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FINISH THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FIRST

Evidently we are not too successful in trying to put over a point in these columns for in our issue of April 7 under the above heading, the thought we attempted to put over got sidetracked.

At least this was true in the case of some of the members of the Scout Mothers' club. Most assuredly we were not trying to minimize the importance of scouting, for if this organization was ever needed it is now.

What we would like to see suppressed is the tendency to go off on a loose end on some building project, without having first completed the projects started.

As we see it and we are not alone in our opinion, we often start two or three things with a flourish and end up with a fizzle.

The hospital campaign was an outstanding example of community cooperation. A lot of other things have been undertaken here which have started off with a bang only to end up with failure.

It is understandable that we have our limits and when we get two or three things on "the fire" at once, one or two of those things are likely to get burned.

Perhaps this helps to explain why the community was never successful in obtaining a so-called community building, swimming pool, buildings for the South Lane Fair and a lot of other improvements we would like to have, but have not got.

Scouting might be much further along in Cottage Grove if the leaders had secured a permanent meeting place twenty years ago. We do not recall, but we would judge the armory building was constructed about this time.

Some ten or fifteen thousand dollars of the city's money went to finance the building at a cost of about \$30,000 and with the understanding that the armory building would serve as a sort of a civic center along with the place for the national guard to train.

But until recently this building which would be worth in the neighborhood of \$60,000 on today's market has been a white elephant so far as its value as a meeting place is concerned.

Outside of the auditorium and two or three adjoining rooms, which have been used by the guard, the remaining space in the building may as well have been used by the bats and owls and no doubt at times it was.

In looking back at the history of the armory, its value as a civic center has been worth little or nothing. And it seems to us that those who have headed organizations such as the scouts have been just a little dilatory in not demanding a showdown on whether the armory should be used exclusively for military training or whether it was to be utilized jointly as a civic center or meeting place for some of the most important organizations.

It's true that the present heating system is antiquated and that the entire building has to be heated to get heat into a single room, but this situation could have been remedied earlier if a proper approach had been made.

With the millions of dollars that have been wasted by the army during the time the armory has stood, the matter of providing an adequate heating system would not even be a drop in the bucket so far as expenses go.

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE

In this issue in the Letter from Washington by Congressman Harris Ellsworth will be found some interesting as well as startling information with reference to the federal expenditures. He says that the federal government expenditures for the coming fiscal year will amount to an average of almost exactly \$100.00 per month for each family of four.

Quoting Ellsworth's letters further—in our issue of April 7, he says: "In 1932 the federal tax per person was \$14.13. Today it is \$263.99. In 1932 the federal government took about 25 per cent of all taxes including state, city and federal. Today Uncle Sam takes seventy-five per cent.

The principal reason for the climb in federal expenses is because the average voter thinks whatever the government does, does not cost anything.

IT'S CHICKENS 5 TO 1

The estimate that chickens now outnumber people by five to one may be of only passing interest to the typical fried-chicken-loving American. It is of real significance, though, to the growing poultry-canning industry which last year packed a record-breaking volume of 147 million pounds of chicken and turkey.

That's a one-pound can for every man, woman and child in the country. And since the average hen can produce somewhere around 125 baby chicks a year, it is probably just as well, for the statisticians' peace of mind, that poultry canning is on the upswing.

Charter No. 5642 Reserve District No. 12 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COTTAGE GROVE, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 11, 1949

(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.) ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection 1,196,651.48 United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 3,073,765.42

Obligations of States and political subdivisions 1,688,818.17 Corporate stocks (including \$7,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 7,500.00

Loans and discounts (including \$746.15 overdrafts) 844,194.58 Bank premises owned \$11,683.03, furniture and fixtures \$14,912.59 26,595.62

Other assets 33,771.94 TOTAL ASSETS 6,871,297.21

LIABILITIES Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 4,694,575.54

Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 1,244,571.20 Deposits of United States Government 128,487.57

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

The house is in recess this week but in the last ten days or more, before the holiday, business was transacted at a rapid rate.

The business, however, was not the adoption of any part of a legislative program. The house worked mostly on appropriation bills and during the last three or four days before recessing accounted for the expenditure of some 29 billions of dollars.

Just exactly how much money that is cannot readily be understood unless the figure is divided into simple, small and understandable terms. Twenty-nine billion dollars is equal to \$200 for every man, woman and child in the United States—or \$800 for each family of four.

But the twenty-nine billion is only about 68 per cent of the total budget for the next fiscal year. The total budget, the amount of money to be spent by your federal government during the 12 months beginning July 1 this year is 42 billions, in round numbers. This, divided by the total population, estimated at 140,000,000 equals a cost of \$300 per person.

Think of it—federal government expenditures for the coming fiscal year will amount to an average of almost exactly \$100 PER MONTH for each family of four.

The ancient philosopher Solon wrote: "No more good must be attempted than the state can bear." I wonder just how much more we CAN bear.

