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FINISH THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FIRST

This community needs to improve its facilities in a number of ways to bring it on par with many localities of like size that are now enjoying municipal improvements and improved recreational facilities. From the present prospects, we fear that some are a long way off.

The fact that many things we desire are in the distant future need not deter us. The one thing we have to fear, now that some individuals and organizations are aroused to doing things, is to avoid getting too many irons in the fire. Hospital backers had the right idea when they suggested that other community projects be sidetracked until money for the hospital was assured. The plan to do one thing at a time is the only method to employ now.

We have heard several worthy projects mentioned recently and among these is a community building to be located on city property to provide a meeting place for organizations like the Boy and Girl Scout movements. This thought is a good one, but we happen to remember that several years previous a movement was started here to erect a veterans building, which would serve as more or less of a community center. A good portion of the funds necessary for the erection of the building are still intact and will be ready for use if and when the veterans organizations can agree on what they want. Then there is the matter of the completion of a high school athletic field and stadium. This school project has been planned for several years and some preliminary work has been done on it.

From what we know of the situation we would say that the high school stadium and the veterans building should have priority over any other proposals. Unless we do give them priority and are willing to give them the necessary support, we may wind up with nothing and all of our planning end up in a pipe dream.

LESSENING TRAFFIC HAZARDS

We would like to point out at least three ways in which our local traffic hazards could be lessened and at the same time make it easier for the stranger to find his way around over town. Sixth street should be made a thoroughfare from the south city limit to Gibbs avenue. It is the beginning of the Black Butte highway and since the founding of the town has served as an important traffic artery, yet so far as we know there are only two stop signs on this street. Stop signs should be erected at each street intersection including the intersection of Whiteaker avenue, one of the most hazardous intersections now existing within the city. So far as Sixth street is concerned we see to have taken it for granted that everyone knows Sixth street is a stop street. How we have avoided a major traffic mishap is more than we know.

It has also been suggested that since the grade schools are located on Fifth street, this should be designated as a stop street. Only the fact that a school patrol has been maintained on this street has saved us from a school fatality. About half of the street markers erected here several years ago have disappeared. When a visitor hits the community, one almost has to draw a diagram of the city to give any sort of intelligent directions. The matter of seeing that all streets are properly marked would be a very good project for some organization and we hope someone will take the hint.

In an effort to overcome narrow streets, which a good many western Oregon communities have to live with, quite a few cities and towns have adopted the one way street system in an effort to make traffic easier. We do not know that an adoption of the one way street system would be of material aid to us at the present time, but we do believe that the city should consider the suggestion of Mayor Edwards to extend the no parking regulation on Sixth street to cover the entire downtown area. This regulation permits parking on one side of the street only.

WILL THE PUBLIC WELFARE PROGRAM EVENTUALLY BACKFIRE?

A good many have strongly suspected that present public welfare program could be considerably improved to include a number of worthy cases and at the same time eliminate the so-called "chiselers". What looks rather unreasonable is the fact that the welfare load has not decreased with increased employment and perhaps strengthens the contention that a good many people are still laboring under the impression that whatever comes from the government does not cost anything.

Members of the state legislature who are struggling with the task of raising funds for welfare, realize the difficulties of administration. Chairman W. B. Morse and his associates on the public welfare subcommittee are conscious of the value of upholding fidelity and competence in dealing with claimants for public aid for the entire burden of general assistance of which medical care is a major item rests with the state and counties.

In discussing some of the problems with which the committee has to contend the Oregon Voter of March 26th says: "What makes these committeemen boil with wrath are the efforts of so many to take undue advantage of public generosity. During recent years middle-aged people have been taught by the U. S. government's own agents that they are failing in their duty to their own children if they do not get their aged parents on the old-age pension roll. Instead of feeling obligated to support their elders they are willing to unload that burden onto the

HARBINGERS OF SPRING



public so they can spend more money on themselves and their children. Intoxicated by high wages, many shiftless heads of families and many shiftless single men spend their entire incomes during employment, and after the unemployment insurance runs out, they turn to the public demanding support. Numerous families are so shiftless that so long as they can benefit by the federal program of aid to dependent children, as high as \$200 a month to large families, they avoid being trapped into working. They continue to live in idleness as public charges. The spirit of "Come and Get It," as Chairman Morse said, is abroad in the land.

