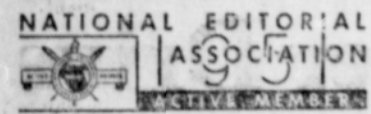


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THE PEDDLERS

For several years the business men, the Chamber of Commerce and others have tried to prevail on the city council to pass an anti-peddling ordinance designed to stop the promiscuous peddling over the community and on street corners, but somehow or somehow else the council has not seen fit to pass an ordinance of this sort. Peddling might not be prohibited, but it could be regulated and at least the peddler could be placed on the same basis as the merchant with whom he competes, in returns to the city and county in the form of taxes.

Saturday we saw two peddlers set up on the street corners in the center of town. One seeking the choicest business spot had parked his car on the wrong side of the street or rather his car was facing the wrong way. The improper parking was finally taken care of, but he continued to catch the suckers in selling a device designed to attach to the carburetor of a car and save you gas. It has been a source of amusement to us to see car owners continually buy gadgets to save gas, use them a few days and discard them. Perhaps it never occurred to most car owners who buy gadgets of this sort that if the gadgets had any merit they would be bought up by some car manufacturer, who would at least offer them as optional equipment, if not standard equipment.

With the present day competition as keen as it is among the various car manufacturers, you can bet that if these gas saving devices are worth anything, some manufacturer will add it to the car he makes. And if you still doubt that car makers don't jump at chances to improve their models get the details on some of the tests made for the most economical driving. The most recent of these tests was the Mobil Economy Run.

As to the apples the peddler was asking \$1.95 per box and he sold several but if the buyer would have taken the trouble to have walked a block or so to one or two local food stores he could have purchased apples of equal grade at not over \$1.25 per box and as low as 75 cents per box.

Some people have the fallacious idea when they see a peddler offering his wares from the street corner that his wares are the cheapest in town. The trouble is they don't stop to investigate.

MORE FIRES IN THE RURAL AREAS

Records of the fire department show there are more fires in the rural than in the urban section. A study of the records kept of the fires reveals that the proportion of fires in the two areas remain about constant. From what we know of other sections of the state the same conditions are true.

The important thing that the fire record reveals is that buildings in the rural areas are often improperly built and in the past they have been built without the benefit of an electrical inspector. Poorly constructed flues and chimneys is another factor in the high mortality rate among rural homes and still another is poor construction.

In a good many instances builders have practiced false economy. They may have saved on the building cost, but the saving thus made may be rather costly in the long run if the building burns. With the advent of the county zoning program a good deal of loss may be stopped by properly constructed buildings, but the zoning won't stop the loss in every section.

KEEP AT IT

The congressional investigating committee has rendered a real service in focusing attention of the American public on the underworld. These investigations will start a cleanup campaign in many localities, but the racketeers operate or about the same principal as the fish worm, they'll simply crawl back in their holes and let the storm of protest blow over—that is unless the law abiding citizens follow up to make war on the gamblers and racketeers a year around business.

Just as long as we measure everything we are requested to do on the basis of what it will mean to us personally, we will be seeking ways to avoid doing the civic jobs we should do.



Letter From Washington

Debate Begins on Draft, UMT Bill

by Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

The House of Representatives has had a 10-day recess. Most of the members have been home in their districts. Unfortunately, those of us from the Pacific Coast would have to spend a goodly part of such a recess period in travelling, if we went home. Also, of course, is the rather considerable item of cost. So most western members remained in Washington during the recess.

The first order of business when the session resumes will be consideration of the bill known as S.—meaning Senate bill number one. This is the combination bill which provides for the continuation of selective service and also provides for the continuation of selective service and also provides for the creation of a system of universal military training.

The House Committee on Armed Services completely re-wrote the bill so that the House will not be considering the Senate language but will work on a completely new version—using only the number and title of the Senate bill.

This is likely to be the most important, as well as the most controversial, piece of legislation to be considered by the House during this session. Accordingly, plenty of time has been allowed for its consideration. General debate will take four days. Reading the bill for amendment is expected to take nearly a week—perhaps longer.

The Department of Agriculture, notified me a few days ago that it is sending to my office 3,000 copies of their new cook book entitled, "Family Fare". It seems that it is the allotment of books for your Representative in Congress. I am told these are very good cook books. If I could have my way about it the Government wouldn't print and give away cook books. But the job is done and the books are being sent to my office. I shall be glad to send

one to everyone who requests it, so long as the "allotment" lasts.

