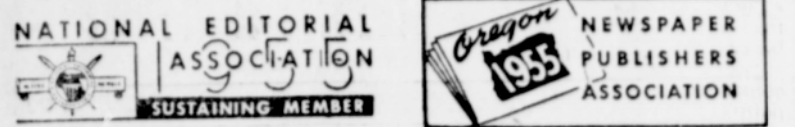


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What Do We Look Forward To?

There's a great deal of difference as to the outlook on life the various people have. Some are looking to the time they can retire and take it easy; others find the job of earning a living too satisfying and have no plans for quitting until they take the last ride. We are inclined to think that too much emphasis has been placed on looking toward a future retirement and a time to take it easy. This viewpoint has made dreamers out of a good many people, who slow down too early in life in order to get the full benefit of whatever taking it easy has to offer them. Some of these people have never really worked hard enough to earn the right to slow down and retire and the chances are that when most people reach the age of retirement and are financially able to do so, they will find the idea of loafing disappointing.

Aside from the fact that it may be satisfying to know that one may be in position to quit any time one might choose, we believe that it is better for the national economy to keep on working. And that is not disputing the right of all to earn social security for a good many are forced thru circumstances they cannot control to rely on whatever social security they have accumulated by their earnings.

Politicians have used the term "social security" rather loosely in trying to gain votes. Our personal experience leads us to believe there is no such thing. A good many working men can testify that they have seen their savings shrink thru inflation. For instance, if you took a \$10,000 twenty-year pay life insurance policy twenty years ago, you would find the \$10,000 you might get today represents about half the value of the policy when you took it out. If you took the policy thirty or thirty-five years ago, you would be even worse off because the chances are you paid off the policy when a dollar was really 100 cents on the dollar and not 55 or 60 as it is today.

We face a real danger in that some of the political programs proposed for better roads, better schools, public housing and public power will invite further inflation because such programs will run the government further in the red. Yet you will hear in the coming months in 1956 proposals to reduce federal taxes and at the same time sharply increase federal expenditures. Inflation will follow just as surely as day follows night for it is an economic law that cannot be gotten away from. It could be that your savings of today will shrink to two bits on the dollar and the social security you have tried to provide for yourself thru thrift will be cut in half. No other results could be expected from a policy of taxing less while spending more. And, along with the material losses, the individual would lose opportunity and freedom—a price always exacted by governments which are reckless with the assets of the people, and insatiable in their drive for more and more power over the lives of all.

It is far easier to build a system which gives the masses of people freedom along with material well-being than it is to maintain it. Dr. George S. Benson has pointed out that "When you look back down through the pages of history, you will find the wrecks of 19 civilizations. You will find that nowhere in the world at any one spot have people for many generations maintained a good government or a good economy." Demagoguery, special privilege, successful pressure groups, a gradual wasting away of the principles of individual freedom, responsibility and obligation—these were among the seeds whose crop was disaster.

No nation has any natural right to freedom. Freedom must be worked for and earned—and everlastingly protected. Material gain is a by-product, so to speak, which comes to those who place the greatest value on the free man and the free society in which he lives and works.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Due to unfortunate and most regrettable cardiac seizure in Colorado Rockies, political pot is boiling far in advance of next November's elections.

But as orators and fervid speculation mounts, it is well to consider just what all the shouting is about. As it stands now, little chance appears of a change, regarding party wins, as both are committed to same policies with minor variations. Actually, on close analysis, there has been no basic change in governmental policies in past 22 years.

For example, while everybody on both sides talks about government getting too big, nothing is done. In fact, there seems to exist, by mutual consent, desire to make it even bigger.

It is well in this connection to consider that federal government now has an average of 2,367,290 civilian employees engaged in many enterprises, often competing with private business.

It is costing nation's taxpayers almost \$10 billion per year to meet this payroll.

These 2,367,290 civilian employees, not in armed forces, loom up in their vastness when compared with the size of some of the productive work forces.

For example, government civilian job holders equal one third of farm employees producing nation's food supply.

Building automobiles, trucks, locomotives, other transportation equipment is a huge industry. Yet factories of this industry producing so much wealth only

employ around 1,468,509, or slightly more than half as many as federal government employees.

In huge food packing and processing industry, only 1,473,360 are employed.

Or to make another comparison, nation's textile mills and primary metals industry together do not employ as many people as federal government.

A breakdown of government employment does not show any great increase in employment in essential services such as judiciary and postal service.

