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VOICES OF AMERICA



Letters to the Editor

CEMETERY MONEY NEEDED To the Editor: We wish to thank all those who have contributed to the annual cemetery cleanup so far. We paid off our help Saturday, May 20 and began again Monday, May 22nd. We are not sure how much longer we can keep this up unless we get more money as it costs us \$48 per day to hire 6 people and when we get our payroll paid we only had 5.75 left. That would not hire one person a full day at 8 hrs per \$1 per hour. So if you have not contributed your share, please do so at once. As we do not want to let our good workers go, they have worked there several years and are experienced. Some have contributed generously. Winnie Landess sent \$5 from Portland, Fern Holcomb Heath the same from Hollywood, Mrs. Myrtle Brewer Spalinger the same from Stockton, Calif. Our fee is two dollars per lot. One man paid us \$3 for 3 lots. We can only put one hour work on these lots which pay only \$1. Most lots take at least \$2 or two hours work, and big double lots more. Myrtle Kem and Mrs. Irma Thum who never fail us have each contributed a \$5 check also. Thanks a million to all those who have aided so far. Please aid us now when we need it the most, if you have not already contributed. We are only half thru and hate to quit. We have just one more week and one more day to serve, as the old song says, so help us to serve out our time. Mail at once to: Miss Belle Burkholder, Sec. C. G. Cem. Assn. 225 N. Lane St. Cottage Grove, Oregon

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.: She came! She saw! She conquered! Mrs. Norman Peck, housewife, attended and spoke on the consumer's problems and meat grading at the cattlemen's association convention, and they loved it.

Just another practical example of creating better understanding through open exchange of ideas. PORTLAND, ORE.: Sigfrid Benson Unander—head of the State Republicans and last past head of eligible bachelors—is home from honeymooning. His bride is wearing a bewitching Hawaiian tan.

GRANTS PASS, ORE.: The last GI club has a "sacred" bottle of wine, which is to be passed on from one prez to the next 'til the last surviving member drinks it in toast to his departed comrades.

SEASIDE, ORE.: Seaside is fast changing gears for its summertime role as third largest city in Oregon.

PORTLAND, ORE.: Fighters for and against public housing are falling into the all too familiar pattern of causes in campaigns. Each is accusing the other of getting their money from sinister sources.

SALEM, ORE.: There's a new book called "Fellow Citizen" and its chuck full of baby pictures who are selected for obvious extrovert characteristics deemed necessary qualifications for politicians.

OREGON-AT-LARGE: It's finally out. The U. S. Army is experimenting with space ships—and from the meager description already gleaned from non-secret sources, it seems likely that they are the cause of the flying saucer flurries.

FUEL FOR MAN OR CAR

You Know ---

the other day the Mrs. found me in the lube room going through my customer file to see who needed a grease job—light bill due you know, well, anyway she says "pop" in a sort of a goo-goo tone of voice—yes, she just calls me pop right out loud, and boy your wife will call you that too when you get so old that she will know there is nothing but wishful thinking back of those sly glances you cast at some young lady stepping along like she has hot dinner in the toes of her shoes.

Well that is away off the subject, back to the lube room in case you don't know, that is where we dab grease on cars, fix flats or in many other ways blackmail the customer.

I looked at her, cautiously raised one foot and hoped the back door was open for you can never tell what a woman is think—well anyway, you can't tell when they might have a case of nerves.

But you know she said the sweetest thing, at least I thought so right then—she says "pop" you are a better man than when I married you." I felt a little ticklish around my ribs and back, about like if someone raked a file across a saw. She continued "at least there is a lot more of you than there was when we said, 'I do.'"

Sure wish I knew exactly how much territory that little promise covers, I have been trying to find out for 33 years, but there is still a great limitless expanse that stretches out into the deep shadows of the unknown, when used in that sequence at that particular time and under those peculiar circumstances there are no other two words in the English language that can change the destiny of man as do those two words.

Back to the lube room—the Mrs. continued "either you have never grown up or you are in your second childhood because you keep growing—not up like a reasonable person should, but you grow out and out some more." "You come bursting thru seams and I can't keep buttons sewed on."

