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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Results of the special election on the 9th were quite surprising as well as shocking, especially to a number who forgot to vote. For one we felt confident that the \$16,000 over the six per cent limitation would be approved without question since an earlier controversial issue had been settled with the tacit understanding that with the city manager issue out of the way, the voters would not hesitate to approve the amount necessary to operate the city, but 112 voters thought otherwise.

Beefing has never filled any of the numerous chink holes in the streets nor has it helped any in making this a better place to live. There may have been some of those who voted no in the special election who never stopped to realize that \$10,000 or better of the \$16,000 over the six percent limitation was set aside for street improvements and street repairs.

To our knowledge there isn't a municipality, school district or county government in the state of Oregon but that has boosted its operational budget within the last year or two. If there are any, it would certainly be a public service to call such a thing to the attention of the public. Perhaps if we are going to have to run the city without any funds, it would be well to know of some examples of where municipalities and school districts are operating on a pre-war basis.

Those of us who have been keeping up with the cost trend realize that costs are up approximately 100 per cent over the 1940 period. In our own case we have experienced a 100 per cent increase in population. The best guesses on the city population now are 5,600 against a census count of 2,626 in 1940. It would be difficult to conceive how we might be able to operate a municipality of double the population on the pre-war revenue which has been inflated 100 per cent. If any individual has a solution, his or her services are certainly needed in managing the city affairs.

If you think that the municipality can be operated on the 1940 basis, you have no right to howl when you break a car spring over our antiquated streets, or if thugs beat you up and police protection is not available. The big majority of us would hate to go back to pre-war days and try to make the family budget fit present living costs. This being the case we should not expect miracles to happen in our governmental affairs.

The solution to a situation of this sort is to get out and vote when the budget is put up for special election. A total of 221 votes isn't the sentiment of a population center of 5,000 people where 1,500 votes might normally be expected.

Failure to vote could conceivably bring a greater calamity than turning down a city budget. It might mean the difference between liberty and slavery. Hitler liked the indifference of the German people, so did Mussolini and so does Stalin. A fifteen per cent vote doesn't prove much as in the special election last Friday.

THE DONKEY WILL SURVIVE

History may not repeat itself exactly, but we have a few parallels. Back in 1932 it was being freely predicted that the Roosevelt victory was the end of the republican party and that the party was dead to rise no more. This party is very much alive in the 1948 election, but now the tables have turned and predictions have been made that the democratic party will make its last stand with the Philadelphia convention.

Well, the donkey may change its color and perhaps shed a few hairs, but the emblem will survive as the elephant survived in 1932. We have reached a point in history it seems that the policies of political parties will change, in fact have changed, but we like to keep the emblem. So far as party platforms are concerned, old timers would recognize neither, if they could come back to life. Both platforms are written to get the popular vote, which means the party policies will be changed to suit the popular fancy.

Thirty years ago the democrats could be distinguished from the republicans by the difference in high tariffs and free trade.

THE SILVER LINING

In spite of political turmoil and continuing war and revolution in different parts of the world, people everywhere still have to live and carry on the daily affairs of life.

Ernest E. Norris, president of the Southern Railway System says that anyone who takes the trouble to look can find plenty of silver linings in the clouds today.

"Leaders in government, labor, business and agriculture," said Mr. Norris, "must toss self-interest out of the window. It's got to be 'one for all and all for one' in the spirit of the old-time 'harn raisings.'"

"Above all, we've got to do what our grandpappies did who created this country—go to work, all of us. We must work and produce as never before to maintain our standard of living and to defeat the disastrous inflation that is already banging at our doors. And as we work and produce I am sure we'll discover that valuable by-product—good-will among all of our people—without which all is lost.

"If I am any judge of trends, the American people as a whole are already rolling up their sleeves, tightening their belts, and getting ready to make democracy work in the old-fashioned American way. And that's the brightest of all the silver linings I see in today's dark clouds."

Weather Changes Local Employment

The following summary of labor conditions during the month of June was issued recently by the local employment office:

June Changes Employment

Considerable change was noted in the employment picture in June. Whereas for a number of months we had been anxiously looking for jobs, we now are hard pressed to find qualified workers.

The last week in May ushered in good weather and all lines of work showed considerable progress. Construction, logging and a sawmill work were the lines showing the most improvement.

At present, the supply and demand of labor are in logging and sawmill positions.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed in this area dropped from an estimated 253 to 147. A large percentage of these were women and older men who are hard to place.

