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What Is Normal?

It's getting more difficult to put your finger on the exact meaning of the term "normal," since by that term we mean a condition that once prevailed that might afford a basis of comparison. New problems, new anxieties and new worries constantly appear, which makes it difficult to predict with any certainty what will happen next.

And this also holds true in our economy. Today we are facing what appears to be many contradictions in the operation of our economy in the northwest. Lumber prices are at their lowest level for several years, yet the weak market has not been reflected in the price of logs nor the price of another product made of wood: newspaper. For we have already experienced two raises in the price of newsprint this year and we are expecting another.

What is the answer to all of this? We have not found a satisfactory answer. Neither has anybody else so far as we know, which makes it all the more contradictory so far as coming up with the right answer.

Another thing which has probably caused a lot of unnecessary worries is the way a lot of unfounded rumors spring up when something out of the ordinary happens. The fact that one of two mills in the Longview, Washington, area has closed down until market conditions improve (or at least we assume they have closed down), has caused the spreading of a lot of rumors here to the effect that mills in this area would follow suit.

We had occasion to check the rumors here and found that most mills would follow the usual custom of closing down for repairs after the holidays, but no major shut down was imminent so far as we could learn. And we also had occasion to check some of the rumors regarding injuries sustained by firemen, policemen and others by the gas explosion here on October 22. Generally the rumors were so far exaggerated or so far out of line that whoever started the original rumor probably would not recognize it as the same one he or she started once it returned to him.

The bad part of a situation of this kind is that it creates pretty much an air of uncertainty, which added to normal worries makes it pretty bad to endure.

Future Predictions Difficult

These are tough times for prophets. The nation's economists, who usually sit down around this time of year and polish their crystal balls, face the fact that the course of 1957 depends entirely on whether we have war, real peace, or a prolongation of the present crisis atmosphere indefinitely.

One sage said mournfully: "What this situation needs is clairvoyance, and economists are no more clairvoyant than diplomats or bartenders."

One definite prediction, however, has been made, and that at a cost that will run above \$3½ billion. This is that the Suez Canal is about finished as a reliable way of travel between Europe and Asia. That is, apparently, the conclusion to be drawn from the orders placed in American and European shipyards in the last month for some three dozen tankers of more than 40,000 tons displacement.

Treason to Freedom

Maxwell Anderson, in his book, "The Guaranteed Life," wrote: "The greatest enemies of democracy, the most violent reactionaries, are those who have lost faith in the capacity of a free people to manage their own affairs and wish to set up the government as a political and social guardian, running their business and making their decisions for them. This is statism or Stalinism, no matter who advocates it, and it's plain treason to freedom."

It is an unhappy irony that the fine old word "liberal" has been appropriated by people who want the government to run everything, decide everything, and boss everyone. This is as far from classical and traditional liberalism as a man can get. The advocates of the super-state are, as Mr. Anderson pointed out, the real reactionaries.

Record-Breaking Tax

Oregon property owners will pay a record-breaking local property tax with other incidental assessments of \$160,093.553 in 1956-57 according to figures compiled from county assessors' official reports by Oregon Tax Research, the state-wide taxpayers' organization.

On a per capita basis the levy amounts to \$100 and represents an increase of 10.5% over 1955-56 and a whopping increase of 266% in 11 years since 1945-46 when the total levy was \$44,000,000.

On the basis of the approximate \$2,000,000,000 Oregon assessed valuation this is an average tax of about 80 mills on each dollar of property assessed value. Note this is the "average millage," for in some communities the millage is well beyond 100, up to 105 and more in some places. The tax levy that is heard throughout the state thus becomes understandable.—Oregon Voter.

Turners Entertain At Pinocchio Party

By Mrs. Roy L. Stone
 Phone 11445
 DELIGHT VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. William Turner entertained with a pinocchio party at their home on Saturday evening. Guests were Messrs. and Mrs. William Straussberger of Eugene, Mr. T. J. Fitzgerald of Eugene, Al McKenzie, Taylor Young, Raymond Andersen, and Raymond Wilder of Cottage Grove, and Francis Horn of Delight Valley.

The Busy Cooks held a meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. Rex Stocker, Saturday afternoon. Members who attended and made hamburgers were Colleen Maddox, Lee Ann and Sue Schlager, Donna Stocker, Terry Myers, and Kenny Turner.

Among the family who attended the Pussell family reunion dinner at Walker, Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Conley and sons.