Well now I ask you, how can I help it if there is a lot of junk around here to eat, 3 or 4 kinds of ice cream, 8 or 14 different kinds of pastry, 40-eleven different kinds of candy, meats, frozen foods, Gosh you drink milk, eat butter, peanut butter, honey, salads, soup and beans.

Gee, wish I had the body of an elephant for capacity, the neck of a giraffe, for long tasting and the appetite of an Oregon logger, I would get a clothes line for a belt and a creus tent for pants and buy I would stop these ads and eat everything up.

Now I am willing to lose some weight—for a price, if your car has a reasonably good paint job somewhere down under that dirt and grime just call me up and I will come get your car, polish it and deliver back to you for just \$3.95 which you pay if you like the job. Of course if you want to get your neck sun-burned, an ache in your back, charley horse in your legs, a bad temper, a cowed wife and scared kids I'll sell you the polish and you do it yourself. I have the best polish that any man ever talked his wife into smearing on a car.

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Grain Bins	Old Homes
It pays to get grain bins clean and ready for the new crop well before harvest.	Many houses constructed of pine lumber more than 200 years ago are still in use in New England.

Household Hint To avoid accidents, equip tubs and showers with non-skid rubber mats.

OF MEN AND ISSUES

Voters Friday took occasion to turn down several programs involving special tax levies over the state. A case in point closer home was the defeat of the 2 1/2 mill road levy proposed in Lane county. The defeat of the road levy means only one thing and this is that the voters are not satisfied with the manner in which the 2 1/2 mill levy has been spent in the past, particularly the experimental road which has been built near Eugene and Springfield.

Attempts to work out a program for a permanent type of county roads were also dropped a year or more ago because of lack of public interest. In rejecting the 2 1/2 mill levy the majority of voters evidently felt that the county was wasting money in trying to patch up the present system, but in rejecting the issue, we are back facing the same old problem of attempting to maintain the county road system without a plan or without finances.

Perhaps even at this point we are no worse off than Multnomah county or the city of Portland, where financial proposals were all rejected.

A significant fact it seems to us that schools all over the state have asked for increased taxes every year for the past several years and these increases have been approved with few exceptions. Perhaps the cities, towns and counties could take a few lessons from the schools on how to get more money for operation.

Taxpayers as a whole believe they are getting far more value of the tax dollar on schools, on roads and for local purposes than those paid into the coffers of the federal treasury.

The average taxpayer, large and small pays about five times the amount of taxes into the federal government that he does into the state and local government, which builds our streets and roads and educates our children. You don't believe, then just make a comparison of the taxes you do pay including the hidden taxes such as the excise tax and the amusement tax and see how you come out.

The trouble we are now having and which is getting worse stems from the fact that we have elected too many people to office on the promise of making a utopia for us and in a great many instances people who have made failures of everything else they have tried.

The most amusing feature of the primary campaign just past is how three particular candidates for a high office vied in making promises. They each would have the voter believe that next to Heaven, Oregon would be the best place to be. What they failed to tell was that anytime a government tries to do something, private initiative could accomplish the same thing in half the time at half the expense.

Congress, the attorney-general and court decisions show clearly that the Communist is not to be regarded merely as an ordinary citizen of a minority political party, but as an enemy of our national welfare, dedicated to violence, disruption and discord.

"I cannot believe that the university is under any obligation in the name of education to give him an audience. . . I do not intend to approve the participation of any Communist member in any university program."—David D. Henry, President of Wayne University.

WALDOBORO, MAINE, PRESS: "The boys up in Washington are jumping around like grasshoppers on a hot stove, regarding a policy on China, Russia, India, etc., and can't seem to agree on one for any of them. However, when they start getting dizzy, they can always take time out and get in agreement on one thing and that is to spend more money, and create more Bureaus."

"The governors of the various states can . . . cause the people to realize that when a dollar is taken from them in taxes, only a small part of that dollar trickles back to the state in Federal aid. It makes big government in Washington and makes beggars of the states."—James F. Byrnes.

"There is no future in any job! The future lies in the man who holds the job."—George W. Crane.

