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Federal Dams or Nothing

It seems that the Oregon senators in Washington are hell bent on building federal dams in Oregon or nothing. They have seriously handicapped efforts of Harris Ellsworth, representative in his efforts for building the Green Peter and the Cougar dams by the partnership plan. If the efforts of Ellsworth are unsuccessful, we may see a dam building drought in Oregon for several years.

In connection with the adamant position of the two senators from Oregon, we would heartily recommend that they read about the Dixon Yates controversy in Washington by William Hard, a veteran Washington correspondent, in the current issue of the Readers Digest. There has been an enormous amount of hot air over the issue in Washington, a good part of which was furnished by our own senator, Wayne Morse and there have been numerous threats to sue the administration, or sue to break the contract with Dixon Yates interests. But all threats have been just that much hot air.

In the story it develops that the Dixon Yates interests may not make a penny, depending on the cost of construction, because construction costs have risen since the contract was signed.

We also learn and we have heard this before that over one billion dollars has been spent in the development of the TVA and the TVA has not paid the government one cent of interest. The ones who are doing the most shouting would like for the government to continue shelling out money to the TVA at the expense of the taxpayers.

In making a reappraisal of the TVA authority and others the Eisenhower administration has asked the question, Why can't the federal dams pay their way once they are constructed the same as a municipal system and there are hundreds of municipal systems that don't go to the taxpayers for additional money to operate on?

The TVA has proved a federal stimulant to the users under the system. Naturally they would like to get the benefits of low rates and see the system expand. But what about the taxpayers who have footed the billion dollar bill. Don't you think they are entitled to a little interest on the huge sum they have paid.

The TVA could supply the atomic energy commission electric energy, provided congress made another appropriation, but when are we going to quit sticking money in a project of this sort to supply someone else with cheap electricity?

Who Are the Best Drivers?

One insurance company, the State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co., of Bloomington, Ill., recently made a study of insurance loss ratios of passenger cars and came up with some interesting information on what class of people by occupation is the safest drivers. Possibly other companies have made a similar study, but we have not seen the figures. The study covers the State Farm experience by occupation thru the years 1940 to 1951 inclusive.

Housewives for instance rank 28th in the list of 64 occupational classes in the handling of private cars and this is considered a good record. Farmers too have a good record. They are classed as the fourth safest drivers and ahead of the farmers as a class are, proprietors and managers of wholesale establishments, who rank as No. 1, followed by county farm agents and extension workers. Third in the list of the safest drivers are retired people. City officials have a good rating too. They stand sixth in the list, followed by teachers and educators who can take credit for setting a good example for pupils, although this record has gone unnoticed.

One of the unusual features of the report is the difference between the retired people and the unemployed. The unemployed rank 63rd or next to the last while the retired people rank third. Perhaps the record is due to a state of mind.

The clergy for some reason occupy a low rank. The 55th place puts them in a strange position. They occupy a place just above canvassers and peddlers.

The enlisted military personnel ranks the lowest or 64th place. The position of editors and publishers is 26th, which is creditable according to this source of information.

Bill Would Provide Local Option for Dog Racing

HB 456 introduced by Edwin Cone and supported by the Lane county legislators would put the matter of dog racing in Lane county up to a vote of the people. Sponsors of the Eugene Dog Racing association have been trying to force the Lane county court to grant the association a license.

It is clearly evident that the people of Lane county do not want dog racing and this bill would give them an opportunity to vote it down.

It seems to us that the promoters of dog racing have been rather high handed in trying to force gambling down the throats of the people. Most of the people we believe do not want the element among us that organized gambling brings.

Latest edition of the official Soviet Encyclopedia claims a Russian invented "the first automotive carriage" in 1752. Seems the Reds use the word "automotive" in its most literal sense, i. e., self-running. Turns out the Russky "invention" had two peasants running along inside the carriage—nothing so sissy as a good old capitalistic gasoline engine for motive power!

