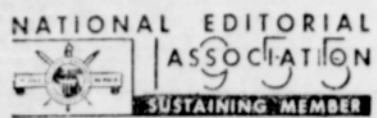


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## Where There's No Stock Exchange

There used to be a stock exchange in Russia. But there isn't any more.

This is symbolic of the difference between the Russian and the American systems.

Under communism, or any similar ideology, the state owns and runs everything. It decides what factories shall be built or not built, what goods shall be produced or not produced, what services shall be given the people and what shall be denied them. The state does all the allocating of money and resources and manpower. The people themselves have nothing to say about it. They can like it or lump it. And, of course, they can protest—if they don't mind salt mines and firing squads.

Under capitalism, in a free nation, individuals and groups of individuals build and operate the factories and the other sources of goods and services. They invest their savings voluntarily, without coercion. They can buy or sell when and what they want, in a free market. That's why stock exchanges exist—to provide places where buyers and sellers can, in effect, meet and conclude transactions. And the stock exchanges exist to serve the many, not just the few.

If you question that last statement, here's the proof. Of America's 7,500,000 stock owners, 31.6 per cent have annual incomes of less than \$5,000; 44.4 per cent have \$5,000 to \$10,000, and only 24 per cent have \$10,000 or more.—Industrial News Review.

## The Cost of Medical Care

Human nature being what it is, people will complain about paying a comparatively modest sum for something they don't enjoy but must have—and will cheerfully spend much more for something they want, but don't urgently need.

The cost of medical care is certainly a fine case in point. At regular intervals, we hear bitter criticism of the bills charged by doctors and hospitals and pharmacists. An uninformed person might conclude that these costs are one of the very biggest budget problems in the life of the average person.

Well, it just isn't so—as a brief pictorial chart published in the June issue of Medical Economics, based on Department of Commerce estimates, proves.

Each year we spend \$1,600,000,000 for drugs—and \$2,600,000,000 for items involved in personal care, such as hair lotions and toilet waters.

Each year we spend \$2,600,000,000 in hospitals—and nearly twice as much, \$5,300,000,000, for tobacco.

Each year we spend \$2,800,000,000 for physicians' services—and well over three times as much, \$8,500,000,000, on alcoholic drinks.

Each year we spend \$2,900,000,000 for health care other than that mentioned above—and over four times as much, \$11,900,000,000, on recreation.

The fact that we have more fun smoking or drinking or playing games than in visiting the doctor shouldn't be allowed to warp our attitude toward the facts.—Industrial News Review.

## Grass Roots Opinion

ITALY, TEX., NEWS-HERALD: "In almost every country except ours the editor operates under such restraint that it is almost impossible to present any viewpoint except the official one."

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Probably future historians writing about this era in U. S. life will devote some length to what may be called the Hoover story.

He will probably be epitomized as first victim of the massive smear campaign that has now become so much a part of American political life. By the time Great Depression struck, both press and airways had been developed to point where a mass smear was possible.

This was a fact well recognized by professional political propagandists of that time, with result price of eggs, lack of jobs, and everything connected with depression were presented as deliberate machinations of then president, Herbert Hoover, for some ulterior motives never explained.

A degree of reason has since prevailed, but there still exists among politicians to take a stand on any measure endorsed by the ex-president. True, he is applauded on public appearances, but few Congressmen get up and say flatly "I have thoroughly read the reports of the Hoover Commission and am in full accord with their findings." The smear lingers on.

For example, the recently adjourned Congress still continued to vote billions for new foreign aid, despite fact that special task force of Hoover Commission found in well documented investigation money is thrown away.

Report found since end of World War II until mid-1954, U. S. taxpayers had been wrong out of \$46,874,000,000 to give away to foreign nations.

And report found many evidences of colossal waste.

For example, it found U. S. taxes to tune of \$2,800,000 were spent to increase production of an Italian coal mine in Sardinia.

This grant was made in 1950 to increase production from a million tons to 3 million tons by October, 1953. Yet by target date increase only amounted to a scant 32,701 tons. In addition, it was found large part of equipment sent over was unusable in the mines and has been warehoused for years.

Also, mine is located in communist stronghold so in event of trouble sabotage could be expected.

Also 854 page survey takes issue with Washington stand way to defeat communism is to improve living standards.