Nevertheless, only the existing program of federal expenditures is accounted for in the above gloomy figures. The program on which President Truman was elected last fall, and which he is trying frantically to get enacted by congress, would if passed increase the above figure by at least one-fourth.

We already have a debt burden greater than the combined total debt of all of the other peoples of the world. Unless this congress refuses to travel further down the road toward bankruptcy and denies the passage of the "Truman spending program" we shall become the tax ridden people on earth.

Just to make a gloomy picture complete, we must not forget that state income taxes and property taxes must be paid annually in addition to the federal levy mentioned above.

The legislation to authorize the continuation of our program of aiding the economic recovery of Europe (known as ECA) has been completed. If carried on with a careful regard for the welfare of our own economy, it is good business. In addition to being a fairly good business venture, it has the benefit of being most destructive to the Russian ambition to communize Europe.

It must be clearly understood that the legislation just enacted is only a law to AUTHORIZE the continuation of the ECA program. That bill did not appropriate money.

Many people, including some members of congress, have taken the attitude that the sum named in the authorization bill is the amount we are putting into the ECA program. That is not the fact. The actual appropriation bill comes later. I did what I could to keep the record straight on this point by taking the floor. A portion of my statement to the house follows:

"...I feel satisfied to vote for the bill as a continuation of a program we have started but the record must clearly show, and the people of the country must clearly understand, that we are not today dealing with an appropriation item but we are setting a figure which is a maximum for the program."

I feel certain the appropriation for ECA will be considerably less than the five and one-half billion figure in the bill.

Joseph Henry Joseph Henry (1797-1878), American physicist, constructed the first electromagnetic motor, the forerunner of all electric motors. He helped organize the U. S. weather bureau and was the first secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

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ENDURANCE TEST Tito

YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corrette and Mrs. Enno Dornath and children of Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Darnath and children of Bend; and Mrs. Irene Oleson and Louise of Eugene. Albert and Irwin Goins were also Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Goins and Lois left Friday morning on a trip into Washington visiting relatives and friends enroute.

Grandma Allison was taken by ambulance Saturday to Lee's Rest Home at 443 East Twelfth St. in Eugene for further medical observation.

Miss Lois Goins was recipient of a bridal shower given in her honor Wednesday afternoon at the Grace Thompson home with Mrs. Grace Thompson and Mrs. Ruby Meacham as co-hostesses. Miss Goins' marriage will be an event of the coming month.

After the guest of honor had opened her many lovely gifts refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served to Meses. Mary Henderer, Barbara Gilman and daughter, Evelyn Littlepage, Rose Lawrence, Gertrude Willis, Jean Oatney, Alice Perini, Bertha Galdabini and son, Ada Redifer, Cora Peronto, Earl Rains, Mabel Sowles, Freda Ryan, Wilma Stigers, Esther Hodges, Vianeth Martin, Norma Remington, Roy Stephens, Carol Stephens, John Black and Florence, Flora Holt, Dorothy Booher, Dorothy Olson, Helen Sutter, Grace Goins all of Curtin; Thelma Holt, Bertha Holt of Creswell; Mabel Booher, Josephine Lovegren, Fanny Watkins, Charlotte Booher, all of Cottage Grove; Vera Sauter and children, Nanny Lou Maley and daughters, all of Lorane; the honored guest, Miss Lois Goins and the hostesses, Ruby Meacham and Grace Thompson. Several who were unable to be present sent their gifts.

Mrs. Flora Holt announces the sale of the Curtin General Store to Mr. and Mrs. Cosby of Goshen who will take immediate possession. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby will live in their trailer house for the time being. Mrs. Cosby has had seven years experience in post office work. We extend greetings to the new owners and wish them success.

The Carnival was quite a success Saturday night and it is reported the School Boosters club netted at least \$200.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabel Fisher, former residents of the territorial road here, who are both employed as teachers at Castle Rock, Washington are reported to have suffered severe shocks in the quake and one of Mr. Fisher's pupils was killed by falling debris.

Idaho Ghost Town Bay Horse, a ghost town in Custer county, Idaho, received its name because a man discovered a rich outcrop vein of ore here while he was out looking for his bay horse.

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Plans to Safeguard Security of Children Under Social Security

Two plans for safeguarding the security of America's children are included in the U. S. Social Security Act, according to Paul F. Johnson, manager of the Eugene office of the Social Security Administration.

Both plans provide a regular cash income when other income is cut off, and both are planned to strengthen the family by making it easier for children to remain in their homes. However, they differ in the way they operate, Johnson said. One is an insurance plan under which a worker earns rights to insurance benefits for his family when he dies or retires after reaching age 65.

The other is an assistance plan called Aid to Dependent Children, under which payments are made for children in need.

The former is handled by the federal government through the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance field offices, and the latter by the various states through the county welfare departments.

Benefits under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system are paid as monthly insurance payments to children whose fathers die at any age, and to children whose fathers receive old-age insurance benefits.

To be eligible, the father must work a certain time on jobs covered by the Social Security Act. The period varies from about a year and one half to ten years, depending upon when the worker was born and when he dies or retires. The benefit amount is based on the worker's earnings under social security.