A New England farmhouse burned to the ground. A stark chimney standing above the embers bore this legend: "Life is mainly froth and bubble, Two things stand like stone: Kindness in another's trouble, Courage in one's own."

Much as we like to sleep in, we still have to admit there is a lot of virtue and verity in the old saying, "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Of course, when that phrase was coined there weren't any night shifts.

In actual life, every great enterprise begins with, and takes its first forward step in, faith.—Schlegel.

Letter From Washington Bill Would Allow Schools to Get Govt. Surplus

By Congressman Harris Ellsworth

The leaves are beginning to put in their annual appearance on the numerous trees which beautify the capitol grounds here. I am reminded that the time for the blossoming of the famous Japanese cherry trees which rim the tidal basin is not long hence and that means, of course, that the City of Washington's annual "Cherry Blossom Festival" is about due.

Each state selects a "Cherry Blossom Princess" to take part in the festival. We were mighty proud parents a few years ago when our daughter Janie was named the princess for Oregon. This year Miss Patricia Lee, daughter of Dorothy and Scott Lee of Portland is our princess. Her mother, Dorothy McCullough Lee, was formerly Mayor of Portland. The Lees live here now where Mrs. Lee is a member of the Federal Parole board.

The House of Representatives has just passed a bill which is of considerable interest to school and public health officials. This legislation will restore the right of local schools and public health agencies to receive as donations such government surplus property as medical and dental supplies, chemical items, clothing, electronics parts and a score of other items.

Congress passed laws in 1949 and 1950 providing for that method of disposing of certain surplus property. However, in 1954 the department of defense which controls most of the surplus items issued a regulation which removed numerous classes of common-use items from such distribution. The action of the defense department was taken purely for accounting and budgeting reasons. The department has assured Congress that its regulation was not intended to interfere with the school and public health participation in the surplus program and welcomes the passage of this new law which will clarify the situation.

I have received numerous letters complaining of the situation which the regulation caused so I know

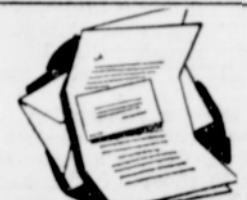
that these lines will be welcome news to many people in Oregon.

The Senate has eliminated the "\$20 for everybody" rider which was tacked onto the bill to extend excise and corporation taxes. This rider, put on by the House ways and means committee, passed the House by a very narrow margin. As this is written there is a rumor going around that the Senate-House conference on the bill may deadlock and allow the excise and corporation taxes to expire on April 1.

Representative Daniel A. Reed of New York, former chairman of the ways and means committee, taking note of this possibility makes the following public statement:

"There has been some talk that a House Senate conference appointed to resolve the differences between the respective versions of the bill will be kept deadlocked right up to the April first deadline in the hope of forcing agreement to the Democratic tax cutting scheme. It is difficult for me to believe that the responsible leadership of the Democratic party would lend itself to such shotgun tactics.

"I realize that, if the present corporation income tax rate is permitted to expire April first, it could later be reinstated by retroactive legislation. However, the excise taxes are a different story. They could be reinstated but not retroactively. Furthermore, even if the present excise rates should be permitted to lapse for only a moment after April first, almost \$200 million in floor stock refunds would have to be paid to a few selected industries. The liquor industry would be the chief beneficiary of this tax windfall to the tune of \$132 million. Assuming that the present excise rates were reinstated, not a penny of this windfall would go to consumers. The entire amount would simply serve to increase the profits of the liquor industry. The Democratic leadership should close the door to any such unconscionable windfall by approving the Senate bill without further delay.



Any Kicks? Write—

BOX 66

Letter to the Editor:

The peace of a Sunday afternoon was broken by the sound of sirens as the fire department wound its way through heavy weekend traffic to a farmhouse over six miles north of town.

The roof was smoking badly from fire that started around the chimney. It was out in about 20 minutes. The alarm had come in from a neighbor, as the elderly couple living in the burning home had no phone. They also had no insurance. Not a penny on the house or furniture.