The Hill and Dale Ranchers held a meeting at the home of Carol Owens near Dorena Grange Saturday afternoon. Attending were the leaders, Mrs. Roy Stone

and A. R. Hemenway, and members Betty Stocker, David Chapman, Janelle Stone, Carol Owens, Donna Hemenway, Letha McKillop, Ruth Hemenway, Mary Beth Tate, and Eddie Hemenway. Mrs. Henry Owens and Marianne Stone were guests. Carol Owens gave a talk on her project, rabbits. Club members received their project enrollment cards, which are to be completed, signed by parent or guardian, and mailed to 4-H Office immediately. Copies of "My Permanent 4-H Record" were given to each member, also, and are to be filled in as completely as possible for every previous project year and kept for future reference.

Roy Stone has been confined to his home with illness during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday for their sons, Billy and Kenny. Guests were Dickie Bocher of Cottage Grove, Jimmy Hendricks, and Roy Lee Stone. The boys attended a matinee after dinner.

Calamity is man's true touchstone.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

BALANCE OF POWER!



This year, says a report, the technical schools and colleges of Red Russia will have graduated more than 130,000 scientists and engineers—while in free America, only some 70,000 will have graduated.

This is an alarming situation in the age of the atom, and should give American college youth pause for reflection.

The defense of our country and the continued research and productivity of its industry require an adequate supply and optimum employment of scientific and engineering personnel. Every effort should be made to encourage the maintenance of a continuous and increasing supply of technological graduates from our colleges and universities, to meet the needs of essential industry as well as those of government working in its proper field.



BIRTHS

Cottage Grove Hospital
 KEPP — To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kepp, Oakland, a daughter, Paula Jane, November 28, 1956.

DOWNES — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Downes, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Mynah Leah, November 28, 1956.

DAVIS — To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Davis, Cottage Grove, a son, Kelly LeRoy, November 30, 1956.

REDDING — To Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Redding, Route 2, Creswell, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, November 30, 1956.

BARLOW — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barlow, Route 1, Cottage Grove, a son, Gary Lynn, December 1, 1956.

TURLEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turley III, BB Route, a son, Harry Turley III, December 3, 1956.

POTTS — To Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Potts, Drain, a son, Elwin Otis, December 3, 1956.

JOSSART — To Mr. and Mrs. Daryl A. Jossart, Route 1, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Lora Annette, December 5, 1956.

McCLUSKEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie L. McCluskey, Creswell, a son, Steven LeRoy, December 5, 1956.

Mrs. Hattie Sharp Fractures Hip In Fall at Home

By Mrs. Esther Trunnell

LATHAM—Mrs. Hattie Sharp, well known pioneer of this section, fell on the front porch at her home when she was sweeping the steps Friday morning and fractured her hip. She managed to slide into the living room and close the door but could not make it to the telephone. She also pulled a blanket from the davenport and covered herself with it. She is 80 years of age. Neighbors who found her called a doctor and ambulance. She is in Cottage Grove hospital where she had surgery Saturday. Here to see her since her fall were a niece, Mrs. Ruth Seguin of Portland; Mrs. Seguin's daughter, Mrs. Bill Laurine, and her husband of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Lester (Edith Bushnell) Perry, Mrs. John Lamb, Mrs. Inez Kramer, Mrs. John Hooton and Mrs. Christine Dobbins.

Mrs. Christine Dobbins, her sister, Mrs. L. Hauer of San Francisco, and another sister, Mrs. Charley Boslough of Cottage Grove attended the funeral of their brother, Alvin Clausen at Coos Bay Saturday, returning Sunday. Mr. Clausen spent six weeks here with Mrs. Dobbins last fall.

Mrs. Frank Lauritzen (Hazel Yearous) of Victoria, B. C., came by boat to Seattle to visit her mother, Mrs. Roscoe Yearous, a patient in a Eugene hospital, as it was too foggy to fly. She spent the night at the home of her uncle Leslie Hull at Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Gilbert Yearous, Mrs. Everett Yearous, Mrs. Melvin Gowling and Mrs. John Lund drove to Vancouver to meet her on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finlayson and son of Hapsboro, Pa., arrived in Portland Sunday by plane. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Yearous went to Portland to meet them. Mrs. Roscoe Yearous, mother of Mrs. Finlayson and Gilbert Yearous, is improving at a Eugene hospital.