MOSBY CREEK

Mrs. Harry Castle, reporter phone 19-F-12

The Mosby Creek Extension club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Layng of Walden. Mrs. Jane Simpson put on the demonstration of "Care of rugs and upholstered furniture".

New officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. Mary Snauer, chairman; Mrs. Angela Nelson, vice chairman and Mrs. Edna England, secretary and treasurer. The next and last meeting of the year will be at the home of Mrs. Nelson of Blue Mt.

Mrs. Jack Woolery and Mrs. Herold Jones have gone to Kellogg, Idaho, to visit this week with their father, Mr. Latrenta, and help him celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Park Hartzal of Saginaw was a Sunday visitor at the Jay Blackmore home.

Mrs. Dorothy Layng was called away the day club met there to go to Eugene as her sister-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Miller of Yoncalla was very ill.

Jay, Carole and Loleta Miller have been ill this week with the measles.

The teachers of the Blue Mountain school gave their scholars a treat of candy and an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon at the schoolhouse. Several mothers and smaller children attended also.

Mrs. Berta McGuire and two sons and Bill Jerrard spent Sunday at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overton are spending this week at their cabin at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Anderson of Corvallis spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas and daughter Wanda of Coos Bay spent the week end at the Floyd Jones home.

Mrs. Violet Duerst and daughter Betty have had the measles this week.

Those going from here to Achievement Day program at Springfield for all extension clubs of the county were: Meses. Dorothy Woodworth, Iona McCoy, Berta Roby, Angela Nelson, Milla McGuire, Eva Young, Edna England and Mary Snauer.

LYNX HOLLOW

(Mrs. Orville Lamb, reporter)

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Fred Kinsland in the death of her father, Aden Miller, who passed away Thursday at his home south of Creswell.

Elmer Kimery is much improved this week after a severe case of cedar poisoning.

E. H. Hughes has purchased the land known as the old Fisher place.

Rad Schultz injured his back last week while at work and is unable to be about much at present.

Community club will meet only once a month for some time. Meeting time will be the second Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the teacherage.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lamb and family were among the guests entertained Thursday evening at the Harry Holt home near Creswell.

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Charting Faults Protection Step With Earthquakes

Oregon State College—Earthquakes, like water, might seem to be something man talks about but can't do anything about. On the contrary, Dr. E. L. Packard, head of the geology department here, says something very important can be done about them here in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Packard, as the only Oregon collaborator on seismology with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, is busy since the recent quake gathering all the facts possible from observers to help fill in meager records of the few seismographs in the area. The only one between California and Washington is a homemade one here at O. S. C.

"More facts regarding earth faults, the source of earthquakes, are badly needed in connection with future development of the Pacific Northwest," Dr. Packard explains. "All the seismograph records in the world won't stop quakes from happening, but they can tell us in advance where they are most likely to happen.

"If we can get enough records over long enough period of time—including records of slight tremors not felt by man, we can chart the fault lines in the region. Then the most dangerous areas can be avoided in building dams or other major structures or in establishing waterworks. We now have little accurate information even about the major earth fault in the Puget Sound basin."

Dr. Packard said at least two seismographs are needed in Oregon, one east of the Cascades and one west. For the past two years he and members of the physics department here have been working with seismologists from the University of California and the U. S. Geodetic Survey to locate these to the best advantage.

The plan agreed upon is to place the present O. S. C. instrument at the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, then locate a Class A seismograph at a new site already tested on college land a few miles northwest of the campus where the formation is much more suitable than that of the present site. Carrying out of the plan has been held up awaiting funds for a small structure needed at the new site.

Gas Tax Hiked One Cent; Automobile Fees Are Doubled

Salem, Oregon, Governor Douglas McKay signed into law April 12 the bills increasing state gasoline taxes and doubling automobile license fees.

On July 1, the 5 cent a gallon gasoline tax will be boosted to 6 cents. The \$5 license fee will be doubled when the 1950 plates are issued.

Signing of the bills assures the beginning of the 15-year \$467,000,000 program to modernize state highways. The bills will yield \$5,600,000 more a year for state highways, plus \$2,500,000 a year more for county roads and city streets.

The Senate passed 20 to 10 and sent to the governor a bill letting the public utilities commissioner regulate barge lines.

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CULP CREEK

(Mrs. R. K. Groat, reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Culbertson left for a few weeks honeymoon trip, Monday. They planned on visiting with Mrs. Culbertson's children and other relatives.

Several children are out of school with three day measles. Bob Groat and Joe Jackson got another bobcat last Sunday while out exercising their hounds.

Out of 75 families receiving cards of invitation to attend the School social club to help with the problems of running the school lunches, etc., there were only 11 or 12 people attending the meeting last Tuesday.

It was voted to postpone the school carnival until next fall, at which time the new gym building will be finished. The shed will be approximately 80' by 100' with cement flooring.

Mr. Ed Brock had a bad fire in the attic of his house about 8:30 Tuesday morning, but was able to put it out before it had done much damage.

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