Migration

Migration into this area was considerable less in June than it was in May. The May total of 64

dropped to 34 in June. The majority of these were construction workers seeking work on the Dorena Dam, and the usual seasonal drifters.

Employment Outlook

Nonseasonal job openings at the end of June totalled 32, 3 of which were for women. The largest proportion of these were for skilled and semiskilled logging and sawmill workers.

Placement of workers during June totalled 173 as compared with 117 in May.

Unless exceedingly low humidity drives logging crews from the woods, the future looks exceedingly bright from an employment viewpoint, especially in construction, logging and lumbering.

Market Problems

The lack of family housing in this area and the lack of transportation are the only hindrances to employment here at the present time.

Sprightlier Clothing

There is a continuing trend in men's clothing towards greater color variety, with emphasis on lighter shades in evening wear and brighter colors for sportswear.

Once Over Lightly

Paul DeVaux

After spending several rather dull hours last night listening to the Democratic convention that was very colorless as compared to the other affair of a few weeks ago, the uninspired voter, if he sat up late enough, could have heard Mr. Truman's fighting and challenging acceptance speech. Up to that time the convention had produced little that was worth bragging about—especially with the breach in the South opening to



Viva la Truman!

a definite break when it came to voting. It became evident that with all the wooing that went on the solid South is still solidly against Truman. Even Senator Barkley was ignored on the vice presidential choice when the southern states declined to vote. However when Truman entered in his white suit and black tie at an early hour of the morning the convention perked up a bit and in a short but to the point speech he inspired those who thought the cause was lost and brought confidence where there had been doubt.

He ignored the two Republican governors opposing him, to rip into the record of the Republican congress, to point out specific and real faults. Riding high, and speaking by this time to a roaring delegation, he closed by telling the congress back for special session and that if the Republicans were in their party platform he challenged them to act on housing, price controls, and a host of problems facing the nation that the republicans promise they will solve in their platform.

Unmatched in history, Mr. Truman's direct challenge puts the 80th Congress on the spot. If they do act on specific legislation it will be because he forced them to it—but who will claim the credit—who will deserve the credit? No matter who gets it, if we get the legislation it will be a contribution to the nation's welfare and a unique moment in our history.

Schedule Named For Employment Offices Closed

The complete itinerant claims schedule for six local employment offices being closed in Oregon this week was announced today by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. Closing of the offices, which lowers the number of towns with full-time operating offices from 29 to 23, was made necessary by state budget cuts as a result of recent Congressional action.

Weekly itinerant service will be given in five towns, while Lakeview, the sixth place affected, will be visited only once a month, the fourth Thursday, from Klamath Falls. Here are the others:

Dallas — Friday from Salem office; Tillamook — Monday from Portland office; Cottage Grove — Thursday from Eugene office; Prineville from Eugene office; Bend office; Umatilla — Tuesday at Hermiston from Pendleton office.

Campaign to Tell Tourists Travel Conditions Normal

An intensive advertising campaign designed to inform tourists that normal travel conditions exist in Oregon and the northwest following the Columbia river flood, has been inaugurated by the state highway department in neighboring states. It was announced recently.

The Oregon State Motor Association suggested the campaign following a survey conducted by the Association, which disclosed a 25 per cent drop in tourist business in this state, following the flood. The survey, conducted among motor court and hotel operators along major highway routes in Oregon, showed the decrease in tourist business to be general throughout the state, the Association said. Decreases ranged from five per cent to as high as 75 per cent in individual instances.

Owners reported these reasons for the decline:

1. Adverse publicity on the Columbia flood, causing people to cancel trips already planned, or plan their vacations in other areas.

2. The late season, resulting in slow business during the first part of the summer.

3. High cost of traveling. Since the publicity on the flood was the number one cause of the tourist decline, the Association board of directors adopted a resolution, suggesting that the state highway commission immediately conduct an advertising campaign in neighboring states, informing prospective tourists that normal travel conditions now exist in Oregon and other northwest areas.

LET'S FIND OUT WHY

Elmer J. Kent

Last week our city budget was turned down by the voters for the second time. The first time it was perhaps the manager issue which was the dominant factor, but as that was settled, there must be some other reason this time. The council with the help of the budget committee revised it placing more in the street fund and goodness knows they need work, and yet they said no. One opinion we heard on the street was that we spend too much for police protection, that a single man who for years watched over us, were he still living, would need no help, but efficient as we all knew him to be, that statement was absurd, as we perhaps have three times as many people as in his time and ten times as many problems for not only Cottage Grove residents are entitled to police protection but all those from outlying districts when they are in our city.

