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Dismal Outlook

In the interest of public affairs we have published for the past six weeks some of the results of a study of city government by a local citizens committee. Publication of the services offered by Cottage Grove in comparison with six other cities in the same population class shows that services of this city are generally higher in cost than services provided by other cities. Local city services are undoubtedly better in many respects than those of other cities, but the cost of these services is reflected in a higher city budget and more taxes.

It seems to us that a comparison of the costs of various city governments should be of interest to those who want good government at reasonable costs, however, the effort on our part has not met with 100 percent approval because to carry out the suggested changes would require some re-vamping of the city government, a suggestion not popular with some city officials.

It looks to us if we are to control what government costs, we should start at the lower level and if we can not control the cost of local government, it's a dismal outlook so far as controlling where any of our tax money is to be spent. We have come to the belief that beefing about high taxes is just another source of conversation, most of us are too afraid that efforts made to bring about governmental changes are likely to develop into too much work or we might run the risk of making a few enemies. After all is said and done talk about high taxes is about like Mark Twain's observation about the weather, "Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything."

Cottage Grove's financial troubles are not due entirely to the fact municipal improvements have run pretty high in the last ten years. It's true that a number of improvements were made over a short period due to the theory that it's economy to patch it rather than buy it new. We note at the time the 1955-56 budget was made the city owed \$719,000 in its water and sewer bonds in addition to the cost of the budget which was over \$109,000.

This made the city indebtedness near the million mark on a valuation of approximately two and a half million dollars, which is not too healthy financially. In the last ten years the city has built a new pipe line to the Dinner creek area, approximately 20 miles, but six miles of the new line around Dorena lake was laid by the U. S. Engineers. A new water reservoir was also built along with laying quite a few water mains. Last year the city owed \$216,000 on its sewerage system. However, the matter of building a sewerage system is a common problem faced by all cities about the same time.

While there are no two cities alike in every respect, but there is a common denominator in the amount each city budgets for various services, like the police department, the fire department, the street department, etc., and the pay of its elected or appointive officials. In this respect Cottage Grove generally pays more, we pay a higher tax rate and more over the six per cent limitation, which last year was over \$71,000.

We do not know of another organization in this area, the size of the city which continues to operate without a directing head. For the last fifty years it has been pretty much up to the city official as how his office will be conducted. Private business firms and our schools employ those who they believe to be competent, but with the elected officials, whether it be a city official, a justice of the peace, a county officer or state officer, is elected on the basis of his or her ability to meet people. There ought to be some sort of qualification set up, or some standard to meet. To us this is the weakest and most costly part of democracy.

It appears the time has arrived when the services of a city manager is needed. The more costly city services become, the greater need for a directing head. But the money paid a city manager will be thrown away unless we are willing to give him or her the authority to reorganize the city government within a reasonable time.

The darkest picture presented by increasing governmental cost and increasing taxes is that if continued, those who have retired on a fixed income or have to live on a pension will surely be dispossessed of their homes or let a little recession set in and Cottage Grove will be in the real estate business in a big way.

Farm Bureau Head Warns Against High Property Taxes

"There is a limit to the amount of taxes that farmers can pay, and we are rapidly approaching that limit," Gerald Detering, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, said following the Oregon Tax Clinic. The state-wide meeting was cosponsored by executives of Oregon Chambers of Commerce and the Oregon Tax Research.

"We have taken a step in the right direction toward the rebuilding of our unworkable tax structure," Detering stated, in complimenting those taking part in the meetings for spearheading the initial meeting to study the tax situation. "This should be only the first of a series of meetings to continue a study of the problem."

Detering stated that everyone wants tax relief, but most people want it in the form of lower income taxes.

"Too much time was spent during the clinic meetings discussing reduction of income taxes, and not enough on the question of lowering taxes on real property," he said. "Farmers are more concerned with the problems of property taxes, since lower farm income and rising production costs have forced them to operate on a reduced margin or, in some cases, no margin at all."

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation is on record as favoring a sales tax, provided relief is given in the form of lower property tax. The organization further supports the emergency clause in tax measures, saying that to be realistic such emergency powers should be placed in the hands of the legislature.

Farmers in 1952 were paying 77% more property tax than they did in 1945 and 105% on the 1940 figure. One survey indicated that a farm taxpayer, living on similar income and in a home of like quality as that of a town taxpayer was taxed on an assessed valuation ten times as much as that of the man in town.

