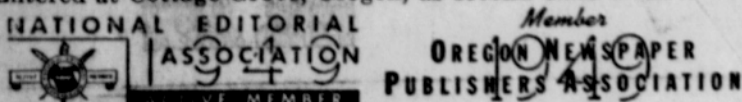


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HOUSEWIVES WILL NEED PASTE POT

Under the expanding program of social security proposed by President Truman, the housewives will find a small pot or bottle of muckage will come in handy if she has a day or so of extra house work done. Under the plan the housewife buys social security stamps at the post office, at the rate of 2 cents for every \$1.00 stamp. When the housework is completed, the housewife must then paste the stamp in the book of the maid or house cleaner. Thus both the housewives and the farmers will come under the expanding program as tax collectors.

The program would add 20,000,000 wage earners to the social security program and makes both the housewife and farmer a tax collector as well as conscious of an increasing amount of red tape to under go in order to get a few hours of work done.

Isn't it a rather reasonable assumption to say that the average householder will find it cheaper to mow his or her own lawn for instance rather than trying to find a man to do the job, go down to the post office and buy social security stamps and then see that the stamps are pasted in the laborer's book.

ON RIGHT TRACK

The mayor of Portland as well as our own district attorney are on the right track in a war on slot machines, although tip offs prevented Lane county officials from being as successful as they might have been.

Here's a press dispatch from Portland on the subject: Portland's Mayor Dorothy Lee is on the right track in cracking down on slot machines, neighboring state officials say. She asked Mayor William Devin of Seattle and Gov. C. A. Robins of Idaho about permitting use of slot machines in private clubs. Right now they are banned here but a group of private club officials is seeking to have them legalized, pleading loss of revenues used in charitable activities.

Devin's answer said "There can be no compromise with slot machines," adding that "most, if not all, of the hue and cry in favor of slot machines comes from those who profit from them and not from those who pay them." Money from the machine, he said, is the same as that obtained "from weak individuals through fraud, deceit or a bunco game."

Gov. Robins said licensing slot machines in Idaho clubs had not worked out too well—many went unlicensed and there is a move afoot to repeal the law.

DON'T DRAW ENOUGH WATER

We note where Oregon filbert growers have proposed a seven cents a pound duty on imported filberts, or thereabouts. As badly as the filbert industry needs protection, the spot where filberts are grown in the United States is comparatively small and the votes are few compared with growers of other major crops, particularly wheat, cotton, tobacco etc. Up until recently Russia, we are told has been one of the heaviest exporters of filberts to the U. S. In view of the present world conditions we certainly do not owe Russia anything and an export duty would all be favoring the northwest growers, who last year made little above expenses.

And according to the Oregon Statesman, the landlords of Tulsa, Oklahoma and elsewhere are about in the same boat. The Statesman says:

"The backfire started by Oklahoma landlords who served eviction notices on their tenants in protest against federal rent control will quickly burn out. Few property owners can afford to let their houses and buildings stay vacant, for the taxes run on; and they do not add up to enough voters to cut much political ice."

NEW BUSINESSES

How much money do you need to go into business for yourself? Many a man has asked himself that question. Many a merchant has wondered, when he saw a new retail store starting, what kind of capital was behind the newcomer. Now the Department of Commerce has totted up a complete set of statistics on the capital needs of new trade firms. In the three years 1945, 1946 and 1947, the astounding number of 1,400,000 new business enterprises were started, surely impressive proof that Americans can still start new companies despite all the hollering about "monopolies." The average new wholesaler started with a capital of \$22,500. The average new retail store started with an average of \$9,500. Among the retail group, apparently more capital is required to get a start in the building material, hardware and farm implement businesses than any other. Average for new firms in this group was slightly more than \$25,000 in original capital. Lowest were the filling stations. You can set yourself up in the filling station business with \$5,600, according to the Commerce department figures.

Communists never hesitate to claim all the civil liberties offered in our constitution, and never criticize the denial of them in communist-controlled countries. Just how much academic freedom is there in Russia? Or freedom for scientists, musicians, writers?

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Echoes Of The Past

From the Sentinel Files

8 Years Ago, February 6, 1941
36.4 inches of snow fell in the Bohemia district this January. Sixty-seven men from Lane County will be inducted February 18.

10 Years Ago, February 2, 1939
The United States is committed to help rearm the democracies against the threatened war with the totalitarian powers and this commitment has brought about a demand for pitiless publicity. The demand arose from the disclosure yesterday that the United States is aiding France and Britain to purchase first class war planes from this country.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler, Monday night launched the seventh year of his dictatorship with an urgent demand for colonies seasoned by a direct assurance to the United States that Germany will not seek to dominate them by force.