Public education in the United States has developed much of this "Gimme" spirit. Infancy has been prolonged through high school age for many, through college age for some, with its sense of dependence on others rather than on self for the work that has to be done to keep the economy going. In Oregon we have so-called compulsory education to age 18 as a concomitant of laws forbidding employment of those younger than 18 in many industries. The proportion grows smaller of those who actually must carry the burden of enterprise and work necessary to pay taxes. Government absorbs a larger and larger part of the population in governmental employment and disburses a larger and larger part of governmental revenue in benefits to consumers who are not engaged in production.

Aside from a ruthless slashdown of the state appropriation, there is one way of cutting welfare costs without doing injury. It is to cut out what Morse calls the "chiselers and free riders." It will take some law amendments to enable the welfare administrators to do this. Among the aged people the demanders are well organized and are resisting these amendments. They intimidate legislators with threats of what will happen to them politically if they enact the laws for recovery of welfare grants from estates of beneficiaries, or laws requiring people to support their aged parents if they are able to do so, or laws requiring parents to support their children if they are able to support them. Numerous members of the legislature itself are pledged to oppose these proposals, or feel it will be to their political advantage to oppose them. The 1947 governor vetoed some of this legislation enacted by the last legislature. Large numbers who voted for the Dunne bill did so desiring to increase the old-age pension and extend it to thousands of aged persons now more or less dependent on their children. The pressures by Townsend and other organized groups bear heavily on legislators who dread facing the old folks at home.

Letters to the Editor

Molesting and Destruction Of Rural Mail Boxes

It has been brought to my attention by patrons of every rural route from Cottage Grove that mail boxes are being badly battered by stoning, filling with rocks, opening and molesting patrons mail other than their own. Such violations are usually committed by school children at points where school buses pick up or leave students on their way home. In most cases such vandalism is done by students 10 to 15 years of age, old enough to know right from wrong. Therefore, I urge patrons to report any such violations of postal laws to me, giving names of the offenders. Such information I assure you will be kept strictly confidential. Patrons cooperation in helping me bring all such depredations to an end, will be greatly appreciated.

In this newspaper, dated March 18th, I gave notice to patrons on rural routes to repair approaches to their boxes by filling ruts and mud holes with gravel, or service would be suspended. Few persons have done so, but many have not. Therefore have been given notice by letter that service will be suspended immediately if not repaired. Similar notices are being mailed patrons to make repairs on mail boxes and posts.

The regulations of the Department prescribe that persons desiring to become patrons of rural or mounted delivery service shall provide, erect, and maintain, at their own expense boxes conforming to official specifications and requirements.

A rural mail box usual reflects the thriftiness of its owner, so let's all give the old mail box the once over. Repair the door and flap, fasten down solid on post, cut away brush, vines and weeds. When the sun comes out, give it a coat of paint, print your name and number neatly on it.

Cooperate with your mail carrier and I assure you he will cooperate with you. Keep supply of stamps. If your stock is low, he can supply you with stamps, envelopes or postal cards. DO NOT PLACE MONEY IN MAIL BOX every time you mail a letter, as your carrier is not obliged to pick pennies from your box every time you mail a letter. Buy a supply from your carrier or at the Post Office.

Last but not least, be sure to

use your street and house number, name of route and box number, when writing letters to friends, business, newspapers or magazines.

Respectfully,
N. J. Nelson Jr.
Postmaster

MT. VIEW

(Mrs. C. A. Peterson, reporter phone 18-F-11)

Mt. View Extension Unit club will meet at the home of Mrs. Helen Cochran, Friday April 8. P.T.A. Mothers club will meet at the schoolhouse Friday April 1 at 3 o'clock. Mothers please try to come to help make plans for the carnival and other matters that are to be discussed.

Miss Janice Swanson attended the Rainbow convention at St. Helens last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarino have returned to their home in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fox of Sask, Canada, have returned to their home after a visit of three weeks with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Teeters and small son Dennis, Mr. John Teeters of Mehama were surprise visitors at the home of Mr. John Teeters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeters, one day last week.

