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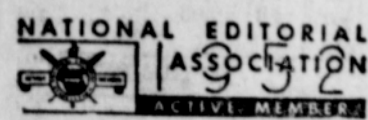
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Not Meeting the Need

We wish that more local business men could have heard Guy Leonard of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, discuss the under-financed Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and how the local chamber could not meet its present obligations to the community because of its limited financial condition. The plight of the chamber is known to those who have any knowledge of how similar organizations are operated in other growing communities.

The trouble with our present setup is that we have not changed much from the days of the commercial club, an organization which tried to serve the community as both a dinner club and a social club. This sort of an organization did not recognize enough responsibility to the community it tried to serve.

The modern chamber today attempts a hand in directing the progress of the community. Some Oregon communities grew as much as 39 percent in the ten year period from 1940 to 1950. Others are growing at a more rapid rate today. In the ten years, the Cottage Grove area grew 34 percent. Its growth since then has been at a greater rate. Rapid growth brings problems which can best be handled by a central organization. At least growth cannot continue without direction except by bringing still bigger problems.

The public has been responsive to the school needs, which have been enlarged to care for a bigger population, but we have not put the same planning to other phases of our civil life. Instead we operate the directing organization on less money than it would take to employ a first class stenographer.

There are lots of people who would prefer to see the community they live in remain unchanged and this view according to Mr. Leonard is commendable, but regardless of our likes and dislikes we must face reality. Increasing growth poses a challenging problem. It can't be met by doing nothing.

Protecting a Natural Resource

For more than a score of years we have heard considerable comment on the dwindling salmon population of the northwest. Some of the arguments presented have been confusing and as far as we are concerned served no purpose in meeting the problem. Recently we finished reading a book on the Fraser river of British Columbia, Canada. The author deplored the lack of cooperation between the various governments of the west coast. This we believe has been the principal drawback in meeting the problem head-on. From this cooperation could come a more extensive study of the habits of the salmon and possibly a solution to the lessening population.

The Sunday Oregonian calls for a cooperative offshore fishing agreement between Canada, the United States and Alaska. The paper comments that the tagging program has begun to show some results, but not enough to guarantee the perpetuation of the fish runs. A unilateral planning program is needed. Salmon hatched in Oregon hatcheries do not spend their growing years in Oregon, because tagged salmon have been caught off the California, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska waters. Fish commissions of all the affected areas should consider the offshore trolling and its effects on the salmon population of the various states.

The Oregon fish commissions record of closures is also lauded for the good escapement record of the salmon population for the last summer. Closures have been increased from 77 days out of 365 ten years ago to the present 177 today. The closures were arranged on a staggered basis to permit some runs to travel all the way upstream. Last spring's chinook run was the biggest since the Bonneville dam was built, the summer steelhead run was twice the 14 year average.

In Any Language

Some time ago the head of the American Medical Association said, "We begin to hear that the government's compulsory health insurance plans are not socialized medicine. That's ridiculous. Any plan supported by taxation of the people in which the rules are written by government bureaucrats who also determine the fees is socialized medicine in any intelligent person's language."

It's the old story of the camel who stuck his nose under the side of the tent. Before long he worked his whole body into the tent and took up all the room. That's the way socialism works. Attractive phrases may be used in an effort to camouflage it, but the result is always the same—more and more political domination of our lives, and less and less freedom and opportunity and incentive for the individual.

In case of medicine, moreover, socialization, as we have witnessed it abroad, has in many cases resulted in very serious declines in the standards of medical care. Regimented doctors, bound to follow the rules laid down in a politically-written book, aren't progressive doctors. And the costs to the taxpayers have been staggeringly high.

The last election was a victory for those who believe in freedom and it was a setback for the socialists in and out of government. General Eisenhower opposed socialization of medicine. But that doesn't mean the issue is dead. It will keep on arising, in one guise or another. The socialist camel never stops trying to get his nose under the tent.

Berry Canning Rises

The tripling of U. S. per capita consumption of processed berries during the past 15 years has contributed substantially to the growth of the canning industry in Oregon, the number one berry-producing state in the nation, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, field economist for American Can Company, container manufacturer said recently.

The average annual per capita consumption of processed berries in the nation has jumped from about a half pound in 1937 to more than 1.5 pounds in 1951.

Oregon berry growers harvest for sale to processors about 18 per cent of the berries produced in the United States, said the economist whose company has developed metal and combination metal and fibre containers for packing and preserving both frozen and heat-processed berries.