20 Years Ago, February 7, 1929
Lumber operations, which were at a standstill during the past ten days due to snow and cold weather, have been resumed.

Twenty students were graduated from the junior high school at a special assembly held Monday. D. A. Emerson presented the diplomas and gave an instructive and interesting talk.

37 Years Ago, February 1, 1912
"Enough money has been wasted on the county roads of this state to have macadamized every one of them. This is particularly true of Lane county of which I have been a resident for 38 years." Such is the statement of Orrin Bennett, who lives north of here and was in the city Friday.

"This country needs a systematic road building program under competent and experienced supervision. The people should have something to show for the money they spend."

HOT TIMES IN THE OLD TOWN (COTTAGE GROVE) TONIGHT

(Taken from the scraps from the mending basket by Mrs. Viahnett S. Martin in the Roseburg News Review.)
Controversial issues that line up the inhabitants of a town into two sides do not seem funny at the time—at least to the participants. But 50-odd years afterwards it's a different story. Take Cottage Grove, for instance.

As you know the Coast Fork divides the town into an eastern and western section. In 1894 the citizens living in the west side decided they would be different; they petitioned the Legislature to authorize their half of town as Cottage Grove proper, and the east side was to be called just East Cottage Grove.

Well, you don't suppose the East-siders were going to stand for anything like that, do you? No, sir! They promptly incorporated their part of town under the name of Lemati—and they had the railroad!

Things got hotter and hotter. So the marshal of Cottage Grove had to go to the railroad station for the mail, and before he crossed the bridge he removed his badge. If he didn't—into jail he went. Pronto! There he stayed, too, until his part of town, Cottage Grove so-called, paid his fine and got him out.

This went on for years . . . finally the quarrel was patched up and peace declared, and the story ends happily with the naming of the whole, East side and West side and all around the town: Cottage Grove. Next time you drive across the Coast Fork bridge look back 50 years and "see" that marshal: did he remember to take off his badge this time? No? Hey-diddle, clap him in jail!

County Affairs

(Lester Schlagen)

Stock Sponsors Bills

Several bills to relieve tax-roll deficiencies have been placed before the state legislature by Geo. Stock, Lane county assessor.

One of these measures changes the date for filing boundary line changes from February 1, to April 30. (This bill needs only the governor's signature to become law.) A second makes it mandatory upon the assessor not to permit any budgets to be filed after July 15. Formerly, first class school districts could wait until the end of the fiscal period, July 31. Chief object of this measure, says Stock is to prevent pressure from any group to get extension of the budget period.

A third bill would require permits for the construction of rural buildings costing more than \$200. This is for the record book so that new buildings can be added to tax rolls the year they are built.

A fourth proposal would limit certain personal property tax exemptions to farmers only — the original purpose of the law. The law now on the books permits cannery, processor, and millers to exempt such goods from personal tax statements as have been shipped by April 30. The proposed change in this law would require shipment by January 1, in order to claim personal property exemptions.

Court Renewes Load Limit

The Lane county court Monday renewed the 20,000-pound gross load limit on all county roads. Thawing temperatures have brought reports of deep "chucks" and ruts in roads throughout the county, says P. M. Morse, county surveyor.

A load limit of 36,000 pounds has been set for state highways; not more than 8000 pounds may rest on one axle.

Both the county and state orders are effective until further notice.

The county school board met Thursday night at Springfield high school to discuss school legislation. Increasing basic school support was the chief proposal before the board.

Primary and intermediate teachers of Lane county will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at the Eugene hotel Saturday noon.

County 4-H clubs are planning a series of radio shows. First try-outs were held Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. Lulu Bettis at Blue Mountain. Jack Gurton, county 4-H director, and Earl Britton, KORE farm service director, were present to judge the talent.



BURTON HUTTON

Burton Hutton and Esther Taskerud, both of the Oregon state college 4-H club department, will speak at the quarterly Leaders Assn. conference to be held February 24, in the 4-H building at Eugene's fairgrounds.

Hutton will discuss the "philosophy of 4-H work" and Miss Taskerud will speak on "understanding club members."

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Republican members of the House of Representatives have an organization known as the Republican Conference, which is sometimes referred to as the caucus. This organization has its own chairman, Congressman Woodruff of Michigan, and its own secretary, Congressman Case of South Dakota. Meetings are held when called by the chair, or Leader Martin. The Conference appoints minority members on the House committees, the employees on the minority side of the House, and conduct discussions of policies and bills. It may, of course, take any action deemed necessary for the functioning of our side of the aisle in the House of Representatives. Contrary to popular opinion, however, the Republican Conference does not take any votes on legislation or make any decisions which are expected to be binding upon Republican members. No Republican member of the House is ever compelled to do anything, either by the leadership or by the conference.