Walter Downes has returned home from the hospital. Walter Winner has been confined to his home all week from an injury received while working. Mr. and Mrs. Winfred West and family of Latham were Sunday guests at the Ted Hudson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Tanner spent all day Sunday in Eugene with Mr. Tanner's mother, who is still very ill in a Eugene hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kyle and family of Cottage Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Kyle and son Bob were Sunday dinner guests at the Herman Kamel home.

Boone Humphrey attended the funeral of his brother (who passed away in Portland) in Eugene, Monday. More families have returned to the work on the dam: Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Kamp, Mr. and Mrs. W. McClinton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimbrell, Charles Ray and son, and Sey Erp.

Mrs. Ethel Seaver went to Eugene on business Wednesday.

Students have returned to OSC after a week of vacation.

Joe Backie was taken to a Eugene hospital where he underwent surgery Wednesday morning.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

The House appropriations bill, which carries appropriations for projects constructed by the Army Engineers, contains the same figures for flood control and rivers and harbors projects in the fourth district of Oregon as those in the President's Budget. These items are as follows:

Flood Control:
Cottage Grove Reservoir, \$140,000
Fern Ridge Reservoir, \$208,000
Dorena Dam, \$2,924,000
Meridian Dam, \$11,000,000
Detroit Reservoir, \$11,300,000
Bank Protection, \$500,000

Rivers and Harbors:
Coos Bay Harbor, \$1,000,000

It should be noted that appropriations for the Willamette Valley flood control project for the coming fiscal year total \$26,282,700. Appropriations for this project will continue to be large during the next three or four years as the projects reach the peak of their construction period. Up to now, work on both the large Meridian Dam on the Willamette and the Detroit Dam has been of a preliminary nature. During the coming year, construction on the dams themselves will get under way on a full-scale basis.

Anticipating a decline in material and construction costs during the next year, the House appropriations committee reduced the total amounts appropriated for construction by 15 per cent. It did not, however, make this reduction on any specific item or items. In explaining this 15 per cent reduction, the committee said in its report:

"In the event construction costs do not decline to the extent necessary to produce the rate of construction on the budget contemplated by the budget estimates at 15 per cent less than the amount of money proposed in such estimates, then it will be necessary, and expected, that the Department of the Army submit through the Bureau of the Budget deficiency estimates for such amounts as may be necessary to complete the program contemplated in the estimates of the Bureau of the Budget for the fiscal year 1950 and recommended by the committee."

In other words, the amounts listed above will actually be expended on the projects named, but whether or not the actual construction accomplished during the year is less than anticipated will depend upon the trend of construction costs.

As I have pointed out before, the passage of an appropriation bill by the House represents only the first step in the legislative procedure, on an appropriation bill. It is not likely that when the bill is enacted by both houses, any of the items listed here will be reduced. On the other hand, I was greatly disappointed that the appropriation for Coos Bay Harbor improvement could not have been increased above the Budget item so as to complete the job this year. I am hopeful that, by the time the bill is completed, the item for Coos Bay may be increased.

The House was in a state of confusion during the several days while the Rankin pension bill was under consideration. As frequently happens when normal legislative procedure is not followed, and an attempt is made to write an important bill on the floor of the House, a hodge-podge bill resulted. For example, when the bill was finally sent back to committee after three days of consideration on the floor, it contained an amendment which provided that World War I veterans, over 65 years of age, would receive pensions averaging between \$30.00 and \$40.00 monthly, whereas World War II veterans, attaining that age, might receive, as would have been the case of one Member of Congress with whom I talked, as much as \$306.00 per month. Under the circumstances, I naturally voted to return the bill to committee for further and better consideration.

The history of this pension bill was unfortunate. As I got the story from members of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Chairman John Rankin was angry at the House majority leadership because of a committee assignment. Knowing that to force a pension bill onto the floor of the House at this time would be politically embarrassing to the Administration, he hurried the bill through his committee with very limited hearings and with brief consideration in an executive meeting of his committee. A number of members of the committee refused to take part in the committee's final executive session because of their objection to the haste with which the bill was being forced to the floor.

It is regrettable that a bill as important as this one should have had such bad treatment, but in my opinion, the House was wise in sending the bill back to the Committee on Veterans Affairs. I am sure this committee will not abandon consideration of the pension proposal and will ultimately bring out another bill.