This is the often repeated story of the local fire department as it fights fires in the rural areas and the third home saved in three weeks, about the 25th in a year. The event took place just this past Sunday.

Soon the people in the rural fire district will go to the polls to vote on a budget that will cost the average home owner (with about a \$6,000 investment) about \$7.50 a year. A small price, with so much involved.

Many persons in the rural area are saying that they live out too far for good protection. The incident Sunday proved that in spite of handicaps—the alarm having to come from a neighbor, heavy Sunday traffic, miles to go—the fire department can act and act effectively. Often it is the quickness with which an alarm is turned in and the type of fire that actually governs, rather than the effectiveness of the fire department.

The distance argument also is outlawed in that recently about eight and a half miles out in mountainous area a home was saved, while on the other hand, a dwelling only a few blocks from the city hall burned down.

There are also those who argue that the rural area can set up its own fire department, but this is ruled out due to the fact that the \$15,000, which is the budget to be voted on, would not hardly buy a rig and equipment, let alone construct a building and keep three (minimum requirement) men on duty at all times. And volunteers would be harder to get.

One elderly gentleman said he had lived in the rural area 25 years without a fire. But again, the house Sunday might have been the next time. And the next time would be one time too many.

Actually during two out of four years no levy was made on property owners in the rural district for fire protection due to surpluses in district funds. It might be said that for two years the rural area paid nothing for fire fighting, while city taxpayers footed the bill. And we know the rural people want to carry their share of the load on a 50-50 basis, not an 80-20 basis.

Without putting forth any more arguments, it might be just said that the house Sunday might have been yours. Would you have been so fortunate?

Joan H. Gallo

THANKS TO CHAMBER

Walter Baker, oldest member of Hebron Grange and active in grange work in Lane County for more than 40 years, asked at a recent Hebron Grange meeting that the grange send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in bringing to the public of Cottage Grove and near-by communities, the recent agricultural meetings.

Mr. Baker, who attended the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in early February on onlooker weed control and brought back to the grange an interesting report and a request for a resolution, which is being drawn up by Hebron Grange, in a fight in this weed control that will reach federal notice and cooperation, through National Grange. The Cottage Grove meetings have been attended by the Hebron Grange agricultural committee members who have brought back reports of far reaching benefits to the grange meetings. Newspaper reports of specific information has also given the agricultural meetings of wide spread benefit, from speakers of authority on agricultural topics.

Other activity sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce that has given Hebron Grange an opportunity for cooperation through grange committees attendance to work together on projects of rural interests have included the Cottage Grove recreation and soil conservation, as well as South Lane Fair.

BOX 66

I read with great interest, and a good laugh, the article by N. H. Morss about the Cougar screaming, and some of the old timers. Some of the folks he mentioned I knew of, others I knew personally. The Alfred Powell family I have known all my life. I also knew aunt Betty Earl and her son Charley. These people were our neighbors when we lived in Cottage Grove, where I was born and raised.

He mentioned the Powell and Toller livery stable. At one time my father owned an interest in that same establishment, but sold out in 1904 and started farming in Gilliam County.

It was in 1930, about the beginning of the depression, that we lived in a little place right on Highway 223, between Wrens and Kings Valley in Benton County.

One morning about 4 a.m. we were awakened by what I thought was some one screaming in mortal agony. We had a Great Dane dog who was outside the house, and at first I thought that Brownie was killing some one.

At the second scream, the big

dog was at the door asking to come in. We couldn't see outside as it was not yet light. It was in February or early March.

I scared my two boys, who were not very old then, so badly they had crawled to the foot of the bed in which they were sleeping. I am sure they haven't forgotten the incident yet.

Our neighbor, Curtis Bell, said he took the gun and went to the porch, but after the Cougar's second and unearthly shriek, he retired to the house. When it was light enough to see, there were the tracks, both near the creek, where our house stood and in the field.