Washington Letter

In spite of the economy efforts made by our side of the aisle the huge omnibus appropriations bill was passed by the House with comparatively little reduction. Amendments increasing appropriation amounts totalled some \$449 millions. Most of the increase was for additional air defense.

Had it not been for the Republican amendment offered by Congressman Taber, which cut the total by \$600 millions, the bill would actually have ended up with an increase of nearly half a billion. In view of the national need of financial retrenchment, the general spending attitude of the present House majority is incredible.

House passage of the bill is the first major legislative step. The Senate will review the House version and make numerous amendments. A conference of House and Senate Appropriations Committee members will then make a final draft which will be submitted to both Houses for approval. I have made up my mind that unless the final version includes the two major reduction amendments we passed, or represents a decided reduction in total amount arrived at in some other way, I cannot vote for final approval of the conference report. We can better afford to take the time necessary to write another bill if this one is rejected, than to pass a bill which increases our Federal spending.

The Secretary of Commerce in a recent report on imports from Communist Russia disclosed the following: In 1938 the United States imported 32 carats of diamonds, cut but not set, valued at \$5,000. In 1946 - 47 - 48 and 49 the United States imported 34,576 carats of cut but unset diamonds valued at \$3,234,000. The report didn't say where Russia got them.

Bohemia Nuggets Mr. Barton reports that on a recent trip to the Helena mine he was able to drive only to Weaver creek, in Champion Canyon. He found 5 1/2 feet of snow at Champion Mine; 10 feet on Noonday saddle; and five feet at the Helena cabin.

Ken Watkins is reported to be starting assessment work on the Sunset group of claims on Grizzly Mt.

Albert Anderson of Eugene has arranged for assessment work to start on his Elephant Mt. group; as soon as the road is open.

Kruse & Williams are heading for the Cripple Creek group as soon as roads permit; to complete their mill.

Odd Fact In Kingston, England, a young composer, who does not own a piano, carries six front door keys around in his pockets which open the apartments of friends who have pianos.

Global Food Appraisal: World's Dinner Platter Still Has Room for More

ROME.—Man may not live by bread alone, but almost anybody is willing to admit that it helps.

How much man depends on bread—on the bounty of his farms and fisheries—was never made clearer than at the current meetings here of the 18-country Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

In a carefully-drawn "World Food Appraisal—April, 1950," the Council was told that millions of human lives are in danger because adverse weather in China last year damaged both rice and wheat crops. New harvests to relieve the reported famine there will not bring relief until mid-year.

At the same time, the corn (maize) crop in Argentina was so badly affected by drought that there is not likely to be enough for domestic use, let alone for the normal large-scale exports, the report says.

The report points out that at the same time "in the United States the wheat crop was the third largest and the maize crop the second largest in history. . . U. S. stocks of foodstuffs, though high, are not excessive, but their continued accumulation is cause for concern. In Canada, however, which is so dependent on exports to the United Kingdom, the situation is more precarious and is already involving reduction in prices."

Mr. Average Man throughout the world, the "Appraisal" indicates, can expect that world production will be divided up to fill his dinner plate to about the level of pre-war days. But world food production of eight major crops—wheat, rye, barley, oats, maize, rice, sugar and potatoes—is barely keeping pace with the growth of the world's population.

In chronically food-short areas, such as the Far East, however, production has not even crept back to the low per-person levels of the pre-war years, the report says. It points out that "the present rate of progress in production and trade (in the Far East) is so slow that a return even to the low pre-war food consumption levels per person seems to be a mere possibility in the distant future."

Most parts of the world are trying hard to boost production, the "Appraisal" declares, but "problems in international trade are coming more and more to the forefront." In Europe, where the economic aid from the USA under the Marshall Plan is to end in 1952, the dollar shortage is directly related to "consumption

levels." For Europe has been buying expensive grain from the USA, but faces a future in which it can cut its imports of high-priced foodstuffs from the dollar area only by increasing production of its own food and by importing more from non-dollar areas. If favorable economic conditions cannot be worked out, the report declares, "there may be serious consequences, making it difficult to maintain present levels of national diets."

In the Far East, too, trade difficulties have been important in the food situation, but the main problem there is an increase of local production.