Last year, he noted, the state produced about 31,300 tons of processed berries valued at \$7,810,000. Processed strawberries headed the list with almost 16,000 tons valued at \$4,555,000. About 3,500 tons of blackberries for processing were valued at \$1,112,000.

TAKING ALL THE HAY



Government Too Big

The new Administration in Washington will take over a government that is too big and too complex to be managed efficiently. The burden of its cost has grown too heavy for the economy to carry and remain prosperous.

The Federal government has undergone this growth because it took over powers and responsibilities properly belonging to state and local governments. To do that, it increased Federal taxes to such an extent that the sources of state and local revenue have become seriously depleted.

The certain cure for this condition is to restore to the state and local governments their constitutional powers and responsibilities, and at the same time to set aside certain taxes for their use.

That will bring government "back home" from Washington.

Looking to 1956

It appears that Sen. Wayne Morse was looking to his reelection in 1956 when he visited the state recently, making several speeches to justify his position, but what the senator saw and heard did not give him much encouragement. Evidence seems to bear out the fact that Morse rode the wrong horse during the election and was trying to revive the election issues, which the people have forgotten to a large extent.

The junior senator impresses us spending much needless time in trying to justify his judgment in a lot of political matters, when he ought to be working at the job of being a United States Senator. If he's so right on all the issues, the public will eventually catch on.

Clearing Names of Ambassadors

In addition to naming an acceptable cabinet, President-Elect Eisenhower and the republican party appears to have adopted another common sense measure to stop the spread of communism or disloyalty to the United States government. All ambassadors will be investigated to eliminate any fifth column activity and this investigation will undoubtedly extend to all members of the state department.

... and I quote:

"Many a husband's saddled with debt because of a clothes-horse."—Eddie Roberts.

"The biggest job of labor, education, and industry is to see that freedom and mutual understanding are not squeezed out of our national heritage."—Charles R. Sligh, Jr., president of NAM.

"There's nothing like a dish towel for wiping that contented look off a husband's face."—Glen Preston Burns.

"To the average girl, courtship is the art of not showing her hand until you ask for it."—Franklin P. Jones.

"The best anti-freeze solution, from a woman driver's viewpoint, is a fur coat."—Dan Bennett.

"If crime is ever divorced from politics, it won't be for non-support."—Sidney Brody.

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Sawlog Price Holds Steady

Oregon State College — Log prices in western Oregon held steady last week as log deliveries slowed down.

Decreased demand due to the low lumber market and the power shortage was just about evened up by closing of summer logging shows by rain and snow. There were some indications of tighter log grading in Lane county, especially in refusal of cull logs.

The already limited purchases of pulpwood were cut still further last week as the power shortage curtailed pulp mill operations. Other forest products were unchanged.

SAWLOGS: No. 2 second-growth sawlogs at Willamette Valley mills ranged from \$38 to \$47 a thousand, mostly \$38 to \$40. No. 3's were \$31 to \$38. Camp-run second-growth were \$35 to \$42, mostly \$38 to \$40. Mixed second and old-growth brought up to \$45. Eight-foot logs down to 6 inch diameter were \$16 to \$18 a cord, or \$36 to \$38 a thousand at valley mills.

At Roseburg, camp-run logs brought \$35 to \$40 a thousand for long logs and \$32 to \$36 for short logs.

No. 2 old-growth sawlogs were \$40 to \$50 a thousand at Willamette Valley mills, and No. 3's were \$35 to \$40. Lane county prices were at the low end of the range.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Christmas tree stumpage ranged from 10 cents to 40 cents a tree, depending on species, accessibility, quality, and size. The average in the valley was 15 to 20 cents. In Douglas county, the average was about 10 cents.

Cut trees at the road side were 5 to 10 cents a lineal foot in the valley. Most Douglas county sales were 25 to 30 cents each for Douglas fir and up to 50 cents each for white fir.

POLES AND PILING: Long poles were in good demand. A few yards throughout the valley brought poles down to 25 or 30 feet. 55-foot barksies ranged from 28 to 34 cents a lineal foot, depending on diameter.

OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS were unchanged.

This report, based on information supplied by the State Board of Forestry and other sources, was prepared by F. H. Dahl, extension agricultural economist.

COUNTY CHEST CAMPAIGN HITS 88.7% OF GOAL

At the final report meeting of the Lane County Chest, Inc. held recently \$164,191.34 was reported by Nat. Gustina, general chairman. This is 88.7% of the goal.