Whatever it is, these elections cost lots of money that should go for street or other improvements. Wouldn't it be possible and perhaps sensible to take a poll of those who opposed the budget and find out. Surely anyone would be glad to tell why. We have street corner polls for everything else, why not that. A lot of us have taken too little interest in the city business, being willing to leave it to our council. That is hardly fair to them, and we have heard them criticised for giving very little if any consideration to petitions signed by many residents and taxpayers, which is, after all, about their only recourse except the ballot, but regardless of what it is let's be fair and considerate to all and find out why this waste of city funds on elections.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE JULY 12

The Laymen's League composed of men from every church in town met in the Assembly of God on Monday evening to pass on the by-laws to be presented by the committee, but as the attendance was light it was held over to the regular meeting to be held in the same place on July 26 when it is hoped that every church will be represented.

"ON YOUR MARKS—!"



U.N. Facts and Facts YUGOSLAVIA



Because of its strategic position and resources, the territory of Yugoslavia for centuries suffered various foreign invasions. With about 100,000 square miles and 15,000,000 people, Yugoslavia, embracing Serb, Croat, Slovenian, Macedonian and Montenegrin lands, was created as a monarchy after World War I. In World War II, she suffered heavily from German occupation, and after liberation, the monarchy was replaced by a Federated People's Republic. Predominantly agricultural, Yugoslavia is nevertheless the principal mineral producer of the Balkans, and has a Five Year Industrialization Plan. Her U.N. Representative is Dr. Joza Vilfan. Her flag is blue, white and red with a red star.

UNITED NATIONS IN ACTION



WITHOUT OUR SUPPORT IT FAILS WITHOUT ITS SUPPORT OUR PEACE FAILS

In order to bring its readers a fuller understanding of the problems facing the United Nations at this time and draw attention to the very important projects that are being undertaken by the world organization the Sentinel presents the third article of series, World Economics:

India's population increased by 4,000,000 last year. The production of cotton yarn in the United Kingdom is still far below its pre-war level. The cost of food in Argentina is nearly twice what it was ten years ago.

Those unrelated statistical facts can acquire meaning as clues for an inflation - hunting economist, and, translated into high prices at the corner grocery store, they have had significance to the housewife. To the economist they are examples of the world's economic troubles: increasing population, lagging production and rising prices. The general situation: inflation.

It's not hard to find out that inflation exists, but there is more difficulty in finding out how bad it is, especially since it is an international problem in this economically-interdependent world. One source of information and aid in this and other world economic problems is the United Nations, for through U.N.'s world-wide statistic-gathering and economic analysis apparatus, economists can obtain the facts and figures with which they work out advice and policies for nations.

U.N.'s own economists are constantly observing the trends of the world's economic systems and publish reports on what is happening. Cooperating with them are the staffs of the U.N. Specialized Agencies, like the International Labor Organization (ILO), and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which also have vital economic functions. Altogether U.N. and the Specialized Agencies now have 319 economic and statistical projects which cover everything from annual foreign trade figures to the world supply and requirements of insulin.

This mountain of facts and analyses, which is constantly growing, served U.N. as background information on which to make international economic recommendations. These are made principally by the Economic and Social Council and its commissions on specialized subjects.

Resolutions of U.N. economic organs may range from simple requests for cooperation to more detailed recommendations like that approved by the General Assembly for use in making general programs.

In addition to direct recommendations, the Economic and Social Council has set up regional economic commissions for Europe, Asia and the Far East, and Latin America. A fourth one for the Middle East is being planned. The Council works with the Specialized Agencies, which deal in such fields as finance, monetary stabilization, agricultural, aeronautical and medical economics, labor, telecommunications and virtually every aspect of economic life.

Together, the system of U. N. economic bodies is a complete and working machinery for bringing governments to agreement on their mutual problems and making recommendations acceptable to all. Although the U.N.'s economic work often lacks the drama and excitement of the political debates, it has resulted in much positive and useful cooperation among the nations on pressing economic problems.