Rather, increase is in a myriad of bureaus in the executive arm of government engaged in all manner of enterprises, including giving away U. S. tax money to practically all nations.

So, it is important to bear in mind that as beating of tom-toms in political hustings gets faster and faster, much will be said about government getting too big.

But unless something happens to reverse trend of past 22 years, no one will make pledge to cut federal employment in half as first order of business.

After all, 2 1/2 million federal employees, plus relatives, form mighty voting bloc. Even promise to eliminate only non-essential job holders would not split this voting bloc, as too many government employees are not too sure in their own minds about their essentiality.

Yet it is obvious taxes can never be reduced to sensible levels as long as government continues, next to the nation's farms, as nation's largest employer. As every independent businessman knows, you can't hire everybody in town and keep overhead down.

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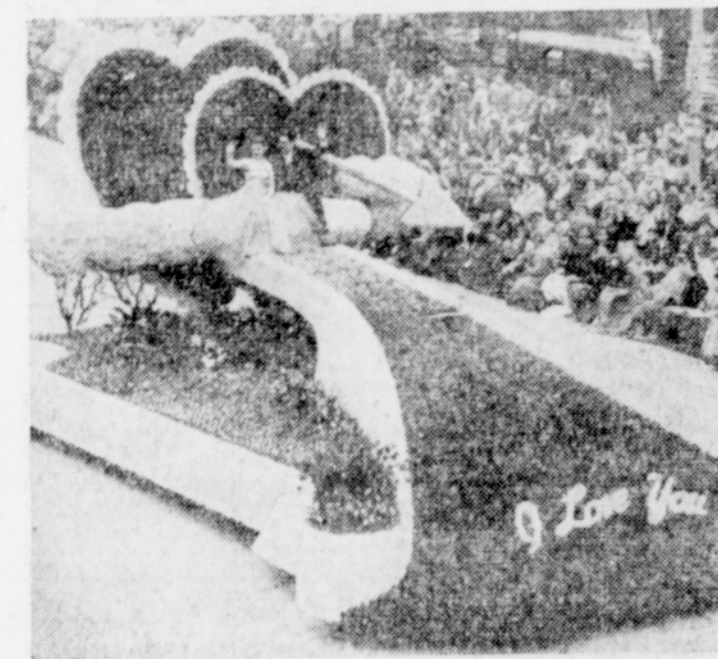
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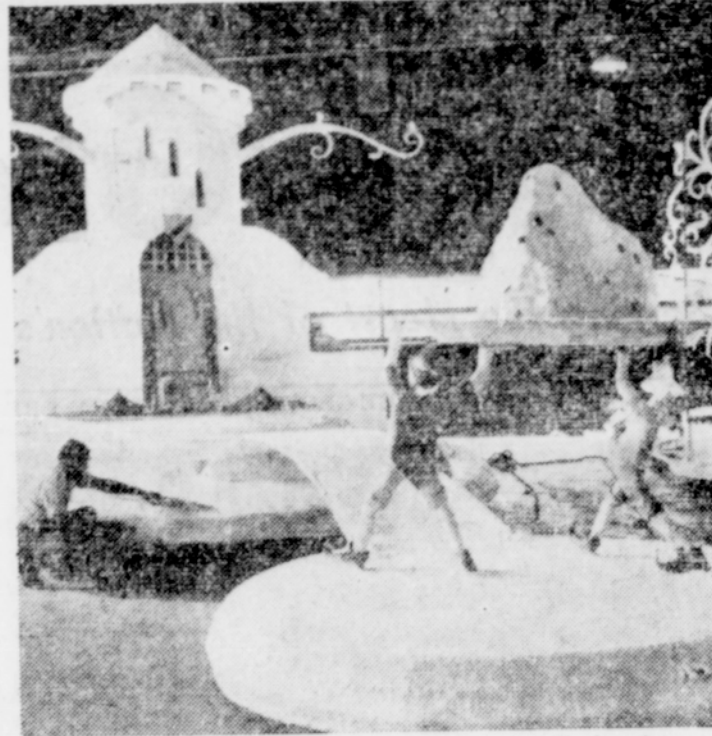
MILLIONS TO SEE FAMED ROSE PARADE ON JANUARY 2



THIS TYPICAL ENTRY in an early Pasadena, Calif. Rose Parade is a far cry from lavish floats of today. Some 60 million persons will see the famed pageant on Jan. 2, when NBC telecasts it nationally.



ONLY FRESH FLOWERS and greenery may be used on floats. A single float may cost \$20,000 and use 300,000 flowers—all hand-attached by corps of workers during the day and night preceding the Parade.



