keep the schools going under conditions of this sort means that a lot of ex-teachers must be pressed into service. As during the war, many retired teachers must again reenter the service.

Two factors are blamed for a condition of this sort. The first is poor pay of the average teacher as compared with other professions or occupations. The second is that now days the schools are supposed to do a lot of training that used to be done in the home. The unfortunate part about the last factor is that some parents refuse to take any responsibility toward training their youngsters and what training they do get must come from the school or church.

THE PARKING DILEMMA IN LARGER CENTERS

The parking problem is a headache for both the large and small cities, but is unquestionably a worse headache for the big centers. None has yet found an answer without almost a prohibitive cost. As result the suburbs have profited. Here's the parking dilemma of Cleveland as set forth in the Oregon Voter, which we quote:

Parking is a public problem, Cleveland's Planning Commission has stated. "Unless it is solved, downtown business in any city will ultimately move out and the heart of the city will rot." Commission studies showed that for a 6-story building, 2 1/2 times the area it occupies is needed for parking of cars of those who work in the building, plus an indeterminate amount of additional space needed for those visiting the building.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

As soon as word was received that the President had signed the Camp White Hospital bill, I communicated with General Carl C. Gray, head of the Veterans Administration, urging prompt action toward putting the hospital into operation. He replied immediately, stating: "I assure you that a high priority has been given to activating this establishment."

Members of the delegations from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana have been working together for Congressional action on help for flood victims. Two items appear fairly certain as this is written. An Appropriation of \$10,000,000 will be provided out of housing funds which will be used toward furnishing shelter for those who have lost their homes. Another \$8,000,000 will be appropriated for the repair and replacement of federal installations damaged or destroyed.

We are working on other segments of the problem. Special legislation may be needed to help the states and counties restore washed out roads which are not on the federal highway system. It is likely also that some method of aiding communities which had their water supply and sanitary systems destroyed by the floods will be worked out. We have been kept well informed on the situation by federal authorities, local officials, and by the Red Cross. I think I am speaking for the entire membership of both houses when I say that Congress has great sympathy for, and a genuine desire to help, the sufferers in the devastated Columbia flood area.

No matter how diligently the Members in any session of Congress may work, the closing days are always hectic. However, most of the bills which appear to be jammed through with startling rapidity are in the classification of minor legislation. I am indebted to Representative Carl Curtis of Nebraska for compiling the following figures in the way of a summary of this Second Session of the Eightieth Congress.

From January 6, 1948, when the Second Session began, until May 31, the House spent 84 days in Session, the Senate 85, for a total of 798 hours. The House to that date had enacted 98 public bills into law, the Senate 69. One hundred eighty-seven private bills went through during the same period. The House passed 762 measures, the Senate 632.

Among executive nominations received during the two-month period, 2,654 Army nominations were confirmed, as well as 1,230 for the Air Force, 1,117 for the Navy, 707 for the Marine Corps, and 1,084 civilian nominations other than postmasters.

The final figures on bills passed at this session will be somewhat larger. I recall one day last week the House passed 136 bills in three hours. Most of the bills dealt with small private claims and certain matters of purely local interest. It should be noted, however, that during that period of time, 50 other bills were refused passage.

The remarks made by the president his Western trip have not aroused as much anger or comment on the part of the Members of Congress as one might expect. Western Members know from the mail we receive, that people in the western states are pretty generally aware of what Congress has done and is doing this session. Western Members and people of the West know that appropriations for Western development projects made during this session of Congress are the largest in many years.

Precaution for Motorists

Motorists leaving flooded areas or driving through heavy rainstorms should test their brakes before resuming normal driving speeds, as wet brakebands often render brakes partially or totally useless.