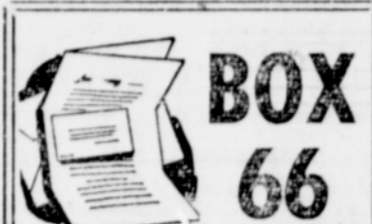
Report states "Communism, for example, is strongest in the high wage industrial centers of Italy." Report also states U. S. is paying for so many widely scattered projects throughout the world that "no one knows" number now in progress.

Thus future historians may well point to this as an era when billions were continually thrown down drain despite lack of knowledge where billions had gone, plus positive proof that many billions that could be accounted for were foolishly spent.

At same time, they will point out that because these matters were brought to light and the name of a great American who was the first to be victimized by modern political weapon of the Big Smear, that not even his own party members dared 25 years later to stand on his recommendations. Historians may well say that this marked end of the Age of Reason in America and start of the Age of the Big Smear.



ARLO BENSON is shown astride his new English bicycle, one of the 25 prizes given in the states of Oregon and Washington by Sav-Mor stations for the month of August. Benson was given his prize by Darrell Booher, pictured above, who operates Grove's Sav-Mor station along with his brother Vera.



Dear Editor:

As regards to building a new court house here in Eugene: It appears that the County Court is preparing to build a new court house. They are planning on a new office building and eventually razing the present court house down.

It seems to me the present court house is a very substantial building and should be left as is. It would cost \$500,000 to build a new building equal in size.

The court house is a better building than most of the buildings on Willamette street.

I know they need office space and need a new office building, but I cannot understand the reason for tearing the present structure down.

Lane county needs bridges, roads, overhead passes, etc. much more than this master plan is needed.

The Court in submitting one plan to the voters, in order to give the people a chance to vote on a plan, to save the present court house, says that 800 signatures on a petition must be filed before October 31.

Please let me know how you feel regarding this matter. Kindest regards,

Charles F. Dome  
2709 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Eugene, Oregon.

## Highway Lifesavers

(Continued from Page One)

state and implant in the public's mind the economic value of safe driving. Dana stated.

Driver Training classes in our high schools were highly commended as they not only teach the teen-ager to be a safe driver, but that teen-ager passes what he learns along to his parents, which also produces results. Many insurance companies at the present time are using a program whereby those drivers in the age bracket of 16 to 26 are given a driving test when insurance is taken out and a discount each year for three years for driving without an accident, with the result that at the end of the third year, this group of drivers are covered by insurance costing them no more than that paid by the driver past 26 years of age. It was also suggested that drivers within this age bracket check with the various insurance companies when taking out insurance and take advantage of this "no accident" discount policy.

## Citizen Aid Needed

James Banks, of the Traffic Safety Division in the Secretary of State's office, also spoke, bringing out the thought that it is up to the average citizen to put forth efforts on a safety campaign to reduce accidents. Law enforcement officers can go just so far and the citizens of the county and state have to carry on from there. His office estimates that 85% of the drivers on the highways today are safe drivers and only 15% are the ones that the law enforcement officers must concentrate on.

December 1st has been designated as Safe Driving Day of 1955 by President Eisenhower. While Oregon did not have a traffic death on Safe Driving Day in 1954, there were some 333 accidents on that day and this year the goal is not only to have a deathless day, but also to greatly reduce this number of traffic accidents.

Officials of the various cities represented were called upon to outline the plans of their particular

locality in putting over this Safety Campaign and how they hope to stimulate local groups in order to make safety a major interest in their activities.

## SCOUT UNIFORMS WANTED

The local Scout organization is forming a uniform exchange. Anyone having a used Brownie or Intermediate Girl Scout uniform for sale, or anyone wanting to buy good used Scout uniform, may call Mrs. Ernest Dunnavan, phone 2401.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Cottage Grove Monday at the city hall between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

## Public Records

### MUNICIPAL COURT:

Herbert A. Duensing fined \$10 for violation of basic rule August 28.

Curtis R. Swager fined \$250 for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor October 1.

Justice COURT:  
Clyde B. Carner fined \$29.50 for improper tagging of deer October 5.

Kenneth L. Sloan fined \$29.50 for violation of basic rule and \$30 for inadequate muffler October 6.

Leo Campbell fined \$44.50 for exceeding P.U.C. declared weights October 7.

Guy H. Smith fined \$5.50 for failure to stop at stop sign October 10.