This week, the Republican Conference, in addition to completing committee assignments, made two very important and far-reaching decisions. It set up, by formal resolution, a Republican Policy Committee, and also by resolution, established a Committee on Public Information.

For many years, the party floor leader has counseled with a group of senior members generally known as the steering committee. It has been an informal group, and its personnel has varied from time to time. I do not recall that the names of those who were considered to be on the steering committee have ever been published. The resolution just passed abolishes the steering committee and provides for the election of a house republican policy committee of 22 members. The rule of seniority in selection of the policy committee is abolished. The membership of the policy committee is elected proportionately from the nine geographical divisions of the United States. The most interesting provisions of the resolution relating the policy committee is that it provides that the Republican members of the house in each geographical division will meet and select the member or members of their division who will serve on the Policy Committee. The Pacific Coast division will have two members on the Policy Committee, and these two will be selected at a meeting of the 21 Republicans now serving in the House from the Pacific Coast.

I had the honor of being a member of a subcommittee of five which wrote the resolution and worked out the geographical divisions. Our plan was accepted by the Conference without change. The creation of the committee in public information was made necessary by the fact that we Republicans in Congress seem to have failed to accurately and fully acquaint the people of the country regarding our activities and policies.

This matter has been discussed by the Republican members for some time, with the result that, a few months ago, Speaker Martin, now minority leader, appointed a committee to study the problem and report to the conference. The committee consisted of five members under the chairmanship of the Honorable James C. Auchincloss of New Jersey. I was also a member of this committee.

The formation of a policy committee which actually represents every portion of the country, and made up of representatives chosen in a truly representative manner, will insure the Republican leadership of well balanced counsel by some of the ablest members. In my opinion, this is a marvelous forward step and should yield excellent results.

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Eugene, January 31st (Special)—Houstoun Waring, editor of the Littleton (Colo.) Independent has been selected the third Eric W. Allen Memorial Fund lecturer by the board of trustees. The Allen memorial lecture will be presented as a part of the 30th annual Oregon Press Conference slated for February 18 and 19 on the University of Oregon campus. Waring has been editor of the Colorado paper for 22 years. He served for six years as part-time chairman of the University of Colorado department of journalism and in 1944-45 was chosen as one of the Nieman Fellows awarded a year's study at Harvard. Eight times in the last 14 years Waring has been granted the state award for the greatest community service of Colorado newspapers. While on the Eugene campus, he plans to address the conference and spend two days meeting the journalism classes.

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

There seems to be something emerging that may be the answer to the dreams of forward looking statesmen of both sides of the Atlantic. This is the beginning of what is hoped may be the United States of Europe. The five nations of Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France are preparing to set up what is to be called "The Council of Europe," with a cabinet and a parliament. It will take years to achieve this, but it is hoped that from this beginning will come the United States of Europe with the erasing of boundary lines.

A Jew who has recently come to this country from Europe wrote to his friends that the people in the United States were a queer lot. They are more interested in the elimination of race discrimination in Palestine than in Mississippi.

If we, as a people, were not so satisfied with ourselves, perhaps the spiritual thermometer of this nation would be higher.

One big trouble is that with most of us, our personal ideals and daily living are too far apart.

Many persons are saying that the United Nations is impotent. It is true it is not accomplishing many of the things that most of its friends and members hoped for. But if it accomplishes nothing why are the new state of Israel and several long standing nations knocking for admission?

Bohemia Nuggets

Tom Parker, mayor of Lundpark, has filed proof of labor and intentions to hold his, "Warehouse Independence" mining claim. Tom is one of the old timers of the Bohemia camp and his log cabin at Lundpark on the Champion mine road is one of the show places of the district. It is completely equipped with the finest water pressure systems and complete hydroelectric plant, which furnishes lights for the house, shop and grounds as well as power for radios, electric irons, etc.

(From The Bohemia Nugget, 50 Years Ago)

R. J. Jennings brings flattering reports from the Helena mine. The strikes are quite rich. The free milling ore running about \$30.00 per ton.

A good showing of crystallized gold is reported from Johnson and Byrne Bros.

Electric Auto Starter

Clyde J. Coleman was granted a patent in 1903 on an automobile electric self-starter.

News Views

by GENE WARE

The weather and income tax are heading the joke parade as they always do at this time of year. There's not much we can do about it either . . . you get soaked both ways! With the proper publicity March 15 could be worked up into a second Christmas and we wouldn't feel so bad about shelling out our money. All we'd have to do to get into the spirit of things would be to make ourselves believe that it's really "More blessed to give than receive." It's something to think about anyway, as you slave over a hot desk trying to puzzle out form 1040.

When it comes to radios . . . Admiral once again leads the field. There must be a reason, you say? There certainly is . . . and if you stop in at COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street, we'll be glad to show you. Phone: 351.

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