New Flags Used On Streets July 4

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Iron Foundry, Williams Motors, Richfield Station, Sylvia and Marie Cafe, Floyd Githens Motors, Chevrolet Garage, Gas Co., O. K. Tire Shop, Greyhound Bus Depot, Trask Creamery, Gleason's Service Station, Prager Second Hand Store, Brisbane Electric, Cottage Grove Ice Works, Safeway Store, Peterson's Store, Alta King, Community Jewelers, Dr. Simkins, Kelly Drug, Gustafson's, Sunnyside Greenhouses, Cottage Grove Cleaners, LaSells Stewart, Stilling's Store, Walker's Auto Supply, Kent's Market, George Matthews, Knickerbocker Store, Thrift-Wise Drug, Coast to Coast Store, Bartels Market, Scholl's, Curly's Barber Shop, Arnest's Dress and Insurance Co., K. & M. Cafe, DeYoung Auto Supply, Merl King Realty, Stewart Plumbing, Martin's Repair Shop, Irish & Swartz, Western Auto, Mills' Funeral Home, McCoy Motors, Beidler Feed Store, Richfield Station, Farmers Union, Rainbow Cafe, Employment Office, Lee Harrison, Upholstering Shop, Dr. Earl, Dr. Kime, Curlette Beauty Shop, Smith & Short, Helliwell's, Glenn Flatters, Hap Plumber, Joe Short, Charles Hall, Ray Nelson, Thompson's Furniture, Taylor's Drug, Mrs. Hunt, Ada Oakes, Dr. Hagen, Everett Hegard, Fred's Cafe, Cottage Grove Hotel, Beach Barber Shop, Rickard Accountant, Leonard's Insurance, Graber & Gettys, Merrill Shoe Repair, Gates Market, Herbert Lombard, City Hall, Cottage Grove Bakery, Rex Cafe, Kem's Drug, Dr. Axley, Dr. Lebow, Smith Undertaker, Red Foot Shoe Shop, Daugherty Lumber Co., Shoe Repair Shop, Boshaugh Barber Shop, Quality Market, Cottage Grove Hardware, Arnold, Penney's Store, Bressler Furniture Store, Doleman's Bakery, Mrs. Adkins, First National Bank, Dick's Lunch Counter, Smart Shop, Eagle Cigar Store, Cottage Grove Machine Shops, Associated Station, V. B. Hoyer, Collins Laundry, O. K. Welding, Kelly's Market.

Beet Sugar Marketing Quota The sugar act of 1948 fixes the nation's beet sugar marketing quota at 1,800,000 tons each year for the next five years.

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Ownership and operation of the Springfield alcohol-from-wood-waste plant by the timber industry is being urged by H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association, who, with E. H. McDaniels of Forest Conservation, Inc., was a business visitor in Roseburg Thursday.



by GENE WARE

Sometimes man's ingenuity brings about a machine that borders the realm of fantasy. One such piece of apparatus is the "Radiation Recorder," perfected by T. Townsend Brown, former head of the U. S. Navy's Atlantic Radar School. With his instrument, he measures "sidereal radiations" . . . second cousins to cosmic rays. They're invisible, but apparently powerful. Mr. Brown says he can predict Wall Street Stock Fluctuations a month in advance! Through a complicated bit of science, rays are measured and plotted on a chart . . . the "ups-and-downs" closely resembling the ticker-tape. Mr. Brown claims his predictions can be made because of a time-lag . . . like sun-rays, it takes time for an "effect." The idea is that a "look into the future" with this recorder will show us what's ahead . . . optimism or pessimism. Well, it's a fortune-teller that may take the "gyp" out of gypsy!

Got quite a heckling on the phone last Sunday while I was trying to sleep. Mrs. John Ross of Culp Creek called me and insisted that the people in New York knew as much about horses as we do! And in the horse country. In my column of last week I made mention of the fact that most New Yorkers had never seen a horse. Mrs. Ross insists that she saw two horses while she was there and mind you she only lived there 12 years. Anyway, they may have horses in New York but they don't have the type of horse that Brighton and Lois Leonard raise. If I have offended Mrs. Ross in any way a thousand pardons.

A Washington, D. C. haberdashery prices certain badger shaving brushes at \$300 each! Maybe they figure the price will automatically work up a good lather for you! And just for YOU, we offer the best when it comes to beautiful Diamond Rings . . . COLUMBIA Diamonds! She'll appreciate your selecting a Columbia, because you'll be giving a glowing, sparkling reminder of your love to her . . . something she'll treasure for a lifetime! See the selection we now have at COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street, Phone: 351.

SPEAKING OF PROGRESS



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