Wayne M. Leighty fined \$44.50 for tandem axle overload October 10.



By Phyl Varley

They tell us that romance isn't dead... but sometimes it seems a little less rugged than it used to be. For example, a Colorado rancher recently wrote to a Missouri newspaper to help him find a bride. If you pay attention, you'll read about cases just like this all the time. What ever happened to the young Lochinvar who dashed up on his horse, grabbed the gal and headed for the hills? Or, if he had no horse, it was a jalopy.

Now the sentimental swain calls for help from a newspaper, a mayor, or the Chamber of Commerce... and this approach seems to be getting more popular over in Berlin, Germany, they've got a sidewalk vending machine for prospective brides and grooms. Personally we still think the old-fashioned way has some merit. That's where a fellow chases a girl until she finally catches him.

A late vacationer just reported in to say that an optimist is a fellow who works out the exact cost of his vacation before he takes it. If you have to try to work out an accurate budget, you can be sure of buying wisely whenever you shop for prescription accessories, first aid supplies, beauty aids, photographic supplies... and everything else you expect to find at a modern drug store... at

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## Former Cottage Grove Teachers Write From Germany; Describe Trip, School Facilities, and Low Prices

(Editor's note: Following is the first of two installments of excerpts from a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Verlin (Don) Odell in Germany, where Mr. Odell is teaching at an Army high school in Berlin. He taught commercial subjects for several years at Cottage Grove high, while Mrs. Odell taught a third grade class at Harrison school.)

5A Taylorstrasse, Apt. 7  
Berlin, Germany.  
Sept. 26, 1955

Dear Mrs. Goben, Mr. Fasold, teachers, and friends,

Here we are in Germany—Berlin, Germany, to be exact! Don and I went to New York City together on the Great Northern Empire Builder, but from there I came to Germany by ship and he flew over. Right after we reached N.Y.C., he was taken out to Fort Hamilton to be processed. Lenora was still there, too, though her port call was earlier than Don's. They couldn't leave the fort, so I spent a day sight-seeing in N.Y. by myself. I had a wonderful time, but didn't get to see half of the things I wanted to—ah well, maybe there'll be another chance on our way home. I left N.Y.C. on the America on August 20. I was in a cabin with three others (all very amiable). We had an outside cabin, so had fresh air, which made the trip much more pleasant. I didn't get a bit seasick and enjoyed every minute of the trip. There was all kinds of entertainment—swimming, dancing, games, etc. I felt like I was spending a week at some lush resort hotel. We stopped in Ireland, France and England, before landing in Bremerhaven, Germany.

My trip from Bremerhaven to Berlin was made by train at night. As Berlin is like an island in the Russian zone, railroads through the Russian area are restricted by them. Only one American train from Bremerhaven and one from Frankfurt may go through the Russian zone. These must travel at night, with the windows tightly covered so that no light escapes. Isn't that silly?

Don is teaching at the Berlin American high school here. It is in a large modern school building, just two years old, which houses both grade and high school. The total enrollment is about 400. Because the school is so small, high school commercial classes are limited to typing I and II. Because of this, Don also has to teach some junior high math and social studies and some junior and senior high P.E. All of the high school teachers are in a similar predicament here, because of the small high school enrollment. The school has 20 teachers, in all, and

there's a game nearly every weekend, about three blocks from the shopping center, and about seven blocks from the Officers' Club.

The teachers here are classified as second lieutenants, and may take in all of the activities at the Officers' Club—which is a large and elegant place.

The shopping center (formerly Truman Hall) contains a grocery store, cafeteria, P-X, flower shop, tailor shop, beauty shop (a shampoo and hair style is 75c), barber shop (haircuts are 35c), travel bureau, bank, post office, laundry, dry cleaners, second hand store, restaurant, entertainment bureau (where we can get tickets to the various events in Berlin), and a

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—Charlotte Bronte

filling station. Prices at the shopping center are very low. Groceries are very reasonable, especially local products. Bread is a loaf, milk is a quart, potatoes 2c a pound, Danish large eggs are 50c a dozen (I don't know why eggs and milk are imported), and canned goods are slightly lower than at home. We can eat out very cheaply, too. A full-course steak dinner at the Officers' Club is only \$1.00 and one can eat at the cafeteria for even less. The Germans are excellent cooks. We sometimes eat downtown at a German sidewalk cafe—they are very popular here.

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