Forty-five percent of the income of the State of Oregon is made up of property taxes. The foreseeable financial picture can easily become serious, particularly for real property taxpayers, in that a state real property tax must again be in the offering to meet the ever-increasing state expenditures. Local taxes for city and county purposes are about all that the property taxpayer can endure under present conditions.

Charles Woolrich for Judge

The average voter is going to be faced with quite a task in the May primaries in trying to cast an intelligent vote for men and issues. So often the voter does not know the candidate and it's pretty much a matter of guess work as to who will get his vote.

Take the case of Charles Woolrich of Roseburg, who was appointed the second judge in Douglas county by the late Gov. Paul Patterson when the position was created by the state legislature. The law requires the judge to seek reelection at the first opportunity. Douglas R. Spencer, Eugene attorney and former resident, praises Judge Woolrich highly saying that he brings to the bench the highest judicial standards. We are putting in a good word for Judge Woolrich because he will be sitting on the bench in Eugene and his name will be on the non-partisan ballot to be voted on in Lane county also.

Judge Woolrich has two opponents, one Judge Woodruff of Roseburg has a very similar name and might be confusing unless the similarity of names is known.

Help the Poor Farmer

Whether the average farmer likes it or not he is more or less in politics, or rather his welfare seems to be tied up with politics, which is not a very healthy situation. We recently read a rather interesting report of the Committee for Economic Development, or rather it was the report of the policy committee of this organization. It was rather unfortunate we think that some of the thoughts of this committee did not seem to affect the thinking of the present congress.

Here are some policies that if adopted might have improved the position of the farmer. It identified three fundamental problems, which would require public action: 1—Too much production of some farm products; (2) Too much instability of farmers' income and (3) Too many farm families with very low incomes. Unstable incomes would be dealt with through a system of flexible price supports or income payments and a storage problem. These devices would not be used to affect the long-run movement of prices, but would protect farmers against sharp and temporary swings of income.

The tendency to move out of the low income farm areas should be encouraged. The committee also recommended a non-partisan agriculture board to determine broad policies and help policy decisions from short run political demands. The committee opposed the continuation of high rigid price supports as wasteful and self-defeating and also the two price system to get rid of surplus farm products abroad. The committee found there is urgent need for national decisions of fundamental importance about agricultural policies. It cited the decline of farm prices since 1951 and the seven billion worth of surplus farm products now in government hands or under government loans, the 300 million a year it costs to store these products and the failure of promotion controls to check the surpluses.

In recommending solutions to the problem of surpluses, the committee urged the adoption of a specific target date, perhaps five years production of crops now in surplus in balance with demand.

SOCIETY

Masonic Groups Fete Grand Officer At Sunday Affair

Miss Marjorie Denney, Grand Love of Rainbow for Girls, was honored at a reception Sunday afternoon, April 22, at Masonic Temple.

The assembly room was decorated with spring flowers and bird houses, and a large rainbow-colored umbrella with silver raindrops. Small umbrellas were favors for all guests.

Honored and escorted to the East were: Miss Denney; Oregon Rainbow Dad Worth Harvey of Eugene; Mrs. Percy Malcolm, Worthy Matron of Cottage Grove OES chapter; Rex Wheeler, Worshipful Master of Cottage Grove Masonic lodge; and Joe Griggs, Master Chancellor of DeMolay.

Leonard Nossaman sang several vocal solos accompanied by Mrs. Mary Lou Hudeahl, who also played the prelude. Members of Cottage Grove assembly, in formal dresses, gave a drill which ended in an M formation and everyone sang the popular song "Margie." Worthy Matron Sue Hildon, wearing a red and white formal dress and carrying a red net umbrella, conducted the honor guest to the center of the "M" and presented her with a service of silver from the group. Gifts also were presented from the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges.

The refreshment table was laid with a white and silver cloth and centerpiece of red roses and tulips. Mrs. P. S. Bukowski presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Gladys Hall poured coffee.

General chairman for the reception was Miss Ruthie Newton.

Family Reunion, Picnic Fete Pair

A family get-together and picnic was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trunnell. The reunion was planned to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bishop, sister of Mrs. Trunnell, and to get acquainted with their new brother-in-law, who were visiting here from Truth or Consequences, N. M.