A member of the Pomona Grange installing team which came from all parts of the county, Friday evening was Mrs. Ed Johnson of Blachly. She is the former Leona Pryor who lived here with her mother, Mrs. Cora Pryor, and a brother, Gilbert when she was a girl. She was regalia bearer at Dorena Grange where she assisted in the installation of Hebron and Dorena Grange officers.

Also assisting in the installation was Edward Utter of Veneta, who sang tenor in a mixed quartet. Mr. and Mrs. Utter formerly lived in one of the Woodard houses. Their daughter Janet, 11, was born here. Their son Richard (Dick), and his wife and six-months-old son, have arrived from Los Angeles for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Mildred Rohrer had another cerebral hemorrhage early Sunday morning. Her mother, Mrs. Luella Mendenhall of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived Monday noon by plane to be at her daughter's bedside at a Eugene hospital. Mrs. Rohrer's younger daughter, Sharon Steele, is staying with friends at Curtin.

Too Late to Classify

ONE-BEDRM. house at 1027 Chadwick, unfurn., wired for washer, dryer, elec. stove, TV antenna up. Inquire 1046 Grover. Ph. 138L eves. 17-tfx
 RED DELICIOUS apples for sale. Call 259Y. 17-tfx
 2-BEDRM. MODERN house for rent. Water heater, range and wired for dryer. Good location. 1308 Madison. 17-1tp

FOR SALE: Wood circulator heater, \$40; enamel range, \$10. Both in A-1 condition. Ph. TW 5-3573, Creswell. 17-1tp
 3 BEDROOMS rent for \$20 each by month. 262 Cherry Court or ph. 552J. 17-tfx

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FOR RENT: Modern duplex, one bedrm. Hardwood floor, venetian blinds, elec. water heater, oil circulator. Ph. 747J or 867L. 17-tfx

FOR SALE: Used gas range, full size. Nice condition. \$39.95. Terms. Western Auto Supply Co. 17-tfx

USED BOYS English bike. Perfect condition. \$32.95. Terms. Western Auto Supply Co. 17-tfx

USED GIRL'S ENGLISH bike. Perfect condition. \$32.95. Terms. Western Auto Supply Co. 17-tfx

FOR RENT: Small 2-bdrm. house, close in. \$37.50. Ph. 279J. 17-tfx

"FEET FIRST"

By Ed Hoover
 Watch this space every week.

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Men's argyles, reg. \$1.00 a pair, now only 88c; Men's cotton dress socks, 2 pairs for \$1.00; Children's Brown High Shoes, \$2.99.

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3-BEDRM. house for rent. 128 No. 8th, ph. 67J, Ruth Woodson. 17-3tc-19

To dispense with ceremony is the most delicate mode of conferring a compliment.—Bulwer.

Calumny would soon starve and die of itself if nobody took it in and gave it a lodging.—Leighton.

A Tribute To The Lions Club

We have in this city an aggressive group of men whose business and social ideals are of the highest. Their goal is to fraternize with one another... to meet weekly for an interchange of helpful ideas... to promote themselves by promoting all American business. These Lions represent some of the finest men in our community. Their families are some of the best in our city. Let's look upon the Lions' Club as a vital factor in the advancement of everybody's interests and give them the support they richly deserve. We proudly salute their organization and their splendid achievements!

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SANTA CLAUS

Cottage Grove

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a big doll and a big girl's bike, and a baby carriage, not a buggy, and a set of dishes, and a bottle for my big doll. I heard you talk on the radio tonight, Dec. 1st. I am 7 years old. My sister is helping me write to you. I will see you at the Moose Lodge when you come there. I will be with my Grandma. See you there, Goodbye.

A little girl,
 Judy Mae

P.S. Please don't forget me. Thank you, Santa Claus.
 Rte. 1, Box 232A
 Cottage Grove, Ore.
 November 30, 1956

Dear Santa:
 My name is Janet Rene Hamilton. Mommy is writing this because I am only 3 years old. I want a pounding cart, and a teddy bear and a doll that walks, and doll clothes and a blackboard. I live at Mt. View.
 Thank you, Janet
 Rte. 1, Box 232A
 Cottage Grove, Ore.
 November 30, 1956

Dear Santa:
 I want a palomino rocking horse and a toy butterfly and a teddy bear and a blackboard and a scooter. I'm a good boy and I am 4 years old. My name is John Hamilton.
 Thank you, Santa Love,
 Johnny
 We live at Mt. View.
 My mother wrote this because I can't write yet.

KIDS: Just Write SANTA CLAUS

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