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BUSINESS DISTRICT SOLICITORS FOR UNITED APPEAL are shown above during a kickoff dinner meeting last Friday noon. Pictured from left to right they are: Fred Morris, Mayor Jess Hill, Bob Bauder, Sheriff Ed Elder, Lane County general co-chairman; Ervin Molholm, executive secretary; Roy Misner, local UA chairman, and Herman Petersen.

Roving Sentinel Editor Gives Report on Scandinavian Tour Via Western Europe Countries; Rural Life Seen

(Following is an article written by W. C. Martin, editor of The Sentinel, who is currently touring Europe.)

The European visitor usually wants to include the Scandinavian countries in his tour of the continent to get a better knowledge of the various nations involved. We did this, going up through northern France, Belgium, Holland and northern Germany.

Our route took us through the Alsace Lorraine coal mining district. This district we found, supplies coal to most of Europe largely through a canal system, which the average visitor does not know France has. It was a surprising thing to us to see a coal barge apparently riding out in the prairie. A closer look revealed the barge following a canal. In fact, it seems the canals run pretty well over the greater part of France, which means cheaper heat for most customers of the coal fields.

In traversing the northern route going into Belgium, one can still see parts of the old Maginot line, a defensive series of underground forts built after World War I, supposedly to make France impregnable from further German attacks. There were remains of

the old concrete pill boxes built by the Germans as part of their fortifications.

Farmers Prosperous

We can not remember anything particularly outstanding about Belgium, except that we rode behind several log trucks carrying hardwoods into Brussels to be made into furniture. Belgian farmers appeared to be more prosperous than the average we had seen up to now and it was here that we began seeing Holstein cows in great numbers.

It was about the time of our visit that Peter Townsend came into the news again as a former suitor of Princess Margaret, and guides were careful to show visitors the quarters of Townsend, who has been stationed with the British embassy for several years. Holland, we think, is the most fascinating country visited during our stay. It's a land of dykes, canals and Holstein cattle. The old fashioned Dutch windmill, associated with the Hollanders in the past, has largely disappeared, although quite a few are still being used. The function of this mill is to pump flood waters from the lands.

Dairy herds varied from eight to 20 cows and were on every foot of land fit for pasture. Fences

to separate the herds did not bother the farmers. A small ditch or canal around the pasture to be grazed served to keep the cows in place. Milking is a simple chore there in the summer time or good weather. The farmer hitches up a horse to a cart, throws in his milk cans and goes out to where the herd is grazing and starts milking. One can have an opportunity to taste the Holland dairy products any morning, for the famous Holland cheese is served along with several kinds of bread. Fact is, the American visitor would not know it's breakfast by looking at the table.

Amsterdam Like Venice

Amsterdam is much like Venice, Italy, with numerous canals all over the city. The canals are crowded in places with all kinds of boats. The large canals serve as commercial carrier for some of the larger ships and like the canals of France, it's an unusual sight to be driving along and look over to see a large ship seemingly floating on land.

Holland has built a 20 mile dyke connecting two points of land, which to us is a feat equal to the building of the Panama canal. You ride along on this canal out of sight of land except for the dyke. The dyke carries a good road. It is about 300 feet wide with the high point of the dyke facing the North Sea.

Farm homes are made of red brick with red tile roof. We never saw anything approaching a slum district. All property seemed to be well kept. The homes in north Holland in the farming district appeared to be especially prosperous. Two story homes made of red brick with massive porch pillars and a large red barn attached to the rear of the house were especially impressive. Although Holland has but one industry, dairying, it looked to us as though this has paid off through the years.

Through Holland

From Holland the visitor goes north through North Germany, a plain land and not rolling or hilly as in most of the nation. Here farmers also appear to be prosperous with their herds of Holsteins. This section has, we believe, the largest city, Hamburg, in free Germany with a thriving port and a population of about 2,000,000. The port was almost destroyed during the war, but has been rebuilt sufficiently to serve more ships than during pre-war. While there, we saw two ships made in the Portland yards during the war, one was flying the American flag.

Whenever a tourist enters the Scandinavian countries driving an auto, he must show his financial responsibility or else pay a fee of \$1.00 per day. The ruling in these countries with respect to an accident is much stricter in case of an accident, than Oregon has been with practically the same law.

Denmark, lying just north of north Germany, has portions of its territory isolated from the auto except by ferry. In order to travel north, one must ferry either to the northern neighbor, Norway, or to Denmark's capital, Copenhagen. Denmark, once a grain producing country, has turned the grain into livestock and exports great quantities of beef and pork. In Lane county there are a great number of Danish people with names like Hansen, Nielsen, Jensen.