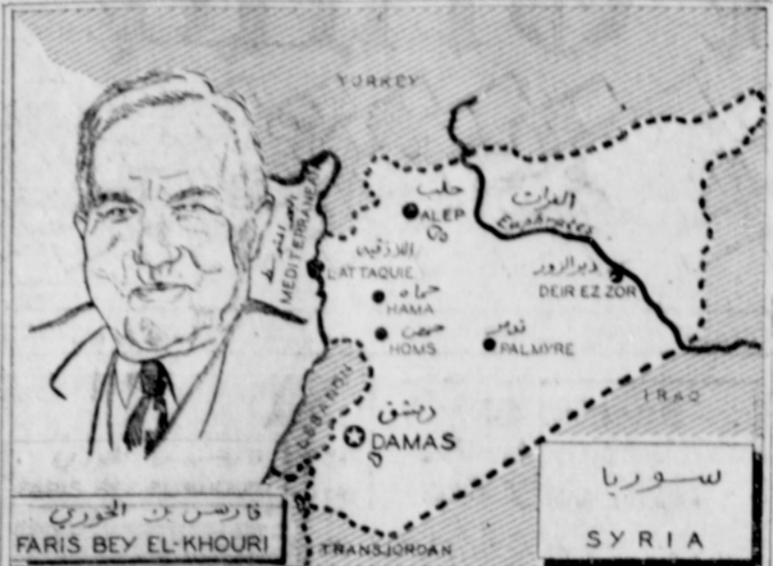
"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



"I have no use for a beaver who'd start a job like that and then not finish it!"

U.N. Facts and Faces SYRIA



Syria, whose history reaches back more than 5000 years to the dawn of history, is a traditional meeting ground in the Middle East of hundreds of peoples and cultures. The Republic of Syria was separated from the Ottoman Empire in 1918 and has been self-governing since 1941, when a League of Nations mandate held by France was ended. Most of her 3,000,000 people work at farming, stock-raising and trading in her 73,000 square miles of territory. Syria, which is a member of the United Nations Security Council, is represented at U.N. Headquarters by Faris Bey el-Khouiri, President of Parliament. The Syrian flag has horizontal green, white and black stripes and three red stars.

Local Merchants Feature Salad Week

This is "Salad Week" in Cottage Grove. Source of this designation is the concentrated advertising campaign now being conducted with the cooperation of most food stores in this area by the Frank Fink Co., distributors for Best Food products in this area.

George Hardin and Chet Cowles, sales representatives of the Fink Co., are in charge of the local city wide event. The salesmen report that fresh and larger stocks of Best Foods Products as well as a wide variety of salad ingredients will be available in the cooperating food stores to back up the Cottage Grove Salad Week, first of its kind to be held here.

FATHER-SON BANQUET

A men and boys or father and son banquet will be held at the First Baptist church next Tuesday the 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Earl Britton of Eugene, agriculture editor of Station KUGN and veteran training officer will be the guest speaker. E. L. Clark will serve as toastmaster.

Other program numbers will include vocal selections by Daniel Andressian and W. C. Martin Jr., a piano solo by Richard Bush and a reading by Chas. Parrett.

MISS EDITH HAZEL TO RECEIVE A. B. DEGREE

Edith Frances Hazell of Cottage Grove is one of the 638 students who will receive A. B. degrees, associate of arts degree and/or teaching credentials at the annual commencement exercises of San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif., on Friday, June 18. The graduation program will be held in the Spartan Stadium for the first time in the history of the college and is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The only Cottage Grove student in the June graduating class will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

WEEK'S QUOTE:

"Although it is painful for many people to admit it, the conscience of the next generation should be vastly different from that of this generation because unless the conscience of the next generation, in enough places, include higher degrees of responsibility toward the human race than has been found in ours, there will be no generation following that."—Dr. Brock Chisholm, Executive Secretary of the World Health Organization.

San Antonio, Texas, is one of the largest aviation and military centers in the United States.

LONDON

London Church of Christ vacation Bible school ended Friday. Private cars were used for transportation since the school bus wouldn't start. Visitors and parents attended the program at 10:30 a. m. Twenty-nine awards for perfect attendance were made. Sixty-six pupils were enrolled this year, with an average of forty-seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ashley and daughter, of Ontario, Calif., are visiting here with Mrs. Ashley's brother, Sam Medford, whom she had not seen for 20 years, and with R. W. Beatty, another brother. Reunion dinners were held last week at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Medford's, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Beatty's and at Mr. and Mrs. Presley Landon's in Cottage Grove, Mrs. Landon is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley.

Mrs. Lawrence Funk and Mrs. Arlie Sugg attended Royal Neighbors convention at Bend June 7. They went by bus. Jim Barnes is working in Eugene at the International Harvester Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood have gone to Monmouth for the summer where Mr. Wood will attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cantwell and baby have moved to Monmouth for eleven weeks summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Woodward visited a friend, Jimmy Hunt in Loraine Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Anderson has two lavender baby orchids growing in coconut shells as a souvenir of Hawaii, sent her by her daughter Marion who has been an army nurse in Hawaii for three years.