PRESENT-DAY FLOATS are products of skilled artists, designers and craftsmen. The metal frame is covered with chicken wire, sprayed with plastic "cocoating," then covered with flowers.



ADDED DELIGHT to viewers of the Rose Parade are the beavies of bouquies, shapely majorettes, smart bands and equestrian units. Parade starts at 9:15 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, and lasts two hours.

More Severe on Drinking Drivers

The drinking drivers of Oregon should be more severely dealt with than at present according to the majority of the police chiefs over the state. A questionnaire sent out by the traffic safety division of the secretary of state revealed this and other information. Most of the police chiefs also maintain that drivers repeatedly involved in serious traffic violations while under the influence of liquor should be required to spend some time in jail. These inquiries were sent to 95 cities and 77 police chiefs responded.

The chiefs were also asked if they thought individuals in their cities who drink and drive should be more severely fined. Fifty-six answered "yes" and 21 answered "no." They were nearly unanimous in the opinion that repeaters of serious traffic offenses should spend some time in the pokey. Seventy-five said "yes" in answer to this question; two said "no" and one made no comment.

Teen agers apparently rate higher with the Oregon police chiefs than at least two other categories of drivers. The most accident prone listed in their order were: Drinking drivers, 34; older drivers, 29 and teen agers 19.

Secretary Newby said the survey was made to obtain opinion on key traffic accident prevention methods and activities from the men directly responsible for city traffic and law enforcement.

On New Year's Resolutions

We think it is a pretty good custom to make new year resolutions, even though they are not always kept. Making such resolutions shows our intentions are good and notwithstanding the good resolutions last only a few days, they sometimes make it easier to institute those reforms, once we really make up our minds that we need to change our ways.

At this time of the year, it is also a good custom to pause and take stock or take an inventory. Even though we may have done well by all measures of success, no one should really quit. Progress is due to being dissatisfied and this goes for our increasing better standard of living as well as individual performance. People have bettered their own standard of living because they sought improvement.

Whether 1956 will be a good year, also depends largely on individual effort. It can be a year of worthwhile accomplishments, depending on how we would like to improve our own conditions.

Many Christmas Visitors at Silk Creek Past Week

By Mrs. Dale McCoy
Phone 117643

SILK CREEK Mr. and Mrs. Eric Landin of Warroad, Minn., recently spent three days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels M. Mattson in Gowdville. They were on their way to Tucson, Ariz., to spend the winter. Mr. Landin and Mr. Mattson are cousins.

Pic Bruce Hankins called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen O. Hankins, and his brother, Gordon, from Frankfurt, Germany, Tuesday at 7 a.m. Along with other service men also stationed with the 4th Division about 60 miles from Frankfurt, young Hankins had come to Frankfurt for the Christmas holiday. He has been in Germany since February.

The Neighbors Friendship club met December 22 at the home of Mrs. Ross Overholser with a Christmas party and gift exchange. Present were Mimes, Guy Smith, J. W. Webb, Luther Akins, Jim Morgan, Clarence Duncan, George Overholser, Frank Richardson, Wallace Koehler, F. G. Sessions and the hostess. Children were Sandra, Stanhope, Janetta Overholser, Wally Duncan and Patty Koehler. Mrs. Guy Smith won the door prize.

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Christmas day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Cowan and Melvin were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cowan and family of Fall Creek.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Darnell were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cook of Beaverton and Mrs. Grace Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler returned with them to make her home in Beaverton. Her address there is 620 1/2 South Hall Street and she would appreciate getting letters and cards from all of her friends and neighbors here.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMurrick and family entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home on Saturday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. William McMurrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMurrick and David and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson and Miss Ethel McMurrick, all of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McCoy and Wayne spent Christmas day at a family gathering in Springfield at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Gunter.

Monday afternoon visitors at McCoy home were Dewey Miller of Elmira and J. D. Bell of Veneta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan and boys went to Corvallis Christmas day and had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

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Aliens Must File Address Report

Acting Officer in Charge John W. Wilson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reminded aliens in Oregon and Idaho today that January 30 is the deadline for filing of their 1956 Address Report form as required under provisions of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act.

He said the law requires that every alien, except those having diplomatic status and foreign representatives assigned to the United Nations, must file the address report during January of each year at the nearest Post Office or Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

The immigration official urged aliens who have not yet filed their 1956 address report to do so soon to avoid possible penalties.

Failure to comply with the requirement can mean a fine or deportation for a willful violation.