Mr. Gustina stated that he was disappointed that the goal had not been achieved, although he was very happy that \$12,467.89 more has been turned in this year than last year. He stated that all the credit must go to those thousands of volunteers who concentrated their efforts on achieving this goal, that he knew they had sacrificed their time and efforts. He urged all solicitors or firms who have not sent in their contributions by the time of this final report meeting to do so because any funds still received will be distributed to the agencies, and that he is fully expecting enough yet to come in so that we will arrive at 90% of the goal.

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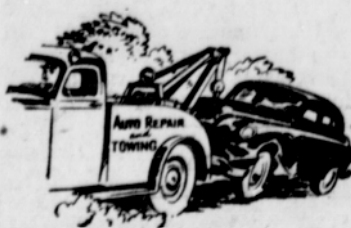
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CURTIN

By Gene Meacham
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Open house was held Saturday evening at the new Curtin school. Quite a few interested out-of-town people came. Mrs. and Mrs. Cosby, owners of Curtin store, Sunnyside Greenhouse of Cottage Grove and Mr. Gaddis, architect from Eugene, all sent beautiful flowers. After inspection of rooms and building, coffee and doughnuts were served. School Booster club used funds to buy doughnuts.

Marian Marvick and Dale Chapman went to Reno, Nevada, November 7 to say "I do." Then they went on to Sacramento on their honeymoon, returning to Brookings, Ore., where they are building a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Goodman have returned from their gold mine in Calif., to spend the winter at the A. C. Redifer home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Redifer were Sunday dinner guests of the G. J. Hartmans of Cottage Grove.

The Fred Thompson Jr. family recently returned from a five-day trip to Reno, Nev., where Mr. Thompson Sr. is planning to spend the winter.

Pass Creek H. E. club's Christmas party was enjoyed by a number of Curtin and Anlauf ladies. The home made toy project needed no demonstration, the two and three year olds proved how enjoyable they were. Mrs. Naomi Jacob, with help of ladies present, made Christmas wreaths and evergreen decorations which they presented to the three teachers of the Curtin school.

The H. E. World Citizenship will study Scandinavian customs for the coming year. Mrs. Ann Cosby gave an interesting talk of the Christmas customs there, including dress, food and decorations. New members welcomed were Mrs. Priscilla Walker, Helen Sands, Dorothy Sands, Ann Cosby and Flora Gregory.

Douglas Electric has almost completed the new line up to Cranes, Oleson's and Bewley's.

A good newspaper is a mirror held up to reflect the life of the community.

The best measure of a man is the size of the bankroll required to swell him.

MEMORY LANE

SCHOOL DAYS

Remember the odors that filled the school room? Whiffs of pickles, hard-boiled eggs, apple butter and donuts escaped from the lunch pails, while the scent of liniment, soap, freshly ironed dresses, and cowhide boots blended with chalk dust and the odor of the flowers on teacher's desk. Remember?

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Virgil Jones Dies At Home in Eugene

Virgil R. Jones, 50, of Eugene, a brother of Mrs. Myron Perry of Cottage Grove, died at his home Tuesday morning of a heart condition.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 18. They are being arranged by Poole-Larsen of Eugene.

Survivors besides Mrs. Perry include his widow, Lucile and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones, also of Eugene.

Edna J. Dugan

Edna Johnson Dugan, a resident of Cottage Grove for many years, passed away Thursday, December 11, at Hayward, Calif. She was born in 1900 in Cottage Grove, and was married here to Harold Dugan in December, 1921. He passed away in October of 1951.

Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary at 2 p.m. Monday, December 15, with the Rev. Clark Enz officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Park, Eugene.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. William Garoutte of Eugene and Mrs. J. S. Callahan of Portland.

SHORTEST CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus will have plenty of natural camouflage for his deliveries to some U.S. soldiers. The weatherman in Iceland predicts only four hour of sunlight for Christmas — from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Announcements—The Sentinel



The new cars for 1953 seem to have almost everything anyone in his right mind might want... assuming that most of us are in our right minds. However, a Los Angeles judge offers an idea that most of the gas-buggy Houdinis have managed to ignore.

The judge suggests a new accessory... a sound device under the front seat which goes into action whenever the driver goes over 70 miles per hour. At that point the machine begins to play, "Nearer My God to Thee." And the judge is as serious as a judge. It might cure a lot of speeders, and those who weren't cured would at least have appropriate exit music.

Don't know when I've seen so many red-suited Santa Clauses as there have been this year. Kinda nice to see a red influence that is not being investigated by Congress. Wear and tear influence the performance of your car... so be sure that it's lubricated regularly. With proper lubrication, your car will not only ride better... it will last longer. Let us do the job right for you at HANSEN BROS., 5th & Washington... Phone: 760.

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