Some men from Kings Valley came with their hounds and finally caught up with the Cougar as it was headed for Mary's Peak. It was shown to the school children at the Alexander School. My son measured the Cougar's foot and the tracks were exactly the same.

I think if anyone ever hears a Cougar scream or howl, or whatever it is they do, they never would forget it. I know I never have. I have been told it is only the male Cougar that makes that horrible sound.

I dreamed good to hear some of the old timers mentioned, as I will be 64 years old before long. There aren't too many of the older Cottage Grove folks left any more.

The old town has changed a lot in the 28 years since we left there, but that's progress and we would not want it any other way.

I hope there will be more that will write about Cougar or anything else of interest and amusing. I appreciate Mr. Morss' sense of humor. Let's have some more. We need a lot of that in this day and age.

Sincerely,

Elsie Lewis McCabe
 Box 181, Delake, Oregon

Letter to Editor:

On behalf of the Cottage Grove Women's Bowling League, I would like to thank you, Mr. Martin and the others on the Sentinel staff for the nice way you have written and printed our games each week. We appreciate it very much.

(Editor's note: Thank you, Georgetta. So few times we know that we please the public. The newspaper business is likened unto the 10 lepers who came to Jesus for healing. One returned to thank him). M. A.

BOX 66

Dear Mr. Martin: Just a short note to thank you for your most able assistance in our Heart Campaign. Mr. Harold Miller, Lane County Heart Chairman, has been outspoken in his praise of your efforts in our behalf. The clippings that we have placed in our files have more than borne out his statements.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the treatment that we have received from the Cottage Grove Sentinel during the entire year. It is through such cooperation that heart disease will eventually be conquered.

Thank you again for your help.



TIME OUT from directing traffic for a more pleasant chore. Military Policeman Corporal Weyman H. Oden directs WAC Corporal Pat Cox to her destination at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

IN YOUR GARDEN By WALTER SWARTZ

Executive Secretary Southern California Floral Association

HYDRANGEAS... Coming back into popularity among home gardeners, this lovely flowering shrub requires very little care and has much to offer in the way of decoration. They are ideal for that bare corner, or along a wall or fence



that looks too plain. Depending upon the type chosen, they will grow from six to twelve feet with clusters of pink or white flowers six to eight inches in size.

Cuttings can be planted any time of the year and plants grow enthusiastically. Place the cutting in loose, porous, fertile soil so that one node is beneath the ground to allow proper rooting. Do not place any good leaves in the ground, however. An application of a soil conditioner is recommended to give the soil the porous quality needed.

Very hardy in nature, the hydrangea can be planted in the full sun or in the shade. No fear of overwatering this shrub—they like and need a lot of water.

A good basic liquid plant food such as Follim is necessary during both growing and blooming periods. A good point to remember—never fertilize your plants when they are dry. Water the day before you intend to fertilize, otherwise, the fertilizer will burn the plant.

Potted-hydrangeas also make attractive plants for the patio or terrace.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Audrey F. Willard

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, for Audrey Frances Willard, 47, who died from asphyxiation March 15 when her home was burned to the ground. Services were at Mills Mortuary at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. Sydney Gaither officiating. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery.

She was born July 19, 1907, at Willamina and was married to Glen Willard on February 22, 1943, at Eugene. They made their home on Mosby Creek about eight miles east of town. She came to this vicinity about 14 years ago from Springfield.

Surviving besides her husband are her mother, Mrs. Camilla Savage, Portland, and one sister.

Will you please relay this message to your staff? We would like to thank them also.

Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. Leon A. Goldsmith
 Executive Secretary
 Henry J. Keneally, Jr.
 Program Consultant

Rat and Squirrel Bait Program to Be Terminated Soon

Rat bait and squirrel bait distribution from the extension office through the Lane County Rodent Control Fund authorized by the Lane County court will be discontinued as soon as the present stock of these present items are sold, according to the Lane County extension office.