Anna C. Bolton

Anna Catherine Bolton, age 88, a resident of the Cottage Grove area since 1919, passed away at Cottage Grove hospital December 27. She was born Anna C. Gibson, November 20, 1867, at Bristol, Iowa, and was married at Springfield, Iowa, September 5, 1884, to Noah L. Bolton, who preceded her in death in 1941.

Mrs. Bolton was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Surviving her are four sons: Sterling A. Bolton, Iowa, September 5, 1884, to Noah L. Bolton, who preceded her in death in 1941. Mrs. Bolton was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Surviving her are four sons: Sterling A. Bolton, Iowa, September 5, 1884, to Noah L. Bolton, who preceded her in death in 1941. Mrs. Bolton was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Surviving her are four sons: Sterling A. Bolton, Iowa, September 5, 1884, to Noah L. Bolton, who preceded her in death in 1941.

Harold Fleetwood

Harold G. Fleetwood of Rt. 1, Creswell, passed away at Cottage Grove hospital December 28 following a short illness. He was 46 years of age.

Mr. Fleetwood was born in Triplett, Mo., October 25, 1909. He was married to Clara Bell Daley in Las Vegas, Nev., June 11, 1955. The couple came to Creswell about two months ago. Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fleetwood of Triplett, Mo., and many other relatives.

Funeral services and interment will be at Triplett, Mo. Smith Funeral Chapel of Cottage Grove is in charge of local arrangements.

Mid-Winter Rally Stated for Dec. 29

A large group of intermediates and high school young people of Gibbs Avenue Church of Christ will attend the Mid-Winter Camp rally today and tonight (Thursday) at the River Road Women's club building, Eugene. The rally is being sponsored by the South Side Church of Christ, Eugene.

Theme of the rally is "Saved for Service." The afternoon service begins at 2:30 p.m. with 10-minute talks by members of the various churches, with discussion time from 4:30 to 5.

The evening service begins at 7 o'clock with F. Sherwood Smith bringing the message. He will speak on "Here Am I, Send Me."

Funeral services will be Friday, December 30, at 2:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel, the Rev. Sydney Gaither officiating. Interment will be in Creswell cemetery.

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Body of Drowned Fisherman Found

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Medford for the late Wendell H. McCargr of Crescent City, Calif. McCargr was drowned several weeks ago in Smith River, near Crescent City, when the boat in which he was fishing with a friend capsized.

Two brothers, Ray and Dana, and others had carried on an almost continuous search for the body ever since. It was found earlier this week, following the heavy rains, but further information was not available because communication between the Crescents cut off since the storm.

Mr. McCargr will be buried beside a brother, Harold. A retired minister and family friend, the Rev. Joe Knotts, who formerly was pastor of the Cottage Grove Methodist Church, will conduct the service.

A sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Wicks, of Cottage Grove and a niece, Mrs. Ross Bradford, of Creswell will attend the funeral.

Rilla Pitcher

Rilla Doggett Pitcher, 78, died in Salem, December 27, after a long illness. She was born Rilla Woodward July 1, 1877, at Ash Grove, Mo. She came across the plains in a covered wagon at the age of 13 to the state of Washington.

In 1894 she married Robert Doggett, who preceded her in death in 1916. Of this union five children survive. They are: Ruell Doggett, Midvale, Idaho; Chester Doggett, Swishome, Ore.; Mrs. Adrah Yost, Eureka, Calif.; Mrs. Bernice Conn, Glendale, Ore.; Mrs. Lavona Davis, Tiernan, Ore.

Mrs. Pitcher came to Oregon in 1918 and had spent most of her remaining years on Mosby Creek. She married Alpha (Doc) Pitcher in 1920. He passed away in 1950.

Other survivors, besides the five children, are 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel, with Sherwood Smith officiating. Interment will be in the Brumbaugh Cemetery on Mosby Creek.

Margaret Pullen

Margaret Pullen, 79, passed away at a Salem hospital December 27, following a long illness. Margaret Bond was born July 5, 1876, at Creswell, Ore., and spent her entire life in Lane County. She was married to George B. Pullen in 1899.

Surviving are seven children: Mary Wilites, Albany; Nellie Shellbarger, Cave Junction; Lola Shellbarger, Medford; Vera Love, Springfield; Le Roy, Cottage Grove; Harry, Yakima; Elmer, Myrtle Point. Other survivors are one sister, Mrs. Florence Falk of Harrisburg, and two brothers, Perry Bond of Sweethome and Ray Bond of Glide.

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