The news in the Washington, D.C., newspapers the last week or so has been revealing and sordid. Here, for example, are some headlines taken from just one issue of a Washington newspaper recently (March 13):

"Former State Department Official Convicted of Perjury in Denying Traitorious Actions Upheld;" "United States Court of Appeals Studying Maragon Appeal;" "White House Favorite Under Sentence for Perjury in Connection with Graft;" "Confessed Spy Testifies Bomb Secrets Given Russia;" "270 Thousand Dollar Profit in Ship Deal;" "Former Representative and White House Favorite Tells Senate Committee of Maritime Commission Transaction;" "Atomic Energy Commission Dismisses Official for Tip-off to Land Speculator—76 Thousand Dollars Made on Deal;" "Attorney General Announces Federal Grand Jury Investigation of RFC Activities."

There seems to have been little or no change in the attitude of Defense Procurement officials toward the smaller businesses. The tendency is to give billion dollar contracts to the big corporations and shut out small business. A committee of the House which is investigating this situation says in its weekly report:

"An alarming trend is in progress toward a blackout of information on Government procurement. Weekly contract awards, published by Commerce for Defense, GSA and other agencies, were almost discontinued. Finally, officials decided to continue publication but eliminated the quantity and dollar value of awards. The Army Engineers will no longer make available summaries of major construction projects. The committee strongly favors withholding of information for security reasons, but there is little justification for refusal of information on most 'unclassified' contracts. The legitimate businessman suffers in an atmosphere of secrecy while the 'fringe operator' thrives."

Scout News

by Mrs. J. H. Minkler
Phone 673R1

Friday, April 6, at 10 a.m. is the time set for the neighborhood meeting, formerly called the district meeting. All leaders, assistant leaders, parents, and interested adults are cordially welcomed. Day camp will be discussed during the morning program with the two day camp representatives, Mrs. Art Nolt and Mrs. J. P. Walker and the camp director Mrs. Minkler in charge. It is important that those interested in the camp be present. Bring a sack lunch unless otherwise notified.

On Thursday, Miss Ruth Robertson, field director from the C.U. office will meet with the district committee including the Creswell neighborhood chairman at the home of Mrs. Robert Gamage, who is the Creswell-Cottage Grove district chairman. Thanks go to Mrs. Frank Richardson who is being replaced as one of Cottage Grove's neighborhood chairmen at this time. These will be the first meetings under the reorganization plan.

With the leaving of Mrs. Chester Nordstrom, the eighth grade troop is again leaderless. It is a challenge to some woman in Cottage Grove, whether or not her daughter is in the troop to help meet the need of worthwhile recreational activity in the town. The program to be carried out is given in the Scout program but it needs management.

Gets Air Command



Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad
NEW COMMANDER of the Central European air forces is an American, Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad (above). His appointment was announced in Paris by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Atlantic Pact forces. (International)



"Oh my, Mr. Jitters! You must be getting the TV's!"

The Red Cross Drive Isn't Over Yet



THE OLD HOME TOWN



Trying a Twig to Save a Tooth



School children in an Indian village learn how to brush their teeth with twigs and charcoal powder. Their teachers are public health specialists attached to a malaria control team sent to India under a joint program of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization. Members of the team use spare time to show children in villages getting malaria protection how to protect teeth with materials at hand.



TEMPO OF GOVERNMENT

The cost of the 1951 legislature will be in excess of \$675,000 according to an estimate made Monday by a state official who is in a position to make a close check.

This will be a record for cost of Oregon legislative sessions.

Here is the way these costs have pyramided in ten years.

1951	\$675,000
1949	463,842
1947	336,289
1945	213,491
1943	179,189
1941	134,842

Before these dark figures get you down consider some of the pink clouds in the picture.

The cost of the 1951 legislature will be only one-fourth of one percent of the state expenditures for the coming biennium.

The population of the state is 50 per cent greater than it was ten years ago, and the length of sessions has doubled.

The wages that must be paid the legislative attaches has nearly tripled. Average day wage was \$3 for doormen, now \$8.

Legislators were getting \$4 a day, with the session limited to 40 days pay in 1941. They now get \$8 a day with a limit of 50 days pay.

The present session is nearing a record for length. April 18 will be the 100th day. The 1949 session set a record with 97 days.

A NEW SENATOR

Art Lindberg, Pendleton, was sworn in Monday as a member of the upper house of the legislature from the 20th senatorial district comprising Umatilla county. Senator Lindberg took the seat of the late Senator Carl Engdahl who died March 24 following a heart attack. He was a member in the lower house in 1945 and 1947. He first came to the legislature to succeed Carl Engdahl who was chosen to succeed the late Dr. J. A. Best who resigned from the senate. Senator Lindberg follows the prototype of the late Senator Engdahl in many ways. He is a large-scale wheat grower of the Pendleton district as was his predecessor. He is held in the highest esteem, is a big man physically and in commercial and political spheres as was the late Senator Engdahl.