The educational program has been very helpful in eradicating rodents from the various areas of the county. Since Warfarin rat bait is now being sold in commercial channels, it is the opinion of the county court and the extension staff that the program should be discontinued because of the amount of bait being sold. Even though the commercial Warfarin bait will probably be a higher price because commercial companies will have more overhead than the county personnel, the farmers are urged to take care of the rat situation. Last year people of the county purchased about 10,000 pounds of Warfarin rat bait in two-pound sacks. Since every two-pound bag will kill 40 to 50 rats, the cost at the present price is about two cents per rat. This is certainly a reasonable control program even though the price is a little higher which would warrant the cost for this bait because of the damage and disease caused by rats.

Squirrel bait has been sold throughout the county at the rate of about 2,000 pounds per year. This bait, after present supplies are used, will be ordered by dealers or individuals directly from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland. The bait will be the same that has been distributed. Now is the proper time to be using this squirrel bait to control squirrels before they do damage to spring crops.

The rat and squirrel bait is now being sold at the extension office and through about 25 stores throughout the county. If people are interested, they can make their own bait from formulas provided by the extension office.

Poison is that state of consciousness which is at rest and peaceful when no one praises, and undisturbed when censured, opposed, or misunderstood.

—Clarence H. Howard

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TODAY'S ECONOMIC SYSTEMS



The State should own all the tools of production.

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The State should own at least basic industries such as power, coal, steel, etc.

SOCIALISM



Private ownership which is solely a privilege granted by the State.

FASCISM



Individual ownership of property under constitutional guarantees of certain inalienable human rights.

CAPITALISM

State and Federal Income Taxes Not Applicable to Vets

All state veterans' bonuses are exempt from state and federal income taxation, as are most other payments to ex-servicemen or their survivors, the state Department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week. Other items excluded in computing federal and state tax returns, which are due April 15, include:

GI insurance dividends; all Veterans Administration benefits including educational subsistence, compensation and pensions; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and social security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness benefits.

Retirement pay for length of service is taxed both by the federal government and the State of Oregon.

Disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000 with this exception: if the Veterans' Administration had at one time been responsible for making the payment, then it is totally exempt.

Oregon servicemen on active duty enjoy a state income tax exclusion on the first \$3,000 of their annual military pay. This includes pay earned during annual National Guard summer camp or Reserve cruises or maneuvers of two weeks or more.

Servicemen may pay federal taxes on their military income except for periods of service in Korea or adjacent waters. Any income taxes owed by a serviceman who dies on active duty as the result of service in Korea are forgiven by Uncle Sam.

Mammal Threat To Forest Seeding

In the coastal Douglas fir and spruce forests, a small mouse-like mammal called a shrew who can eat his weight in tree seeds every 24 hours, may be tabbed as one of the major enemies of the tree farms from the standpoint of direct seeding, according to a report just issued by the state forestry department.

A bulletin on "Shrews and Tree Seed Eaters in the Douglas Fir Region," by Dr. Rudolph Kangur, research forester for the board of forestry, points out that a year-long battle may have to be waged against these small mammals if there can be any assurance of a new crop of timber.

Dr. Kangur points out that the shrews have been considered as insectivores in their eating habits but the research project indicates that they are quite partial to the seed of both the spruce and the Douglas fir.

In captivity the little animals eat from 185 to 250 Douglas fir seed in a 24-hour period. This is about equivalent to half their weight.

In the field they took from 50 to 100 per cent of all Douglas fir seeds sown in acceptance spots within three-day test periods. The Sitka spruce, which is considered safe from seed eating mammals, was taken from 15 to 55 per cent. The amount of the "take" varied with the time of the year. More seeds were eaten in the spring when food was scarce.

Heretofore most of the study has been directed towards the deer since these mammals were supposed to be the chief offenders in taking the tree seed. However, Dr. Kangur has definitely established the fact that control of the shrew is a must for any direct seeding project.

Forest Log

Almost 70 per cent of National Guardsmen are between 17 and 21 years of age. Less than five per cent are over 35 years old.