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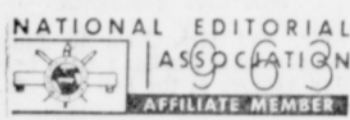
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report from sunshine plaza

by Don Mason, Chamber of Commerce Manager

Some food for thought: Federal Funds. There are articles that come to this office that, from time to time, do have some merit, need to be passed on, so that others may think of them, too. This was one taken from the 57 News in September, 1962. It is titled "Federal Funds? That's Your Money and Mine".

Of all the lost causes I have pushed I think none is recalled more often than the unsuccessful attempt to do away with the expressions "at government expense" or "paid for by federal funds" and similar phrases. Scarcely a day passes but what the newspapers report on some project which the "government will pay for." Quite often a politician will explain gleefully to his constituents how he has saved them money. The new bridge or highway or municipal building or what-have-you will not, says the politician, cost his beloved taxpayers anything but a simple fee.

"The big expense", he tells the audience, "will be taken care of by federal funds".

Now, except for their own contribution through personal tax, politicians don't spend their own money. When the president or the Congress approves a gift or a loan of millions or billions of dollars, inside the country or outside, the money being spent doesn't belong to them. It isn't President Kennedy's money that's being spent, any more than it was President Eisenhower's money or President Truman's money or George Marshall's money under the Marshall plan.

This money is taxpayer's money, it is your money and mine, and for a long time I have scored with a slow burn when the loot is referred to as government money.

The implication is when there is a joint financing of some project, any part contributed by the federal government is "found"

money. As long as "federal funds" are used, nobody has to pay.

It seems to me it is about time somebody put to use the known facts of financial life, the most prominent being that there are no such things as federal funds in the sense the government owns money. The government doesn't earn a dime unless you include some of the unintentional profits it makes from its intrusion into business.

Because of this, I have suggested more than once that the phrase "federal funds" be changed to "taxpayer's money". Instead of accepting a statement that the U. S. government is spending \$500,000,000 for development of a river in South America, I think the American Society of Newspaper Editors ought to agree to print such an item as follows: "The taxpayers of the United States today sent, etc."

Instead of telling how the federal government is paying for some new buildings in Catchall, Kansas, through generous loans at low rates, the item ought to read: "The taxpaying citizens of 50 states today chipped in \$43,000,000 so that the people in Catchall could have a new downtown development."

In the first place, I think the people who come up with the scratch, not the gents who spend it, should get proper credit. In the second place, drumming home the point, day after day, that there are no "federal" funds but only taxpaying citizens' contributions might cause more people to zipper up the national purse-strings. At least, it might get recognition abroad for the hard-working folks who make it possible for our gents to play Santa Claus.

Federal Funds? Nuts. That's our dough.

Howard Preston,
Cleveland Plain Dealer

Remember When...

(from Sentinel files)

Five Years Ago

Both first and second babies born in Cottage Grove were girls, Lisa Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lemon of Disston, Route, Culp Creek arrived at 8:41 p.m. January 2 and was followed by Georgia Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of 214 North M street at 8:43 a.m. January 3.

William C. Hesse was named First Citizen of Cottage Grove by the Chamber of Commerce.

Glen Spicer will head the Chamber of Commerce as president this year.

Charlotte Shirley was winner in the cherry pie baking contest.

Ten Years Ago

Salaried city employees renewed a request for wage increases before the newly-sworn-in city council's first meeting.

All beds in the wards of Cottage Grove hospital were filled and very few vacancies remained in the maternity ward. More than enough maternity patients to fill the remaining six beds were expected to register in the next two days. Extra beds were moved into some of the medical wards with 30 beds filled.

Fifteen Years Ago

Cottage Grove Civic Theatre group presented \$500 to the hospital fund. This is the proceeds of a play given November 15.

Mrs. Ruth Caldwell was named vice president of the University of Oregon Alumni Association for the year.

Lion cagers have won five of the last eight games played.

Twenty Years Ago

Plans are underway by Veterans of Foreign Wars for a memorial service honoring all local men who have lost their lives during the present conflict.

Furniture is needed to furnish the recreation rooms at Camp Adair. Lane County is asked to furnish 40 of the rooms.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Warren McFarland brought a shoot of Black Cap raspberries with several blossoms nearly in full bloom to the Sentinel office. Really a mild winter!

Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club is making plans to remodel and refinish their clubhouse on South Sixth Street. A committee headed by D. J. Scholl has been named to work on the project.

Thirty Years Ago

Debtors to the Mendenhall jewelry store were given a pleasant surprise this week when the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Mendenhall, decided to cancel all accounts due their store.

Some grocery "Specials" — Round, Sirlon or T-Bone steak, your choice, 15c per pound. Sliced ham, center slices, 2 pounds, 25c; coffee, 15c per pound.

other papers other towns

... happenings in other towns as reported in their newspapers.

A Christmas Gift

Washington county's retarded children received their education and recreation center for Christmas.