Present, besides Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, were Mrs. Thies; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thies, Malcom, Darwin and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thies, John, Mike and Roger; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thies, Carol, Nancy and David; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thies, Harold, Cheron and Ronnie; Mrs. Bill Hess, Marilyn and Debbie; Maple Valley, Wash.; Mrs. Clyde White of Shelton, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trunnell, John, Charles, Rodney, Paula Sue and Sandra.

OES Chapter to Honor Past Matrons, Patrons

Cottage Grove chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons at a meeting May 3.

Invitations to visit Blue River chapter at Eugene May 9 and Applegate chapter at Elmira May 14 were read at the chapter meeting April 19. Reports were given on a district meeting at Oakridge and a reception at Redport.

The chapter saw a film on the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland following the meeting. Refreshments of home-made cakes were served by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Horn, Mrs. Chloa Horn, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Arnet, and Mrs. Alice Near; Mrs. Earl Wilson was in charge of decorating the hall.

Constellation club will have a rummage sale and plant sale Saturday, April 28.

Wedding invitations and announcements — The Sentinel

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The Cubbyhole

by Dave Cooper

For Sale: Reputations
 Some good can be said of distributing leaflets to the automobiles parked around town as a form of advertising. It reaches the motorized public that happens to be in town at the time of the distribution and the leaflets are generally read. But when the system is used to sell a man's reputation, it is defeating the principles of ethical conduct.

Such was the case last week when the Eugene branch of Pioneer Service Co., Inc. had leaflets distributed titled "For Sale! Accidents." Listed on the leaflet as the bearer of a bad debt was the name of J. S. Crepeau and several other persons from Cottage Grove. **Falsely Accused**

Whether the other debts were correct or not, this writer does not know, but the indication that Joe Crepeau was indebted, the sum stated, to a Pioneer Service client was entirely and irreparably incorrect.

The accused debt was supposed to be owed to Suters Building Supply Co. in Roseburg. Upon contact with Louis Suter and talk with Crepeau it was discovered that the sum had been paid August 2, 1955. The first listing by Pioneer Service Co. indicating it as a bad debt, came out August 15, 1955 and ran until the error was discovered by Crepeau in the leaflet distributed in Cottage Grove, dated April 16, 1956.

9 Months as Bad Risk
 That was nine long months of actually putting a mans name in front of the public or the clients of Pioneer Service Co. as a bad risk, when the accused debt was falsely listed.

Suter stated that the only way this one would report the error was through the fact that there was a change in bookkeepers at the time the debt was listed and that the new bookkeeper had failed to report the payment of the debt.

A representative of Pioneer Service Co. stated, in a telephone conversation with this writer, that such errors rarely happen and that he had not heard of Suter's reported payment of the debt. She went on to assure that her company would be glad to make a public retraction. Suter assured that his company would do the same.

Irreparable Damage
 Even with public retractions, it is difficult to estimate the damage done in the way of lost contracts or credit difficulties to a man in Crepeau's position. The idea of a man's reputation for a debt (one as low as \$4.15), and advertising it for sale through the distribution of leaflets seems ridiculous and below the realm of decency ethics to this writer, in the first place.

Crepeau said that he would insist on retractions, but did not indicate that any other action would be taken against either of the involved companies.

Eugene Host to State Meeting of UN Association

Eugene will be host this weekend, April 28 and 29, to the state convention of the United Nations association, which will feature two representatives of countries involved in the Middle East dispute.

Abdel Moneim El-Khedry, consul general of Egypt, San Francisco, will speak at the 7 p.m. dinner meeting Saturday, and Raanan Sivan, consul general of Israel, Los Angeles, will speak at a dinner meeting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited, and asked to make reservations through T. Monroe Shelley, 191 Lawrence Street, Eugene. Convention headquarters will be in the Eugene Hotel.

The path to cheerfulness is to sit up cheerfully and to act and speak as if cheerfulness were already there.—William James.

BREAK THAT MATCH
KEEP OREGON GREEN

Correct Posture Week May 1-7

The chiropractic profession of America has designated the week of May 1 to 7, 1956, as Correct Posture Week to be observed throughout the United States.

The Oregon chiropractic profession is sponsoring Correct Posture Week in this state. It is endeavoring to educate the public to the value of proper posture and to develop a national consciousness on this important health problem. Proper posture, especially when developed in young people, is one of the contributing factors to good health, physical endurance, working efficiency and good appearance.