Miss Marion Anderson who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson the past two weeks since her discharge in May in Hawaii, sent to California last week for her brother Ray's graduation from Junior College in Los Angeles Saturday. They will both return here for the summer.

S. T. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Blackbutte were in Dorena Sunday.

Mrs. Vernon Warren of Downs, Kansas has written her mother, Mrs. Glen Banton that she'd been to Oklahoma, visiting the cities, Elrino and Enid.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fletcher went to Falls City, Wednesday for the funeral of Mr. Fletcher's cousin, 13, who was drowned while fishing.

Barbara Banton is in Eugene, staying with Charlotte Warren. Mrs. Chet Gilman has several cute puppies to give away.

Sylvia Stimmel is back for the summer with her grandmother Mrs. Lillian Stimmel, having come over from Nampa, Idaho, with her father, Gordon Stimmel, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brownlee have moved from Woodard's Blackbutte camp to Lakeview in Eastern Oregon.

The London Merry-maker card club met in Cottage Grove, Thursday, with Mrs. Margaret Ritter. Jas. A. Putnam visited the Blackbutte post office recently. He was postmaster at Blackbutte 40 years ago having come there with his bride at that time. He was also bookkeeper for the Black Butte mines then. His daughter, Mrs. P. F. Prescott now lives near London.

Mrs. Mary Jo Phillips returned home last week from three weeks spent at Oakridge. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker and sons are moving this week to Eugene where Mr. Baker will be transferred by Safeway from Cottage Grove. Mrs. Lawrence Lukens entertained at a Stanley demonstration June 2.

According to reports of a number of young people, Moon Crepeau swam the lake one evening last week from the float across to a rocky point above the dam and back. She was accompanied by her brother swimming with an inflated inner tube.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rippee and baby have moved from Youngblood's mill to Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Garman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Max Bradford visited in Sutherlin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Banton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abeene attended church in Cottage Grove Sunday. Sheep shearing finished up Sunday.

William Borstel Funeral Friday, 18

William Borstel, age 87, South River Road, passed away Tuesday, June 15, at a hospital in Eugene. He was born December 12, 1860 at Iowa City, Iowa. He had been a resident of Cottage Grove for 30 years, and of Oregon for 40 years, coming from Arizona.

He is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. Flora Troxel of Olympia and one step-sister in Iowa. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 18, at 2:30 p.m., at Mills Mortuary with interment in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery. The Rev. Peter Bakker will officiate.

A Patch in Time

A patch of imitation or real leather sewed on the knees of boys' play knickers save time and knickers.

Everybody reads the Classified. Pages 14 and 15.

News Views

by GENE WARE

I see where Italy is planning to harness some of its volcanoes to produce electrical power. Like the fellow who tried to open a safe with a wet toothpick, this seems to be doing things the hard way. Somebody once said, "When in Rome, use Roman candles." But the saying went out with the candle. Anyway, there's a definite power shortage in the land of the Caesars, and the Italians are trying to make light of it with an assist from the local fire-spot. Under this system, when a fuse blows out the house will probably go with it . . . and radios are apt to feature the song, "Lava, Come Back to Me!"

The 21st of June is supposed to be the longest day in the year, but it would be tough trying to convince a child that on the 24th of December. We're not plugging Christmas in June! We just want you to know that in any season you will get a friendly welcome at COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street! And if you want to give dad a royal welcome on Father's Day, stop in now and get him a Remson pocket lighter . . . you can bet he'd like that! Phone: 351.

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John Robinson Rites Are Monday John (Jack) Robinson died early Saturday morning at a hospital in Eugene following a long illness. His age is 77. He was born August 5, 1870, in Clark County, Washington. He is survived by his widow, Alice, two children, Philip W. Robinson, Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Lucella Johnson, of Eugene; two grandchildren, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, Blue Lake, California, and Dale Robinson, West Virginia, and four great-grandchildren. Services were held from Mills Mortuary, Monday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. Frank Brown officiating. Interment was in the Masonic IOOF cemetery. Tip For Farmers When selling timber from a farm, a few seed trees should be left to insure a new stand of seedlings.

We Warn You! It's hard to break a habit. Why not form the habit of asking for HAND DIPPED ICE CREAM at GUSTAFSON'S Super Creamed Ice Cream Parlor 603 Main Phone 31