Lumber Country

Norway is a lumber producing country and the dwellings here are largely made of wood. The only difference noted in the construction of the dwellings is that the siding is put on vertical rather than horizontal, as in the states. The outstanding tourist attraction of Norway is the fjords in the northern part of the nation. Even in going to the capital, Oslo, you travel up a so-called fjord.

We took a three hour boat ride up a beautiful fjord, traveling over some rather rough roads to get there. Here the hills extended almost straight up out of the water and beautiful waterfalls were numerous. Some of the falls carried great quantities of water, which often made almost a straight drop down. When caught in the sunlight the coloring of the

Oregon Liquor Commission Nets 1 1/2 Percent Gain

Net revenue of the Oregon liquor control commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, is \$13,393,248, which is 1.59 per cent higher than for the preceding fiscal year, despite slight decline in liquor sales and license and privilege tax collections.

Purchasers paid \$42,918,476 for 846,374 cases of distilled spirits and dessert wine—5913 fewer cases and \$153,974 less than the commission sold last year. The fact that fewer cases were sold also reduced the cost of goods sold by \$348,311, and this saving contributed to a two per cent increase in net stores division revenue, which after all operating expenses were deducted totaled \$11,621,078.

License fee income of \$608,368 was comparatively stable, declining less than one per cent. Privilege tax revenue was \$1,163,802, a drop of 1.53 per cent which is due in part to a decline in malt beverage consumption.

During the year tax was paid on 23,121,264 gallons of malt beverages and 1,042,111 gallons of table wine, the latter showing a slight increase in apparent consumption.

Dispenser licenses purchased 23.87 per cent of the liquor sold by the commission. Dispenser purchases were 20.8 per cent of total sales last fiscal year when there were fewer dispenser licenses in effect. The commission issued 294,897 purchaser's permits during the fiscal year, which is 1700 fewer than were issued during the year ending June 30, 1954.

water was especially beautiful. In going down a steep hill in leaving the fjord country, one was permitted to see the same falls at different levels. There is no question but that the falls of the Norway fjords could furnish all the power Europe would ever need if the various falls could be harnessed year round. Oddly enough the cliffs of the fjords are inhabited. Homes up the steep cliffs are a common sight and in one instance homes housing about eighty people are abandoned. On one of the fjord several people operate a goat dairy, selling goat cheese and using a lift to get produce up to their places on the side of the hill.

Farther north, Germany's ace battleship, sunk by the British during the last war, floats bottom side up while workmen dismantle the ship. Just now the incident connected with the sinking of the ship escapes us, except the German ship commander thought he had reached a haven of safety when he steamed into this fjord.

From Oslo, it's only a few hours' drive to Sweden, a country where conditions are more like those in the United States than any we visited. There is only one thing wrong with Sweden. Here motorists are made to drive on the left hand side of the highway as in England. Sweden's position in this respect is rather odd because in the two neighboring states, motorists drive to the right as we do. The situation is rather confusing to the foreign motorists, and to local ones, too, and has created enough interest that an election has been called for October 16 to see whether motorists will abandon the left side of the road rule. Most observers believe the drive to the right rule will be approved so that Sweden will be in line with the other countries.

The Swedes evidently love the color red. About 60 percent of the farm houses and outbuildings are painted red. Swede farmers are progressive and probably own more combines per capita than any other European nation. Farmers of all three of the northern nations build the house and barn separate, something that is not done in any other section of Europe. Sweden probably has more standing timber than Oregon. The only thing much of the timber is small.

All three Scandinavian countries support a monarchy, but the kings have been pretty well shorn of power, as in England. In Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, the royal family only occupy about eight rooms in the royal palace containing about 300 rooms.

Delight Valley Couple Honored

By Mrs. Roy L. Stone
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DELIGHT VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. William Olson were honor guests at a surprise party Saturday night honoring their silver anniversary. The party was at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wicks, at Gowdsville. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnard.

Among those who have gone to eastern Oregon for deer hunting are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dutton, William Dutton and Gene Lodge. Marianne Stone was honored with a surprise party for her eighth birthday on Saturday. Guests were Judy Norris, Karen Hendricks, Ruth Hemmway, Karen Seabloom, Donna Stocker, Sheri Robinson, Carrie Lou Sherrill, Colleen Maddox and Diedra Olson.

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