I am glad to suggest that civic organizations, schools, and youth training organizations cooperate with the chiropractic profession of America and Oregon in an educational program to make people aware of the value of correct posture and of its benefits to our public health standards. I hope every boy and girl especially will learn the habits of good posture and active sports which can do so much to keep us alert and happy.

JESS HILL, Mayor

Game Commission Approves Projects

The stepped-up angler access program got a boost last Friday, April 13, when the game commission at their regular meeting approved setting up projects at five new important angling sites.

The commission gave the green light to the staff to explore the possibility of obtaining easements of right of way at 50 dredge ponds on the John Day river between Prairie City and Mt. Vernon. Some of the ponds are suitable for trout production while others have the

Too Late to Classify

WANT TO BUY: Junk batteries, \$1.50 each. Prager Hardware, 26-tfexx-kt

BUILDING SITES for sale by owner on Bennett Creek Drive, Manley Fuller, phone 312L. 37-tfexx

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Regular sized metal bed, springs, cotton mattress to trade for three quarter sized bed. For sale: Like new 6-yr. old crib size plastic covered interspring mattress, will give away old crib. Ph. 471R. Mrs. Pyeatt. 37-1tp

WANT TO TRADE: 1956 Ford Customline. Will consider '50 model car in good running condition for my equity. For information call ES11 Creswell or get in touch with Johnny Johnston at Monte's Service. 37-1tp

FOR SALE: Size 14 mile green formal. Call 608Y. 37-1tc

FOR SALE: M Shad Hoe-Trac garden tractor with 6 1/2" plow, disc, cultivator, sickle and lawn mower. \$150. Call 608Y. 37-1tc

TO GIVE AWAY: Part blue-eyed Shepherd pups. Ph. 11135. 37-1tc

FISHERMEN get your breakfast at the Y. Open early this weekend. Have night crawlers. 37-1tc

FOR RENT: 2-bedrm. house. Close in. \$40 mo. Call 327. 37-tfexx

WOOD FOR SALE: Block and edgings. Buy 5 loads and get one free. Ph. 230. 37-2tp-38

FOR SALE: '53 Dodge 4 door sedan, automatic transmission. Good condition. \$85.00. Inquire at Jessie's Flower Shop, 45 So. 6th st., or ph. 342 after 6. 37-3tc-39

FOR SALE by administrators of the estate of Choon Ngip Louie the following listed items: 1 complete Hollywood bed set, with frame, inner springs and foam rubber mattress; 1 brown leather reclining lounge chair; 1 GE TV set, with antenna poles only; 1 wrought iron back rack; 1 Voyager model V-4LL-Gs outdoor motor; 1 diamond ring, small setting; 1 Colt auto, pistol and ammunition; 1 Smith & Wesson revolver; 1 Sunbeam maker; GE P-30; 1 elec. coffee elec. frying pan; 1 elec. coffee maker; GE P-30; 1 Hi-Fi radio recording unit with rough finish wood cabinet. Plus many smaller miscellaneous articles. For inspection and information call 47. 37-2tc-38

SHIELDS CEMETERY ASS'N will hold their annual meeting FRIDAY, MAY 4, 8 P.M. at Mills Chapel.

All interested persons urged to attend. 37-2tc-38

more and thus are "exposed more often to the hazards of traffic." Other accident drivers included: 19,742 in the 40-49 age span; 13,414, 50-59 years old; 12,499, 25-29 years old; 5,080, 60-64 years old; 7,043, 65 and older. More than 9,000 accident drivers failed to indicate their ages on reports.

Best way for a girl to keep her youth is not to introduce him around.

COMPOUNDING The NEWS

By Phil Varley

After the big surprise in the Democratic primaries in Minnesota, you can expect hopeful candidates to pop up all over. There was a time when all a fellow needed to run for President were the necessary qualifications and a few votes. But now he needs the constitution of a bulldozer and an appetite like a vacuum cleaner. The hopeful candidates aren't on any picnic.

Radio, television, air travel, newspapers and a bigger population spread around like Eliza crossing the ice. Reporters and photographers back him to the wall with questions and flash bulbs, and club banquets assault his innards with a steady barrage of chicken croquettes . . . or a reasonable facsimile. It's rough going . . . but great training for the White House job.

Winston Churchill says, "We are happier in many ways when we are old than when we are young. The young sow wild oats. The old grow sage." And in between, you're supposed to make hay. We cater to young and old in our business . . . and it's our job to have on hand everything for young and old. Make it a habit to stop in at our store for everything from baby goods to vitamins, at

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