An overwhelming outpouring of generosity from area individuals, organizations and business far surpassed the \$5,000 goal set during the Yuletide designed to furnish enough funds to complete the \$45,000 Washington County Retarded Children's Center at Aloha. — The Valley Times, Beaverton.

Farm Relief Passed

The county court Thursday overrode planning commission recommendations and approved

To The Editor...

A Salute

A salute to our Post Service Officer, Vinal T. Randall, Sr. of the Calvin Funk post:

Without fanfare and publicity he is doing one of the greatest humanitarian jobs in the nation today. He is primarily a volunteer who belongs to a noble force of some 17,000 similarly dedicated men, working only for the good they can do. His reward lies in the happiness he can bring into the lives of war-shattered veterans and in the smiles he can develop on the sad faces of war veterans' widows and orphans.

He is the true friend of all upon whom the burden of war has fallen heaviest. He helps the disabled veteran get a hospital bed and medical treatment. He sees to it that the war veteran's widow gets her pension and death benefits. He looks for possible scholarship and other financial assistance for the education of the veteran's orphans in addition to their other needs.

Through him, the American Legion is able to measure the effectiveness and adequacy of the government service to veterans. He is the pillar of the Legion's vast rehabilitation program. He gives daily substance to the American Legion ideal of consecration of the association of Legionnaires to mutual helpfulness. His service is that beautiful symphony of unselfish labor for God and country and fellow man which has made the American Legion so great. This salute also goes for our late George Foster who worked so hard for his fellow man.

Bob Jones, Commander,
Calvin Funk Post

business briefs from A to Z

by Zimmerman

It's a new year and after taking a short vacation from writing our column, I guess we better get back to it this week.

Hoover's Shoe Store continues its 2 for 1 sale this week. This is a semi-annual event at Hoover's that has become quite popular.

Chemical Road Packer Co., a new business in Drain, announce a new chemical compound, Reynolds Road Packer, that will help you lick the "mud" problem. Owners, Tommy Leach and L. C. Buck, say the chemical helps stabilize and compact muddy areas.

McCoy's Cottage Grove Pharmacy announces a new service available immediately called DrugTax. The system uses data processing equipment to keep a record of drug store purchases that may be deductible in computing federal income tax returns.

Paul McCoy, owner, said, there will be no charge to the customer for this service.

Each purchase will be recorded on memory tapes and at the end of the year the customer will receive a record of the total amount which may be deductible in computing the tax return.

McCoy indicated that literally hundreds of drug items may be deductible, and said the new DrugTax system should help people save money on their tax returns.

The enlarging and remodeling of 3 Boys No. 1 is presently underway and when completed should make an attractive addition to the shopping district of Cottage Grove.

TRIP TO TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. James Spear, Leah Anne and James Jr. returned home Monday from a two-week trip to Houston, Texas, where they visited Mr. Spear's parents. They went to Texas by way of Colorado and returned home the southern route. They reported that they had fine roads all the way.

for farm zone tax relief all 98 applications totaling 10,094 acres.

The planning commission had recommended that 46 applications totaling 3,453 acres be denied farm zone status on the basis that they were not legitimate farm operations or that the primary use of the property was other than agricultural. — Washington County News-Times, Forest Grove.

'Skull Session'

The Coos County Fair association invited "everyone" to attend a Sunday afternoon meeting to formulate plans for the reconstruction of storm-damaged structures.

Members of clubs, organizations and individuals interested in the Coos County Fair and its development and future were invited to present ideas for rebuilding at the fairgrounds.

The association is borrowing \$20,000 from the federal government for repairs to the new livestock barn and to replace the grandstand roof, which was swept away in near hurricane gales October 12. — Myrtle Point Herald.



Bottom row: Roberta, Richard and Leona Barlow. Top row: Gary, Mary and Charles F. Barlow, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barlow, Cottage Grove.



Mark and Marvin Green, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Green, Jr., Cottage Grove.



Kenny and Rebecca Wagner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wagner, Cottage Grove.



Margie Gaye and Glenn Alan Mathews, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mathews, Cottage Grove.



Diana and Steven Egbert, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Egbert, Cottage Grove.



Ricky and Ryan Zuvich, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zuvich, Cottage Grove.



Bottom row: Paula, Linda and Terry Osburn. Top row: Glen Osburn. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Gayland L. Osburn, Cottage Grove.



Bottom row: Ruth, Carol and Walter Johnson. Top row: Bob Johnson. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, Cottage Grove.



Bottom row: Ricky Lee, Randy Lee, Debra Sue Holloway. Top row: Steven John Holloway. Children of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Holloway, Cottage Grove.



Bottom row: Lorrie, Howard, Jr., Kenneth Simons. Top row: Marilyn Simons. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Simons, Cottage Grove.



David, Tracey and Bart Hinkle, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hinkle, Jr., Cottage Grove.



Brian, Kevin, and Scott Albin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Albin, Cottage Grove.

citizens of tomorrow

building for the future

concluding a series of photographs
of Cottage Grove area children
photos by Woltz Studio of Des Moines