Everywhere in the world, improved distribution of supplies is needed, the report declares, so that diets especially of low income groups could include more protective foods. "Protective foods (livestock products, fruits and vegetables)," the report says, "are generally expensive articles of the diet, and their consumption among the poorer sections of the population is markedly lower than the average level."

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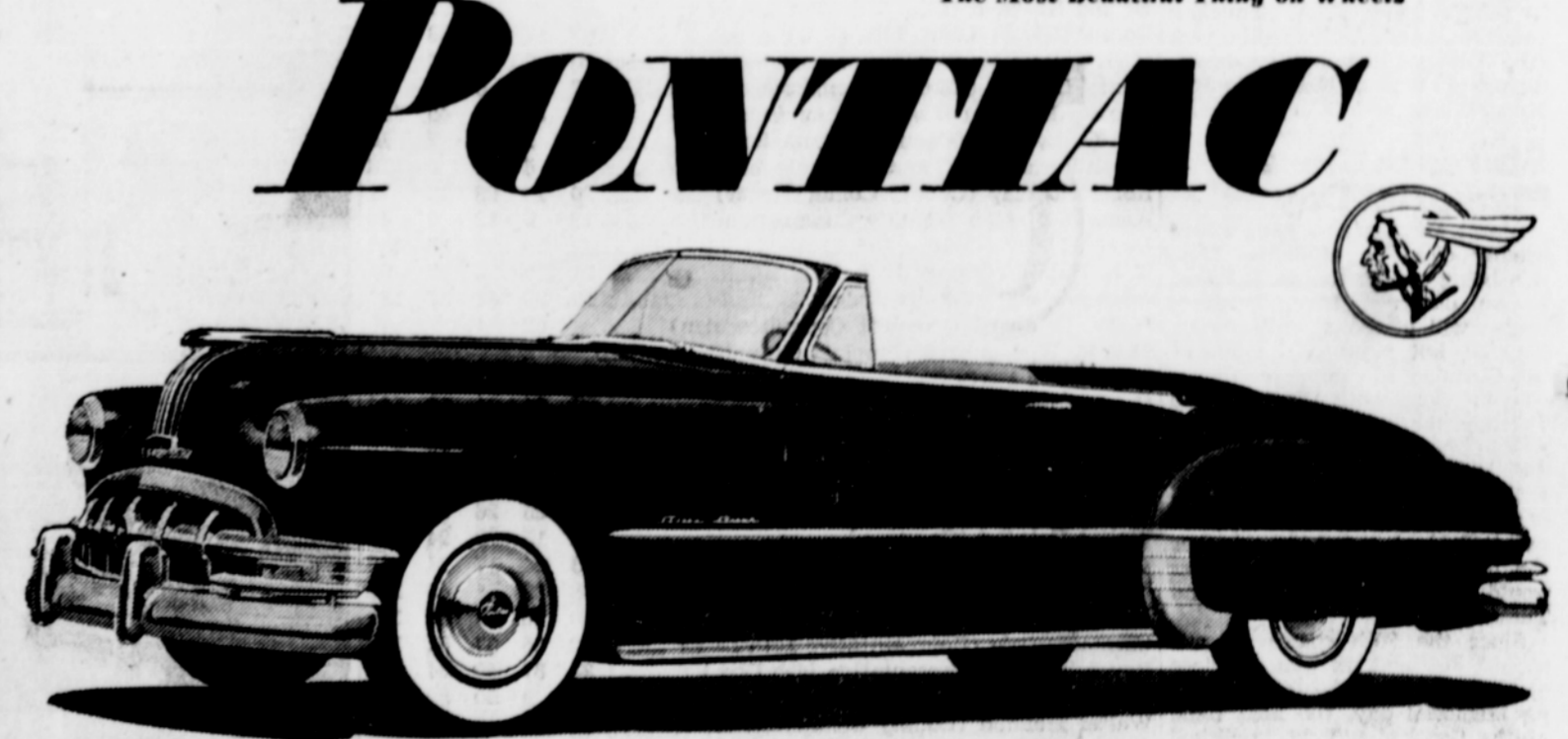
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