***Over-a-Million Magazines**
Number of magazines in the United States with a circulation over a million totals 48.

LATHAM

(Mrs. Esther Trunnell, reporter phone 17-F-11)

Mrs. A. L. Bennett of So. San Francisco, who formerly lived here recently passed her nineteenth birthday though she is seventy-seven years of age. Her birth date is February 29.

Dogs of many kinds and sizes in groups of two or three have been molesting and in many instances killing sheep and goats for several owners for a number of weeks. Owners of roaming dogs may not know the law permitting killing of dogs found bothering sheep.

Alice Hansen of Port Townsend Washington, will model for the Barros dress shop there in the spring fashion show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Means accompanied his aunt, Mrs. Glen Means and son on a trip to Kansas to visit relatives.

Hebron Grange was well represented on the visitation to Four Oaks Saturday night. Emory Harris showed moving pictures on the program. The officers opened and closed grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landers spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ruby Hill in Portland. Sunday they were joined by Forest Harris and friends to go smelt fishing. They report a very good catch. The party returned Sunday evening.

A surprise shower was given for Mrs. Gene Harris by Mrs. Harold Landers and Mrs. Fred Harris at the home of the latter last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Ewing and new daughter Judith Lynn are at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. D. Hayes for a few days.

Marian Chapman has been forced to take it easy for awhile. We miss her presence at community affairs.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

WHEREAS in Chapter XXVI Oregon Code 1930 and amendments thereto, it is declared to be the duty of every person, firm, partnership, company and corporation owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock which is infested with ground squirrels and other noxious rodents or predatory animals, or as soon as the presence of the same shall come to his, their or its knowledge, at once to proceed and to continue in good faith to exterminate and destroy such rodents by poisoning, trapping or other appropriate and effective means; and

WHEREAS gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) are noxious rodents in Lane County, Oregon;

Now, therefore, all of such persons, firms, partnerships, corporations and companies owning or having dominion over land in said Lane County, Oregon, are hereby required to take steps to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) within thirty days from the date of the first publication of this notice. If such steps are not taken, a person or persons appointed by the County Court of said Lane County will enter upon said lands and proceed to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) and the cost of said extermination will be levied against said lands.

The County Agricultural Agent hereby designates Monday, April 4, as a day to be known as "squirrel poisoning day" throughout the said Lane County, and it is hereby recommended that poisoned barley prepared according to formula recommended by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service be used for the purpose of such extermination. Such poisoned barley may be secured from the undersigned at his office in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

Date of first publication of this notice March 17, 1949.
(Signed) O. S. Fletcher
County Agricultural Agent 32-31-34

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Forest Exchange No. 01062, United States Department of the Interior, Oregon District Land Office, Portland 18, Oregon, March 22, 1949. Notice is hereby given that the South Fork Logging Company, Springfield, Oregon, did, on December 23, 1948, make application under the act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465), as amended by the act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1090), to select certain timber from portions of unsurveyed sections 20, 29, 32, T. 17 S., R. 5 E., W. M. Oregon, situated within the Willamette National Forest, in exchange for lots 5, 6, 7, 8, SW 1/4, N 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, sec. 6, T. 17 S., R. 4 E.; SE 1/4 SW 1/4, sec. 19, T. 16 S., R. 5 E.; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, less 7.3 acres highway right of way, sec. 18, T. 16 S., R. 6 E., W. M., Lane County, Oregon, subject to rights of way for an electric transmission line and Forest Service Roads and telephone lines, also situated within the Willamette National Forest. Any and all persons claiming the lands selected, or having bona fide objections to the exchange, should file their protests on or before May 3, 1949.
CHARLES D. LEE
34-51-38
Manager

Bohemia Nuggets

Bartels Mining Co. this week reports the loss of a large bulldozer, which was being used to remove snow from the road to the Champion mine. The bulldozer was caught in a huge avalanche of snow which swept down off Fairview mountain, carrying brush, trees and rocks before it; and the machine was pushed over the edge of the road and down into the canyon.

Wm. Bartels Sr. reports that the avalanche left a path 300 feet wide down the bottom of Days Creek canyon swept as clean as a ski run. As for the bulldozer, no trace of it has been found. Insurance men went in to look for it and gave it up. It is barely possible that it may be found next summer when the snow melts.