HEAVY LEGISLATION AHEAD

The state welfare budget of \$63,712,109 has been declared "adequate" by the chairman of the public welfare commission.

Labor sponsored bill to remove the ban on secondary boycotts, hot cargo actions and prohibiting closed shops are hung up in house committee on labor and industry.

In financing the July 1 biennium the house voted to use up all \$32,000,000 of income tax surpluses, then levy a state property tax. The state basic school fund of \$31,000,000 a year has withstood another attack. This time to lop off the \$11,000,000 voted on by the people last November. Other attacks are being planned.

Dairy legislation is just getting started. Repeal of the state milk control law, transfer of milk administration to department of agriculture and a change in accounting methods for distributors are in the grist.

The so-called Holy plan to refurbish Oregon's school system is meeting potent opposition. Last week the house passed a truck bill restricting weights with heavier fines for overloads.

"THE THING" AGAIN
Daylight saving time has Governor Douglas McKay on the hook again. The farmers don't want it—Portland does.

Oregon's failure to go on daylight saving time April 29 would cause the state's 29 network radio stations to incur additional expenses amounting to \$500,000 during a 22-week period, Oregon Broadcaster spokesmen told Governor Douglas McKay this week. Governor may give legislators first crack at it.

They were a part of a pre-daylight saving time delegation that met at the executive office to make representations in behalf of the radio, motion picture, transportation, tourist and power industries and the market traders. The governor told the delegates he would make a decision this week.

Iodine in Meals

The use of iodized salt in cooking is an easy way to get iodine in the family meals.



"I'm taking my regular night out, dear, and—the maid goes

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO SENTINEL SUBSCRIBERS

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We are so saddened to hear of the tragic accident which happened Sunday. This is an appeal to the people of Cottage Grove and surrounding communities to pray for the grieving boys, their parents and loved ones. Also to pray for other boys and girls of Cottage Grove.

Our strength is in prayer.
Sincerely
Mrs. Irene Keesman



Rep. Loran Stewart Loses Fight to Amend New Maximum Weight Bill

Representative Loran Stewart of Cottage Grove lost his fight to amend HB 462, the bill fixing maximum weights for trucks, in order to permit loggers to finance reconstruction of public roads and highways to carry heavier loads than allowed in the bill.

Said Stewart in leading the fight, "In general, HB 462 doesn't affect our large lumbering operations such as Weyerhaeuser, Brown Zellerbach, Hines and other large companies. They have the capital to construct private roads whereon they haul from 100,000 to 150,000 pounds per truck. The bill hurts the small operators, with one or two trucks."

"The amendment sought is one that provides that the state highway commission, the county courts and the cities may, upon application in writing, issue special per-

What Other Papers Say

IMPROPER VS. ILLEGAL

President Truman, according to the White House statement of Feb. 23, "knows of no evidence of illegal influence on the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by any member of the executive branch or the legislative branch." Each day's revelations by the Senatorial investigators put those words into sharper perspective. A White House stenographer is treated to a \$9540 milk coat; Senator Fullbright is disgusted by the parade of "lying" witnesses and the state of morality in federal government; a Democratic senator, James E. Murray, of Montana, stands revealed as applying pressure for a million dollar loan to a Miami Beach hotel, the president's chief personnel adviser, Donald Dawson, accepts the gift of a \$30-a-day suite from the same hotel. And the end of the story is not in sight.

Mr. Truman is still technically correct. There is no accusation of the "illegal," no one stands in danger of going to jail. The committee which was denounced for its "sins" report just plugs along, peddling new headlines. One assumes that the defense is content to have the public believe that, so long as the "illegal" is lacking, the inquiry might as well close up shop. If this reasoning, the practice of influence and favoritism is perfectly acceptable so long as criminality is absent. If an RFC examiner has a free vacation in Florida at the expense of interests seeking a seven-figure loan, he is justified in failing to see "anything wrong." And Mr. Dawson need not strain his conscience in being "complimented" by \$660 worth of ocean-front hospitality in Miami Beach. He should merely feel flattered at the recognition of his importance. The point is that, regardless of what may be currently acceptable in Washington's standards of behavior, there is a sharp line between the proper and improper. The public servant, or anybody else, who must stop and ponder whether his actions are inside or outside the law operates by a sorry code. Wherever such moral malpractice exists, whether in the executive or legislative branch, the Fullbright inquiry must continue its task of complete exposure. By no means allow the hearings to halt. Call every relevant figure to testify, and let the people decide whether the "improper" and the "illegal" have come too close to be tolerated.—New York Herald Tribune.

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