Fifty Years Ago
From Bohemia Nugget

Superintendent Bush of Oregon Tel. & Tel. Co. was here making arrangements for a telephone line to be built to Bohemia next summer.

A. Nelson, of the electric light plant, was in Roseburg on business last week.

Wm. Shand came in from Bohemia Sunday and reports eight feet of snow at Glenwood.

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

Whether we like it or not, the Soviet and the United States are arrayed against each other. This situation can not go on indefinitely. Someone or something will have to give. Let us pray that it does not lead to another shooting war.

Someone has said: "The key to success is to do little things especially well."

Last Sunday, March 27, something occurred that has never taken place in this land of ours. On one certain day almost all of the various Protestant denominations, the Roman Catholic church, and the Jewish congregations contributed to overseas relief. No such concerted action of the religious people has ever been witnessed in this nation.

There is an old saying that the mountain labored and produced a mouse. The eighty-first Congress has labored and produced one measure President Truman asked for in his presidential campaign. This Congress has toiled three long months and has produced a rent control bill. But this measure that went to the President's desk does not resemble the bill asked for by the administration except that the new bill is to be in force for fifteen months.

The apathy and indifference of the people is the real reason for most of the poor government of municipalities. This writer believes this is the situation in our own city.

When you get to thinking of the superiority of the white race, recall to mind that the greatest man in the world at that time who died last year, was Mohandas Gandhi, a Hindu.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of LESLIE S. WICKS, Deceased, has filed her account for the final settlement of said Estate in the Circuit Court for Lane County, Oregon, and that Tuesday, the 26 day of April, 1949, at the Circuit Court Room of said County in Eugene, Lane County, State of Oregon, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, has been by said Court fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and for final settlement of said Estate. AVAN-ELLE A. WICKS, Administratrix. HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Attorney for Estate. 33-51-37

DAIRY-TALES

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County Affairs

(Roger T. Tetlow)

Miss Vivian Freeman, educational representative of the Kerr Glass manufacturing company, will give a canning demonstration April 1, at 1:30 p.m. The canning specialist, assisted by Mrs. M. Heide, county 4-H extension agent, will demonstrate the steps necessary for the successful canning of rhubarb and asparagus.

The meeting will be held in the Vocational school in Eugene, located at 751 W. 4th street. 4-H leaders and others interested are invited to attend.

Marriage Licenses

Chester Lee Hutton, 22, Dexter, and Joyce Lucinda Mann, 18, 469 E. 15th Street, Eugene, March 21. Charles Ronald Leathers, 21, 708 S. 10th street, Cottage Grove, and Rose Myree Underwood, 18, 1002 S. 10th street, Cottage Grove.

A representative of the State Tax Commission will be in the Lane county court room (upstairs) from March 28 to April 1 to assist taxpayers with their state tax returns. Returns for the calendar year are due on or before April 15.

Crushed rock for county road maintenance is now being taken from the Sharps creek quarry by F. H. McEwen, Eugene contractor. Most of the rock will be used on the Row River road.

Several complaints have been received by P. M. Morse, county engineer, concerning logging truck movements on county roads. The complaints state that logging trucks, following a logging road which crosses the county highway six times, fail to stop at the crossings. Several motorists have narrowly missed collisions with these trucks. The complaints will be forwarded to the district attorney's office for legal advice pertaining to control of the crossings.

The new election department under the direction of Mel Wadman, is moving into the former quarters of the 4-H extension division, in the basement of the court house. The new department is under control of the county clerk's office. The 4-H extension agents have moved into Room 6, upstairs, in the old court house at Sixth and Willamette.

Coming Soon Diane



News Views

by GENE WARE

American children who have trouble learning to spell are well off and don't know it, claims a member of the House of Commons in England. Dr. Mont Follick, sponsor of a simplified spelling system bill, has developed an English alphabet containing no C, Q, or X. Words such as "new" would be spelled "nu"; water, "uorter". The bill was defeated, but English children were all for it. They claimed it was a lot of nonsense to have to learn to spell such words as Llanfair-wllggyllgogery - chwyndrobwlantysilogogoch, and we agree with them; we can't even pronounce it. So don't be too harsh on your youngsters when they fail to get "A" in spelling.

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